

**TATTERSALLS 2002
DECEMBER SALES
FINAL STATS...p.2**

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TATTERSALLS WRAPS UP SUCCESSFUL SALE

Tattersalls' 2002 season reached a second-best annual turnover of 134,682,000gns as the December Sales concluded in Newmarket Thursday night. A total of 3,842 head were sold at Tattersalls during 2002 at an average price of 35,055gns. The December Sales turnover of 54,581,300gns for 1,504 sold was up 6 percent on last year, although the average, 36,290gns, fell by 2 percent. Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony reflected, "Only the most incurable optimist would have predicted the year we have had at Park Paddocks in 2002, and it has been rounded off with record levels of trading for both foals and yearlings as well as good solid demand for the breeding stock. The Breeze-Up Sale back in April set the ball rolling with massive increases across the board, and we have enjoyed records at every sale since. Even under normal circumstances, we would have been delighted with the results which have pushed the annual turnover past 130,000,000gns for only the second time, but in the context of the global economy, the consistent strength of the sales here this year has been little short of extraordinary." **Tattersalls Wrap-Up cont. p2**

EUROPE READIES FOR HK MEET

Team Europe is making final preparations before flying out to Hong Kong for the International Races at Sha Tin Dec. 15. This year, Europe is mobilising its biggest team of horses, representing six different countries. Team Godolphin's three-horse attack is headed by G1 Hong Kong Cup hopeful **Grandera (Ire)** (Grand Lodge), who pleased connections in a six-furlong workout at Sha Tin Wednesday. "Grandera worked well and is in good shape," said Godolphin's manager Simon Crisford. "We expect him to run well and he will return to Dubai after the race." Crisford added, "**Noverre** (Rahy) will have his final run [in the G1 Hong Kong Mile] before he retires to stud in Ireland. He is fit and well and has been a grand campaigner for us. He won last year's G1 Sussex S. and has never let us down. He has always run against the very best and I'm hopeful he will run well again." G1 Hong Kong Vase candidate **Ekraar** (Red Ransom), a close second in last year's edition of the race, completes Team Godolphin.



Grandera at Royal Ascot
Horsephotos

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2002		
SESSION TOTALS	2002	2001
No. Offered	303	272
No. Sold	192	179
RNAs	111	93
% RNA (% change)	36.6% (+7%)	34.1%
Gross	1,306,900gns	1,167,600gns
Average (% change)	6,806gns (+4%)	6,522gns
Median (% change)	4,000gns (unch.)	4,000gns
CUMULATIVE	2002	2001
No. Offered	1,062	1,018
No. Sold	756	767
RNAs	306	251
% RNA (% change)	28.8% (+17%)	24.6%
Gross	34,040,200gns	36,065,500gns
Average (% change)	45,026gns (-4%)	47,021gns
Median (% change)	16,000gns (-10%)	17,750gns

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The Best-Laid Plans...

The Paul Webber-trained **Ulundi (GB)** (Rainbow Quest) will fulfill a year-long plan when he lines up for the Hong Kong Cup. "We have had this trip in mind since this time last year and he is very good order," Webber said. "His jockey, Richard Hughes, rode him the other day and said he felt every bit as good as he did before his excellent fourth in the Arlington Million in August. This race in Hong Kong is absolutely ideal for him as he is much better going right-handed and he will get the fast ground he loves. He was always lugging to the right when finishing fourth in the left-handed Arlington Million. He was beaten less than half a length by Beat Hollow (GB) and Sarafan and he would have been even closer otherwise." **Sarafan** (Lear Fan) will re-oppose at Sha Tin.

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Top Drawer Catalogues at Tattersalls 2002...

Mahony credited the strength of the Tattersalls catalogues with this season's success. "The key to the year has without doubt been quality, with our vendors presenting us with some vintage catalogues," he said. "Truly outstanding Houghton and October catalogues produced a new European record price for a yearling filly of 2,100,000gns, and the highest-priced yearling sold anywhere in the world this year at the Houghton, as well as an October Yearling Sale which scaled unprecedented heights. The 1,800,000gns Giant's Causeway foal out of Urban Sea always looked set to top the whole December Sale, but it was the Newgate Stud mares and fillies which were very much the highlight of a typically cosmopolitan second week, providing a fitting tribute to the late Prince Fahd Salman. Last year's mares catalogue was exceptional and we felt that, in comparison, we were a little short of obvious stars, but the enduring international appeal of the sale has produced the second-highest turnover ever at the December Sale and ended the year very much on a high note." Yesterday top-priced lot was a horse in training, the two-year-old colt **Cranshaws** (Green Dancer--Highland Ceilidh {Ire}, by Scottish Reel {Ire}). Twice a winner this season, he was bought by a client of John McCormack for 65,000gns. The bay, consigned by Heath House Stables as the property of a partnership, is from the family of champion and top sire Halling. He will continue his racing career in Saudi Arabia.

