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TO YOUR HEALTH: VODKA SELECTED AS JAPAN'S HORSE OF THE YEAR

Vodka (Jpn) (Tanino Gimlet {Jpn}), who in 2007 became the first filly to win the Japanese Derby in 63 years, added to her legacy when she was named Japan's Horse of the Year and champion older filly for 2008. She is the first female to earn Horse of the Year honors in 11 years and the third overall, following Tomei (Jpn) (1971) and Air Groove (Jpn) (1997). Vodka kicked off her four-year-old campaign with a sixth in the G2 Kyoto Kinen S. Feb. 23, then was fourth in the G1 Dubai Duty Free S. on the World Cup card. After checking in second in the Victoria Mile, the bay filly broke through with a 3 1/2-length score in the G1 Yasuda Kinen S. Vodka was defeated by a head in the G2 Mainichi Okan S., but returned to take the G1 Tenno Sho by a nose. After ending her season with a third-place effort in the G1 Japan Cup, her 2008 record stood at 7-2-2-1, with earnings of \$3,901,071. Vodka received 180 of the 300 votes for Horse of the Year and 196 tallies for champion older filly or mare.



Vodka Horsephotos

CONDUIT TO TARGET ARC, BC REPEAT

Ballymacoll Stud's G1 St Leger and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf victor **Conduit (Ire)** (Dalakhani {Ire}) has been set ambitious targets by his connections in the wake of receiving the Eclipse Award for champion turf male Monday night in Florida. The four-year-old homebred is to stay in training with Sir Michael Stoute, and will attempt G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe glory at Longchamp in October before plotting a repeat of his Breeders' Cup heroics at Santa Anita. "He'll be racing this season we hope, that's the plan," Ballymacoll manager Peter Reynolds told *PA Sport*. "I have no idea what exact plans there are at this moment in time. It's very early days yet and the trainer's away on holiday. It's a long season, but I suppose, at the end of the day, it would be nice to go back to the Breeders' Cup again at the same track, Santa Anita, and there's a little race called the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, which has always been close to our hearts. It hasn't been done too often, but there's a good space between the two races this year, with the Breeders' Cup being put back a bit. It's something we'll think about." Conduit was the third Breeders' Cup winner for Ballymacoll, following Pilsudski (Ire) (Turf, 1996) and Islington (Ire) (F/M Turf, 2003).



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Horse of the Year/Champion Older Filly or Mare

VODKA (JPN) (Tanino Gimlet {Jpn})

Ch. Two-Year-Old Male

SEIUN WONDER (JPN) (Grass Wonder)

Ch. Two-Year-Old Female

BUENA VISTA (JPN) (Special Week {Jpn})

Ch. Three-Year-Old Male

DEEP SKY (JPN) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn})

Ch. Three-Year-Old Female

LITTLE AMAPOLA (JPN) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn})

Ch. Older Colt/Horse

SCREEN HERO (JPN) (Grass Wonder)

Ch. Sprinter/Miler

SLEEPLESS NIGHT (JPN) (Kurofune)

Ch. Dirt Horse

KANE HEKILI (JPN) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn})

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**NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK
PREMIER YEARLING SALE**
Jan. 26-27, 2009

STRAVINSKY FILLY TOPS PREMIER FINALE

A filly by Stravinsky fetched NZ\$775,000 (US\$410,503) to top yesterday's second and final session of the New Zealand Bloodstock's Premier Yearling Sale in Karaka. The filly was consigned by Cambridge Stud and was purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock. The yearling is out of Diamond Smile (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), a 3/4-sister to Octagonal (NZ). "I've purchased this filly for a Victorian client who is looking to build up a nice broodmare band," Hawthorne said. "We rated her as one of the top fillies in the sale on type and, with such a strong family so close up in her pedigree, she's a filly anyone would love to have in their paddock. There aren't many opportunities to buy into the family, and we were helped by the exchange rate in our favor." David Ellis of Te Akau Racing was the leading buyer at the Premier Sale, purchasing 12 lots for NZ\$4,475,000.



Lot 454 - Stravinsky filly
breednet.com.au

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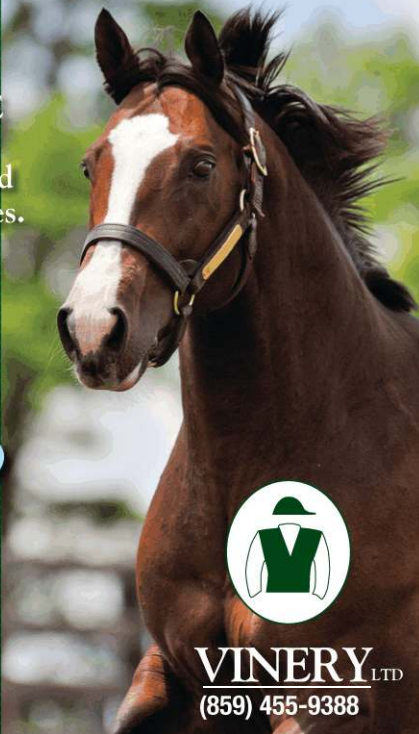
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Ellis's top purchase was lot 327, a son of Encosta de Lago (Aus) out of Wyndam Special (NZ) (Centaine {Aus}) from the Cambridge Stud consignment. "I thought this was Cambridge Stud's best colt," Ellis said of the yearling, which he bought for a syndicate of local and international owners. "The plan is to take advantage of the good stakes money in New Zealand and race these colts here and, with stallion pedigrees, they have the potential to stand at stud." Of the overall market, Ellis added, "There was a lot of competition here on good colts, but the value available to buyers at Karaka this week represents a unique opportunity to get into the industry at this level."



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Cambridge Stud was the auction's leading vendor, selling 52 yearlings for NZ\$10,432,500. During two days of selling in Karaka, 366 yearlings sold for NZ\$53,330,000. The average was NZ\$145,710--down 27 percent from last year's record-setting sale, while the median fell 33.3 percent to NZ\$100,000.

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New Zealand Premier Sale cont.

New Zealand Bloodstock's Managing Director Petrea Vela admitted things got off to a slow start Tuesday, but said she was pleased with the end results. "It started slower than we had anticipated today, which rattled our confidence early on, but the sale rallied and we saw some very good results over the course of the afternoon," Vela said. "There's no doubt the market was strong in places, but buyers are selective, as they can afford to be given the current climate. Clearly the market is experiencing a downturn, but in light of the fact that our 2007 figures were records at the time, to be in that range is still a good result for the industry. In particular, the activity of our local buyers has been very heartening and demonstrates their confidence in our industry even in these uncertain times. The quality is definitely here this year and, with the swing in favor of the buyers, there is plenty of value and opportunity still to be had over the course of the next six days." The New Zealand Bloodstock sales series continues today with the first of three Select Sale sessions beginning at 11 a.m. The sale is streamed live at www.nzb.co.nz.

**NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK PREMIER SALE
TUESDAY - TOP 5 LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$NZ)
<u>454</u>	f	Stravinsky	Diamond Smile (NZ)	775,000
Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock				
<u>327</u>	c	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Wyndam Special (NZ)	750,000
Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by D C Ellis				
<u>346</u>	f	Stravinsky	Ana Zeel (NZ)	600,000
Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by D C Ellis				
<u>451</u>	c	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Devil's Lair (NZ)	600,000
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud Purchased by D C Ellis Sirecam video				
<u>388</u>	c	Lonhro (Aus)	Camino Rose (Aus)	580,000
Consigned by Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Purchased by Michael Stedman Bloodstock video				



**NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK
PREMIER YEARLING SALE
Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Catalogued	503	494
Offered	475	450
No. Sold	366	387
Clearance	77%	86%
Top Price	NZ\$800,000	NZ\$1,450,000
Gross	NZ\$53,330,000	NZ\$77,115,500
Average	NZ\$145,710 (-26.9%)	NZ\$199,265
Median	NZ\$100,000 (-33.3%)	NZ\$150,000

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**2009 NZ PREMIER SALE
LEADING SIRES BY AVERAGE
(3 or more sold)**

Sire	Sold	Average	Aggregate	Top Price
Redoute's Choice	5	596,000	2,980,000	700,000
Encosta de Lago	11	380,909	4,190,000	800,000
Zabeel	25	243,400	6,085,000	510,000
Lonhro	3	243,333	730,000	580,000
Exceed and Excel	7	220,000	1,540,000	350,000
Hussonet	3	203,333	610,000	280,000
Stravinsky	31	195,194	6,051,000	775,000
Danehill Dancer	7	183,214	1,282,500	410,000
Fastnet Rock	13	159,808	2,077,500	450,000
O'Reilly	22	148,068	3,257,500	575,000

Currency=New Zealand dollars

**2009 NZ PREMIER SALE
LEADING SIRES BY AVERAGE
Leading Purchasers by Aggregate**

Purchaser	Head	Aggregate	Average	Top Price
D C Ellis	12	4,475,000	372,917	750,000
HKJC	25	4,055,000	162,200	360,000
D. Hawthorne B'stock	8	2,800,000	350,000	775,000
R A James	9	1,590,000	176,667	700,000
J R Wheeler	4	1,252,500	313,125	575,000
NZB (as agent)	10	1,170,000	117,000	300,000
D G Price	7	1,065,000	152,143	420,000
Danny O'Brien	10	1,055,000	105,500	300,000
Rogerson Bloodstock	8	1,020,000	127,500	270,000
G Hennessy	4	1,000,000	250,000	390,000

Currency=New Zealand dollars

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Patti Miller commented in the *TDN* (1/17/09) about her surprise that Zayat Stables, LLC--after being the leading money earner in North America for 2008--was not a finalist for an Eclipse Award for outstanding owner. Subsequently, Barry Irwin decided to take it upon himself to reply to Patti Miller (*TDN*, 1/18/09) that, although Zayat Stables was the leading money earner in North America, it still does not deserve to be recognized amongst the top three, because, according to Mr. Irwin, we race in quantity and not quality.

I am writing this letter based on my opinion. I am a racing manager who manages a young but powerful stable and I would like to state some facts in reply to Mr. Irwin comments. Zayat Stables had its first start in August of 2005, its first winner in September 2005 and its first graded stakes winner in July 2006. In those three short years, we have managed and campaigned 53 stakes horses that have won or placed in 135 stakes races. These athletes have won 41 stakes races with 27 stakes winners. They have won 22 graded stakes races with 17 different graded stakes winners, including four Grade I winners. In 2008, our stable was the leading money earner in North America. But it also won nine graded stakes races, including two Grade I's. That is the second most graded stakes races won by any individual owner in North America. In 2008, it had 742 starts; 84 percent were in special weight and allowance company or higher, and 20 percent of these starts were in stakes company. However, according to Mr. Irwin, that still does not make a quality stable.

In 2007, Zayat Stables was the second-leading money earner in North America and was also leading owner by number of stakes, graded stakes and stakes winners. Zayat Stables was also the leading owner at the prestigious Saratoga meet, winning 18 races, 12 more than the runner-up. In 2006, in its first year to race at Del Mar, it was the leading owner at that meet. But that still is not quality, according to Mr. Irwin.

Some major outfits send memos to all of their trainers, asking them to never run a horse under their names in claiming races. I ask my trainers to run the horses where they can win. The fact of the matter is that our industry runs on claiming, allowance and stakes races. Every year, we focus on buying many young horses to try to develop them into top athletes. Everyone knows that not every horse ends up being a star. When a horse does not make the top ranks, we are not ashamed of running it where it can win.

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Down where it counts.*

Stallion	2009 Fee	2008 GSW's
JOHANNESBURG*	\$35,000	6
A.P. Indy	\$250,000	6
Tale of the Cat	\$30,000	5
El Prado	\$75,000	5
Elusive Quality	\$75,000	5
Smart Strike	\$125,000	5
Awesome Again	\$125,000	5
Grand Slam	\$25,000	4
Pulpit	\$80,000	4
Indian Charlie	\$75,000	4
Lemon Drop Kid	\$50,000	4
Gone West	\$65,000	3
Distorted Humor	\$150,000	2
Empire Maker	\$75,000	2
Mr. Greeley	\$75,000	1

* 3rd CROP SIRE OF 2008
Source: www.bloodhorse.com, 31st Dec.



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Sobhy Sonbol - Letter to Editor cont.

My goal as a racing manager is to make our horses achieve the best they can achieve whether it is at two, three or four and up, whether it is sprinting or routing and whether it is at the Grade I or claiming level. There is no shame of running a horse where it belongs.

However, after 22 years of racing, Mr. Irwin's advice to Zayat Stables is that "what counts in this game is not effort or participation or support or spending, but results at the highest level." If I would take Mr. Irwin's advice, I should not buy a horse from a sale again. Who needs to buy a horse from a sales company anyway when you can just buy them out of an entry box of a Grade I race? This is the shortest way to achieve results "at the highest level." Or maybe 10 Grade I winners will drop from the sky in Mr. Zayat's backyard with their foal certificate attached to them. I should also take all of my "non-quality" horses and hide them at my cousin's farm in Ohio so they do not disgrace the stable.

