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3rd Straight Win with NTR in the OBS Sprint

## NUMBERS DOWN AS 2YO SEASON KICKS OFF

Despite high optimism among consignors, the two-year-old sales season got off to an inauspicious start yesterday as the OBS February Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training suffered substantial declines in median and average. After the end of trading Tuesday, the average of \$104,481 represented a 33.7 percent drop from a year ago, while the median of \$90,000 was down 28 percent.

"I guess it's no surprise," consignor Niall Brennan commented. "I felt like we'd get a better rhythm going today, and we really never did. It was just rough going. The top end is the top end, but it seemed like it was tough getting those horses that would have brought \$150,000 last year. Man, you were lucky to get \$70,000 or \$80,000 today."

Topping the proceedings yesterday was a Graeme Hall filly who was purchased by West Point Thoroughbreds for \$340,000. West Point chief Terry Finley, sitting alongside advisor Buzz Chace and West Point partner Chris Larsen, outdueled Elite Horse Racing's Ben McElroy and Gabriel Duignan, who were seated just 10 rows down in the same section.



Hip 107  
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Selling mid-session as [hip 107](#), the Eddie Woods-consigned filly put buyers on notice with a snappy :10 flat breeze at the under-track show ([video](#)). The chestnut miss is a daughter of the 10-year-old Judge T C mare Vines of Justice, a half to graded stakes horses Un Fino Vino (Demidoff) and Ketchikan (Mr. Greeley). Her third dam is the blue hen Lilac Garden (Roberto), dam of Hong Kong Horse of the Year Electronic Unicorn, champion Ambitious Cat, and GI Kentucky Oaks winner Blushing K.D.

"It's a little more than we wanted to give, but she had a shot to bring a lot of money because everybody loved her," Terry Finley afterward. "She's a really beautiful physical specimen, and those are the ones you don't mind stretching a little bit. You're going to get others at a little bit of a discount, and you put them together and then put a portfolio out to your investors. Chris, who owns a construction company in New York City, called her the belle of the ball."

Finley said that the filly would likely wind up with one of West Point's Northeast-based trainers.

West Point has enjoyed success with the sire before with the speedy Lieutenant Ron, a member of Graeme Hall's first crop.

"She was a great physical on the end of the shank," added Chace of their most recent addition. "I look at all the horses before they work, and already have my mind made up of the ones I really like. She was just a beautiful, well-balanced filly with a nice demeanor. On the racetrack, she traveled very well. She had a very nice way of going. She didn't have the fastest work, but she did it the right way. She has potential."

A quick look at the numbers reveals a stark contrast to last year's record-setting February. In 2008, a total of eight horses realized \$400,000 or more. Yesterday, none did. Just four horses exceeded a quarter-million dollars, whereas nearly four times that number made in excess of \$250,000 last year.

"It was certainly a tough day," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "We knew going into this sale that there would be *some* correction, especially coming off such a good sale last year. We hoped if we could stay close to last year's number, we'd be in good shape. But as it turns out, we were off a little more than 30 in average and a little less than 30 percent in median. We started out okay--we had a \$300,000 sale right out of the box--and we had a \$225,000 Concorde's Tune right at the end. But it was tough [in between]. I think the buyers got some very nice horses at some discount prices." OBS February cont. p2

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**OBS SELECTED 2YOS IN TRAINING - TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>107</u>	filly	<b>Graeme Hall</b>	<b>Vines of Justice</b>	<b>340,000</b>
(\$62,000 wnlg '07 OBSOCT; \$70,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Leon Edward Do Litle Farm LLC (Fl)</i>				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent I				
Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point				
<u>001</u>	colt	<b>Giant's Causeway</b>	<b>Inny River</b>	<b>300,000</b>
(\$200,000 wnlg '07 KEENOV)				
<i>B-Franconson Partners (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent IV				
Purchased by Harry Benson, agent for F Patitucci				
<u>195</u>	colt	<b>Tapit</b>	<b>Granuaile</b>	<b>300,000</b>
(\$28,000 wnlg '07 OBSOCT)				
<i>B-Milan Kosanovich (Fl)</i>				
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent V				
Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point				
<u>046</u>	filly	<b>Dehere</b>	<b>Paris Rose</b>	<b>250,000</b>
(\$35,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL)				
<i>B-Ted O'Neill (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (B Thomas), agent				
Purchased by Westrock Stables				
<u>190</u>	filly	<b>Forest Danger</b>	<b>Gimme Some Love</b>	<b>240,000</b>
<i>B-Needham Betz TB, Dr. Chuck Kidder, Peter Lamantia &amp; Brian Graves (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent				
Purchased by Patrice Miller, EQB Inc, agent				
<u>168</u>	filly	<b>Forestry</b>	<b>Dream of Summer</b>	<b>235,000</b>
<i>B-James C Weigel &amp; Taylor Brothers Properties (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent IV				
Purchased by Cecil Seaman, agent				
<u>054</u>	colt	<b>Forest Camp</b>	<b>Quiet Summernight</b>	<b>225,000</b>
(\$130,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL)				
<i>B-Curtis C Green (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Wavertree Stables (C Dunne), Agent I				
Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point				
<u>074</u>	colt	<b>Yes It's True</b>	<b>Silverlado</b>	<b>225,000</b>
(\$60,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG)				
<i>B-Brylynn Farm (Fl)</i>				
Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent				
Purchased by Dogwood Stable Inc.				
<u>197</u>	filly	<b>Concorde's Tune</b>	<b>Hallie's Rush</b>	<b>225,000</b>
<i>B-Stonewood Thoroughbreds (Fl)</i>				
Consigned by Costanzo Sales, agent				
Purchased by Demi O'Byrne				
<u>068</u>	filly	<b>Yankee Gentleman</b>	<b>Sea Rhythm</b>	<b>220,000</b>
(\$120,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)				
<i>B-David Garvin (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Wavertree Stables (C Dunne), Agent VI				
Purchased by Westrock Stables				

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<i>B-Alan S Kline Revocable Trust (Md)</i>				
Consigned by Parrish Farms, agent				
Purchased by Lael Stable, Roy and Gretchen Jackson				
<u>139</u>	colt	<b>Stormy Atlantic</b>	<b>Cajun Moon</b>	<b>200,000</b>
(\$130,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Christina Latimer (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Nick de Meric, Agent I				
Purchased by Lael Stable, Roy and Gretchen Jackson				

OBS FEBRUARY 2YOS  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
Catalogued	200	172
No. Offered	154	124
No. Sold	95	89
RNAs	59	35
% RNA	38.3%	28.2%
No. Over \$250K	4	15
High Price	\$340,000	\$520,000
Gross	\$9,925,700 (-29.3%)	\$14,030,000
Average (% change)	\$104,481 (-33.7%)	\$157,640
Median (% change)	\$90,000 (-28%)	\$125,000

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OBS February cont.

**Tapit Colt Brings \$300,000...**

With Grade I winners Laragh and Stardom Bound in his first crop, Tapit (Pulpit) led all freshman sires last year. His stock was understandably in demand at February, and West Point landed the dearest lot when Chace won the bidding war for [hip 195](#) at \$300,000.

"I thought he worked great," said Finley. "I thought he looked a little like Stardom Bound as he rolled through the lane. Obviously, you have to be excited about the sire, and this was a big, good-looking horse. Everybody's looking for a Derby horse for 2010--that's everybody's dream to get there on the first Saturday in May--and you have to buy those kind of pedigrees. He was well cared for and well developed and we felt it was worth a shot."

Added Chace, "He was a very nice horse. He's really a great physical and it was no surprise, really, the way he worked. He got over the ground very well. I think he would have been much more expensive last year."

The Tapit colt, who sold at the end of the single-session sale, was consigned by Niall Brennan Stables. He is the first foal from the unraced Regal Classic mare Granuaile, herself a daughter of stakes winner Lady Sari (Singh) and a half to stakes winner Sariphone (Phone Trick). A Florida-bred, the gray colt was purchased by Cronin Bloodstock--the operation of Brennan's assistant Richard Cronin--on behalf of a partnership that included Brennan for \$28,000 as an OBSOCT weanling in 2007. Cronin was not a partner. The colt was re-offered at last year's OBS August sale, but was led out of the ring unsold at \$47,000.

"I was shocked," said Brennan. "I thought he was a \$100,000 yearling. I'm not displeased now. I thought he was a lovely horse. When we bought him as a foal I liked him--he just had something about him out here in the back ring. I never vetted him or anything."