Hong Kong Report cont.

French Hold Hot Hand for the Vase...


In the G1 Hong Kong Vase, the French field a strong three-horse team spearheaded by last year's G1 Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) winner and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe runner-up **Aquarelliste (Fr)** (Danehill). **Ange Gabriel (Fr)** (Kaldounevees {Fr}) and **Polish Summer (GB)** (Polish Precedent), who won the G2 Grand Prix de Deauville in August, complete the trio. Ange Gabriel's owners, Antonia and Henri Devin, are no strangers to the Hong Kong International Races--their filly Terre A Terre (Fr) finished third in last year's Hong Kong Cup. They are confident that their improving four-year-old, who won the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in June, can win the Vase. "His campaign has been geared to a trip to Hong Kong and I am sure Ange Gabriel will do better than we did last year," Henri Devin said. "I have no doubt about it. He is in good form and is much stronger than he was before. He acts on any going and he won on very fast ground at Saint Cloud, where he beat Aquarelliste."

Final Preps for the Brits...

Marcus Tregoning's **Mubtaker** (Silver Hawk) will have his final serious piece of work at the end of the week before he jetting to Hong Kong Sunday. "He seems in very good form," said Tregoning, adding, "He took his time to recover from Dubai in March and he has not had much racing. He is better now and I am sure there is a Group 1 race in him. He'll stay in training next season." Trainer John Gosden will be putting G1 Jubilee S. winner **Malhub** (Kingmambo) through his final paces in the next day or so. "Malhub hasn't run since his second in the G2 Diadem S. in late September, so he will breeze at Lingfield with a lead horse and then work on Saturday. It is the end of a long year for the European horses, who have been on the go since February, but he is in good form."

Hoping for a Better Showing in the Sprint...

European horses have a poor record in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint, but boast a strong team this year including dual Group 1 winner **Continent (GB)** (Lake Coniston {Ire}), **Slap Shot (Ire)** (Lycius) and **Zipping (Ire)** (Zafonic). The trio filled the frame in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye in October.

 TATTERSALLS DECEMBER SALES 2002 FINAL STATISTICS		
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
No. Offered	2,088	1,867
No. Sold	1,504	1,384
RNA	584	483
% RNA (% change)	28% (+8%)	26%
Gross	54,581,300gns	51,382,950gns
Average (% change)	36,290gns (-2%)	37,126gns
Median (% change)	15,000gns (unch.)	15,000gns

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EASTERN STORM PUTS RACING ON ICE A nasty taste of early winter swept across eastern portions of the U.S. yesterday, cancelling race cards along the East Coast. Heavy snows in the New York area forced Aqueduct to scrap the entire card, and ice and snow problems forced a cancellation at Laurel Park. The programs at Penn National and Charles Town were also dropped due to dangerous conditions. Racing at all locations is expected to resume tomorrow.

WORLDLY MANNER TO CRESTON *Worldly Manner* (Riverman) will stand the 2003 season at Creston Farms in California for a fee of \$5,000, the *Blood-Horse* online reported yesterday. The six-year-old has stood the past two seasons at Florida's Wycombe House Stud. Purchased for a reported record \$5 million by Godolphin in 1998 from owner/breeders John and Betty Mabee after a win in the GII Del Mar Futurity, he remains the property of Darley Stud; his first foals will be yearlings in 2003.

Record Nominations for Florida Derby:

Florida's premier prep race for the Kentucky Derby drew a record number of Early Bird nominations as the \$1 million GI Florida Derby, to be held at Gulfstream Park Mar. 15, attracted 117 two-year-olds. "The response by the horsemen has been tremendous," said David F. Bailey, Gulfstream's director of racing. "We have almost double the number of Early Bird nominations that we received last year [64]." Leading the charge is the undefeated **Vindication** (Seattle Slew), who scored an easy victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Arlington Park in October. He is one of three horses trainer Bob Baffert nominated for the race; **Kafwain** (Cherokee Run) and **Bull Market** (Holy Bull), who finished second and fourth in the Juvenile, respectively, are the others. John Oxley's undefeated **Sky Mesa** (Pulpit), who missed the Juvenile due to an ankle injury; GI Champagne S. hero **Toccet** (Awesome Again); and the highly regarded **Empire Maker** (Unbridled) also made the list of nominees. Supplementary nominations for the race may be made at time of entry, Wednesday, Mar. 12, upon payment of \$25,000 each.