Fortunately for Zayat Stables, we do things our own way. Zayat Stables has run in almost every racetrack in America, supporting the wagering, the tracks and getting races filled. I manage about 200 horses in training, supporting trainers and the whole backside. Every year, we buy 70-80 yearlings and two-year-olds, and are continually amongst the top five buyers. As I said, our program is to develop young horses into top athletes. My program supports the sales companies, the consigners, the pinhookers and the breeders. We came back and sold horses again--supporting sales companies, and consigners and offering something new for the breeders.

I have been in this business for three years now and I have been given every reason to exit. We paid a price for our learning curve and it left a bad taste in our mouths. But at the end of the day we came and we conquered and we will continue to conquer. I really do not care if we ever get an Eclipse Award, because that's just someone's opinion. At the end of the day, no one can strip our results from us. No one can take away all the trophies that are sitting on the shelves in our office in Hackensack, N.J. Our results are in quantity *and* in quality. More importantly, we believe that effort, participation, support, and spending matters greatly in our business. This is not just a game; this is millions of people's livelihood. This is my livelihood. Those two minutes from the gate to the wire that only matter to Mr. Irwin have a whole world behind them. A world of people--from our great and competent trainers, to their hard-working grooms, to the jockeys who risk their lives every time they ride a horse, to the breeders, to the sales companies, to the consignors, and many more. Because for me, horse racing is not a game. It is very real. We will stick to our guns and, like the old Arabic proverb says, the dogs howl, but the caravan always moves on.

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2-y-o Table Topper!

Leading 2-y-o Sires in U.S.A. in 2008

(in order of individual Stakes Horses)

Rk	Stallion	Wnrs	SH's
1	JOHANNESBURG	22	9
-	Malibu Moon	24	9
-	Sky Mesa	22	9
4	Lion Heart	33	8
-	Stormy Atlantic	24	8
6	Fusaichi Pegasus	21	7

Source: www.bloodhorse.com, 31st Dec.



STEFER - 1st Prix Miesque-Gr.3 at Maisons-Laffitte.



AFRICAN SKIES - 1st Princess Margaret S.-Gr.3 at Ascot.

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Sobhy Sonbol - Letter to Editor cont.

This was my initial reply to Mr. Irwin, which I initially refrained from publishing. However, after watching (Monday) night's Eclipse Awards, I decided to ask the editor of the TDN to publish this. I was expecting IEAH Stables to win the award for outstanding owner. However, the award was given to Mr. Frank Stronach. When he was introducing him, the announcer and presenter said that Mr. Stronach led North America in earnings in 2008. Unfortunately, the people the NTRA has hired to pull off this event either do not know how to count or have never checked the NTRA's website, which shows Zayat Stables being the leading owner for 2008 over Frank Stronach by almost \$200,000.

So, the Eclipse Award for outstanding owner was not awarded based on winning 11 Grade 1s in one year or being leading money earner in 2008. It was awarded based on people voting who lack basic math skills, or lack the intellectual integrity to actually put the effort to look at the NTRA website standings before they cast their vote, or by people having their monthly checks signed by Magna Entertainment. Unfortunately, it seems that the NTRA also seems to lack access to its own website, because it presented Mr. Stronach as the leading money earner in 2008.

Mr. Irwin first knocked me for not campaigning quality horses, whereas I think my statistics proved him wrong. And then the NTRA robs us of our leading owner title by money earned in 2008 in a public ceremony broadcasted on television. Tuesday was the first day in my life that I woke up not wanting to go to work; another bad taste left in my mouth. Maybe the people in our industry do not want new blood to join the game, maybe we are not welcome here.

What else do the results of the owners awards mean? IEAH won 11 Grade 1s and do not receive it, and Zayat Stables leads the nation in earnings and is not a finalist. To make it worse, they strip us of the leading owner award as if 2008 ended in November.

--Sobhy Sonbol, Racing Manager, Zayat Stables

Letters
TO THE EDITOR

At Monday night's Eclipse Awards, the video describing the accomplishments of the finalists for leading owner incorrectly stated that Frank Stronach's racing stable was the leading earner among owners in 2008. Mr. Stronach led all owners in earnings as of mid-December, but was surpassed by Zayat Stable, LLC, which concluded the year as the leading owner by earnings (\$6,883,902). On behalf of *Daily Racing Form*, the National Turf Writers Association and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, thank you for allowing us to set the record straight, and congratulations to Zayat Stable on an outstanding 2008 campaign.

--Keith Chamblin, NTRA

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Stallion	Wnrs	SW's	GSW's	2009 fee
JOHANNESBURG	108	9	6	\$35,000
Street Cry	56	6	4	\$150,000

Source: www.equineline.com, 31st Dec.
Info from northern hemisphere crops only.



EATON'S GIFT (left) quickens 3½ lengths clear in the 2008 Swale S.-Gr.2.

LOOKY YONDER (right) defeats dual Gr.1 winner Dream Rush in the 2008 Vagrancy H.-Gr.2.



BARONESS THATCHER (above) a Gr.3 winner in 2007 & a Gr.1 runner-up in 2008.

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When you look at the rest of the world's markets and economies--the Dow Jones is still hovering around 8,000, down roughly 43 percent from its high just at 14,000--and considering horses are hardly the most liquid of assets, the 45-percent decline in horse prices in the last three months (compared to those three



Lane's End's Smart Strike

months a year ago) is actually maybe even a better performance than might have been expected. Prices were declining in the high teens (15-20 percent) during the critical yearling sale period, which seemed logical in terms of the industry's own supply and demand mechanism--

what we call 'overproduction.' It's not going to get any prettier in the smaller mixed sales next month, and the next time we'll be able to assess like-for-like catalogues will come at the two-year-old sales later next month. OBS, which way outperformed the other North American two-year-old sales last year, kicks off proceedings Feb. 17.

Meanwhile, results are coming in from the racetracks, and that means no falling asleep at the wheel in the sire analysis department. The business may be somewhere between reeling and permanent decline, the fields may be smaller, the handle may be down; but the results are still coming in. Already, less than four weeks into the new year, the snapshot we took at the end of calendar year 2008 is that littlest bit out of date. Nonetheless, a good look at that snapshot tells us a lot.

Probably the most important message in the year-end 2008 APEX snapshot is actually this: six of the top eight sires by APEX A Runner Index (685 sires with 200+ year-starters 2002-2008) are 19 years old or older, retired, or dead. Number one ranked A.P. Indy is 20, sixth- and seventh-ranked 'outliers' Unusual Heat (California) and Monsun (Germany) are both 19; Sadler's Wells and Storm Cat were retired on successive days last year; and Danzig died in 2006. **Galileo** (4.00 A Runner Index) and **Smart Strike** (3.50) are the only sires under 19 years of age to have 2002-2008 A Runner Indexes of 3.50 (7 percent of runners) or higher.