Brennan said that while the colt was offered as a yearling, that wasn't necessarily the plan when he was purchased.

"I was trying to buy some foals for the two-year-old sales because it was getting so hard to buy yearlings, but we did sell a few as yearlings and he was one of them," said Brennan.

Brennan added of the colt, "He's always had a way about him and he still does. There's a tremendous amount of upside with this colt, and I'm delighted West Point got him. They're big supporters right now and they do a great job."

**The 'Rock Gets Rolling...**

Scott Ford's Westrock Stables is a new and relatively unknown operation on the racing scene, but that could soon change as the Westrock operation continues to grow. Westrock was busy at yesterday's sale, purchasing a total of four horses for \$595,000.

Leading the way was [hip 46](#), a Dehere--Paris Rose filly from the consignment of Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock who was knocked down for \$250,000. It was the second-highest price for a filly yesterday. Thomas purchased the neatly made bay for just \$35,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July sale. Hip 46 is a granddaughter of Grade I stakes winner Fabulous Notion and breezed an eighth in a bullet :9 3/5 at the under-tack show ([video](#)).



Westrock also purchased [hip 68](#), a filly by Yankee Gentleman--Sea Rhythm, for \$220,000. Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables consigned the bay filly, a \$120,000 Keeneland September purchase by Dapple Bloodstock, agent. Hip 68 breezed an eighth in :9 4/5 ([video](#)) and hails from the family of champion Sweet Catomine (Storm Cat) and Sunday's GII La Canada S. heroine Life is Sweet (Storm Cat).



Also on the Westrock ledger was a [hip 100](#), a Forestry--Uaintseennothin yet colt from the draft of Timber Creek, agent, who went for \$70,000; and [hip 138](#), a Consolidator--Cahill Connections filly from the draft of Eddie Woods who went for \$35,000. **Cont. p4**

**OBS - 2009 SALES DATES**

Adena Springs 2yos	Mar. 16
March Selected 2yos	Mar. 17-18
(Under Tack-Mar. 12-13)	
Spring Sale 2yos	Apr. 20-23
(Under Tack-Apr. 14-17)	
June 2yo/HRA	June 16-17
(Under Tack-June 13-14)	
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**Rock Gets Rolling cont.**

A resident of Little Rock, Arkansas, Ford is the former president and chief executive officer of communications giant Alltel. According to a profile posted on Wikipedia, Ford is graduate of the University of Arkansas and worked for Merrill Lynch and Stephens Inc. before joining Alltel in 1996. He was named president of Alltel 1997, assumed the additional duties of chief operating officer in 1998, and was named chief executive officer in 2002. In June of 2008, Verizon Wireless announced it would acquire Alltel Wireless in a deal valued at \$28.1 billion.



**Scott Ford** arkansasbusiness.com

Ford has the majority of his horses with trainer Randy Martin, a former assistant of Paul McGee who struck out on his own last year. The pair claimed a few horses to get things warmed up, and also purchased a few yearlings last year, including a Giant's Causeway--Jessi Take Charge colt for \$150,000 and a Smart Strike--Via Gras colt for \$120,000. Ford also has a horse in training with trainer D. Wayne Lukas and said that Lukas would get several of his new buys.

Sitting with a group in the sales pavilion yesterday, Ford said that he was aiming to purchase fillies with some residual value when their racing careers are over, but also said that some were being purchased simply to have fun racing them.

"Those first two fillies were in the former category," he laughed. "Or we hope they are, at least."

While Ford is an accomplished businessman, he can boast of plenty of experience with horses, as well. According to an article in the Arkansas *Democrat-Gazette*, he is enjoyed success in rodeo team roping.

"He is a horseman," Martin told the paper. "He's been a horseman for a long time. I believe he's taking this as a business step and looking it as a business to make money. But the goal is also that he would like to be in the bigger races--the Kentucky Derby--like everybody." -L Marquardt

**BUYING AT THE TOP OF THE MARKET AT THE 2009 OBS FEBRUARY SALE**

*There were four juveniles purchased for \$250,000 or more at OBS February 2009 (down from 15 in 2008)*

Buyer	\$250k/up-'09	\$250k/up-'08
Annestes	0	1
Darley Stable/J Ferguson	0	0
C Hall & Gordon Racing	0	0
Harry Benson, agent	1	0
Klesaris/Puglisi Racing	0	2
J. McCormack B'stock	0	2
Demi O'Byrne	0	1
Padua Stables	0	3
R.B.T.S., agent	0	1
Omar Trevino	0	2
Chace/West Point	2	2
Westrock Stable	1	0
WinStar Farm	0	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>

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**O'Byrne Lands Concorde's Tune Miss...**

It's never a bad sign when Coolmore's Demi O'Byrne is giving your horse a last-minute inspection in the rear walking ring. Yesterday, the good doctor patiently waited for the second-to-last horse through the ring, a gray Concorde's Tune filly from the draft of Tony Costanzo's Costanzo Sales, and saw off all challengers to purchase [hip 197](#) for \$225,000, his lone purchase on the day.

Bred in Florida, hip 197 was produced by the unraced eight-year-old Hallie's Rush (Wild Rush), a half-sister to the fast GSW Watchem Smokey (Alphabet Soup). The Apr. 27 foal drew the attention of several buyers, O'Byrne included, with an impressive :9 4/5 breeze at the under-tack show ([video](#)).

"I bought her privately as a yearling," said Costanzo, who was enjoying a celebratory Bud Light after the sale with a few friends. "She had a really nice presence to her and had a great walk. She's just a very nice, well-balanced filly."

The final price tag represents a career high for Costanzo, who has been selling for the last 15 years or so. "We bought a farm here in Ocala in 1999 and moved down here then," he said. "We're just small--we consign from 12 to 20 horses a year in general. We also do a lot of business for people who send their horses straight to the races."

Costanzo said O'Byrne's offer exceed his expectations. "After she worked, I though she would bring between \$150,000 and \$175,000," he said, adding about the market, "All in all, I think it's okay. I was happy with all three of my horses. I had a D'wildcat filly I got \$65,000 for, and I was really happy with that. And I RNA'd a Touch Gold colt for \$57,000, but got him sold shortly after that."

**Ryan Keeps Distorted Humor Filly...**

[Hip 115](#), a filly by Distorted Humor, would have been the second-highest-priced horse at OBS February, but prominent bloodstock agent Mike Ryan and partners opted to buy her back at \$320,000 and send her to the races themselves. She will compete under Ryan's TYB Stable.



Lucas Marquardt

"My rationale is that yearlings by the sire averaged over \$400,000 and had a median of \$385,000, and the reserve wasn't as high as the median price," Ryan said later. "She's shown us tremendous talent. I'm disappointed by the outcome, but at the same time, she's a very nice filly. I loved her, and if you've got a nice one, you don't mind holding onto them and going to the next level with them."


Ryan purchased the filly for \$180,000 at Keeneland September. A Mar. 5 foal, she was produced by the Silver Deputy mare Age of Silver and is a half to the stakes-placed, and aptly named, Coach Run (Broad Brush). Age of Silver, meanwhile, is a half to a pair of stakes winner, including GSW Timely Broad (Broad Brush). It's the extended family of GI Travers S. and GI Haskell Invitational winner Wise Times.



The Distorted Humor put forth a sharp :10 1/5 breeze ([video](#)), but emerged from the work with some minor issues.

"She had a couple cherry splints on both sides of her knees that were irritating her," Ryan explained. "There the size of your little finger nail, but they're very sensitive when the come up. The buyers were a bit wary, and understandably so. But she breezed very well, which is just a testament to her class and constitution. We'll cool her out, give her some time, and look at Saratoga."

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**Syndicates Make a Point...**

"The partnership business is alive and well," proclaimed West Point Thoroughbred chief Terry Finley after signing the ticket for a \$300,000 Tapit colt, and his statement was borne out by the results of yesterday's sale. Syndicates played a big role in the action, as West Point and Cot Campbell's Dogwood Stable signed for 12 horses between them and operations like Elite Horse Racing also were active.

The heavy participation of syndicates helped buoy the market, but also served to reflect the fact that there



**Terry Finley**  
westpointtb.com

was a substantial discount to be had on horses. That was good news to folks like Finley, who have been battling rocketing yearling and two-year-old prices for much of the past decade.