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Yesterday's Results:

4th-CRC, \$21,000, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12, ft. **MARY MURPHY** (f, 2, [Coronado's Quest--Duchess Grace {SP}](#), by Cox's Ridge) sparkled as the even-money chalk in her bow, taking it to her Calder rivals by 6 3/4 lengths in a wire-to-wire performance Aug. 18, but offered little explanation when faltering to finish sixth and last as the 2-5 pick against this level Sept. 2. Last time out, the bay filly ran into the promising Ivanavalot in the Sept. 21 Brave Raj S. and wound up a distanced sixth once again after a troubled trip going two turns for the first time. Scaling back here, the 3-1 shot sped to the front and kept on going to register the smart 7 1/4-length triumph. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$27,870. O/B-M375 Thoroughbreds Inc (KY). T-Joseph J Waunsch.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7:
12-21 \$100,000a Ladies' H.-III, Aqu, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f (100)



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Yesterday's Results:

9th-FGX, \$32,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:03 3/5, ft.

PUNCHING (f, 3, Two Punch--Thirty Crowns, by Chief's Crown) took a four-month break after posting a five-length allowance win at Lone Star Park July 5, returning to be fourth in an allowance test on a sloppy track at Churchill Downs Nov. 5. Sent off the 19-10 favorite in this off-the-turf affair, the chestnut filly battled on the front end early and pulled away late to take it by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$58,770. O-R D Cecil. B-Mrs R C Dupont (MD). T-S Asmussen.

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

1st-HOL, \$43,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, (S), 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5, ft.

LONG TERM WISH (f, 2, Souvenir Copy--Warmest Wishes {GB}, by Nashwan) overcame a bobbling start to take her two-furlong debut against Cal-breds in mid-March, then was shelved for eight months before running fourth against entry-level allowance foes Nov. 14. Returning to face statebreds here, the 7-2 chance let My Honey Bunny (Swiss Yodler) and My Kai (In Excess {Ire}) battle it out up front, but proved too much for those foes as she swept to the front at the top of the lane and rolled under the wire a three-length victress over My Kai. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$53,154. O-Golden Eagle Farm. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (CA). T-Caesar F Dominguez.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, 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.



DOYOUN DEAD Doyoun (Ire) (Mill Reef), who had stood at the Turkish Jockey Club's Izmit Pension Stud Farm in Turkey since 1999, died Thursday at an equine hospital in Istanbul from an undisclosed health problem, according to the *Thoroughbred Times* online. The website reported that an autopsy had been scheduled to determine the cause of death. The 17-year-old stallion, who won the English 2000 Guineas and finished third in the Epsom Derby, went on to sire 31 stakes winners in 11 crops, according to *Thoroughbred Times*, including Daylami (Ire) and Kalanisi (Ire).

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-GGX, \$40,775, 12-4, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37 2/5, fm.

EVENING MEETING (f, 4, General Meeting--Evening Highlight {SW, \$116,850}, by Al Nasr {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 25-4-7-6, \$228,315. O-Golden Eagle Farm. B-Mr & Mrs John C Mabee (CA). T-Greg Gilchrist.

5th-HAW, \$30,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12, ft. NIKOBE (c, 3, Not for Love--Bangler Lynx, by Bucksplasher) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-1-3, \$81,680. O-Ben Barnow. B-John Wiseman DVM & Candy Wiseman (IL). T-R P Hazelton. *\$9,000 yrl '00 KEESEP.

8th-TPX, \$25,000, 12-4, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20 1/5, ft.

GOODNIGHT TRAIL (h, 5, Gulch--Namaqua, by Storm Bird) Lifetime Record: 40-4-6-8, \$112,081. O-David Clark & Rebecca K McGee. B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Rebecca McGee. *1/2 to Namaqualand, GSW-US & GSP-Fr, \$165,361.

First crop foals realised €330,000, €215,000, €195,000, €190,000, €170,000, €155,000, etc. and the 21 sold (from 23 offered) averaged over €100,000.

Buyers included BBA (Ire), Timmy Hyde, John Warren, John Ferguson, Paul Shanahan, Liam Cashman, Horse France, Curragh B/S, McKeever/St. Lawrence, etc.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Full Time Dancer, f, 2, [Editor's Note](#)--Half Time Dancer (MSW, \$204,907), by Gate Dancer. FGX, 12-5, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Lou Popescu (Fl). *\$25,000 yrl '01 OBSAUG; \$85,000 2yo 2002 TEXMAR.

