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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S DARLEY

Last year, Darley Stable made just one purchase at OBS February, but made it count with the acquisition of the \$650,000 topper, Media City. Sheikh Mohammed's operation was again in surgical strike mode at yesterday's OBS Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training sale,



**Millionaire Smok'n Frolic,
a full sister to yesterday's topper**
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held in Ocala, Florida. This time Team Darley had set its sights on hip 42, a colt by Smoke Glacken which was knocked down for a sale-topping \$550,000. The handsome gray is a full-brother to the talented racemare Smok'n Frolic, a five-time graded-stakes winner. Hip 42 breezed a quarter mile in :22 1/5 at

the Feb. 4 breeze show ([video](#)). He is also a half-brother to stakes winner Cherokee Chase (Rizzi). The sale represented a significant score for Becky Boyd's Peacock Ridge, which consigned the topper for breeder Stride Rite Racing Stable. Just as Darley purchased one horse, Peacock Ridge consigned a single lot--hip 42. Their lone offering came up big, though, which wasn't a big surprise to Boyd. "You never know when you come to the two-year-old sales," she said. "But we had a lot of people on the horse, and we thought he would sell well. I haven't had a chance to talk to the owners yet, but that's around where everyone thought it would be." She added, "He was very easy to consign. He's a very intelligent horse, a quick learner. Since we got him last fall, he's been all business on the racetrack. He's been a class act from the beginning." Peacock Ridge is a full-service farm in the Ocala area that also breaks and trains yearlings and two-year-olds, but is relatively new to consigning juveniles. Boyd said that the move to the two-year-old market was a natural one that stemmed from clients who had horses at Peacock Ridge asking the operation to consign for them. One of those clients was Stride Rite.

A Topper 27 Years in the Making...

Stride Rite Racing Stable is the nom de course of the Brooklyn-born and -raised couples Norman and Carol Thaw and Steven and Ann Friedfertig (Carol and Steve are siblings). The Thaws now live in Weston, Florida, while the Friedfertigs call Aventura near Gulfstream Park home. The story of yesterday's topper goes all the way back to 1980, when Carol and Steve's father, Charles, won an 11-way shake for the filly Cherokee Frolic, which Charles claimed out of her second start for \$25,000. The price tag turned out to be a bargain, as Cherokee Frolic went on to win 10 stakes, including the GII Test S. in 1982. Retired to the breeding shed, Cherokee Frolic became Charles Friedfertig's foundation mare. Among her get were the graded winners Lindsay Frolic (Mt. Livermore) and Fabulous Frolic (Green Dancer). Lindsay Frolic has herself turned into a very good broodmare, producing the likes of MSW & GSP Stormy Frolic (Summer Squall), GSW Super Frolic (Pine Bluff), and three other stakes horses. Another daughter of Cherokee Frolic to make a name for herself has been Cherokeefrolicflash (Green Dancer), the dam of yesterday's topper. A winner of four of her 26 starts and twice placed in stakes company, Cherokeefrolicflash has proven a very good mare, with Smok'n Frolic, which Stride Rite sold before she started, banking over \$1.5 million. Stride Rite has approximately a half-dozen broodmares that they board at The Acorn in Ocala and have about 21 horses in all.

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TUESDAY'S TOP EIGHT COLTS**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>42</u>	<u>Smoke Glacken</u>	Cherokyfrolicflash	550,000
<i>B-Stride Rite Racing Stable (FL)</i>			
Consigned by Peacock Ridge (Becky Boyd), agent			
Purchased by Darley			
<u>60</u>	<u>Stormy Atlantic</u>	Elise'	500,000
(\$60,000 yrl '06 FTNAUG)			
<i>B-Mrs Gerald A Nielsen (NY)</i>			
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent			
Purchased by Lael Stable			
<u>36</u>	<u>Tale of the Cat</u>	Capitol View	425,000
(\$160,000 yrl '06 KEESEP)			
<i>B-Stonestreet Mares LLC (KY)</i>			
Consigned by Welcome Gate Farm			
Purchased by Newmarket/Meehan			
<u>49</u>	<u>Siphon (Brz)</u>	Daggett	350,000
(\$45,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG)			
<i>B-Thomas/Lakin (KY)</i>			
Consigned by W D North Thoroughbreds, agent			
Purchased by Lael Stable			
<u>167</u>	<u>Johannesburg</u>	Star de Mint	300,000
<i>B-Dr David Menard & Dick Schultz (FL)</i>			
Consigned by True South LLC, agent			
Purchased by D O'Byrne			
<u>126</u>	<u>Dixie Union</u>	Ocean Air	280,000
(\$180,000 yrl '06 KEESEP)			
<i>B-Donald R Dizney (KY)</i>			
Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent			
Purchased by Hood Up Stable			
<u>12</u>	<u>Wiseman's Ferry</u>	Allocation	270,000
(\$30,000 yrl '06 KEESEP)			
<i>B-Glenmare Farm (NY)</i>			
Consigned by True South LLC, agent			
Purchased by Zayat Stables			
<u>139</u>	<u>Buddha</u>	Polish Devil	260,000
(\$60,000 wnl '05 KEENOV; \$170,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL)			
<i>B-Hidden Lake Farm, J Peskoff & D Bernhard (NY)</i>			
Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), agent			
Purchased by John Sessa			

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Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>187</u>	<u>Grand Slam</u>	Wildcat Victory	335,000
(\$60,000 yrl '06 KEESEP)			
<i>B-Liberation Farm & Oratis Thoroughbreds (KY)</i>			
Consigned by Blazing Meadows Farm, agent			
Purchased by Ocala Horses			
<u>71</u>	Hook and Ladder	Gaye's Blossom	325,000
(\$47,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG)			
<i>B-Thomas/Lakin (NY)</i>			
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent			
Purchased by Hoods Up Stable			
<u>192</u>	Halo's Image	Wonder's Touche	325,000
(\$50,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG)			
<i>B-Arthur I Appleton (FL)</i>			
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent			
Purchased by Thomas Sollitto, agent for Chris Hall & Gordon Racing			
<u>169</u>	<u>Stormy Atlantic</u>	Starinthemeadow	270,000
(\$72,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG)			
<i>B-Hidden Point Farm (FL)</i>			
Consigned by Casse Sales, for Cardinal Hill (N Casse)			
Purchased by Tom McCrocklin, agent for Marc Keller			
<u>61</u>	<u>Honour and Glory</u>	End Sweep's Girl	200,000
(\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP)			
<i>B-John B Crook (KY)</i>			
Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent			
Purchased by John & Marilyn Bracy			



OBS February Two-Year-Olds cont.

Lael Lands Two...

