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KEENELAND RACE COURSE IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

A Spirit of Cooperation

Thoroughbred industry sets aside rivalries to come together in an unprecedented year

BY AMANDA DUCKWORTH

RACING, REIMAGINED

Because the pandemic in the United States escalated in mid-March, one of the first race meets to feel the full brunt of cancelation was Keeneland

in April. Instead of having its major spring races lost for 2020, the track

spring races lost for acao, the track was able to run a unique abbreviat-ed meet in the summer thanks to Ellis Park's cooperation. Ellis Park paused its summer meet to accom-modate the five days Keeneland

Rivalries were set aside as the industry searched for the best path forward amid the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19.

In Memodiant's Inistoric tensure that it hosted a sum-rod in graded races, four of which were Grade as. Among the witners were Art Col-lector, who deflored Swiss Skydver in the Blue Grans Stakes, and last year's Preakness Stakes winner, War of Will, who was raised at Lane's End and became a Grade 1 winner

on both dirt and turf by winning the Maker's Mark Mile.

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"In it for the long haul."

Breeder Jon Clay is building a legacy, one broodmare at a time

BY AMANDA DUCKWORTH

When Vekoma broke from the starting gate of the 2019 Kentucky Derby, his breeder, Jon Clay, accomplished the goal he had set when he first started his Alpha Delta Stables in 2006: to breed a filly and a colt good

Vekoma, who was born and raised at Lane's End, has truly come into his own in 2020, winning the Carter Handicap (Gi) and the Metropolitan Mile (Gi) for his owners, R. A. Hill Stable and Gatsas Stables. His schievements have only fueled Clay's love of the sport.

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TOP LEFT: CHURCHILL DOWNS TOP RIGHT: THE KEENELAND SALES PAVILION BOTTOM; THE INAUGURAL KEENELAND SUMMER MEET OF 2020

A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

We thank our horsemen for their support of the Summer Meet and for always bringing their Vi Game to Keendand, "said Fob Elliston, Cecediand Vice Procedent of Early." Prices states race are import an targets on the racing calendar, representing significant income for horsemen and important black type for breaders. We appreciate these operation of Ellis Fark and the Kennicky Horse Racing Commission in helping us make this opportunity possible."

Of course, the biggest change to America's tradicional racing calendar came when the Kentucky Derby was moved from the first Sanaday in May to the first Sanaday in September, after the Kentucky Herse Racing.

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"Throughout the rapid development of the COVID-19 pandemic, our first priority has been how to best protect the safety and bealth of our goests, team members and community," and BIC Carstrapion, the CEO of Churchill Downs Inc. "As the situation evolved, we reached a second of the country of the difficult conclusion that we needed to reschedule. At no point did we ever consider canceling the Kentucky Derby."

Keeneland also worked with the local Lexington community to help provide food to those at risk of going hungry during the pandemic.

After cancelling its Spring Meet, Keeneland donated 1,500 pounds of food to the new Nourish Lexington program, and contributed 200% of he proceeds from online sales from The Keeneland Shop and Keene-

(BGPC), which provided weekly meak and groceries to the handreds of stable sees workers are Keeredana and The Thoroughberd Center. Pro-ceeds from warper placed through Keeredan Select, Keenaland's scaline ADW, during May were donated to the program.

This included Pauge Tytron consolidating its July, Surrange, and New York

"Keeneland is forever grateful to the industry's front-line heroes—the men and women on the backstech who are out there every day taking care of the horses," said fell Thomason. Keercland's outgoing President and Cito. "We recognize and appreciate your hard work and dedication, and we are committed to support you during this challenging time where resources are scarce. You are vital to this industry and an important part

The spirit of giving could also be seen in Leuisville through the Chur-chill Down Foundation, which busched the Relat for Equise Industry Needs (R.E.I.S.) to noise members of the racing community impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It was created to address the needs of the hackstratch community by providing meals, mistro-grants, and financial assistance for emergency needs.

Among the earliest supporters donating earnings to the R.F.I.N. fand were trainer Jack Sisterson, jockeys Tyler Gaffalione and Julien Lep-aroux, and owner Skychai Racing.

