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## 2014 ABC RUNNERS: GALILEO NIPS SPEIGHTSTOWN

Finding a racehorse that makes money is a challenge. By our calculations, only 8% of all the runners in North America in 2013 earned \$53,500 or more (\$53,492, to be precise). Recent studies show that it takes about \$50,000, if not more, to have a horse in training at the major tracks for a year. So we have a rule of thumb, which is that a horse has to qualify as an ABC Runner--to be among the top 8% of runners--in order for us to call it a "break-even or better" racehorse. Of course, if they do achieve "break-even or better" status, the sky's the limit. But even once you get one in training, the odds are roughly 11 to 1 that, in any given year, it will become an ABC Runner.

APEX ratings take snapshots, twice a year, of what the stallion picture looked like at that moment. We took that picture on July 8, a tick over halfway through the 2014 season. At that moment, the top 8% of North American earners had made \$41,668. So, as we explained with A Runners, a horse can be an ABC Runner now, but might not qualify as one at the end of the year if they don't achieve what will then be the year-end 8% threshold.

Given that caveat, Coolmore's **Galileo** was the number one NA/EU sire of 2014 ABC Runners through July 8, with 39. This wouldn't be a huge surprise, since yesterday's *TDN* Year-to-Date General Sire List ([click here](#)) tells us that he has 29 black-type winners (BTW), 49 black-type horses (BTH), of which 20 of the BTW are graded/group stakes winners (GSW) and 37 are graded/group stakes horses (GSH) in 2014. But WinStar's **Speightstown** was running him close in number of 2014 ABC Runners, with 38. Speightstown has always scored very high on the APEX scales and, as a son of Gone West who has always done well in Europe (2.07 European A Index), his popularity is likely to continue to grow. He's proven an extremely consistent sire of money-making "Break-Even Or Better" horses.

### NA/EU SIRES OF 20+ ABC RUNNERS 2014 (through July 8)

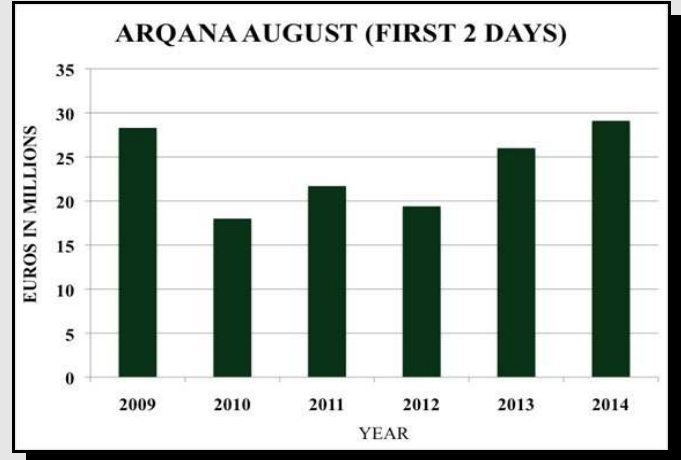
SIRE	2014 ABCs
Galileo	39
Speightstown	38
Tiznow	35
Giant's Causeway	34
Tapit	34
City Zip	31
Smart Strike	30
Distorted Humor	28
Kitten's Joy	27
Invincible Spirit	26

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# Weekly Sales Ticker

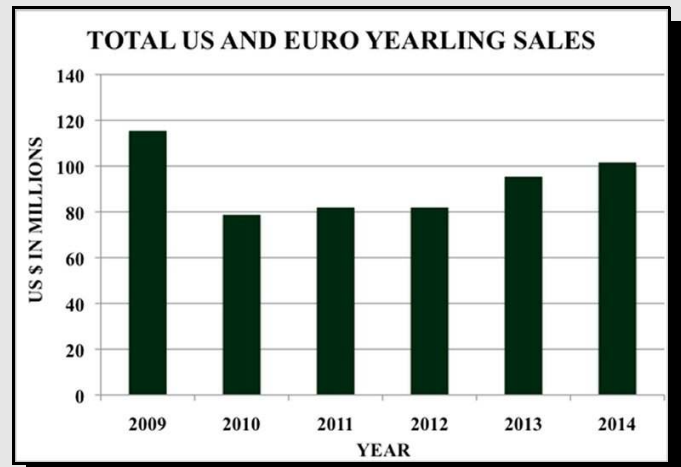
by Bill Oppenheim

"Though Deauville August is still a 4-day sale with recent format changes, the first two days have remained the select days. This year they achieved nearly a 70% clearance rate from the catalogue, with a 12% rise in gross and 7.5% rise in average. Though the number of €1m+ yearlings dropped from four to three, the number between €500k-€1m increased from five to 11 – could be very significant for later sales."  
– Bill Oppenheim