"I think it's been great," said Finley. "I think there's a little bit of a discount, maybe from between 10 and 30 percent. As an end-user, we're finally in the position where we have a little better shot to make a return on the original investment at the racetrack. I know it's a painful exercise for the breeders and

sellers, but there is some positive to this, and the positive is that the buyers have a better shot."

West Point advisor Buzz Chace agreed. "I think it's a great market," he said. "I bought a Forest Camp colt [hip 54] who, two or three years ago, I would have had to pay \$500,000 or \$600,000 for. And I got him for \$225,000. I think it's a great market for buyers--I think it's a great time to buy horses. I bought another filly with a little dip in her back by Consolidator [hip 86], for \$115,000, and she was a beautiful filly."

West Point purchased a total of seven horses, which includes the private acquisition of hip 18, a Not For Love colt from the consignment of Scanlon Training Center.

"He had terribly sore shins and was scratched from the sale, but he worked well and was a really nice horse," said Finley.

West Point's six purchases that did go through the ring grossed \$1.26 million, making West Point the leading buyer at February.

One might assume that racing syndicates would be suffering lean times as investors scale back on discretionary spending, but Finley says that hasn't been the case.


"We're still seeing a lot of interest," he said. "I know there are some segments of the business that are suffering, but we have a lot of people who are interested. I think maybe there are a lot of people who don't want to give up the excitement of ownership, but don't want to go it alone. Maybe that's it."

Dogwood Stables purchased six horses for a total of \$545,000. Its highest-priced purchase was hip 74, a colt by Yes It's True who realized \$225,000. The colt was consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent.

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**Limited Action From Some Stalwarts...**

While West Point and Dogwood were active, other prominent buyers were largely missing from the results sheets. Sheikh Mohammed's primary bloodstock advisor John Ferguson purchased just one horse at February, a filly by the Darley stallion Consolidator (Storm Cat) for \$180,000. The Leprechaun Racing-consigned filly was out of the Rahy mare Aray and sold as [hip 119](#). OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura talked about the absence or limited participation of some buyers. "Zayat [Stables] didn't buy any horses this year," he said. "I believe they had a presence here and we talked to them and thought they would be here. And I do think they'll be here in March. Padua didn't buy as many as last year, but they bought a horse; [Jeff] Puglisi bought a horse. So those guys worked the sale. It's hard to tell what their goals are this year, if they're going to buy fewer horses or not spend as much. But I don't want to overthink it, because this is one sale of 154 horses through the ring. We do have a new buyer that brought quite a few horses in Westrock Stables, so that's promising." Commenting on the final numbers, Ventura said, "We thought we put together a nice catalog, and we had a lot of people on the grounds. It didn't turn out the way we hoped, but we've got March to look forward to. We've got three Breeders' Cup winners on the cover, and in our journeys around the country we're getting a lot of positive feedback about the sale."

**What They're Saying At The Sales...**

**OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura on the market:**

"I would be hesitate to project this onto the rest of the two-year-old season, because of the number of horses. I don't know that this is a great indicator--we know that we started out lower than where we were last year--but I don't if this is an indicator of the rest of the market considering we offered only 154 horses through the ring. I hope not--we've got a lot of two-year-olds to sell."

**Consignor Niall Brennan, asked if he thought yesterday's declines could, in part, be attributed to lesser quality stock than a year ago:**

"It's probably a better question for the buyers, but from my perspective, watching horses train here, there was a lot of nice stock. Granted, you're not talking about some of the better pedigrees here, but statistically this has been a great sale, and I would think [the declines] are a function of the market and not the horses. Speaking personally of my consignment, I had a lot of nice horses, and I know that there are some very nice horses there. I have a great deal of confidence in that. But right now there is just no confidence in the country. And accordingly, people want something, but they're expecting to pay a lot less for it."

# First and foremost



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## Calder Sales Grads in 1-2 knock-out in G3 UAE 2000 Guineas

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<b>Hip</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Dam</b>	<b>Price (\$)</b>
<u>30</u>	c	<u>Forest Danger</u>	<u>McKenna Beach</u>	<u>170,000</u>
<i>B-Almar Farm, Burt &amp; Sandy Dahlberg (Ky)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Omega Farm, agent</i>				
<i>Purchased by Padua Stables</i>				

From the first crop of 2005 GI Carter H. winner Forest Danger (Forestry), this bay was acquired by Omega Farm for \$30,000 at last year's FTKJUL sale. After zipping an eighth of a mile in :10 3/5 Feb. 13, he turned a solid profit in the OBS sales ring yesterday. His dam, McKenna Beach (Eastern Echo), won three of four career starts at Canterbury, including a pair of restricted stakes.

<b>Hip</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Dam</b>	<b>Price (\$)</b>
<u>74</u>	c	<u>Yes It's True</u>	<u>Silverlado</u>	<u>225,000</u>
<i>B-Brylynn Farm (Fl)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent</i>				
<i>Purchased by Dogwood Stable</i>				

Kinsman Farm went to \$60,000 to purchase this colt as a yearling at the OBSAUG sale, and hit one out of the park Tuesday. The bay, who worked a bullet quarter mile in :20 2/5, heads to Cot Campbell's Dogwood operation after selling for \$225,000.

<b>Hip</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Dam</b>	<b>Price (\$)</b>
<u>104</u>	c	<u>Posse</u>	<u>Valid Fixation</u>	<u>150,000</u>
<i>B-Tony Feng &amp; Norman Cheng (Ky)</i>				
<i>Consigned by W. D. North, Agent I</i>				
<i>Purchased by Brian Koriner, agent</i>				

Bloodstock agent W. D. North purchased this bay for \$42,000 as a KEESEP yearling, and realized a quick return on investment yesterday. The Kentucky-bred, purchased by Southern California-based trainer Brian Koriner, worked a quarter mile in :21 at the breeze-up show.

<b>Hip</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Dam</b>	<b>Price (\$)</b>
<u>129</u>	c	<u>Successful Appeal</u>	<u>Big Score</u>	<u>180,000</u>
<i>B-Gulf Coast Farms (Ky)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent I</i>				
<i>Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point</i>				

Big Score (Grand Slam), a MSW of \$217,738, was purchased by Jerry Bailey's Gulf Coast Farm for \$280,000 at the 2004 Keeneland November sale upon the conclusion of her racing career. This colt, bred in Kentucky by Gulf Coast, realized a healthy ROI off Successful Appeal's 2006 stud fee of \$25,000.

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**Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai**

**AL FAHIDI FORT-G2**, \$250,000, NH4yo/SH3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Summit Surge (Ire)	Noverre	Murtagh	126
2	Blue Ksar (Fr)	Anabaa	O'Shea	126
3	Hunting Tower (SAf)	Fort Wood	Dettori	126
4	Traffic Guard	More Than Ready	Egan	126
5	Imbongi (SAf)	Russian Revival	Shea	129
6	Gladiatorus	Silic (Fr)	Ffrench	126
7	Gold Sovereign (Ire)	King's Best	Jara	126

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Stakes Previews cont.

Friday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

**BALANCHINE S.-G3**, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1777mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Deem (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Jara	128
2	Varsity (GB)	Lomitas (GB)	Hughes	126
3	Black Emblem (Jpn)	War Emblem	Kinane	126
4	Eva's Request (Ire)	Soviet Star	Durcan	126
5	Peace Royale (Ger)	Sholokhov (Ire)	Dettori	128
6	Happy Spirit (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Moore	129
7	My Central (Ity)	Central Park (Ire)	Murtagh	126
8	Front House (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Shea	129
9	Jalmira (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Smullen	126

Friday, Gulfstream Park

**SABIN H.-GIII**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Swift Temper	Giant's Causeway	Garcia	122
2	Dreaming of Liz	El Prado (Ire)	Baird	122
3	Miss Isella	Silver Charm	Borel	122
4	Fancy Fusaichi	Fusaichi Pegasus	Leparoux	120
5	One Caroline	Unbridled's Song	Prado	118
6	Alina	Came Home	Desormeaux	120
7	Stormin Mon	Maria's Mon	J Bridgmohan	116
8	So Glitzy	Gilded Time	Lezcano	118
9	Cat Can Do	Adcat	Coa	120

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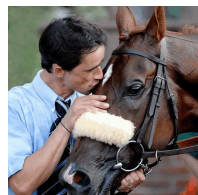
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**OUIJA BOARD (GB)**, 8, Cape Cross (Ire)--Selection Board (GB), by Welsh Pageant (Fr)  
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Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