The times aren't just a changin', they have now changed. A new reality prevails, and it means that the top sires now are not as far ahead of their contemporaries as they used to be.

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In APEX A Index terms, it means the top rung of sires now calculate out at 2.50-3.00 (5 to 6 percent of year-starters) rather than the 3.50-4.00 (7 to 8 percent) we used to see. That's all right as long as the spread in stud fee narrows as well--which, as of this year, but for mainly different reasons, it has. When you have the likes of Distorted Humor, Street Cry, Smart Strike, Unbridled's Song, Awesome Again and Giant's Causeway all standing for \$150,000 or \$125,000, the gap between them--the new top rung of sires--and the next group down is not as great as when a 'second 15' sire is standing for, say \$50,000, and the World Top 12 were all \$250,000 or more.

So, this week, two tables: first, a new World Top 10 (or 12) (apologies to Australia), all sires aged 17 or under. Next is what I'll call the 'Second 15,' which basically translates into what we'd all consider World Top 30 sires; these stand, by the way, for stud fees ranging from \$22,500 to \$80,000. Both these groups, of course, are sires which have APEX ratings--in other words, they must have had 10 or more three-year-olds in 2008 to be rated; so no sires with first two-year-olds last year, or sires without runners.

One important consideration in selecting the sires (subjectively, as I do) for this column was consistency at all or nearly all class (A, B, and C) and age levels.



Oppenheim cont.

THE WORLD 17-AND-UNDER TOP 10 OR 12

Smart Strike is not only the leading North American sire (200+ year-starters, aged 17 or under) by 2002-2008 A Runner Index (3.50), but is also the overall leader in percentage of 'unique' A Runners from foals (8.7 percent). **Distorted Humor** (8.4 percent) is the only other of these now world-class sires to better the 8-percent mark. **Unbridled's Song** could never quite make it into the World Top 12 when it included the old greats like Danzig, Sadler's Wells and Storm Cat, but he absolutely fits with these. **Pivotal** is distinguished by having the highest ABC Runner Index (2.38) of this top 10-12, including for two-year-olds (2.44) and, significantly, five-year-olds and up (3.74). He only narrowly leads **Distorted Humor** (2.37) and **Lemon Drop Kid** (2.35) in ABC Index, though.

Awesome Again is an interesting case. Unbeaten in six starts at four himself, including an impressive win in the power-packed GI Breeders' Cup Classic in 1998, he's a little unusual among top sires in that his runners really do get better with age. They're perfectly okay as two-year-olds (1.57), but just keep improving, as the likes of Ghostzapper and Ginger Punch demonstrate.

Coolmore pretty much struck gold with the sire class of 2002, which included **Montjeu** (now over 3.00 for the first time, with a 3.08 A Runner Index) and **Giant's Causeway** (2.78). Montjeu has sired, I believe, six different winners of the G1 English, Irish, or French Derbys (if one includes the G1 Grand Prix de Paris) in his four crops of three-year-olds, yet, like Awesome Again, his two-year-olds are perfectly fine (1.49), but keep improving as well. The same may be said of Giant's Causeway; even though he has had top two-year-olds like Shamardal, First Samurai, and Intense Focus, his runners as a whole improve markedly as three-year-olds and up. The class of 2002 also included **Dansili**, the best Northern Hemisphere sire son so far by Danehill (the connections of Redoute's Choice, in Australia, would definitely dispute the world title). Though both his A Runner Index (2.51) and percentage of unique A Runners to foals (5.7 percent) are the lowest of this new top 10-12, he has still sired 33 non-unique A Runners and 99 ABC Runners, all at stud fees of £12,500 or lower. In fact, even his 2009 two-year-olds were sired at that fee; not until 2007 (foals of 2008) did his stud fee go up to £30,000. Interestingly, like Distorted Humor and Pulpit, Dansili was a Grade II winner, but never won a Grade I.

Coolmore's **Danehill Dancer** is Danehill's second-best son, probably in both hemispheres, and would properly be included in a 'second fifteen', as below, although I left him out of that because of his six-figure stud fee. He and Tiznow (*see below*) would certainly be the horses to round out the new World Top 30, though. Danehill Dancer is a real two-year-old specialist: he has a 3.05 two-year-old rating as well as a 2.50 A Runner Index. But he isn't as good either after that, or in the lower class ranges.

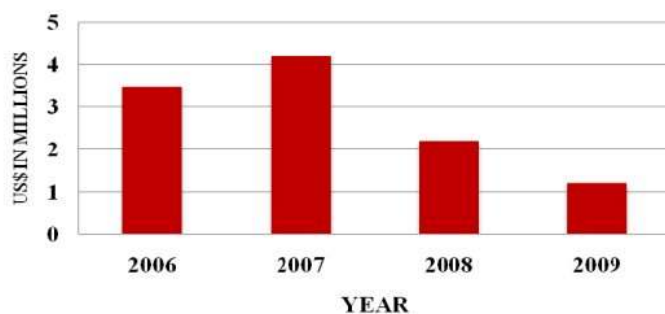
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Barretts' 45 percent drop in gross at their mixed sale is less disturbing because (a) we're getting used to it, but also (b) because the number catalogued was down 44 percent. That may be a feature of this year's sales; many horses on the cheaper end will not even be catalogued, because their owners know there is no market for them. At the Ocala, Keeneland, and Barretts mixed sales so far this year, revenues are less than half of last year's (down 53 percent), but the percentage sold of those catalogued has at least remained level with 2008."

—Bill Oppenheim

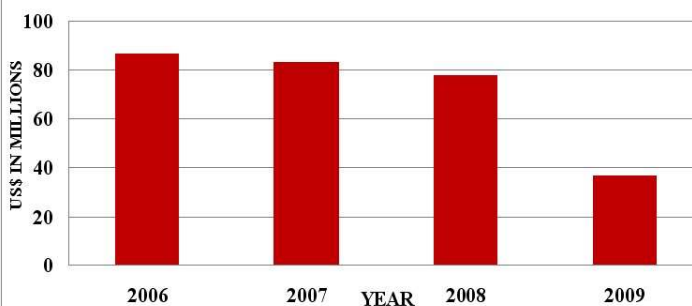
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2009	315	234	202	64.1%	\$1,232,400	\$6,101
2008	565	489	353	62.7%	\$2,225,900	\$6,288
2007	619	535	438	70.8%	\$4,180,400	\$9,544
2006	621	541	441	71.0%	\$3,481,300	\$7,894

TOTAL US MIXED SALES



Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



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The only under-18 sire with an A Runner Index of 4.00 or higher now is **Galileo** (exactly 4.00, or 8 percent of year-starters), just 11 this year, yet universally acknowledged as Europe's, and probably the world's, leading sire right now. He and Montjeu have turned Sadler's Wells from zero to hero as a sire of sires in the last four years, very likely ensuring this branch of Northern Dancer will survive and flourish for at least the next decade, as both have numerous top-class sons at or going to stud. **Street Cry** (2.78 A Index) is Darley's first truly homegrown World Top 12 sire. Never out of the first three himself in 12 career starts (actually only once third, otherwise first or second in 11 of 12 starts), the son of Machiavellian (out of a Troy mare) has sired 14 stakes winners in his first crop, including Street Sense, Zenyatta, and Street Boss. What else do we need to know?