"Biorsemen are the most generous people I know," Sisterson said, "With

Races and community outreach were far from the only aspects of the It then expanded those efforts into Nourish the Rackstretch, powered by Kerneland, Nourish Lexington and Blue Grass Parms Charities giants Kerneland and Fatig-Tyton sected together throughout the year

This included Pasig-Tipton consolidating its July, Saratoga, and New York Bred Yearling Sales into one selected yearling auction that was held in Lexington just before Keencland's marathon September Yearling Sale.

Additionally, the rival sales companies presented a united front in terms of safety rules and regulations during the paudenile so those participarties in the September yearling sales would have contrainty. Working in collaboration with local and state health officials, the COVID-19 protocols that were settled on applied to all sales attendees at both Keenstand and Fasig Tipton.

"2020 has been a difficult year so far, and we are all being forced to make decisions that we never crivisioned having to make," said Boyd T. Browning, Ir., Pasig Tipton's President and GEO. "For the travel conve-nience of buyers, as well as coordination of potential health and safety protocols, our sale and Keeneland September are best served to be

"Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland have been in steady contact with one as er and are working together in a cooperative effort to do what's best for our industry during these challenging times."

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EMPLOYER PROFILE

30 Years at Lane's End

Todd Claunch reflects on his career-and what the future holds.

BY AMANDA DUCKWORTH

After more than four decades, Lane's End's Farm Manager Mike Cline associated his retirement earlier this year. While his de-parture after so many years is a transition for everyone involved, another long term employee has been there to make it as smooth as

Clausch, who served us the Assistant Manager under Cline, has spent the past these decades learning from and surrounding himself with the best, both when it comes to horses and people. He started his career at Late's End 30 years ago as a groom. Today, he's the farm smanger.

11 altuminy statetos as a groots seen in the young point.
It is just such a great place. It is such a wonderful facility, and any place
from here would just be a lateral move at best. The Flerishes are great
people to work for, and I've enjoyed working for Mike for 30 years.

"I am going to have some added responsibilities," Claunch continued,
"Bill is going to take over a lot of the things that Mike was doing, and I will be doing the rest of it, it's all still pretty new. He has been here 4s years."

Claunch, a Lexington native, fell for horses as a kid. "My family wasn't into horses at all, but luckily I lived near a horse farm," he said. "I started working on one when I was 12 or 13. I loved horses, and I started riding. I rode hunter jumpers then switched to polo and was a polo groom f while. I just had it in the blood. If you like them, you like them."

Given Claunch's Lexington roots and passion for horses, it's easy to understand why Keeneland holds a special place in his heart, Roch from a sentimental and business standpoint, the historic property has played host to some of Clausch's fevorite memories.

"I really like Keeneland," be said, "baratogs is great, and I like going up-there. It's a really fantastic old track with a lost of tradition, but being a focal boy, I like Keeneland best. I grow up just down the road from there, and I think I started going to the races when I was 12."

"I used to love the July Sale out there, too, and enjoyed the September Sale," he remembered. "In 2000, when Lane's End sold 4¢ horses for almost \$46 million in one day, that was peetry special. Averaging a little over a million each was just a great day."

Claunch's current professional point of pride is multiple Grade a winner and 2019 Eclipse Award finalist Code of Honor, who races as a homebred

"Over 30 years, there's just been so many good ones, but it's always the most current horse I am really excited about, and right now that's Code of Honor," said Claunch, "It's great having such a nice horse like him



for Mr. Farish right size. Seeing Mr. Parish lead Code of Honor into the winner's circle after the Travers Stakes (Gr) last year, that makes it all fast atti worth it. The look on his face—t will never forget it."

Althous

With 30 years at Lune's End under his belt, Claunch has fond memories of so many of the farm's legendary homebrede and stallions. In 2003, Lane's End homebred Mineshalt was named the Horse of the Year and subse-Bad hornerlerd Ministralit was named usin. Horse of the York and sutter-quently retired to stand near to his step, the log-gendry A. P. Hody. Two years later, Lane's End consigned as personal region and the Park I doly or the Keeneland September Sole, and she said to Cockmore for \$t_0 or million. The fifty grow up to be champion Raps to Riches, winner of the 2007 Bel-mont Stakes (O) over Carlin. Clausanch enemoties both bruses well.

when he was racing, but Rags to Riches always has held a special spot for me, too. She was a really tough filly, hard so get along with, but everybody could see that she had a ton of talent. She was a really nice

Although horses take up the majority of his time, Claunch's higgest peide comes from being a father. His son, Nick, inherited his enthusiasm for horses and works for Eddle Cane at Calumet Farm.

