



HEADLINE NEWS

SUPER TOPPER AT KEENELAND

For the second day in a row, a mare consigned by Brookdale Farm on behalf of Herman Sarkowsky topped the daily receipts at Keeneland as graded-stakes winner **Supercilious** (Skywalker) brought a bid of \$635,000 from Shadai Farm. On Tuesday, Sarkowsky's champion Phone Chatter (Phone Trick) was the \$3.6 million session topper. The mares were offered in a reduction of Sarkowsky's breeding stock. "We are extremely pleased with the way things have gone today," commented Brookdale Farm owner Fred Seitz. "We had a wonderful day and that topped it all. She was a top racemare and she is very good physically, and certainly fits the bill. Mr. Sarkowsky dealt in quality and he has been rewarded." Supercilious captured the GII Railbird S. and earned \$843,454. Like Phone Chatter, the eight-year-old mare was bred this year to Diamond A stallion Dixie Union, but she aborted her foal due to MRLS at 67 days. She was bred back in May, but it did not take. She is the dam of a 2001 filly by Deputy Minister boarded at Brookdale that they were able to show to their clients. "That certainly helped," Seitz said.

Victory Gallop Colt Leads Weanlings...

A colt from the first crop of 1999 champion older horse Victory Gallop (Cryptoclearance) attracted an offer of \$320,000 from Land's End Farm in becoming Wednesday's highest-priced weanling. Produced by the graded-stakes winning Very Special Lite (Majestic Light), the bay colt is a half-brother to graded-stakes winner Strategic Partner (Kris S.). "Of course, you have a hot horse in the pedigree and I think that the kind of horse that Victory Gallop was made this one command a lot of attention," explained Duncan Taylor of Taylor Made Sales Agency, which consigned the top colt as well as the top-priced weanling filly, a half-sister to multiple graded-stakes winner Who Did It and Run (Polish Numbers). From the second crop of GI Belmont S. hero Touch Gold, the bay filly is out of the Diesis (GB) mare I'm Harriet. She was purchased by Newsells Park Stud, who led Wednesday's buyers and are the cumulative leading buyers at the sale.

KEENELAND NOVEMBER - WEDNESDAY

TOP FIVE BROODMARES

Hip#	Name	Covering Stallion	Price
963	Supercilious <i>(8, Skywalker--Table Frolic, by Never Tabled)</i>	Not in foal	\$635,000
Consigned by Fred Seitz/Brookdale Farm, agent for H Sarkowsky Purchased by Shadai Farm			
749	Gino's Spirits (GB) <i>(5, Perugino--Rising Spirits {Ire}, by Cure the Blues)</i>	racing/b'mare prospect	\$550,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Newsells Park Stud			
954	Star Queen <i>(4, Kingmambo--Starboard Tack, by Seattle Slew)</i>	Southern Halo	\$550,000
Consigned by Fred Seitz/Brookdale Farm, agent Purchased by S. David Plummer			
971	Tally Ho Annie <i>(6, Capote--To the Hunt, by Relaunch)</i>	Dixieland Band	\$360,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent			
682	Chasseresse <i>(6, Jade Hunter--Heir D'Mint, by Sovereign Dancer)</i>	Golden Missile	\$350,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXXII Purchased by Robert Courtney, Jr., agent			

TOP FIVE WEANLINGS

Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
1000	colt	Victory Gallop	Very Special Lite	\$320,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXXII Purchased by Land's End Farm				
783	filly	Touch Gold	I'm Harriet	\$280,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XCI Purchased by Newsells Park Stud				
734	colt	Victory Gallop	Fancy Ruler	\$225,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXXII Purchased by Springvalley Farm				
730	colt	Deputy Commander	Fabulist	\$200,000
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXI Purchased by Horse France				
837	colt	Kingmambo	Madeleine's Joy	\$200,000
Consigned by Summerfield, Agent XXIX Purchased by Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds				

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★ FRANCE ★

Thursday, le Croise-Laroche, post time: 3:15 p.m
GRAND PRIX DU NORD-Listed, FF240,000, 3yo, 2100mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Spin Fast (Fr)	Sillery (USA)	de Roualle	128
2	14	Dorlean (USA)	Irish River (Fr)	Porzier	128
3	3	Mister Shoot (Ire)	Shining Steel (GB)	Doumen	128
4	4	Holy Mix (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	Fabre	128
5	12	Kingmage (Fr)	Fairy King (USA)	Bary	128
6	2	Foreman (Ger)	Monsun (Ger)	von der Recke	128
7	13	Mister Pacha Pacha (Fr)	Pistolet Bleu (Ire)	Lellouche	128
8	8	Daltaiyma (Ire)	Doyoun (Ire)	de Royer-Dupre	125
9	7	Temple of Peace (Jpn)	Carnegie (Ire)	Pantall	125
10	1	Gospellianne (Fr)	Machiavellian (USA)	Robert Collet	125
11	11	Pampa Negra (Ire)	Barathea (Ire)	Smaga	125
12	6	Maid of Dawkins (Ire)	Kendor (Fr)	Gibson	125
13	9	Princess Lili (Ger)	Platini (Ger)	Weber	125

Scratched: Red Carnation (Ire).

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

3.30 Musselburgh, EBF Maiden S. (Class D), £6,690, 2yo, 1mT, 1:43.30, gd.

CELTIC STYLE (GB) (c, 2, Celtic Swing {GB}--Stylish Rose {Ire}, by Don't Forget Me {Ire}) raced in second early as Vicious Warrior (GB) (Elmaamul {USA}) led the way. Sent into the lead in the final quarter mile, the even-money favourite, strode clear before being eased to a three-length success. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £5,512.

O-T McDonagh; B-T P and M McDonagh; T-Mark Johnston; J-Kevin Darley.

1.20 Musselburgh, EBF Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E), £4,420, 2yo, 7f 30ydsT, 1:32.00, gd.

HARBOUR HOUSE (GB) (g, 2, Distant Relative {Ire}--Double Flutter {GB}, by Beldale Flutter {USA}) raced in second early as Red Forest (Ire) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}) led. Edging ahead at the quarter-mile marker, he stayed on gamely to hold the long-time leader by a head at 16-1 odds. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,094. O/B-Patrick Trant; T-Mick Channon; J-Steve Drowne.

