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HEADLINE NEWS

STREET SENSE TO STAND FOR \$75,000

Darley Stud in Kentucky has announced that **Street Sense** (Street Cry {Ire}), the reigning Eclipse Award-winning two-year-old and GI Kentucky Derby hero, will stand the 2008 breeding season for a fee of \$75,000, stands and nurses. **Street Cry (Ire)** (Machiavellian), the three-year-old's sire who is represented by 13 percent stakes winners from his first crop and four Grade/Group 1 winners, has seen his fee doubled to \$100,000. **Hard Spun** (Danzig), the GI King's Bishop S. winner who defeated Street Sense in the GII Kentucky Cup Classic in September and finished runner-up in last weekend's GI Breeders' Cup Classic as well as the Kentucky Derby, will cover his first mares at a fee of \$50,000. Plans for **Any Given Saturday** (Distorted Humor), purchased for stallion duty following his win in the GI Haskell Invitational S. in August, are pending. **Discreet Cat** (Forestry), the co-highest-rated three-year-old in the world alongside Darley's Bernardini in 2006, retires to stud at \$30,000 (see related story p2). Among Darley's established stallions, **Elusive Quality** (Gone West), the sire of Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint winner Maryfield, will stand the 2008 season at \$75,000, while **Cherokee Run** (Runaway Groom) will remain at \$40,000, despite the exploits of the undefeated GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile hero and likely two-year-old champion War Pass. John Ferguson, Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock advisor, said, "Sheikh Mohammed's long term aim is to stand the best stallions



Street Sense
Sherackatthetrack



Hard Spun
Adam Coglianese

in the world, and he's acutely aware that great sires emerge from a flourishing breeding industry. The Darley prices are pitched at a level which gives breeders with quality mares an excellent chance to produce quality horses from reasonable fees."

BILL CONDREN DIES

Bill Condren, who campaigned Classic winners Strike the Gold, Go for Gin and Louis Quatorze, died Monday while surrounded by family at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a lengthy illness. He was 74. Condren was born in New York City in 1933. A graduate of Fordham College and Harvard Law School, he was a private investor with interests in real estate, oil and gas drilling and aircraft leasing. He translated a lifelong interest in horse racing into horse ownership in the early 1980s through partnerships with the Bell family. "He was a great friend who enjoyed the cerebral exercise of breeding, racing and talking horses," remembered Jimmy Bell. "He got very involved in all of our operations; from racing to breeding to our stallion business. He was a friend first and a client second. He loved every aspect of racing--loved to talk it, loved to read it and loved to participate." Condren won two Kentucky Derbys. Strike the Gold, who Condren owned in partnership with Joseph Cornacchia and B. Giles Brophy, won the 1991 Derby. The owner returned to the Derby winner's circle just three years later when Go For Gin, owned in partnership with Cornacchia, came home first in the 1994 renewal of the Run for the Roses. In 1996, Georgia Hofmann and Condren's Louis Quatorze captured the GI Preakness S. All three Classic winners were trained by Nick Zito. Condren also campaigned GI Pimlico Special winner Star Standard and graded stakes winner Mr. Greeley. He was a co-founder and director of the National Thoroughbred Association, a trustee for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, and he served on the board of directors of the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. Plans for a memorial service in New York are pending. He is survived by his wife Mary Jo, a son, Colin, and daughters Elizabeth and Jennifer.



William Condren (right) celebrates Go for Gin's Kentucky Derby win with Joseph Cornacchia and jockey Chris McCarron. *Getty Images*

IF IT'S NOVEMBER...IT'S TAYLOR MADE

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DISCREET CAT RETIRED *Discreet Cat* (Forestry--Pretty Discreet, by Private Account), a winner of his first six starts, including the GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H., the GI Jerome Breeders' Cup H. and the G2 UAE Derby, has been retired from racing and will stand his first season at Darley Stud in Lexington, Kentucky. He will stand for \$30,000. Bred in Kentucky by E. Paul Robsham, the bay is out of GI Alabama S. heroine *Pretty Discreet*. *Discreet Cat* debuted with a breathtaking maiden win at Saratoga in August 2005, and was subsequently purchased privately by Godolphin. The four-year-old finished third in the GI Vosburgh S. Sept. 30 as well as the inaugural Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile S. Oct. 26 in his final two trips to post. The half brother to *Pretty Wild* (*Wild Again*), MSW & MGISP, \$398,280, won six of nine career starts and bankrolled \$1,694,180.



Discreet Cat
Sarah K. Andrew

'GEORGE' TO BE LAID TO REST AT ASHFORD
The ashes of **George Washington (Ire)** (Danehill--Bordighera, by Alysheba) are to be buried at Coolmore's Ashford Stud in Kentucky. Speaking to *Racing Post* in the aftermath of the four-year-old's tragic death, trainer Aidan O'Brien said, "The last 48 hours have been very tough on everyone. Obviously, losing George was very sad, and a big blow to us all. Conditions at Monmouth Park were completely against our horses."

DARLEY AMERICA 2008 STUD FEES

<u>Stallion (Sire)</u>	<u>'08 Fee</u>
Street Cry (Ire) (Machiavellian)	\$100,000
Bernardini (A.P. Indy)	\$100,000
Elusive Quality (Gone West)	\$75,000
Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire})	\$75,000
Hard Spun (Danzig)	\$50,000
Cherokee Run (Runaway Groom)	\$40,000
Henny Hughes (Hennessy)	\$40,000
Discreet Cat (Forestry)	\$30,000
Consolidator (Storm Cat)	\$20,000
Quiet American (Fappiano)	\$20,000
Rockport Harbor (Unbridled's Song)	\$20,000
E Dubai (Mr. Prospector)	\$15,000
Holy Bull (Great Above)	\$15,000
Kafwain (Cherokee Run)	\$10,000
Offlee Wild (Wild Again)	\$10,000
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PURE CLAN (left) closed strongly to catch **AUTHENICAT** (green cap) in Churchill's Pocahontus S-G3

DEAL PENDING TO SEND CAME HOME TO JAPAN A deal is pending which will send Lane's End stallion **Came Home** (Gone West--Nice Assay, by Clever Trick) to Japan. The eight-year-old stallion is currently in quarantine while undergoing tests to finalize his purchase by the Japan Racing Association to enter stud at JBBA Stallion Station in Hokkaido Shizunai in 2008. Rollin Baugh brokered the deal. During his racing career, **Came Home** won the 2002 GI Pacific Classic, GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Swaps S. He also captured the 2001 GI Hopeful S. From two crops to race, **Came Home** is the sire of more than 45 winners and seven stakes winners **Beautiful Venue**, **Cajun Conquest** and **Alina**, as well as the graded stakes placed **C P West** and **Passion**. Out of the graded stakes winning mare **Nice Assay**, **Came Home** is a half brother to Grade II winner **A.P. Assay**.



Came Home's C P West
Horsephotos



NO CUP FOR SCORPION Scorpion (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}--Ardmelody {GB}, by Law Society) has been withdrawn from the G1 Melbourne Cup Nov. 6 after pulling up lame following a searching gallop at Sandown Monday.