**ARROWFIELD STUD BLUE DIAMOND S.-G1**, A \$1,000,000, 2yo, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	11	Real Saga (Aus)	Tale of the Cat	Oliver
2	1	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Choisir (Aus)	Duric
3	5	Reward for Effort (Aus)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Nolen
4	9	Rarefied (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Brown
5	13	Bawaardi (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	B Rawiller
6	2	Perikon (NZ)	Stravinsky	Rodd
7	6	Rostova (Aus) (f)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	King
8	8	Come Hither (Aus) (f)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	McEvoy
9	10	Corsaire (Aus) (f)	Anabaa	Newitt
10	4	Quick Blush (Aus) (f)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Boss
11	12	Maka Ena (Aus) (f)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Dunn
12	7	Rose Darmore (Aus) (f)	More Than Ready	No Rider
13	3	Irish Lights (Aus) (f)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Williams

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Undeclared in three career starts, **Rostova** has drawn perfectly in barrier six for the most important race on the Victorian racing calendar. "Perfect, that's what we were after," part owner John Hymet told *Racing and Sports*. "We were hoping for six or seven. [Trainer] Steve [Richards] has her absolutely spot-on for the race." **Real Saga**, also perfect in three trips to the post, drew outside in 11, while **Maka Ena** breaks to her outside as she attempts to give jockey Dwayne Dunn a fifth consecutive riding victory in the Blue Diamond.



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**A RARE CALIFORNIA STARTER FOR AMOSS**

Trainer Tom Amoss has opted to send **Mutadda** (Mutakddim), winner of the six-furlong F. W. Gaudin Memorial S. at the Fair Grounds Jan. 10, west for a start in Saturday's Santa Anita feature. "This looked like a good spot," Amoss said Monday. "There wasn't too much around and seven-eighths is his best distance." Last spring, the five-year-old scored in consecutive starts while trying seven furlongs at Churchill Downs. Riding the bay for the first time is Joe Talamo, fourth (through Sunday) in the Santa Anita jockey standings with 27 wins. "I won races for him in Louisiana when I was 16 and had the 'bug,'" said Talamo. Amoss added, "I knew Joe before he was Joe, and he was chasing me [for mounts]. Now I'm chasing him."

**Saturday, Santa Anita**

**SAN CARLOS H.-GII**, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Star Nicholas	Poteen	M Baze	114
2	Halo Najib	Halo's Image	Bejarano	114
3	Yankee Bravo	Yankee Gentleman	Solis	116
4	Past the Point	Indian Charlie	Rosario	115
5	Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	Gomez	120
6	Mutadda	Mutakddim	Talamo	115

**San Carlos H.--Recent Winners**

2008	Surf Cat	2000	Son of a Pistol
2007	Latent Heat	1999	Big Jag
2006	Surf Cat	1998	Reality Road
2005	Hasty Kris	1997	Northern Afleet
2004	Pico Central (Brz)	1996	Kingdom Bound
2003	Aldebaran	1995	Softshoe Sure Shot
2002	Snow Ridge	1994	Cardmania
2001	Kona Gold	1993	Sir Beaufort

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

**ZAFTIG OFF TO HILL 'N' DALE** Zaftig (Gone West--Zoftig, by Cozzene), winner of the 2008 GI Acorn S. and third in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint in what was her final career start, has been added to the broodmare band at John G. Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Farm. "We sold some extraordinary mares in



Zaftig Sarah K. Andrew

November, not the least of which was Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour," Sikura said. "We have been looking for the opportunity to replenish our broodmare band with exactly the caliber of mare that Zaftig represents. Her world-class pedigree indicates she has the capability

of throwing any caliber of runner on dirt or turf going short or long. We couldn't be happier with her addition to our program." In defeating champion Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) by 4 1/2 lengths in the Acorn S. last June, Zaftig earned a Beyer Speed Figure of 113, the highest for a three-year-old of either sex in 2008 and faster than any figure received by Curlin, Big Brown and Zenyatta. Off for the rest of the summer with a stress fracture in a foot suffered shortly after the Acorn, the gray filly resurfaced with an excellent third-place effort to Ventura (Chester House) in the Breeders' Cup. She was entered, but was withdrawn from the Fasig-Tipton November Sale, and was training towards a start against males in the GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H. when she tore the suspensory in her left hind leg.

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**THE FINAL WORD**

Last week we alluded to having now compiled the percentage of 'unique' A Runners (counted only once) from foals of racing age (through 2008) for the 1143 sires which were assigned (2002-2008) APEX ratings at the end of 2008 ([click here to see this alphabetical list](#)). Please note that this list refers only to A Runners; nothing here about B or C Runners, or ABC Runners. This is an elite qualification, which by our calculations is an earnings-based equivalent of a sire's percentage of listed and graded/group winners from foals. Practically speaking, what this accomplishes is to eliminate the high percentage of North American black-type races which have gross purses under \$75,000 (my guess would be 70 percent of North American black-type races). The anomaly arises because there are no European black-type races below listed class, so the standard for black type in North America, in quality terms, is considerably lower. If you take the view that listed races are the equivalent of theoretical Group or Grade IV, it makes a little more sense. The point of view is that 'true' quality black type consists of what should be called Group/Grade IV races and above, but which are called listed plus group/graded races. It is this group to which A Runners are most comparable.

Besides the click-through to the complete alphabetical list of sires, we are running two "leaders' lists." The first is the top 50 sires, from the 597 APEX sires with 200 or more foals of racing age, ranked by percentage of unique A Runners to foals. The second is the top 50 sires under the age of 18, whose first foals were born in 1998 or later, so between two and nine crops of racing age at the end of 2008.

It shouldn't come as a shock by now that the top eight sires (with 200+ foals of racing age) are all from the older generation. Five of the eight are dead (leader Danzig, with 15.3 percent lifetime unique A Runners from foals; and Machiavellian, who had his last crop of three-year-olds in 2008, and hereafter disappears from the list) or retired (Storm Cat, Sadler's Wells, Seeking the Gold). The other three are: 20-year-old A.P. Indy (13.7 percent unique A Runners from foals); 19-year-old Monsun (9.8 percent); and 19-year-old Kingmambo (9.1 percent), whose number seven placing on this list ranks him about 10 places higher than his A Runner indexes have been the last few years. Since we know instinctively he is a World Top 12 sire, it suggests these career totals may be the most accurate measurement we use, in APEX terms, of where sires really rank in breeders' minds.



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The difference in Kingmambo's ranking is partially a result of the fact that he does so much better in Europe (3.68, with 506 runners in Europe 2002-2008) than in North America (2.40, with 438 runners) or Japan (2.63, with 152 runners). Similarly, certain state-bred or provincial-bred programs--notably Ontario, California, and New York--tend to 'inflate' sires' ratings which are based on earnings (as these are). Maybe sires like Bold Executive (Ontario--8.5 percent unique A Runners from foals), Unusual Heat (California--8.4 percent) and possibly young City Zip (four of five crops in New York--8.1 percent) aren't 'really' quite as good as these figures make them look. On the other hand, their 2002-2008 A Indexes of 3.46, 3.86, and 2.80, respectively, do conclusively show the runners by these sires are making people money.

The 'top 50' sires really number 53, because of a four-way tie for 50th (6.3 percent). Of the 29 sires with 7.0 percent unique A Runners from foals, or higher, only six (21 percent) are sires which are under 18 years old and had their first foals in 1998 or later, though that group constitutes more than 50 percent of the 597 sires which qualified for this list. Two more regional sires, New York's American Chance (died 2004, last appearance), and Maryland's Not For Love, have each registered 7.1 percent unique A Runners from foals. But overall, almost 80 percent (23) of the 29 sires are dead or retired (12); of the other 11, six are between 24 and 27 years old. Cont. p12



**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

All this serves to demonstrate the difference in the statistics for sires since the 'big-book' era began, in our view with the 1996 foal crop. It's unlikely that it's a coincidence. Logically, the dilution of quality in stallions' books of mares, and resultant fall in the leading sires' percentage of A Runners, and black-type winners, from foals, does suggest there's a level of mare which started to be bred to these stallions which collectively weren't capable of producing more than one percent stakes winners no matter what sire they were bred to. It's only inference--we can't prove it--but the inference is that probably two-thirds of the new mares bred to the newer top sires fell into this category.