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Erverting across the ocean, and way back in time to 1913, we should remember how The Tetrarch was viewed as the fastest journale supporceal remember. The "sported wander," confined to racing at two by injury, had insided and describerating fertility, but the fools he did produce

So while only Lookin At Looky and American Phasoah have in recent times retained as Eclipse Award at two and three—coincidentally, without winning the Reveder's Cup Parentie—pleasy of others have confirmed themselves in the ellas of their crop as sophometric Chief's confirmed themselves in the ellas of their crop as sophometric Chief's confirmed themselves in the ellas of their crop as sophometric Chief's confirmed themselves are consistent from themselves likely. Nowallow,

That's also true of Coane Wisson, who retries to Laste's Bol in 2015, cent of things rather comprised against his at there besters as for another top-class cels in Omaha Rouch in the Ga Beeld Sales after a free mouth leg of the adjumphel desired his Extractly Perity intell when alasmed bearing the gain, still 10° at halfway before closing the followalismed bearing the gain, still 10° at halfway before closing these follow that has absenting proceed career, compositing a debut rough and three machalizeque wise at Gridel 10°cl, was cat from the same champion which are to the composition of the contraction of the contracti

gree that sends up to any of them size and dismiss are farm legends. Goody-Ride and A. Durly, and his grandlain is champled Feet Indias. No guarantees there, either, but the foundations, whether in terms of genes or precedent, could hardly be deeper. Because champlon jeveniles and champlon sizes slike deal in the same currency in the same, native proficiency for the sociation of a ranchesse. They're born to the game—born to his.

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A TRUE CLASSIC, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

With A.P. Indy's own son Mineshaft, himself a Horse of the Year and also on the Land's End contem-plus grandson West Coast—you get a sense of how A.F. Indy was the binseler not only of a dynamy, but of an entire franchise. How up that Farish, his form, and its knowle stalling respectively explorated their forks, such and pich bindages in the same respectively explorated their forks, such and pich bindages in the same

rails, A.P. indy was integral to the construction and identity of Lane End. He dwelt in the same stall for at years and was tended daily fo the last 14 of those by Aus Baley—previously responsible for Deciclar

in that time, A.P. Indy straddled whole evas of the modern turf. By time he was pensioned, it was becoming routine for some commerce.

seasons, A.P. Indy houself averaged no more than 68 mares, loves to bis influence seemed timeless. How fitting the even as he beca housest and severable old grademans, he preclude over the nation in a bronne duplicate of his prime: this symbol and source of fin this partiarch who sculpted a new Classic model for the zan ce or Throughboot.

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HORSESTROLOGY



December 24 - January 20
Hey their, early hold Capricott. You've got a jump start ahead of your fellow feals, but you know what they say—show and steady wins the sace (unless you grow up to be a sprinter).
Try and be patient with your trainers, grooms, breeders and field mates. They're just trying

AQUARIUS January 21 - February 19



Not because you can jump the gate doesn't mean you should, Apparion. We know you want to do your own thing, but a limb caution now will pay off inter—and if the competition

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March 21 - April 19

Aries, you hig boby. You've stronger than you think, for better or worse. That hig hen
going to carry you through all some of things this year. If you are something really, is



April 20 - May 20
It's going to be a long read, Tauran—literally, You're built to go the distance, pushing through the turns and outlasting the pack. Est your greens and don't wante all your energy early o and you'll be brading for home before you know it.