"He's lame, very lame in the off-hind leg," trainer Aidan O'Brien said. "The x-rays have shown nothing, but he has suffered ligament damage." O'Brien, alerted to Scorpion's injury while waiting for a connecting flight at Los Angeles airport on Monday



Scorpion
HKJC photo


night, arrived in Melbourne yesterday and took less than 15 minutes to make a decision. "It's hard--obviously we were really looking forward to racing this horse," O'Brien said. The five-year-old is now likely to be retired. Scorpion, hero of the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and the G1 St. Leger S. at three, captured the G1 Coronation Cup in June, and most recently ran second to stablemate Yeats (Ire) in the G1 Irish St. Leger S. Sept. 15. Ballydoyle's Cup hopes now rest with **Mahler (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}), the first European three-year-old to attempt the Flemington feature. Produced by a full sister to G1SW Footstepsinthesand (GB), the bay colt is one of the most lightly raced horses to contest the Melbourne Cup, with just six starts under his belt. He most recently ran second in the G1 St. Leger S. Sept. 15 at Doncaster.

'Moon' Bright...

Fellow European raider **Purple Moon (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) impressed trainer Luca Cumani in his last serious gallop before the Cup at Flemington yesterday. With jockey Damien Oliver in the saddle, the four-year-old stopped the clock at 1:04.18 for 1000 meters, clocking :23.94 for his last 400. The good-looking chestnut sat two lengths off his galloping partner Navigate from the 1400-meter mark, picking up his mate rapidly in the straight and powering clear by 10 lengths. "I didn't want him to do too much, and he did it in hand," Cumani reported. Purple Moon, the Tote Ebor H. hero, ran sixth last out in the G1 Caulfield Cup Oct. 20. The G1 Victoria Derby winner **Efficient (NZ)** (Zabeel {NZ}) was another whose work was eye-catching, although he has been off the board in four outings this campaign, including a ninth in the G1 Cox Plate Oct. 27. The grey worked 1000 meters in 1:03.90, getting :22.78 for his final 400 meters.

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STORMELLO RETIRED TO VINERY Stormello

(Stormy Atlantic--Wilsheved, by Carson City), winner of the 2006 GI Hollywood Futurity, has been retired and will stand at Vinery in Lexington, Kentucky, for \$15,000 in 2008. Bred in Kentucky by Al Eisman and William Currin, the three-year-old raced in the colors of his breeders and was trained by Currin. The chestnut finished second, beaten a nose, in this term's GI Fountain of Youth S. and closed out his career with a third-place finish in the GI Woody Stephens Breeders' Cup S. June 9. He won three of 11 career starts and earned \$700,100.



Stormello
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CURLIN RETURNS TO CHURCHILL Curlin (Smart Strike), a dominating winner of Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Monmouth Park, returned to Churchill Downs Monday.



Trainer Steve Asmussen leads Curlin off the van at Churchill Downs *Reed Palmer*

“He made his Horse of the Year speech on Saturday when it counted,” trainer Steve Asmussen said. “That’s that part about racing that you love--the ones that are decided on the track. I think that it showed what a special horse he is.” The handsome chestnut’s work is done for 2007, and a decision for a possible campaign in 2008 has yet to be decided. “He’s here to be admired and petted on for a

little while, and greatly appreciated,” Asmussen continued. “We’ll keep him in somewhat of a routine, and keep him comfortable and his head where it needs to be. We’ll just let everybody admire and feel the way we obviously do about him.”



Kodiak Kowboy
Adam Coglianesse

Asmussen also saddled second and third-place finishers **Pyro** (Pulpit) and **Kodiak Kowboy** (Posse) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. “The horse ran a quarter of a mile [at Woodbine] in April and ran third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile,” Asmussen said of Kodiak Kowboy. “Who wouldn’t want one of him? He’ll get a well-deserved 30-day break, at least, at Vinery. We’ll do a little petting and lovin’ on him, as well.” Asmussen added that Pyro would begin his road to the GI Kentucky Derby at Fair Grounds.

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Thursday, Saint-Cloud, France

CRITERIUM INTERNATIONAL-G1, €250,000, 2yo, c/f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	4	Yankadi	Johannesburg	Hughes
2	6	Sceptre Rouge (Ire)	Red Ransom	Soumillon
3	5	Redolent (Ire)	Redback (GB)	Murtagh
4	3	Hello Morning (Fr)	Poliglote (GB)	Lemaire
5	2	Thewayyouare	Kingmambo	Pasquier
6	1	Blue Chagall (Fr)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Victoire

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VINERY 2008 STUD FEES

Stallion (Sire)

VINERY KENTUCKY

'08 Fee

Brahms (Danzig)	\$8,500
Gilded Time (Timeless Moment)	\$10,000
Limehouse (Grand Slam)	\$15,000
More Than Ready (Southern Halo)	\$60,000
Posse (Silver Deputy)	\$30,000
Pure Prize (Storm Cat)	\$12,500
Purge (Pulpit)	\$20,000
Silver Train (Old Trieste)	\$25,000
Stormello (Stormy Atlantic)	\$15,000
The Cliff's Edge (Gulch)	\$10,000
Yonaguska (Cherokee Run)	\$10,000

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Alke (Grand Slam)	\$4,000
Congrats (A.P. Indy)	\$12,500
D'Wildcat (Forest Wildcat)	\$6,500
Fire Slam (Grand Slam)	\$4,000
Peace Rules (Jules)	\$12,500
Pomeroy (Boundary)	\$10,000
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TATTERSALLS AUTUMN SALE

YELLOWSTONE ACHIEVES NEAR-RECORD

Dubai Carnival prospects dominated yesterday's second session of the Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training Sale in Newmarket, with **Yellowstone (Ire)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) coming close to setting a new record price when selling for 520,000gns. Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith and Sue Magnier's three-year-old colt was just 10,000gns shy of the European male horse-in-training record. A late addition to the sale, Yellowstone went through the ring as hip 634, and Lambourn trainer Stan Moore, acting for Dubai-based patron Fitri Hay, fought off agent Gordian Troeller, who was taking instructions from California-based trainer Bob Hess. "He'll go to the Dubai Carnival, and many other places, hopefully," said Moore. "He's a worldwide campaigner, and that's what you need in this day and age. Horses like him don't come on the market, and you have to pay the price. Hopefully he'll do as well for me as he has done for Aidan [O'Brien]." Under the tutelage of O'Brien, Yellowstone captured the G3 Gordon S. and was the runner-up in the G2 Great Voltigeur S. The son of Love and Affection (Exclusive Era) was a 60,000gns TATOCT yearling. The three-year-old gelding **Coeur de Lionne (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was also bought as a Dubai Carnival prospect, selling for 350,000gns to agent David Metcalfe with Anthony Stroud the underbidder. "He's for the Lamprell Partnership, who are based in Dubai, and they were looking for a nice horse to run at the Carnival," said Metcalfe. "He'll be trained in Newmarket by Ed Dunlop, and was a good-looking horse that vetted well." Also heading to Dubai's Carnival is Ballymacoll Stud's smart handicapper **Greek Well (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), for whom David Loder paid 220,000gns to outbid jump conditioner Howard Johnson. Dual Goodwood handicap winner **Harry Tricker (GB)** (Hernando {Fr}) changed hands for 220,000gns when knocked down to agent Paul Webber. "He'll probably be continuing on the Flat for the time being, but I can't say a lot more about where he's going," said Webber. Johnson was again underbidder. A frustrating day for Johnson and his main patron, Sage software tycoon Graham Wylie, continued when they underbid for **Sagredo (Diesis {GB})**, who made 310,000gns. The three-year-old was bought by Timmy Hyde for top jump owner J.P. McManus to join Jonjo O'Neill's stable. Complete results are available on www.tattersalls.com.