Two horses make the 'also' list; they are borderline New World Top 12. **Lemon Drop Kid** (3.11 A Index, 2.35 ABC Index, which is 19 percent of year-starters) started off high and initially tumbled when he was getting a lot of useful horses, but not enough Grade I winners. You could still argue that's the case, as he has just three Grade I winners in five crops so far. But he had 21 individual stakes winners last year, and generally is siring so many really useful horses that he may yet win his way back into your cold-hearted, commercial hearts.

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THE NEW WORLD TOP 10 or 12**

<u>SIRE</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>'09 FEE</u>	<u>1st Fls</u>	<u>LOC</u>	<u>TOT Rnr</u>	<u>A Index</u>	<u>ABC Index</u>	<u>Crops</u>	<u>Foals</u>	<u>Uniq' A's</u>	<u>Pct</u>
First Foals 1998:											
SMART STRIKE	1992	125,000	1998	KY	1113	3.50	2.26	9	676	59	8.70
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	125,000	1998	KY	1113	2.92	1.99	9	787	54	6.90
PIVOTAL	1993	65,000	1998	GB	934	2.89	2.38	9	707	48	6.80
First Foals 2000:											
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	150,000	2000	KY	1023	3.08	2.37	7	597	50	8.40
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	125,000	2000	KY	789	3.04	2.17	7	515	35	6.80
First Foals 2002:											
MONTJEU	1996	Private	2002	IR	699	3.08	2.00	5	581	36	6.20
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	125,000	2002	KY	970	2.78	1.93	5	700	47	6.70
DANSILI	1996	65,000	2002	GB	658	2.51	1.88	5	454	26	5.70
First Foals 2003:											
GALILEO	1998	Private	2003	IR	500	4.00	2.23	4	453	33	7.30
First Foals 2004:											
STREET CRY	1998	150,000	2004	KY	270	2.78	1.76	3	249	18	7.20
On the Cusp: Also-Eligibles											
LEMON DROP KID	1996	50,000	2002	KY	579	3.11	2.35	5	383	30	7.80
DALAKHANI	2000	50,000	2005	IR	109	3.67	1.83	2	138	9	6.50

Red = 2002-2008 APEX Ratings

Blue = Career Totals counting unique foals & A Runners



Oppenheim cont.

Dalakhani (3.67) never had a winner until August of 2007, the year his first two-year-olds raced, but his three-year-olds last year included eight stakes winners, six of them group winners, including GI Breeders' Cup Turf and G1 St. Leger winner Conduit and G1 Irish Oaks winner Moonstone. Conduit would be about 2-1 favorite to give GI Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Dalakhani an Arc winner as a sire in about nine months' time.

THE 'SECOND FIFTEEN'

Whereas five of the provisional new World Top 12 (over 40 percent) stand in Europe (Pivotal, Montjeu, Dansili, Galileo, and Dalakhani), just three of what I call the 'second fifteen' (20 percent) stand there--**Singspiel** and the two top European F2004 sires, **Invincible Spirit** and **Rock of Gibraltar**. A notable absentee from these 15 is dual GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Tiznow**, but let me explain why he doesn't yet quite make this list.

The 15 which did make the list all had ABC Runner indexes of 1.64 or higher (13 percent of runners); though the fantastic year Tiznow had (third on the 2008 General Sire List) lifts his A Runner Index to 2.48, which would comfortably make the list, Tiznow's ABC Runner Index is 1.44--all right (11.5 percent of runners) without his having achieved the same level of consistency just yet as the others on this list. If he has a 2009 like his 2008, it'll be a moot point; he could go all the way and become a World Top 12 sire. But at the moment, his ABC Index falls short of the others on this list.

In alphabetical order: I've written before this breeding season why I think **Forestry** is a great value bet at a much-reduced stud fee following two blockbuster books of mares. These numbers bear it out: even after two consecutive years when he didn't hit the top 50 on the General Sire List, he has a 2.66 A Runner Index, and 1.92 ABC Index. He has a good rating for five-year-olds and up (2.56), too, meaning they do keep going.

F1996-F2005 SIRES
The Second Fifteen

SIRE	YOB	'09 Fee	1st Fls	Loc	TOT Rnr	A Index	ABC Index	Crops	Foals	Uniq' A's	Pct
FORESTRY	1996	\$40,000	2001	KY	658	2.66	1.92	6	515	28	5.4
FUSAICHI PEGASUS	1997	\$30,000	2002	KY	771	1.82	1.65	5	609	29	4.8
INDIAN CHARLIE	1995	\$75,000	2000	KY	736	1.83	1.90	7	469	24	5.1
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	1997	€50,000	2004	IR	336	2.53	2.01	3	288	14	4.9
LANGFUHR	1992	\$20,000	1999	KY	1313	2.32	1.84	8	689	40	5.8
MALIBU MOON	1997	\$40,000	2001	KY	668	2.17	2.02	6	453	20	4.4
MORE THAN READY	1997	\$45,000	2002	KY	708	1.62	1.64	5	486	25	5.1
NOT FOR LOVE	1990	\$25,000	1997	MD	1192	2.18	2.14	10	638	45	7.1
PULPIT	1994	\$80,000	1999	KY	856	2.39	2.03	8	507	34	6.7
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	€27,500	2004	IR	384	2.73	1.99	3	358	24	6.7
SINGSPIEL	1992	£15,000	1999	GB	876	2.34	2.00	8	661	31	4.7
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	\$45,000	2000	KY	1072	2.38	1.66	7	694	40	5.8
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	\$22,500	2002	KY	329	2.58	2.09	5	239	13	5.4
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	\$30,000	2000	KY	1314	1.83	1.67	7	835	44	5.3
YES IT'S TRUE	1996	\$22,500	2002	KY	702	1.92	1.67	5	420	25	6.0

Also World Top 30

DANEHILL DANCER	1993	Private	1999	IR	1202	2.5	1.60	8	893	51	5.70
TIZNOW	1997	\$75,000	2003	KY	444	2.48	1.44	4	345	20	5.80



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Fusaichi Pegasus was the third string to Coolmore's F2002 major stallion bow. He didn't make the grade as a World Top 12 sire like his compatriots Montjeu and Giant's Causeway--and he has proven damned expensive to follow for a lot of people--but that doesn't mean he isn't a good \$30,000 stallion for 2009. The numbers say he is. **Indian Charlie** has actually quite an unusual profile: he's virtually 1.80-1.90 in all major categories. He's never quite made a 2.00 sire, but he really more than compensates for that by having displayed absolute consistency at a very high level for several years in a row. You almost never see that.