You might be the youngest of the best, Genius, but that doesn't mean you eas't do gree things the that against a young to take absenting of being another in means you can go through eleminate either earth, but give a thought to your follow ethicismus and date



In addition to validating Clay's hopes for his breeding operation, the different paths Lewis Ray and Volcoma travelled to success also higher how he lists to bandle things, Lewis Ray, a miniple graded stakes winner, failed to mer her preserve at suction, competing as a homebred for Clay and retring a millionate. Volcoms sold as a yearling and has

"It is very satisfying," said Clay, who is a cousin of Rannymede Farm's Catesly W. Clay. "I've been interested in heres racing for a long time, and I shaweys had said that when I got to a certain points in Mr. Mr cally like no step up my involvement. I leved looking at pedigrees and figuring out, how you breed a good racidoms. My interest in pedigrees made me say. "Why don't I sty the breeding side"! I started out by boying

To know that I beed a top quality horse, even if I am not the owner nymore, is a special feeling. To know the program you built was able to widuce offspring that have run and won at the highest level, to win a

Although Clay's original plan was to offer all of his mares' offspring at section, it hasn't always worked out that way. He aims to set realistic reserves for his yearlings, but retains horses that do not achieve their

"I really focus more on the breeding, and I try not to have too large of a racing stable," he said, "the I am proud I here had a couple RMss that have turned out to be graded ratios winners. Levis lity was no RNS, and I also had Grade y winner in Long Blad Buy. I don't want to give away belows. I wast to sell howers for what they are worth, and if they don't being what I think their value is, I am more than happy to rise them."

Clay has also started keeping some of the fillies from his deeper female families, growing his broodmare band in both quality and quantity.

"Some of my mares have had very nice updates to their pedigives, and decided instead of selling everything, I womed to keep fillers so that I decided instead of selling everything, I womed to keep fillers so that I be families, be said, "I want to be in these families, and I want to be in these families, and I want to be in these families, and I want to be in them for multiple generations, which is what a keep forecastion, if you have a mare that has pread depth of multiple, it is not see how the offspring run and how the generations continue to produce growt inschenses. That why I do it."

These days, Clop likes to have around at broadmares, working with bloodstock advisor Reynolds Bell and Mill Ridge Farm in addition to Early's Rod, the has improved the quality of his broadmare head they ware through smart parchases, including tapping into families offered at dispersals—which is how he ended up breeding Levin Rig. Woods data. Summer Risms, was part of the Overbrook dispersals—since the control of the Overbrook dispersals—since the Overbrook dispersals—s

Cerrent members of City's bleecolinare based include Vescous; half-oliine, Eloody Point, who is by Wat Frenty, along Prix, de Pilyers (Gi) winner Willa Mariniz; and Grade y winner Jacars nda, who is half-sister to Constitution. While along his been as supercodered year in many ways, it has also been a bisinery ora as a breeder for City, as he is remonshift for raw Citade is winner year as a breeder for City, as he is re-

Velcoma, a son of Candy Ride who was raised in the same field as Lane's End's Grade 1 winning homelved Code of Honor, is saidy the last feal out of Mona de Momma, but his multiple Grade 1 victories

have brought Clay satisfaction. Furthermore, another of Clay's ma boarded at Lane's End, Christics Treasure, became a Grade i preducer when her disash-

ter Monu Superflare won the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (Gr) in Japan in March.

"I love Lane's End, and they do a great job," said Clay. "I love working with the Farinday and their team. They are one stop-shopping for foal management, mare management, stallow seasons, and selling horses. All of that is there. They offer everything, That's the uppeal. They also do a great job of male in a stallow a stallow.

"The reason I bred Mona de Momma no Candy Ride is be gets great runners. Also, i's a different pedigree than what you usually see in the United States. He's one of those borses that can get you a commercial product, but more importantly ners that was graded stakes races. It's a tribute to the way Will and Bill

Although nothing is for certain, Clay's careful dedication to crafting his broodmare band means that future success seems a safe bet. It's one be's certainly willing to make as be approaches his fifteenth year as a

They aren a set of people get also it and aget stoot it is a rig stay, but they don't really understand it and then they get out fait," said Clay. "That's why when I started my program, I only bought there, and then I added a couple every year. I disk't just go not and buy an maren. The broadmanes I have, I have accumulated ever the years.

"Every year, I continue to improve my stock and buy marers with really strong, deep families. I think that in how you consinently produce great suchourse. When you own a rancherse, you get a shrill when your horse crosses the line first, and I get the same thrill when I broad



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