Yellowstone
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<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
No. Catalogued	393	364
No. Offered	300	249
No. Sold	258	225
RNAs	42	24
% RNA	14%	9.6%
Highest Price	520,000gns	425,000gns
Gross	9,249,300gns	6,199,300gns
Average	35,850gns (+30.1%)	27,552gns
Median	18,000gns (+20%)	15,000gns
<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
No. Catalogued	802	739
No. Offered	611	513
No. Sold	488	447
RNAs	123	66
% RNA	20.1%	12.9%
Gross	14,274,700gns (+27.4%)	11,201,300gns
Average	29,251gns (+16.7%)	25,059gns

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**TATTERSALLS AUTUMN HORSES IN TRAINING
TUESDAY - TOP FIVE LOTS**

Hip	Name	Price (Gns)
634	Yellowstone (Ire) <i>(c, 3, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--Love and Affection, by Exclusive Era)</i> (60,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT) Consigned by Ballydoyle Stables Purchased by Stan Moore	520,000
613	Coeur de Lionne (Ire) <i>(g, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Lionne {GB}, by Darshaan {GB})</i> (78,000gns wnlg '04 TATDEC; 145,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT) Consigned by Beckhampton House Stables Purchased by David Metcalfe Bloodstock International	350,000
768	Sagredo <i>(g, 3, Diesis {GB}--Eternity {GB}, by Suave Dancer)</i> Consigned by Heath House Stables Purchased by T Hyde	310,000
528	Harry Tricker (GB) <i>(g, 3, Hernando {Fr}--Katy Nowaitee {GB}, by Komaite)</i> Consigned by Coombelands Racing Stables Purchased by Paul Webber Racing Ltd	220,000
710	Greek Well (Ire) <i>(c, 4, Sadler's Wells--Hellenic {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB})</i> Consigned by Freemason Lodge Stables Purchased by David Loder	220,000

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**TATTERSALLS AUTUMN HORSES IN TRAINING
DAY THREE**

995 **Pride of Nation (Ire), h, 5, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--
Anita Via (Ire), by Anita's Prince (Ire)**
Consigned by Bedford House Stables

Campaigned by Luca Cumani, Pride of Nation has taken on the profile of an improving older horse typical of this stable this term. He took the G3 Sovereign S. at Salisbury before two unplaced efforts against better company.

1056 **Gaspar van Wittel, c, 2, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--
Akuna Bay, by Mr. Prospector**
Consigned by Rathmoy Stables

This colt, whose second dam is the 1988 G1 Irish St Leger winner Dark Lomond (Ire), has shown a high level of form during his juvenile campaign. Twice a winner before finishing third behind Raven's Pass in the G3 Solaris S. at Sandown, he is bred to improve with age and distance.



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1075 Moral Duty, c, 2, **Silver Deputy**--Shoogle, by A.P. Indy
Consigned by Juddmonte Farms

One of the winning juveniles from the prized Juddmonte draft, this colt is out of a full to MGISW Aptitude and 3/4-sister to GISW Sleep Easy, from the excellent family of Slew o'Gold and Coastal.

1161 Mystic Dancer (GB), c, 3, **Machiavellian**--
Mystic Goddess, by Storm Bird
Consigned by Ed Peate, Agent

While he never promised to match the exploits of his famed full-brother Medicean (GB), Mystic Dancer has shown useful form in maidens for the Cheveley Park Stud-Sir Michael Stoute axis.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

October 31, 1964...Seven-year-old **Kelso** won a record fifth consecutive Jockey Club Gold Cup at Aqueduct Racetrack; he was the odds-on choice in each of his victories.

October 31, 1987...Jockey **Chris Antley** became the first rider to win nine races in a single day, booting home four winners at Aqueduct in the afternoon and five winners at the Meadowlands that same evening.

October 31, 1996...**Cigar**'s retirement from racing was made official. He appeared in a farewell ceremony at the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden in New York Nov. 2.

November 1, 1938...Before a crowd of 40,000 spectators, **Seabiscuit** and jockey George Woolf defeated odds-on favorite **War Admiral** in the Pimlico Special, a winner-take-all match race with a purse of \$15,000.

Courtesy of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

**TATTERSALLS AUTUMN HORSES IN TRAINING
 WEDNESDAY - OUTS**

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<u>Stallion (Sire)</u>	<u>'08 Fee</u>
Adena Springs Kentucky	
Awesome Again (Deputy Minister)	\$150,000
Congaree (Arazi)	\$15,000
El Prado (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	\$75,000
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again)	\$150,000
Giacomo (Holy Bull)	\$12,500
Macho Uno (Holy Bull)	\$20,000
North Light (Ire) (Danehill)	\$25,000
Silent Name (Jpn) (Sunday Silence)	\$7,500
Touch Gold (Deputy Minister)	\$20,000

Adena Springs South

Alphabet Soup (Cozzene)	\$10,000
Aristocrat (Awesome Again)	\$5,000
Greatness (Mr. Prospector)	\$5,000
Indy King (A.P. Indy)	\$2,000
Milwaukee Brew (Wild Again)	\$7,500
Olmodavor (A.P. Indy)	\$5,000
Red Bullet (Unbridled)	\$10,000
Sligo Bay (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)	\$7,500
Wilko (Awesome Again)	\$10,000



FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



SLOW FUSE: SMART STRIKE

We ran a table a few weeks ago which showed Distorted Humor (3.84) and Smart Strike (3.83) ranking one-two among 396 sires with first foals 1996-2004 and 200+ year-starters 2001-2007. Now, Smart Strike has followed his Belmont Park Sept. 30 Grade I triple with a Breeders' Cup double, courtesy of English Channel and Curlin (who scored an astronomical 119 Beyer). Those exploits mean that Smart Strike is not only the Leading Sire in North America in 2007, but he has already shattered the single-season record for progeny earnings--more than \$13 million and counting. Distorted Humor, meanwhile, is third on the 2007 General Sire List, with A.P. Indy second.

Though he came out of one of the strongest sire crops of recent memory (first foals 2000), Distorted Humor established himself as a top sire right away, though the market probably underrated him, weirdly because his first-crop GI Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide was a gelding. The accompanying table shows annual Sire List rankings, and APEX ratings and rankings, for both Distorted Humor and Smart Strike; keep in mind that 1.00 equals average on the APEX scale, and the lowest A Runner Index either sire has ever had was Smart Strike's 3.44 at the end of 2003, the year his first five-year-olds ran. So both have always been high-ranking sires. Distorted Humor was Leading Freshman Sire of 2002, though by virtue of Elusive City's disqualification from that year's G2 Richmond S., which cost his sire, Elusive Quality, the Freshman Sire championship. He ranked 14th on the 2003 General Sire List with his first three-year-olds, including Funny Cide, though Grand Slam, another then-second crop sire, finished even higher than he did on the General Sire List. In 2004, when they had their first four-year-olds, Distorted Humor ranked 20th on the General Sire List, but was only sixth highest-ranked F2000 sire. Elusive Quality (Leading Sire in Smarty Jones's year), Awesome Again, Tale of the Cat, Grand Slam, and Wild Rush all finished even higher among the top 20. In the last three years, though, Distorted Humor has ranked second, sixth, and now third on the General Sire List, which has been good for top of the crop each year.