To some extent, it's enough to know where sires rank. Of the 53 sires in the top 50, just 18--one-third--are under the age of 18 and had their first foals in 1998 or later. Of the 18, it's significant that six (Smart Strike, Distorted Humor, City Zip, Lemon Drop Kid, Galileo, and Street Cry) are among the 29 sires with seven percent unique A Runners or higher, as we've noted; but of the 12 sires clustered between 6.7 percent and 6.9 percent, eight--two-thirds--fit into the younger category. This cluster of eight sires includes Exchange Rate, Unbridled's Song, Awesome Again, Pivotal, Giant's Causeway, Pulpit, and Rock of Gibraltar, as well as former Ontario (now Manitoba) sire Whiskey Wisdom. It certainly leads you to think that 6.8 percent (midway between 6.7 and 6.9) is the figure against which top young sires should be measured.

On the list of the top 50 younger sires aged under 18, with first foals 1998 or later, and 200 or more foals of racing age, you can see how much the standard for the leading sires has dropped. The top 30 sires on the younger sire list, for example, drop down to 5.7 percent, whereas the top 30 on the list for all sires, older and younger, drops down only to 6.9 percent. You could calculate that is a 21-percent decline. If we wanted to try and postulate where contemporary top sires like Smart Strike and Distorted Humor might have compared by the 'old rules,' I would add 25 percent to the "new" sire's percentage. Thus, Smart Strike's actual percentage of 8.7 percent unique A Runners from foals could be projected to equal about 11 percent by the 'old rules.' Distorted Humor would be 10.5 percent. The sires in the 'cluster' median of 6.8 percent would, by that measurement, been the equivalent of 8.5-percent sires.

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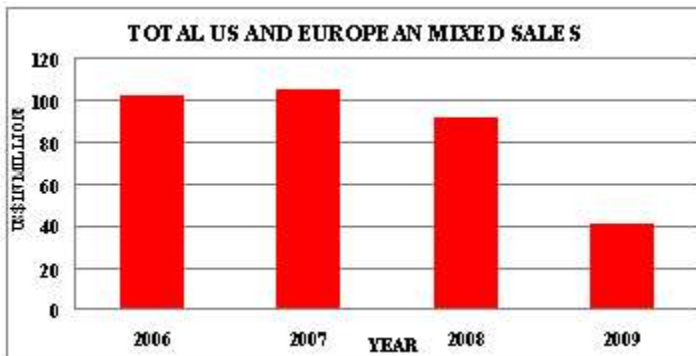
by Bill Oppenheim

"Goffs catalogued 46 percent fewer horses to their February sale, while the gross dropped 64 percent. At all the mixed sales combined, 24 percent fewer horses were catalogued while the gross dropped \$50-million, a 56 percent drop, from \$91.3-million last year to \$40.5-million this year. Breeders evidently decided en masse not to catalogue horses in which they knew there would be no interest, so the number catalogued has plummeted, as well as the prices. At least the clearance rate from the catalogue has stabilized, up one percent this year, from 53 to 54 percent. OBS Selected Two-Year-Olds yesterday was the first test of a like-for-like market, which the mixed sales this year definitely weren't."

—Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2009	535	397	189	35.3%	€1,629,800	€8,623
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2007	1,162	933	652	56.1%	€12,028,100	€18,448
2006	1,101	907	608	55.2%	€7,194,250	€11,833



Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



**Bill Oppenheim cont.**

Aside from the inevitable current or former Ontario sires among the F1998 and later Top 50, you'll also note quite a few of the same names which featured in the 'new' World Top 30 which we've been discussing for the last couple of weeks. If anything--Ontario sires excepted, for reasons we've explained--this list might just be the best measurement I know of who the top 'current' sires are, and where they rank among their contemporaries. That being the case, I'd say the three most impressive rankings among the 'younger' list top 15 are: Lemon Drop Kid, who ranks fourth among all younger sires (7.8 percent unique A Runners from foals), ranking him above Galileo and Street Cry by that measure; and Exchange Rate (6.9 percent) and Rock of Gibraltar (6.7 percent), whose early numbers put them in the same group as Unbridled's Song, Awesome Again, Pivotal, Giant's Causeway, and Pulpit. If they sustain those percentages, at \$25,000 and \$27,500, respectively, that would make Exchange Rate and Rock of Gibraltar outstanding buys this year. The same would also be true of Lemon Drop Kid, at \$50,000, considering the crowd he's running with.

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**UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 20	GIII Sabin S.	GP
Feb. 21	GII Mac Diarmida H.	GP
	GII San Carlos H.	SA
Feb. 22	GII San Luis Obispo H.	SA
	GIII The Very One H.	GP
Feb. 28	GII Fountain of Youth S.	GP
	GIII Sham S.	SA
	GIII Canadian Turf H.	GP
Mar. 1	GIII Baldwin S.	SA
Mar. 7	GI Santa Anita H.	SA
	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile H.	SA
	GI Santa Anita Oaks	SA
	GIII Gotham S.	AQU
	GIII Toboggan H.	AQU
	GIII Honey Fox H.	GP
	GIII Razorback H.	OP
Mar. 8	GIII Azeri S.	OP

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**TOP 50 SIREs by PERCENTAGE OF 'UNIQUE' A RUNNERS from Foals  
(Sires with 200 + Foals of Racing Age which had APEX ratings in 2008)**

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	First Foals	ST	FARM	2009	A INDEX	RacAge Foals	Unique A's	Pct A's -Foals
DANZIG	1977	NORTHERN DANCER	1982	KY	DEAD	.....	4.63	1099	168	15.3%
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994	KY	LANE'S END	250000	4.97	952	130	13.7%
STORM CAT	1983	STORM BIRD	1989	KY	RETIRED	.....	3.88	1306	159	12.2%
SADLER'S WELLS	1981	NORTHERN DANCER	1986	Ire	RETIRED	.....	3.97	2135	225	10.5%
SEEKING THE GOLD	1985	MR. PROSPECTOR	1991	Ky	RETIRED	.....	3.24	890	89	10.0%
MONSUN	1990	KONIGSSTUHL	1997	GE	G SCHLENDERHAN	.....	3.63	448	44	9.8%
KINGMAMBO	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1995	KY	LANE'S END	250000	3.01	799	73	9.1%
MACHIAVELLIAN	1987	MR. PROSPECTOR	1992	E-	DEAD	.....	2.69	759	67	8.8%
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	LANE'S END	125000	3.50	676	59	8.7%
BOLD EXECUTIVE	1984	BOLD RUCKUS	1990	ON	GARDINER	15000	3.46	620	53	8.5%
DEPUTY MINISTER	1979	VICE REGENT	1985	KY	DEAD	.....	1.88	1162	99	8.5%
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	NUREYEV	1999	CA	OLD ENGLISH R	.....	3.86	367	31	8.4%
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	WINSTAR	150000	3.08	597	50	8.4%
CRAFTY PROSPECTOR	1979	MR. PROSPECTOR	1985	KY	RETIRED	.....	1.10	1077	89	8.3%
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	KY	LANES END	12500	2.80	248	20	8.1%
RAINBOW QUEST	1981	BLUSHING GROOM	1987	E-	DEAD	.....	1.73	1058	85	8.0%
DIXIELAND BAND	1980	NORTHERN DANCER	1986	KY	RETIRED	.....	1.32	1234	99	8.0%
THEATRICAL	1982	NUREYEV	1989	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	35000	2.26	969	77	7.9%
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	LANE'S END	50000	3.11	383	30	7.8%
SILVER DEPUTY	1985	DEPUTY MINISTER	1990	KY	RETIRED	.....	2.30	977	73	7.5%
GALILEO	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	2003	IR	COOLMORE	Private	4.00	453	33	7.3%
CARSON CITY	1987	MR. PROSPECTOR	1992	KY	DEAD	.....	2.18	1050	76	7.2%
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004	KY	DARLEY	150000	2.78	249	18	7.2%
RAHY	1985	BLUSHING GROOM	1991	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	50000	2.34	1002	72	7.2%
AMERICAN CHANCE	1989	CURE THE BLUES	1996	KY	DEAD	.....	1.65	353	25	7.1%
NOT FOR LOVE	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1997	MD	NORTHVIEW	25000	2.18	638	45	7.1%
DYNAFORMER	1985	ROBERTO	1991	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	150000	2.35	996	70	7.0%
GONE WEST	1984	MR. PROSPECTOR	1989	KY	MILL RIDGE	65000	1.34	1142	80	7.0%
BIG SHUFFLE	1984	SUPER CONCORDE	1991	GE	G AUENQUELLE	10000	1.88	744	52	7.0%
INDIAN RIDGE	1985	AHONOORA	1991	E-	DEAD	.....	2.48	924	64	6.9%
FORTY NINER	1985	MR. PROSPECTOR	1990	JP	JAPAN	.....	1.68	896	62	6.9%
SKY CLASSIC	1987	NIJINSKY II	1994	KY	PIN OAK	12500	1.70	665	46	6.9%
EXCHANGE RATE	1997	DANZIG	2003	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	25000	3.31	204	14	6.9%
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	KY	TAYLOR MADE	125000	2.92	787	54	6.9%
WHISKEY WISDOM	1993	WILD AGAIN	1999	MB	THUNDERBIRD	1500	2.31	292	20	6.8%
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	DEPUTY MINISTER	2000	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	125000	3.04	515	35	6.8%
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	CHEVELEY PARK	65000	2.89	707	48	6.8%
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	ASHFORD	125000	2.78	700	47	6.7%
PULPIT	1994	A.P. INDY	1999	KY	CLAIBORNE	80000	2.39	507	34	6.7%
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	DANEHILL	2004	IR	COOLMORE	27500	2.73	358	24	6.7%
GULCH	1984	MR. PROSPECTOR	1990	KY	LANE'S END	20000	2.13	1007	67	6.7%
KIRIDASHI	1992	BOLD RUCKUS	2000	AB	HEART VALLEY	3500	2.48	212	14	6.6%
GENERAL MEETING	1988	SEATTLE SLEW	1993	CA	DEAD	.....	1.52	501	33	6.6%
MENIFEE	1996	HARLAN	2001	Kor	S. KOREA	.....	1.77	309	20	6.5%
GREEN DESERT	1983	DANZIG	1988	GB	SHADWELL	25000	1.53	1053	68	6.5%
ASCOT KNIGHT	1984	DANZIG	1990	Can	DEAD	.....	1.85	573	37	6.5%
COZZENE	1980	CARO	1987	KY	DEAD	.....	1.73	921	59	6.4%
WAR DEPUTY	1991	DEPUTY MINISTER	1996	GR	GREECE	.....	2.98	203	13	6.4%
ROYAL ACADEMY	1987	NIJINSKY II	1992	Aus	AUSTRALIA	.....	1.73	1258	80	6.4%
CATIENUS	1994	STORM CAT	2002	KY	RAMSEY FARM	10000	1.71	332	21	6.3%
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	TWO PUNCH	1999	KY	GAINESWAY	17500	1.88	559	35	6.3%
IN EXCESS	1987	SIBERIAN EXPRESS	1994	CA	VESSELS	Private	2.29	815	51	6.3%
BOLD N' FLASHY	1989	BOLD RUCKUS	1997	ON	PARK STUD	.....	1.65	256	16	6.3%

