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## A WHOLE NEW WORLD

A year ago, the Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Lexington saw the average rise 4.3 percent; the median was off just 3.2 percent. Seven juveniles sold for \$500,000 or higher, up from four in 2007. What a difference a year makes. The 2009 edition of Keeneland April saw the average over the two nights drop 15.5 percent, and the median fall off 21.7 percent. With 99 of the 216 catalogued withdrawn, and another 51 failing to meet their reserves, just 30.6 percent of those in the book actually found new homes. Unfortunately, that is what people have come to expect in the current economic environment. "I think this is where the Thoroughbred market is at the moment," said Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "It's a totally different world from this time last year; it's a totally different world from last September." He added, "America is in a recession; part of Europe is in a depression. We all follow suit. There's a macro situation and a micro situation. We have to hope that between now and September we see a recovery." Russell admitted his disappointment in the small number of horses actually sold over the last two nights. "The number of outs was too high--it's disappointing," he said, but added that it is not unheard of to have a high number of defections at the juvenile sales. "They have one day to perform, and if they're not ready for that performance, they're withdrawn," he remarked. "As one consignor said, this is no different than any of the other sales. It's just a smaller catalogue, so it kind of stands out a little bit more."



Tuesday's Topper - Hip 203 EquiSport

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### KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
Catalogued	216	191
No. Offered	117	125
No. Sold	66	77
RNAs	51	48
% RNA	43.6%	38.4%
No. \$300K+	11	22
High Price	\$1,900,000	\$800,000
Gross	\$11,805,000	\$16,299,000
Average (% change)	\$178,864 (-15.5%)	\$211,675
Median (% change)	\$117,500 (-21.7%)	\$150,000

## SESSION TOPPERS

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>203</u>	c	<u>Smart Strike</u>	Private Feeling	475,000
<i>B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent I Purchased by Mike Pegram				
<u>168</u>	c	<u>Rock Hard Ten</u>	Fiddlin Devon	440,000
(\$175,000 i/u '06 FTKNOV; \$160,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Farnsworth Stables LLC (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent Purchased by Centennial Farms				
<u>209</u>	c	<u>Dixie Union</u>	Risk	310,000
(\$140,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL)				
<i>B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XVII Purchased by John W Sadler, agent				
<u>135</u>	f	<u>Rock Hard Ten</u>	America America	300,000
(\$410,000 i/u '06 KEENOV)				
<i>B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent XI Purchased by Padua Stables				

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**Another Topper for Baffert...**

Bob Baffert, who signed the ticket for Monday's \$1.9-million sale topper, was responsible for the top-priced lot during Tuesday's second and final session of the Keeneland April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Lexington, going to \$475,000 to bring home a son of Smart Strike--Private Feeling, by Belong to Me. Baffert bought the seven-figure Vallenzeri (A.P. Indy) Monday for new client Kaleem Shah, but it was longtime clients Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman who now own hip 203. "I wasn't going to leave without him," Baffert admitted. "He worked well and I liked the way he moved; and he's by Smart Strike. He looked really good and handled himself well on the track. He looked fantastic in the back [walking ring]--that's when I make my final judgement." The colt's price tag was a little more than Baffert had expected to pay. "I didn't want to really pay that much," he said. "I told them I was going to \$400,000, but I went over my budget a little bit. I'm going to have to call and tell them." Baffert has found plenty of competition for quality individuals at the April sale. "It's still strong for the good horses," he explained, but added philosophically, "They're all bargains today, but it's a lot of money for a horse that can't run. If they can run, they're all bargains. It's a realistic market, and I'm glad it is because now the end user has a chance."

**Bob Baffert**  
*EquiSport*



*EquiSport*

**KEENELAND APRIL STATISTICS**  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
Catalogued	110	96
No. Offered	60	61
No. Sold	35	43
RNAs	25	18
% RNA	41.7%	29.5%
No. \$300K+	6	12
High Price	\$475,000	\$800,000
Gross	\$4,920,000	\$9,172,000
Average (% change)	\$140,571 (-34.1%)	\$213,302
Median (% change)	\$110,000 (-15.4%)	\$130,000

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**Tuesday's Toppers cont.**

- 213** c **Dixie Union** Silent Stream 300,000  
(\$150,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)  
B-White Fox Farm (KY)  
Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds, agent  
Purchased by Hal Earnhardt
- 214** c **Distorted Humor** Storm Minstrel 300,000  
(\$450,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)  
B-Edward P Evans (VA)  
Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds, agent  
Purchased by Vision Racing 2009 LLC
- 164** f **Purge** Enabru 270,000  
(\$65,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)  
B-Highclere (KY)  
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent III  
Purchased by John McCormack Bloodstock
- 193** c **Medaglia d'Oro** Mossflower 215,000  
(\$50,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)  
B-Whitewood Stable (KY)  
Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent I  
Purchased by Frank L Brothers, agent for Bruce Lunsford
- 181** c **Leroidesanimaux** Java Drums 210,000  
(\$180,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL)  
B-George Pruette (KY)  
Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent V  
Purchased by Mamoru Kato



**You've Got to Believe...**

Lance Robinson and Jerry Bailey's Gulf Coast Farm bred yesterday's session-topping Smart Strike colt, and sent him through the ring at Keeneland September. But the bidding stalled at \$35,000, and they brought him home.

"We really believed in the horse," Robinson said.

Added Bailey, "We just didn't have any support for him as a yearling. But, obviously, we weren't going to take that for him."

You did have to look deep to see the beauty in the colt.

"For lack of a better term, he was kind of an ugly duckling [as a yearling]," Robinson said. "This horse had to prove it the hard way that he was a good horse. He came from a long way back to get here.

"But he developed into a nice horse. He grew up physically, and he's really good-minded. He's just like his brother, Kensei [Mr. Greeley]. He has a very good mind, and physically he came together a lot better."

Gulf Coast sold Kensei to Stonestreet Stables for \$300,000 as a BESMAY juvenile last year, and the colt has now won two of his three starts, including an Oaklawn allowance test Apr. 2. It was a solid catalogue update, and hip 203 had blossomed since September, but his connections are confident he has improvement in him yet.

"A real good horseman bought him, and he buys real good physicals," Robinson said. "This horse might not be all the way the physical that Bob usually buys, but when you look at him you can't really knock him. He's come together and all the pieces are there and we think he'll develop more and more as he goes along."

Bailey agreed with that assessment.

"He changed a lot, and he grew on us all winter, and I'm sure he's a good horse," he offered. "A lot of good horsemen recognized that--we had Baffert and [John] Moynihan [agent for Stonestreet] bidding on him."

The final price was in line with what his connections had hoped for.

"What I said to everybody was that he was going to bring \$300,000 to \$500,000," Bailey remarked. "Usually when you say that in this market, they bring \$300,000.

"There were a lot of people interested in him, but there were only two people on him over \$300,000."

The session topper brought a little light to what has been a disappointing two-year-old sales season for most.

"We're tickled with the sale," Bailey said. "It was one of the few pleasant surprises I've had at the two-year-old sales all winter."

**SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA**

<u>Track</u>	<u>All-Weather Surface</u>
Arlington Park	Polytrack
Del Mar	Polytrack
Keeneland	Polytrack
Turfway Park	Polytrack
Woodbine	Polytrack
Hollywood	Cushion Track
Santa Anita	Pro-Ride
Golden Gate	Tapeta Footings
Presque Isle Downs	Tapeta Footings
OBS Training Center	Safetrack

**A Royal Ascot 2YO**

**RED JAZZ** won by 5 lengths on debut at Windsor on Monday for owner **R J Arculli** and trainer **Barry Hills**.

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### A Classic Quest for Centennial...

