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WAGERING STEADY, PURSES DECLINE IN CHALLENGING 2020

By Frank Angst

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While racing saw a quarter of its race days eliminated in 2020 because of precautions and restrictions put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, bettors supported the available product while owners saw a decline in purses that mirrored the loss of race days.

In a difficult year racing business fared well compared with other sports thanks to wagering technology, specifically advanced-deposit wagering, which allowed bettors to continue to wager on races from home while tracks, track simulcast centers, and off-track betting outlets closed to fans. Despite a 25% decline in race days, total wagering on U.S. races in 2020 at \$10.9 billion fell less than 1% short of matching 2019 according to Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators released Jan. 5 by Equibase.

Just the latest example of that support came on one of the final race days of the year when bettors wagered \$23,003,159 on the Dec. 26 Santa Anita Park card, a record for the track's opening day for its winter-spring meet.

"We want to thank our fans, owners, trainers, jockeys, and other stakeholders for supporting our racing program and contributing to a strong opening day," said Santa Anita senior vice president and general manager Nate Newby. "This has been a difficult year for a lot of people and we are happy to be able to provide world class racing for those watching and playing the races from home.

"We can't wait to welcome our fans and our employees back to The Great Race Place when protocols allow everyone to enjoy our tremendous sport in person. In the meantime, we are thankful to be able to operate as we are currently."

Fans bet nearly 33% more on the available race days in 2020 as the average wagering per race day surpassed \$3.3 million.

While tracks were able to conduct live race days without fans this year, many also had to completely halt their race schedules—at least

for parts of their meets. This led to a 25% decline in race days to 3,302 and a 23% decline in total races to 27,700.

Purses closely mirrored the declines in race days and total races as they were off 25% to \$869.8 million in 2020. Purses also were impacted by closings of facilities like casinos that commit revenues to purse funds and continued impact is expected as handle has shifted to ADW, which generally results in a smaller percentage of revenues going to purse funds and racetracks because the ADW companies receive a share of that money.

Despite those business model concerns over the larger percentage of money being wagered through ADWs as opposed to on-track, and continued limitations at casinos, purses for available racing were fairly steady. The average race card in 2019 offered purses of \$263,937 and the average race offered a purse of \$32,257. Those numbers saw small declines in 2020 to \$263,408 (down 0.2%) and \$31,400 (down 2.7%), respectively.

While available racing largely maintained purses, the loss in total purses tied to reduced racing proved challenging for owners, trainers, and other participants. The \$869.8 million in total purses is the

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Bettors helped Santa Anita Park to a record opening day on a card that saw Charlatan deliver a dominating performance in the Malibu Stakes

Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators Year-End 2020

YTD 2020 vs. YTD 2019			
Indicator	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$10,925,226,444	\$11,033,824,363	-0.98%
U.S. Purses	\$869,774,080	\$1,167,920,667	-25.53%
U.S. Race Days	3,302	4,425	-25.38%
U.S. Races	27,700	36,207	-23.50%
U.S. Starts	220,006	272,553	-19.28%
Average Field Size	7.94	7.53	5.51%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,308,669	\$2,493,520	32.69%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$263,408	\$263,937	-0.20%
1st Half 2020 vs. 1st Half 2019			
Indicator	1st Half 2020	1st Half 2019	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$5,055,522,519	\$5,672,774,271	-10.88%
U.S. Purses	\$324,168,648	\$544,002,132	-40.41%
U.S. Race Days	1,301	2,104	-38.17%
U.S. Races	10,906	17,457	-37.53%
U.S. Starts	88,074	130,239	-32.38%
Average Field Size	8.08	7.46	8.25%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,885,874	\$2,696,185	44.12%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$249,169	\$258,556	-3.63%
2nd Half 2020 vs. 2nd Half 2019			
Indicator	2nd Half 2020	2nd Half 2019	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$5,869,703,925	\$5,361,050,092	9.49%
U.S. Purses	\$545,605,432	\$623,918,535	-12.55%
U.S. Race Days	2,001	2,321	-13.79%
U.S. Races	16,794	18,750	-10.43%
U.S. Starts	131,932	142,314	-7.30%
Average Field Size	7.86	7.59	3.50%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$2,933,385	\$2,309,802	27.00%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$272,666	\$268,815	1.43%
4th QTR 2020 vs. 4th QTR 2019			
Indicator	4th QTR 2020	4th QTR 2019	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$2,576,411,336	\$2,439,642,344	5.61%
U.S. Purses	\$240,537,331	\$274,053,649	-12.23%
U.S. Race Days	793	910	-12.86%
U.S. Races	6,805	7,653	-11.08%
U.S. Starts	55,530	61,576	-9.82%
Average Field Size	8.16	8.05	1.42%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,248,942	\$2,680,926	21.19%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$303,326	\$301,158	0.72%
December 2020 vs. December 2019			
Indicator	December 2020	December 2019	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$751,865,995	\$707,728,171	6.24%
U.S. Purses	\$57,535,084	\$66,315,581	-13.24%
U.S. Race Days	229	252	-9.13%
U.S. Races	2,008	2,169	-7.42%
U.S. Starts	16,884	17,561	-3.86%
Average Field Size	8.41	8.1	3.85%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,283,258	\$2,808,445	16.91%
Average Purses Per Race Day	\$251,245	\$263,157	-4.53%

* Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

WAGERING STEADY, PURSES DECLINE IN CHALLENGING 2020

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lowest since 1997 and that's not factoring in inflation.