★ IRELAND ★

MUAKAAD DIES

Muakaad (GB) (Muhtarram {USA}) was put down after breaking a leg on the gallops, it was revealed yesterday. Dermot Weld's four-year-old, whose success in the G3 Meld S. at The Curragh July 28 was the highlight of the colt's four career stakes wins, suffered the injury three weeks ago. Angus Gold, racing manager to owner Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum, told *PA Sport* yesterday: "He fractured his leg very badly and they couldn't do anything to save him, sadly. Very sad, he was a decent horse."

Yesterday's Results:

1.30 Thurles, EBF Race (Cond.), Ir£19,200, 2yo, 1mT, 1:42.00, sf.

SOLID APPROACH (IRE) (c, 2, Definite Article {GB}--Dawn Chorus {Ire}, by Mukaddamah {USA}) raced in second early as Laoch Na Mara (USA) (Sea Hero {USA}) cut out the running. Taking over with quarter of a mile remaining, the 5-2 second favourite was pushed out to hold off the fast-finishing Literary Lover (Ire) (Sadler's Wells {USA}) by a short head. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, Ir£27,310.

O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Carrigbeg Stud; T-Kevin Prendergast; J-Declan McDonogh.

2.30 Thurles, Last Chance Maiden, Ir£10,560, 3yo, 1mT, 1:41.90, sf.

DESERT TRAIL (IRE) (f, 3, Desert Style {Ire}--Mine Hostess {Ire}, by Shernazar {Ire}) was held up at the back early as Acting (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}) led. Making steady progress on the rail in the straight, she moved up to challenge the long-time leader in the final furlong. Heading that filly with 50 yards remaining, she drew away to win by 1 1/2 lengths as the 13-2 favorite. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, Ir£9,120.

O-J O'Flaherty; B-S Murphy; T-M Halford; J-R Costello.

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(Irish Report Cont.)

1.00 Thurles, Cahir Median Auction Maiden, Ir£9,600, 2yo, 1mT, 1:40.60, sf.

FEARN ROYAL (IRE) (f, 2, Ali-Royal {Ire}--Sparrowhawk {Ire}, by Doyoun {Ire}), the 5-4 favourite, raced in second early as Quakemaker (USA) (Foxhound {USA}) led. Taking the lead 1 1/2 furlongs out, the Ir9,500gns GOFNOV weanling; and Ir£12,000 TATIRE yearling went clear for a five-length success. She is the 22nd winner for her freshman sire (by Royal Academy {USA}). Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, Ir£15,750. O-J Doran; B-Pat Beirne; T-P Casey; J-S Heffernan.

Best Wait (Ire), f, 4, Insan (USA)--Greek Melody (Ire), by Trojan Fort (GB). Thurles, Ireland, 11-7, Horse and Jockey Maiden, 3yo/up, 1 9/16mT, Ir£7,590 to winner. B-Niall Delany.



TUESDAY'S CORRECTED RESULT: The result of Tuesday's 2:45 at Maisons-Laffitte was run with the incorrect owner and breeder. The result should have read as follows. We regret the error.

2.45 Maisons-Laffitte, Prix Hayati (Cond.) (Class D), FF144,000, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:46.50, yl.

MOLY (FR) (f, 2, Anabaa {USA}--Moon Review {USA}, by Irish River {Fr}), sent off at odds of just over 4-1, raced in sixth early as Erna (Fr) (Beaudelaire {USA}) led. Making steady progress through the pack in the straight, she hit the front with a furlong remaining to defeat Seditieuse (Ire) (Night Shift {USA}) by a length. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, FF91,600. O-Ghislaine Head; B-Alec & Ghislaine Head; T-Henri van de Poele; J-Aurelian Malenfant.

★ MAIDEN WINNERS

Fearn Royal (Ire), f, 2, Ali-Royal (Ire)--Sparrowhawk (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire). Thurles, Ireland, 11-7, Cahir Median Auction Maiden, 2yo, 1mT, Ir£6,900 to winner. B-Pat Beirne. *Ir9,500gns wnlg '99 GOFNOV; Ir£12,000 yrl '00 TATIRE. **22nd winner for freshman sire (by Royal Academy {USA}).

Celtic Style (GB), c, 2, Celtic Swing (GB)--Stylish Rose (Ire), by Don't Forget Me (Ire). Musselburgh, Britain, 11-7, EBF Maiden S. (Class D), 2yo, 1mT, £4,348 to winner. B-T P and M McDonagh.

Harbour House (GB), g, 2, Distant Relative (Ire)--Double Flutter (GB), by Beldale Flutter (USA). Musselburgh, Britain, 11-7, EBF Median Auction Maiden S. (Class E), 2yo, 7f 30ydsT, £3,094 to winner. B-P Trant.

Desert Trail (Ire), f, 3, Desert Style (Ire)--Mine Hostess (Ire), by Shernazar (Ire). Thurles, Ireland, 11-7, Last Chance Maiden, 3yo, 1mT, Ir£7,590 to winner. B-Sean Murphy.

AUSTRALIA
GROUP RACES - 2001

Date	Racename	Track
11-8	Crown Oaks (G1)	Flemington
11-8	Emirates Classic (G2)	Flemington
11-10	Emirates Stakes (G1)	Flemington
11-10	Queen Elizabeth Stakes (G2)	Flemington
11-10	Maribyrnong Plate (G3)	Flemington
11-10	Matriarch Stakes (G3)	Flemington
11-10	Lee Steere Stakes (G2)	Ascot

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NINE Stakes performers: *HOLDING COURT (Gr.1), PLAYACT (Gr.3), MR COMBUSTIBLE (Gr.2), MISS RIVIERA GOLF (L), ASIAN HEIGHTS (L), VAN VEEN (L), KENTUCKY ROSE (L), Cranko (L)* and *Foundation Spirit (L)*.

THREE times Champion of Europe whilst racing, **HERNANDO** won the French Derby, Prix Lupin and was placed second in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and the Irish Derby.

TWO Derby Trial winners this year; *MR COMBUSTIBLE (Gr.3 Chester Vase; also winner of the Gr.2 Geoffrey Freer Stakes; 3rd Gr.1 St Leger)* and *ASIAN HEIGHTS (LR Predominate Stakes)*.