Centennial Farms' President Don Little, Jr., seated next to the management company's manager of horse operations Dr. Steve Carr, saw off all challengers to take home a son of fresh-man sire Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.) for \$440,000. "We are always looking for a classic colt," explained Little. "[Hip 168] had the pedigree behind him and he was a great mover on the racetrack--just a beautiful individual." Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent, the two-year-old is out of Fiddlin Devon (Deputy Minister), the dam of stakes placed Bear's Swan (El Corredor). Fiddlin Devon is a half sister to multiple Grade I winner Choposa Springs (Baldski) and to Grade I winner You and I



**Don Little Jr**  
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(Kris S.). He worked a furlong last week in :10 2/5 ([video](#)). "He's a tall leggy colt, who, given his pedigree, top and bottom, should be able to stay a distance of ground and that's what we're looking for," Carr added. Of the price, Carr said, "It's a little bit more than we thought. We had him pegged at \$350-375,000. But again in this market, the better horses out-sell all the rest of them and that's what you have to do to get them." Centennial was among the underbidders on the Unbridled's Song colt who brought \$530,000 and the Songandaprayer colt who sold for \$370,000 during Monday's first session of the auction. While it might be a buyer's market on some levels, Carr observed, "There are bargains, but not for the top level. I think every place else you are, there are bargains. If you are trying to find a nice horse who would do well at the races and you would have fun with, those are the bargains. But if you want to go to New York and win the better races, those horses still cost a lot." Carr has also noticed that Classic-type horses are proving more popular at the juvenile sales. "I think they are getting away from the speed only, when a fast breeze will automatically sell a horse," he said. "Now that doesn't have to be the case. If they are tall good-looking scopey horses and move well, but don't post a black-type breeze, I think they might be more likely to buy them than they have been in the past." The Rock Hard Ten colt will head to Centennial Farms in Middleburg, Virginia for a short rest before heading to the barn of trainer Jimmy Jerkens. "We're hoping he's another Corinthian," Little said with a smile. Corinthian (Pulpit) won the GI Met Mile and inaugural Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile for Centennial and now stands at Gainesway.

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### Surprise Purchase for Sanan...

Satish Sanan was only in Lexington to attend Tuesday's Breeders' Cup board meeting. He had no plans to bid on any horses at the April sale, but that changed quickly and the owner of Padua Stables walked away with a \$300,000 daughter of Rock Hard Ten (hip 135). "I flew in this morning and I had no intention of buying any horses," Sanan said. He blamed the sudden change of plans on his son, Sasha. "Sasha said he liked the filly," Sanan explained. "I came here just a few minutes ago and they told me they really liked this filly and that we should try to buy her." Sasha quickly passed the buck back to his father. "I'm just here to keep dad company," he quipped, before adding, "She's a nice filly and we liked the way she moved." The juvenile is out of the hard-knocking multiple graded stakes placed America America (Mister Baileys {GB}) and is a half sister to graded stakes placed sophomore filly Bluegrass Princess (Dynaformer). After signing the ticket, Sanan added, "I'm leaving--if I stay I'll buy more horses."



**Satish Sanan**  
*EquiSport*



**It's a Celebration...**

It's not often you hear an actual squeal of delight in the Keeneland pavilion, but that's what greeted the fall of the hammer for [hip 143](#). Ramona Bass, seated just a few rows from the ring, got the nod from the bid spotter, and the friends to her right celebrated what was an unexpected buy. The chestnut filly by Ghostzapper--Belva (Theatrical {Ire}), a half-sister to champion English Channel, had RNA'd for \$470,000 as a KEESep yearling; she went to Bass for \$190,000 last night. "I thought it was a great price--I didn't think I'd get her for that," Bass admitted. "But that's why you have to be sitting in there. You never know. I didn't know what she might bring--you just never know with this kind of a sale--but I probably wouldn't have gone much higher."

Bass is the daughter of Arthur Seeligson Jr., who won the 1975 Belmont S. with homebred Avatar. She has been making selective purchases of late, also buying the broodmare Elusive Diva (Elusive Quality), in foal to Distorted Humor, for \$825,000 at Keeneland January, as well as a yearling filly by Ghostzapper for \$350,000 at Keeneland September. But the focus on freshman sire Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) was not by design.

"It just seems that a lot of his babies appeal to me," Bass said. "I can't say that there's anything specific; I just seem to be buying Ghostzappers. I don't know how it happened, but there it is."

What was it about last night's acquisition that caught her eye?

"Her being a half-sister to English Channel was very appealing, of course, and she is beautiful filly, really well-balanced," she remarked. "And I liked her workout, but I think she's going to take a little time, so I'm glad she didn't go faster than that. It was just right. She looks athletic, but she's going to need some time."

Hip 143 worked an eighth in :10 3/5 at the preview ([video](#)). Bass is looking forward to the filly's racing career, but, as with the majority of her purchases, she also has plans for the long term.

"I like to breed, so I'm always looking for broodmares, horses that have residual value," she said.

Bass revealed that the latest addition to her string will be trained by Michael Matz. But, she added, "She will go to the farm first and have a little rest. I think they get pushed pretty hard for these sales, so it's better for them to get a break."

**Last Goodbye...**

Michael Paulson didn't make it to Lexington to see Vallenzeri (A.P. Indy) sell Monday night, but, thanks to the internet, he was able to witness the action.

"I was thinking about coming in, but I was a little worried about the weather," Paulson said yesterday. "I saw all the flights that had been delayed and canceled, and decided against it. But I was able to watch the sale on [keeneland.com](#)."

How did Paulson feel as he watched the hammer fall on champion Azeri's first foal?

"It was bittersweet," he admitted. "That colt is like part of the family. But I was happy with the price. He is the highest-priced two-year-old to sell this year. I looked back through the records, and he is the highest-priced two-year-old to sell at Keeneland April in the last five years. You have to be satisfied with that."

Vallenzeri is also the third-highest priced juvenile in the 16-year history of the Keeneland April sale, behind only Chekhov (Pulpit), who brought \$3.3 million in 2004, and La Salle Street (Not for Love), who sold for \$2 million in 1999.

It was difficult for Paulson to say goodbye to Vallenzeri, and it was also hard for him to hear that, according to trainer Bob Baffert, who signed the ticket for new owner Kaleem Shah, the colt will be getting a new name.

"I can't really comment on that," Paulson said. "The name had a lot of meaning to us--he was born on St. Valentine's Day, and we were there. But he has a new owner, and it's his prerogative to make the change."



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**Finding the Right Mix...**

The 2009 Keeneland April sale was the second in a row to be held over two nights, rather than in a single day session. Last year, the preview was on Monday, with the sale held Tuesday and Wednesday. That made it hard for the buyers to get their legwork done after the breezes. This year, the preview was pushed back to Thursday, but the consensus seemed to be that stretched things out just a little too long. Keeneland officials will try to find the right formula for next year. "We're trying to find the optimum time," Keeneland's Geoffrey Russell said. "Last year, the preview was too close to the sale. This year, they say [the time between] was too long. If we didn't have all these outs, it wouldn't have been too long. It would have been perfect. But we'll sit back, we'll readjust, we'll look at things and see if we can come up with something that works for everyone."

**164** f **Purge** **Enabru** **270,000**  
 (\$65,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)  
 B-Highclere (KY)

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent III  
 Purchased by John McCormack Bloodstock

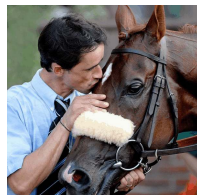
The tough Enabru (Roanoke)--a winner of nine of 63 starts--produced SP Meredith Bee (El Corredor) as her second foal in 2004. In 2006, she dropped Suni (Soto), a \$90,000 FTKJUL yearling and \$120,000 BESMAR juvenile who developed into a stakes winner of nearly \$800,000 in Japan last fall. This filly RNA'd for \$47,000 as a weanling at KEENOV before going for \$65,000 as a yearling at KEESEP; she was purchased there by Kingsway Racing, a partnership that wished to remain anonymous. After dashing through a quarter in :21 1/5 at Thursday's breeze show ([video](#)), this bay wound up as the second-highest-priced filly last night. "She's a lovely filly and the pedigree is so good," Niall Brennan said. "Her half brother Suni was a very good two-year-old in Japan last year and he just won another stakes in Japan on Sunday. So it's a very live family. Purge obviously looks like he's going to get runners. This filly worked super. She's a very elegant, scopey filly. She has a beautiful, big stride on her, very efficient. There is a lot of Pulpit about her. She's very athletic. She's got a lot of improvement in her because she's still growing and filling out. I think it was a fair price for her--she's a filly with a lot of up side to her."

**193** c **Medaglia d'Oro** **Mossflower** **215,000**  
 (\$50,000 yrl '08 KEESEP)  
 B-Whitewood Stable (KY)

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, Agent I

Purchased by Frank L Brothers, agent for Bruce Lunsford

This colt is the latest from Mossflower (Affirmed), who stormed through her first six starts a decade ago in New York, culminating in a 12-length procession in the 1998 GI Hempstead H. Mossflower has had some bad luck in the breeding shed, and this May 2 foal attracted a \$50,000 bid from Gulf Coast at Keeneland September. Multi-millionaire Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}) has emerged as a young sire to be reckoned with, and this youngster grew into a striking individual who breezed a furlong in :10 1/5 ([video](#)) over the Polytrack Thursday.



