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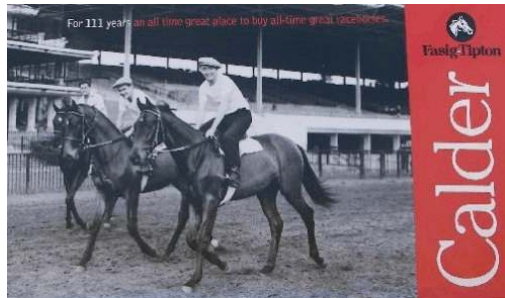
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FLYING HIGH AT FASIG-TIPTON CALDER

Hosting its first juvenile sale while under new ownership, Fasig-Tipton unveils its improved, if not new, Selected Two-year-old in Training Sale at Calder Race Course today. In addition to all the changes, this year's Calder sale is highlighted by a 272-head strong catalog,



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offered by a number of the most well-respected breeders, consignors and pinhookers in the business. "We have plenty of sire power here and plenty of good mares who have top-notch production records," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning Jr. "I think the quality of pedigrees is pretty similar to what we've seen in the past at Calder." In the face of economic doubt, Fasig-Tipton officials recognized the challenges facing all sales companies and opted to confront the uncertainty head-on with a concerted plan of attack.

"I've been here at Fasig-Tipton for over 20 years and I do understand that I have no control over the overall market,"

Browning remarked. "Yes, we have some concerns and are worried. Those concerns were emerging in late 2008, but that is why we have worked so hard to make an extra push and to produce that extra effort to try and bring out a strong buying contingent to support our sellers here."



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CDI ANNOUNCES SAFETY INITIATIVES

Churchill Downs Incorporated has announced a series of new rules and policies to improve the safety and welfare of horses and riders. These initiatives will be in place at Churchill Downs for the opening day of its Spring Meet Apr. 25, and will be phased in at other CDI tracks--Arlington, Calder and Fair Grounds--by 2010. Featured in the new measures are:



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- Independent, standardized third-party testing and monitoring of track surfaces
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"Based on historical records, we believe there has only been one catastrophic injury among the 1,710 horses that have competed during the 134 runnings of the Kentucky Derby, but even one is too many," said Bob Evans, president and chief executive officer of Churchill Downs Inc. "While the Kentucky Derby is the world's most important horse race, we want to implement changes that will improve safety not just for that race, but for all of the jockeys and horses that compete annually in the over 4,000 races conducted at our four racetracks."

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Actively courted by Fasig-Tipton have been players from the international arena, including connections from Europe and Japan, which, according to Boyd Browning, have become an important focal point in the evolving program. "From the European perspective, we had a lot of success from a limited number of horses that have been sold here and were successful overseas," explained Browning. "We are developing a bit of a following, and we're trying to expand that as quickly as possible." No strangers to the juvenile sales arena, the Japanese have remained faithful, despite having scaled back somewhat on spending over the past few years. However, Japanese interests appeared to be back in force this year, with a number of buying groups seen examining horses in the



Fasig-Tipton party at Gulfstream

mornings and participating in sales-related festivities in the days leading up to the event. "The Japanese have been a core supporter for about 15 to 20 years in the U.S. two-year-old in training sales, and they are well represented this year," offered Browning. "We saw what was happening in the valuation of the Japanese yen versus the U.S. dollar, which is in the yen's favor, so we thought it might be a good time to seek out some of our old friends and try and identify some new participants from Japan as well."

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Pulling Out All the Stops...

Already well established as the boutique sale for juveniles in training in North America, Fasig-Tipton bumped up their game to another level with a slew of changes, improvements and additions to their marquee event. Most notable among the changes was the hospitality tent, complete with a business center, food court and video room to review workouts from last Friday's breeze show. "It makes a difference to come into this facility and take advantage of everything we have to offer," explained Browning. "Our primary aim is that the men and women who buy horses be treated very well. We offer a level of service that they are used to getting in other walks of life. If they buy a nice car or real estate, they get treated well. This is what we want to offer when they buy nice horses." While pleased with the changes having already taken place this year, Browning doesn't expect the sales company to rest on its laurels. "Our goal is to continually improve the sales process," he said. "We will be constantly looking to upgrade our facilities and our services. This is our premier juvenile sale, so we felt we could make more of an investment and be a little more inventive. We felt we could make a little larger investment based on the revenue being generated here. We're trying to do this in a reasonable and rational fashion, which will make sense in the short term and in the long term." And, while officials strive to expand the current buying base, Browning indicated that it is of equal importance to cater to those who have been supportive and loyal customers in the past. "We're in the people business and in the horse business," he said. "We try to build solid relationships with all of our constituents."



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Changing With the Times...

Over the past 15 years, the profile of the juvenile sales has slowly evolved from an emphasis on speed toward the quest for the Classic horse. Never has that been more in evidence than at Calder this year. "Buyers now want a solid colt or filly that can go on to become a two-turn horse," Browning explained. "We've also seen a change in the pedigrees of the horses brought here. They seem to be later-maturing two-year-olds, or three-year-old and older horses." Given the transition, Browning noted the evolution in trends at the breeze shows as well. "We have seen the change in results at the undertack shows, and the horses may work a little slower than in the past because they won't be all out," said Browning. "They're not eighth of a mile type horses. People are trying to win the Classic, and these horses are not being aimed at winning 4 1/2-furlong races the first week in April. People are trying to win the Kentucky Derby or the Oaks." Despite a strong head wind confronting horses at this year's preview, Browning indicated that it didn't really affect the outcome of the works. "The good thing about the breeze show was that the wind was consistent throughout the day," he said. "What you don't want to have is the conditions changing rapidly throughout the day, which puts some people at an advantage and some at a disadvantage. I think it was pretty fair throughout the day."

Raising the Bar...

For the second consecutive year, Fasig-Tipton opted for the single-session breeze show, conducted at Calder last Friday, in part to create a festival-type experience leading into sale day. "We've seen a movement at the two-year-old sales to provide an even higher level of horsemanship and quality, and give confidence to the buyers," said Browning. "With the buyers here and the heightened emphasis placed on the sale and the festivities, it creates a little more drama and excitement on the grounds between the undertack show and the sale." Looking at what lies ahead for Fasig-Tipton, Browning added, "One of our long-term goals is to try and return some of the pizzazz and the excitement and to make this a real experience, particularly in our destination locations, here in South Florida and Saratoga. We want to make it a place people can come, have a great time and have an opportunity to buy some great horses." And while selling horses remains the name of the game, Browning is quick to point out that an effort must be made to create a foundation and not strictly focus on the end result. "Ultimately, we all need to do a great job promoting the industry and to get more people involved in the game," he said. "If we broaden the base of participation in the industry, that is when everybody will be successful, including us. You have to serve your existing clients and then try and attack the new world. This is just our first step in that process."



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FASIG-TIPTON CALDER - TUESDAY

46, f, Seeking the Gold--Valid Warning,
by Valid Appeal

Consigned by All in Sales (Tony Bowling), agent

This neatly made filly is from the family of Gilded

Time and was produced by the MSW Valid Warning, making hip 46 a half-sister to Group 3 winner Elusive Warning (Elusive Quality). She was purchased for \$210,000 at Keeneland September. "I love that she's such a typey kind of a filly who went :10 2/5 [video], and that's she's by Seeking the Gold," said consignor Tony Bowling. "She's not typical [of the sire's offspring]. She's a real clean horse and a great, great mover. She's a May foal and has a lot of changing to do."



54, c, Officer--Wednesday's Child, by Storm Cat

Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, agent

This colt has been through the ring twice before,

selling to D.C. Goff for \$150,000 as a FTKNOV weanling and then to Paul Pompa Jr. for \$375,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga. A sleek, strong colt, the dark bay dashed off an eighth in :10 2/5 at the breeze show [video]. "He's a real smooth, dark horse with good size,"



said consignor David Scanlon. "He's got a great shoulder, a great hip and stands over a lot of ground." Of the breeze, Scanlon said, "He just made it look effortless."