Trainer Barclay Tagg could be seen scouring the grounds in the days leading up to the OBS February sale and yesterday came away with a pair of attractive prospects. Tagg purchased both horses for Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stables, which recently suffered the tragic loss of Barbaro. First up for Tagg was hip [49](#), a Siphon (Brz) colt that went for \$350,000. The colt, a half-brother to the Forest Camp filly that had to be euthanized after an accident at last year's February sale, drilled an sharp quarter in :21 2/5 ([video](#)) at the first breeze show. The Mar. 4 foal was produced by Daggett (In Reality), a 3/4-sister to I'll Get Along, the dam of Kentucky Derby Smarty Jones. Hip 49 was consigned by W.D. North Thoroughbreds, which bought him for \$45,000 at the OBS August sale last year. Just 11 hips later, Tagg fought off all challengers to land hip [60](#), a New York-bred son of Stormy Atlantic. Tagg signed the ticket for \$500,000, making the colt the second-highest-priced horse through the ring yesterday. "He was a very nice horse," said Tagg. "I like the way he moved; I liked everything about him." Consignor Nick de Meric acquired the bay for \$60,000 at Fasig-Tipton's preferred New York-bred yearling sale in Saratoga last summer, and saw his charge blossom over the following months. Working at the first under tack show, hip 60 stopped the clock in :10 1/5 for the eighth. Tagg has had success buying two-year-olds for the Jacksons before. In 2005, he purchased Showing Up for \$60,000 at the Fasig-Tipton May sale and trained that horse to a pair of Grade I triumphs in 2006.

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Three Ring (Notebook)	98	\$70,000	Acorn
Traitor (Cryptoclearance)	96	\$102,000	Futurity
Wait a While (Maria's Mon)	05	\$260,000	Am. Oaks, Yellow Ribbon

*horse in parentheses RNA'd - *dead-heat victory*

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A Tale of Two Continents...

After going to \$425,000 for hip [36](#), a colt by Tale of the Cat from the consignment of Welcome Gate Farm, Newmarket International's Richard Galpin revealed that the plan was to bring the colt to Europe to begin his career with an eye on re-selling him later on. "We have for several years been buying two-year-olds in the United States, bring them to England, then sell them back as two-, three-, or even four-year-olds to the U.S.," said Galpin. "Our most successful horse has been David Junior, who actually ended up going to Japan [to stand stud] after a good season last year." Galpin was standing in the back next to his trainer, Brian Meehan, and signed the ticket for the colt as Newmarket/Meehan. Galpin said he was buying the colt for a partnership that included David Sullivan's Roldvale Limited and brothers David and Ralph Gold. That partnership also owned treble Group 1 winner David Junior, who was a \$175,000 juvenile purchase at Fasig-Tipton Calder in 2004. Sullivan is an English businessman who, among other things, publishes magazines and sports newspapers and co-owns the Birmingham City Football Club. From the family of MGISW Play Fellow, hip 36 is the first foal out of the hard-knocking mare Capitol View (Sport View), a three-time stakes winner of nearly \$450,000. "He's a nice, smooth horse, and he's nice by a nice sire in Tale of the Cat," Galpin said of the third-highest priced horse in the sale.



OBS February Two-Year-Olds cont.

Baffert Hopes This One Behaves Badly, Too...

Sitting in the front row of the sales pavilion, trainer Bob Baffert landed a filly from the first crop of the Dixieland Band stallion Hook and Ladder for \$325,000. Baffert signed the ticket for an undisclosed partnership. Consigned as hip 71, the filly, a relatively late May 17 foal, is out of the winning Gaye's Blossom (Thirty Six



Hook and Ladder
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Red), a half to MSW Gallant Step (Go Step). She was purchased by agent Buzz Chace as a \$47,000 OBS August yearling and was consigned here by Niall Brennan Stables. Hip 71, who strutted her stuff at the first under tack show with a :10 1/5 breeze (video), came into the ring with the added benefit of being a New York-bred. That the California-based Baffert was determined to land an Empire-bred might strike some as odd, but, as the silver-haired conditioner pointed out, a good horse is a good horse, and it wouldn't be the first time that he has had success in the Golden State with a New York-bred. Last

year, Baffert sent out Behaving Badly to victory in the GI Santa Monica H. at Santa Anita, as well as three other graded stakes wins in 2006. "We just came here to look at some horses at the farm, and some of the owners just wanted to come down here and see what it was like," said Baffert. "There were some other horses that we were going to look at that just didn't vet out. But I loved the way this filly moved. She's got the body, she's real nice. Plus I know that family real well." Baffert also knows the sire: "I was the underbidder on Hook and Ladder," he added. Hook and Ladder stands at Becky Thomas's Lakland Farm in New York for a 2007 fee of \$6,000.

Arindel Goes Back to the Well...

Two years ago, Alan and Karan Cohen's Arindel Farms bought a Maria's Mon filly from Tim Hamm's Blazing Meadows consignment at this sale for \$260,000. The horse, a strapping gray named Wait a While, went on to capture last year's GI American Oaks and GI Yellow Ribbon S. on her way to being named champion three-year-old filly. Yesterday, Arindel and Blazing Meadows hooked up again. Alan Cohen, sitting with Arindel General Manager Cody Richardson, bought the only horse Blazing Meadows consigned to the sale, a daughter of Grand Slam, for \$335,000. It was the top price for a filly at the sale. "They always have nice horses," said Richardson. "But she was just a standout in our book and made our short list. From there, we vetted here and she looked good. Fortunately, we were able to get here." Richardson said the filly would be sent to J. J. Pletcher, Todd's father, at Payson Training Center, and would eventually go to Todd Pletcher, who also conditions Wait a While. Catalogued as hip 187, yesterday's filly topper is a daughter of the winning eight-year-old Forest Wildcat mare Wildcat Victory, a half-sister to graded-stakes winner Secret Liaison (Housebuster). It's also the family of MGISW Raging Fever and GSW and sire Stormin Fever.

 **FOALING NEWS**

SCHEDULE (GB), 6, Brian's Time--Jode, by Danzig
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Ground Is Swell...

With the OBS February sale moved from its usual home at Calder Race Course in Miami to the OBS sales complex in Ocala--where many breaking and training operations are based--consignors were nearly unanimous in their opinion that the new venue was preferable, if only because of convenience. Ocala-based sellers can attend to their February consignment while keeping a close eye on the other juveniles on their farms. But many consignors also brought up another factor that they considered important: asphalt. On the surface (excuse the pun), it might be easy to overlook something like the asphalt that covers much of the ground at Calder, but for consignors, the hard, unforgiving surface can be an enemy of their young horses. "There's a 15-minute walk up to the track on the roadway, and the young horses aren't used to that," said consignor Niall Brennan. "And every time you go out to show, you're on the hardtop. I think it's hard on their feet and shins. It's like you: if you're on your feet all day out on the hot tarmac rather than the grass, you're going to feel it. I've found that horses can stress out a little more on it, or can get sore shins." In contrast, horses at OBS are usually shown on the grass that lies between barns and are led up to the track on a sand walkway. Consignor Murray Smith agreed with Brennan that, for horses which turned two not so long ago, the dirt and grass was easier on the horses. "I like Calder a lot, but there's a lot of concrete there," she said. "I love the facility here. The grounds are nice, and you can graze your horses. I think the horses will leave the grounds here in very good shape."

Solid From Flagfall to Finish...