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**KEENELAND APRIL - TUESDAY**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<b>155</b>	f	<b>Stormy Atlantic</b>	<b>Cryptoqueen</b>	<b>170,000</b>

B-Albert P Coppola (KY)

Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, agent

Purchased by Donna M Jones/IBS, agent

A half-sister to MGSW Clearly a Queen (Lucky North), this chestnut was purchased last summer by Leprechaun for \$72,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Kentucky July Sale. She was born May 23, but belied that late date by zipping through an eighth in :10 1/5 at Thursday's under-tack show ([video](#)), and attracted spirited bidding last night.



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**209** c **Dixie Union** Risk 310,000

(\$140,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL)

B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY)

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XVII

Purchased by John W Sadler, agent

He may not have found a new home when bought back for \$47,000 as a yearling at KEEJAN, but this bay colt did some growing up and attracted a bid of \$140,000 from Bradley Thoroughbred Brokerage at FTKJUL. The racy youngster continued his progression over the winter and breezed two furlongs in :21 2/5 ([video](#)), which attracted a winning bid from California trainer John Sadler.



**Near Perfect, But With Something to Prove...**

A month ago, Fox Hill Farm's Old Fashioned (Unbridled's Song) was unbeaten and at or near the top of



**Old Fashioned at Oaklawn Monday**

*Horsephotos*

many Kentucky Derby Top 10 lists. But after attending a hot pace and falling victim to the late-running 56-1 longshot Win Willy (Monarchos) in the 1 1/16-mile GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn Mar. 14, Old Fashioned lost more than his unblemished record. His reputation took a hit, too, and now, entering Saturday's nine-furlong GII Arkansas Derby, the Larry Jones-trained colt finds himself as a horse with something to prove.

One thing Old Fashioned needs to prove, at least in the minds of some skeptics, is that he indeed has what it takes to get the mile and a quarter of the Derby. Part of that is because in his last two races--the Rebel and the Feb. 16 GIII Southwest S.--he was full of run early and on swift half-mile splits (:45 4/5 in the Southwest, :46 flat for the Rebel). In the Southwest, he was able to put away the speedy Silver City (Unbridled's Song) and draw off to win by 3 1/4 lengths. But in the Rebel, the fast pace took some of the starch out, and he was unable to counter Win Willy's late rally.

During yesterday's NTRA national teleconference, Jones offered no apologies or excuses for the Rebel defeat.

"We feel like we got outrun by a horse that ran a pretty nice race that day," said the conditioner, who plans to retire at season's end.

## BRIS Speed Ratings

### Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS SPEED
I Want Revenge	Stephen Got Even	Wood Memorial S.-G1	109
Kodiak Cowboy	Posse	Carter H.-G1	106
It's a Bird	Birdonthewire	Oaklawn H.-G2	105
Seventh Street	Street Cry (Ire)	Apple Blossom H.-G1	105
Access Fee	Menifee	Primonetta S.	104
Cammy's Choice	Take Me Out	Primonetta S.	104
Musket Man	Yonaguska I	Illinois Derby-G2	104
Rachel Alexandra	Medaglia D'Oro	Fantasy S.-G2	104
Capt. Candyman Can	Candy Ride (Arg)	Bay Shore S.-G3	102
Allegre	Oriente	Wildcat H.	101
Finallymadeit	Concerto	Skip Away S.-G3	101
Giant Moon	Giant's Causeway	Excelsior H.-G3	101
On the Vineyard	Lite the Fuse	Hilton Garden Inn Sprint S.	101
Bee Cee Cee	Songandaprayer	Ocala Breeders' Sales Sophomore S.	99
See More Spirit	A. P. Jet	Smart Coupons S.	99
Soul City Slew	Slew City Slew	Potero Grande H.-G2	99
Dixie Chatter	Dixie Union	Arcadia H.-G2	98
Rail Trip	Jump Start	Santana Mile H.	98
Fearless Eagle	Invisible Ink	Kinsman Turf Classic S.	97
Hooh Why	Cloud Hopping	Ashland S.	97
Sweet August Moon	Malibu Moon	Las Flores H.-G3	97
Shesa Private I	Unaccounted for	Princess of Palms H.	96
Acting Lady	Theatrical (Ire)	Providencia S.-G2	95
Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker	Santa Anita Derby-G1	95
Quiet Meadow	El Prado (Ire)	L and D Farm Turf Distaff S.	93
Snow Lass	Stormy Atlantic	Stonehedge Farm S. Soph. Fillies S.	92
Austin Lights	Hadif	SPRC Claiming Series Phase III S.	90
Stormalory	Storm Cat	Central Bank Transylvania S.-G3	89
Mullins Beach	Speightstown	La Voyageuse S.	87
Restless Soul (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Yerba Buena S.	87
Tamborim	Belong to Me	Dayton Andrews Dodge Soph. Turf S.	87
Frisky Ricky	Rocky Bar	Arizona Stallion S.	80

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"I think Win Willy ran just a phenomenal race, but I think our horse maybe ran the race we needed him to run to continue on to the first Saturday in May. He made a nice progression off the Southwest. I think he got a Beyer figure of 92 then, and in the Rebel he got a 98. If we see the same sort of improvement coming into the Arkansas Derby, it should put us exactly where we want to be on the first Saturday in May. We don't want to peak too quick, but we want to be able to peak for the Derby. I like the way he's coming into this race."



**Larry Jones**  
*Horsephotos*

Jones added that Old Fashioned's last two should be taken in context.

"You've got to understand, if you look at his last two races who was sitting out in front of him--Silver City," said Jones. "He was the horse to beat in both races, and this is a horse you don't want to allow to get five or six lengths in front of you. At that point in his career, he looked to be a very formidable foe. Maybe he doesn't want to go a mile or a mile and a sixteenth, which is what you're seeing now, but at that point it would have been ridiculous to let this horse get away and never catch him." **Cont. p8**



**Old Fashioned cont.**

“So [jockey] Ramon [Dominguez] rode the races he had to try and win the race,” he continued. “It just kind of backfired on him in the last race. But this horse will settle. We’re not worried about it. If The Pamplemousse was in this race, with the speed he has, we would be doing the same thing--we’d be going after him from the get-go. We’re not going to let a legitimate speed horse get out there and steal it whenever we can stay close. But it would suit me fine to catch a slow pace so the horse isn’t running so hard, and allow us to settle and make one big run, like he did in the Remsen.”

In the Arkansas Derby, Old Fashioned will be reunited with Oaklawn’s leading jockey, Terry Thompson. Thompson currently has 55 wins at the Hot Springs oval, 19 more than the runner-up. Thompson was aboard Old Fashioned for his first two wins, but was replaced by Ramon Dominguez in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct last November. Dominguez booted him home to a 7 1/4-length decision that day and was aboard in both the Southwest and Rebel.

“Ramon Dominguez got the mount at Aqueduct because he was the leading rider there,” explained Jones. “So now Terry Thompson has got him here at Oaklawn because of the same reason. It’s not anything Ramon did. We just feel that the very best chance to win the Arkansas Derby is to have Terry [ride him] here. He’s working him every morning, he knows the track, knows when he needs to be in and needs to be out, and he knows where the groove is.”

With three weeks between the Arkansas Derby and the Kentucky Derby, one concern with Old Fashioned, a horse that seems to give it his all every time out, might be his ability to rebound quickly from a tough effort. But Jones said Old Fashioned has bounced out of his last two tries in fine fettle.

“He really has,” said Jones. “He’s a really durable horse. He does put a lot into his races, and he’s willing to get it on when the gates open. He’s a very good doer, but he always eats up--he very seldom leaves feed. He knows how to take care of himself in the barn, and I think he’ll be able to rebound in three weeks. I don’t think that will be a major problem with him.”