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WRITERS UP

TWO-YEAR-OLD REVIEW by Tom Frary

Although the year began with talk of trainer David Loder re-establishing himself in Newmarket, the show was truly stolen by Aidan O'Brien. Winning the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile with **Johannesburg (USA)** (Hennessy {USA}) was the culmination of a highly successful year for O'Brien. Ballydoyle has been seemingly over-run with two-year-old talent this year, to the extent that finding races for the stars has been a patchwork process. With the 14th and final European Group 1 race, the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud run on Monday, O'Brien will be looking for number ten. That statistic is made all the more remarkable by the fact that he has lost just one event open to colts this year. Not that O'Brien neglects domestic duty with his frequent international forays, for no other trainer has won an Irish Group 1 juvenile event since Sinndar (Ire) took the National S. in 1999.

Alongside Johannesburg, by far the best of his generation, and perhaps the greatest that O'Brien has trained, is the first two-year-old since Arazi (USA) to win four Group 1 races at two, and the first ever to do so in Ireland, France, Britain and the United States. His absence at the top level in Britain and France this year has been supplanted by **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)** (Danehill {USA}). One of the genuine stars of his generation this year, he carried two penalties in the G2 Gimcrack S. at York and G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster and found only **Dubai Destination** (Kingmambo {USA}) a length too good in the latter. Many thought he may be done for the year at that point, but he returned with a vengeance to storm away with the G1 Grand Criterium de Longchamp in the mud on Arc day before winning the G1 Dewhurst S. on Champions' Day. Carrying the colours of Sir Alex Ferguson, boss of Manchester United FC, the "Rock" came to represent the popular appeal of racing, turning up for the big days and always giving his all.

Rock of Gibraltar's Doncaster conqueror provided a boost for David Loder there and cruel fate intervened to rule him out of the Dewhurst re-match. Loder has so far surprisingly failed to record a Group 1 success with his two-year-old team, but many believed that Dubai Destination's setback denied that. The way he quickened to

pick up the "Rock" at Doncaster before winning eased down suggested he was a colt of the highest order.

Aidan O'Brien's massive **Hawk Wing (USA)** (Woodman {USA}) beat stable companion and subsequent G1 Gran Criterium winner **Sholokhov (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) by three lengths in the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh in late August before returning to that track to impress all in the G1 National S. the following month. Jockey Michael Kinane barely moved on the colt that day yet he picked up Naheef (Ire) in a few strides before setting his seal on the race. The last time Kinane had such an easy ride in a big race at that track was on the great Montjeu (Ire) in last year's Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Of the fillies, **Quarter Moon (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}) incredibly was breaking her maiden in winning the G1 Moyglare Stud S. at The Curragh in September. She could be anything, but we have a clearer idea of the merit of the unbeaten pair **Gossamer (GB)** (Sadler's Wells {USA}), sister of Barathea (Ire), and **Queen's Logic (Ire)** (Grand Lodge {USA}). The former was streets ahead of her peers on the soft turf in both the G3 Prestige S. and G1 Fillies' Mile, vindicating her owner/breeder Gerald Leigh's faith in that family. Leigh, who donates all prize money to the Cancerbacup charity, produced another Group 1 winning juvenile in **Act One (GB)** (In The Wings {GB}), who took Sunday's G1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud. Her brother was a larger and less precocious individual and she may find that many of those behind her at two have surpassed her by next summer. Queens' Logic put up one of the best performances of the year by a two-year-old in the G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket in October, beating the smart **Sophisticat (USA)** (Storm Cat {USA}) by seven lengths. It is an unusual thing to say that a winner of a Queen Mary can only improve at three, but that looks the case with this filly, who also took the G2 Lowther S. at York in August. She has scope to improve at three and should she bag a first Classic for Mick Channon back at Newmarket next May. She is undeniably one of a handful of stars that have made the 2001 juvenile season one of the most exciting in recent memory. Vintage stuff indeed.

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☆ SO. CALIFORNIA ☆

Yesterday's Results:

BIEN BIEN S., \$72,400, HOL, 11-7, (R), 3yo, 1mT, 1:34, fm.

1--**MIZZEN MAST**, 119, c, 3, by Cozzene

1st Dam: Kinema, by Graustark

2nd Dam: Mrs. Peterkin, by Tom Fool

3rd Dam: Legendra, by *Challenger II

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-R Frankel; J-K J Desormeaux; \$43,440. Lifetime Record: GSW & G1SP-Fr, 9-3-2-0, \$217,714. *1/2 to Kinema Red (Diesis {GB}), GSP, \$113,376; and Red Earth (Diesis {GB}), GSP, \$242,392.

2--**Momentum**, 122, c, 3, Nureyev--Imprudent Love, by Foolish Pleasure. \$14,480.

3--**Lookn East**, 119, g, 3, Eastern Echo--Lookn At a Blurr, by Murrtheblurr. \$8,688.

Margins: 3HF, 1, 1. Odds: 2.70, 1.50, 9.70.

Mizzen Mast may have punched his ticket to the G1 Hollywood Derby Nov. 25 with this sharp effort in his first stateside victory. Second by a nose in the G3 Prix des Chenes as a two-year-old, the grey colt earned his first stakes victory in winning the G3 Prix de Guiche by six lengths at Longchamp May 17 and came back to run second to Chichicastenango (Fr) in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris June 26 while under the care of Criquelette Head-Maarek. The homebred shipped over to the U.S. for the G1 Secretariat S. Aug. 18 and was sent off as the favorite in that 10-furlong test, but tired to 10th over the yielding going. Mizzen Mast made his first start for Bobby Frankel in the GII Del Mar Derby Sept. 3, but got caught up in a speed duel and wound up ninth. Breaking from the rail, he settled into second as Lookn East cut out a soft pace, angled out turning for home and accelerated nicely for a daylight victory. "We had time to learn how to train this horse and he ran really well today," said Frankel. The colt's dam, Kinema was a \$2.2 million Keeneland July purchase in 1984.

5th-HOL, \$46,000, Alw, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02 2/5, fm.

*1--**FOREST CAMP**, 118, c, 4, Deputy Minister--La Paz (MSW, \$175,431), by Hold Your Peace. O-Aaron U & Marie D Jones; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Eduardo Inda. Lifetime Record: GSW, 10-4-2-0, \$337,984.

2--**Martel**, 118, g, 4, Polish Numbers--Clever Treasure, by Clever Trick.