On an afternoon which saw steady trade, this year's sale posted modest declines over the results from 12 months ago. The average of \$133,656 was off by 4.1 percent while the median dipped by 9.1 percent, although it did manage to remain in six figures. On a more positive note, the clearance rate was significantly better than in 2006. A total of 21 horses sold for in excess of \$200,000 compared to 17 last February. The all-time record in that category is 22 horses. "I thought the sale was good. It wasn't 'wow,' but it was solid," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "I thought we had good horses and those horses sold well. I guess we didn't have the breakout horse, but the numbers were almost identical to last year. Last year we had seven horses bring \$400,000 or more and this year we had three. That might account for the difference in average. Overall, I am very enthused."

**WEEKEND PEDIGREE
PERSPECTIVES**
by Alan Porter

Sunday, Santa Anita

SAN VICENTE S.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 2-11, 3yo, 7f, 1:23, wf.

1--#**@NOBLE COURT, 118, c, 3**, by [Doneraile Court](#)

1st Dam: **Grey Dawn Grey**, by **Grindstone**

2nd Dam: **Magnificent Dawn**, by ***Grey Dawn II**

3rd Dam: **Nevada Lark**, by **T. V. Lark**

(\$35,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '06

OBSMAR). O-Joy Ride Racing; B-Brereton C Jones

(KY); T-John W Sadler; J-Corey S Nakatani; \$90,000.

Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$131,600.

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A few weeks ago, we wrote about "rebound stallions." Generally, these are horses who make a bright start with an early crop, but then lose momentum with the runners from their third and fourth crops, which more often than not see them cover books which are both smaller and of lower quality.

One horse who could be marked as a potential "rebound stallion" for 2007 is Doneraile Court. He burst out of the gate with his first crop, which reached the track in 2003. That crop ultimately produced seven stakes winners headed by Ruler's Court, whose runaway win in the GII Norfolk S. earned him a position as the co-highweighted two-year-old colt of 2003. As a result, Doneraile Court's 2004 bookings soared to the point that he has no less than 133 foals in the crop which are juveniles of 2007. This is actually more than sired in his first two years at stud--his initial crop producing 77 foals and his second 55. He then suffered the third season slump, which so typically hits sires standing in the mid-ranges or below, and his 2003 breeding season produced just 33 foals (of which two have won stakes). However, Doneraile Court then began an early rebound, courtesy of his 2003 two-year-olds in training, 15 of which sold for an average of \$80,479, with Ruler's Court leading the way at \$400,000. That achievement gave him sufficient impetus for his fourth crop of foals to jump back up to 78. Incidentally, we should note that Doneraile Court's first four crops were sired at Doug Arnold's Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. He then moved to Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington, where his bumper fifth crop was conceived, before finding a new home at Stonewall Farm in Versailles. **Alan Porter cont. p6**

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Doneraile Court's fifth crop are still a little away from facing the racecourse test, but the fourth crop--which is where the rebound in popularity began--has already come up with a very promising horse in the shape of Noble Court. Winner of a maiden at Hollywood Park on Dec. 9--the second outing of his career--Noble Court then ran third to E Z Warrior in the San Miguel S. On Sunday, making his fourth start, he was dispatched as odds-on favorite for the GII San Vicente S., and duly recorded his first stakes triumph.

Noble Court is now on the Derby trail, with his next likely target being the GII San Felipe S. Of course, if he continues on the Triple Crown trail, one important question is going to be, how far will he stay? Doneraile Court--a son of Seattle Slew out of the Grade I-placed Stop the Music mare, Sophisticated Girl--was at his best over a mile. Four of his six wins were over that distance, including in the GII Nashua S. at two, and the GII Jerome H. (which he captured in 1:33 4/5) at three. He also won over seven furlongs in 1:21 4/5, while at 8 1/2 furlongs he took an allowance race and finished second in both the GII Dwyer S. and GIII Holy Bull S. With regard to his offspring, Ruler's Court's GII Norfolk S. win came at 8 1/2 furlongs, but Doneraile Court's other U.S. stakes winners have all earned their black-type at sprint distances.

The distaff side of the pedigree offers a mix of stamina and speed. Noble Court's dam, Grey Dawn Grey, failed to make the frame in three starts, but she is a daughter of the GI Kentucky Derby winner, Grindstone, himself sire of GI Belmont S. victor, Birdstone. Grey Dawn Grey is a half-sister to Real Cash, a Tank's Prospect colt who won the GII San Felipe S. at 8 1/2 furlongs and the GII American Derby at 10 furlongs. On the other hand, when Grey Dawn Grey's unraced half-sister Real Precious (by the sprinter Torsion), was bred to Digression--another son of Doneraile's Court's sire Seattle Slew--the result was Folly Dollar, a stakes winner at six furlongs and graded-stakes placed at seven. The granddam, Magnificent Dawn, took the Pan Zareta S. at six furlongs, and is a sister to Beautiful Dawn, successful in the San Mateo Express H. at the same distance.

The siblings are by Grey Dawn II, who was by French Derby winner Herbager out of a speedy family. He defeated Sea-Bird II to take the Grand Criterium at two, having earlier won the six furlong Prix Morny, a Group 1 event. The third dam, the minor stakes placed Nevada Lark, is by T. V. Lark, a turf champion who stayed 1 1/2 miles, but is out of Nevada Marga, a stakes winner who set a track record at six furlongs, and threw the very fast West Coast sprinter, Shirley's Champion. Overall, we'd have to say that there is more speed than stamina in the pedigree, but that's been true of more than a few recent winners of the Triple Crown events.

One of the hazards of writing a column such as this--which reviews recent major winners--is that one can be accused of being wise after the event. In the case of the pedigree of Noble Court, at least, we are happy to say that we are able to refute that allegation. Some time ago we conducted a study to recommend crosses for Doneraile Court. In part, the report (which is on one of Doneraile Court's internet page) reads "Grindstone might be particularly good..."

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NOBLE COURT, c, 2004

Doneraile Court	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning	Boldnesian
		My Charmer	Reason to Earn
	Sophisticated Girl	Stop the Music	Poker
		Close Control	Fair Charmer
Grey Dawn Grey 3-M-0-0, \$110 3Fls, 1GSW	Grindstone	Unbridled	Hail to Reason
		Buzz My Bell	Bebopper
	Magnificent Dawn 14-2-1-2, \$19,350 12Fls, 1GSW	*Grey Dawn II	Dunce
		Nevada Lark 14Fls, 2SW	Self Control
			Fappiano
			Gana Facil
		Drone	
		Chateaupavia	
		*Herbager	
		Polamia	
		T. V. Lark	
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At the time, Doneraile Court had already sired the stakes-winning and graded- stakes placed two-year-old, Baldomera out of a mare by Lil Fappi, a son of Grindstone's sire Fappiano, but what really drew us to Grindstone was his distaff pedigree. Grindstone's dam, Buzz My Bell, is a daughter of Drone. Undefeated in four starts, Drone went on to be a good sire, and an influential broodmare sire (including, in addition to Grindstone, another Kentucky Derby winner Charismatic; European Champion Dancing Brave; champion and GI Kentucky Oaks heroine Princess Rooney; and GI CCA Oaks victress Jostle).