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KANDAHAR RUN	1 st Newmarket Stakes, Newmarket, L.
STARLISH	1 st Prix Francois Mathet, Saint-Cloud, L. 2 nd Prix Hocquart, Longchamp, Gr.2
ENGLISH COLONY	1 st Father Bill Daly S., Belmont Park, L.
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F-T Calder Hip Happenings cont.

63, c, Trippi--Xtra Emblem, by Our Emblem

Consigned by Off the Hook LLC, agent

From the family of the quick Grade I winner



Bonapaw, this handsome colt is a son of the now expatriated Trippi, another horse with plenty of speed. A \$95,000 OBS August yearling acquisition, the colt, named T Tebeau, earned the bullet for a quarter-mile drill Friday when he sped the distance in :21 2/5 ([video](#)).

"He's got such a great mind on him," said consignor Joe Applebaum. "And his work the other day was, well, just awesome."

64, f, Unbridled's Song--Xtra Heat, by Dixieland Heat

Consigned by King's Equine Inc., agent

A daughter of the popular champion Xtra Heat, this miss is a half-sister to the top three-year-old sprinter Elusive Heat (Elusive Quality), runner-up in the GIII Old Hat S. at Gulfstream and a dominating 13-length winner of an allowance race in Hallandale Jan. 29. Elusive Heat was a \$750,000 purchase at this sale a year ago by Martin Schwartz. Hip 64 breezed an eighth in :11 flat ([video](#)).

66, f, Dixie Union--Above Perfection, by In Excess (Ire)

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent VII

The \$340,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase is out of the classy mare Above Perfection, who scored her biggest win in the GIII Las Flores H., and was runner-up in the GI Prioress S. The dark bay recorded the co-fastest time of :10 1/5 for an eighth last Friday ([video](#)) and, according to Niall Brennan, did it the right way. "She breezed super over the track," he commented. "She has shown herself very well to buyers, and when you take her out of her stall, she has tremendous presence. She's typical for her sire. She's a very powerful filly. She's just bomb proof."

75, c, Unbridled's Song--Amazing Buy, by High Yield
Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

The jewel of this year's consignment, the attractive juvenile is the first foal out of MSW Amazing Buy, winner of four stakes, including the Busher S. and Pennsylvania Oaks. "He's by a hot sire, out of an amazingly fast mare, and he's absolutely gorgeous," said Leprechaun's Mike Mulligan. "What else could you want?" During the breeze show, the colt covered an eighth in :10 2/5 ([video](#)). "He did everything we asked of him on the track and he did it the right way," added Mulligan. "He is the complete racehorse." Mulligan, underbidder on the colt when sold to Jay Rogers for \$275,000 at FTSAUG last summer, was later asked to take the colt and prepare him for resale. "I was so happy to get him back," he said. "He has really blossomed since we've had him." Seven-year-old Amazing Buy, purchased by Mulligan for \$120,000 at FTSAUG in 2003, was later sold to agent Buzz Chace for \$350,000 at Fasig-Tipton the following February. "This horse is the complete package," said Mulligan. "His pedigree just screams stallion."

79, c, Speightstown--Arianna's Passion, by Unbridled's Song

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent I

Bred by Gulf Coast Farms in Kentucky, this colt, from the second crop of champion Speightstown, was



bought back for \$350,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. That was before his sister Distorted Passion (Distorted Humor) captured the Foil S. at Aqueduct in December and that track's Correction H. in January. More recently, Distorted Passion ran second in the Feel

the Beat S. Feb. 27. As good as that filly is, consignor Jerry Bailey feels this colt might be better. "He's a very, very good horse," said Bailey. "He seemed to handle this track quite well--a lot of the horses didn't." Hip 79 breezed an eighth in :10 2/5 ([video](#)).

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F-T Calder Hip Happenings cont.

88, c, Medaglia d'Oro--Babeinthewoods, by Woodman
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLV

A \$180,000 RNA at Keeneland September, this fellow is a grandson of Grade I winner Delicate Vine (Knights Choice) and a son of the stakes-placed Babeinthewoods. Hip 88 worked an eighth in :10 4/5 at the breeze show ([video](#)). "He's a really elegant, lovely horse," said consignor Eddie Woods. "The sire is on the verge of becoming a very good stallion. He's got a couple of good fillies out there--I've got a spectacular filly by him going to the [OBS] March sale--and



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he just needs a horse to step up. They're winning like good horses, and he just needs a horse to go on the front page, so to speak."

93, c, Indian Charlie--Bally Storm, by Summer Squall
Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, agent

This colt has been through the ring twice before, selling for \$180,000 as a KEENOV weanling and for \$200,000 as a KEESEP yearling. Florida horseman Hoby Kight was the buyer the second time, and Kight is confident he's got a runner on his hands. "He's as good a horse as I've ever had," said Kight, who topped this sale two years ago with subsequent GSW The Leopard (Storm Cat). "He's a really, really



attractive horse. This is the first Indian Charlie I've ever had, but he's big and out of a Summer Squall mare and, to me, he looks like a horse who could be on the Derby trail next year." Hip 93 breezed in :21 3/5 Friday, second-fastest of the quarter-mile moves ([video](#)).

94, c, Medaglia d'Oro--Bayou Plans,
by Bayou Herbet

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VIII

A \$325,000 Keeneland September yearling buyback, this colt is re-offered through Wavertree by his breeders, Jacks or Better Farm. The Feb. 11 foal is a half to stakes winner Bourbon N Blues (Lycius), MGSW Bayou's Lassie (Outflanker) and the very good sprinter Midas Eyes (Touch Gold), winner of the GI Forego H. and the GIII Derby Trial S. and GIII Swale S. "He's a half to a very good Grade I winner, and he's from a family that can all run," said consignor Ciaran Dunne. "And he worked sensational, under the conditions. He kept on going, like you'd expect him to. He's just a natural athlete and should be one of the standouts of the sale." Hip 94 breezed an eighth in :10 3/5 ([video](#)).

95, f, Unbridled's Song--Be Gentle, by Tale of the Cat
Consigned by M.W. Miller III, agent

A \$385,000 buyback at the Keeneland September sale, this miss is the second out of the good race filly Be Gentle, winner of the

GII Darley Alcibiades S. and runner-up in the GI Spinaway S. at two. It is the extended family of champion sprinter Housebuster. "She's a big, imposing filly," said consignor Maurice Miller. "She marches right up to the racetrack and enjoys training. If she runs half as good in the afternoon as she trains in the mornings, she should be an awfully good horse." The handsome gray breezed an eighth in :10 3/5 ([video](#)).



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125, c, Sky Mesa--Dancewiththebride, by Belong to Me
Consigned by McKathan Bros., agent

Young sire Sky Mesa (Pulpit) saw his stock soar in 2008 when his second crop produced several top runners, including the likes of Grade I stakes winner and FTFFEB grad Sky Diva. This colt was produced by the hard-knocking New York-bred stakes winner



Dancewiththebride and was bought for \$50,000 by the McKathan brothers at FTKOCT. "He's a really well-

put-together horse," said consignor Kevin McKathan. "He's not overly big--he's a really neat horse--but he's put together just right. He's the kind of horse I like. He goes real well and does everything right." Hip 125 breezed an eighth in a co-bullet :10 1/5 ([video](#)).

127, f, Distorted Humor--Dawn Princess,
by Polish Numbers

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I

The classy filly, out of SW & GSP Dawn Princess, is from the extended family of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine Countess Diana (Deerhound). The chestnut was sent out for a furlong work at the breeze show and completed the task in :10.3 ([video](#)). "This filly is really a collector's item," said Niall Brennan. "She has a tremendous way of going and is an eyecatcher. She's like an American Express card--you don't want to leave home without her."