3--**Dream Counter**, 118, g, 6, Geiger Counter--Dream Regally, by Vice Regent.

Margins: 1, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 1.50, 2.90, 2.30.

*Tavasco (Tabasco Cat) crossed the line first, but was disqualified for bumping and placed fourth.

Forest Camp earned his first victory in over a year by virtue of the stewards. Winner of the GII Del Mar Futurity by 5 1/2 lengths in just his second start at two, the dark bay missed eighth months of his sophomore season, returning Sept. 9 to win the Pirate's Bounty H. at Del Mar, but went to the sidelines once again following a fourth in the GII Forest Hills H. last October. Fifth in this year's renewal of the Pirate's Bounty in his comeback effort, Forest Camp followed that up with a fourth in the GI Ancient Title Breeders' Cup H. Oct. 6 at Santa Anita. He showed a pair of turf works in preparation for his grass debut, including a :47 half last Friday. Dueling with Max Power (Aus) (Geiger Counter) early through sharp fractions, Forest Camp took a clear lead into the stretch, but couldn't hold off the late charge of Tavasco. That colt was involved in a bumping incident near the eighth pole and was disqualified to fourth.

☆ EAST ☆

Caller I.D. to New Jersey:

Caller I.D. (Phone Trick) will stand the 2002 season at Walnford Stud in Allentown, New Jersey, it was announced yesterday. The 12-year-old stallion will stand for a fee of \$3,500, live foal. He previously stood at Pin Oak Stud in Versailles, Kentucky.

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☆ MIDWEST ☆

Repent in Action:

G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up **Repent** (Louis Quatorze) breezed yesterday at Churchill, covering five furlongs in 1:01 2/5. It was the first breeze since the Breeders' Cup Oct. 27 for the bay colt, who had previously won the GIII Kentucky Cup Juvenile. The GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill Nov. 24 could be the next stop for Repent.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-CDX, \$50,830, Opt. Clm. (\$100,000), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:34 2/5, fm.

1--**DERNIER CROISE (FR), 116, h, 6, Royal Academy--Guardian Spirit, by Lyphard.** O-Richard C Colton Jr; B-B Ferrand (FR); T-David Carroll. Lifetime Record: GSW, 38-8-8-3, \$474,949.

2--**Buff**, 116, h, 6, Pleasant Tap--Pedicure, by Mr. Prospector.

3--**Northcote Road**, 116, h, 6, Conquistador Cielo--Border, by Spectacular Bid.

Margins: NK, 2HF, NK. Odds: 3.50, 3.90, 1.50.

Dernier Croise, winner of the 1998 GIII Crown Royal American Turf S., recorded his first win this year in a Churchill allowance July 8 before a subpar performance over soft turf in Arlington's John Henry S. Aug. 17. Following a third-place finish in the Kentucky Cup Mile at Kentucky Downs Sept. 23, the chestnut ran a distant second in a Keeneland allowance last time Oct. 11. Sent off the 7-2 third choice to record his second win of the year, he settled near the back of the pack early, moved into second a furlong out and was bumped violently near the sixteenth pole, but recovered to win narrowly.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a + will denote winners who are first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

5th-CDX, \$46,800, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT, 1:40 4/5, fm.

EVER WITH YOU (f, 3, With Approval--Ever a Lady {GSP}, by Lord At War {Arg}) wired the field to take her turf debut at Ellis in July before tiring to eighth in an Aug. 8 Arlington allowance. On the lead from the start in her last outing, the filly held on late for a neck tally at Keeneland Oct. 14. Sent off at 5-1, the filly jumped out to set the pace, was in front by 2 1/2 lengths at the top of the stretch and stormed clear to win by 5 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$84,273.

O/B-Wimborne Farms (KY). T-Diane Perkins.

7th-CDX, \$42,900, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7.5f, 1:30 2/5, ft.

WESTERN SIDE (f, 3, Gone West--North Sider {Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$1,126,400}, by Topsider), who graduated from the maiden ranks at Arlington in her third start Aug. 8, returned from a two-month freshening to run ninth in her turf bow at Keeneland Oct. 26. Back on the main track, the filly took over with a four wide move into the stretch and held sway for a 1 1/4-length victory over Dearfriendofours (Ide). Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$53,725.

O-E W Jiles. B-Dr W O Reed (KY). T-Kenny P Smith.

6th-CDX, \$41,600, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.

ROBE (c, 2, Pulpit--Thread {MSW, \$242,132}, by Topsider) failed to threaten while sprinting in his debut at Keeneland Oct. 5, finishing sixth behind the promising Holy Run. The dark bay colt, sent off at 6-1, took charge from the start and won by 3 1/2 lengths over Red Masque (Red Ransom). Robe became the eighth winner for his freshman sire (by A.P. Indy). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,080.

O/B-Claiborne Farm (KY). T-Frank L Brothers.

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Midwest Report cont.

9th-CDX, \$41,600, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft. WINDWARD PASSAGE (c, 2, Captain Bodgit--Storm Runner, by Miswaki) was coming off a late-running third-place effort over this distance at Keeneland Oct. 11. The 4-1 shot rallied along the rail in the stretch and drove clear to a two-length victory over 5-2 favorite Everything to Gain (Sky Classic). He became the eighth winner for his freshman sire (by Saint Ballado). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$32,020. O/B-Team Valor Racing Club #1 (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNER IN HONG KONG:

Romantic Venture, g, 6, Deputy Minister--Guiza (MGSW & MGISP-US, G1SP-Fr, \$576,585), by Golden Act. Happy Valley, 11-6, Oi Man H. 1650mT. B-Frances B Jelks (KY). *Formerly He Man. **1/2 to Drama Critic (Theatrical {Ire}), GSW & GISP, \$236,295.