Blue = Sires under Age 18 with 1st Foals 1998 or later.



**TOP 50 SIREs by PERCENTAGE OF 'UNIQUE' A RUNNERS from FOALS**  
 (Sires Under age 18, 1st Foals 1998 + , with 200 + Foals of Racing Age through 2008)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	FARM	2009	A INDEX	RacAge FOALS	Unique A's	Pct A's -Foals
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	LANE'S END	125000	3.5	676	59	8.7%
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	WINSTAR	150000	3.08	597	50	8.4%
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	KY	LANES END	12500	2.8	248	20	8.1%
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	LANE'S END	50000	3.11	383	30	7.8%
GALILEO	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	2003	IR	COOLMORE	Private	4	453	33	7.3%
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004	KY	DARLEY	150000	2.78	249	18	7.2%
EXCHANGE RATE	1997	DANZIG	2003	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	25000	3.31	204	14	6.9%
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	KY	TAYLOR MADE	125000	2.92	787	54	6.9%
WHISKEY WISDOM	1993	WILD AGAIN	1999	MB	THUNDERBIRD	1500	2.31	292	20	6.8%
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	DEPUTY MINISTER	2000	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	125000	3.04	515	35	6.8%
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	CHEVELEY PARK	65000	2.89	707	48	6.8%
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	ASHFORD	125000	2.78	700	47	6.7%
PULPIT	1994	A.P. INDY	1999	KY	CLAIBORNE	80000	2.39	507	34	6.7%
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	DANEHILL	2004	IR	COOLMORE	27500	2.73	358	24	6.7%
KIRIDASHI	1992	BOLD RUCKUS	2000	AB	HEART VALLEY	3500	2.48	212	14	6.6%
MENIFEE	1996	HARLAN	2001	Kor	S. KOREA	-----	1.77	309	20	6.5%
CATIENUS	1994	STORM CAT	2002	KY	RAMSEY FARM	10000	1.71	332	21	6.3%
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	TWO PUNCH	1999	KY	GAINESWAY	17500	1.88	559	35	6.3%
MONTJEU	1996	SADLER'S WELLS	2002	IR	COOLMORE	Private	3.08	581	36	6.2%
WILD RUSH	1994	WILD AGAIN	2000	JP	JAPAN	-----	2.68	492	30	6.1%
PRECISE END	1997	END SWEEP	2002	JP	JAPAN	-----	1.75	214	13	6.1%
BERNSTEIN	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	CASTLETON LYONS	27500	2.84	282	17	6.0%
YES IT'S TRUE	1996	IS IT TRUE	2002	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	22500	1.92	420	25	6.0%
VALID EXPECTATIONS	1993	VALID APPEAL	1999	TX	LANE'S END TX	10000	1.7	461	27	5.9%
LANGFUHR	1992	DANZIG	1999	KY	LANE'S END	20000	2.32	689	40	5.8%
TIZNOW	1997	CEE'S TIZZY	2003	KY	WINSTAR	75000	2.48	345	20	5.8%
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	45000	2.38	694	40	5.8%
VICTORY GALLOP	1995	CRYPTOCLEARANCE	2001	Tur	TURKEY	-----	2.06	453	26	5.7%
DANSILI	1996	DANEHILL	2002	GB	BANSTEAD	65000	2.51	454	26	5.7%
DANEHILL DANCER	1993	DANEHILL	1999	IR	COOLMORE	Private	2.5	893	51	5.7%
DIXIE UNION	1997	DIXIELAND BAND	2002	KY	LANE'S END	35000	2	385	21	5.5%
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	VALID APPEAL	2002	KY	WALMAC	22500	2.58	239	13	5.4%
FORESTRY	1996	STORM CAT	2001	KY	TAYLOR MADE	40000	2.66	515	28	5.4%
ANABAA	1992	DANZIG	1998	FR	H DU QUESNAY	30000	1.96	609	33	5.4%
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	ASHFORD	30000	1.83	835	44	5.3%
POINT GIVEN	1998	THUNDER GULCH	2003	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	15000	2.37	269	14	5.2%
MORE THAN READY	1997	SOUTHERN HALO	2002	KY	VINERY	45000	1.62	486	25	5.1%
MARIA'S MON	1993	WAVERING MONARCH	1998	KY	DEAD	-----	1.79	741	38	5.1%
INDIAN CHARLIE	1995	IN EXCESS	2000	KY	AIRDRIE	75000	1.83	469	24	5.1%
E DUBAI	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	2004	KY	DARLEY	15000	2.53	215	11	5.1%
TETHRA	1992	CURE THE BLUES	1998	ON	COLEBROOK	3000	1.4	274	14	5.1%
OFFICER	1999	BERTRANDO	2004	KY	TAYLOR MADE	17500	2.78	255	13	5.1%
AGNES TACHYON	1998	SUNDAY SILENCE	2003	JP	JAPAN	-----	1.37	468	23	4.9%
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	1997	GREEN DESERT	2004	IR	IR NAT'L STUD	50000	2.53	288	14	4.9%
CAPE CANAVERAL	1996	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	AB	HIGHFIELD	7500	2.17	289	14	4.8%
FUSAICHI PEGASUS	1997	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	KY	ASHFORD	30000	1.82	609	29	4.8%
HENNESSY	1993	STORM CAT	1998	KY	DEAD	-----	1.7	762	36	4.7%
TEJANO RUN	1992	TEJANO	1999	ON	ASCOT STUD	-----	1.56	233	11	4.7%
INCLUDE	1997	BROAD BRUSH	2004	KY	AIRDRIE	17500	1.37	213	10	4.7%
SINGSPIEL	1992	IN THE WINGS	1999	GB	DALHAM HALL	15000	2.34	661	31	4.7%
STORMIN FEVER	1994	STORM CAT	2001	CA	GOLDEN EAGLE	7500	1.36	428	20	4.7%
MONARCHOS	1998	MARIA'S MON	2003	KY	NUCKOLS FARM	6000	2.06	258	12	4.7%