In APEX terms, Distorted Humor has ranked top of the F2000 sires in four of the five years they have been rated. In 2003, when they had their first three-year-olds (and when they are first assigned APEX ratings), the little-known and short-lived Air Express (by Salse) did rank higher, though Distorted Humor's 4.95 A Index looked plenty good. Though the raw index numbers have dropped, this is normal as the inevitable moderate horses from each crop pile up. It's that string of 1's under his A Index ranking among the F2000 sire crop that tells the story.

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Even so, APEX certainly forecast his eventual market standing long before his stud fee hit six figures. As late as the 2005 breeding season, after three crops had raced and his oldest had finished their four-year-old year, you could still breed to Distorted Humor for \$60,000. Those were this year's yearlings; he stood for \$150,000 in 2006 and \$225,000 in 2007. He's sure to be in the \$300,000 range for 2008.

Smart Strike was even slower to come to hand. His first foals were born in 1998 and raced in 2000, yet not until 2006, when his oldest crop were eight-year-olds, did Smart Strike stand for more than \$35,000 (at which fee his 2007 yearlings were conceived). Even then he went just to \$50,000, then to \$75,000 this year. Next year he goes to \$150,000, still only half the likely price of Distorted Humor. Since I think Distorted Humor deserves to stand for \$300,000, I must think Smart Strike is still a bargain at \$150,000.

In his case, the numbers led the market by a long ways. For probably five years breeders have been breeding to Smart Strike for a fee which never reflected the numbers he was racking up. He ranked 14th on the General Sire List in 2002--the year his first four-year-olds raced--though that actually ranked him second among F1998 sires that year, as War Emblem's sire, Our Emblem, ranked two places above Smart Strike. This year, for the sixth consecutive year, Smart Strike ranks above perennial six-figure sire Unbridled's Song. **Oppenheim cont.**



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Smart Strike has been the top-ranked F1998 sire on the General Sire List four times in the last five years (ranking ninth, sixth, eighth, and 11th from 2003-2006), finishing behind only Maria's Mon among F1998 sires in 2006, when Maria's Mon had a career year. In APEX terms also, you can see that Smart Strike has almost always ranked in the high 3's. Since 2004, he has actually reversed the trend of top sires' index ratings declining, climbing from 3.64 at the end of 2004 to 3.83 at the end of July 2007. For the last six years since 2002, three sires have topped the F1998 APEX sire rankings every year. In 2002 and 2003, Pivotal was the top-rated F1998 APEX sire, followed by Unbridled's Song and Smart Strike. In 2004, Unbridled's Song was top, with Smart Strike second, and Pivotal third. In 2005 Smart Strike claimed top spot, and he's unlikely to relinquish it now. Unbridled's Song was second, with Pivotal third in 2005. The last two years Pivotal has ranked second, with Unbridled's Song third. The message: how can Smart Strike have stood so cheaply all that time? There is an answer: because General Sire List and APEX rankings usually tell you more about sire success than yearling averages.

HOW THEY RATED

Year	Sire Lists		APEX	
	GSL	Crop	A Index	Crop
SMART STRIKE (First Foals 1998)				
2000	----	15	----	----
2001	147	10	3.93	4
2002	18	2	3.63	3
2003	9	1	3.44	3
2004	6	1	3.64	2
2005	8	1	3.78	1
2006	11	2	3.85	1
2007	1	1	3.83	1
DISTORTED HUMOR (First Foals 2000)				
2002	----	1	----	----
2003	14	2	4.95	2
2004	20	6	4.26	1
2005	2	1	4.04	1
2006	6	1	4.07	1
2007	3	1	3.84	1

2007 APEX = through July 31

TOP SIRES by APEX A RUNNER INDEX, 2001-2007

Rank	Sire	Index
1	A.P. Indy	5.09
2	Danehill	4.92
3	Danzig	4.74
4	Storm Cat	4.5
5	Sadler's Wells	4.08
6	Distorted Humor	3.84
7	Smart Strike	3.83

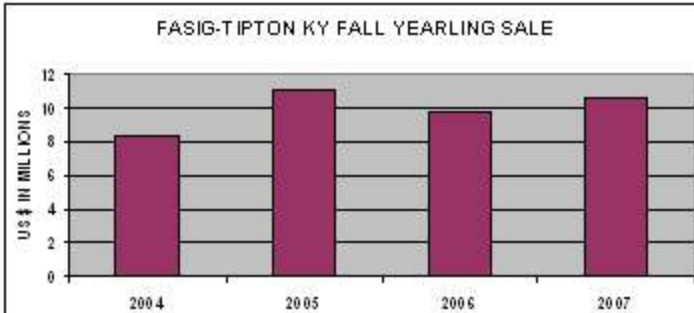
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Weekly Sales Ticker

by BILL OPPENHEIM

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"After good gains at Fasig-Tipton October and even bigger gains at Arqana's Deauville October sale, the overall second-half sales gross is up to \$867-million, just \$4-million, or half a percent, below last year's record; the average for over 11,000 horses is off by about 3%. But the market is really up by at least 5% when you factor out the drop in Sheikh Mohammed's Keeneland September Book 1 spending."
-Bill Oppenheim



CUMULATIVE FOR THE 2ND HALF SALES THROUGH WEEK 12

YEAR	SOLD	GROSS	AVG
2007	11,198	867,187,859	77,441
2006	10,916	871,712,776	79,856
2005	10,547	831,593,612	78,846
2004	10,397	682,553,240	65,649



Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

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In Other News...

The European reviews of Monmouth Park's Breeders' Cup were universally critical, principally that smaller facilities like Monmouth Park shouldn't really be hosting America's biggest day of racing, and that their dirt races are still run on dirt, not an all-weather surface. The awful death of George Washington must have sent every European on the grounds home wishing they hadn't shown up. Predictably, there is an American backlash. What were they doing running George Washington on the dirt anyhow, the Americans ask (A: they already had Excellent Art for the Mile and Dylan Thomas for the Turf). Here's what it looks like from this corner. Greg Avioli and Bill Farish have made it clear the Breeders' Cup is going to be run in America, and geared to Americans. Though they don't intend it this way, it's hard to escape the comparison with the recently concluded World Series (in which, I believe, TDN Co-Publisher Sue Finley's beloved Bosox routed Colorado). The only difference is, they don't play baseball in Europe, so they're not tempted to send a team over to compete in the championships. What's really being said here is that the Breeders' Cup cannot be expected to be in charge of organizing an international (Northern Hemisphere) autumn and winter racing circuit. Of course they can't; they're a North American organization. But the Europeans do have a couple of telling points: as long as it can be established that all-weather racing really is safer than conventional dirt (we'll be looking into that in the next few weeks), there should never be a Breeders' Cup run again which isn't run on an all-weather surface--and if there is, the Europeans just won't show up (Santa Anita in 2008 is 'Cushion track'). And, really, it's time to stop the mobile road show. Santa Anita has the facility, the racetracks, and the weather; just have it there, and find a way to move some of the major "Win and You're In" preps around.

Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale is occupying salegoers this week, then it's on to Kentucky for the mixed sales, featuring broodmares, broodmare prospects, and weanlings, getting underway at Fasig-Tipton next Sunday. This sale grossed \$64 million last year, while Keeneland's Book 1 grossed just under \$150 million, so \$214 million will be the target by close of business next Tuesday. I counted almost 200 stakes-winning mares alone in the combined sales' first three days.