Very Eloquent, c, 2, **My Boy Adam**--Very Posh, by Oh Say. CTX, 12-4, 7f, 1:31 4/5. B-J W Casey (WV).

Pebbett, f, 2, **Quiet Enjoyment**--Peb, by Exuberant. HAW, 12-5, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13. B-Saunders & Tinkle (In). *\$15,500 yrl '01 FTKOCT; \$3,700 yrl '01 OBSAUG.

+ **Garces Lady**, f, 2, **Steinlen (GB)**--Lady Naevus, by Naevus. HOL, 12-5, (C), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Donald Valpredo (Ca).

Fatal Caper, f, 2, **Town Caper**--Ah Fatal (Arg), by Ahmad. HOL, 12-4, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Haras El Palenque & Earl McNeil (Ca).

Rebel Rage, c, 3, [Dixieland Band](#)--Shuggleswon (GSP, \$163,367), by Danzig Connection. HOL, 12-5, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5. B-Kirkwood Thoroughbreds (Ca). *\$10,000 2yo 2001 BESMAR.

To the Test, f, 3, **Glitterman**--Obieda (SW), by Taylor's Falls. TPX, 12-4, 6f, 1:13. B-B Flint & B Klein (Ky).

Vodka and Tonic, c, 3, [Go For Gin](#)--Miss Bojangles, by Green Dancer. GGX, 12-5, 6f, 1:09 4/5. B-Ed Dullea Farm Co (Ky). *\$77,000 2yo 2001 OBSAPR; \$9,500 yrl '00 OBSJAN.

Take One's Chance, c, 3, [Runaway Groom](#)--D. J.'s Imp (MSW), by Stonewalk. FGX, 12-5, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-DDO Enterprises (La). * 1/2 to Majesty's Imp (His Majesty), MSW & MGSP, \$260,056; and Imps Gift (Monetary Gift), MSW, \$277,089.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time Starters & Stakes Progeny: Friday, Dec. 6

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1998 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

K.O. PUNCH (Two Punch), Hopewell, \$5K, 107/28/1 4-DED, Msw, 5f, +Life and Liberty, \$5K TEX AUG yrl, 12-1

MR. SHAWKLIT (Afleet), Cloverleaf, \$2K, 33/10/1 4-DED, Msw, 5f, +Blackfoot Maiden, 15-1

SIPHON (BRZ) (Itajara {Arg}), Airdrie, \$15K, 168/32/3 3-CRC, Msw, 1m, +Thirsty Lulu, \$125K OBS FEB 2yo

WORLD STAGE (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Starview, \$3K, 113/15/1 4-DED, Msw, 5f, +Who's On Stage, \$10K OBS OCT wnl, 8-1

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 **FRESHMAN FOCUS**

First-crop progeny to watch: Friday, December 6

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 1999 Fee, #2yos/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

DEPUTY COMMANDER (Deputy Minister), Airdrie, \$20K, 97/10/0 7-AQU, Alw, 6f, Virgin Voyage, \$75K FTF FEB 2yo

INDIAN CHARLIE (In Excess {Ire}), Airdrie, \$10K, 82/10/1 3-CRC, Msw, 1m, Little Indian Girl

PARTNER'S HERO (Danzig), Northview, \$8K, 63/12/1 7-LRL, Alw, 7f, Love You Madly, \$57K EAS OCT yrl, 8-1

SEMORAN (Phone Trick), DBL Diamond, \$5K, 33/12/0 8-FG, Alw, 6f, Uriah's Begining, \$1K OBS WIN yrl, 6-1

STORM BROKER (Storm Cat), Country Life, \$4K, 54/9/0 5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Rainbow's Glo, \$19K EAS DEC yrl, 8-1

TRAITOR (Cryptoclearance), Meadowbrook, \$6K, 35/5/0 8-FG, Alw, 6f, Gastonia, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

WILD RUSH (Wild Again), Adena, \$15K, 87/8/0 3-CRC, Msw, 1m, Fencelineneighbor, \$37K OBS WIN yrl 10-FG, Alw, 5 1/2f, Spring Rush, \$135K TEX MAR 2yo, 12-1

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:


ITALY, Naples, 4.15, Cond, €9,180, 3yo/up, 1mT, time: n/a, hy.

GREEN TRUCE (ITY) (c, 4, **Brief Truce**--**Valentina Smile, by Smile**) Lifetime Record: 22 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €24,307. O-Scuderia Green Star di Pietro Sbariggia; B-Pietro Sbariggia; T-Francesco Oliverio.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Secret Live (Ire), f, 2, **Mukaddamah**--**Secreto Kiss**, by Secreto. Naples, Italy, 12-5, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Scuderia di Falchetti Annuziata.

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