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**MARJORIE COWAN DIES** Marjorie Cowan, who with her husband Irving bred and raced champion Hollywood Wildcat (Kris S.) and her GI Breeders' Cup Mile-winning son War Chant (Danzig), passed away Tuesday morning at her home in Hollywood, Florida. Mrs. Cowan was the adopted daughter of the former owners of the famed Diplomat Hotel, and she and her husband began Thoroughbred ownership in the early 1980s. A share in Mr. Prospector when the stallion stood in Florida led to Miss Wildcatter, whose fifth produce was Hollywood Wildcat. Winner of the GIII Sorority S. at two, she commenced a five-race winning streak at three with a victory in the GI Hollywood Oaks and capped her championship season by defeating a field including Paseana (Arg) and Sky Beauty in the 1993 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. Hollywood Wildcat's second foal was War Chant, winner of the GII San Rafael S. on the main track in early 2000, but, switched to the turf later that season, added wins in the GII Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile and the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. Other top horses to carry the Cowans's blue and red silk include Love That Jazz, Society Selection and Ministers Wild Cat. Ivan Denisovich, a European Group 2 winner and placed in Group/Grade Is on either side of the Atlantic, was raced by the Cowans with Michael Tabor and Sue Magnier. Funeral services are pending.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:**

**DUBAI WORLD CUP (2nd ENTRIES)**

- 03-28 \$6,000,000 **Dubai World Cup-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2000m (6000)**
- 03-28 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Sheema Classic-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2400mT (5000)**
- 03-28 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1777mT (5000)**
- 03-28 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1200m (2000)**
- 03-28 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2, Nad, NH/SH3yo, 1800m (2000)**
- 03-28 \$1,000,000 **Godolphin Mile-G2, Nad, 3yo/up, 1600m (1000)**
- 03-21 \$500,000 **Lane's End-II, TP, 3yo, 9f (AWT) (300)**
- 04-11 \$750,000 **Toyota Blue Grass-I, Kee, 3yo, 9f (AWT) (200)**

**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19:**

- 02-28 \$200,000 **Sham-III, SA, 3yo, 9f (AWT) (200)**

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**Gemswick Park Getting a Break...**

Eugene Melnyk's homebred **Gemswick Park** (Speightstown), who took a three-horse photo over Elusive Heat (Elusive Quality) and Frolic's Dream (Smoke Glacken) in the Jan. 4 GIII Old Hat S. before a disappointing fifth in the GII Forward Gal S. Jan. 30, has been taken out of training, trainer Tom Albertrani told *Daily Racing Form*. "Her last race was a mystery why she didn't fire," the conditioner told the publication. "She hadn't had a break in a while, so I just decided to give her a little time." The daughter of Queen's Park (Relaunch) had a productive and busy freshman campaign, with a third-place finish in the GI Frizette S. Oct. 4 and a runner-up effort in the GIII Tempted S. Nov. 2.

★ EAST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-PHA, \$52,080, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.**

**SHINING SEA** (f, 4, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--[Golden West](#), by [Gone West](#)), an allowance winner over this track and trip last July, was pulled up and vanned off in the Aug. 9 Madame Jumel S. at Saratoga. She resurfaced with a dull fifth-place effort over a sloppy Philly track Nov. 30 and was coming off a runner-up effort here Jan. 10. The 7-5 favorite stalked the pace from third, swept to the outside for the drive and took over a furlong from home en route to a 1 1/4-length victory. Sunday Geisha (Sunday Break {Jpn}) was second. Shining Sea was a \$27,000 KEEJAN yearling and a \$100,000 OBSFEB juvenile. Lifetime Record: 10-4-4-0, \$174,960.

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**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

1:15p HRTV 1st-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m  
**DISCREET EMPIRE** ([Empire Maker](#)) was off slowly while running a well-beaten fourth in her debut going one mile at this track Feb. 1. The E Paul Robsham homebred gets blinkers on for this second go for trainer Stanley Hough. The bay filly, out of GISW Pretty Discreet (Private Account), is a half to GISW Discreet Cat (Forestry). G Watts Humphrey Jr's homebred **After Thought** ([Fusaichi Pegasus](#)), third on debut at Churchill last November, returned to run an even fourth sprinting seven furlongs at Gulfstream Jan. 24. The daughter of GSW Let (A.P. Indy) and a full sister to GSW Ravel, the dark bay filly gets an extra two furlongs here for trainer George Arnold. Darley's **Ruth E** ([A.P. Indy](#)), a daughter of champion Ajina (Strawberry Road {Aus}), makes her fifth trip to the post off a fourth-place effort over the Gulfstream lawn Jan. 11.  
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East Report cont.

**Monmouth Stakes Program Gets Boost:**

Just a few weeks after major racing venues such as Keeneland and Churchill Downs announced significant cuts in their stakes purses, officials at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, New Jersey, unveiled their 2009 stakes schedule worth \$4.7 million, an increase of \$500,000 or 12 percent over 2008. The track is able to bolster stakes purses due to a contract signed with the local horsemen last season. "This year's stakes schedule should once again ensure that Monmouth Park continues to bring the best horses from across the country to the Jersey Shore," said Bob Kulina, vice president and general manager of Monmouth Park. "We bucked the national trend in seeing an increase in overall handle last year at Monmouth and the stakes schedule we're putting forth this year will hopefully allow us to continue that momentum." As usual, the summer is highlighted by the running of the \$1-million GI Haskell Invitational S., one of two local events won last year by dual Classic hero Big Brown (Boundary). The other was the Monmouth S., which will be run for the second time June 13 and features a purse of \$200,000. It will serve as the main local prep for the track's other Grade I event, the United Nations S. July 4. Other changes of note include \$50,000 increases for the GIII Oceanport S., the GIII Taylor Made Matchmaker S., the GIII Jersey Shore S. and the GIII Monmouth Oaks. The Long Branch S. and the GIII Red Bank S. receive increases of \$25,000 and the track will make up the \$50,000 decrease from the Breeders' Cup national stakes program.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN CHILE:

**Monarca Europeo**, c, 4, **Monarchos**--Formidable Dancer, by Danzig. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-16, Hcp, 1100m. O-Stud Rico; B-Abbott Properties SA (KY); T-Claudio Bernal. \*\$7,000 wnl '05 KEENOV.  
**Capricornia**, f, 3, **Mizzen Mast**--Cyrillic (SW & GSP-Fr, MGSP-US, \$262,763), by Irish River (Fr). Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-16, Hcp, 1200m. O-Stud Paso Nevada; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Juan Silva. \*\$16,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.



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**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Feb. 18**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*  
**CANDY RIDE** ([ARG](#)) (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 215/26/4 7-LRL, Msw, 7f, +David's Rock, \$95K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1  
**DURING** (Cherokee Run), Claiborne, \$5K, 112/10/0 6-PHA, Msw, 6f, Sheza Justice, \$32K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2  
**LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/38/4 6-PHA, Msw, 6f, Debtcollector, \$9K ESM AY 2yo, 3-1  
**OLMODAVOR** (A.P. Indy), Adena Springs South, \$10K, 117/14/2 1-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Multipass, \$55K ADS SPR 2yo, 4-1  
**PEACE RULES** (Jules), Vinery, \$15K, 187/27/2 1-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Noble Rule, \$47K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1  
**SMARTY JONES** (Elusive Quality), Three Chimneys, \$100K, 161/12/1 1-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Miracle Baby, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1  
**STATEMENT** (Seattle Slew), Dieu Donne, 19/0/0 1-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Suz Slew, 3-1  
**STRONG HOPE** (Grand Slam), Claiborne, \$30K, 176/9/0 7-LRL, Msw, 7f, Strong Inheritance, \$53K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1  
**VALID REPRIZED** (Reprized), D&B, 9/0/0 6-PHA, Msw, 6f, Country Prize, OBS WIN 2yo, 50-1



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**BIG GUNS KEEN ON KEMPTON INITIATIVE**