Asked yesterday if it surprised him how much of a hit Old Fashioned’s reputation took after the Rebel, Jones admitted, “Well, it really did. He went from being like first or second [among Derby contenders], and now some people have him down in ninth or 10th. Here’s a horse who has already won at a mile and an eighth, and some people believe he’ll never do it again. It’s one of these deals, what have you done for me lately? We understand that, but we’re sure not down on the horse. We’re seeing the way he’s progressing, we love our chance coming into the Arkansas Derby, and we feel he’s as good as we could hope for him to be right now. He had his blow-out breeze for the Arkansas Derby on Monday; he worked a very nice 1:00 2/5 and galloped out in 1:12 3/5. We’re looking forward to another run on Saturday.” -LM

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**KEENELAND 2YO IN TRAINING DAY 1 RESULTS:**  
**Hip 22, c. by A.P. INDY (\$1.9M SESSION TOPPER)**  
**Hip 3, f. by ROCK HARD TEN (\$270,000 is 6TH HIGHEST)**

***Terrain Flying Under the Radar...***

Despite a solid two-year-old campaign, Adele Dilschneider’s **Terrain** (Sky Mesa) continues to fly under the radar as he prepares for Saturday’s GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. The gelding figures to have as good a chance as anyone in Saturday’s nine-furlong prep for the GI Kentucky Derby. Terrain won three of his six juvenile starts, including a promotion to first via Jose Adan (Crypto Star)’s DQ in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity in September. He was runner-up to Square Eddie (Smart Strike) in the GI Lane’s End Breeders’ Futurity at Keeneland in early October and ran a fine race to be fourth to Midshipman (Unbridled’s Song), beaten just 2 1/4 lengths, in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile later in the month. His last two have been less impressive, though.



**Terrain**  
*Four-Footed Fotos*

Terrain concluded his juvenile year with a well-beaten fifth-place effort as the chalk in the GIII Delta Jackpot Dec. 5, then returned from a three-month absence with a third to Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy) in the GII Louisiana Derby Mar. 14, a race that saw him defeated by nearly eight lengths. The long break between the two races wasn’t by design.

“He didn’t have any physical problems, but we were pointing toward the Risen Star [at Fair Grounds] and in mid- to late January he got a fever, a little virus, that derailed us,” explained trainer Al Stall Jr. “So we regrouped and made sure he got over it and made sure he was back to his usual self.”

Stall added that Terrain’s comeback was better than it looked on paper, as he ran into trouble over a sloppy Fair Grounds track.

“He ran a really good race on a bad track in the Louisiana Derby,” said Stall. “We felt really good after the race, and our confidence level went right back up again. We just threw [the Delta Jackpot] out. He’s kind of a closer, and at Delta he was a neck off the lead through a half in :46 1/5, which is a really fast split on that race track. I had put blinkers on him, and maybe that jacked him up. So we took the blinkers off and got back to what got us there.”

**Feature Presentation cont. p9**



**TDN Feature Presentation... Continued**  
**GRADE 1 TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.**

Terrain has worked twice at Keeneland since the Louisiana Derby, going four furlongs in :48 Mar. 29, and five furlongs in 1:01 last Saturday while in company with Grade II winner Sky Mom (Maria's Mon) ([video](#)).

With \$410,830 in graded earnings, Terrain sits in ninth in the Derby earnings list and is all but assured a spot in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May, should his connections opt to go. But Stall said that decision hasn't been made yet.

"At this point, we're just thinking about the Blue Grass," said Stall. "The Derby would be great, but that's not set in stone. That's what we've done his whole career. We've just found ourselves here at the Blue Grass, and if he runs well, we'll talk about what to do next. Hopefully it is the Derby, but it doesn't have to be."

**Godolphin Runners to Arrive at Churchill Thursday...**

The Godolphin pair of **Regal Ransom** (Distorted Humor) and **Desert Party** (Street Cry {Ire}), the one-two finishers of the G2 UAE Derby on Dubai World Cup night Mar. 28, are scheduled to arrive at Churchill's quarantine barn tomorrow, according to Churchill's Vice President of Communications John Asher. Both horses will prepare for a tilt in the G1 Kentucky Derby May 2. Regal Ransom sprang the upset over his odds-on stablemate in the UAE Derby, holding on to win by a half length at odds of 13-1.

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**EVASIVE PLANS REVISED** Cheveley Park Stud's G3 Horris Hill S. hero **Evasive (GB)** (Elusive Quality) will point straight to the May 2 G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket because his preparation has been interrupted by a foot abscess, according to *Racing Post*. The homebred chestnut was originally targeting the Apr. 15 G3 Craven S. over the Guineas' course and distance or the Apr. 17 G3 Greenham S. at Newbury, but will now sidestep both of those traditional trials. "He had some pus in a foot, but cantered Monday and will go straight for the Guineas," trainer Sir Michael Stoute told the trade daily.

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**Wednesday, Keeneland, post time: 4:35 p.m. EDT**

**BEAUMONT S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, a7f (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Evita Argentina	Candy Ride (Arg)	Sadler	2-1
2	Consequence	El Prado (Ire)	McGaughey	5-1
3	Selva	Forest Wildcat	Carroll	5-2
4	No Speed Limit	Malibu Moon	W Ward	15-1
5	War Kill	War Chant	McPeek	9-2
6	Loveyou Everybody	Five Star Day	McPeek	5-1
7	Dave's Revenge	The Cliff's Edge	Hess Jr	8-1

**Evita Argentina** takes on fillies after defeating the boys in the GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita Feb. 16. The chestnut, second in the GII Santa Ynez S. Feb. 16, worked six furlongs at Keeneland in 1:13 2/5 Apr. 2. The blue-blooded **Consequence** makes her synthetic debut following a fourth-place finish on dirt behind **War Kill** in a Gulfstream allowance Mar. 1. The Phipps homebred ran a close fourth in the grassy GIII Miss Grillo S. at Belmont last fall. **Selva** has won four of five career starts, including the Glorious Song S. over the Woodbine Polytrack last November. She enters off a win in the grassy Mardi Gras S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 24.

**Friday, Keeneland**

**MAKER'S MARK MILE S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mr. Sidney	Storm Cat	Desormeaux	117
2	House of Silver	Chester House	Castanon	117
3	Fluke (Brz)	Wild Event	Gomez	117
4	Passager (Fr)	Anabaa	Prado	117
5	Thorn Song	Unbridled's Song	Albarado	123
6	Twilight Meteor	Smart Strike	Velazquez	119
7	Just as Well	A.P. Indy	Leparoux	117

Previews cont.



**Friday, Oaklawn Park**

**COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Greeley's Conquest	Mr. Greeley	Theriot	116
2	Jazz Nation	City Zip	Ocampo	113
3	Evening Reward	Chief's Reward	Court	112
4	Secretintelligence	Smart Guy	Compton	113
5	Semaphore Man	Formal Gold	Berry	117
6	Carson's Legacy	Carson City	Hamilton	113
7	Grand Sensation	Grand Slam	Doocy	115
8	Accredit	E Dubai	Hernandez Jr	114
9	Garifine	Belong to Me	Sterling Jr	113
10	Cush	Arch	Borel	114
11	Red Hot N Gold	Gold Case	Thompson	114
12	Lovango	Capote	Quinonez	114

"Bob was sorely missed, and we hope that he will come back next year," said Webster.

Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Australia was also quieter than last year, purchasing 15 for A\$7,185,000 as leading buyer, compared with 20 for A\$19,005,000 including seven million-dollar-plus horses in 2008. Their purchases included Tuesday's session-topping filly, hip 482, a Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Fine Society (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}) filly offered by Brooklyn Lodge and knocked down for A\$1.15 million. Fine Society won the G1 STC Canterbury Guineas in 2002.

The Patinack team kept a low profile, but nevertheless secured 16 for A\$5,840,000.

**INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE  
MONDAY - TOP SEVEN FILLIES**



**INGLIS EASTER  
Yearling Sale  
April 5-7, 2009**

**EASTER CONCLUDES WITH HIGH CLEARANCE**

The Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale closed on a satisfying note Tuesday evening with 369 horses changing hands over the course of three days at an average of A\$241,355, and a clearance rate that continued to improve as the day wore on. Inglis national sale manager Byron Rogers said the company was especially pleased that the first-day clearance of 69 percent improved to 83 percent overall.

"The first day, the market was really finding its feet," Rogers summarized. "No one was sure what value meant in a declining market and, once that was established, buyers started to look at what one horse made and compared it to another, and a little bit more confidence came back into the market."

"The fact that we were able to clear so many horses off that first day was good. We worked hard for vendors to get the market met, and it was also important from the viewpoint that service fees have got to be paid, and breeders have to remain liquid in the market. The fact we were able to get so many cleared and sold is a good thing, moving forward."