Horsemen supported the available race days as average field size improved 5.5% to 7.94.

"The horse racing community is extremely resilient as borne out by the fact that despite the widespread and negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, pari-mutuel wagering on U.S. races held steady in 2020 at nearly \$11 billion," said NTRA president and CEO Alex Waldrop. "We thank both our customers and all of our essential participants on the backside and beyond for keeping the sport going and supporting the industry during what continues to be an unprecedented and challenging period, not only in the United States but around the world."

Possibly signaling a move in the right direction, fourth quarter numbers outperformed the numbers for the year as wagering on U.S. races was up 5.6%

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—ALEX WALDROP

(\$2,576,411,336) compared with the final three months of 2019 and purses (\$240,537,331) were only down 12%, mirroring the 13% decline in race days and 11% decline in total races. **BH**

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1	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$225,000	413 / 189	29 / 64	12	3	2.10	Authentic \$7,170,000	\$22,188,256
2	New Year's Day, '11, (Street Cry) N/A, N/A	105 / 52	2 / 3	2	2	3.29	Maximum Security \$10,630,000	\$12,886,318
3	Tapit, '01, (Pulpit) Gainesway, KY, \$185,000	260 / 112	14 / 30	11	2	2.24	Tacitus \$1,570,000	\$11,822,456
4	Uncle Mo, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ashford Stud, KY, \$175,000	309 / 154	22 / 37	14	0	1.63	Golden Pal \$593,056	\$11,374,324
5	Curlin, '04, (Smart Strike) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$175,000	278 / 132	15 / 35	8	2	2.28	Global Campaign \$1,020,600	\$10,700,871
6	Speightstown, '98, (Gone West) WinStar Farm, KY, \$90,000	243 / 129	17 / 30	10	4	1.96	Mozu Superflare \$802,649	\$10,350,091
7	Munnings, '06, (Speightstown) Ashford Stud, KY, \$40,000	279 / 154	12 / 21	6	0	1.55	Warrior's Charge \$571,000	\$9,400,593
8	City Zip, '98, (Carson City) N/A, Died	196 / 111	10 / 16	4	1	1.67	Improbable \$1,810,000	\$7,884,823
9	Midnight Lute, '03, (Real Quiet) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$15,000	151 / 78	5 / 8	4	1	1.64	Midnight Bisou \$3,721,520	\$7,719,878
10	The Factor, '08, (War Front) Lane's End, KY, \$17,500	288 / 149	5 / 12	3	0	1.16	Factor This \$822,250	\$7,337,168
11	Candy Ride (ARG), '99, (Ride the Rails) Lane's End, KY, \$75,000	228 / 107	8 / 21	5	1	2.04	Vekoma \$456,675	\$7,161,160
12	Street Sense, '04, (Street Cry) Darley, KY, \$60,000	247 / 119	9 / 15	4	0	1.53	Shared Sense \$382,783	\$7,050,750
13	Hard Spun, '04, (Danzig) Darley, KY, \$35,000	293 / 130	7 / 18	3	0	1.44	Antoinette \$433,600	\$6,898,510
14	More Than Ready, '97, (Southern Halo) WinStar Farm, KY, \$65,000	248 / 108	10 / 24	4	3	1.53	Rushing Fall \$880,000	\$6,795,519
15	Kitten's Joy, '01, (El Prado) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$60,000	354 / 151	7 / 15	3	1	1.68	Kameko \$329,445	\$6,734,104

Listed above are the top 15 leading sires by 2020 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 31, 2020. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2016 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2020 Northern Hemisphere only.



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REPRODUCTIVE VET, HAGYARD PARTNER SMITH DIES AT 86

By BloodHorse Staff

Veterinarian Dr. James Donovan Smith, a senior partner at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute for more than 40 years, died Dec. 28. He was 86.

Smith, of Lexington and husband of Judy Smith, passed away surrounded in love by his family.

Born Oct. 10, 1934, in Hutchinson, Kan., to the late Raymond and Anita Smith, Smith earned his bachelor and doctorate degrees in veterinary medicine at Kansas State University where he was a member of the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Known affectionately as "Doc," Smith developed a love for equine medicine during his studies.

This passion led him to specialize in equine reproductive medicine and ophthalmology. Smith enjoyed a long and successful career at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. As a senior partner, he mentored and encouraged many young veterinarians.

In the comment section of Smith's online obituary, John B. Hughes, an equine reproduction specialist in Ireland, recalled that guidance.

"He was a great friend but more importantly a wonderful mentor to me," Hughes said. "I arrived in Lexington in the second half of the 1960s and Jim befriended me and took me on board as a student. I learned so much from him and Ed Fallon, I am eternally grateful. I returned to Ireland in November '70 and have put all the experience and knowledge they bestowed upon me to good use and have enjoyed my last 50 years in equine reproduction."

Smith's obituary notes that he instilled a lifelong love of learning with everyone he met as an active member of both the veterinary and civic world, serving as president of the Kentucky Equine Practitioners Association, a well as a board member, secretary, and treasurer of the American Association of Equine Practitioners.

Smith was active in Rotary, the Kentucky Equine

Drug Council, the Fayette County Board of Education, the Kentucky Equine Practitioners Infectious Disease Committee, Quality Assurance Program of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, The Jockey Club Medication Commission, The Committee on Environmental Affairs for the American Veterinary Medical Association, The George T. Fairchild Society, The Bluegrass Boys Ranch, and sat on the board of the Kentucky Equine Adoption Center.