2001 LEADING SIRES OF 2YO WINNERS (Through Nov. 1)

SIRE	State	Winners
*Valid Expectations (Valid Appeal)	Tx	24
End Sweep (Forty Niner)	Jpn	23
Judge T C (Judge Smells)	Pa	18
Dehere (Deputy Minister)	Jpn	15
Gone West (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	15
Is It True (Raja Baba)	Fl	15
*Open Forum (Deputy Minister)	Tx	15
Storm Cat (Storm Bird)	Ky	15
Foxhound (Danzig)	Ire	14
*Smoke Glacken (Two Punch)	Ky	14
Vying Victor (Flying Victor)	BC	14
Carson City (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	13
Phone Trick (Clever Trick)	NY	13
Capote (Seattle Slew)	Ky	12
French Deputy (Deputy Minister)	Jpn	12
Hadif (Clever Trick)	Tx	12
Hennessy (Storm Cat)	Ky	12
Montbrook (Buckaroo)	Fl	12
Mountain Cat (Storm Cat)	Tur	12
Regal Remark (Vice Regent)	Ab	12
Twining (Forty Niner)	Jpn	12

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BREEDERS' EDITION

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-MED, \$62,500, 11-7, (S), 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

BLINDED BY LOVE (f, 3, Not for Love--Running On Faith, by Assert {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$132,340. O-New Farm. B-Rising Sun Farm Inc (NJ). T-Ben W Perkins Jr.

6th-MED, \$57,500, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:42, ft.

PICNIC THEME (f, 3, Northern Idol--Summer Semester, by Better Arbitor) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$72,660. O-Gerald F Sleeter. B-Carolyn Sleeter (NJ). T-Kevin G Sleeter. *1/2 to Summer Swing (Not for Love), SW, \$182,182.

4th-WOX, \$56,357, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

HOLLYWOOD ENDING (f, 3, Eagle Eyed--Broadway Ruckus, by Bold Ruckus) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$82,512. O/B-Michael C Byrne (ON). T-C C Hopmans Jr.

3rd-MED, \$50,000, Opt. Clm. (\$35-30,000), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

JOHNNY TURK BAND (f, 3, Chimes Band--Safe Again, by Horatius) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-2, \$95,520. O/B-Edward A Rudley (KY). T-Thomas R Miller.

2nd-HOL, \$42,000, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 3/5, ft.

SHARP LOOKING DUDE (c, 4, Flying Continental--Sharp Looking Lady, by Glaros {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 22-3-5-6, \$119,855. O-Calvin Nguyen. B-Mr & Mrs Weston L Fitzpatrick (CA). T-Richard Baltas. *1/2 to Continental Red, MSP, \$254,973.

8th-MNR, \$37,800, 11-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

PRIZES (f, 4, Prized--Richen {SP}, by Well Decorated) Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-7-6-5, \$129,246. O/B-Bruce N Tallisman (OH). T-Gregory D Miller.

8th-LRL, \$31,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23 3/5, ft.

I WILL IF YOU WILL (g, 4, Smart Alec--Tereminence, by Eminency) Lifetime Record: 22-5-3-5, \$102,155. O-Phantom Star Stable. B-Ruby Mae Gaddis (MD). T-Kenneth M Cox.



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7th-HAW, \$28,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
SO WHO CARES (f, 4, Alydeed--Sirlass, by Sirlad {Ire})
 Lifetime Record: 26-2-7-4, \$96,560. O-Mary Ann Calabrese. B-Pam Clark & Tom Evans (KY). T-Thomas F Tomillo. *1/2 to Madame Red (Forest Wildcat), SW & GSP, \$246,134.

9th-HAW, \$28,000, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5, fm.
SLIDE TO GLORY (f, 3, Crafty Prospector--Adarec {MSP, \$101,355}, by Key to the Mint) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$36,300. O-Team Block. B-David P & Patricia M Block (IL). T-Chris M Block.

9th-PHA, \$26,040, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.
TOMREGAN (c, 3, In Case--The High Grass, by Tom Rolfe) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-2, \$67,894. O-Bruzzese Ferdinand. B-Thomas & Susan Baldrige (PA). T-John C Servis.

5th-MNR, \$25,600, 11-7, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft.
TWICE STRIPED (c, 3, Service Stripe--Twice Screened, by Silent Screen) Lifetime Record: 21-3-2-1, \$35,321. O-Joyce A Kania. B-Laura & James Jackson (MI). T-Scooter Davis.

9th-CRC, \$24,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 2/5, ft.
GENTILE ALOUETTE (f, 3, Unreal Zeal--Firstflagtofly, by U. S. Flag) Lifetime Record: 26-4-9-5, \$117,242. O/B-Frances Green (FL). T-Newcomb Green.

4th-CRC, \$24,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47 4/5, ft.
SEA LEON (c, 3, Sir Leon--Miss Digger, by Crafty Prospector) Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-2, \$81,665. O-Julian Mora. B-Geranis Lucille (FL). T-Paul Brettler.

8th-PHA, \$20,880, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5, ft.
ROCK LAYER (c, 3, Evansville Slew--Lady Arkansas, by Sir Harry Lewis) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$25,800. O/B-J. D. Santen (KY). T-Alfredo Velazquez.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Captain Mel, c, 2, Captain Bodgit--Alluring Secretary, by Valid Appeal. PHA, 11-7, (C), 1m, 1:43 3/5. B-Four Horsemen's Ranch (FI). *\$30,000 yrl '00 OBSAUG; \$13,000 2yo 2001 FTMMAY. **Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Saint Ballado).

Five C Notes, c, 2, Devongate--La Llave, by Risen Star. CTX, 11-7, 6 1/2f, 1:23 3/5. B-Devonia Stud (FI). *\$500 yrl '00 OBSAUG. **Second winner for freshman sire (by Seattle Slew).

Sunshine Useta, f, 2, Diablo--Tri Swiss, by Tri Jet. MED, 11-7, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Mockingbird Farm Inc (FI). *\$37,000 2yo '01 OBSFEB. **1/2 to Thrice Rich (Rizzi), SW-PR, \$149,161.

Windward Passage, c, 2, Captain Bodgit--Storm Runner, by Miswaki. CDX, 11-7, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5. B-Team Valor Racing Club #1 (Ky). *Eighth winner for freshman sire (by Saint Ballado).

Eternal Reigns, f, 2, Eternal Orage--Avie Reigns, by Lord Avie. SUF, 11-7, 1m, 1:47. B-Stanley Harper (NY). *SP.

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Robe, c, 2, Pulpit--Thread (MSW, \$242,132), by Topsider. CDX, 11-7, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5. B-Claiborne Farm (Ky). *Eighth winner for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy).

+ **Pass the Virtue, f, 2, Slavic--Occasional Virtue**, by Halo. LRL, 11-7, (C), 6f, 1:14 1/5. B-George Grayson & Joanne Hammond (Va). *\$8,000 yrl '00 FTMOCT.