134, f, Elusive Quality--Dutchess Mojo,
by Deputy Minister

Consigned by Jerry Baily Sales Agency, Agent I

This Mar. 12 filly hails from the immediate family of GI Kentucky Derby hero Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector), as her second dam is a full-sister to the Coolmore stallion. Hip 134's unraced dam is a half-sister to the group performers Where's That Tiger (Storm Cat) and One Great Cat (Storm Cat).



Gulf Coast Farms purchased Dutchess Mojo as a broodmare prospect for \$450,000 at the 2004 Keeneland November sale and bred this filly. The bay breezed an eighth in :11 flat ([video](#)), which consignor Jerry Bailey said doesn't reflect her true ability. "She didn't handle the track all that well," he said, "but I like her very much."

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159, c, Sky Mesa--Gata Secreta,
by Spinning World

Consigned by Murray Smith, agent

This big, strong chestnut was produced by a half-sister to MGSW Dubleo (More Than Ready) and hails from the family of champion Rubiano and emerging sire Tapit. "The sire's doing very well, and is following in the same line as the Pulpits and the A.P. Indys," said consignor Murray Smith. "They all get good in the fall of their two-year-old year and spring of their three-year-old year. This colt's a very good-looking, very intelligent horse. He's a good mover, is real sound and is just a lovely individual to be around." Hip 159 breezed a quarter in :22 flat ([video](#)).



Hip Happenings cont. p8



F-T Calder Hip Happenings cont.

174, f, Ghostzapper--Holiday Runner, by Meadowlake
Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent

This filly, a \$400,000 Keeneland September yearling, is from the first crop of Horse of the Year Ghostzapper. She is a half-sister to Reynaldothewizard

(Speightstown), whom Omar Trevino bought for \$775,000 out of this very consignment a year ago. That colt went on to run third to Desert Party (Street Cry {Ire}) in the GII Sanford S. at Saratoga.



This filly's oldest sister, the now-four-year-old Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}), a \$1-million buy by John Ferguson here from Vision Sales in 2007, ran second in the GII Barbara Fritchie since the catalogue was printed. "Both of the mare's first two foals are Grade II horses, and this filly is really nice," said consignor Randy Hartley. "She's really the biggest, stretchiest horse the mare's had. The other two were fast-looking. This filly is tall and lanky. She's an April baby, and when I started breaking her, it looked like she had six legs. But you watch her video now, and it's awesome." Hip 174 breezed an eighth in :10 2/5 ([video](#)).

181, c, Distorted Humor--Ile de France, by Storm Cat
Consigned by Kirkwood Stables, Agent I

This impressively bred colt is from the same cross that produced Grade II winner Cowtown Cat. The gray's Grade I-placed dam Ile de France is a daughter of GISW Cara Rafaela (Quiet American), making Ile de France a half-sister to champion Bernardini (A.P. Indy).



"He will be a good racehorse, that's just it," said consignor Kip Elser. "He's got a great pedigree, he's got good movement, and he's got the mind to be a top-class racehorse. At this stage, that's all you can ask for." Hip 181 breezed an eighth in :10 4/5 ([video](#)).

201, c, Distorted Humor--Lady of Peace, by Lord at War (Arg)
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent

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201, c, Distorted Humor--Lady of Peace, by Lord at War (Arg)
Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent

This colt is one of several well-regarded Distorted Humors in the sale. From the family of Derby hero War Emblem, the big chestnut is a son of two-time Arlington Park stakes winner Lady of Peace. "He's a big, scopey, athletic horse," said consignor Nick de Meric. "He's very well-balanced. He's really come into himself in these last 30 days, and I see him continuing to improve well into his two-year-old year. He's a lovely mover and has a good disposition, and he's by one of the best sires in the world." Hip 201 breezed an eighth in :10 4/5 ([video](#)).



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F-T Calder Hip Happenings cont.

206, c, Seeking the Gold--Lindy Wells, by A.P. Indy
Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, agent
 Jess Jackson's Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings bought back this blue-blooded colt for \$475,000 at Keeneland September, and re-offer the well-made bay here. The colt boasts a strong European family, with Linamix (Fr) under the third dam and G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Luna Wells (Fr) (Sadler's Wells) as his second dam. This is Lindy Wells's second foal; her first, a full-sibling to this colt named Laazim, made \$375,000 at the 2006 September sale. "He's by a very popular sire and is a good-sized horse," said consignor David Scanlon. Hip 206 breezed an eighth in :10 4/5 ([video](#)).



210, c, More Than Ready--Love Sick, by Salt Lake
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent
 More Than Ready's two-year-olds made up to \$650,000 last year, and consignor Becky Thomas said this colt, a \$90,000 KEESEP yearling who earned the bullet at the breeze show when he sped an eighth in :10 1/5, is a fine prospect. "He's what I call an overachiever," Thomas said. "I think his forte is going to be running longer. I've had to ask him to do what he's doing. His :10 1/5 [breeze] was indicative of, 'I want to please you and I can and I'm athletic,' but I think he's going to be a whole lot better when he gets to sit back and make one big run." Hip 210 breezed an eighth in a co-bullet :10 1/5 ([video](#)).

227, c, Friends Lake--Miss Cox's Hat, by Cox's Ridge
Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent
 With numerous suitors in the week leading up to the sale, this dark bay is sure to generate some heat. Out of GISP Miss Cox's Hat, the colt is a half brother to MGSW Valid Bonnet (Valid Appeal) and SW Cox's Sweep (End Sweep). The attractive colt is a grandson of Hat Brim (In Reality), dam of MGSW Speakerphone (Fappiano). "He's as good as we've had at this sale," said Mike Mulligan. "He performed very well on the track and is an absolutely stunning physical specimen." The colt, purchased by Leprechaun for \$160,000 at FTSAUG last year, was an \$85,000 buy at Keeneland the previous November. During the breeze show, hip 227 negotiated a furlong in :10 2/5 ([video](#)). "Being by a son of A.P. Indy, we didn't think he'd get early two-year-olds, but [Friends Lake]'s babies have been very precocious," the consignor said, adding, "He is just an awesome colt."



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Flay Breaks Maiden as Pinhooker...

Celebrity chef Bobby Flay has already made his presence felt in the Thoroughbred industry as a buyer, but today he makes the shift to seller. In his first foray at yearling-to-juvenile pinhooking, Flay offers a pair of horses through the consignment of Nick de Meric. [Hip 25](#) is a chestnut colt by Lion Heart--Statute (Verzy) who was purchased for \$100,000 at Keeneland September; [hip 146](#) is a dark bay filly by Speightstown--Flag Support (Personal Flag) who was purchased for \$120,000 at the same sale.



Hip 146 - Speightstown filly

"They were purchased by two people who I think have the best eyes in the game," said Flay. "Bob Feld purchased the Lion Heart colt and James Delahooke purchased the Speightstown filly."

Both horses put in sharp works at the breeze show. The Lion Heart colt breezed an eighth in :10 4/5 ([video](#)) under minimal encouragement, while the Speightstown stopped the clock in :10 3/5 ([video](#)).

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Bobby Flay cont.

Flay has been active in recent years buying both racing prospects and bloodstock. Last September, he stepped in to purchase a smartly bred Medaglia d'Oro yearling when it was revealed that the filly's original buyer had failed to secure credit from Keeneland after bidding \$1.1 million. In November, he made a last-second decision to go after My White Corvette, dam of eventual juvenile filly champ Stardom Bound (Tapit), and secured her for \$825,000 at Keeneland's November sale.

Flay said he doesn't have any intention of abandoning his role as an owner or breeder, but added he's enjoying his turn as a seller at Calder.

"I like the idea of forecasting what is going to happen, in terms of pedigrees and sires," Flay remarked. "It seemed like Lion Heart and Speightstown were two up-and-coming sires when we purchased these horses, and they both had really good years. Both of these horses are getting a lot of action here, and it's been a lot of fun."