After retiring from practice, he was involved in the Christian Muslim Dialogue, BUILD Nehemiah Action, The Cricket Club, and Birthright of Lexington—receiving the Louise Summerhill Award in 2017 along with his wife.

Smith's other awards include the Joan F. Pew Award from ARCI, the E.R. Frank Award for Meritorious Service, the KSU Distinguished Veterinary Alumni Award, Registry of Merit from the American Quarter Horse Association, and he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the Kentucky Equine Adoption Center, PO Box 910124, Lexington, Ky., 40591 or St. Paul Catholic Church, 425 W. Short St., Lexington, Ky., 40507. **BH**



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COWBOY CULTURE TO STAND AT MIDWEST EQUINE CLINIC

By Eric Mitchell

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First-year sire Cowboy Culture will start the 2021 breeding season at Midwest Equine Clinic in Trafalgar, Ind., which is 29 miles west of Indiana Grand Race Course, according to Premier Stallions.

The 7-year-old son of Quality Road and grade 3 winner was originally scheduled to begin his stud career at Whitney Farms, according to an announcement made in October. Dr. Roger Beam's Midwest Equine Clinic features an on-site reproductive veterinary clinic providing a high level of mare and foal care.

"We're excited to introduce this classy racehorse to Indiana breeders," said Beam. "His pedigree is unsurpassed and his conformation is impeccable. He is Indiana's stallion of the future."

Bred in Kentucky by Rhineshire Farm out of English Willow (by Smart Strike), Cowboy Culture was undefeated in his first three starts and at 3 he captured the Arlington Classic Stakes (G3T), which he took by a widening 5 3/4 lengths. He won six races between ages 2 and 5 and retired sound with earnings of \$339,494.

Cowboy Culture has an introductory fee of \$2,500 with a live foal guarantee. Breeders have the option of booking additional mares for \$1,500 each. Breeders who fulfill at least three contracts will receive at no additional cost a lifetime breeding right to the stallion. **BH** [Share this story](#)



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By BloodHorse Staff

Churchill Downs Incorporated announced Jan. 5 it will move to a single brand strategy for its on-line wagering segment by rebranding the company's sportsbook and iGaming platform as TwinSpire.

The brand transition from BetAmerica to TwinSpire will begin with CDI's online sportsbook and iGaming launch in Michigan later this month, pending final regulatory approval. BetAmerica retail and online sportsbooks operating in Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania will also transition to the TwinSpire brand during the first half of this year.

The TwinSpire brand has been utilized by CDI's online pari-mutuel wagering business since 2007. The advance deposit wagering offered at TwinSpire.com enjoyed record-third quarter revenue of \$116 million, up 77% from last year, during which time a COVID-19 postponed Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1) was staged in 2020.

CDI's online wagering platforms more than doubled their adjusted earnings for the third quarter, when compared with the same three months of 2019, to \$31.9 million.

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Bill Mudd, president and chief operating officer of CDI

customers with an integrated experience alongside our horse racing wagering platform," Bill Mudd, president and chief operating officer of CDI said in a release. "The transition to TwinSpire not only generates marketing efficiencies, but also allows us to deliver a more complete overall experience to our growing online wagering customer base." **BH**

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WOODBINE JOCKEY KIMURA TO RIDE WINTER IN SAUDI ARABIA

By Byron King

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Jockey Kazushi Kimura, the Eclipse Award-winning apprentice of 2019, has begun riding in Saudi Arabia for the winter and will stay through mid-March before returning next spring to Woodbine, agent Jordan Miller said.

Kimura, 21, a native of Japan, is riding for owner Prince Sultan bin Mishal bin Abdulaziz, for whom Kimura won a race at Woodbine last summer on Lili's Song for trainer Mark Casse. His first two mounts in Saudi Arabia came last week at King Abdulaziz Racetrack in Riyadh, and both were unplaced in large fields of more than 20 horses, according to Miller.

"It is just a little bit different, with a learning curve," Miller said from Saudi Arabia. "We just figured it would be a great experience and it (would be a good

opportunity) to already be over here before the (Feb. 29) Saudi Cup in case riders from North America didn't want to travel across and quarantine there and quarantine back at home. We just thought we'd take the shot, get the experience, and go from there."

Also Canada's Sovereign Award-winning apprentice rider during his first year of riding in 2018, Kimura

was the fifth-leading jockey at Woodbine that year before finishing third there in both 2019 and 2020, the last year entirely as a journeyman rider. This past year he finished with 83 victories from 588 mounts at Woodbine during a COVID-19 shortened season in which he captured the Summer Stakes (G1T) on the Casse-trained Gretzky the Great for owners Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gary Barber.