Miss Denver Mint, f, 2, Tossofthecoin--Aspen Gold, by Lemhi Gold. MNR, 11-6, 1m, 1:39 4/5. B-Joe & Arlene Norton (Ca).

+ **Riverdance Tour, c, 2, Tour d'Or--De Naskra's Dancer**, by Carr de Naskra. HAW, 11-7, (S), a1m70yd, 1:47 1/5. B-Irish Acres Farm (Il). *Won via disqualification.

Nash's Prospect, f, 3, Fortunate Prospect--Nasherrico (MSW, \$246,833), by Amerrico. PHA, 11-7, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Northcote Enterprises (Fl).

Wild Martha, f, 3, Nines Wild--Endless Hope (SP, \$111,800), by Rexson's Hope. CRC, 11-7, (C), 1m, 1:43 2/5. B-Brian Delany (Fl).

Personal Emblem, f, 3, Our Emblem--Cresta Lil (MSW), by Cresta Rider. CDX, 11-7, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Eileen H Hartis (Ky). *\$40,000 wlng '98 KEENOV; \$19,000 yrl '99 KEESEP; \$126,000 2yo 2000 TEXMAR.

Take It Outside, c, 3, Smokester--Heavenly Harmony, by *Habitony. HOL, 11-7, (S), 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-Ron & Fran Stolich & Lane & Lynn Aebi (Ca). *\$33,000 yrl '99 CALAUG.

More Influence, c, 3, Southern Halo--Valid Fixation, by Valid Appeal. HOL, 11-7, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5. B-Tony Feng (Ky).

FRESHMAN FOCUS

First-crop progeny to watch: Thursday, Nov. 8

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1998 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

ABAGINONE (Devil's Bag), Questroyal, \$5K, 41/6/0
8-CT, Stk, 7f, Miss Bag Lady, \$26K SAR AUG yrl, 10-1

FORT WAYNE (Seattle Slew), Artemis, \$1000, 14/1/0
5-MED, Msw, 1m, Fort Monmouth

LOUIS QUATORZE (Sovereign Dancer), Ashford, \$20K, 130/9/1
9-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Dance to Dawn, \$230K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

9-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Aly Quatorze, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
9-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Maria Mancini, \$25K TEX MAR 2yo, 6-1

9-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Sunday Swim, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
MEADOW MONSTER (Meadowlake), Green Willw, \$5K, 27/7/1

4-CD, Alw, 1mT, Hi Tech Honeycomb, \$60K OBS AUG yrl, 7-2
MESOPOTAMIA (Deputy Minister), Highcliff, \$500, 29/0/0

7-PEN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Deputy Dirty Deeds
10-HOU, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Closing the Gap, \$5K LTB SPR 2yo, 12-1

PITCH IN (Morning Bob), Lady Moon, \$1000, 6/0/0
5-MED, Msw, 1m, T D Tommy PITCH IN (Morning Bob), Lady Moon,

\$1000, 6/0/0 5-MED, Msw, 1m, Gibberjabberpitch
PULPIT (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$35K, 53/7/1

4-CD, Alw, 1mT, Bema, \$275K KEE JUL yrl, 5-2
9-CD, Msw, 1 1/16m, Lady Pulpit, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

SHAQUIN (Devil's Bag), Summers Mill, \$1000, 8/3/0
4-HOU, Msw, 6f, Comeon Moose, 6-1

SMOKE GLACKEN (Two Punch), Gainesway, \$10K, 69/15/3
4-HOU, Msw, 6f, Royal Smoke, \$22K TEX MAR 2yo, 4-1

SPINNING WORLD (Nureyev), Ashford, \$50K, 163/11/2
4-CD, Alw, 1mT, Global Vision, \$150K KEE JUL yrl, 2-1

VICTORY SPEECH (Deputy Minister), Ashford, \$15K, 103/4/0
5-MED, Msw, 1m, Dillontown

WILD ESCAPE (Wild Again), Emerald, \$4K, 28/4/0
4-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Wild Thunder, \$6K TEX AUG yrl, 3-1

LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SIRES OF 2001 UNRESTRICTED FIRST-TIME STAKES WINNERS (THROUGH OCT. 29)

Stallion	Loc	SWs
Storm Cat (Storm Bird)	Ky	10
Forest Wildcat (Storm Cat)	Ky	8
Kingmambo (Mr. Prospector)	Ky	8
Nureyev (Northern Dancer)	Ky	8

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SPIRITS OFF TO NEWSSELLS

Newsells Park Stud, which had spent nearly \$16 million on 30 horses over the course of the first two days of the sale, was back at work yesterday afternoon, acquiring U.S. graded-stakes winner Gino's Spirits (GB) (Perugino) for \$550,000. The mare was consigned to the sale by Eaton Sales, acting as agent. "She was a very nice racemare and was tough on the race-track," said Andreas Jacobs, son of Newsells Park Stud owner Klaus Jacobs. "She looks super and has excellent European bloodlines. We expected to pay a little bit less for her than we did, but we took another look at her this morning and we knew we had to go for it." The chestnut began her career in Europe and was the winner of the Listed John Musker Fillies' S. at Yarmouth and second in the G2 Sun Chariot S. before being purchased by bloodstock agent Pete Bradley for 66,000 guineas at the 1999 Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training Sale. "We thought she was worth a lot more than we gave for her," said Tom Van Meter of Eaton Sales, who also owned the mare, first in partnership with Bradley and later with Rio Aventura Stables. "We thought that we could improve her race record and she was already a stakes winner, so even if she couldn't run, we thought we'd get our money back." She certainly proved that she could run. Sent to the U.S. for her four-year-old campaign, Gino's Spirits won three of her four tries, including the GIII Noble Damsel H. at Belmont Park. In seven starts in 2001, she won three added-money events and closed her racing career with a half-length win in the Bryan Station S. at Keeneland Oct. 19. Van Meter was tickled with the sale. "We bought her for about \$100,000, she made \$300,000 for us and now this. It's very exciting." Andreas Jacobs indicated that the five-year-old mare will be retired to stud in England; however, no decision has been made on a stallion for next season. The mare's sire, Perugino, will coincidentally be leased by Newsells for the 2002 breeding season and will stand at Gestut Fahrhof near Hamburg, Germany for €4,500.