Drone has a particular relevance to the dam's side of Doneraile Court's pedigree, as he is by a son of Turn-to out of the mare Cap and Bells, and Doneraile Court's dam, Sophisticated Girl, is by a grandson of Turn-to out of a mare by Dunce, a brother to Cap and Bells, so making Sophisticated Girl and Drone effectively "cousins." As far as Doneraile Court is concerned, the cross hasn't been widely tested as Noble Court is his only runner out of a Grindstone mare, but at least it is battling 1.000 for the moment!

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FOALING NEWS

AMONITA (GB), 9, Anabaa--Spectacular Joke, by Spectacular Bid
 Foal born Jan. 22, a filly by Gone West.
 Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.
 Owned by Haras du Mezeray.
 Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
 Accomplishments: GSW-US & G1SW-Fr, \$318,093.

MISS EMMA (IRE), 7, Key of Luck--Disregard That, by Don't Forget Me
 Foal born Jan. 25, a filly by Vindication.
 Will be bred back to Vindication.
 Owned by Takahiro Wada.
 Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
 Accomplishments: Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 5-7f, MGSW-Ire & Fr, \$333,051.

MUJADO (IRE), 9, Mujadil--Unaria (GB), by Prince Tenderfoot
 Foal born Jan. 29, a filly by Street Cry (Ire).
 Will be bred back to Johar.
 Owned by Mr & Mrs Roy Jackson.
 Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
 Accomplishments: SW.

...Weekly Sales Ticker...

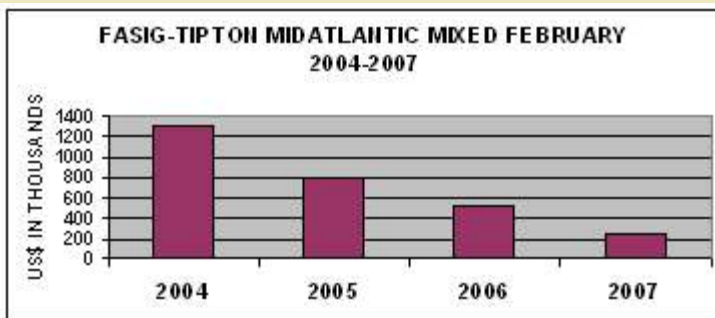
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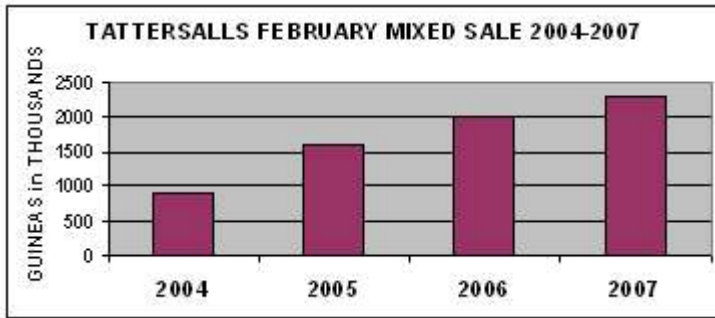
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Fasig-Tipton Maryland sold over 1,000 horses for \$35.8-million between their May Two-Year-Old and Autumn Yearling sales last year (a 7% gain from 2005), but their two mixed sales since are down 27% in gross. Tattersalls' February Mixed was up another 16% in gross, meaning the 2007 sales to date which we're covering have now grossed almost \$88.9-million, down \$1.5-million, or 2%, from record 2006 levels.

-- Bill Oppenheim



	Sold	Gross	Average
2004	132	\$1,303,000	\$9,871
2005	112	\$807,900	\$7,213
2006	117	\$514,700	\$4,399
2007	45	\$253,200	\$5,627



	Sold	Gross (Guineas)	Average (Guineas)
2004	118	893,900	7,575
2005	157	1,599,200	10,185
2006	203	1,957,900	9,645
2007	191	2,268,000	11,874

DREAM RUSH defeated 2YO Champion Dreaming of Anna on Sat. in the Old Hat S-GIII. She was a 2006 graduate of BTB's D & B Ventures.
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ELEVEN WEEKS OUT

The appearance of the first Kentucky Derby Future pool last weekend reminds us that, 11 weeks from this Saturday, America's only horse race that truly stops traffic will have its 133rd renewal at Churchill Downs. Even though the heavy 5-2 favorite, this far out, is number 24, 'All Other Three-Year-Olds,' four other sophomores were trading roughly in the neighborhood of 10-1. Three of these were 2007 Grade III winners **Nobiz Like Shobiz** (Albert the Great, winner of the Holy Bull S., at Gulfstream Park), **Ravel** (Fusaichi Pegasus, Sham S. at Santa Anita), and **Hard Spun** (Danzig, Lecomte S., at Fair Grounds); the other is last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and champion two-year-old, **Street Sense** (Street Cry {Ire}), who at last report is due to make his three-year-old debut in the GII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Park Mar. 3.

I must declare my hand right now: I think Street Sense at 10-1 is the overlay of all time. Sure, he cut the corner and got the great trip, but his Beyer 108 in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile was the highest number recorded in the race since they started doing the figures for the *Daily Racing Form*. It was at Churchill Downs, so he's proven he likes the track. Plus, Street Sense is trained by the great Carl Nafzger, who's proven before he can do it, having trained Unbridled to win the 1990 Kentucky Derby for the late Mrs. Frances Genter. Only the 'Jinx'--no Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner has ever won the Kentucky Derby, in 22 tries--can beat him: the Jim Tafel homebred's Breeders' Cup Juvenile fig would just about win most Derbies and, in Nafzger's hands, he figures to improve, not regress, from two to three.

Still, there are some more recent 'now' horses, and that very 0-for-22 statistic alone reminds us there's a good reason this year's graded-race winners were rated just about equal in the first pool to Street Sense. The East Coast representative is Nobiz Like Shobiz (8-1), from the second crop of Albert the Great, a \$3-million earner and himself much the best horse by his sire, the 1994 Kentucky Derby winner Go for Gin, now a \$4,000 sire in Maryland whose other great claim to fame is that he's a 3/4-brother (both by sons of His Majesty) to Pleasant Tap. Out of a Storm Cat mare and a homebred for Elizabeth Valando trained by Barclay Tagg, Nobiz Like Shobiz has run Beyers of 96-97-98 in his three wins from four starts (his only defeat came at the hands of **Scat Daddy** (Johannesburg), with whom he emphatically reversed placings in the Holy Bull, in last year's GI Champagne S.), and has won the GII Remsen S. and GIII Holy Bull S. Presumably the GII Fountain of Youth S., also on March 3 at Gulfstream, is the next stop.

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LANE'S END

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The West Coast 'now' horse is Ravel (11-1), an impeccably-bred \$950,000 yearling by Fusaichi Pegasus out of graded-stakes winner and \$600,000-earner Let, herself by A.P. Indy out of a Nureyev mare from Ralph Wilson's great Native Partner family. Making his stakes debut, Ravel won the nine-furlong Sham over with a Beyer 102, looking a whole lot like 10 furlongs would be right up his 'street'--which it should be, given his pedigree. Interestingly, both his sire and broodmare sire were trained by Neil Drysdale, which is quite a compliment to his ability as a developer of great horses and future top sires.