Flay has a third pinhook, a Posse colt who's also with de Meric, that he intends to offer at OBS March.

"We like him a lot as well," said Flay.

Flay said his choice of consignor had everything to do with the fact that he previously had purchased horses from de Meric, and was impressed by his horsemanship.

"What I like about Nick is that the horses are always in great shape after you buy from him," said Flay. "That's the most important thing--the care and well-being of the horse. And Nick has made the process very easy. He always keeps you abreast of the progress of each horse and, really, it's been great."

While Flay has been seen on the grounds in recent days taking in all the action, it hasn't been all fun and games for the New Yorker, who unexpectedly found himself put to work yesterday morning at Fasig-Tipton's hospitality tent.

"I was in line to get an omelet, but when I got to the front the cook said, 'I'm not making an omelet for you,'" Flay laughed. "So I got behind there and started to make myself an omelet, and all of a sudden all these people crowded into line. I ended up making 20 omelets." -L Marquardt



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What They're Saying At The Sales...

Becky Thomas, Sequel Bloodstock, regarding would be an 'acceptable' outcome to the sale:

"I think anything that beats the market. Our financials are certainly in a state of high volatility. This is the top of the market, and there's less volatility at the top. I don't look for any 50-percent drop. At the first sale, OBS did a great job of bringing in good horses, and I thought our decline was good considering where we were at--there was a very bad downturn on the market on the day of the sale. This sale has some pedigrees that are very desirable for end-users, both as broodmare prospects or stallion prospects, and so I look for the declines to be less than what they were at the other sale."

Consignor Jerry Bailey on Calder's track during the breeze show:

"I think the track was very fair to everyone, but notoriously this track is one that some horses handle and some don't. I sold a filly named Dubai Escapade one year and she was 1-9 one time here at Calder and got beat pretty badly. [Dubai Escapade beat just one horse in the 2006 GI Princess Rooney H. at Calder, but came back to take the GI Ballerina BC S. by 8 1/2 lengths.] Some horses just don't handle this track."

Kevin McKathan, McKathan Bros., on what OBS February said about the current marketplace:

"It's hard to say out of that sale, because you didn't have the pedigrees to back up the physicals. You had some really nice horses in there, and I thought the top bunch sold well. You didn't have the break-out horse, but you also didn't have the pedigree to drive the price up. I thought there was money for the good horses, and that's how it always tends to be. You'd have to say the market was off, but to put a number on it is hard to do because these are individual-driven sales. But in the past, I do think you could have gotten a little more money for just strictly the athlete, without as much pedigree behind it. You're going to need both this year to hit it out of the park, but I think the money's there to do it."



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What They're Saying cont.

Consignor Eddie Woods, on what OBS February said about the current marketplace:

"The sale was down, and we knew it was going to be down. There were a lot of value plays going on. But were there any horses there that needed to bring more than they did? Maybe not, but that's a possibility. From my own point of view, as far as divvying up my horses for the OBS sales, my better horses are going to the March sale. You have a bigger entourage of buyers, and it just seems the place to buy a horse for the time being. I think people feel secure there. At March--which isn't a boutique sale and isn't a blue-collar sale anymore--they feel they can buy a nice horse without going against Ferguson or a Demi."

Randy Hartley, Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds:



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"I think people are going to be buying. I think it's going to be down a little bit, but at the end of the day you have to trade horses and do your best. If these horses [in our consignment] were here a year ago, it might have been a different story, but we're not coming into this expecting \$2 million for our horses. If we get lucky, some might bring \$800,000, while others might bring \$300,000 or \$400,000."

Consignor Robert Harris:

"I didn't have any at OBS February, so this is my first sale. But in this economy, I feel we're all pretty guarded. It's affected everybody, and not just in the U.S. It's global. So we're just being cautiously guarded. I don't think you're going to see The Green Monkey, and maybe you won't ever again."

"This sale's always been a bit hit or miss, but I think it may be a little more exaggerated this year. But the last two days, it's been right on with buyers. Fasig has done a tremendous job getting the buyers here, and that's about the best you can do. Whether they're going to reach into their pocket, we'll find out tomorrow."

Consignor Nick de Meric:

"I don't think Fasig-Tipton could have tried any harder to get people here, so whatever does happen, it certainly won't be from a lack of trying. I'm sure it will have an impact; whether or not it will stem the tide, who knows? But I'm sure that it will be better than it would have been had they not made such a tremendous effort. We've had a tremendous turnout--a good European contingent, a good Japanese contingent, and a lot of domestic buyers. The people are here, and that's a big part of the battle."



Creme de la Creme...

The Fasig-Tipton Calder Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale has never been short on quality and its long list of alums stands testament to that fact. As recently as last year, the sale turned out some eye-catching prospects,



Desert Party *Horsephotos*

including \$2.1-million sale top-per **Desert Party** (Street Cry {Ire}), winner of the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas Feb. 12, and \$250,000 purchase **Sky Diva** (Sky Mesa), victorious in last season's GI Frizette S. Purchased by Darley, the former was an easy winner of the GI Sanford S. at Saratoga last July, finishing four lengths ahead of Vineyard Haven, subsequent GI Hopeful S. and GI Champagne S. winner and champion juvenile colt finalist. Sky Diva, who was snapped up by Puglisi Racing, didn't take long to earn her stripes, shooting home an easy 10-length

winner in her career bow at Delaware in September before adding a Grade I victory in the one-mile Frizette. Europeans have become progressively more active at the U.S.'s breeze up sales, aiming to acquire the ready-to-run juveniles that can make a mark early in the European season. Case in point is **Maoiniach** (Congaree)--purchased at this sale by trainer James Bolger last winter--who went on to score in her career bow in the G3 Round Tower S. at The Curragh in August. Also worthy of note is **Regal Ransom** (Distorted Humor), a \$675,000 purchase, who ran winning races, but found only his stablemate Desert Party too good in his last two starts at Nad al Sheba, including the UAE 2000 Guineas. Other notable juveniles to emerge from this sale are a pair of 2007 grads **Court Vision** (Gulch), winner of the GI Hollywood Derby; GI King's Bishop S. hero **Visionaire** (Grand Slam); and graded stakes winners **Desert Code** (E Dubai), **Indyanne** (Indian Charlie), **Boss Lafitte** (Dynaformer), **Recapturetheglory** (Cherokee Run), **Mint Lane** (Maria's Mon), **J Be K** (Silver Deputy), **Cool Coal Man** (Mineshaft), **Gio Ponti** (Tale of the Cat), **Sarah Louise** (Malibu Moon), **Sing Baby Sing** (Unbridled's Song), and **Big Booster** (Accelerator)...CB

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Santa Anita

SHAM S.-GIII, \$200,000, SAX, 2-28, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:47 4/5, ft.

1--**THE PAMPLEMOUSSE**, 118, c, 3, by Kafwain

1st Dam: **Comfort Zone**, by Rubiano

2nd Dam: **So Cozy**, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: **Special Warmth**, by Lucky Mike

(\$80,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$150,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR). O-Bienstock & Winner Stables, Solis II, Jeff Strauss, Tom Lenner & Skyline Stable; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Julio C Canani; J-A O Solis; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$209,280.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS...

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Pleasantly Perfect, Johar, Kona Gold, Daytona, Snow Chief, Pleasant Tap, Dixie Union, Bertrando, Captain Bodgit and Pico Central are just a few of the horses on which Alex Solis has won important races. So, when this tremendously successful rider comments that "I've never ridden anything like him," it is time to sit up and listen (even allowing for the added excitement Solis Sr must have felt in winning on a horse purchased and part-owned by his son).

The horse to which the Panamanian rider was referring was The Pamplemousse, after the colt had recorded his third consecutive victory from five starts with a six-length triumph in the GIII Sham S.

"He has such a high cruising speed and he's getting more and more amazing" was the rest of Solis's quote, and he had had similar things to say following The Pamplemousse's victory in the GIII San Rafael S. six weeks earlier.