You may also pick up a copy of today's TDN at:
Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale & Fasig-Tipton Adena Springs Broodmare Sale

Taylor Talks...

Much of the Thoroughbred industry waited with trepidation for Keeneland to begin, with concerns over the effects of MRLS--1,000 fewer horses catalogued at this sale alone--as well as the general economic climate, but the sale has exceeded the low expectations so far. When asked whether he was surprised about the overall strength of market, Taylor Made's Duncan Taylor said, "Yeah, it really is [surprising]. It shows the strength of the horse business. There were plenty of reasons [to be down] with the World Trade Center and MRLS. Some people predict gloom and doom just to predict it, but I think there were some real reasons to feel that way this time. I think we're blessed that it has turned around this way, that the market is as strong as it is. If you have a good horse, the sale has shown that there is money out there and that plenty of people are interested." As for this sale in particular, Taylor remarked, "I think the first day started out with a lot of buybacks, but at the end of the day there were only 36 percent, which isn't good, but it's not terrible. You compare it to last year, the gross was way down, but we had things working against us this year with MRLS and there weren't as many good young mares in foal early in the sale, so I think it rebounded the second day and I think the third day has been really strong too. I think that it just shows how strong the horse business is."

Notes and Quotes...

Former collegiate basketball star Bobby Hurley and his Devil Eleven Stable have been shopping around over the first three days of the sale for mares to send to their recently retired Grade I winner Songandaprayer, who enters stud next year at Marablue Farm in Florida. Hurley has signed tickets on four lots so far, but admits that trying to select broodmares is far different from other kinds of sales. "This is much more of a project," he said. "With two-year-olds, it is right there in front of you. It is easier to quantify. This is more of a long-term investment." Songandaprayer, who earlier this year won the GI Fountain of Youth S., was purchased for \$1 million at the 2000 Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training....**Life's Magic** (Cox's Ridge), the champion three-year-old filly of 1984 and champion older mare in 1985, was sold yesterday for \$75,000 in foal to Thunder Gulch. Taylor Made Sales Agency consigned the 17-year-old mare, which was purchased by Trackside Farm, agent....Bloodstock agent Rollin Baugh went to \$120,000 to secure last year's GII Peter Pan S. winner **Postponed** (Summer Squall) from the consignment of Eaton Sales, agent.

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STRONG SALE: GROSS DOWN \$100 MILLION

By the end of the Tuesday session of the 1999 November sale, 819 horses had sold for \$210 million on the way to a record horse sale total of \$317 million. Though the 2000 November sale didn't quite reach those heights, the sale still grossed just under \$302 million, headlined by Monday's record November session which totalled \$102 million (Monday '99 had been \$99.3 million). Last year there were \$203 million in sales by the end of Tuesday's session.

But let's throw Sunday out, since one of the three days lost in this year's 11-day sale (not 12, as I mistakenly said last week) was the Sunday 'dispersal day.' Let's compare like to like: Monday-Tuesday to Monday-Tuesday. Fair enough. In 1999: \$170 million. In 2000: just under \$175 million. This year: just under \$106 million. Like-to-like gross: down \$59 million (39 percent).

In '99, all days after the first Tuesday totalled \$107 million. Last year, the figure was \$99 million. Considering only 54 percent of the horses catalogued in Book 1 this year were listed as sales on the score sheet (22 percent out, another 32 percent RNA'd), it's difficult to believe there is going to be another \$100 million in sales this time around. From grossing over \$300 million each of the last two years, it looks odds-on that this year's sale, when all is said and done, is unlikely to reach \$200 million.

That all sounds rather depressing until you look at a few things in context. In 1992, when the Thoroughbred market finally hit bottom, the November sale totalled just \$73 million. By 1995, when the markets were clearly recovering and heading up, the November sale had nearly doubled in gross, to \$142 million. In 1997, the sale crossed the \$200-million threshold for the first time ever, totalling just under \$214 million. By 1999, the November gross had more than quadrupled since its 1992 low. And this year, though the Monday-Tuesday gross was off by 39 percent, the number of horses sold (typical of the year) was down 26 percent, and the average was off 18 percent--and down only two percent on Tuesday. Though there were only 331 sold on Monday-Tuesday this year, versus 449 on Monday-Tuesday last year, the 331 that sold did average just under \$320,000.

Interpreting the Numbers...

It's a rule of thumb in analyzing data from Thoroughbred auction markets that numbers from yearling sales are more reliable measurements of 'the market' than data from mixed sales. As this November sale is in the process of demonstrating, there can be significant changes in the composition of the catalogues from year to year in the mixed sales, whereas the changes in the yearling sales are far less dramatic. The catalogue strength of 6,000 yearlings is a lot more consistent from year to year; therefore the yearling sales are a far better market indicator. The 10 major Northern Hemisphere sales this year were off nine percent in gross (\$563.1 million, down from \$618.8 million); that's the most significant market barometer.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES, Mon-Tues. Sessions 2000-2001

2001				2000		
DAY	Sold (% changed)	Gross (% changed)	Average (% changed)	Sold	Gross	Average
MON	152 (-33%)	\$48,735,000 (-52%)	\$320,625 (-29%)	226	\$102,450,000	\$453,319
TUE	179 (-20%)	\$ 57,168,000 (-21%)	\$319,374 (-2%)	223	\$72,513,000	\$325,170
M-T	331 (26%)	\$105,903,000 (-39%)	\$319,949 (-18%)	449	\$174,963,000	\$389,673

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Catalogue composition undoubtedly played a big part in the 40-percent decline in gross in Book 1 this year compared to Monday-Tuesday last year. Keeneland's Geoffrey Russell and leading consignors like Tom Van Meter (Eaton Sales), Dan Rosenberg (Three Chimneys), and Bill Farish (Lane's End) aren't just whistling dixie when they declare that good horses are still bringing big money. They are, even though not as many good horses are bringing not as much money. Last year on Monday-Tuesday, 11 mares and fillies sold for \$2 million plus, according to figures supplied to us by April Clark of *Racing Update*; this year, there were nine. But there was a big drop in the \$1-\$2 million range: 24 last year, just nine this year. Total of seven-figure sales: 35 last year, 18 this year--just over half. Similarly, 58 horses were sold for \$500,000-\$1 million last year; 38 this year.