Invincible Spirit and **Rock of Gibraltar** present interesting contrasts, and similarities. Though 'The Rock' was by far the superior racehorse, Invincible Spirit left him for dead in the 2006 European freshman sire race, and has sustained that good start, especially for two-year-olds: Invincible Spirit has a 3.34 ABC Index for two-year-olds after three crops, then drops to 1.62 each for three- and four-year-olds. There are four sires among this 15 with ABC ratings for all ages in the 1.60's, so even the 1.62 isn't bad, but that 3.34 for two-year-olds is mighty impressive. Rock of Gibraltar suffered somewhat from having inherited many of Danehill's mares when he died in 2003, and not having sired a string of Group 1 winners right off the bat. Though he isn't as good as his sire, he is proving to be a very useful sire, and his 6.7 percent 'unique' A Runners from foals of racing age is among the top three in the 'second 15'. Interestingly, too, these two represent the two main sire sons of Danzig in Europe: Rock of Gibraltar is by Danehill, while Invincible Spirit is by Green Desert, also sire in recent seasons of Cape Cross, Oasis Dream, and Kheleyf.

Langfuhr has always punched above his weight, giving Pulpit a run for his money as the top North American F1999 sire, and is still great value given his achievements. He's proven extremely prolific, and is another whose runners start out above average and improve with age. **Malibu Moon** made a fantastic start in Maryland and has 'stood the raise'; his first Kentucky crop has just turned four, but he has continued right along, with all his major figures at or near the 2.00 mark. **More Than Ready** has slightly the lowest A Runner and ABC Runner indexes among the second 15, but he gets extra credit for being such a hot sire in Australia, where he's been a seriously good sire of two-year-olds. He was a cracking two-year-old himself. His Northern Hemisphere numbers are very consistent, and still well above average. **Not For Love** continues to be the highest-rated (and most expensive, I think) North American sire standing outside Kentucky. He has the highest percentage of 'unique' A Runners to foals (7.1 percent) among this group, and rates at or above 2.00 in all major categories.

BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
This Ones for Phil	Untutttable	Sunshine Millions Dash S.	111
It's a Bird	Birdonthewire	OBS Sunshine Millions Classic S.	109
Taqarub	Aldebaran	Jimmy Winkfield S.	107
Mor Chances	American Chance	Kashatreya S.	103
Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	Sunshine Millions Sprint S.	102
Soldier's Dancer	Lost Soldier	Sunshine Millions Turf S.	102
Success Success	Successful Appeal	Forego S.	102
Artiste Royal (Ire)	Danehill	San Marcos S.-G2	101
Ducky Drake	Benchmark	G Malleah H.	100
High Resolve	Put It Back	Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Sprint S.	100
True Quality	Elusive Quality	Paumonok H.	100
All Smiles	Awesome Again	Nellie Morse S.	98
Johnny Eves	Skimming	Palos Verdes H.-G2	98
Foxysox (GB)	Foxhound	Tuzla H.-G3	97
Nice Inheritance	Pure Prize	Retama Park Distaff S.	97
Flat Out	Flatter	Smarty Jones S.	96
Leah's Secret	Tiger Ridge	Sunshine Millions Distaff S.	95
Beltene	Unusual Heat	Sunshine Millions Oaks	93
Wild Promises	Wild Event	Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf S.	93
Stormy West	Gone West	Marie G. Krantz Memorial H.	91
Waymore's Blues	Precocity	Pepsi Cola H.	91
Cherry One	Sir Cherokee	El Paso Times H.	87
Hello Again	Yankee Gentleman	Dixie Belle S.	86
Congor Bay	Speightstown	San Pedro S.	84

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Pulpit is another who is at or above 2.00 in all major categories, and, along with Not For Love and Rock of Gibraltar, is one of three sires among these 15 with 6.7 percent or higher unique A Runners from foals. He's also looking a little bit like a sire of sires, with leading 2008 second-crop sire Sky Mesa and leading 2008 freshman sire Tapit among his sons. He is (narrowly) the most expensive of these 15 sires for 2009, but it's beginning to look like he might be well worth it. Sing-spiel has been a considerably better sire than the market rates him, but a look at his age ratings tells you why: he's rated 1.83, 2.16, and 2.24 for three-, four-, and five-year-olds and up, respectively, but only 0.99--just at average--for two-year-olds. Though he has a 2.34 A Index and 2.00 ABC Index (140 ABC runners) 2002-2008, the market likes better two-year-old numbers.

Stormy Atlantic was only a listed stakes winner himself and consequently started out cheaply at stud at Bridlewood in Florida, but he earned his way up to Kentucky at short notice. He's been the leading sire of two-year-olds in North America once, and has ranked between eighth and 12th on the General Sire List each of the last three years. He's a prolific, high-class sire, and a great credit to all his connections, who have done a great job in giving him every chance. **Cont. p12**



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Successful Appeal has averaged under 50 foals per crop, which is a big disadvantage in this day and age, but he has rung up some impressive numbers. His 3.37 two-year-old ABC Index is the best of any active sire in Kentucky with at least 200 year-starters, and his 2.58 A Index and 2.09 ABC Index are both right up there. Interestingly, they do seem considerably better at two and three, if you look at his age ratings. Like Stormy Atlantic, **Tale of the Cat** is a son of Storm Cat who has led the juvenile sire list. They are somewhat better at two and three also, but his 176 ABC Runners since 2002 is nothing to sneeze at; he's a quality sire. **Yes It's True**, like Stormy Atlantic and Successful Appeal, jumped up from Florida, and, like Successful Appeal and Tale of the Cat, they seem better at two and three than older. His stud fee has dropped quite considerably, yet the numbers say he's a very useful sire for getting you an early runner. He might be a touch underrated right now.