Last winter he rode 30 horses in February and March at Gulfstream Park in Florida, primarily for Canadian stables, before the onset of the pandemic. **BH**

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Jockey Kazushi Kimura accepts the 2019 Eclipse Award as outstanding apprentice jockey at a ceremony at Gulfstream Park

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Spendthrift Farm's Into Mischief repeats as leading sire, leading juvenile sire – by Eric Mitchell



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Some 10 years since Zenyatta's retirement, trainer John Shirreffs enjoys second act – by Jay Hovdey



OTHER LEADING SIRES OF 2020
First Crop: Nyquist
First Crop by Winners: Not This Time
Second Crop: Constitution
Broodmare: King Kamehameha
Turf: English Channel



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Weekend Hideaway

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Bird Run
Da Big Hoss
Danza*
Indy Wind
King of the Roxy
Kiss the Ghost
Medal Count*
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Tidal Volume
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OKLAHOMA
Flat Out
Liaison*
Magna Graduate
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PENNSYLVANIA
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Pat on the Back
Uncle Vinny
Warrior's Reward*
Wicked Strong*

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My Golden Song

WEST VIRGINIA
Limehouse

*Indicates a free return to the stallion in 2022 should the mare not get in foal or not produce a live foal. Applicable only if the stallion is standing at the same farm in 2022.

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JOCKEY KENNY BOURQUE DIES AT 67

By Byron King

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Funeral services have been established for longtime jockey Kenny “Chopper” Bourque, who died Dec. 29 in Taylorsville, Ky., at age 67 from liver cancer.

According to his daughter, Tiffany Bourque, a funeral and mass will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Louisville Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. ET. A memorial will be in the spring.

Editor’s Note: An earlier version of this story listed All Saints Catholic Church in Taylorville as the site of the funeral, but the family has changed the location and time of the service.

The oldest of six siblings, Bourque was born in Abbeville, La., not far from Lafayette, where many Cajun-born riders learned to ride at unsanctioned racetracks called “bush tracks.” He and his youngest brother, Curt, became successful riders.

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He gained the nickname “Chopper” as a youth, owing to his front teeth, and the name stuck for his life on the racetrack. He was the leading rider at defunct Jefferson Downs in Kenner, La., in the late 1970s and at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots during its 1986-87 meet. Bourque retired in 1999 having won 2,467 races from 19,873 rides with earnings of more than \$20.4 million.

In addition to plying his trade in his home state of Louisiana, he rode in Kentucky, winning the Iroquois Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs in 1996 for late trainer Jim Keefer, and Bourque settled in the state when his riding career ended. He worked in the automobile and truck industry before resuming galloping and becoming an assistant trainer. In recent years, he was assistant clerk of scales at Churchill Downs and Keeneland.

“He missed the track. It was like his second home,” said Tiffany, a widely respected racing official in Kentucky.



(L-R): Kenny “Chopper” Bourque and his wife Mary

Tiffany said that current jockeys such as Corey Lanerie and Robby Albarado looked up to her father as they were beginning their riding careers.

“Then for us as a family, he always was there, even if he couldn’t physically be there. You could call him. Every time he was there,” Tiffany said. “He literally helped me build my house. Him and my brothers and brothers-in-law laid my floor. They laid the tile in my house. He was just a dependable, loving person.”

Kenny Bourque is survived by a large extended family that includes his mother, Louella, and his wife of 46 years, Mary. His siblings include Curt, Donald Bourque, Lynda Coco, Teresa Bourque, and Becky Pullin. He leaves behind six children—Tiffany, Kenny Bourque Jr., Jamie Frensley, Dustin Bourque, Michael Bourque, and Samatha Soutar—plus nine grandchildren. **BH**

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KAMEKO SET FOR TOP-CLASS BOOK OF MARES AT TWEENHILLS

By Kitty Trice/Racing Post

Kameko is set for a strong debut book after Tweenhills announced that they and Qatar Racing would be sending 45 of their own mares to last year's QIPCO Two Thousand Guineas (G1) hero.

The dual group 1 winner is standing for a fee of £25,000 at the Gloucestershire-based stud alongside Zoustar, Lightning Spear, and Havana Gold.

Among the eyecatchers in his book is the dual grade 1 winner Con Te Partiro, a \$1.6 million private purchase by Qatar Racing at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

Con Te Partiro, who struck in Australia in the Coolmore Classic Tad Kennedy Stakes (G1) and Coolmore Legacy Stakes (G1) for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, is a daughter of the late Scat Daddy and out of the grade 1-placed Street Cry mare Temple Street.

The 7-year-old, who also won the Sandringham Handicap at Royal Ascot for Wesley Ward in 2017, is a half sister to the grade 2-placed Donworth.

Also among Kameko's opening book is An Ghalanta, a stakes-winning juvenile and dam of last year's Betway Empress Fillies' Stakes scorer Time Scale; A Little Bit Me, a stakes-winning daughter of Owen Brown Rockfel Stakes (G2) victress Sayedah; and Common Knowledge, the dam of group winners Astrophysical Jet, Coral Wave, and Know It All, the last-named third in the Prix Rothschild (G1) last term.

Also featuring are Granny Franny, the producer of three individual stakes winners by Kitten's Joy, the sire of Kameko; Albany Stakes (G3) winner Kiyoshi; and the stakes-placed Ninfea, a half sister to group 1 heroine Novellist.

Tweenhills also revealed that DFS Park Hill Stakes (G2) second Melodic Motion, group winner Now Or Never, a half sister to Fairyland, stakes victress Roheryn, and Derrinstown Stud One Thousand Guineas Trial (G3) second Ship of Dreams will be sent



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Kameko returns after his win in the 2020 Joel Stakes at Newmarket

to Kameko.

Tweenhills managing director David Redvers said: "The Two Thousand Guineas has long been regarded as the greatest stallion-making race and Kameko won it in a time faster than any horse in history.

"We're committed to making Kameko a success at stud and are entrusting him with the most exciting broodmares from Qatar Racing and Tweenhills.