"I'm speechless, I really am," was Solis's initial reaction on that occasion. "I thought I was going :24, :48. It feels like he's walking, he does everything so effortlessly. He was so impressive, when the other horses came to him, he didn't see them, he heard them and he just took off."

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Up where it matters Down where it counts

STALLION	2009 FEE	2008 GSW's
JOHANNESBURG	\$35,000	6
A.P. Indy	\$250,000	6
El Prado	\$75,000	5
Elusive Quality	\$75,000	5
Smart Strike	\$125,000	5
Awesome Again	\$125,000	5
Tale of the Cat	\$30,000	4
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
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The next likely target for The Pamplemousse is the GI Santa Anita Derby, a race which also features on the



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announcement followed in the summer that he was retiring to stand alongside his sire Cherokee Run.

Kafwain's main appeal was that he had ranked among the best juvenile males of 2002, sharing third position on the Experimental Free H. with Sky Mesa on 122, four pounds below Vindication.

He had finished second behind Vindication in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, having earned his place in this championship event with a series of fine performances in California. The GIII Best Pal S. provided him with his first stakes success and he later showed plenty of courage to score a nose victory in the GII Norfolk S. Kafwain rounded off a testing juvenile campaign with another good effort in the GI Hollywood Futurity, finishing a head second to Toccet, only to be demoted to fourth.

This series of tough races did nothing to diminish Kafwain's enthusiasm at three. He was back in the winner's circle after taking the GII San Vicente S. in fast time and he also crossed the line in second place behind Peace Rules in the GII Louisiana Derby, only to be disqualified after he tested positive for clenbuterol.

The emergence of The Pamplemousse from Kafwain's second crop represents something of a triumph for Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, who purchased the stallion from Darley last fall and moved him to Hurstland Farm, where his fee has been reduced to \$6,500. Kafwain also hit the graded stakes target with his first crop, thanks to the Hollywood Prevue S. success of Massive Drama, one of five stakes winners from that 88-strong crop.

Kafwain stands 16.3 hands and he has passed on plenty of size to The Pamplemousse, who has been described as huge by trainer Julio Canani.

It is going to be interesting to see how far The Pamplemousse will stay, as his two grandsires, Cherokee Run and Rubiano, were champion sprinters. It mustn't be forgotten, though, that Cherokee Run stayed well enough to win the GII Dwyer S. over a mile and an eighth and to finish second in the Preakness. Rubiano also won several times at around a mile, most notably in the GI NYRA Mile H.

The Pamplemousse has already shown he is very comfortable over a mile and an eighth, but any further stamina will have to be taken on trust. His dam Comfort Zone did her winning over sprint distances at two; his second dam So Cozy gained her stakes victory over five and a half furlongs as a juvenile in 1982; and his third dam, Special Warmth, was a Grade II winner over six furlongs at two in 1976. Special Warmth is also the third dam of Stormello, the Hollywood Futurity winner who faded to the rear after racing prominently in the 2007 Kentucky Derby.

On the other hand, So Cozy's half-sister Syrian Summer (by Damascus) is the dam of Marlin, a very good winner at up to a mile and three-quarters on turf, but he was by the stoutly bred Sword Dance.



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THE PAMPLEMOUSSE, c, 2006

Kafwain	Cherokee Run	Runaway Groom	Blushing Groom (Fr)
		Cherokee Dame	Yonnie Girl
	Swazi's Moment	Moment of Hope	Silver Saber
		Swazi Girl	Dame Francesca
Comfort Zone 5-2-0-1, \$57,428 7Fls, 1GSW	Rubiano	Fappiano	Timeless Moment
		Ruby Slippers	Careless Moment
	So Cozy SW, 4-2-0-0 14Fls, 4SW	Lyphard	Hatchet Man
		Special Warmth 16Fls, 2SW	Our Duckling
			Mr. Prospector
			Killaloe
		Nijinsky II	
		Moon Glitter	
		Northern Dancer	
		Goofed	
		Lucky Mike	
		Piece of Pie	

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO-G1, R49,500, Gavea, 3-2, 3yo, c, 1600m, 1:38.42, ft.

1--@▲**ENGAGING (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, by **Arambare (Brz)**

1st Dam: **Great Radiance (Brz)**, by **Midnight Tiger**

2nd Dam: **First Sunshine (Brz)**, by **St. Chad (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Escula (Brz)**, by **Hypocrite (Brz)**

O/B-Haras Maluga; T-Almiro Paim Filho; J-Ilson Correa; R30,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2.

2--**Gibson (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, **Roi Normand--Eletrizada (Brz)**, by **Rasputin (Chi)**. O-Stud Estrela Energia; B-Haras Santa Ana do Rio Grande. R9,000.

3--**So What (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, **Wild Event--Laura Ricci (Brz)**, by **Lode**. O-Stud Dona Luda; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras. R6,000.

Margins: 6, HF, HF.

Engaging cruised to a dominant victory in the first leg of Rio de Janeiro's Triple Crown series for three-year-old colts. The chestnut came into the race off a fourth-placed effort in the G3 GP Jose Buarque de Macedo Feb. 1, and is expected to point to the 2000-meter G1 GP Francisco Eduardo de Paula Machado Mar. 29.

Feb. 20, Janadriyah, Saudi Arabia

CUSTODIAN OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES CUP,

Rls200,000, King Abdulaziz Racecourse, 2-20, 4yo/up, 2400m, 2:29.07, ft.

1--**MULLER**, 123, h, 6, by **El Compinche (Arg)**

1st Dam: **Martina Girl (Arg)**, by **Mat-Boy (Arg)**

2nd Dam: **Ma Pelotte (Arg)**, by **Moundrago (Arg)**

3rd Dam: **Pelotante**, by ***Practicante**

O-Prince Faisal Bin Khaled Bin A/Aziz; B-La Quebrada; T-Neil Bruss; Rls70,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year & Ch. 3yo Colt-Per, MG1SW-Per, 16-9-3-1.

2--**Paris Perfect (SAf)**, 123, h, 5, **Muhtafal--Candle Princess (NZ)**, by **Honor Grades**. O-Prince Faisal Bin Khaled Bin A/Aziz; B-G Fabricius; T-Neil Bruss; Rls44,000.

3--**Joe Louis (Arg)**, 123, h, 6, **Lode--Jolie Caresse**, by **Septieme Ciel**. O-Prince Mohd Bin Saud Al-Kabeer Sons; B-Santa Maria de Araras; Rls40,000.

Margins: HF, 2 3/4, 3/4.

*The winner raced under the name **Alsaqueer**, while the third-place finisher competed as **Kharimes**.



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LARGE FIELD SHAPING UP FOR BIG CAP

Much to the delight of **Tiago** (Pleasant Tap)'s regular jockey Mike Smith, a full field of 14 is shaping up for next Saturday's G1 Santa Anita H. Third at 15-1 in last year's G1 Breeders' Cup Classic, the 2007 G1 Santa Anita Derby hero kicked off his five-year-old campaign with a third-place finish behind **Magnum (Arg)** (El Compinche {Arg}) in the GII San Antonio H. Feb. 8. "A full field is actually better for me even though I come from off of it," Smith said of **Tiago**, who worked six furlongs in 1:13.20 at Hollywood Sunday.