A low key "Session II" followed the three-day "Session I," and Inglis managing director Mark Webster pointed out that, with the lesser session in progress, people remained on the grounds and horses that had been passed in were subsequently sold. He said the average had dropped about 34 percent, in line with widespread expectations.

"That is where I thought it might be, but the clearance rate is stronger than I had thought it would be," Webster stated.

Last year, Bob Ingham spent A\$17,875,000 on 23 yearlings, but he was among the more notable absentees at this edition of the sale, although trainer Chris Waller bought two youngsters for Bob's wife, Norma.

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>482</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Fine Society (Aus)	1,150,000
	Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge Purchased by Darley Australia		
<u>465</u>	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Elegant Fashion (Aus)	1,000,000
	Consigned by Brooklyn Lodge Purchased by Mark Pilkington Bloodstock		
<u>419</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Coat (Aus)	520,000
	Consigned by Reavill Farm Purchased by Darley Australia		
<u>404</u>	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Celebria (Aus)	475,000
	Consigned by Coolmore Stud Purchased by Patinack Farm <a href="#">Sirecam video</a>		
<u>467</u>	Snitzel (Aus)	Empress Lily (Aus)	400,000
	Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by C Richards		
<u>400</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Carry on Cutie (Aus)	400,000
	Consigned by Bylong Park Purchased by P Willetts		
<u>436</u>	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Damaschino (Aus)	350,000
	Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Shadwell Australia		

**INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009**



CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
Catalogued	500	502
No. Offered	443	446
No. Sold	369	378
RNAs	74	68
% RNA	16.7%	15.2%
High Price	A\$1,800,000	A\$2,700,000
No. A\$800K+	13	39
Gross	A\$89,060,500	A\$140,885,000
Average (% change)	A\$241,355 (-35.2%)	A\$372,712
Median (% change)	A\$180,000 (-28%)	A\$250,000

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**MONDAY - TOP SIX COLTS**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>463</u>	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>Earthsea (Fr)</u>	<b>650,000</b>
Consigned by Widden Stud Purchased by Shadwell Australia <a href="#">Sirecam video</a>			
<u>409</u>	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	<u>Charmview (Aus)</u>	<b>600,000</b>
Consigned by Yarraman Park Purchased by Surefire Limited <a href="#">Sirecam video</a>			
<u>445</u>	<u>Galileo (Ire)</u>	<u>Debra's Joy (Aus)</u>	<b>575,000</b>
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by D O'Byrne			
<u>496</u>	<u>Charge Forward (Aus)</u>	<u>Fragmentation (Aus)</u>	<b>450,000</b>
Consigned by Highgrove Stud Purchased by Blue Sky Thoroughbreds <a href="#">Sirecam video</a>			
<u>443</u>	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	<u>Dashing Eagle (Aus)</u>	<b>350,000</b>
Consigned by Tyreel Stud Purchased by D Payne			
<u>462</u>	<u>Starcraft (NZ)</u>	<u>Ducks (Aus)</u>	<b>350,000</b>
Consigned by Kitchwin Hills Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock			

**Hayes Goes Back to the Well...**

Trainer David Hayes snared Hip 465, an Encosta de Lago (Aus) daughter of his former outstanding racemare Elegant Fashion (Aus) (Danewin {Aus}) for A\$1 million. The filly, also consigned by Brooklyn Lodge, was extremely similar to her dam, who captured the Hong Kong Derby for Hayes in 2002.

"She really reminded me a lot of Elegant Fashion, and Elegant Fashion to me was very special because she was trained by my late brother to win a Group race and trained to win [the fillies] Triple Crown for Tony McEvoy, while I was in Hong Kong," Hayes said of the mare who earned A\$6,516,821 in total.

"Then she came up to Hong Kong and was a Derby winner for me, and was Horse of the Year, and was 11 times Group 1 placed in Hong Kong, so sentiment most definitely played a part," Hayes confirmed.

And the price, Mr. Hayes?

"A million dollars in this market is not cheap at all, but I firmly believe that she has the quality. I liked her walk, and she looked like Elegant--that was the most important thing, the resemblance to Elegant," he said.

**Spirits Improve...**

Angus Gold, acting for Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Stud, was third-leading buyer, with 12 secured for A\$4,215,000. He commented that the atmosphere on the third day was markedly improved on the gloomy feel of day one.

"Obviously it started slowly, and there didn't seem to be anybody around, a lack of confidence, and I think it has recovered remarkably well," Gold commented. "Certainly I have not felt as much doom and gloom walking around here as there has been in Europe, generally. The atmosphere was palpably absent on the first day, and then yesterday felt tremendous."

Gold was one who was not surprised by the results, given some notable absentees from this year's Easter sale.

"It is bound to be subdued; last year was a freak year and there is no question it suffered with no [Bob] Ingham on the bigger horses and no Hong Kong Jockey Club purchasing in the mid-range," he said. "I thought vendors did a great job in taking stock after that first day, which felt so bad, so many bought back. A lot of vendors obviously went home and thought, 'Look, we are in the business of selling these horses, and we will have to meet the market and come down a bit; it is a different world we are playing in now'--then everybody was more sensible and they came down, and the market came up a bit to meet them, and that is very healthy. I stood up there most of the day yesterday and at no stage did I get the feeling, 'Oh we are in trouble.'"

**Reverse Role for Kia-Ora ...**

James Bester, believed to be acting on behalf of Malaysian telecommunications tycoon Ananda Krishnan, emerged as fourth leading buyer, with six purchased for A\$3,380,000 at an average of A\$563,333. Bester's purchases included a A\$1.4-million Redoute's Choice (Aus) colt out of MG1SP Winning Belle (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). Offered by Twin Palms Stud, the colt is a half-brother to an Encosta de Lago (Aus) colt knocked down here last year to trainer Tim Martin for A\$450,000. Bester also secured a Shamardal--Emerald Beauty (Aus) filly from Kanangra Stud for A\$65,000 in session two. The colt is a half-brother to recent winner Chosen One (Aus) (Choisir {Aus})), and has Group 1 winner Chlorophyll (Aus) (Zeditave {Aus}) as his second dam. Bester also purchased a A\$600,000 Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Virage (Aus) colt offered by Yarraman Park; the colt is a half-brother to MG1SW Virage de Fortune (Aus) (Anabaa), purchased for A\$70,000 as a yearling by Bester and sold at the Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale for A\$3.4 million to Darley.

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SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
Catalogued	110	182
No. Offered	104	163
No. Sold	86	133
RNAs	18	30
% RNA	17.3%	18.4%
High Price	A\$1,150,000	A\$2,700,000
Gross	A\$19,110,000	A\$59,140,000
Average (% change)	A\$222,209 (-50%)	A\$444,662
Median (% change)	A\$180,000 (-35.7%)	A\$280,000

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Bester also secured Hip 239, an Encosta de Lago--Snowdrift (Fr) colt offered by Tyreel for A\$300,000, and a Galileo (Ire)--One World (Aus) filly offered as Hip 139 by Coolmore, for A\$340,000.

Krishnan, a self-made billionaire, dominates the Malaysian business scene, and owns historic Kia-Ora Stud in the Segenhoe Valley near Scone. He was in attendance at the sale, accompanied throughout by Bester. Kia-Ora has been among the leading vendors at Easter for the past 10 years, but Krishnan has not been a significant yearling purchaser, although Kia Ora has amassed an enviable broodmare band at its lavishly appointed farm.

### ***Prizemoney the Key...***

Australia offers outstanding prizemoney, and that fact underpins the activity of a broad-based bench of international agents. Dermot Farrington is among those convinced that purses and a robust racing industry has softened the economic blow at the Easter sale.

"This is the end result of good prizemoney," Farrington said. "In Europe, the French sales have held up very well, and there is a lot of good prize money in France. They look after the end user, the owner, that's really it."

Shadwell Stud representative Angus Gold, who signed for 12 horses at an aggregate of A\$4.215 million, said, "We all know the one advantage here is the fantastic prizemoney on offer. Whatever is going on around the world, there is still fantastic prizemoney here, and somebody has to win it. There is something to run for, when you are dithering over whether to have another bid or not, there is always that carrot at the end of it, and we don't have that advantage in Europe." He added, "Something has got to win the Group 1 races."

BBA Ireland's Adrian Nicoll agreed that appealing purses combined with a sophisticated racing scene, was a big factor.

"The racing here is a huge help; it makes a lot more sense to race down here than it does in England, because the prizemoney there is peanuts, and here, you are running for a lot of money," Nicoll stated.