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2007 wins: Woodward-G1 119 Beyer
 Whitney H.-G1 (NTR) 117 Beyer
 Oaklawn Park H.-G2

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 His half-brother by SMARTY JONES - *Hip 118*

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TOP AMERICAN FRESHMAN SIRES OF YEARLINGS in 2007

Rank	Sire	FF	Loc	'05 Fee	RingSold	Avg	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly	
1	SMARTY JONES	F06	KY	100000	57	34	201,029	150,000	650,000	350,000
2	SPEIGHTSTOWN	F06	KY	40000	77	53	185,415	150,000	700,000	425,000
3	STRONG HOPE	F06	KY	30000	57	40	132,295	100,000	250,000	350,000
4	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	F06	KY	35000	102	68	128,671	97,500	675,000	385,000
5	LION HEART	F06	KY	30000	134	106	99,766	73,500	440,000	320,000
6	PLEASANTLY PERFECT	F06	KY	40000	49	36	98,688	61,000	240,000	490,000
7	FRIENDS LAKE	F06	KY	15000	59	43	73,481	42,000	600,000	240,000
8	CONGAREE	F06	KY	15000	46	36	63,638	43,500	300,000	165,000
9	PERFECT SOUL (IRE)	F06	KY	15000	47	35	57,487	17,000	775,000	85,000
10	CANDY RIDE (ARG)	F06	KY	10000	47	35	54,498	25,000	250,000	230,000
11	JOHAR	F06	KY	20000	47	30	53,694	23,500	323,712	180,000
12	TAPIT	F06	KY	15000	82	67	53,506	35,000	300,000	125,000
13	PEACE RULES	F06	FL	15000	64	50	50,963	39,000	220,000	160,000
14	SPANISH STEPS	F06	FL	5000	34	25	50,548	25,000	200,000	170,000
15	WERBLIN	F06	FL	3000	4	4	49,750	51,000	82,000	90,000
16	DOMESTIC DISPUTE	F06	MD	5000	31	20	49,370	35,000	240,000	140,000
17	BIRDSTONE	F06	KY	10000	33	26	47,755	22,000	250,000	100,000
18	TOCCT	F06	KY	15000	65	46	46,560	38,526	150,000	145,000
19	CUVEE	F06	KY	10000	77	60	45,768	25,000	200,000	230,000
20	CHAPEL ROYAL	F06	KY	10000	129	95	45,446	30,000	320,000	325,000
21	SAARLAND	F06	KY	10000	70	53	43,676	25,000	210,000	400,000
22	EVEN THE SCORE	F06	KY	5000	45	33	42,878	30,000	160,000	125,000
23	THE CLIFF'S EDGE	F06	KY	20000	47	41	42,038	38,000	175,000	89,681
24	TOMAHAWK	F06	ON	3500	25	20	39,766	27,135	142,815	76,168
25	CANADIAN FRONTIER	F06	KY	10000	31	25	38,860	32,000	145,000	100,000
26	ACTION THIS DAY	F06	KY	10000	67	48	37,408	30,000	140,000	110,000
27	CITY PLACE	F06	FL	4000	29	25	36,808	26,000	145,000	80,000
28	STANISLAVSKY	F06	NY	1500	3	3	34,000	1,000	100,000	1,000
29	OMEGA CODE	F06	FL	7500	49	34	31,647	22,000	150,000	60,000
30	TETON FOREST	F06	KY	5000	19	14	30,157	13,000	130,000	15,000
31	SEATTLE FITZ (ARG)	F06	KY	0	18	13	29,807	20,000	155,000	27,000
32	READ THE FOOTNOTES	F06	NY	3500	23	19	29,568	11,000	140,000	30,000
33	CHAMPALI	F06	KY	7500	32	26	29,062	16,500	200,000	67,000
34	SIR CHEROKEE	F06	KY	7500	14	9	25,100	3,000	150,000	3,000
35	DURING	F06	KY	0	44	29	25,031	14,000	80,000	115,000
36	SOTO	F06	KY	7500	27	21	24,977	17,000	90,000	40,836
37	JOEY FRANCO	F06	CA	3000	3	2	24,363	24,363	42,226	0
38	NEWFOUNDLAND	F06	KY	10000	44	30	22,970	20,000	100,000	45,000
39	OLMODAVOR	F06	KY	10000	35	28	22,174	10,350	130,000	37,000
40	SCRIMSHAW	F06	KY	6500	47	37	20,008	11,000	74,080	72,000

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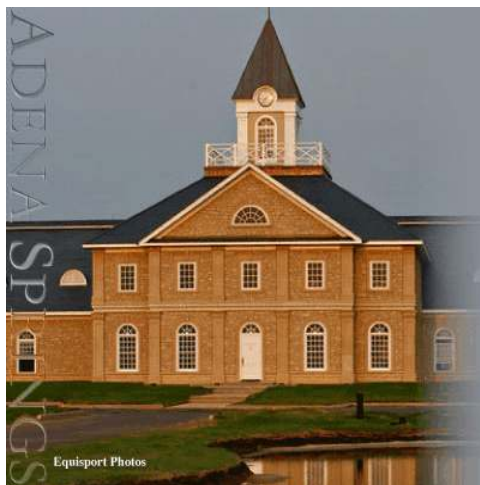
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Rank	Sire	FF	Loc	'05 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly
1	A.P. INDY	F94	KY	300000	39	25	825,000	675,000	2,400,000	1,500,000
2	KINGMAMBO	F95	KY	300000	4	3	595,034	460,102	325,000	1,000,000
3	STORM CAT	F89	KY	500000	34	26	544,038	350,000	1,700,000	1,600,000
4	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	F98	KY	125000	81	63	423,190	260,000	3,700,000	725,000
5	DISTORTED HUMOR	F00	KY	50000	57	44	409,750	300,000	1,900,000	675,000
6	GONE WEST	F89	KY	150000	35	24	394,133	215,000	2,144,205	1,500,000
7	SEEKING THE GOLD	F91	KY	125000	20	16	377,312	300,000	350,000	1,600,000
8	DYNAFORMER	F91	KY	75000	35	27	369,821	200,000	2,900,000	700,000
9	AWESOME AGAIN	F00	KY	125000	29	25	314,800	290,000	750,000	1,400,000
10	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	F02	KY	200000	105	93	293,696	200,000	804,076	2,136,750
11	ELUSIVE QUALITY	F00	KY	100000	49	34	253,776	217,500	640,710	750,000
12	MR. GREELEY	F97	KY	35000	94	78	241,561	150,000	2,200,000	755,328
13	EL PRADO (IRE)	F94	KY	100000	20	19	232,848	185,000	750,000	650,000
14	EMPIRE MAKER	F05	KY	100000	50	30	210,066	195,000	725,000	425,000
15	MINESHAFT	F05	KY	100000	47	34	207,205	155,000	1,200,000	475,000
16	SMARTY JONES	F06	KY	100000	57	34	201,029	150,000	650,000	350,000
17	SPEIGHTSTOWN	F06	KY	40000	77	53	185,415	150,000	700,000	425,000
18	VINDICATION	F05	KY	50000	74	54	183,962	127,500	800,000	1,000,000
19	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	F02	KY	150000	88	65	174,696	130,000	700,000	575,000
20	STREET CRY (IRE)	F04	KY	30000	48	37	166,007	120,000	600,000	750,000
21	FORESTRY	F01	KY	75000	73	53	163,145	140,000	425,000	600,000
22	SMART STRIKE	F98	KY	35000	53	39	159,410	120,000	775,000	350,000
23	PULPIT	F99	KY	50000	54	39	158,641	100,000	410,000	800,000
24	JOHANNESBURG	F04	KY	30000	96	81	151,270	110,000	1,000,000	375,000
25	HENNESSY	F98	KY	35000	37	32	143,718	95,000	700,000	300,000
26	DIXIE UNION	F02	KY	30000	61	46	136,864	100,000	350,000	535,000
27	GRAND SLAM	F00	KY	35000	93	74	136,025	110,000	420,000	600,000
28	RAHY	F91	KY	30000	39	35	134,126	90,000	500,000	160,000
29	STRONG HOPE	F06	KY	30000	57	40	132,295	100,000	250,000	350,000
30	DIXIELAND BAND	F86	KY	50000	29	22	130,806	70,000	210,000	400,000