In the Midwest, we have Hard Spun (10-1), a colt by the immortal Danzig out of a Turkoman mare, owned by Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm and trained by the Western Kentucky horseman J. Larry Jones. Four-for-four in his career, Hard Spun is based at Oaklawn Park, where he goes next for the Southwest S. Feb. 19. He shipped to Fair Grounds and led wire-to-wire to win the Lecomte S. last month, running a Beyer 95. Hard Spun's pedigree credentials aren't difficult to defend: Danzig is one of the top five sires of the last 20 years; Turkoman is the damsire of champion Point Given; and the cross of the Danzig tribe over mares from the Alydar tribe has produced 31 'A Runners,' including the likes of Lure, Aurora, Bertolini, Mull of Kintyre, and the close relatives Grandera and George Washington. The J. Larry Jones part won't stop him either. **Oppenheim cont. p9**



Bill Oppenheim cont.

Jones is not that well-known, but I lived in Lexington for 14 years, and went to--and followed--Keeneland and Churchill a lot. Larry Jones just about always won at a better-than 20-percent clip. When he ran a horse, the handicappers paid attention--can there be a greater compliment than that?

There are quite a few interesting bit players in this three-year-old division lurking in the wings, not least three sophomores owned by Paul Reddam and trained by Doug O'Neill: **Liquidity** (Tiznow, 33-1), second to Ravel in the Sham; **Notional** (In Excess {Ire}, 27-1), who won the GII San Rafael S. and last weekend's GIII Risen Star S.; and **Great Hunter** (Aptitude, 24-1), who won the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland last fall and ran third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Notional (\$235,000) and Liquidity (\$240,000) both came out of last March's Barretts' sale; Great Hunter was a private purchase last summer. Another contender is GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile second **Circular Quay** (Thunder Gulch, 12-1), who was even-money for the Risen Star, but collided with a horse who had clipped heels and thrown his rider. He truly had absolutely no chance, was lucky to stay on his feet, and hopefully comes back fine to fight another day. At 14-1 is **Any Given Saturday** (Distorted Humor), two-for-three at two, and second to the sidelined **Tiz Wonderful** (Tiznow) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. in late November. He may return this weekend in the Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa. But, for my money, the 'daddy' is Street Sense, the best of an extremely promising first crop by Street Cry, a son of Machiavellian out of G1 Irish Oaks winner Helen Street by Troy. It may sound like grass, but Street Cry was all dirt, and he was seriously good at it, too. Though he never won a stakes until he was four, Street Cry was always a really good colt: the only time he was worse than second in 12 career starts was a third (to Macho Uno and Point Given) in the 2000 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He ran only three times at three, twice in Dubai and once late in the year in 2001, when second to Evening Attire in the GIII Discovery H. at Aqueduct. At four, he became the second son of Machiavellian (after Almutawakel) to win the G1 Dubai World Cup. He then came back to America and won the GI Stephen Foster H. at Churchill by 6 1/2 lengths, running a Beyer 118, which I reckon equals a Timeform 130. In his final career start, he ran a 119, but was beaten 1 1/4 lengths by Left Bank in the GI Whitney H.

His first crop included three other stakes winners besides Street Sense, and he had stakes winner number five last weekend, when Summer Doldrums won the Whirlaway S. at Aqueduct. It's the Titans again: Darley's Street Cry versus Coolmore/Ashford's Johannesburg. They were one-two on the 2006 North American freshman sire list. Coolmore has produced young star sires Giant's Causeway, Montjeu, Galileo, and Johannesburg in the last three years, but Street Cry follows Singpiel, Cape Cross, and Elusive Quality as Darley's contenders for sire stardom. Street Cry might be their best sire product yet.

Brow Beating...

Want to see the horse industry start to leave Kentucky and move to Florida? That process will begin if the punitive measures proposed in the Kentucky Legislature last week come to pass. If Kentucky unilaterally imposes the requirements regarding ownership and medical history which have been proposed, sales at OBS will quadruple in 10 minutes and Fasig-Tipton will have to think seriously about moving its headquarters to Miami. That's one reason House Bill 388 should be opposed by everybody who makes their living in the horse business in Kentucky. Here's another: It's bad management when the people who know the most about this business are treated like second-class citizens. The consignors and bloodstock agents who work in this business are full-time professionals, but were they consulted on any of this? Give the professionals a seat at the Big Table and you'll get results. Until that happens, everybody who makes their livings in the horse business in Kentucky should contact their legislators and let them know how they feel about HB 388. We shouldn't need any government telling us how to run our business. There should also be a demand that owners shoulder some of the responsibility. Any owner involved in a million-dollar deal for a horse, be it in a public or private transaction, should be willing to pay an appropriate commission. The professionals shouldn't be expected to work for nothing, should they? When you list a piece of real estate, you are required by law to take the responsibility of signing a contract which authorizes your agent to list the property and spells out the commission he or she will receive upon its sale. Why shouldn't the same be done with horses?

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A Weighty Tome...

If you want a heavyweight work on thoroughbreds, get somebody from south of the Equator, I've always thought, and boy, have they done it this time: "Great Thoroughbred Sires of the World" covers 205 stallions of the 20th century, runs to nearly 1000 pages, and required three Editors--all Australasian. It must weigh about 25 pounds. I'd like to tell you that I've read it all the way through, but it's an encyclopedia, not a novel. It really is an encyclopedia, too, and principal editor Jennifer Churchill spent 12 years putting it all together, assisted by Australian Bloodhorse Review (which published the book) publisher Andrew Reichard, and that well-known Australian pedigree thinker and blogger, Byron Rogers, now of Taylor Made Farm. They enlisted many of the world's best-known pedigree writers to contribute pieces on individual stallions (I was asked, but demurred); the result is truly an awesome work. I would say I go beyond recommending it; this book is an absolute necessity for anybody who wants to know anything about 20th-century pedigrees. I'm advised that you can order from one of two sites:

<http://www.greatsires.com.au/> or
<http://www.exclusivelyequine.com/>. It costs \$230 PLUS SHIPPING (be careful, it weighs more than your bathroom scales), and should be in the library of absolutely anyone who is serious about the horse business. It would make a great present for Valentine's Day--oh, that's today!--or for my old friend and mentor John Ed Anthony, whose birthday is also today. Happy birthday, John Ed.

On a Personal Note...