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APEX TOPPERS

Top 15 Sires (of 685 with 200+ Rnrs) by 2yo ABC Runner Index

SIRE	STI	ABC				
		Index	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo+
BIG SHUFFLE	GE	1.83	5.05	1.63	1.38	1.65
DANZIG	Dead	3.02	4.48	2.65	2.33	3.85
STORM CAT	Ret	2.67	3.75	2.49	2.70	1.68
WHISKEY WISDOM	MB	2.12	3.48	1.88	1.96	2.57
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	KY	2.09	3.37	2.09	1.39	1.43
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	IR	2.01	3.34	1.62	1.62	0.00
CITY ZIP	KY	2.13	3.25	2.34	1.47	0.46
BOLD EXECUTIVE	ON	2.14	3.23	2.70	1.41	1.42
KIRIDASHI	AB	1.67	3.22	1.84	1.03	1.48
DANEHILL DANCER	IR	1.60	3.05	1.45	0.96	1.44
TRAJECTORY	ON	2.00	3.04	2.05	0.90	3.39
CHIMES BAND	Dead	0.97	2.89	0.67	0.59	1.14
GENERAL MEETING	Dead	1.54	2.65	1.32	1.50	1.98
DASHING BLADE	GE	1.11	2.53	1.15	0.84	1.00
PRECISE END	JP	2.30	2.52	3.10	1.48	1.40



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Yesterday's Results:

4th-PHA, \$43,350, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.
+ **CASA D'ORO** (c, 3, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--**Six Pack Sally** {SP}, by **Tale of the Cat**), a \$70,000 KEESEP yearling, had several sharp works to his credit leading up to this and was hammered down to 3-5 favoritism at first asking. Content to track along the rail as **Ricky's Lite** (Lite the Fuse) cut out a half in :45 3/5, he drew onto even terms in upper stretch and drew off to the 7 3/4-length decision. **Ricky's Lite** held for second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Harry C & Tom O Meyerhoff LLC. B-St George Farm LLC & Spurrmont LLC (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta.

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9th-TAM, \$20,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo, f, 5fT, :57 3/5, fm.


R BROWN SUGAR (f, 3, [Exchange Rate](#)--**Winlocs Sistermary**, by **Woodman**), a \$50,000 OBSAUG yearling and a \$40,000 FTMMAY juvenile, was beaten a head in a grassy \$100,000 optional claimer sprinting over Calder's turf Dec. 8 in her final start for trainer Wesley Ward. Moved to Kirk Ziadie's care, she captured a first-level allowance on the dirt at Tampa Dec. 27 at even-money odds and was the 4-5 pick returning to the grass. Tucked in early, she split rivals turning for home and was under an extended drive to assert and beat the pacesetter **Tavata** (Favorite Trick) by 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-0, \$60,753. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Richard N Averill. B-Harold J Plumley (FL). T-Kirk Ziadie.

7th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

MR NO SOCKS (g, 3, **Black Mambo**--**Halo of Truth**, by **Nelson**), a \$5,500 OBSAUG yearling, drew in off the also-eligible list and made the most of the opportunity. Breaking from post 12, he stalked while racing well off the rail. Bidding four wide at the quarter pole, Mr No Socks, at 5-1 odds, tackled favored firster **Conchacer** (Congaree) and edged away to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$16,260.

O/T-Adrienne Leigh Provost. B-Rustlewood Farm Inc (FL).

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5:14p HRTV 9th-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, 1mT
RIBOLETTO ([Unbridled's Song](#)) debuts for Darley Stable and trainer Tom Albertrani. The chestnut colt topped the opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale on a \$1.05 million bid. Riboletto is a son of the top racemare and champion Riboletta (Brz) (Roi Normand), a five-time Grade I winner in the U.S. **Twisted Dream** ([Distorted Humor](#)), a half to a stakes winner on grass, was produced by a half-sister to GI Sword Dancer Invitational winner **Go Deputy** and dual Grade I winner **Dare and Go**. He is another who could figure at first asking, as could **Dr. Smarty Jack** ([Smarty Jones](#)). The Michael Lynch homebred is a daughter of the nice Grade II-winning grass mare **Hoh Buzzard** (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}). [brisnet.com pps](#)

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Co-Toppers at Barretts January Mixed Sale:

A pair of offerings attracted final bids of \$50,000 to share top billing at Monday's Barretts January Mixed Sale in Pomona. **Sweetpea** (Stravinsky--Angel Kate, by Mt. Livermore), an unraced four-year-old filly ([hip 27](#)), brought that price when selling to Mark Tatch. The chestnut, consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency as agent for the dispersal of Barry and Judith Becker, is a half sister to stakes winner Just for Keeps (Broken Vow). Kjell Qvale paid \$50,000 to take home [hip 86](#), an unnamed two-year-old by Orientate out of Miss City Princess (Carson City). The dark bay filly is a three-quarter sister to stakes winner Miss Bridget Jones (Peaks and Valleys). She was also consigned by Havens Bloodstock. Multiple graded stakes winner **El Roblar** (War Chant), selling as a stallion prospect, brought a final bid of \$18,000 from Dennis Weir. During the one-day sale, 202 horses sold for \$1,232,400. The average was \$6,101 and the median was \$3,600. During two days of selling last year, Barretts sold 354 horses for a total of \$2,225,900. The 2008 average was \$6,288 and the median was \$3,200.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

McConnell, g, 4, **Petionville**--Warsaw Girl (Ire), by Polish Precedent. Southwell, 1-27, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Hall Et Al Farm. *\$52,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 29:

02-07 \$300,000 **Las Virgenes-I, SA**, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT) (300)

02-07 \$250,000 **Strub-II, SA**, 4yo, 9f (AWT) (250)

02-07 \$200,000 **San Antonio H.-II, SA**, 4yo/up, 9f (AWT) (200)

02-07 \$200,000 **Robert B Lewis-II, SA**, 3yo, 8.5f (AWT) (200)

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HOLLYWOOD

MONTEREY JAZZ (Thunderello), 1m, 1:39.60, 1/1

FAIR GROUNDS

AUSPICIOUS (Indian Blessing), 5f, 1:02.80, 6/10

GRASSHOPPER (Dixie Union), 5f, 1:02.60, 4/10

PALM MEADOWS

GINGER BREW (Milwaukee Brew), 4f, :53.00, 30/31

SANTA ANITA

ARIEGE (Doneraile Court), 3f, :36.40, 5/12

PORTO SANTO (FR) (Kingsalsa), 4f, :46.80, 2/31

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National HBPA Winter Convention Tomorrow:

The 2009 National HBPA Winter Convention begins tomorrow and runs through Monday, Feb. 2. The convention returns to South Florida for the first time in many years and is being held at the Hollywood Beach Marriott in Hollywood. In addition to committee and business meetings, this winter's convention will again focus on key issues affecting horsemen. Highlighting the discussions will be a series of three forums featuring expert speakers from across the racing industry. The forums include:

Friday, Jan. 30, 2009 / 9:00 - 11:00 am

"From the Backstretch to the Backyard: Practical Solutions on Managing the Retired Racehorse"