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TENGA CAT TOPS BARRETT'S MIXED SALE The four-year-old colt **Tenga Cat** (Storm Cat) attracted a sales record final bid of \$250,000 to top Monday's opening session of the Barretts October Mixed Sale in Pomona, California. The dark bay, out of Tenga (Mr. Prospector), is a half brother to Grade I winner Startac (Theatrical {Ire}). He was consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, as agent for Stan Fulton's complete dispersal of horses of racing age. Tenga Cat broke his maiden over the Hollywood lawn in May and added a July 7 allowance tally in his most recent trip to the post. Nevada resident Grant S. Truman made the winning bid. Horses from the dispersal of Fulton's west coast racing stock dominated the first day of selling, represented by nine of the top 10 lots. The top four sellers all eclipsed the previous sale record price of \$125,000. The second highest price for the session was \$205,000 paid for Midnight Excess (In Excess {Ire}). The three-year-old colt was a maiden winner at Santa Anita Oct. 7. He was purchased by Southern California-based trainer Craig Lewis on behalf of Al and Sandee Kirkwood. During Monday's session, Barretts sold 201 horses for an aggregate of \$2,434,500. The average was \$12,112 and the median was \$3,500. The sale's final session took place yesterday and complete results will appear in tomorrow's *TDN*.

**BARRETT'S OCTOBER MIXED SALE
MONDAY'S TOP LOTS**

Hip	Name	Price
<u>028</u>	Tenga Cat <i>(c, 4, Storm Cat--Tenga, by Mr. Prospector)</i>	\$250,000
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock, agent for Stan Fulton Purchased by Grant S Truman		
<u>092</u>	Midnight Excess <i>(c, 3, In Excess {Ire}--Soaring Jewel, by Golden Eagle II)</i>	\$205,000
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock, agent for Stan Fulton Purchased by Craig Lewis, agent for A & S Kirkwood		
<u>097</u>	Orientate Slew <i>(c, 3, Orientate--Slewveau, by Slew o' Gold)</i>	\$180,000
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock, agent for Stan Fulton Purchased by NW Management		
<u>038</u>	A Dubai <i>(c, 3, E Dubai--Inspid, by Sham)</i>	\$170,000
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock, agent for Stan Fulton Purchased by Mike Machowsky, agent		
<u>059</u>	Devil Again <i>(c, 3, Awesome Again--Devil's Dispute, by Devil's Bag)</i>	\$100,000
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock, agent for Stan Fulton Purchased by Luis Asistio		

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:25p TVG 4rd-AQU, \$53K, Msw, 2yo, 1mT
STORMING OFF ([Theatrical {Ire}](#)) had showed some speed in the mornings, including a bullet four-furlong move in :47 2/5 at Belmont Sept. 22, but failed to reproduce that form in his debut at Belmont Sept. 28. Void of speed in the early going, the chestnut, who is by turf specialist [Theatrical {Ire}](#) and out of a Storm Cat mare, was a well-beaten eighth that day, but tries to get back on track here for trainer Todd Pletcher, who fires with 20 percent of horses making the move from dirt to turf. [brisnet.com pps](#)

3:52p TVG 7th-AQU, \$58K, Alw, (\$50k, Opt. Cl.), 3yo/up, 1mT
RABATASH ([Johannesburg](#)) was only 3 3/4 lengths back in sixth of winner Holy Roman Emperor in last year's G1 Phoenix S. before coming home a three-length winner in the G3 Round Tower S. two weeks later. Off for the next eight months, the dark bay closed out his European campaign--and his tenure with trainer David Wachman--with a 10th-place finish in the seven-furlong Listed Loughbrown S. Apr. 15. Getting Lasix for the first time here, the three-year-old will be partnered by Cornelio Velasquez. [brisnet.com pps](#)

6:36p TVG 6th-OSA, \$45K, Msw, 2yo, 1mT
BILLION BUCK BABY ([Theatrical {Ire}](#)) debuts for Mercedes Stable--who campaigned in partnership with Madeleine Paulson this colt's half brother, MGISW Rock Hard Ten. Out of Tera, a GISW on the turf, this bay is by turf champion and Breeders' Cup Turf hero [Theatrical {Ire}](#). **Just Julian** ([Gone West](#)) failed to fire his best shot when fifth over the Santa Anita dirt last October and followed up with an uninspired 10th at Del Mar Aug. 18. Making his route and turf bow going nine panels over the turf here Oct. 6, the colt got to the front in the stretch, and despite willing late, he finished a much-improved third. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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NYRA Hosts Regional Meeting Today:

The New York Racing Association will host officials from neighboring Thoroughbred tracks at a meeting today at Aqueduct Racetrack. Executives from Philadelphia Park, Delaware Park, Monmouth and The Meadowlands will meet to discuss simulcast scheduling, stakes schedules, racing dates and other topics impacting Thoroughbred racing in the region. "Although there are areas of healthy competition among the region's racetracks, we all face many of the same challenges and concerns," said NYRA President and CEO Charles Hayward. "We know these challenges can be met more effectively with better communication and cooperation among the neighboring racetrack operators. We look forward to this meeting as a positive step in advancing the shared interests of the region's vital Thoroughbred industry."

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★ EAST ★

Philadelphia Park Adds Dates:

Philadelphia Park officials announced Tuesday that five live racing days will be added to the 2007 calendar. In an effort to make up live racing cards lost to inclement winter weather, Philadelphia Park has added five Friday cards: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. First post for each of the added days will be at 12:25 p.m.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-DEL, \$40,300, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m70y, 1:44 2/5, ft. EIGHT BELLES (f, 2, Unbridled's Song--Away {SW & MGSP, \$277,550}, by Dixieland Band), runner-up in her debut going 5 1/2 panels here Sept. 16, weakened to be third while going past a mile for the first time Oct. 15. Sent off the 6-5 choice, the grey stalked the early pace in second, took over on the far turn and drew clear to score by 10 lengths over Philadelphia Moon (Malibu Moon). Holy Grace (Holy Bull) weakened to be fourth after setting the early pace, while 3-1 chance Back In Time (Empire Maker) trailed the field home in sixth. The winner was a \$375,000 KEESEP yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$36,400. O-Fox Hill Farms Inc. B-Robert N Clay & Serengeti Stable (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

5th-PHA, \$38,628, Msw, 3/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46, ft. LONG N LANKY (f, 3, Cozzene--Mrs. Marcos, by Private Account) didn't show much during a sixth-place effort on the Monmouth turf Aug. 30. Bumped at the start of her latest, the bay faded to ninth at the Meadowlands Sept. 14. Given a 5-1 chance in her dirt bow, Long N Lanky tracked the early pace in fourth, moved up to take command after three quarters in 1:12.94 and prevailed to win by 2 3/4 lengths over Mizzenkey (Mizzen Mast). The \$30,000 KEESEP yearling is a full to Zoftig, GISW, \$401,024. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$22,900. O/B-Jayeff "B" Stables (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg.