Tiago Sarah K Andrew photo

"The main reason is because the pace will be honest. With a full field, at least you know the race is going to be honest, which is good for me, plus the fact that the San Antonio was **Tiago's** first race off a layoff, and he's come back and worked dynamite since. I like him. He's always a horse to reckon with. He's always right there. It's a matter of if we can get there first. As far as big fields, he doesn't really mind. He'll go through, inside, outside; he doesn't care. He doesn't mind getting bounced around." Other Big 'Cap' probables to breeze Sunday were **Champs Elysees** (Danahill) (5f, SA, 1:00.60), **Einstein (Brz)** (Spend a Buck) (5f, SA, 1:01.80), **Cowboy Cal** (Giant's Causeway) (5f, SA, :59.80) and **Monba** (Maria's Mon) (5f, SA, 1:01.80). **Blue Exit** (Pulpit), **Cause** (Giant's Causeway), **Colonel John** (Tiznow), **Court Vision** (Gulch), **Dansant (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), **Heroi Do Bafra (Brz)** (Royal Academy), **Matto Mondo (Chi)** (Sir Cat), **Nownownow** (Whywhywhy) and **Zambezi Sun (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) are also expected to line up for the \$1-million event.

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MANILA DIES Champion **Manila** (Lyphard--Dona Ysidra, by *Le Fabuleux) died of an aortic rupture Saturday in Turkey, according to published reports. The 26-year-old stallion, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008, had been acquired by the Turkish Jockey Club in 1996. Bred in Kentucky by Eduardo Cojuangco, the half-brother to GISW Stately Don (Nureyev) carried the colors of Bradley M. Shannon during his championship season in 1986. His initial stakes win came in the GII Cinema H. at Hollywood in May of that year, and it was the first of six consecutive victories. The bay returned to Belmont to capture the GII Lexington S., then topped his elders in the GI United Nations H. at Monmouth, the GIII Ballantine's Scotch Classic S. at the Meadowlands and GI Turf Classic at Belmont. He went back to California and captured an epic renewal of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita. Jockey Jose Santos angled Manila to the outside and, despite dropping his stick, drove the three-year-old past Theatrical (Ire) to earn the Eclipse Award as the nation's top turf horse ([video](#)). Champions Estrapade and Dancing Brave finished third and fourth, respectively. Manila returned at four to successfully defend his title in the United Nations, but was retired shortly after capturing the GI Budweiser Arlington Million. His career record was 18-12-5-0 with earnings of \$2,692,799. As a sire, Manila's finest runner on these shores was multi-millionaire Bien Bien among 20 stakes winners, and he was also the sire of European champion Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill).



1986 Turf: Manila (1983-2009) defeats Theatrical
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DIRC SESSION OF HIT SALE KICKS OFF The Dubai International Racing Carnival Session of the Emirates Racing Authority Horses in Training Sale, held in association with Tattersalls, commences at 5 p.m. today. Multiple group winners Biarritz (SAf) (Count Dubois {GB}), Royal Vintage (SAf) (Rich Man's Gold) and Vertigineux (Fr) (Nombre Premier {GB}) will be offered as lots [8](#), [34](#) and [35](#), respectively. Fellow MGSW Lord Admiral (El Prado {Ire}) has been withdrawn. Vertigineux chased home G1SW Archipenko (Kingmambo) to finish second in last Thursday's G3 Zabeel Mile at Nad Al Sheba. Biarritz, the highest-rated horse in the sale at 112, reported home seventh in that race. The ERA Horses in Training session will begin Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. A catalogue and list of withdrawn horses is available at emiratesracing.com/era/hit-sale.html.

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LAHUDOOD (GB), 6, Singspiel (Ire) – Rahayeb (GB), by Arazi
Foal born Feb. 14, a filly by Kingmambo.
Will be bred back to Kingmambo.
Owned by/boarded at Shadwell Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Champion Turf Mare, MGISW-N.A., SW & MGSP-Fr, \$1,695,373.

ESCENA, 16, Strawberry Road (Aus) – Claxton's Slew, by Seattle Slew
Foal born Feb. 27, a filly by Smart Strike.
Will be bred back to Empire Maker.
Foal owned by Madeleine Pickens.
Mare owned by Madeleine Pickens and Guy & Diane Snowden.
Boarded at Diamond A Farm, Ky.
Accomplishments: Ch. Older Mare, MGISW, \$2,962,639.

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COMMENTATOR ON COUNTRY ROAD Multiple Grade I winner **Commentator** (Distorted Humor) will make an appearance in West Virginia when he returns this year at age eight. The chestnut's connections are eyeing the inaugural \$1-million Charles Town Classic



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Apr. 18. "That's where we're going," said owner Tracy Farmer of the nine-furlong event. "We'll have one start before that. He's ready now. His works have been fantastic." Farmer said that in addition to the purse, he and trainer Nick Zito were attracted to the race because of its spot on

the calendar. "The timing sets up fine for us," he said. "We'll start him once after the race at Charles Town and then, hopefully, in the Whitney." The classy gelding has won the GI Whitney H. twice at Saratoga, in 2005 and 2008. Charles Town upgraded its stakes program dramatically for 2009. The Classic will be one of four stakes races Apr. 18, and one of five on the 2009 schedule worth \$250,000 or more.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Sunday Night's Result:

10th-OPX, \$34,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. + **NEMO LANDING** (g, 3, **City Zip**--Hi Tech Honeycomb {SW & MGSP, \$278,128}, by Meadow Monster), a \$4,000 KEESEP yearling that developed into an \$80,000 OBSAPR juvenile, was overlooked at 20-1 in his debut. A stalking second through a half in :46.86, he took a short lead when they straightened for home and outgamed Classical Closing (Brahms) to the wire to take it by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400.

O-Lawana L & Robert E Low. B-Select Stable One LLC (FL). T-Daniel C Peitz.



**Monday Cancellation
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FAIR GROUNDS

ACOMA (Empire Maker), 4f, :49.60, 19/49
AUSPICIOUS (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:02.60, 25/41
CAPTAIN CHEROKEE (Sir Cherokee), 6f, 1:15.60, 5/7
FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:01.40, 8/41
HIGHTAP (Tapit), 4f, :50.80, 43/49
HONEST MAN (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:01.20, 7/41
KODIAK KOWBOY (Posse), 5f, 1:01.00 (g), 6/41
SECRET GYPSY (Sea of Secrets), 4f, :49.80, 22/49
SONG OF SOLOMON (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.80, 4/41

HOLLYWOOD

BIG BOOSTER (Accelerator), 6f, 1:17.00, 2/2
MADEO (Mizzen Mast), 4f, :49.00, 4/11
Z HUMOR (Distorted Humor), 5f, •:59.80, 1/10

PALM MEADOWS

COLINA VERDE (BRZ) (Know Heights {Ire}), 5fT, •:59.20, 1/23
GAME FACE (Menifee), 4f, •:48.00, 1/32
LARAGH (Tapit), 3f, •:36.65, 1/6
ROYAL BALLADE (Elusive Quality), 5f, 1:00.80, 2/18

SANTA ANITA

ARIEGE (Doneraile Court), 4f, :49.40, 20/31
FOXYSOX (GB) (Foxhound), 4f, :48.80, 16/31
IZARRA (Distorted Humor), 3f, :36.80, 4/13
RILEY TUCKER (Harlan's Holiday), 5f, 1:00.80, 7/26

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EVEN THE SCORE (Unbridled's Song), Millennium, \$9K, 170/17/3
6-MNR, Msw, 6f, Fashionable Score, 10-1
RED SKY'S (Skywalker), Fleming Tbred, \$2K, 54/2/1
7-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Mr. Kruidenier, \$12K BAR SUM 2yo, 8-1
TEN MOST WANTED (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 118/9/0
7-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Kick Rocks, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

+ **Boscage**, c, 4, [Forestry](#). See "Britain."

IN ITALY:

My Sweet Baby, f, 3, **Minardi**. See "Italy."

Purple Kiss, c, 3, **Monashee Mountain**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN JAPAN:

Peak Velocity, c, 3, [Five Star Day](#)--Ring of Kerry, by Housebuster, Nakayama, 3-1, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$101,031. O-North Hills Management; B-MALEC Thoroughbreds Inc (KY); T-Masamichi Wada. *Won by four lengths. **\$40,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

A Shin War Man, c, 3, [War Chant](#)--Eishin Marianna, by Gone West. Hanshin, 2-28, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$109,278. O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Kunihiko Take.