Officials at Kempton racecourse expect the inaugural Kentucky Derby Challenge S. Mar. 18 to be oversubscribed following commitments from some of the leading trainers in Britain and Ireland. With Aidan O'Brien and John Gosden targeting the nine-furlong Polytrack contest that guarantees the winner a spot in the Run for the Roses and a £100,000 bonus if they make the line-up on the first Saturday in May, the track's Director of Racing Brian Clifford is thinking about the possibility of having to use the ballot. "Initially, trainers have really embraced the contest," Clifford said. "We had been thinking about November for the race, but Aidan, John and others said if we make it in March, they will be able to get their better horses ready. John Gosden has four possibilities and hopes to run two, Paul Cole could run two; we hope Aidan may send us two across from Ireland and Richard Hannon is interested." Ballydoyle could be represented by the Gowran Park maiden winner **Born to be King** (Storm Cat), Leopardstown debut scorer **Chief Lone Eagle** (Giant's Causeway) and Dundalk maiden winner **Great Wisdom (Ire)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), while Gosden can choose from his quartet of Triple Crown entries. They are the Sheikh Hamdan-owned maiden winners **Nawaadi** (El Corredor) and **Mafaaz (GB)** (Medicean {GB}), Khalid Abdullah's Great Leighs scorer **Close Alliance** (Gone West) and Princess Haya of Jordan's **Red Spider (GB)** (Red Ransom), who was last seen finishing ninth in the G1 Racing Post Trophy. John Best is hoping to saddle the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity fourth **Deposer (Ire)** (Kheleyf). Gerard Butler has the race in mind for the filly **Pachattack** (Pulpit), who was third in Newmarket's G3 Oh So Sharp S. in October.



**My Sleep Number is 60. What's Your Number?**

John P. Broadbent was the winner of last week's Richland Hills Farm Cartoon Caption Contest, winning \$100 and a framed copy of the original cartoon by artist Remi Bellocq with his winning submission of the above caption.

**MIXED BAG AT DEAUVILLE** Arqana's February Mixed Sale provided few fireworks yesterday as the average fell by 33 percent from 2008, but management remained upbeat as a result of a respectable 68-percent clearance rate. Following the sale which witnessed buying power from a number of diverse sources such as Britain, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia, Germany, Libya, Denmark and the Czech Republic, the company's President Eric Hoyeau said, "Our mission is to make offer and demand meet, whatever the market segment. Therefore, we have every reason to be pleased with today's trade, which has registered the highest clearance rate since 2004, and the third highest aggregate ever. 2009 is taking a positive start for both the breeders and Arqana." Heading the list was the €32,000 paid by agent Abeth Mussat for Haras d'Etreham's hip 112, the 12-year-old mare **Sarissa** (Diesis {GB}), a half to stakes-placed Love Song (Private Terms). The dam of three winners, she is in foal to 2007 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Dylan Thomas (Ire) on an Apr. 1 cover. Haras des Granges offered a highlight as hip 46, the 12-year-old **Pax Bella (Fr)** (Linamix {Fr}), the dam of Group 1-placed Kendargent (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}). The half to two stakes winners--including Palacoona (Fr), dam of recent Grade III winner Diamond Tycoon--was snapped up by Stephen Hillen for €25,000. The Wattinne family's dispersal featured four of the next seven highest-priced lots, and of the flat-oriented mares to make a splash was hip 190, the 2002 G3 Prix Penelope runner-up **Dzinigane (Fr)** (Exit to Nowhere). Carrying a foal by Sinnidar (Ire), the 10-year-old was knocked down to the sale's leading buyer Paul Nataf for €23,000. Another notable among the dispersal was hip 118, the nine-year-old **Advaline (Fr)** (Highest Honor {Fr}) who sold in foal to Green Tune to Guy Chereh for €21,000. Full results can be found at [www.arqana.com](http://www.arqana.com).



**FEBRUARY MIXED SALE  
TUESDAY, FEB. 17, 2009**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
No. Catalogued	245	243
No. Offered	212	213
No. Sold	144	120
RNA	68	93
% RNA	32.1%	43.7%
Gross	€815,500	€1,015,200
Average (% change)	€5,663 (-33.1%)	€8,460
Median (% change)	€3,000 (-14.3%)	€3,500

**\*Total Private Sales:**

No. Sold	11	6
Gross	€62,000	€127,000
Adjusted Gross	€877,500	€1,142,200

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## AUSTRALASIA



**BUSHFIRE AUCTION CONTINUES** Coolmore Australia's stallion nomination auction to aid the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal has drawn nearly A\$270,000 in listed bids over the course of the first two days. All proceeds raised by the auction will be donated by Coolmore Australia to the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal. "The generosity of Australians is showing through," said Michael Kirwan, Coolmore Australia's general manager. "People know that every bid they make is going to pay for more food, more blankets, more medical treatment for those who need it most. But it is important that these bids keep rolling in every day, there are so many people who need our help. If breeders out there are considering sending a mare to any of these world class stallions in 2009, it would be fantastic if they looked seriously into locking in a season now, knowing that their efforts will make a difference to people's lives." The auction of nominations will run until 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23. To place a bid, please contact Sebastian Hutch on 0423 770 854 (mobile) or [sebastian@coolmore.com.au](mailto:sebastian@coolmore.com.au)

### CURRENT BIDDING

Sire	Bid (A\$)	High Bidder
<a href="#">Encosta de Lago (Aus)</a>	160,000	Woodnook Farm
<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	57,750	Three Bridges Thoroughbreds
<a href="#">Haradasun</a>	30,000	Mr Anthony Mithen
<a href="#">Royal Academy</a>	15,400	Mr Phil & Mrs Leona Gunter
<a href="#">Spinning World</a>	6,000	Mr Tig Moses

*all bids inclusive of GST*

### INGLIS TO SPONSOR FUNDRAISER AT LUNA PARK

Inglis has announced a fundraiser at Luna Park Mar. 13, the proceeds of which will benefit both the Victorian Bushfire Appeal and the NSW Jockey Association Injured Jockeys Fund. The lunch, which will be held at Crystal Palace in Luna Park, will be hosted by Australian television personalities Ken Sutcliffe and Caroline Searcy. "Events NSW, Racing NSW, Sydney Turf Club, Australian Jockey Club and Tabcorp have all thrown their support behind the lunch," said Mark Webster, the auction company's managing director. "It is an event not to be missed. The inclusion of media and industry events are pivotal to lift the public profile of the Autumn Racing Carnival, and with the support of Events NSW, industry stakeholders are working together to maximise the potential of the Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival which will give much benefit to our clients, sponsors and participants across all levels." Individual tickets are A\$170, and tables of 10 may be purchased for A\$1,700. For bookings or enquiries, please contact Crystal Palace on 02 9033 7540 or [www.crystalpalacesydney.com](http://www.crystalpalacesydney.com).

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-PHA, \$44,880, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft. SAVACOOOL (g, 4, Robyn Dancer--Bells in My Heart, by Risen Star) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-2, \$120,130. O-Zymurgy Stable. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). T-Candace Reed. \*\$1,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG.**

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Town Glory**, f, 3, [Speightstown](#)--Emerging Glory, by Smarten. PHA, 2-17, (C), 7f, 1:23 4/5. B-Wind Hill Farm & Donato Lanni (KY). \*\$140,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$55,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

**Red Flower (Ity)**, f, 3, [Spinning World](#)--Quima (Ity), by Masad (Ire). Naples, Italy, 2-16, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT. B-Roberto Brogi.

### • ON THE WORKTAB • FAIR GROUNDS

El Brujo (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:03.00, 14/19  
Rated Fiesty (Exchange Rate), 4f, :51.20, 31/41  
Terrain (Sky Mesa), 4f, :48.80, 8/41

### FAIR HILL

Cowgirls Don't Cry (Pure Prize), 5f, 1:02.60, 2/4

### GULFSTREAM PARK

Grand Couturier (GB) (Grand Lodge), 4f, :49.40, 9/15  
Mushka (Empire Maker), 4f, :46.40, 1/15

### OAKLAWN PARK

Hamazing Destiny (Salt Lake), 1m, 1:44.40, 1/1  
Jonesboro (Sefapiano), 5f, •1:00.80, 1/14

### PALM MEADOWS

Bold Union (Dixie Union), 3f, :36.20, 1/3

### TAMPA BAY DOWNS

Tiara di Oro (Seeking the Gold), 5f, 1:02.40, 5/16



### TDN Progeny PP Counts

Our newest informational tool, **TDN Progeny PP Counts** are designed to let you identify at a glance the stallions with the greatest number of significant progeny. Select a category, time frame and sort criteria, and the list indicates how many times a sire's progeny have appeared in **TDN Progeny PPs** for that period. *Progeny PP Counts reflect Northern Hemisphere racing only.*