If we add up all horses sold on Monday-Tuesday for \$500,000 and up, there were 56 this year, which grossed \$62,230,000 (59 percent of Monday-Tuesday revenue), and averaged \$1,111,250. Last year, on Monday-Tuesday, 93 horses brought \$500,000+, grossing \$110,815,000 (63 percent of Mon-Tue sales), and averaging \$1,191,560. In the \$500,000+ category on Monday-Tuesday, the number sold was down 40 percent, the gross was down 44 percent, but the average for \$500,000+ horses was down just 7 percent. The big horses are still bringing the big money--there just weren't as many of them. Interestingly, the number of \$500,000+ foals plunged from 13 to two (fillies/mares: 80 to 54, down a third). But that drop in expensive foals probably reflects catalogue strength as well. As a lot of people have found, go in there and try and buy one: if you didn't get blown out by Newsells Park, which bought 30 horses and spent almost \$16 million, you probably got blown out by somebody else. Nobody has reported it was easier to buy the top horses.

Overproduction, Mare Loss Syndrome, and Stud Fees...

Regardless of prices achieved, breeders' profitability figures were highest in 1998 and 1999, because the 1996-97 stud fees (which on average constitute 40 percent of the cost of yearling production) had not yet caught up with the rise in yearling prices. Overproduction always follows profitability peaks, and this time around the overproduction was exacerbated by the doubling of stallion books. Since there cannot be a corresponding doubling in mare quality, one thing we've seen a lot of the last couple of years is more yearlings by good stallions out of bad mares. Combined with the industry's inability to attract new investors except basically by word-of-mouth, it was always likely that prices were going to fall anyway this year.

Then, in the external world, we've had the dotcom bust, world economic slowdown, and the September 11 atrocities. As if that weren't enough, the Kentucky breeding industry suffered an estimated \$300-million loss in last April's cyanide poisoning of a up to a third of the Kentucky 2002 foal crop. That accounts for a lot of mares not being in the November sales by itself. But there may have been another disastrous effect, which didn't show up until people starting taking x-rays of their foals for the sale. There seem to be a huge number of OCD's and other problems showing up in the x-rays, resulting in, one consignor has estimated, up to 300 foal withdrawals from the sale. Under the circumstances, it's probably a miracle this year's first two days were only off \$70 million from Monday-Tuesday last year.

Clearance Rate, Book 1 (Mon-Tue) 2001			
DAY	CAT-OUT (%)	RING-RNA (%)	Sold-%Ring-%Cat
Mon	308-68 (22%)	240-88 (37%)	152-63%-49%
Tue	309-65 (21%)	244-65 (27%)	179-73%-58%
BK 1	617-133 (22%)	484-153 (32%)	331-68%-54%

	Number of \$500,000+ Sold	
	2001	2000
\$2 million +	9	11
\$1-2 million	9	24
\$500,000-\$1 million	38	58
\$500,000+	56	93

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So it's time for a word about stud fees. Ordinarily I am a staunch defender of the stallion manager's obligation (never mind right) to charge as much for their stallions' stud fees as they judge the market will bear. If 2002 stud fees do remain where they have been set thus far, it will at least go some way towards curing the overproduction problem, because a lot of mares just flat won't be bred. It's time for some serious stud fee revision. This is an extraordinary time, and it calls for extraordinary measures. Studmasters never consider publicly reducing fees once they are set; now's the time. Those farms, like Ashford, which have already knocked 10 percent of their fees--knock off another 10 percent. Those farms which set their fees before the September sale, reduce them by 20 percent. Not because you're charitable people, not because the market is off 10-20 percent, but because the 2001-02 Kentucky foal crops have been decimated, and breeders' revenues are going to be hit hard, beginning this week.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

FANTASTIC LIGHT'S STUD FEE SET Six-time Group/Grade I winner **Fantastic Light** (Rahy--Jood, by Nijinsky II) will stand his first season at stud next year at Darley's Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket for a fee of £30,000, special live foal. He remains the property of Gainsborough Stud Management. "As befits a world champion, we are getting a huge amount of interest in the horse from all over the globe," said Sam Bullard, head of nominations at Darley. "And it's not surprising: he's an outstanding international champion, great looking and with an excellent pedigree."

ADENA SPRINGS SALE TODAY The Adena Springs Annual Broodmare Sale will be held this evening at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington, Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. The sale will feature 177 mares in foal to various Adena Springs stallions, including Alphabet Soup, Awesome Again, El Prado (Ire), Golden Missile, Lit de Justice, Lite the Fuse, Running Stag, Touch Gold and Wild Rush. Each mare sells with a 2002 season to an Adena Springs stallion. Among the offered mares are graded-stakes winners **Reet Petite** (Maudlin), in foal to Touch Gold; **Arches of Gold** (Strike Gold) carrying a foal by Golden Missile; **Astas Foxy Lady** (Zuppardo's Prince), covered by Wild Rush; and **Casa Eire** (Compliance) pregnant to Golden Missile.

EL CORREDOR RETIRES The speedy **El Corredor** (Mr. Greeley--Silver Swan, by Silver Deputy) has been retired from racing and will stand at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Lexington, Kentucky for a fee of \$20,000, it was announced yesterday. The four-year-old captured the GI Cigar Mile in 2000 and returned this year to take the GII Pat O'Brien H., covering the seven furlongs at Del Mar in 1:20 2/5 Aug. 12. He then added the one-mile GII Del Mar Breeders' Cup Sept. 2. His final career start came in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Oct. 27 at Belmont, where he finished 12th as the second choice after sustaining a quarter crack. "El Corredor is a brilliant miler with the heart of a lion," said his trainer, Bob Baffert. "This is as fast a horse as I've ever trained." A \$110,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, El Corredor retires with a record of 10-7-1-0 and \$727,920 in earnings. His three-year-old half-sister Silver Tornado (Maria's Mon) won the GIII Reeve Schley, Jr. S. at Monmouth this summer.

KEENELAND NOVEMBER STATISTICS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000		
KEENELAND.		
SESSION TOTALS	2001	2000
No. Sold	230	223
Gross	\$23,767,500	\$72,513,000
Average	\$103,337	\$325,170
Median	\$77,000	\$170,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2001	2000
No. Sold	562	649
Gross	\$129,695,500	\$203,058,100
Average	\$230,775	\$312,878
Median	\$110,000	\$150,000

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