War Crown, c, 3, [War Chant](#)--Last Crown, by El Prado (Ire). Kokura, 2-28, Novice Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 11-1-1-2, \$111,340. O-Mamoru Kato; B-Carl Rosen Associates; T-Kazuya Nakatake (KY). *\$140,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

Original Fate, g, 4, [Grand Slam](#)--Little Indian Girl, by Indian Charlie. Hanshin, 3-1, Itami S., 7f. Lifetime Record: 12-4-5-2, \$753,548. O-Koji Maeda; B-Swordlestown Stud; T-Kazuya Nakatake. *\$160,000 2yo '07 KEEAPR.

S G Stream, c, 4, [Street Cry \(Ire\)](#)--Rose des Pres, by In Reality. Kasamatsu, 2-25, Uguisu Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-2, \$187,216. O-Shigeru Kubota; B-Robert N Scanlon & Polo Green Stable (KY); T-Norihito Fujioka. *\$14,500 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$145,000 '07 BESMAR.

Moonless Night, g, 5, [Danehill](#)--Quarter Moon (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, G1SW-Ire, MG1SP-Eng, \$460,788), by Sadler's Wells. Nakayama, 3-1, Itako Tokubetsu, 12.5fT. Lifetime Record: 20-4-3-1, \$559,072. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Tower Bloodstock (KY); T-Kazuo Fujisawa.

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EUROPE



VOUTE TAKES OVER EYDON HALL STUD Eydon Hall Farm Stud, which was founded by the late Gerald Leigh, has been taken over by sales consignor Ted Voute, according to *Racing Post*. Voute, who will also continue to run his own 100-acre farm near Stratford, told the trade daily, "I've had a soft spot for Eydon Hall since I sold Bosra Sham in 1994, because this was the farm on which I first saw her, but it's also the most prolific breeding land in the country," Voute said. "Gerald bred eight individual Group 1 winners here, including Baratheia (Ire) and Markofdistinction (GB). The deal includes 22 boxes, an indoor school, and plenty of pressure. One-third of the land has never had horses on them, since Leigh planted blue grass as part of his set-aside. I'm planning to bring that land into the stud, and raise young stock on it." Voute made the move despite the current economic troubles. "Everyone's facing a challenge, but I simply couldn't let the opportunity slip by," he said. "If I hadn't taken it on, I'm sure one of my competitors would have done. Yes, it's a bit scary, and we don't have 10 mares that we can wheel in straight away, but there are so many advantages, because of Gerald's huge attention to detail in building up the stud." The consignor added, "I work on the traditional theory of one mare and followers to 10 acres of land, and we were just beginning to go over that. The solution was to stop growing, to find another place, or this. Taking on Eydon Hall means we have two separate properties, which can be important from the preparation point of view and the disease angle. Consigning is getting more competitive, and the key to the future is to have our own broodmare band and to sell from those, which I hope we will be able to do better under the new arrangement."

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Result:

Lingfield, 16.10, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), time: n/a, stn.

+ **BOSCAGE** (c, 4, [Forestry](#)--Prospinsky, by Mr. Prospector), a \$475,000 KEESEP yearling, led from the outset of this belated first go. Shaken up off the home turn, the 6-5 chalk comfortably retained control and kept on well in the short straight to hold the renewed effort of Onemix (GB) (Fair Mix {Ire}) by a neck. The winner is a half to Spin Control (A.P. Indy), SW & GSP-US, \$118,912. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,590. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-R S Evans; T-Mark Johnston.



★ ITALY ★

Sunday's Results:

Rome, 15.00, Cond, €27,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:40.20, gd/sf.

DESERT CRY (IRE) (c, 3, Desert Prince {Ire}--Hataana, by Robellino), fourth here last time Nov. 16, raced in second after the initial strides of this seasonal bow. Taking control with 500 meters remaining, the 31-10 chance was pushed out to register a comfortable three-length success from Royal Force (Ity) (Blu Air Force {Ire}). Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 7-4-0-0, €55,233. O-Allevamento Dei Sette SRL; B-Fin.A.Co. SRL; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

Rome, 15.30, Cond, €22,500, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.70, gd/sf.

MY SWEET BABY (f, 3, Minardi--Gmaasha {Ire}, by Kris {GB}), a half to Gladiatorus (Silic {Fr}), GSW-UAE, MSW & G1SP-Ity, \$480,778, went postward as the 1-2 choice returning off a score at this track Nov. 16 and raced in third from the break. Easing to the front approaching the final quarter mile, she coasted to the line, under minimal encouragement, in the closing stages to best Desert Nice (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) by an easy 3 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 6-4-1-1, €47,923.

O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; B-Azienda Agricola Le Ferriere di Giampaolo Raponi; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

With Diktat (GB), h, 5, Diktat (GB)--With Fervour, by Dayjur. Hanshin, 2-28, Tamba Tokubetsu, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 23-4-3-2, \$772,062. O-Mamoru Kato; B-Emily Krstina (Australia) Pty Ltd; T-Yoshito Yahagi. *24,000gns wlng '04 TATDEC; 50,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT.

Seiun Rhodem (Ire), h, 5, Singspiel (Ire)--Nova Cyngi, by Kris S. Kokura, 2-28, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 17-2-3-1, \$257,526. O-Shigeyuki Nishiyama; B-L Dettori; T-Hiroshi Miyamoto.



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AUSTRALASIA



TRAINERS DOMINATE AT PREMIER SALE Continued activity by a trainer-dominated buying bench ensured a more buoyant atmosphere at yesterday's second session of the Inglis Premier Sale. While the average was down 33 percent, the clearance rate improved slightly, and Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said he would be more than satisfied if the major Melbourne yearling sale finishes on par with 2007 figures. "Last year, we were the first sale after the EI outbreak, and we posted a massive 56 percent increase in average. So if we drop by 25 percent, we are back to 2007 levels and we will be happy with that," Webster said. Inglis Melbourne Director Peter Heagney noted that a trend seen at other sales this year is continuing at Premier: buyers are increasingly discerning. "There was good competition on the quality lots, but buyers were most unforgiving on conformation and pedigree. It's very much a buyers market," Heagney noted. He continued, "The mood was brighter today. I would like to see the clearance rate climb a little further as the sale progresses, [but] the number of private sales is encouraging for vendors who have not sold in the ring."

Patinack Back on Top...

After blasting onto the horizon as dominant buyer at almost all majors last year, Nathan Tinkler's Patinack Farm had gone quietly this year, but, possibly buoyed by a couple of recent winners carrying the farm's colours, Patinack increased the tempo at Premier, and has purchased 10 thus far for A\$995,000. Patinack bought nine fillies and a colt, delving deeply into the draft of Tony Santic's Makybe farm for four youngsters, including a A\$150,000 Singspiel (Ire) filly

Makybe, established on the Geelong Peninsula five years ago by tuna fisherman Tony Santic, is also rocketing into prominence. Offering yearlings under its own banner for the first time this year, Makybe was leading Victorian vendor at Magic Millions, averaging A\$195,000, and has taken over as the leading vendor by aggregate after two sessions here, with 12 sold for A\$1,223,000, including Monday's A\$365,000 sale topper, hip 283. The Redoute's Choice (Aus) colt, from a half-sister to champion mare Makybe Diva (GB), was knocked down to Bill Benson's Emerald Thoroughbreds and will be trained by Bevan Laming. He is the first yearling to be offered from Woodman mare Celtic Reign (Aus), who has an unraced Galileo (Ire) two-year-old named Kerford (Aus) and an Encosta de Lago (Aus) weanling colt.

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Tony Santic's fledgling breeding operation recorded immediate results with Group 1 winner Arapaho Miss (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and SW Exceedingly Good (Aus) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), and the farm has continued to churn out winners, with stakes-placed juveniles Corsaire (Aus) (Anabaa) and Starspangledbanner (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}), and Australasian Oaks prospect Climatic (Aus) (Fusaichi Pegasus). His Makybe was named the 2007-08 Victorian Breeder of the Year.