I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death Sunday of former Plantation Stud manager Leslie Harrison at just 63 (see ATW p3). He was instrumental in the breeding of the full brothers Kris and Diesis; he went to Germany years before it was fashionable and bought the Birkhahn mare Sayonara, bred her to Shirley Heights for stud owner Lord Howard de Walden, and produced the GI Epsom Derby winner Slip Anchor; and followed up nearly a decade later with the top miler and successful sire Grand Lodge. Those accomplishments in themselves would constitute quite a legacy, but quite aside from his professional success, Leslie was a great wit and raconteur. He was one of the very first people I met in Newmarket, about 25 years ago, and was liked, appreciated, and respected by the entire racing community -- even if you did know that if you said something stupid, the eyes would twinkle, and an acerbic little Leslie Harrison dart would unfailingly head in your direction. In the last couple of years, after Plantation was sold, Leslie became host (some say 'guru') to a younger generation of Newmarket pedigree buffs; I had the privilege of speaking to their soiree during the December Sale last year, and it was Leslie at his absolute best. They revered him, as they should have. There's a little section to the (auctioneer's) right of the rostrum where the spirit of Leslie will return, I feel sure, looking like something out of a Noel Coward play, and always talking sense. We will miss him immensely, and extend our condolences, and those of his many other American friends, to his wife, Ruth, and The Dogs. He was, truly, an original.

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Sunday, San Isidro, Argentina

GRAN PREMIO MIGUEL A MARTINEZ DE HOZ-G1, Ar\$89,920, San Isidro, 2-11, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 1:56.82 (NTR), fm.

1--**STORM MILITARY (ARG)**, 132, c, 4, by **Bernstein**

1st Dam: **Shy Mandora (Arg)**, by **Shy Tom**

2nd Dam: **Mandante (Arg)**, *Practicante

3rd Dam: **Madrikena (Arg)**, by **Imbroglio (Arg)**

O/B-Haras La Biznaga; T-R Pellegata; J-J Valdevieso; Ar\$58,000. Lifetime Record: 9-6-0-2, Ar\$211,320.

2--**Cirque du Soleil (Arg)**, 119, c, 3, Lode--Cintilante, by

Ogygian. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras;

Ar\$14,500.

3--**My Happiness (Arg)**, 133, h, 5, Festin (Arg)--Maria

Patricia (Arg), by Forlitano (Arg). O/B-Stud Monti;

Ar\$8,710.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.70, 3.00, 21.30.

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

KISARAGI SHO-JRA-G3 (Listed), ¥81,010,000, Kyoto, 2-11, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:48.8, fm.

1--**ASAKUSA KINGS (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **White Muzzle (GB)**

1st Dam: **Croupier Star (Jpn)**, by **Sunday Silence**

2nd Dam: **Croupier Lady**, by **What Luck**

3rd Dam: **Question d'Argent**, by **Tentam**

(¥71,000,000 fl '04 JPNJUL). O-K Tahara; B-Shadai Farm (JPN); T-Ryuiji Okubo; J-K Take; ¥42,357,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0.

2--**Namura Mars (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Chief Bearhart--Bistro

de Paris (Jpn), by French Glory (Ire). O-N Namura;

B-Hatta Farm (JPN). ¥17,102,000.

3--**Samurai Tigers**, 123, c, 3, Indian Charlie--Pear

Shape, by Red Ransom. (\$250,000 yrl '05 KEESEP;

\$1,200,000 2yo '06 FTFEB). O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto;

B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (KY). ¥11,051,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HD, 3/4. Odds: 9.10, 4.00, 24.50.

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

JACKSONS CREATE UPENN ENDOWMENT

Roy and Gretchen Jackson, the owners of Barbaro, have donated \$3-million to the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine to endow a chair in the name of Dr. Dean W. Richardson. "Gretchen and Roy Jackson have already done so much for veterinary



Roy and Gretchen Jackson
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medicine through their commitment to giving Barbaro every possible opportunity to recover from his catastrophic injuries," commented Upenn President Amy Gutmann. "People throughout the world now understand that veterinary medicine--and Penn veterinary medicine in particular--shares in the advances that define today's biomedical science. Now, with this generous gift, Gretchen and Roy Jackson not only promote continued progress, but they pay tribute to the doctor

who, like them, gave his heart to a magnificent horse." The endowment is part of a new initiative at the university to fight the incidious and nearly-always fatal disease laminitis, with which the Kentucky Derby winner was afflicted. "We are very pleased to make this commitment in support of the School of Veterinary Medicine's research of equine diseases," Gretchen Jackson said. "Our close relationship with Dr. Richardson over the last eight months persuaded us to name the chair in his honor. We are indeed grateful to him, and we especially look forward to a future without laminitis." Added Dr. Richardson, "I am deeply honored by this generous and important gift. "The Jacksons' remarkable philanthropy will translate into better outcomes for injured and ill horses in the future."

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

NATIONAL CITY BANK BECOMES TOBA

MARKETING PARTNER The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announced yesterday that National City Bank has become an official marketing partner of TOBA. As part of the agreement, National City Bank will advise new and existing TOBA members. "We selected National City as our official financial marketing partner because of their experience and dedicated team that serves our industry," said Dan Metzger, president of TOBA. "We both share a passion for this sport and believe that our shared goals will enhance the interests of both organizations."

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-PHA, \$35,960, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. PASS THE PUNCH (c, 3, Two Punch--Proud Playmaker, by Dehere), narrowly second at the Big A Dec. 16, broke through with a victory there Jan. 13. Sent off the 6-5 choice this time, the \$75,000 FTMOCT yearling and \$160,000 OBSMAR juvenile settled off the pace in sixth early, made his bid mid track in the stretch and got up in time to post a half-length victory over Sweet Strawberry (Treasure Cove). Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$58,760.

O-West Point Stable. B-Gary Farrar & Karen S Farrar (PA). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

5th-PHA, \$30,392, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:44 3/5, ft. NOONTIME NUGGETS (f, 3, Quiet American--Offshore Account, by Private Account), sixth while sprinting over this track Jan. 23, was given a 4-1 chance for her route bow. The \$45,000 KEESEP yearling settled off a sharp early quarter, advanced on the leaders on the far turn, took over midstretch and drove clear late to post a 3 3/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,680.

O-Michael W Jester. B-John J Greely III & Cranford Stud (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

- 1:10p HRTV 1st-GPX, \$44,000, Msw, 4yo, f, 6f PENSION (Seeking the Gold) never figured and straggled home in 10th in her debut over track and trip just about a year ago. A much improved second going a furlong further here 11 months later Jan. 24, the Phipps homebred--a daughter of Grade I winner Furlough--will try and get the job done in this second start off the layoff. brisnet.com pps**
- 2:03p HRTV 3rd-SAX, \$46,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 6 1/2ft Wertheimer homebred SWEET TRAVEL (IRE) (Danzig) placed in a pair of Group 3 events in France at two before finishing in the money in two of four starts last term, including the Listed Prix Amandine at Deauville. The full sister to Group winner Iron Mask gets the services of Jose Valdivia Jr. for her U.S. debut. Theverythoughtof U (Unbridled's Song) got off to a slow start, but rallied to be second over this course and trip Jan. 18. The Siegel homebred is a daughter of GISW Stormy But Valid. brisnet.com pps**

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

02-24 \$300,000 Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup Turf-I, GP, 4yo/up, 11ft (300)

02-24 \$150,000 Bayou Breeders' Cup H.-III, FG, 4yo/up, f/m, 9ft

02-25 \$100,000 The Very One H.-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m, 11ft (100)

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

02-25 \$150,000 San Luis Obispo H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 12ft (150)

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★ CENTRAL ★

Norman Horses Transferred to Assistant:

Most of the horses trained by Cole Norman have been transferred to his assistant Jorge Lara, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Last week, Norman was involved in a head-on collision that resulted in the death of an 86-year-old woman. Norman's license remains valid. Lara will take over approximately 50 of Norman's horses at Oaklawn Park; four are scheduled to run Thursday. "He's going to focus on personal issues, and that way the horses will be trained by me and I can focus 100 percent, keep the barn the way he always does, winning races," the 36-year-old Lara told *DRF*. "I've been his assistant for a long time, and we've got a good team, so we're going to keep going. That's where we stand right now." The accident is currently under investigation by the Arkansas State Police; no charges have been filed. Norman has been the leading trainer at Oaklawn for the last six years.

'Road to the Roses' Fantasy Game Begins:

The Kentucky Derby 'Road to the Roses' Fantasy Challenge, an online sports fantasy game that allows fans to manage a stable of Kentucky Derby contenders throughout a three-month prep season, opened for registration yesterday. The game's 2007 grand prize winner will receive a VIP trip for two to the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby in 2008. In addition to airfare and accommodations, the winner will receive a private backstretch tour and a trip to the paddock on Kentucky Derby Day. Other prizes include Kentucky Derby wagering vouchers worth \$1000 or \$500 and rare gold-leafed Kentucky Derby 133 mint julep glasses. A new feature of the game in 2007 is the 'Pay to Play' option, which allows participants to pay \$10 to make themselves eligible for additional cash prizes. For more information and complete game rules can be found at www.roadtotheroses.com.

APPOINTMENTS

ALLISON YAW

- Appointed to the position of TOBA Membership & Education Coordinator.
- Responsible for coordinating the association's seminars and clinics assisting with membership development and various TOBA programs, including the National Awards Dinner and Sales Integrity Program.
- Graduate of Western Kentucky University and has a master's degree in Human Resource Development from Indiana State University.
- Previously worked at Fazoli's corporate division as a marketing coordinator.

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- HAP** (Theatrical {Ire}), Darby Dan, \$5K, 44/3/0 7-GP, Alw, 1mT, Metzger, 10-1
- ORIENTATE** (Mt. Livermore), Gainsway, \$20K, 205/26/3 7-GP, Alw, 1mT, Tillman's Legend, \$52K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
- OUTOFTHEBOX** (Montbrook), Ocala Stud Farm, \$8K, 148/10/0 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Nick On the Box, \$17K OBS JUN 2yo
- TEXAS GLITTER** (Glitterman), Signature Stallions, \$4K, 115/7/0 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Texas Starlet, \$52K OBS MAR 2yo

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Bahamian Pirate, g, 12, **Housebuster**--Shining Through, by Deputy Minister. Southwell, Britain, 2-13, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Trackside Farm & Liberation Farm & G A Seelbinder. *G1SW-GB, GSW-Ire & G1SP-Fr. **1/2 to Strong Hope (Grand Slam), MGSW & MGISP-US, \$767,460.

IN ARGENTINA:

Dona Raja, f, 4, **Rahy**--Conquestality, by Conquistador Cielo. Palermo, 2-10, Maiden, 1000mT. B-Barry R Ostrager, Steven S Mukamal & David & Jill Heerensperger. *Won by seven lengths. **\$57,000 wnlq '03 KEENOV.

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★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

GULFSTREAM

SWAP FLIPAROO (Exchange Rate), 6f, 1:30.00, 1/1

HOLLYWOOD PARK

FOXYSOX (GB) (Foxhound), 4f, :48.20, 6/41

BOBOMAN (Kingmambo), 6f, 1:13.80, 5/14

SPELLBINDER (Tale of the Cat), 6f, 1:12.80, 1/14



PLANTATION KINGPIN DIES Leslie Harrison, the longstanding manager of Plantation Stud, died Sunday of a brain hemorrhage at the age of 63. His work at Lord Howard de Walden's base spanned over four decades, having taken up the position in 1972. He held it until the sale of the operation to Dermot O'Rourke two years ago. In that time, Plantation's apricot silks were carried by such luminaries as Diesis (GB), Grand Lodge, Kris (GB) and Slip Anchor (GB). Prominent trainer Henry Cecil paid tribute in *Racing Post*. "We'd been friends for many years and we had some tremendous times for Lord and Lady Howard de Walden," he said. "We had some great days. Leslie had a very successful career. I shall miss his sense of humour. He was a gentleman." Harrison, who hailed from Derbyshire, who was also a council member of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association from 1987 to 1991, had spent the last few months of his life overseeing the bloodstock of Lady Gillian de Walden and working as a freelance breeding consultant. Harrison is survived by his wife, Ruth. While his funeral will be private, a public service is expected to be organised in April.

BANSHA HOUSE TO SPONSOR CRAVEN Con Marnane's Bansha House Stables has been announced as the new sponsor for the £50,000 G3 Craven S. at Newmarket Apr. 19. The County Tipperary-based operation have signed a three-year deal for the premier 2000 Guineas trial, and the track's Managing Director Lisa Hancock welcomed the move. "The bansha-housestables.com Craven Stakes will be the centrepiece of the new-look, two-day Craven Meeting this year," she said. Marnane added, "Sponsoring at the Craven Meeting, with the Tattersalls Breeze-Up Sales taking place at the same time where we will once again be consigning plenty of very promising horses, works really well for us and we are thrilled to be taking the step up to Group race sponsorship this year. It will be a very exciting week for us."

TATTERSALLS - 2007 SALES DATES

Craven Breeze-Up Apr. 17-19
 Guineas Breeze-Up May 3-4
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FASLIYEV FILLY TOPS DAY TWO The Goffs February Sale continued apace yesterday when a Fasliyev half-sister to the G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine Kinnaird (Ire) topped the yearling session at

€145,000. Offered by Tom and Cathy Burns's Victor Stud as hip [438](#), the sibling of Newsells Park's talented racemare, who also annexed the 2003 G2 May Hill S. before her career high at Longchamp two years later, was knocked down to Denis Sheehy. "She was expensive, but she comes from a very good family, and I waited all day to get her," Sheehy commented. "She has been bought on behalf of Denis and Catherine O'Flynn's Old Carhue Stud, but we have yet to decide whether she will be reoffered or kept to race." The bay filly was produced by Ribot's Guest (Ire) (Be My Guest). Earlier in the session, Rathbarry Stud acquired a notable Moyglare blueblood when paying €120,000 for hip [329](#), a Selkirk colt from the family of Trusted Partner, dam of Dress to Thrill (Ire). Alberto Panetta signed the docket. "He is a lovely colt and quite possibly one of the nicest sons of Selkirk that we have seen," he said. "He also comes from a very good family and will be reoffered in the autumn, but we have yet to decide where that will be." Shortly after, Dermot Cantillon went to €68,000 for Jockey Hall Stud's hip [336](#), a Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) half-sister to the 2005 G1 Phoenix S. runner-up Amadeus Mozart (Ire). This is also the family of sire Gothenberg (Ire) and Japanese champion Cesario (Jpn). "She's a very nice filly and comes from a family that I have been trying to get into for a while; I was underbidder on her dam when she was sold out of training," he explained. "She will be reoffered in the autumn." The first yearlings by Australian sprinting sensation Reset (Aus) are being offered this year, and that Darley resident was responsible for hip [372](#). The Rathmore Stud half-sister to the dam of last year's brilliant G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and G2 Rockfel S. winner and champion juvenile filly Finsceal Beo (Ire). It was Century Farms who had the final say at €52,000. Another Darley sire, Noverre, is proving popular, and agent Brian Grassick paid €47,000 for one of his sons. Consigned by Charles and Jill Booth's Foston Stud, hip [340](#) is out of a half to the sire Raphane. Selling for the final session of part one of the sale starts today at 10 a.m. Full results are available on www.goffs.com.
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QUESNAY OPEN HOUSE NEXT WEEK