"He has received exceptional external support from some of the most successful breeders and breeding operations worldwide, including Chasemore, Cheveley Park, Juddmonte, Meon Valley, Monceaux, Plantation, and Whitsbury, and we can't wait to get his season started."

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NORMCORE TO TAKE UP BROODMARE DUTIES AT NORTHERN FARM

By Kitty Trice/Racing Post

Dual top-level victress Normcore has been retired from racing and will take up broodmare duties at Northern Farm this year.

The daughter of Harbinger, who ended her career with a tough win in the Longines Hong Kong Cup (G1) at Sha Tin in December, is the seventh foal out of Chronologist and a half sibling of Chrono Gensis, winner of the Shuka Sho (G1), Takarazuka Kinen (G1), and last month's Arima Kinen (Grand Prix, G1).

Normcore herself proved a top-class performer on the track, with a victory in the Victoria Mile (G1) in 2019 followed by success in the Sapporo Kinen (G2) and her swansong in Hong Kong.

The 6-year-old also picked up further graded success in the Shion (G3) and Fuji (G3) stakes, while she was placed behind the brilliant Almond Eye back in the Victoria Mile last May.

Trainer Kiyoshi Hagiwara told Tokyo Sports: "I'm glad she was able to retire after winning a group 1. I learned a lot from this horse and I'd like to thank everyone for their great support."

Owned by Seiichi Iketani, Normcore is one of a number of top-class performers for her sire, who himself was a sensational 11-length winner of the King

George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G1) for Sir Michael Stoute in 2010.

Harbinger, a son of Dansili and the listed-winning Bering mare Penang Pearl, is responsible for five top-level scorers including the popular Qatar Nassau Stakes (G1) winner Deirdre—a Japanese globe-trotter who will visit Galileo this year—Mile Championship (G1) victor Persian Knight, and Arima Kinen hero Blast Onepiece.

The 15-year-old has more than 30 stakes wins to his name at stud, including 13 individual group winners.

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Normcore wins the Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin Racecourse



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LADY IN GRAY: Hong Kong Cup victress Normcore retires a two-time grade 1 winner in Japan having banked more than \$5.6 million in earnings from 17 career starts

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DATES, FORMAT CHANGE FOR GOFFS SALES AS LOCKDOWN STARTS

By Kitty Trice/Racing Post

Goff's has revealed changes to its Doncaster January and Goff's February sales as a result of the lockdown measures imposed by the British and Irish governments due to COVID-19.

The Goff's February Sale will be held in two parts, with the breeding stock, older horses and 2-year-olds selling in an online sale Feb. 9-10, while the weanling section has been rescheduled for March 2 as a physical sale at Kildare Paddocks.

The Doncaster January Sale, which will feature National Hunt mares, horses in training, and point-to-pointers, will also be divided in two parts. The former two categories will be offered online Jan. 26, while the National Hunt weanlings and pointers will be sold at Doncaster Feb. 17.

Goff's Group chief executive Henry Beeby said:

"Under the current lockdown measures in both Ireland and the UK, we do not feel it is prudent to hold a physical sale in this early part of the year and we have therefore selected alternative options that we believe will maximise the potential for vendors and buyers in all sectors.

"Where we feel it may be possible to hold an onsite sale and the category allows, these sales have been rescheduled to later dates and we will communicate any additional updates pending further government advice.

"For breeding stock, particularly in-foal mares, the customer friendly Goff's Online platform, which proved a game changer throughout 2020, will facilitate their sales and international participation on the original dates. Feedback from the autumn was very positive and clearly demonstrated that the concept works very well for these categories."

Beeby added: "Like everyone, we hope and pray that 2021 sees an end to COVID as vaccinations are rolled out. However, until such a time, we wish to reassure

vendors and buyers that Goff's will continue to review our sales dates on an ongoing basis in consultation with our clients, industry bodies and other sales companies.

"As such we have again liaised with closely with Tattersalls and Arqana to ensure that any changes to our sales are in congruence with their plans.

"That consultation and planning should allow us to best serve the industry and carry out every sale this year as successfully as circumstances allow."

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A horse parades in the ring at the 2020 Goffs February Sale

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ARRIGO JOINS YORTON FARM STUD ROSTER IN WALES

By Kitty Trice/Racing Post

Arrigo, a group 2-winning son of Shirocco and a half brother to BMW Deutsches Derby (G1) winner and group 1 sire Adlerflug, has been confirmed as having joined the stallion ranks at Yorton Farm Stud in Wales.

The 13-year-old, who is owned by Qatari Abdul Malik, previously stood at Gestut Graditz in Germany and then moved to Haras du Mazet in central France in October 2018.

Originally trained by Jens Hirschberger, Arrigo won the Oppenheim-Union-Rennen (G2) and was also second in the Gran Premio Jockey Club Italiano (G2) for owner-breeder Gestut Schlenderhan.

Having been sold to Qatari owners at the end of his 3-year-old campaign, Arrigo finished third in the Qatar Derby (G1) and HH The Heir Apparent Emir Trophy (G1) for Ibrahim Al Malki.

Yorton Farm Stud's David Futter said: "It's taken us two years to secure Arrigo, but thankfully we have him now. It's common for sons of successful flat stallions to retire to stud, but it's difficult to acquire sons of quality jump sires.

"Stallions bred in Germany have always been very lucky for Yorton and our supporters, and this one comes from one of that country's best female families. Standing 16.2 hands, Arrigo is a wonderful-looking horse, he raced at the highest level and had the soundness and temperament to remain in training as a 7-year-old.

"He's been bought in partnership with the Potter family and will have the backing of our broodmare

bands. Yorton's policy is to support the stallions we stand, and it is our intention to buy his stock at the sales and also put them in to training."

Shirocco has sired top-level winners on the flat and over jumps—including Brown Panther, Windstoss, and Annie Power most notably—while his son is a half brother to Adlerflug, a dual group 1 winner, and the sire of this year's Deutsches Derby scorer and Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) runner-up In Swoop.

Adlerflug—who is also responsible for group 1 winners Iquitos, Ito, Lacazar, and Torquator Tasso—hails from the family of Arc winner and phenomenal broodmare Urban Sea, the dam of Galileo and Sea The Stars, plus King's Best, a classic-winning racehorse and sire.

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PEDIGREE ANALYSIS

WITH ALAN PORTER

KALYPSO LATEST SUCCESS FROM FIRST CROP OF BRODY'S CAUSE

By Alan Porter

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Uncle Mo has rightly been lauded for his achievement of being responsible for three of the top four freshman sires of 2020: Nyquist, Laoban, and Outwork. But we should also give a call to Uncle Mo's former stud-companion, Giant's Causeway, who was represented by two of the top 10 on The Blood-Horse list of First Crop Sires Standing in North America.

By dint of an odd coincidence, that duo, Not This Time—who was the leading sire overall by individual winners with 28—and Brody's Cause were campaigned by the same entity, Albaugh Family Stables, and trained by Dale Romans. Not This Time was a homebred out of the Albaugh's wonderful mare Miss Macy Sue, also dam of another successful young sire in Liam's Map. But the year older Brody's Cause was a \$350,000 yearling purchase at the 2014 Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

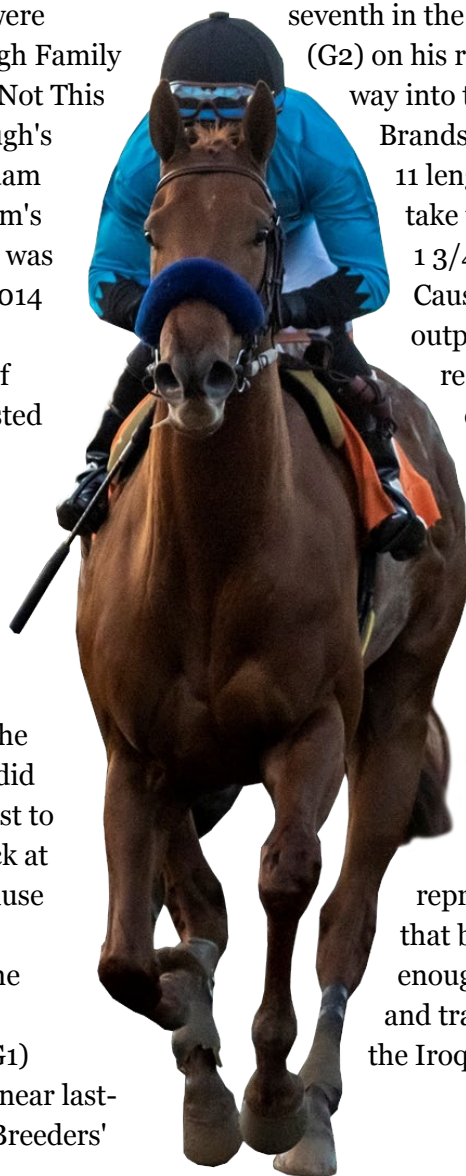
There were a number of elements of Brody's Cause's pedigree which suggested that he might be well-suited to turf. That impression was quickly refuted, however, by a debut which saw him trail home eighth of 10, beaten more than 25 lengths when making his debut going a mile on the green stuff at Ellis Park. For Brody's Cause's second outing the distance remained the same but the surface changed, and so did his performance as he charged from last to score by 1 1/4 lengths on the main track at Churchill Downs. Next out, Brody's Cause gave a very similar effort against a far more formidable group in the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1), winning by a length over future Preakness Stakes (G1) scorer Exaggerator. He attempted the near last-to-first trick again in the Sentient Jet Breeders'

BRODY'S CAUSE, b, 2013	Giant's Causeway, 1997	Storm Cat, 1983	Storm Bird
		Mariah's Storm, 1991	Terlingua
KALYPSO ch, f February 10, 2018	Sweet Breanna, 2003	Sahm, 1994l	Rahy
		Sweet Roberta, 1987	Immense
MALIBU COVE, b, 2013	Malibu Moon, 1997	A.P. Indy, 1989	Mr. Prospector
		Macoumba, 1992	Salsabil
	Spirited Away, 2004	Awesome Again, 1994	Roberto
		Cape North, 1993	Candy Bowl
			Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
			Mr. Prospector
			Maximova
			Deputy Minister
			Primal Force
			Capote
			North Sider

Cup Juvenile (G1), but this time the late surge could only carry him into third, 2 3/4 lengths behind winner Nyquist, and a neck to the good of Exaggerator.

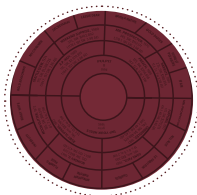
Brody's Cause apparently needed the race when only seventh in the Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby (G2) on his reappearance at 3, but then earned his way into the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) picture when closing from nearly 11 lengths off the lead in the early stages to take the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G1) by 1 3/4 lengths. In the Derby itself, Brody's Cause was only able to advance to seventh, outperformed in the 'dramatic run from the rear' stakes by old rival Exaggerator, who came from 15th to take second 1 1/4 lengths behind Nyquist. Brody's Cause made one more start in the Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1), but failed to fire and was retired to stand at Spendthrift Farm at a fee of \$12,500 or a two year commitment at \$15,000 for a lifetime breeding right on the farm's 'Share the Upside' program.

Brody's Cause was second of the freshman sires of 2020 to be represented by a graded stakes winner, that being Sittin On Go—appropriately enough owned by Albaugh Family Stables and trained by Dale Romans—who captured the Iroquois Stakes Presented by Ford (G3)



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KALYPSO LATEST SUCCESS FROM FIRST CROP OF BRODY'S CAUSE

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on his second start. A second juvenile stakes winner for the sire soon followed with the victory of the filly Kalypso in the Anoakia Stakes. Second in the Starlet Stakes (G1) to close out 2020, Kalypso stepped up on that effort when dropping back to seven furlongs for the Jan. 3 Santa Ynez Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park, which she took by 1 3/4 lengths. In addition to Kalypso and Sittin On Go, Brody's Cause has already also been represented by the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) second Smiley Sobotka, the Best Pal Stakes (G2) runner-up Girther, and Gospel Way, twice stakes placed in Canada. Considering those five black-type horses come from a first crop of just 56 foals, it's remarkable that Brody's Cause is available for a fee just \$5,000 in 2021.

Kalypso and her dam, the Malibu Moon mare Malibu Cove, are both Spendthrift-bred as Kalypso's granddam, Spirited Away, was purchased by Spendthrift owner B. Wayne Hughes for \$290,000 at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale. Spirited Away owns a rather intriguing pedigree, as she was by Awesome Again—by a grandson of Northern Dancer out of granddaughter of the mare Square Generation—and her second dam was champion older mare North Sider, who was by a son of Northern Dancer out of a daughter of Square Generation. That clever inbreeding pattern didn't deliver a superstar, but Spirited Away was a credible performer, winning four of eight starts including her last start, the Truly Bound Handicap at

Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots. At stud her best offspring was Malibu Cove's brother, Prospective, successful in five black-type events—three graded—and another of her Malibu Moon offspring, Enhanced, is dam of last year's Bashford Manor Stakes (G3) third Herd Immunity.

As mares go, Square Generation wasn't a bad one to duplicate. She was a multiple stakes winner, including at what would now be graded level, and she is ancestress of close to 70 stakes winners. Seven of those winners took a grade 1 including champion 2-year-old colt Macho Uno. The family goes back to Chinkara, a

Galopin mare bred by The Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) and imported from England in 1902. She became an extraordinarily important tap-root mare as far as U.S. classics are concerned, as she is ancestress of Kentucky Derby victor Grindstone, Belmont Stakes winners Arts and Letters (also Horse of the Year) and Pass Catcher, Preakness Stakes captor High

Quest, Kentucky Oaks (G1) heroine and champion 3-year-old filly Silverbulletday, another Kentucky Oaks winner in Sardula, and the Coaching Club American Oaks (G1) winner Golden Bri. A grandson of Chinkara, Chatterton, also sired the Belmont Stakes winner Faireno.

Kalypso, graded-placed Smiley Sobotka, and stakes-placed Gospel Way represent three of the four starters for Brody's Cause out of mares by sons of A.P. Indy. It's worth noting that the broodmare sires in question, Malibu Moon, Mineshaft, and Pulpit, are all by A.P. Indy out of Mr. Prospector mares. **BH**



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Kalypso wins the Santa Ynez Stakes at Santa Anita Park

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RACE RESULTS

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Delta Downs, 1/5, \$60,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), :58.52, track fast.

1—**She's My Gem**, 118, b m, 5\$36,000
Into Mischief—Our Unbridled Gem, by Unbridled's Song

O—Dale F. Taylor Racing, LLC., B—Don Mattox & Pam Mattox (KY), T—Todd W. Fincher, J—Joel Dominguez

Sale History: 2017 KEESEP, \$160,000.

2—**Misty Day**, 120, b f, 4\$11,400
Race Day—Misty Run, by Vindication
O—South Central Stables, B—Cypress Bend Farm (KY), T—Victor Arceneaux, J—Diego Saenz

3—**Mucho Amor**, 120, dk b/br m, 5 ..\$6,000
Mucho Macho Man—Raucous Lady, by Rock Hard Ten

O—Ten Broeck Farm, Inc., B—Ed Few (KY), T—Grant T. Forster, J—Ry Eikleberry

Sale History: 2018 OBSMAR, \$260,000, 2017 KEESEP, \$135,000.

Margins: 3, head, 1¾. **Others:** Pretty Britches (\$3,000), Our Lost Love (\$1,500), Forty Nine Model (\$600), Brave Daisey (\$600), Toni Ann's Miracle (\$600), Dejoke's Song (\$600). [View Equibase Chart](#)

ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Delta Downs, Race 7, ALW

1/5, \$36,000, 3yo, 6.5f (dirt), 1:21.72, track fast.

1—**Wise Verdict**, 119, dk b/br g, 3, **Court Vision**—Up a Notch, by Lone Star Sky, \$21,600, O—Michael Martin, LLC, B—Michael Martin LLC (LA), T—Brett A. Brinkman, J—Thomas L. Pompell

Margin: 1, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 4, ALW

1/5, \$21,800, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.54, track good.

1—**Statesboro**, 126, b g, 5, **Majesticperfection**—Summer Sky, by Oratory, \$13,080, O—Morlona Racing LLC, B—Jackie Wammock (KY), T—Nabu Morales, J—Erik Barbaran

Sale History: 2018 OBSAPR, \$6,000, 2017 FTKOCT, \$15,000.

Margin: 5, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 5, ALW

1/5, \$35,500, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.82, track good.

1—**Going With Style**, 123, gr/ro g, 5, **Overanalyze**—Kellys On a Mishon, by Equality, \$21,300, O—Watershed Racing LLC, B—Watershed Bloodstock LLC (OH), T—Terry R. Young, J—Sonny Leon

Sale History: 2017 FTKJUL, (\$10,000 RNA).

Margin: 1, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 9, AOC

1/5, \$36,000, 4yo/up, 8f (dirt), 1:36.74, track good.

1—**Dreams Untold**, 121, ch g, 4, **Smarty Jones**—

Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew, \$21,600, O—Someday Farm, B—Patricia L. Chapman (PA), T—John C. Servis, J—Frankie Pennington

Margin: 6¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

MAIDEN RESULTS

Delta Downs, Race 3, MSW

1/5, \$35,000, 3yo, f, 8f (dirt), 1:42.29, track fast.

1—**Eileen Alexandra**, 122, ch f, 3, **Jess's Dream**—Miss Stonestreet, by Mr. Greeley, \$21,000, O—Bob Mahoney, B—Bob Mahoney (LA), T—Thomas M. Amoss, J—Diego Saenz

Margin: 8½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delta Downs, Race 5, MSW

1/5, \$30,000, 3yo, f, 5f (dirt), 1:00.33, track fast.

1—**Knight's Honor**, 122, dk b/br f, 3, **Palace**—Badge of Honor, by Badge of Silver, \$18,000, O—Sprick, Cheryl and Bremer, Richard, B—Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick (MN), T—Chris Richard, J—Ry Eikleberry

Margin: 3½, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 1, MSW

1/5, \$27,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:16.15, track good.

1—**Cowgirl Chrome**, 126, ch f, 4, **Western Pride**—Senorita's Secrets, by Sea of Secrets, \$16,500, O—Poole, Joseph M. and McCall, Richard H., B—Troy J. Gayheart (OH), T—Joseph M. Poole, J—Luan Machado

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UPCOMING ENTRIES

LOUISIANA JEWEL S.

Delta Downs, Tuesday, January 12, Race 2
7.5f (dirt), \$75,000, 3yo f, 1:22 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Tecate Time	Karakontie (JPN)	3/f	Gerard Melancon	117	-	Whispering Oaks Farm, LLC (Carrol Castille)
2		Inawic	Wicked Strong	3/f	Joel Dominguez	115	-	Gulf Haven Farms (Eugene Batia)
3		Taylor Avenue	Mshawish	3/f	Timothy Thornton	117	-	Commonwealth New Era Racing
4		Australasia	Sky Kingdom	3/f	Diego Saenz	117	-	Woodpark Stud
5		Streamer	Star Guitar	3/f	Devin H. Magnon	117	-	Wayne Sanders and Highlander Training Center (Lawrence Hirsch)
6		Non Binding	Bind	3/f	Eguard Andres Tejera	117	-	Juan Larrosa

Breeders: 1—Carrol J. Castille; 2—Gulf Haven Farm, LLC; 3—Summer Hill Farm; 4—J. Adcock & Hume Wornall; 5—Val C. Murrell; 6—J. Adcock & Baronne Lon.

Trainers: 1—Steven B. Flint; 2—Ronnie P. Ward; 3—W. Bret Calhoun; 4—Brad H. Cox; 5—W. Bret Calhoun; 6—Juan A. Larrosa.

MAGNOLIA S.

Delta Downs, Tuesday, January 12, Race 6
8f (dirt), \$75,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:11 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Smok'n Rita	Misremembered	7/m	Kevin J. Smith	116	-	Linda Guidry
2		Southern Liaison	Liaison	4/f	Timothy Thornton	116	-	Earl Hernandez, Keith Hernandez and John Duvieilh
3		Sebs Princess	Khozan	4/f	Jose Andres Guerrero	116	-	Northpointe Thoroughbreds (Vic and Nicole Topper)
4		Sarah's Passion	Songandaprayer	4/f	Joel Dominguez	116	-	Perform Stables, Inc. (Harold G. Forman)
5		Saints N Muskets	Musket Man	6/m	Joe Stokes	116	-	Rodney J. Verret
6		Steph'sfullasugar	Tapiture	4/f	Diego Saenz	116	-	Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc. (Robert Guidry)

Breeders: 1—Linda Guidry; 2—Earl Hernandez, Keith Hernandez & John Duvieilh; 3—Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC & J. Adcock; 4—Perform Stables Inc.; 5—J. E. Jumonville Jr. & Bunny Jumonville; 6—Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc..

Trainers: 1—Connie Mack Guidry; 2—Sam B. David, Jr.; 3—Steven Duke; 4—Allen Landry; 5—Allen Landry; 6—Albert M. Stall, Jr..