★ CENTRAL ★

Mr. Sekiguchi to Hill 'n' Dale:

Mr. Sekiguchi (Storm Cat--Welcome Surprise, by Seeking the Gold), an \$8-million KEESEP graduate, has been retired to Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. He will stand for \$5,000. The four-year-old's dam, Welcome Surprise, is a half sister to Leading Sire A.P. Indy as well as Classic winner Summer Squall. The chestnut, who was bred in Kentucky by W.S. Farish and W.S. Kilroy, won two of four career starts. "We have had fantastic luck with this type of horse," said John G. Sikura, president of Hill 'n' Dale Farm. "He is a really fast son of Storm Cat and was an \$8-million yearling from the immediate family of A.P. Indy. It doesn't get any better than that."

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, October 31
*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- A. P. DELTA** (A.P. Indy), 17/1/1
 3-DED, Msw, 7f, Delta Angel, \$5K EVA MAR 2yo, 2-1
- DREAM RUN** (Cherokee Run), Empire Stud, \$5K, 35/1/0
 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Rising Dream, \$1K OBS AUG yrl
- EMPIRE MAKER** (Unbridled), Juddmonte, \$100K, 93/5/2
 7-CD, Msw, 7f, +Classic Empire, \$190K KEE SEP yrl
- 7-CD, Msw, 7f, Jedi Code
- FINDER'S GOLD** (Seeking the Gold), 16/0/0
 3-DED, Msw, 7f, +Honor the Gold, \$1K LTB AUG yrl, 15-1
- FLATTER** (A.P. Indy), Claiborne, \$5K, 81/9/0
 7-CD, Msw, 7f, Mr. Winchester, \$95K KEE APR 2yo
- GOLDEN SLEW** (Seattle Slew), 9/0/0
 3-DED, Msw, 7f, Golden Shell, 10-1
- GOTHAM CITY** (Saint Ballado), Applebite, \$2K, 30/1/0
 5-BM, Msw, 7 1/2ft, Prize of the City, 6-1
- GREATNESS** (Mr. Prospector), Adena South, \$5K, 41/6/0
 3-WO, Alw, 1 1/16m, Great Sticker, 6-1
- 7-CD, Msw, 7f, Masterwork, \$25K OBS WIN yrl

Rookies cont.



HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 99/15/3
 4-AQU, Msw, 1mT, Harlequin Sky
 3-WO, Alw, 1 1/16m, Nite in Rome, \$200K OBS MAR 2yo, 7-5
HOOK AND LADDER (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$4K, 56/7/1
 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Best Crossing
LIDO PALACE (CHI) (Rich Man's Gold), Lambholm South, \$9K, 50/2/0
 3-DED, Msw, 7f, Cajun Palace, 30-1
MACHO UNO (Holy Bull), Adena South, \$15K, 70/12/2
 4-AQU, Msw, 1mT, First King, \$14K KEE SEP yrl
MAKORS MARK (Son of Briartic), 19/2/0
 5-BM, Msw, 7 1/2ft, Moola Makor, \$3K WAS OCT yrl, 12-1
MILWAUKEE BREW (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 83/10/0
 4-AQU, Msw, 1mT, Littleboy Brew, \$40K OBS AUG yrl
MINESHAFT (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 72/7/0
 7-CD, Msw, 7f, A. U. Miner, \$42K KEE APR 2yo
PAYNES BAY (Mr. Prospector), Norse Ridge, \$3K, 59/2/0
 3-WO, Alw, 1 1/16m, Corossol, \$10K CAN SEP yrl, 8-1
SHORE BREEZE (Danzig), Eagle Valley, \$5K, 22/3/0
 6-HAW, Msw, 1mT, Chantilly Lady, 5-1
SUNDAY BREAK (JPN) (Forty Niner), Walmac, \$9K, 93/12/0
 5-BM, Msw, 7 1/2ft, Make Them Break, \$19K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
VAN NISTELROOY (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 133/23/6
 4-LRL, Msw, 1m, +Patch of Fire, \$2K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1
VINDICATION (Seattle Slew), Hill 'n' Dale, \$50K, 119/14/1
 3-WO, Alw, 1 1/16m, Into My Dreams, \$37K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
WISEMAN'S FERRY (Hennessy), Castleton Lyons, \$5K, 67/6/0
 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Wise Choice, \$30K EAS MAY 2yo

Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, October 31

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2003 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CAME HOME (Gone West), Lane's End, \$40K, 157/45/3
 7-CD, Msw, 7f, +Biker Boy, \$225K FTF FEB 2yo
E DUBAI (Mr. Prospector), Darley, \$15K, 147/36/5
 8-DEL, Stk, 1m, Buy the Barrel, 6-1
ERLTON (Buckaroo), Red River, \$2K, 50/19/0
 3-DED, Msw, 7f, +Erlroy, \$10K LOU OCT yrl, 6-1
FINDER'S GOLD (Seeking the Gold), Circle H Farms, \$2K,
 16/0/0
 3-DED, Msw, 7f, +Honor the Gold, \$1K LTB AUG yrl, 15-1
FORBIDDEN APPLE (Pleasant Colony), Bridlewood, \$5K, 53/10/0
 7-CD, Msw, 7f, +E Factor

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Yarmouth, 1.40, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 7f 3ydsT, 1:28.61, gd/sf.

TASHEBA (GB) (c, 2, Dubai Destination--Tatanka {Ire}, by Lear Fan), unplaced in two previous outings at Sandown Sept. 13 and Newmarket Oct. 4, was sent off at 14-1. The chestnut colt raced in mid-division throughout the early stages. Getting into gear late on, the 72,000gns TATDEC weanling and 72,000gns TATOCT yearling reeled in the longtime leader Double on Red (GB) (Red Ransom) in the shade of the post to score by a neck. Tasheba became the 11th winner from the first crop of his sire (by Kingmambo). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £3,238.

O-Terry Benson; B-C R Mason; T-Peter Chapple-Hyam.

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Yarmouth, 3.10, Mdn, £4,850, 2yo, 1m 3ydsT, 1:41.90, gd/sf.
FIRST AVENUE (GB) (c, 2, Montjeu {Ire}--Marciala {Ire}, by Machiavellian), sixth on debut at Newmarket Oct. 4, broke awkwardly, but recovered quickly to stalk the early pace. Moving through to head Majeen (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) passing the quarter pole, the 100,000gns TATOCT yearling asserted to register a two-length success as the 9-4 second choice. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,141.
 O-Michael Tabor; B-The National Stud Never Say Die Club Ltd; T-Michael Jarvis.

Catterick, 1.30, Mdn, £4,000, 2yo, 5f 212ydsT, 1:15.00, gd.
SETA PURA (GB) (f, 2, Domedriver--Sulitelma, by The Minstrel), sixth at Redcar on her latest outing Oct. 19, went postward at 6-1. Kirsten Rausing's homebred settled behind the early leaders before rallying wide inside the final quarter. Gaining the edge passing the furlong marker, the bay filly found the wire in time as Premier Danseur (Ire) (Noverre) found racing room too late and whittled the margin down to a head. Seta Pura is the fourth winner for her freshman sire (by Indian Ridge {Ire}), hero of the 2002 GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £2,730.
 O/B-Kirsten Rausing; T-Anne Duffield.