### ***X-Ray Consternation...***

With 57 withdrawals from 500 catalogued, Inglis Managing director Mark Webster suggested the X-ray repository, controversially introduced four years ago, was playing too large a part in proceedings.

"X-rays have to be taken within two weeks of the sale so they are current and, if there is an issue, vendors seem to be inclined just to withdraw the horse--so the traditional six- or seven-percent withdrawal becomes 10 percent," Webster said. "I just thought that people are relying too much on X-rays in the selection of yearlings."

Webster asserts that there are other influences.

"There are many factors that determine the success of a racehorse--conformation, pedigree and the type of animal, and X-rays just one aspect of that, but I think at the moment there is too much reliance on X-rays in the selection process," he said. "The feedback I am getting is that too many vets are saying 'yes' or 'no' rather than advising clients on the level of risk--low, medium or high. A horse might need six months in the paddock; that doesn't mean it won't be a racehorse.

"The issue is affecting clearance rates and scaring some vendors and leading to higher withdrawals--we probably need to talk with vets and publicize recent studies on X-ray issues and racetrack performance. All we are asking them to do is stick with gradings and not say 'yes or no,'" Webster concluded.

### ***Stud Fee Revisions Likely...***

Australia's major stallion farms will hold in-house summits in the coming days ahead of a rationalisation in stallion fees, particularly for top-end sires, that all agree is inevitable. Coolmore's Michael Kirwan said fee reductions have occurred worldwide.

"I don't think we will be any different to anywhere else in the world," he said, adding that the leading consignor by aggregate was pleased with the results for all of its sires.

Arrowfield's John Messara said, "We are going to meet tomorrow to debate it internally, and make an announcement by early next week. I can only speak for my farm, but we are cognizant of the marketplace, and we want to give our clients a chance to do well.

"Frankly, our clients didn't do too badly on the conception service fees--Flying Spur at A\$40,000, Hussonet at A\$38,500 and Charge Forward (Aus) at A\$22,500. Redoute's was problematical in that, although he had some exceptional results and still averaged close to A\$500,000 off a A\$250,000 fee, that was the end of the market that was really affected," Messara continued. "We have had this correction, and now we have a base we can work off. It was a crackerjack year and it probably wasn't sustainable, economic recession or not. It probably wasn't sustainable situation."

Messara knows that the stud farms are going to do what they have to do.

"We have got to cut our cloth accordingly, and that will include a re-assessment of service fees," he reasoned. "We need to sit back and look at this in the cold light of day and realize that there is still a sustainable market--if you have got the item, if you have mated your mare well, you can still do pretty well out of all this."

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## RINGSIDE... with Bronwyn Farr

### AUSHORSE DOING THEIR PART

Bloodstock markets worldwide are subdued as tough economic times permeate the industry, but the atmosphere in the brightly decorated Aushorse marquee at the Newmarket headquarters of Inglis & Son is decidedly upbeat.

Aushorse marketing manager Jo McKinnon and her smartly uniformed team are busily entertaining established and potential owners with fine Australian wine and gourmet nibbles, and McKinnon coordinated an impressive schedule of activities to promote racehorse ownership at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale. Initiatives included a behind-the-scenes look at the yearling sale process, inspection of prized yearlings, and talks by leading trainers and syndicators such as Gai Waterhouse and Vin Cox.

McKinnon embarked on a similar campaign at the recent Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, with guests hearing owner/breeder Tony Santic of Makybe speak, and participating in a "how to inspect a yearling" session. McKinnon says the gloomy economic climate means it is imperative to actively work to encourage new owners.

"You have got to keep momentum going at sales," she said. "We knew, inevitably, this sale would be down, but there was still a buoyant mood around the place; there were lots of people here. Okay, not everyone was buying horses, but there were people with a genuine interest in racing and potentially investing in a horse, whether at this sale, or another sale.

"We aim to keep the level of interest there, provide an insight and an introduction to to sales. Let's be honest--traditionally, a yearling sale complex is a pretty daunting place to step into. Where on earth does someone begin in their journey toward racehorses ownership if they don't know anyone in the industry, what ownership involves, and the process of purchasing a horse?" McKinnon concluded.

McKinnon said members of principal clubs, "high-net worth individuals, corporate, celebrities and sporting people" were invited.

"One highlight was listening to [trainer] Gai [Waterhouse] speak about how she assesses a yearling, what she looks for, and the yearling inspection with Vin Cox was the main reason a lot of our guests came [on Monday]--they found it fascinating," she said. "Gai and Tony Santic had a group look at the Galileo (Ire)--Makybe Diva (GB) colt, and it was extraordinary. That is our job, to bring these high profile racing identities closer to the public, and the group loved meeting them, hearing them talk and hopefully learning something," McKinnon enthused.

The response was strong, McKinnon said, and there's more to come.

"The next step is further introductions to trainers of their choice, Sydney or Melbourne, and I am also looking at doing some stud tours, taking them further into the inner sanctum of the breeding industry," McKinnon said. "Racing can be a bit of a closed shop in a lot of ways, particularly at this level. Racing is a bit of a lottery, isn't it? You can have a yearling and tick every box, and at the end of the day there are certain things you can't determine or control that dictate success or lack of," McKinnon reflected.

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

#### Trainer Tim Martin

"There was good quality here. I didn't think the colts were as good as they were last year, to be honest, but we are very happy with our purchases, and we think we have gotten good value for horses that will run."

#### Brian Nutt, Attunga Stud

"I think like any sale, the right horses--the better horses--are selling well, there seems to be strong demand for the really well-bred fillies. If you have got the right article here, I think we are getting just as much money as we were in previous years, so overall I don't think it has been such a bad sale. We have cleared everything. We have had to bring our expectations back a little bit. We are not at the top end of the market, and we had three horses sold for A\$90,000, A\$100,000 and A\$110,000. At least we are not taking them home, and I suppose we are not the type of farm that is exposed to the big service fees, at least. With those sort of prices, not only has everyone got out of their investment, but they have covered their costs and made a little bit."

#### Kieran Moore, agent and advisor to Cressfield Stud

"I would rather be a buyer than a seller. We (Cressfield) have had one passed in, which we will probably sell. We are quite happy with what has happened under hard circumstances. We have managed to get them sold. In the present economic situation I guess this was to be expected."

#### Trainer Neville Begg

"All I can say is that if you can find a nice horse they are still very hard to buy. I know the market is down, but to me I think they are still bringing pretty fair prices."

#### Trainer David Hayes

"Considering the world situation, I thought it was tough but fair."



What They're Saying cont.

**Michael Kirwan, general manager, Coolmore Stud**

"If you take everything into consideration, it was a very good sale; vendors should be very happy and buyers should be very happy. If you analyse the first day, the last 30 or 40 lots didn't get sold, so probably it wasn't a true reflection of day one. Across the board, I think the buying bench was strong."

**Agent James Bester**

"While obviously vendors did take a bit of a beating in many cases, from a buyer's point of view, every time I went into the ring to buy a horse, there seemed to be very tough competition. It was very difficult to buy those horses (and) I had to give as much for them, in a number of cases, as I believe they might have made last year, so there is demand. The market appears to have contracted, but there is demand for the very best. And then the horses that don't quite fit that category are difficult to sell. Overall, it has to be seen as an encouraging result in the current economic climate."

**Adrian Nicoll, BBA Ireland**

"In this climate it has held up very well. The first day was a bit disappointing, but you have got an average of A\$275,000, and that is about 140,000-150,000 sterling, and I would say a lot of people would be happy to have that result. It was always going to be down, there are a few significant buyers missing."

**John Messara, Arrowfield Stud**

"In the circumstances, it was a promising sale, with an 80-percent clearance rate, and the average looks like being down around 33 percent, and that is the range that I was looking at. After the first day I didn't think we would get anywhere close to it. At the end of the day, I think we are in the upper range of where we could have been. There was a fair bit of trepidation in the early part of the sale--there always is. But this year, more than ever, because of the economic situation."



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**THE VOID IN RACING'S STRUCTURE**

Tomorrow starts the Masters golf tournament. Millions of people will watch this great show and then go out and increase their participation in golf.

The Masters is the premier event in the structure of golf. When it started, there was no PGA Tour, just a bunch of golfers being jerked from one event to the next, kind of like racehorse owners today.