Another boutique Victorian vendor enjoying solid results is Sean Buckley's Ultra Thoroughbreds, leading vendor by average with seven sold at an average A\$107,500.

INGLIS PREMIER - MONDAY'S TOP LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>283</u>	c	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>Celtic Reign (Aus)</u>	365,000
		Consigned by Makybe Purchased by Emerald Thoroughbreds		
<u>207</u>	f	<u>Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)</u>	<u>Amah Dramas (Aus)</u>	200,000
		Consigned by Ultra Thoroughbreds Purchased by Greg Eurell		
<u>262</u>	c	<u>Hussonet</u>	<u>Brillanti (NZ)</u>	200,000
		Consigned by Mill Park Purchased by J Loong		
<u>313</u>	c	<u>Reset (Aus)</u>	<u>Danavia (Aus)</u>	160,000
		Consigned by Fulmen Park Purchased by Anthony Cummings		
<u>399</u>	c	<u>Anabaa</u>	<u>Gilded Angel (Aus)</u>	150,000
		Consigned by Ultra Thoroughbreds Purchased by Tim Martin		
<u>415</u>	c	<u>God's Own (Aus)</u>	<u>Hard Rider (NZ)</u>	150,000
		Consigned by Yallambee Stud Purchased by Matt Ellerton		
<u>303</u>	c	<u>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</u>	<u>Country Lodge (Aus)</u>	150,000
		Consigned by Little Plains Stud Purchased by Mick Price		

INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
Cataloged	220	230
No. Offered	209	212
No. Sold	155	176
RNAs	54	36
% RNA	25.8%	17.0%
Gross	A\$8,695,500	A\$14,073,000
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Median (% change)	A\$45,000	A\$70,000

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

ISLAND FASHION S., \$50,000, SUN, 3-1, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37, ft.

- 1--**#ORO BLANCO, 120, f, 3, Hold for Gold--White Angelica, by Quiet American.** O/B-Everest Stables Inc (KY); T-Henry Dominguez; J-Alejandro Medellin; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 8-2-0-3, \$107,580.
 - 2--**One for Jim, 116, f, 3, Distorted Humor--Brilliant Disguise, by A.P. Indy.** \$11,000.
 - 3--**Lady Hi Teck, 122, f, 3, Hi Teck Man--Miraclesdocometrue, by Golden Gear.** \$5,000.
- Margins: 1 3/4, 10HF, 1. Odds: 2.60, 1.50, 6.00.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

- + **Shosan Ururu (Jpn), f, 3, Grand Slam--King's Love,** by Kingmambo. Hanshin, 2-28, Maiden Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$72,165. O-Akikazu Suzuki; B-Bandam Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi. *Won by four lengths.
- Keiai Sword (Jpn), c, 4, Smoke Glacken--Wonder Cat,** by Storm Cat. Nakayama, 2-28, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$144,330. O-Keiai Othopedic Appliance Co Ltd; B-Michio Matsuda; T-Yasuhisa Matsuyama.
- Gaburin (Aus), h, 7, Fusaichi Pegasus--Dashing Eagle (Aus),** by Danehill. Nakayama, 2-28, Chiba Stakes, 6f. Lifetime Record: 34-6-2-7, \$1,400,000. O-Yoshinori Sakae; B-Mr JR Fleming; T-H Mori.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Mont-de-Marsan, 16.00, 3-1, €25,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:16.00, gd.

MANDUKA (FR) (c, 3, Gold Away {Ire}--Skipnight {GB}, by Ashkalani {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €20,200. O/T-Ramon Avial-Lopez; B-Ecurie Serge Bernereau SRL & H Pellerin. *€12,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

ITALY, Rome, 14.30, 3-1, €22,500, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:05.20, gd/sf.

PEDRA POMPAS (GB) (h, 5, Mark Of Esteem {Ire}--Edwardian Era {GB}, by Bering {GB}) Lifetime Record: 30-6-7-3, €87,210. O-Giuseppe Biccai; B-Azienda Agricola Rsati Colarieti; T-Marco Gasparini. *€14,000 yrl '05 SGASEP.



FRANCE, Lignieres, 13.30, 3-1, €15,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:33.09, gd.

ROSEY DE MEGEVE (GB) (f, 3, Efisio {GB}--Lady Golconda {Fr}, by Kendor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €14,500. O/B-Berend van Dalfsen; T-Francois Rohaut. *1/2 to Lady Vettori (GB) (Vettori {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$116,309.

FRANCE, Cholet, 16.00, 3-1, €15,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT, 2:17.05, gd/sf.

SARSIA (FR) (c, 3, King's Best--Serisia {Fr} {GSW-Fr}, by Exit to Nowhere) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €24,950. O-Enrico Ciampi; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€60,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

FRANCE, Cholet, 15.00, 3-1, €15,000, 3yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:17.40, gd/sf.

SPRING SHOWER (FR) (f, 3, Lord of Men {GB}--Poisson d'Avril {Fr}, by Nikos {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €23,400. O/B-Gerard Samama; T-Joel Boisnard.

ITALY, Pisa, 14.50, 3-1, €13,500, 3yo, 6fT, 1:14.10, sf.

PURPLE KISS (f, 3, Monashee Mountain--Unbridled Princess, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-1, €20,672. O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; B-Robert Losey & Paul McGinty; T-Riccardo Menichetti. *\$6,700 yrl '07 KEEJAN.

ITALY, Pisa, 15.50, 3-1, €13,500, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:30.80, sf.

AEROPRINCE (ITY) (h, 6, Diktat {GB}--Star and Garter {GB}, by Soviet Star) Lifetime Record: 33-7-7-4, €69,377. O-Scuderia Casati di Luciano Vanzulli; B-Agricola Ficomontanino SRL; T-Marco Gasparini. *€12,000 yrl '04 ITYSEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tajika (GB), f, 3, Act One (GB)--Therese Chenu (Ire), by Local Suitor. Rome, Italy, 3-1, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT.

B-Azienda Agricola Rosati Colarieti. *1/2 to Tremoto (GB) (Generous {Ire}), SW-Ity.

Biasimo (Ire), c, 3, Celtic Swing (GB)--Bitter Love (Ity), by Love the Groom. Rome, Italy, 3-1, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Francesca Turri.

Ilsaonor (Fr), f, 3, Highest Honor (Fr)--Illusive Grey (GB), by Nikos (GB). Compiègne, France, 3-2, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1mT. B-NP Bloodstock Ltd. *€37,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG.

Shirana (Ger), f, 3, Macanal--Sugarland Express (Ger), by Royal Academy. Dortmund, Germany, 3-1, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Moritz Beth.

Rain of Melody (Ire), c, 3, Night Shift--Hit the Sky (Ire), by Cozzene. Compiègne, France, 3-2, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1mT. B-Kilfrush Stud Farm.

+ **Maccari (Ity), c, 3, Sugarfoot (GB)--McGillycuddy Reeks (Ire)**, by Kefaah. Pisa, Italy, 3-1, Mdn, unraced 3yo, 1 3/16mT. B-Razza Dormello Olgiata.

Kalculated Risk (Fr), f, 3, Take Risks (Fr)--Kal d'Amethyste (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). Mont-de-Marsan, France, 3-1, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Coastal Jewel Ltd. *€4,500 wnlg '06 DEADEC.

Trade Centre (GB), g, 4, Dubai Destination--Khubza (GB), by Green Desert. Lingfield, Britain, 3-2, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Usk Valley Stud. *375,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT. **1/2 to Trans Island (GB) (Selkirk), GSW & G1SP-Eng & Fr, GSP-Ity, \$414,715; and Welsh Diva (GB) (Selkirk), GSW-Ity, SW-Eng, \$101,217.



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