### ARQANA DEAUVILLE AUGUST YEARLING SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	182	154	127	15.4%	82.5%	69.8%	€29,066,500	€228,870
2013	188	166	122	11.7%	73.5%	64.9%	€25,973,000	€212,893
2012	186	174	123	6.5%	70.7%	66.1%	€19,408,000	€157,789
2011	226	209	149	7.5%	71.3%	65.9%	€21,681,000	€145,510
2010	208	176	120	15.4%	15.4%	57.7%	€18,049,000	€150,408
2009	230	210	155	8.7%	8.7%	67.4%	€28,260,000	€182,323



### TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN YEARLINGS SALES AS OF AUG 17, 2014

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2014	927	807	579	12.9%	71.7%	62.5%	\$101,568,208	\$175,420
2013	896	788	589	12.1%	74.7%	65.7%	\$95,361,938	\$161,905
2012	972	842	557	13.4%	66.2%	57.3%	\$81,886,122	\$147,013
2011	903	785	567	13.1%	72.2%	62.8%	\$81,886,184	\$144,420
2010	991	823	575	17.0%	69.9%	58.0%	\$78,678,671	\$136,832
2009	1,193	1,037	690	13.1%	66.5%	57.8%	\$115,423,863	\$167,281

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

WinStar doubles up in the top three by 2014 ABC Runners through July 8 with **Tiznow** (35), while Coolmore doubles up in the top five with **Giant's Causeway**, tied with Gainesway's **Tapit**, number one on the North American General Sire List; they each had 34 ABC Runners. Lane's End claims the next two spots with **City Zip** (31) and **Smart Strike** (30), followed by WinStar's **Distorted Humor** (28). Ramsey Farm's **Kitten's Joy** (27) and the Irish National Stud's **Invincible Spirit** (26) round out the top 10.

Four farms actually account for 20 of the 36 NA/EU sires with 20+ ABC Runners. Coolmore and its American satellite farm, Ashford, stand Galileo, Giant's Causeway, and **Tale of the Cat** (21); and WinStar, as noted, stands three of the top eight. Lane's End and Darley Jonabell each stand six stallions with 20+; besides City Zip and Smart Strike, Lane's End also stands **Candy Ride**, top third-crop sire **Curlin**, and **Lemon Drop Kid**, with 24 each, and stood F2009 **English Channel** (20), whose first foals are 5-year-olds this year, before his recent transfer over to Calumet.



**Galileo**

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Darley Jonabell stands **Bernardini** (23), **Elusive Quality** (21), **Hard Spun** (23), **Medaglia d'Oro** (25), **Street Cry** (22), and his son, **Street Sense** (20). Darley also stands **Shamardal** (25) and **Teofilo** (22) at Kildangan Stud in Ireland so Darley wins the overall title with eight of the 36 sires with 20+ ABC Runners this year.

These numbers, however, pale in comparison to those achieved by the stallions at the Yoshida family's Shadai Stallion Station in Japan. Nine sires in Japan have 30 or more 2014 ABC Runners, and all nine are Shadai stallions. **Deep Impact** had just 83 ABC Runners, followed by **King Kamehameha** with 69. **Symboli Kris S.** (43), **Heart's Cry** (38), **Daiwa Major** (37), **Manhattan Cafe** (36), **Neo Universe** (36), **Gold Allure** (33), and **Zenno Rob Roy** (30) complete the Shadai clean sweep. Oh, and all except King Kamehameha (Kingmambo) and Symboli Kris S. (Kris S.) are by Sunday Silence.

JAPANESE SIREs of 30+ A RUNNERS 2014 (through July 8)		
SIRE	1ST FLS ST	2014 ABC's
DEEP IMPACT	2008 JP	83
KING KAMEHAMEHA	2006 JP	69
SYMBOLI KRIS S.	2005 JP	43
HEART'S CRY	2008 JP	38
DAIWA MAJOR	2009 JP	37
MANHATTAN CAFE	2004 JP	36
NEO UNIVERSE	2006 JP	36
GOLD ALLURE	2005 JP	33
ZENNO ROB ROY	2007 JP	30

Among F2011 NA/EU sires with their first 3-year-olds this year, Gilttown Stud's **Sea the Stars**, Galileo's half-brother and the sire of two 2014 Classic winners, leads the list with 14 ABC Runners this year. Maybe a surprising second is France's Haras de la Cauviniere's **Le Havre**, sire of dual French Classic winner Avenir Certain, who remained unbeaten when leading home a Le Havre one-two in yesterday's G2 Prix de la Nonette at Deauville. I wouldn't necessarily have predicted a revival of the Blushing Groom sire line through a son of Noverre, but Le Havre had 12 ABC Runners this year through July 8. After yesterday's race Avenir Certain is 14-1 equal fifth choice for the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Betfair--not a bad 'each-way' (Win & Show) bet. She definitely won with her head in her chest yesterday and she is unbeaten. WinStar's



**Cairo Prince**  
*A Coglianes*

**Pioneer of the Nile** (11) was the leading North American F2011 sire by 2014 ABC Runners, while the NA/EU top five was rounded out by Banstead Manor's **Champs Elysees**, a full brother to Dansili, and Taylor Made's **Old Fashioned**, with eight 2014 ABC Runners each.

### F2009 SIREs: THE RETURN OF HARD SPUN

In 2007, **Street Sense** became the first horse to complete the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile--GI Kentucky Derby double, thus putting his sire, Street Cry, firmly on the map. Then **Curlin** upstaged him in the GI Preakness, but the filly Rags To Riches beat Curlin in the GI Belmont S. **Hard Spun**, owned by Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm and trained by Larry Jones, ran in all three, finishing second in the Derby (set the pace, Curlin third), third in the Preakness (made the lead), and fourth in the Belmont. He came back after a short break to finish second to **Any Given Saturday** in the GI Haskell; finally got his Grade I win when dropping back to seven furlongs for the GI King's Bishop.

He then finished off his 10-race 3-year-old campaign with a bloodless all-the-way win in the GII Kentucky Cup Classic at Turfway, and set the pace and ran second to Curlin in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Monmouth Park.

Darley swooped for most of the top 3-year-olds they could get that year. In 2008 Street Sense, Hard Spun, Any Given Saturday, along with **Discreet Cat** (a 4-year-old in 2007) retired to Darley Jonabell. In Europe they retired **Teofilo**, **Authorized**, and **Manduro**. At the time, Hard Spun looked like the last top-class son of the great Danzig to retire--though we didn't know then about War Front, whose first foals were being born in 2008.

Coolmore's **Scat Daddy** had won the 2007 GII Fountain of Youth and GI Florida Derby but never ran again after finishing down the field behind Street Sense in the Derby. However, he edged out Hard Spun by \$11,000 as leading freshman sire in 2011, though in 2012 Hard Spun was leading second-crop sire by \$125,000 over Scat Daddy. In 2013 Darley scooped the first four placings on the third-crop sire list, with Street Sense, then standing a season in Japan, the leading third-crop sire, followed by Teofilo, Hard Spun, and Discreet Cat. Scat Daddy was fifth, with English Channel sixth. Cue Street Sense to return from Japan, Hard Spun to ship out for the 2014 season.



**Frac Daddy**  
*Coady Photography*

It worked again: Hardest Core's upset win in the GI Arlington Million last weekend was Hard Spun's third Grade I winner of 2014, following Wicked Strong's win in the GI Wood Memorial and Hard Not To Like's upset win in the GI Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland, both in April. Wicked Strong has of course since beaten GI Belmont S. winner Tonalist in the GII Jim Dandy, with a rematch due in this weekend's GI Travers. It's no wonder Hard Spun is on his way back from Japan. Now Darley just has to decide who to send next so it can make its stallion career. As you can see from the table, Hard Spun is a wide-margin leader among F2009 sires by number of ABC Runners, with 92. Street Sense and Teofilo run second and third, with 71 and 68, respectively. [CLICK HERE TO SHARE THIS STORY](#)

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**LEADING F2009 SIREs by NUMBER of ABC RUNNERS**

SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	FARM	A INDEX	ABC RNRS	ABC INDEX
HARD SPUN	2009	KY	DARLEY JONABELL	2.11	<b>92</b>	2.11
STREET SENSE	2009	KY	DARLEY JONABELL	1.87	<b>71</b>	1.95
TEOFILO	2009	IR	DARLEY KILDANGAN	2.55	<b>68</b>	1.67
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2009	KY	CALUMET FARM	2.76	<b>54</b>	1.78
DUTCH ART	2009	GB	CHEVELEY PARK	1.95	<b>54</b>	1.65
ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	2009	PA	PIN OAK LANE	1.57	<b>54</b>	1.63
SCAT DADDY	2009	KY	COOLMORE ASHFORD	1.80	<b>53</b>	1.59
DARK ANGEL	2009	IR	MORRISTOWN LATTIN	2.16	<b>52</b>	1.76
DISCREET CAT	2009	KY	DARLEY JONABELL	2.24	<b>50</b>	1.44