When the major league PGA Tour was established, they decided the Masters, The PGA and the U.S. Open should remain separate, distinct events. In the Masters, the players' strategy on the course and greens at Augusta is just about as important as their ball-striking ability.

Satish Sanan is the major player working on a strategic plan for the Breeders' Cup.

At question is whether the Breeders' Cup should continue as the "Masters" of Thoroughbred racing, or should it try to expand and take on the role of the major league "PGA Tour" in our sport?

Last Monday, *TDN* delivered an insightful interview with the Breeders' Cup's Sanan and management consultant William Field (*TDN* March 30, 2009; [click here](#)). Bill Finley asked good questions and received candid answers, but missing was the question and answer about the most basic issue for our sport--structure.

As a board member, Sanan has a responsibility to Breeders' Cup, Ltd. But, as someone with a major investment in racing and breeding, I think he also has a burning desire to make Thoroughbred racing successful, regardless of the vehicle.

Watching the TV drama "Law and Order," my ears go up when the judge says "I'm afraid you opened the door on that issue, counselor." That's the signal the direction of the show is about to change. I think the interview was an attempt to reach out and "open the door" for all of us to provide some input.

Development of this strategic plan has the potential to not only determine what is best for the Breeders' Cup, but to seek out and reveal what is best for Thoroughbred racing.

We should not limit this exercise by the restrictions of how racing is structured today.

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### ***Structure Matters...***

John Gaines was a smart man. He recognized a void in the structure of racing. There was no season-ending event. No Super Bowl for racing. He created the Breeders' Cup to fill that void.

The Breeders' Cup wasn't a slam-dunk. In August 1982, I came downstairs in Mr. Gaines's home in Saratoga to find he had not slept that night. He told me the chairman of NYRA was trying to kill the Breeders' Cup because he thought it would hurt the status of Belmont's fall racing program.

Every new idea has problems. Some people may have valid reasons to oppose it, such as NYRA. Others may not understand it; some just hate change, and then others have a differing opinion.

The truth is, the Breeders' Cup was going to hurt the status of NYRA's fall race program. The decision to continue on with the Breeders' Cup was made under extreme pressure, but the stallion managers and breeders stood up and made the right call.

For those in the industry who feel unity is the answer, the Breeders' Cup would not have started if unity were a pre-requisite. Recognizing a great idea and supporting it with leadership is, and always has been, the right answer.

The Breeders' Cup was the breeding side's gift to the sport. They funded it with their stallion and foal nominations so that their customers--racehorse owners--only needed to keep their horses eligible to enjoy the benefits of the new, rich Super Bowl for racing.

I worked with Mr. Gaines in the early days of the Breeders' Cup. We had a plan to aggressively promote and establish both an image of early success and high television ratings for the big day; however, a new board soon stripped all promotional funds from the budget. The victory Mr. Gaines had won over NYRA had consequences and he was forced to step down from management of the organization he created for the industry.

### ***How the Breeders' Cup Is Unique...***

The Breeders' Cup introduced modern sport's practices into racing. These practices have never been duplicated or built upon by mainstream racing, which explains why the sport continues to fall.

First, it changed the racing product by packaging and presenting only the highest-level races on a single race card. That's the major league model. You don't see YMCA basketball presented on the same day with the NBA.

Secondly, the Breeders' Cup contracted with the host tracks and instead of splitting revenue with them, acquired their commercial rights and took all the risks by paying the track for use of its facility. Once again, they used the major league model.

Thirdly, the Breeders' Cup demanded 50 percent of the takeout from off-track bets. That meant instead of the customary 3 percent, the receiving tracks would have to pay 8-10 percent. The bet-taking tracks didn't like it, but their off-track customers wanted the Breeders' Cup races, so they agreed to the 50/50 split at a time when off-track was a minor part of total revenue. Today off-track is 90 percent of all handle and it provides major funding for the Breeders' Cup.

Recently, I have written about the Upside Down off-track wagering model (*TDN* July 17, 2008) and (*TDN* March 10, 2009)

(<http://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/members/oped/>) that is killing the rest of the sport. We need to correct the Interstate Horseracing Act (IHA) so that host events, not bet takers, start getting the lion's share of wagering on their racing product.

Regardless of what direction racing takes for the future, repairing the business model on off-track wagering is the first step before anything good can happen in racing. Our organizations, particularly the Breeders' Cup, must call for correcting the IHA.

The Breeders' Cup could fund its Special Stakes Program from the increase it would see from being able to accept wagering direct from the customer. Without correcting the IHA, I doubt the off-track bet takers would allow the Breeders' Cup to expand its 50/50 split beyond the one weekend of Championship Days.

The Special Stakes provided increased opportunity for nominated horses, but the series also provided the glue to secure the 50/50 off-track split with the receiving tracks.

While the Breeders' Cup follows a major league model with only high-level races on its race card, the Special Stakes races it provides to the tracks the rest of the year do not. The power of the Breeders' Cup brand does not transfer to a single race in a mixed-quality race card. In fact, the association with inferior races damages the brand.

Once the IHA is corrected and host events start having an economic incentive to put on a good show, there is great opportunity for the Breeders' Cup Special Stakes to lead the way in how the race card is packaged and presented.

### ***Since the Breeders' Cup...***

The Breeders' Cup filled one void in the structure of racing, but the other void still has not been filled.

Thoroughbred racing is the only sport without a major league structure.

Since the creation of the Breeders' Cup, there has been one plan for a major league structure within racing.

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We are all products of our education and lived experiences. My experience in sport's marketing, commercial rights and the Breeders' Cup, along with studying the success of the Japan Racing Association (JRA) and the PGA Tour, led me to create a major league for racing called the National Thoroughbred Association (NTA).

The NTA was going to bring dramatic changes to racing. It would have used the commercial rights of racehorse owners to the same effect as the PGA Tour in golf. It would have packaged and presented racing in a modern sport's model similar to the JRA, where only high-level races are presented on the weekends when the public is most available to attend. It would have borrowed the Breeders' Cup model for a 50/50 share of off-track wagering to fund its operations and grow the sport.

My opportunity to work with Mr. Gaines produced many great career experiences that I would not trade, however, the association also resulted in problems with the same folks who ushered him out of the Breeders' Cup. They found a way to stop the NTA, although it was supported by the world's leading owners.

I apologize to the individuals who believed in and put up money to start the NTA. It is the first time in America that the owners of the talent failed after starting a major league in their sport. The members of the NTA board caved to weak pressure and betrayed the racehorse owners. Those individuals will have to live with what they did to the sport.

It is inevitable a major league in racing will be operated in America. It is just a question of when and what will be the structure. That is the opportunity Sannan can explore now.

### ***The Role of the Breeders' Cup...***

Several years ago, I wrote a piece recommending the Breeders' Cup expand its role and start a major league-style Tour. I advocated this because, at that time, there seemed no other way to overcome the stranglehold off-track bet takers had over host events in America.

My recommendation ignored the structural problem of the Breeders' Cup being a breeders' organization. In every sport with a major league, it is the owners of the talent who have the rights and control the league. In racing, that is the racehorse owners.

Since writing that piece I have figured out a way to correct the IHA so that host events will start getting the lion's share of off-track revenue. Ultimately, the host event could start taking wagers direct from customers, providing a virtual on-track model.

So today, I recommend the Breeders' Cup continue in its premier role as the "Masters" in the structure of Thoroughbred racing. And, for the Breeders' Cup to advocate correcting the IHA for their own benefit, the benefit of all live racing, and the benefit of starting up a racehorse owners' major league in America.

When the management consultant, Mr. Field, meets with the Breeders' Cup board, he certainly has a responsibility to those who hired him, but he also has a responsibility to educate and advise them about sports marketing.

Sports marketing begins with the commercial rights to the talent.

It appears to me the Breeders' Cup is much like the Masters in golf...they don't own the rights to the talent. They would have to get racehorse owners to assign their rights over to them.

The Masters does not have the commercial rights to Tiger Woods and the other players. It acquires their rights before they walk onto Augusta.

Could the Masters, a.k.a. Augusta National, expand to take on the role of the PGA Tour? No. Tiger and his fellow members on the Tour would say, "Thanks, but we don't see any reason to sign our rights over to you and have all the money go back to Augusta National. We are the highest level of talent and, like other major leagues, we are going to use our rights to the direct benefit of our members and the sport."