Haras du Quesnay will open its doors next week prior to the ARQANA Mixed Sale at Deauville. The farm's stallions--Bering (GB), Gold Away (Ire), Highest Honor (Fr), Iron Mask, Numerous and Panis--will be available for inspection Monday, Feb. 19 from 2-5 p.m, and Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, go to www.lequesnay.com.



AUSTRALASIA



'QUALITY' FILLY SETS MARK AT MM PERTH

SALE A filly by Elusive Quality set a record of A\$365,000 for a yearling at the Magic Millions Perth Sale's opening session yesterday. The previous high



Magic Millions photo

mark was A\$210,000. Purchasing lot 189 was New South Wales bloodstock agent Rick Connelly, who secured the filly on behalf of a client of trainer John Hawkes. "I purchased her for a client of John's--not Woodlands Stud,"

Connelly explained. "She was a beautiful filly and her price looked good value to me. It's a great family; a family I know well." He added, "She's a lovely filly--a great walker." The grey filly is the third foal from Group 2 winner Born Priceless (Aus), a daughter of Pricelessly --a full brother to U.S. champion Flawlessly. There are a number of stakes winners under the second dam Born Rich (Aus), including The Heavyweight (Aus), Happy Strike (Aus), Born Western (Aus) and Imanabaa (Aus). Both aggregate and average increased slightly from last year, while the number sold remained level, and the number passed in rose slightly. "We made a solid start to the sale today," said Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "The well-presented yearlings today proved popular with a top buying bench. It was obviously a highlight to sell a filly for A\$365,000--again proving that the Perth Sale was a great venue to offer high quality yearlings." Chester added, "We're hoping to lift the clearance rate to 80 percent by the end of tomorrow night." The clearance rate is currently 77.2 percent. The second session of the sale will kick away at 5 p.m. following the Magic Millions raceday at Ascot Racecourse. Complete results are available on www.magicmillions.com.au.

GOFFS FEBRUARY TUESDAY - TOP 3 LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
<u>438</u>	f	<u>Fasliyev</u>	<u>Ribot's Guest (Ire)</u>	145,000
Consigned by Victor Stud Purchased by Sheehy Bros (Agents)				
<u>329</u>	c	<u>Selkirk</u>	<u>Legend Has It (Ire)</u>	120,000
Consigned by Moyglare Stud Farm Purchased by Rathbarry Stud				
<u>336</u>	f	<u>Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)</u>	<u>Lindesberg (GB)</u>	68,000
Consigned by Jockey Hall Stud Purchased by Dermot Cantillon				

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN SOUTH AFRICA:

Until (GB), f, 4, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--Blinding Mission, by Marju (Ire). Durbanville, 2-13, Maiden, 1400mT. O-Mr A Erasmus & Chartaprops 23 (Pty) Ltd T/A Oaklands Estates; B-Chippenham Lodge Stud; T-Glen Kotzen. *14,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT.



GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE PART ONE STATISTICS TUESDAY, FEB. 13, 2007

2007 TOTALS	SESSION	CUMULATIVE
No. Offered	186	376
No. Sold	117	238
RNAs	69	138
% RNA	37.1%	36.7%
Gross	€1,565,500	2,707,500
Average	€13,380	11,376
Median	€6,000	N/A

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**MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH
TUESDAY - TOP 4 LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
189	f	Elusive Quality	Born Pricelessly (Aus)	365,000
Consigned by Yarradale Stud Purchased by Magic Millions, agent				
137	f	Scenic (Ire)	Viridian (NZ)	170,000
Consigned by Anita Vale Stud Purchased by Darrell Ible Bloodstock				
189	f	Scenic (Ire)	Amber Spree (Aus)	150,000
Consigned by Shenton Park Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by John Chalmers Bloodstock				
231	c	Johannesburg	Darkwood Beach (Aus)	150,000
Consigned by Cayley Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by VIP Thoroughbreds				

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Angers, 2.10, 2-13, €26,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:44.60, hy.

CHARLEVAL (FR) (c, 3, Marchand de Sable--Be My Buck {Fr}, by Be My Guest) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €21,950. O-Haras de Bernesq; B-F Beneillouche; T-Cyriaque Diard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Keskesay (Fr), c, 3, Key of Luck--Karolo (Ire), by Priolo. Angers, France, 2-13, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16mT. B-Bloodstock Breeders.

MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH SALE Tuesday, February 13, 2007	
SESSION TOTALS	
No. Offered	241
No. Sold	186
RNAs	55
% RNA	22.8%
Gross	A\$8,392,350
Average (% change)	A\$45,120 (+14.5%)
	2006
	235
	186
	49
	20.9%
	A\$7,329,000
	A\$39,403
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**BREEDERS' EDITION
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$39,480, NW1X, 3yo, 1m70y, 1:42 4/5, ft. LEGACY RESERVE (c, 3, Cherokee Run--Magnet, by Seeking the Gold) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$53,766. O-Farnsworth Farms. B-Mrs Edgar Scott Jr & Mrs Lawrence MacElree (PA). T-H Graham Motion. * \$100,000 yrl '05 FTSAUG.

8th-PHA, \$35,960, NW2L, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft. THADDEUS (g, 4, Clash by Night--Last Call Ladies, by Dispersal) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$47,883. O/B-River Ridge Farms LLC (PA). T-Todd M Beattie.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

David's Dance, g, 4, Two Davids--Raggaas Rose, by El Raggaas. PHA, 2-13, 7f, 1:11 4/5. B-Joan O'Donnell (PA).

NEW ARRIVALS
FOALING NEWS

WESTERN RANSOM, 6, Red Ransom--Western Wind, by Gone West
Foal born Jan. 16, a filly by Empire Maker.
Owned by Dr John A Chandler.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$229,290.

VALLERA (GER), 6, Monsun (Ger)--Val d'Etoile (Ger), by Big Shuffle
Foal born Jan. 17, a filly by Leroidesanimaux (Brz)
Will be bred back to Johar.
Owned by Mrs Jerry Amerman.
Boarded at Mill Ridge, Ky.
Accomplishments: MGSW-Ger, \$156,380.

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