From the backstretch to the backyard, how can horsemen and horsewomen properly balance the business of owning or running a racing stable while ensuring proper and humane aftercare of racehorses once their racing careers are over. Moderator: Remi Bellocq, CEO, National HBPA. Panelists: Janice Brooks, Secretary-Treasurer, Illinois HBPA; Anna M. Ford, Program Director, New Vocations Horse Adoptions and author:

"Beyond the Track - Retraining the Thoroughbred"; Herb Moelis, President, Thoroughbred Charities of America; Diana Pikulski, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation; Laura Plato, Operations Director, NHBPA/NHBPA Rep. to the Unwanted Horses Coalition

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 / 9:00 am - 11:00 am

"What's on the Horizon in Medication Testing & Thresholds"

Dr. Tobin will outline upcoming changes in the area of thresholds and withdrawal times for therapeutic medication and will discuss TCO2 testing. Dr. Maylin will give a presentation on a new instrumental approach to TCO2 testing. Dr. Sams will give a presentation of thresholds and withdrawal times for anabolic steroids and on other research completed for the RMTTC. Moderators: Kent Stirling, Executive Director, Florida HBPA & Chairman, NHBPA Medication Committee. Panelists: Dr. Thomas Tobin, MVB, MRCVS [DVM], PhD, DABT Professor, Dept. of Veterinary Science, Gluck Equine Research Center and Graduate Center for Toxicology, University of Kentucky; Dr. George Maylin, Director, NYRA Drug Testing and Research Program, Cornell University, Ithaca NY; Dr. Rick Sams, Program Director of the FL Racing Laboratory, University of Florida.

Progeny PP Counts: General Sires, Past 90 days

Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	SWnrs SWins	Stakes Horses	GSWnrs GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners Wins	G1-G2SWnrs G1-G2SWins
Distorted Humor	38	33	3 3	9	0 0	1	29 32	0 0
Smart Strike	36	30	5 6	11	2 2	4	26 30	1 1
A.P. Indy	33	28	2 2	6	2 2	6	25 28	1 1
Stormy Atlantic	30	28	5 5	10	1 1	3	23 25	0 0
Malibu Moon	29	20	2 3	7	1 1	3	18 21	0 0
Giant's Causeway	28	23	2 2	8	1 1	5	17 17	1 1
Grand Slam	28	23	2 2	4	0 0	1	21 25	0 0
Indian Charlie	28	25	5 5	10	1 1	2	20 22	1 1
Unbridled's Song	26	19	6 6	8	1 1	1	18 24	1 1
Not for Love	25	20	7 7	11	0 0	0	17 19	0 0

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National HBPA Winter Convention cont.

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009 / 10:15 am - 12:00 Noon

"Synthetic vs. Dirt - A Track Superintendent's Viewpoint"

No two groups interact more often or can affect each other success than track superintendents and horse-men. Here we will ask some of the very best their views on synthetic surfaces versus dirt surfaces, and how traffic, climate and maintenance affect either or both. Moderator: Dr. Michael "Mick" Peterson, Ph.D., Libra Foundation Professor, College of Engineering, University of Maine. Speakers: Joe King, President, Joseph H. King Co. Ltd. Tom McLaughlin, Track Superintendent, Tampa Bay Downs; Mike Young, Track Superintendent, Keeneland Racecourse; Irwin Driedger, Director of Thoroughbred Racing Services, Woodbine Entertainment Group.

The National HBPA Executive Committee and Board will also consider and discuss other current hot-button issues including: the current economic downturn, immigration, the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Group, safety and welfare and model rules. Convention registration and hotel information can be found on the NHBPA homepage at www.nationalhbpa.com.



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- ACTION THIS DAY** (Kris S.), Spendthrift, \$10K, 148/11/1 7-AQU, Msw, 1m, Weekend Action, \$120K FTK JUL yrl, 15-1
- ALEX'S PAL** (Valid Expectations), Randolph, \$3K, 54/3/0 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Pap's Pal, \$9K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- BLACK MAMBO** (Kingmambo), Bridlewood, \$5K, 120/12/0 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, Rocamadour, \$70K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
- CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$1000, 279/44/0 8-AQU, Alw, 6f, That's Rich, 15-1
- GREAT NOTION** (Elusive Quality), Northview, \$4K, 70/4/1 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Great Norton, \$1,000 EAS SEP yrl, 6-1
- SMARTY JONES** (Elusive Quality), Three Chimneys, \$100K, 161/11/1 9-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Dr. Smarty Jack, 6-1
- SPANISH STEPS** (Unbridled), Martin Stables, \$5K, 104/10/0 5-GP, Str, 1 1/16mT, Cheeks Malone, 8-1
- STRONG HOPE** (Grand Slam), Claiborne, \$30K, 176/9/0 7-AQU, Msw, 1m, Strong Inheritance, \$53K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
- TAPIT** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/27/3 7-AQU, Msw, 1m, Bindle Stick, \$5K OBS APR 2yo, 30-1
- TOCCE** (Awesome Again), Castleton Lyons, \$15K, 157/19/0 1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Get the Silver, \$15K ESM AY 2yo, 5-2



GODOLPHIN COMPLETE KITE WOOD SIGNING

Last term's G3 Autumn S. hero **Kite Wood (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) has been purchased by the Godolphin operation for an undisclosed sum, according to *Racing Post*. Immediate plans for the 270,000gns TATOCT yearling, who achieved his pattern success in the colors of Thomas Barr, have yet to be confirmed. "Kite Wood has been bought and at the present time it is planned for him to remain in Newmarket," commented Racing Manager Simon Crisford. "Race plans for him will be decided later in the year," he added.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-SUN, \$32,000, NW3L, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

ORABELL (f, 4, **Orientate**--By the Belle, by Geri) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$60,145. O-Richard Lueck. B-John E & Barbara R Smicklas (KY). T-Jon G Arnett. *\$14,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

River Blades, f, 3, **Cherokee Run**--Keiai Sakura (SW, \$221,328), by Petionville. PHA, 1-27, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Morihiro Kameda (KY). *\$42,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

Caravel, g, 4, **Aljabr**--Crazy Canard, by Woodman. TAM, 1-27, 1 1/16mT, 1:45 4/5. B-Kinsman Farm (FL).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Pau, 14.35, 1-27, €18,000, 4yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:35.75, stn.

TRIUMPH MAKER (FR) (c, 4, **Montjeu {Ire}**--Ile Mamou {Ire}, by Ela-Mana-Mou {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €16,500. O-Cuadra Eva; B-Mme Renate Moser & Aerial Bloodstock; T-Ana Imaz Ceca. *€125,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG. **1/2 to Inesperado (Fr) (Zayani {Ire}), MGSW-US & SW-Fr, \$696,055.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Echo Dancer (GB), c, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Entail, by Riverman. Southwell, Britain, 1-27, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Plantation Stud. *50,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT