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October sale shows how U.S. buyers have become part of the fabric of the Tattersalls yearling market

Nancy Sexton | October 25, 2019

There was the distinct feel of an American sale ground to pockets of Tattersalls' Park Paddocks earlier this month.

Jackpot: Newspaperofrecord (Irad Ortiz Jr) winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Churchill Downs last year. The filly was a 200,000-guinea purchase at the 2017 Tattersalls October Sale. Photo: Alex Evers/Eclipse Sportswire/CSM/Breeders' Cup



As ever, anticipation was running high as the auction house made its final preparations to the October Sale in Newmarket. Europe's premier yearling sale annually attracts an array of big hitters and indeed, the sale ring went on to host intense battles between Sheikh Mohammed and Coolmore on several occasions during the first week.

Yet it also swiftly became apparent that anyone shopping lower down the market would face increased competition from American investors. While American participation at Tattersalls is nothing new, that in the yearling market has been until recently sporadic. Then agent Mike Ryan and trainer Chad Brown hit the jackpot with some of their early purchases and American interest in this European product exploded.

Statistics from Tattersalls show that American buyers accounted for 58 yearlings out of this year's Book 1 worth a total 13,450,000gns. Compare that to as recently as 2015, when they came away with ten lots worth 2,060,000gns.

Crucially, that momentum also carried over into Book 2 the following week, which featured the sale of 12 yearlings worth 1,103,000gns to American interests.

Several factors are coming into play here. Firstly, nothing breeds success like success, and that enjoyed by Irishman Mike Ryan and his clients out of recent renewals of this sale has been one of the hot talking points of the summer.

Not even the most optimistic among Ryan's team could have envisaged the level of success that his Tattersalls purchases have achieved under Brown's tutelage.

In a Lope De Vega filly purchased for 'just' 200,000gns, Seth Klarman's Klaravich Stables came away with Newspaperofrecord, last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner.

Then there is 325,000gns colt Digital Age, a Grade 2 winner back in May who went on to take his earnings to over \$550,000 when second in the inaugural \$1 million Saratoga Derby Invitational. Klaravich also own Value Proposition, a highly regarded winner of two of his three starts sourced for 400,000gns out of the draft of his breeder Meon Valley Stud, who have hit headlines this year as the owner-breeders of G1 Epsom Oaks winner Anapurna.

American Book 1 purchases

Year	Lots	Aggregate (gns)
2015	10	2,060,000
2016	4	980,000
2017	20	4,380,000
2018	29	6,775,000
2019	58	13,450,000

American Book 2 purchases

Year	Lots	Aggregate (gns)
2015	1	20,000
2016	0	0
2017	3	161,000
2018	7	927,000
2019	12	1,103,000

As for Peter Brant, he came away with Grade 3 winner Demarchelier. Although not cheap at 425,000gns, his price still fell below the average of 815,000gns paid for the stock of his sire Dubawi at that particular sale. He's a well related colt - Demarchelier is a grandson of blue hen Jude - and looked exciting before falling foul of a career-ending injury, meaning that Brant is now in a position where he can stand the horse with confidence at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky.

Such successes came out of an initial group of 12 yearlings, none of whom cost more than 425,000gns at a sale where 17 million-guinea lots changed hands.

And the momentum has carried over into the second group of runners too, with Sketches Of Spain (bought by Brant for 400,000gns from Ballylinch Stud) and The Path Not Taken (bought by Klaravich for 200,000gns from Highclere Stud) each off the mark in good company at the first time of asking.

Naturally such success has not gone unnoticed in American circles, the result being that this year Ryan and Brown faced real competition from other American buyers. The pair were still the dominant American forces as their clients Brant, Klaravich and Bob Edwards of E-Five Racing returned for more, alongside a newer face in Jay Hanley, former co-owner of Lady Eli. But others, such as Maverick Racing, Ben McElroy, Deuce Greathouse, Chad Schumer and BSW Bloodstock, also featured on the buyers sheet. The latter were making their first foray into the Tattersalls October market and came away with nine lots over Books 1 and 2; they also made a bold play for the record-setting 1,050,000gns Dark Angel filly in Book 2.

Trainer Todd Pletcher, meanwhile, acted in conjunction with the Australian-based Aquis Farm to purchase a Fastnet Rock filly and Galileo colt. Both are slated to race in the U.S.



Such intense interests pays credit to the quality of turf stallions available in Europe and the high regard in which they are held worldwide. And, for all that Kentucky boasts several noted turf influences - think Kitten's Joy, War Front, Medaglia d'oro, More Than Ready and the emerging Noble Mission, who can blame American interests for looking further afield when the American turf programme is undergoing so many enhancements?

The aforementioned Saratoga Derby held in early August, in which A Thread Of Blue beat Digital Age this year, is a welcome addition to the turf programme, especially as it forms part of New York Racing Association's inaugural Turf Triple Series. Worth \$5.25 million in total across two series for colts and fillies, the Turf Triple caught the imagination of both domestic and international players in its debut year and looks set to become an increasingly valuable asset to the North American scene.

Then there is the increased turf programme at Saratoga.

"Turf racing has become more than 50 percent of the races at Saratoga," Todd Pletcher has been quoted as saying. "So there's a good reason to be involved in sales [like Tattersalls]."

Saratoga isn't alone, however. In 1991, turf racing consisted of five per cent of the racing staged in North America. By 2017, that figure had risen to 17 percent. Turf events have also accounted for 41 percent of the Graded stakes races run so far this year in North America, and, as the likes of the Turf Triple, Arlington Million and Secretariat Stakes show, there is plenty of money to be won.

Tattersalls' £25,000 Book 1 Bonus has become a valuable tool in strengthening the middle to lower markets of Book 1 - there are numerous examples of domestic buyers targeting the sale now to take advantage of the concept - but American money has arguably become even more important. Not only were

Value Proposition, a highly regarded winner of two of his three starts, was sourced for 400,000 guineas out of the draft of his breeder, Meon Valley Stud. Photo: NYRA.com

Cover photo: American Chad Brown (brown cap), the world's third-ranked trainer in the TRC standings, checks out some likely prospects at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale in Newmarket. Photo: Tattersalls.com

American buyers participants at every level of the market beyond the very top, but there was a period during the first few hours of trading when Chad Brown, planted on the back stairs, seemingly bid on every other lot.

American investors are now confirmed as part of the fabric of the Tattersalls yearling market. Now the test is for this larger group of purchases to follow the example of their predecessors and become important players within North America's burgeoning turf scene. Should that happen, then the floodgates will really open.

USADA MAY BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO CLEAN UP RACING IN AMERICA

Charles Hayward | October 22, 2019

Alberto Salazar “demonstrated that winning was more important than the health and well-being of the athletes [he was] sworn to protect”, according to the head of USADA. Photo: Flotrack



One of my most recent columns strongly advocated for the passage of the Horseracing Integrity Act to eliminate cheating in Thoroughbred racing. There has been much written about this legislation, but I do not believe that there is a broad-based understanding of why this bill would be such a game-changer. I think most people in racing would agree that the current decentralized rag-tag regulatory structure simply does not work, but perhaps people are unclear what the Horseracing Integrity Act will do to correct the current serious problem.

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The proposed legislation H.R. #1754 opens with the following statement:

To improve the integrity and safety of horseracing by requiring a uniform anti-doping and medication control program to be developed and enforced by an independent Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority ... because the various states have

“Many of them abandoned their dreams and left sport because they refused to endanger their health and participate in doping.”

been unable to adopt a national anti-doping and medication control program, national uniform regulations with respect to the use of, and testing for, drugs capable of affecting the results of a horse race and therapeutic medications used in horseracing, such rules, procedures and enforcement policies should be implemented, consistent with internationally accepted best practices, by an independent anti-doping and medication control organization authorized by an act of Congress.

Please read the paragraph above again. The United States Thoroughbred racing industry has no anti-doping and medication control program and the cheaters control much of the sport.

Unless major changes are made in the anti-doping regulations, the addition of serious penalties and the resources and technology to catch the cheaters, the industry could lose significant participation from owners and bettors that provide the economic engine that drives the sport.

The Bill goes on to establish the Horseracing Anti-Doping and Medication Control Authority, which will be a private, independent, self-regulatory non-profit corporation with responsibility for developing and administering an anti-doping and medication control program for covered horses, covered people and covered races.

The Bill designates a board including the CEO of the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), six executives from USADA and six racing industry members from designated industry segments. It stipulates that, within 12 months of the formation of the board, USADA will take over all responsibilities for all aspects of the

medication rule-making, drug-testing and enforcement.

It is important to point out that, while federal legislation is creating this new entity, all aspects of the program are run by USADA, which is a private, independent, non-profit corporation. There is no federal bureaucracy that will run the Thoroughbred anti-doping and medication control program.

USADA is a non-governmental, 501-3C organization and is the national anti-doping organization (NADO) for the United States based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. To protect clean competition and the integrity of sport, USADA provides education, leads scientific initiatives, conducts testing and oversees the results management and the enforcement process.

Two decades in the business

In 2001, USADA was recognized by the U.S. Congress as the official anti-doping agency for Olympic, Pan American and Paralympic sport in the U.S. It is important for the racing industry participants to note that USADA has been in the anti-doping business for almost two decades.

USADA's status and independence from the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) is an exception to the norm in sport in the U.S. Most professional sport organizations (MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL) manage the anti-doping of their own sports. USADA's proposed independence from the current system in Thoroughbred racing that involves the racetracks, horsemen, owners and regulators will provide an extremely important component of this legislation by overhauling a completely dysfunctional

medication and testing environment.

In line with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) International Standards for Testing (ISTI), USADA considers, at a minimum, the following standards when developing its test distribution plan:

- Physical demands of the sport and possible performance-enhancing effects that doping may elicit.
- Available doping analysis statistics.
- Available research on doping trends.
- History of doping in the sport and/or discipline.

Is there any regulatory body, racetrack or horsemen's group that is addressing these issues?

Bringing USADA into the U.S. Thoroughbred racing industry will provide tremendous change and opportunity as outlined above. I say this with full confidence given what USADA has accomplished in our Olympic sports, especially in swimming, cycling and track and field.

If you look carefully at the use of performance-enhancing drugs in these three Olympic sports scrutinized and carefully tracked by USADA, you will find that our sport is facing many of the same performance-enhancing drug challenges. Thoroughbred racing will have intelligence, knowledge and experience in medication and performance-enhancing drugs that the industry will never be able to develop on its own.

Travis Tygart had been the President and CEO of USADA since September, 2007. He had a very active involvement in the investigation and prosecution of the Lance Armstrong and the U.S. Postal Service Pro

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Cycling Team doping conspiracy. Here is an excerpt from Tygart’s USADA statement on the Armstrong/U.S. Postal Service Doping case:

“Our mission is to protect clean athletes by preserving the integrity of competition, not only for today’s athletes but also the athletes of tomorrow. We have heard from many athletes who have faced an unfair dilemma — dope, or don’t compete at the highest levels of the sport. Many of them abandoned their dreams and left sport because they refused to endanger their health and participate in doping. That is a tragic choice no athlete should have to make.”

A very recent example of USADA’s successful efforts in track and field was the four-year ban announced on September 30 of Alberto Salazar, a renowned Olympian and three-time winner of the New York City Marathon and head coach of the Nike Oregon Project, and Dr Jeffrey Brown, who had worked closely with Salazar.

While none of the very successful runners who worked with Salazar and the Nike Project had ever tested positive for a banned substance, the ban stemmed from violations including trafficking in testosterone, tampering with the doping control process and administering improper infusions of L-carnitine, a naturally occurring substance that converts fat into energy.

Travis Tygart, CEO of USADA, issued a statement that Salazar and Brown had “demonstrated that winning was more important than the health and well-being of the athletes they were sworn to protect”.

Of particular relevance to me in reading about the Salazar/Brown case was the number of medications

that appeared regularly in protocols for track runners that have also surfaced as ‘therapeutic’ or illegal drugs in horse racing.

There were regular mentions of prescribing prednisone, a corticosteroid often given to runners who did not have asthma to block pain and potentially enhance oxygen consumption.

Lack of out-of-competition testing

In racing, corticosteroids are used frequently in joint injections with little or no regulation. Cytomel, a thyroid hormone medication, was prescribed for individual runners without a thyroid problem and were used as ‘fat burners’. It is well documented that some prominent trainers have had a routine regimen of thyroid medication for their entire barn. Micro-dosing of testosterone was alleged to have been used by runners and there appears to be an increase in micro-dosing of certain drugs for horses to avoid detection.

Finally, there is EPO, a performance-enhancer in horse racing going largely undetected because of the complete lack of out-of-competition testing. EPO remains a great concern in track athletics.

One of the criticisms that has been aimed towards USADA in this legislation is that they know nothing about the Thoroughbred racing industry. The sophisticated USADA team may not know what a furlong is, but I will guarantee that they know in great detail virtually all the legal as well as the illegal performance-enhancing drugs that are being used at racetracks across America.

A September 30, 2019 New York Times article by Jere Longman and Matt Hart on the Salazar/Brown ban provides some interesting insight (<https://nyti.ms/349uLYl>).

While Nike have stated that they remain supportive both Salazar and Dr Brown, in their appeal against the ban, on October 10, they announced that they are closing the Oregon Project, which has been in operation, run by Salazar since 2001.

No better partner

I am fully convinced that the Horseracing Integrity Act provides Thoroughbred racing with the opportunity to gain unprecedented, knowledge, science and experience that will allow us to take back the sport from the cheaters.

There is no better strategic partner for Thoroughbred racing in the United States than USADA. This organization was founded and operates on the importance of a level playing field in sport. Take a hard look at your state racing regulatory board and your state politicians. They do not acknowledge that we have a problem, and, even if they did, they would not have the resolve to fix it.

Finally, in a recent article (<https://bit.ly/2NkjLkE>), the Sport Techie newsletter is interviewing Travis Tygart and USADA Chief Science Officer Matt Fedoruk. Take a minute and read the answers from the two gentlemen regarding the question How does the anti-doping community learn about new performance substances and evaluate them?

I think you will agree it would be brilliant to have USADA on our team.

Eleven British horses who made a huge mark in Australia

Nicholas Godfrey | October 09, 2019

The first fleet of European horses has already touched down in Australia ready for the annual assault on the Melbourne Spring Carnival – and with 39 overseas horses entered for the Lexus Melbourne Cup, there seems no obvious reason why international dominance of the ‘race that stops a nation’ should not continue in 2019.



The hoodoo surrounding British-trained horses was ended in no uncertain terms last year, when Godolphin's Cross Counter led home a 1-2-3 from Marmelo and Prince Of Arran, trained by Hughie Morrison and Charlie Fellowes respectively.

All three feature again among this year's entries for the famous Flemington two-miler, the field for which has long been densely populated by horses either trained – or formerly trained – in the Northern Hemisphere.

The export of high-class middle-distance horses and stayers to Australia has become a regular feature of recent years – a trend set to continue with the

likes of Ebor winner Mustajeer, who has joined local trainer Kris Lees for his Cup campaign.

A multitude of well-known names – usually middle-distance types operating at least a notch below the top grade – have been sold to race down under in the last decade or so, resulting in a string of G1 victories for former British-trained horses, headed by the back-to-back Melbourne Cup successes of expatriate pair Green Moon and Fiorente in 2012 and 2013.

While the ground-breaking victory of Vintage Crop for Ireland's Dermot Weld in 1993 undoubtedly broke down the door for Europe, this wasn't an entirely

new phenomenon. Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, for example, won a Melbourne Cup in 1986 with the Derby fourth At Talaq after he'd been transferred from Tom Jones to Colin Hayes.

If the absence of a British-trained victory in the 'Race that stops a nation' became notorious, there has been no shortage of success elsewhere in other top Aussie contests, with the Godolphin operation often to the fore. Even before Cross Counter struck for Charlie Appleby – who has enjoyed notable success in Australia in recent seasons – dual Caulfield Cup winner Saeed Bin Suroor had saddled three Cup runners-up in Central Park, Give The Slip and Crime Scene.



What follows are ten (well, 11 actually, as we cheated a bit) horses who started their careers in Britain and left their mark in the modern era – either for their original British-based handlers or after being transferred or sold to race down under. There are plenty of others: what about the likes of December Draw, Glass Harmonium, Side Glance, Beaten Up, Manighar, Opinion, Sir John Hawkwood ...?

Jeune

ch h Kalaglow - Youthful
Claim to Aussie fame: won Melbourne Cup in 1994 during Horse of the Year campaign

Jeune was a handsome chestnut formerly trained in Britain, where he carried the green-and-yellow tartan colours of owner-breeder Sir Robin McAlpine for four seasons with Geoff Wragg, during which his five victories included a Royal Ascot success in the Hardwicke Stakes. Bought by Sheikh Hamdan after McAlpine's death, he was sent Down Under to the youthful David Hayes for what turned into a stellar 1994-95 campaign in the Shadwell colours featuring four G1 victories. After winning the Underwood Stakes, he was second in both the Caulfield Cup and Mackinnon Stakes before reversing Caulfield form with the favourite Paris Lane for a two-length victory in the Melbourne Cup.

Fiorente: a high-class middle-distance runner in Britain for Sir Michael Stoute before winning the 2013 Melbourne Cup (pictured) for Gai Waterhouse: Photo: GaiWaterhouse.com.au

Taufan's Melody

B g Taufan - Glorious Fate
Claim to Aussie fame: won Caulfield Cup (1998)
 You could hardly have located a more unlikely suspect to open Britain's account at the Spring Carnival. A cheaply bought gelding representing a syndicate of QE2 cruise-liner employees, Taufan's Melody was capable of a decent effort in valuable middle-distance handicaps

but there was still little to suggest the 7-year-old would suddenly be winning a Caulfield Cup on the other side of the world when he went to Melbourne in 1998 for Lady Anne Herries, the wife of cricketing legend Colin Cowdrey.

Perhaps that's why he was sent off 70/1 on the local tote before a short neck victory mired in controversy when he interfered with subsequent Melbourne Cup hero Jezabeel in the straight under a whip-cracking drive from his rider, Ray Cochrane. Amid howls of protest from the locals, he was allowed to keep the race in the stewards' room – despite Cochrane being banned for two months and copping a A\$20,000 fine for his trouble.

Bauer

Gr h Halling - Dali's Grey

Claim to Aussie fame: won Geelong Cup and runner-up in Melbourne Cup (2008)

The 2008 Melbourne Cup has gone down in racing folklore as the 12th and final victory in the race for the legendary 'Cups King' Bart Cummings – but a historic result could hardly have been any closer, as he edged out Bauer in agonising circumstances for the latter's trainer, Luca Cumani, who had suffered a similar fate 12 months earlier with half-length runner-up Purple Moon. So tight was the photo that Bauer, who had already won the G3 Geelong Cup, stopped the clock one-hundredth of a second faster than the winner owing to the positioning of the electronic timing chip in the saddle cloth. Winner Viewed's nostril was in front where it matters. Bauer was a listed winner at home before Australian-based OTI Racing bought into the Aston House Stud representative before the start of his 5-year-old campaign with Melbourne in mind.

Kingdom Of Fife

b g Kingmambo - Fairy Godmother

Claim to Aussie fame: won Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2012)

Bred by the Queen, Kingdom Of Fife was a high-level middle-distance handicapper for Sir Michael Stoute in England, where he carried the royal silks to victory in a couple of races at Sandown and the historic Zetland Gold



Cup at Redcar. However, he never really lived up to expectations, failing to cut the mustard in minor Pattern company and getting sold for just 60,000gns at the Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sales at the end of his 4-year-old campaign.

What followed was an extraordinary turnaround for his new owners after he joined Winx's trainer, Chris Waller, in Sydney. Known as 'My Kingdom Of Fife' down under, he was a shock 150/1 winner of a G3 handicap at Randwick in April 2011 before following up a fortnight later in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Sydney's weight-for-age championship event. He was well fancied for the Cox Plate that autumn when his career was curtailed through injury.

Green Moon

b h Montjeu - Green Noon

Claim to Aussie fame: won Melbourne Cup (2012)

Originally owned by the Goldsmith family and trained by Harry Dunlop, Green Moon looked no more than a useful middle-distance performer in England, seemingly found out in Group races after completing a hat-trick at the beginning of his 3-year-old campaign with a listed victory at Newmarket.

Purchased by Australian businessman Lloyd Williams and shipped to his private stable, Macedon Lodge, under the tutelage of trainer Rob Hickmott, the son of Montjeu quickly became a regular at the top level in Australia where, as

Red Cadeaux, who won nearly £5 in prize money around the world, established a cult following in Australia, where he ran in five Melbourne Cups, finishing second twice

a 5-year-old in 2012, he became the owner's fourth Melbourne Cup winner, staying on bravely to hold fellow ex-Brit Fiorente by a length. In a long career that lasted until he was eight, Green Moon also won the G1 Turnbull Stakes at Flemington and finished runner-up in both the Caulfield Cup and Darley Australian Cup.

Red Cadeaux

ch g Cadeaux Genereux - Artisia

Claim to Aussie fame: three-time Melbourne Cup runner-up (2011, 2013, 2014)

Trained throughout his career in Newmarket by Ed Dunlop for Ronnie Arculli, this much loved (and much travelled) gelding never won the Melbourne Cup but nevertheless established a cult following in Australia by running in five consecutive editions. Beaten a pixel in the tightest of photo finishes by Dunaden on his first visit to Melbourne, he was eighth the following year before a pair of second-placed finishes behind Fiorente and Germany's Protectionist.

A credit to everyone involved with him, Red Cadeaux won just shy of £5 million in prize-money altogether; his

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victories included a Yorkshire Cup and a Hong Kong Vase, while he was also second in the Dubai World Cup. He was put down following complications after surgery for a sesamoid fracture sustained injury in his last Melbourne Cup as a 9-year-old in 2015, when his jockey, Gerald Mosse, returned to the jockeys' room in tears. As per his owner's request, he was buried at Flemington.

Fiorente

br h Monsun - Desert Bloom
Claim to Aussie fame: won Melbourne Cup (2013)

The 2013 Melbourne Cup developed into a battle between the two previous runners-up as 6/1 favourite Fiorente, second to Green Moon 12 months previously, held off Red Cadeaux by three-quarters of a length. It was a famous victory, the 5-year-

old becoming a first winner in Australia's most celebrated race for the legendary Gai Waterhouse. "Fiorente was a dream come true for me," she said. "I'd trained three second placegetters in the Melbourne Cup, it was the race I really wanted to win and this horse provided it for me."

A Ballymacoll Stud homebred son of Monsun, he was originally a high-class middle-distance horse in England for Sir Michael Stoute, finishing second in both the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and Gordon Stakes at Glorious Goodwood as a 3-year-old and winning the G2 Princess of Wales's Stakes at the July meeting the following season before being sold to Australia. With Waterhouse at the helm, he also landed a second G1 success in the Darley Australian Cup (beating old rival Green Moon) and was third in a Cox Plate.

Benbatl: the Saeed Bin Suroor-trained Dubai Turf winner gave the mighty Winx more to do than most when running second to her in last year's Cox Plate at Moonee Valley. He had earlier landed the G1 Ladbrokes (Caulfield) Stakes. Photo: Sharon Lee Chapman

Hartnell

B g Authorized - Debonair
Claim to Aussie fame: four-time G1 winner

As durable and consistent as they come, Hartnell was no slouch in the UK, where he won the Queen's Vase for Mark Johnston before joining Godolphin's Aussie team five years ago, since when he has added four G1s to a career total of ten Group-race wins – plus a litany of placed efforts, among them four runner-up efforts behind the mighty Winx, who beat him eight times altogether. They include second in the 2016 Cox Plate (guess



who won?) and third in that year's Melbourne Cup.

Hartnell's G1 successes include the prestigious BMW (Tancred Stakes) at Rosehill over 1m4f as a 4yo and the CF Orr Stakes over 7f three years later. Not bad for a horse who won over 2m at Royal Ascot. He produced a career-best as a 7yo when breaking the mile track record at Randwick with a last-gasp win in the G1 Epsom Handicap in September last year – and he's still going strong.

Best Solution and Benbatl

B c Kodiak - An Andalyya (Best Solution)

b c Dubawi - Nahrain (Benbatl) Claim to Aussie fame: High-profile displays at last year's Melbourne Spring Carnival, including Caulfield Cup win for Best Solution

Cross Counter's historic Melbourne Cup victory was reward for

Godolphin's concerted efforts in Australia in the last couple of decades. Saeed Bin Suroor also left his mark last year with quality performers Best Solution – the trainer's second Caulfield Cup winner after All The Good in 2008 – and Benbatl. The Dubai Turf winner landed the G1 Ladbrokes (Caulfield) Stakes (short-heading Appleby's Blair House) before chasing home Winx in the Cox Plate. Pat Cosgrave partnered both Suroor horses to their Melbourne victories.

Cross Counter

b g Teofilo - Waitress

Claim to Aussie fame: won Melbourne Cup (2018)

Eight seconds but no winners. That was the notorious record of British-trained horses at the Melbourne Cup before last year's renewal. When it came, though,

The horse who ended the drought: Cross Counter (Kerrin McEvoy) on his victorious run in the Melbourne Cup last year, when he became the first British-trained winner of the great race. Photo: Kristen Manning

it was worth waiting for as Godolphin homebred Cross Counter ran out a ready winner under Kerrin McEvoy, passing at least 15 horses in the last couple of furlongs to lead a British 1-2-3. "You can't realise the delight of winning this race," said winning trainer Charlie Appleby. "It is known around the world as a seriously great race and to think we can bring it home to England is incredible. We have been trying very hard, but finally we have cracked it." Appleby has been responsible for plenty more Aussie winners, including 2017 Sydney Cup victor Polarisation.

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Syndicates and partnerships are beginning to flourish in Dubai, thanks largely to the new Racing in Dubai Sales. Photo: Laura King



Dubai's brave new world where smaller owners can mix it with the Maktoums

Laura King | October 20, 2019

Anyone who has visited Dubai knows it's a city all about change. Cranes are still prevalent in a skyline that boasts some of the most impressive buildings on the planet where once there was desert.

Until recently, less of this ongoing quest for improvement seeped through into the domestic racing industry. Outside the Dubai World Cup Carnival, the sport, which has been run under official guidelines since 1992, was largely reliant on the ruling Maktoum family to provide and race the horses. Racing at Nad Al Sheba and Jebel Ali in the 1990s and 2000s saw a proliferation of horses carrying their maroon and white silks – all variations on Sheikh Mohammed's original colours, plus plenty in the blue and white of Sheikh Hamdan and the famous yellow and black of Sheikh Ahmed.

Now though, it's all changed, thanks largely to the Racing In Dubai Sales, which began in December 2015, when 53 mostly ex-Godolphin horses passed through the ring at Meydan – with no reserve price attached. There was a condition though; horses must remain in the UAE for two seasons. The aim was clear; to improve racing here and encourage new owners into the sport.

Encourage them it did, especially thanks to a generous bonus for graduates of the sale who subsequently won a race.

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The first batch included Fitzgerald and Shillong, who both went on to score at listed level, as well as three-time winner Tried And True, who was second at the 2019 Carnival. Six more editions of the sale have followed, and it is now the stuff of local history that North America, winner of the G1 Maktoum Challenge Round 3 in 2018, was purchased at the second sale for 140,000 dirhams [about \$38,000]. Since then, he's been sold to Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov for an undisclosed fee rumored to be well in excess of \$1 million.

The gelding, who arrived in the UAE as a maiden, stayed in the yard of trainer Satish Seemar, who has done well at the sales. He also trained G3 winner Raven's Corner, who was picked out by owners Touch Gold Racing for AED135,000 [\$34,000] at the September 2016 sale. Seemar has been foremost among the UAE's trainers in embracing the changes, actively seeking out new support.

“I'm so happy that I now have at least 18 to 20 new owners,” says the six-time champion trainer. “It's a good change and it compliments this mega racecourse, Meydan. “With the sales, you have to do a lot of homework, have plenty of meetings with the veterinarians, but we always seem to find the right one.”

For established trainers such as Seemar, the idea of 20-plus enthusiastic, but perhaps uninitiated, syndicate members trampling through their pristine stables every morning might not be ideal, particularly when the royal owners of yesteryear preferred to watch on from afar. There is an element of education that comes into it, he says.

Happy owners

“I'm quite direct with them – that if you're thinking of making money then you're better off going into another

industry. That said, we've done quite well for some of them and I think, if you break even at the end of the season, you're ahead of the game, and, if you make money, that's awesome. One or two owners will always have a tough time each season, and that's quite normal, but most of them are quite happy as they are getting their enjoyment from the horses.”

One of the most enthusiastic is Libyan Nasir Askar, who is something of a fixture at Seemar's Zabeel Stables in the mornings. He bought the ex-Mark Johnston-trained Secret Ambition for AED150,000 [\$40,000] and the 6-year-old entire has since won seven times, including a G3. The first horse Askar had in training in the UAE, Secret Ambition fuelled a passion and he now has ownership interests in Europe, including with Joseph O'Brien in Ireland.

“Owners like [Askar] are what Dubai racing needs; he's just so keen,” adds Seemar. “He goes to so many sales and never comes back without a horse. If I don't stop him, he might buy 20 horses!”

Microsoft Gulf Manager Sayed Hashish, who purchased three at the recent September sale, has supported the initiative from the off, benefitting from the bonus with subsequent Meydan winner Ticket Holder. “I've always liked these sales,” he says. “You can get horses with very nice pedigrees without having to travel to Europe or America.”

Frank Gabriel, Executive Director of Racing for Dubai Racing Club, explains that the idea for the sales was a collaboration between Godolphin and the Emirates Racing Association board.

“It's generally been a positive thing for racing here,” he says. “The sales have given us quality horses and allowed partnerships and syndicates access to some really great pedigrees. I believe

a lot of it is due to trainers going out and getting the new owners, too – it's a team effort, not just an owner popping up and wanting to get involved.”

Marie Sullivan, Godolphin's Bloodstock Sales Manager, has been heavily involved in the sales and points out that they extend the careers of plenty of the operation's ex-UK horses.

“Godolphin is an immensely proud supporter of the Racing In Dubai Sales,” she says. “We get so much pleasure from seeing our old friends' contribution and share the enjoyment with all the new owners they have brought to racing in Dubai.”

Another major change to racing in Dubai recently has been the arrival of 2-year-olds. Prior to 2016, there were no dedicated races for juveniles, with the UAE Guineas Trials in January the first opportunity for 3-year-olds. There's now a fast-evolving programme, starting with a 2-year-old maiden on Meydan's opening card this week (on Thursday, October 24), which was won last year by subsequent Guineas Trial winner Walking Thunder. Picking out and training youngsters is something six-time champion trainer Doug Watson particularly enjoys.

“It's a new dimension for us,” he says. “In the past, owners would send us over the odd 2-year-old from Europe and they'd do okay, maybe pick up a cheque in the UAE Classics, and you'd be happy with that. Now we get a chance to start them ourselves, which is great.

“Going to the sales is the fun part, and it's great to have the owners who want to do that.”

While the ruling royal family remains a hugely important part of racing here, Dubai now has a brave new world where smaller owners can mix it with the big ones and, increasingly, come out on top.

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Strong views: Louis Romanet addressing the International Conference of Horseracing Authorities in Paris on Monday. Photo: Scoop Dyga



What They're Thinking: **Louis Romanet: racing should have one body to ensure we have the same rules worldwide**

JA McGrath | October 08, 2019

Louis Romanet has been at the forefront of French racing administration for five decades. The third generation of his family to head up the governing body, he became director general of the Societe d'Encouragement in 1986 before his appointment to a similar position at France-Galop in 1998, which he held until his retirement from that organisation in 2007.

He has been chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) since its creation in 1994. He is an ardent campaigner for the outlawing of performance-enhancing drugs worldwide and for global harmonisation of rules that affect racing on a daily basis.

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Who do you think is the most important figure in the history of racing around the world?

It depends on whether you are looking at the racing and breeding side or the administration side. A man who combined both and did so much for developing international racing was the great French owner-breeder Marcel Boussac. My father (Jean Romanet) worked with him for many years, and together they created the International Conference. Marcel Boussac was the leading owner in England and France in the 1950s.

Which is your favourite venue and race (anywhere in the world)?

ParisLongchamp is my favourite venue. For me, it is the most important racecourse in Europe and probably the world. Longchamp is a beautiful course, situated in the heart of Paris. It is the flagship of French racing, and of course, world-famous for staging the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which was created by my grandfather (Rene Romanet) and run for the first time in 1920. Naturally, my favourite race is the Arc.

What is your fondest memory in racing?

The most impressive race I have seen in my life was the 1965 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, won

by Sea Bird, who proved himself a great champion. He won that day by six lengths, beating a vintage generation. It was a magnificent display of his superiority (see video below, which has no commentary). He beat Reliance, who had won the Prix du Jockey Club and the Grand Prix de Paris, and others behind him included a Washington International winner and the top horse from Russia. It was truly international.

It was also a memorable occasion because it was the last day that the old grandstand of that time was still in existence. Later that evening, only hours after the Arc, a demolition crew moved in and it was totally destroyed. Under the guidance of my father and Marcel Boussac, a new structure was in place when the course reopened only months later, in April 1966.

What is the biggest challenge facing racing today?

The biggest challenge is getting new people to the races, engaging the new generation in our sport. We have to find new ideas, and racing needs a lot of promotion. We currently have generations who have loyally

followed racing but who are getting older and leaving the game. In France, we have the added challenge (and it has happened in some other countries, as well) of contending with sports betting, which is taking part of the market that horse racing previously dominated. We really need to work hard to attract a new generation.

If you could change one thing in racing, what would it be?

I would like to see IFHA, which I am chairing, become a decision-making federation, like other sports federations throughout the world. Currently, we are just in fact recommending, encouraging harmonisation, best practice etc. We do not have the power to implement our recommendations.

For example, we would like to stop medication worldwide in racing. It is fact that we currently have different rules in different countries. We need one body responsible globally, and, if we could appoint and recognise that one body, it would be a big change. Racing needs the same whip rules, the same rules on interference, the same rules on medication. Ideally, we would have total harmonisation in all countries.

Frankly, I don't think we can do it. Unfortunately, we are not an Olympic sport.

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Jockeys

Rank	Name	Modal Country	Points
1	Frankie Dettori	Great Britain	1103
2	Ryan Moore	Great Britain	1089
3	Christophe-Patrice Lemaire	Japan	1064
4	Mike E Smith	USA	1054
5	William Buick	Great Britain	1050
6	Hugh Bowman	Australia	1045
6	Zac Purton	Hong Kong	1045
8	Joel Rosario	USA	1039
9	Irad Ortiz Jr	USA	1036
10	Javier Castellano	USA	1034
11	Jose L Ortiz	USA	1032
12	Mickael Barzalona	France	1027
13	James Doyle	Great Britain	1025
14	Flavien Prat	USA	1024
14	Pierre-Charles Boudot	France	1024

Owners

Rank	Name	Modal Country	Points
1	Godolphin	Australia	1093
2	Coolmore Partners	Ireland	1071
3	Juddmonte Farms / Prince Khalid Abdulla	USA	1052
3	Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum	Great Britain	1052
5	Madaket Stables Et Al	USA	1023
5	Magic Bloodstock Et Al	Australia	1023
7	White Birch Farm / Peter Brant Et Al	USA	1022
8	Klaravich Stables Et Al	USA	1016
8	U Carrot Farm	Japan	1016
10	Sunday Racing Co Ltd	Japan	1015
11	Silk Racing Co Ltd	Japan	1014
12	WinStar Farm Et Al	USA	1010
13	Danox Co Ltd	Japan	1009
14	Lloyd Williams Et Al	Australia	1008
15	China Horse Club Et Al	Australia	1007

Trainers

Rank	Name	Modal Country	Points
1	John Gosden	Great Britain	1090
2	Charlie Appleby	Great Britain	1084
3	Chad C Brown	USA	1080
4	Aidan O'Brien	Great Britain	1058
5	Bob Baffert	USA	1054
6	Andre Fabre	France	1034
7	James Cummings	Australia	1028
8	Saeed bin Suroor	UAE	1025
9	Chris Waller	Australia	1024
9	Sir Michael Stoute	Great Britain	1024
11	Steven Asmussen	USA	1021
12	Brad H Cox	USA	1006
13	John Moore	Hong Kong	1001
14	Darren Weir	Australia	999
14	John Size	Hong Kong	999

Sires

Rank	Name	Modal Country	Points
1	Dubawi	Great Britain	1093
2	Galileo	Ireland	1072
3	Sea The Stars	Great Britain	1054
4	Frankel	Great Britain	1053
5	Shamardal	France	1052
6	Lord Kanaloa	Japan	1042
7	I Am Invincible	Australia	1034
8	Deep Impact	Japan	1032
8	Scat Daddy	USA	1032
10	Lope De Vega	Australia	1029
11	Pierro	Australia	1027
12	Street Cry	Australia	1026
13	Teofilo	Australia	1024
14	Zoustar	Australia	1023
15	Curlin	USA	1022