★ FRANCE ★

Wednesday, Nantes, post time: 2:35 p.m.
PRIX DES SABLONNETS-Listed, €52,000, 2yo, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	7	Neige Eternel (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Rob Collet
2	1	King of Speed (Fr)	Speedmaster (Ger)	Wattel
3	6	High Days (Ire)	Hennessy	Pantall
4	5	Deep Dish Pie	Hennessy	Pantall
5	4	Rosenreihe (Ire)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Schiergen
6	3	Bavaria Queen (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Wattel
7	2	Rioka (Ire)	Captain Rio (GB)	Gibson

 All carry 120 pounds bar Neige Eternel & King of Speed, 123.

Yesterday's Results:
PRIX TANTIEME-Listed, €52,000, Fontainebleau, 10-30, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:04.30, vsf.
 1--**BALIUS (IRE), 130, c, 4, Mujahid--Akhla, by Nashwan.** O-Leonidas Marinopoulos; B-Stilvi Compania Financiera SA; T-Carlos Laffon-Parias; J-Miguel Blancpain; €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 16 starts, 7 wins, 7 places, €226,550. * 1/2 to Delfos (Ire) (Green Tune), MGSW-Fr, \$311,024.
 2--**Kilometre Neuf (Fr), 130, c, 4, Double Bed (Fr)--Mary Astor (Fr), by Groom Dancer.** €10,400.
 3--**Willywell (Fr), 130, h, 5, Jimble (Fr)--Basilissa (Fr), by Gay Minstrel (Fr).** €7,800.
 Margins: NO, 1, 3/4. Odds: 2.70, 12.00, 22.00.
 Also Ran: Demon Dancer (Fr), Nickelle (Fr), Quezon Sun (Ger), Rhenus (GB), Runaway (GB).
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 Balius, winner of the Listed Grand Prix de Bordeaux May 26, ran second in the July 18 G3 Grand Prix de Vichy before venturing to Spain to finish fifth in the valuable Copa de Oro at San Sebastian Aug. 15. Lining up for this off a last-out score in the Sept. 30 Listed Grand Prix de la Region d'Alsace at Strasbourg, he occupied a rear position for most of the contest and was unrelenting under a final-quarter drive to wrest victory from Kilometre Neuf on the line.

Lyon-Parilly, 2.35, Cond, €26,000, 2yo, 1mT, 1:42.59, sf.
ZALIYM (FR) (c, 2, Cadeaux Genereux {GB}--Zalafira {Fr}, by Nashwan), third at Le Lion d'Angers Sept. 27, was restrained in fourth, but was shuffled back to fifth at the exit of the backstretch. Gaining momentum once into the home straight, the 1-2 favorite quickened to the front with 300 meters remaining and was ridden out in the closing stages to comfortably account for Douceur Nocturne (Fr) (Zieten) by 1 1/2 lengths. His dam is the first foal from the Aga Khan's 1998 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Zalaiyka (Fr) (Royal Academy). Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €29,850.
 O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



AUSTRALASIA



HERCULES UP FOR GRABS? The controversies surrounding **Pillar of Hercules (Aus)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) have taken a new twist with the G1 Mackinnon S. hopeful--banned from racing until Racing Victoria stewards establish the bona fides of his ownership--to be sold at public auction by Inglis on Friday. The auction is subject to Supreme Court approval; with the venue in Melbourne to be announced after the Supreme Court hearing Oct. 31. Trainer Peter Moody, who nominated the Group 3 winner for Saturday's Mackinnon S. at Flemington, hopes to purchase the sophomore colt in conjunction with clients. Moody gave A\$475,000 for Pillar of Hercules as an Easter yearling, and his wife Sarah owns 25 percent of the lightly raced chestnut. However, police, the Office of Public Prosecutions and stewards are investigating whether one of Pillar of Hercules' owners has a connection with accused drug dealer Horthy Mokbel. A stewards' embargo has been placed on the three-year-old, stopping him from racing. Chief steward Des Gleeson said the stewards' inquiry into the colt's ownership was continuing, and he reiterated Moody would need their approval before being allowed to start in the Mackinnon. "Unless the stewards are satisfied about the bona fides of the horse's ownership, he will not be running," Gleeson said. Stewards began their probe last Tuesday after receiving information from Victorian police. The ownership registration was confirmed last November with Irene Meletsis having a 75-percent share and Moody's wife, Sarah, the remaining quarter share; the latter is not in dispute. Police were granted a Supreme Court injunction last week to place a restraining order over the 75-percent ownership in Pillar of Hercules. Mokbel is the brother of alleged Melbourne drug baron Tony Mokbel, who is currently in custody in Greece and facing extradition to Australia to face charges of cocaine smuggling. Mokbel, 41, absconded in March of 2006, while on trial over 20 alleged offences. He received a 12-year sentence in absentia.

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Sedgefield (Smart Strike), 4fT, :51.80, 1/3

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Ready Set (Touch Gold), 4f, :52.20, 3/4

SANTA ANITA

Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), 4f, :48.80, 13/28

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PHA, \$49,600, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42, ft. **TATOXCAC** (g, 4, **Coastal Storm--Tongue Twister**, by **Nepal**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$83,150. O-Heather B Hunter. B-Upland Spring Farm (PA). T-F E Hunter.

10th-ZIA, \$29,625, 10-29, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft.

FRANKENBEAN (g, 3, **Thatsusintheolbean--Feather My Bed**, by **Alybrave**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$44,744. O-Sammy Means & David Ratliff. B-Mark Durio (NM). T-Emmitt B Burelsmith Jr.

9th-ZIA, \$28,675, 10-29, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42 4/5, ft.

SEÑOR SONORA (g, 3, **Desert God--Demon's Money**, by **Buckfinder**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$39,021. O-Mary W Balch. B-Harry Joseph Allen (NM). T-Clifford C Lambert Sr.

9th-MNR, \$22,200, 10-29, NW2L, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:43 4/5, ft.

ACQUIESCE (f, 3, **Langfuhr--Graceful Creek**, by **Darby Creek Road**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$30,848. O/B-John W Phillips & Pamela P Gartin (KY). T-James E Morgan. * 1/2 to Stalcreek (Stalwart), MGSW & MGISP, \$372,800; Graceful Cat (Forest Wildcat), MSW, \$145,220.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Harry O, c, 2, **Zavata**--Kate's College (MSP, \$187,541), by Carr de Naskra. PHA, 10-30, (C), 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Mill Ridge Farm Ltd. & Jamm, Ltd. (KY). * \$25,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT; \$43,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN. ** 1/2 to Storm Me September (Summer Squall), MSW, \$168,078. *** 10th winner for freshman sire (by Phone Trick).

Two Points of Law, f, 3, **Two Point Two Mill--L'Awfiss**, by L'Enjoleur. FLX, 10-30, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Mrs. William C. Jacobs (KY).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Pimlico Dralliv** (Fr), g, 2, **Arnaqueur--Nayana** (Fr), by Zayyani (Ire). Lyon-Parilly, France, 10-30, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Christophe Martinon.

Palasha (GB), f, 2, **Tobougg** (Ire)--Proud Douna (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). Fontainebleau, France, 10-30, Cond, 2yo, 1mT. B-Mme Andre Fabre.