Racehorse owners own the commercial rights to their property, the horses. In the world of sports marketing, it is established that the owners of racecars acquire the commercial rights of the driver of their car while he is performing his duties in auto racing. The same would hold for the jockeys performing their duties in major league races. The major league, like the Breeders' Cup, can then contract with the tracks and aggregate all rights.

Breeders have nothing to gain individually by expanding the Breeders' Cup into a major league. Think about it.

The Breeders' Cup revenue flows through to purses, which are won by racehorse owners. So, instead of creating an artificial solution, we need to set it up right the first time, with a direct, natural solution.

If racehorse owners have success, that success flows to the breeders in the form of pedigree connections, stallion prospects, bloodstock and racing prospects. This is how breeders gain from the growth and development of racing.

New people used to come into our industry through racing. Lately, the new people coming in are choosing the breeding side. Why? Because they can compete with their peers in the sales ring and have less financial risks than currently exist in racing.

We need new racehorse owners, not new competitors for our breeders.

A major league racehorse owners association will increase purses and make the sport of Thoroughbred racing attractive, exciting and--profitable.



### Governance of the Breeders' Cup...

With a little institutional memory, I offer these suggestions on governance.

The Breeders' Cup is the story of stallion managers. They started it and their contribution to the only successful structure in racing today should not be overshadowed or eroded.

The two stakeholders in the Breeders' Cup are the nominating stallion and mare owners. Their role needs to be solidified and strengthened. This is their event and their gift to the sport, which they have funded from day one.

Racing fans and bettors are not stakeholders in the Breeders' Cup--they are customers. The customer is king and that is the relationship they should have with the governing board. The racehorse owners who enjoy the benefits of the Breeders' Cup are also customers. Many of these owners are also breeders and thus have opportunity there to serve as board members.

Tracks are leveraged by the Breeders Cup, and thus to avoid conflict of interests, their owners and employees should not be members of the board; but perhaps members of an advisory board/committee along with fans, bettors, racehorse owners, jockeys, trainers, vets, tote companies, racing commissioners, etc.

If independent expertise is needed on the Breeders' Cup board, those individuals should be free of conflict of interests in the industry and not invested in bloodstock or racing.

The Breeders' Cup is linked with the direction of the sport. The success or failure of racing will have more influence on the future of the organization and its events than the incremental advantages of management expertise and planning, although they are certainly important.

Thus, the best strategy for those governing the Breeders' Cup is a strategic plan to fill the void in racing by partnering with, and assisting, racehorse owners in the establishment and nurturing of a new major league.

Until breeders admit and agree that racehorse owners, the owners of the talent, should take control of the highest level of the sport, we will continue the insanity of doing the same thing over and over again, while expecting a different result.

Our industry is falling fast and the chance to get this right is fleeting. You need someone of vision to spell out in writing exactly where racing needs to land. That's what you want to know. Then a plan to get there will be a piece of cake.

The learning curve on the business of American racing is incredibly steep. Accomplished competitors in my business have come in and fallen flat on their faces. It doesn't make sense to them. It isn't just the off-track business model that is upside down. But, as crazy and dysfunctional as racing has been, a new structure can change everything to normal. Then we can bring in professionals who know how normal works.

This industry has the resources to do whatever needs to be done. We are the only country in the world with the freedom to structure racing just the way we want it. In all other countries, government or a Jockey Club determines the structure of racing.

Are we going to continue to escape from freedom? Once we structure racing correctly, the sport will grow faster than you can imagine, because it doesn't have any limits. While government does not structure our sport, it favors it with a monopoly on gambling and it allows it on-track, off-track, in the home, or from the golf course.

The Breeders' Cup can become the catalyst for this change. By my associations, I have been in exile from the Breeders' Cup for 26 years, however, I would like to help. I hope these suggestions are useful and find their mark.

Enjoy the Masters and think about what can be done when we properly structure our sport.

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Foal born Feb. 26, a filly by Stormy Atlantic.

Will be bred back to Indygo Shiner.

Owned by Lanni Bloodstock, LLC.

Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$196,806.

**PEOPLE'S PRINCESS**, 13, Meadowlake--Cassowary, by Cormorant

Foal born Feb. 27, a filly by Unbridled's Song.

Will be bred back to Indian Charlie.

Owned by Frank and Jane Lyon.

Boarded at Summer Wind Farm.

Accomplishments: GSW of \$339,175. Dam of Carolyn's Cat (Forestry), GSW, \$196,495.

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**KEENELAND TO HAVE SAFETY REVIEW** The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has announced that Keeneland Race Course will be the second U.S. racetrack to be inspected as part of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance accreditation process. An inspection team will conduct its survey at the Lexington oval Apr. 9 and 10; a review of Churchill Downs took place Monday. The on-site visit will include inspection of all facets of the facility and interviews with track officials, racetrack personnel, jockeys, owners, trainers and stewards, among others. Keeneland's inspection team will feature veterinarian Ronald Jensen; Frank Lamb and Mike Ziegler, the executive director of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. "The on-site inspection is a key component of Alliance accreditation," said Ziegler. "It is the best measure of confirming that important health and safety policies are being properly and sufficiently executed." The next tracks slated to undergo Alliance review are Arlington Park, Belmont Park, Calder Race Course, Delaware Park, Hollywood Park and Pimlico. For more information about the Safety and Integrity Alliance, visit [www.NTRAalliance.com](http://www.NTRAalliance.com).

**MJC, MTHA REACH ADW AGREEMENT** The Maryland Jockey Club and the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association have reached account wagering agreements with advance deposit wagering companies YouBet, XpressBet and Twin Spires. While all details of the new agreements have not been released, they will cover wagers placed on live races conducted at Maryland Jockey Club tracks, as well as wagers placed by Maryland residents on races in other states. "I am delighted with these new agreements," said MTHA President Richard J. Hoffberger. "They are fair, address our joint concerns about the economics of racing and will benefit all parties. We have developed a joint sense of commitment and trust that will enable us to work together positively in the future. I am particularly pleased that these agreements will enhance the distribution of our product." Tom Chuckas, president and chief operating officer of the MJC, added, "We are pleased to have reached a fair settlement on this issue. The real winners are the fans, who will be able to enjoy races at both Pimlico and Laurel Park on a multitude of platforms. The ability of Maryland residents to wager on our local product and out-of-town races is paramount to us." Laurel's winter meet concludes Apr. 11, while Pimlico kicks off its spring meet Apr. 18.

The Jockey Club Board of Stewards has unanimously endorsed the following statement from Ogden Mills Phipps, the chairman of The Jockey Club.

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★ EAST ★

**9th-PHA, \$51,140, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.**

**PUDDY DE LUCA (f, 3, Hold That Tiger--Vaulted Numbers, by Polish Numbers)** was claimed for \$25,000 at Philadelphia Park in her debut Feb. 16, leading at every call to win by 5 1/4 lengths. Entered back in a starter allowance Mar. 16, she showed good speed once again to win by 7 1/2 lengths. The chestnut went off as the 6-5 chalk to remain unbeaten here. She stalked up the backstretch the pace in third outside the dueling leaders before pulling to the lead at the three-eighths. After drifting out at the top of the stretch, the favorite straightened her course and remained under a tight hold to defeat Mary's Follies (Petionville) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$75,600.

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**BAYAKOA S.**, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	My Heavenly Sign	Forest Camp	Jones	10-1
2	Devil House	Chester House	Whiting	6-1
3	Holistic	Holy Bull	Peitz	12-1
4	Clever Strike	Smart Strike	Don Von Hemel	20-1
5	Euphony	Forest Wildcat	DK Von Hemel	3-1
6	Tammy's Victress	Yankee Victor	Jones	5-1
7	Stealin' Kisses	Sky Mesa	Lukas	20-1
8	Distinctive Dixie	Fusaichi Pegasus	W Dollase	8-1
9	Alina	Came Home	Asmussen	2-1
10	Lindsey's Wish	Trippi	K Von Hemel	15-1

**Euphony** will put her undefeated record over this track at risk here in her first start against elders. The dark bay opened her career with three straight wins at Oaklawn, including the Instant Racing S. a year ago. A four-time stakes winner, she enters this race off three consecutive stakes wins, and was last seen taking the Remington Park Oaks on turf Oct. 18. **Alina**, an easy winner of the Goddess S. over the Delta Downs bullring Feb. 28 last out, was second to the ill-fated GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Eight Belles (Unbridled's Song) in the GII Fantasy S. over this course and distance last year.

**Night Racing, New Wagers Approved at Churchill:**

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission has granted Churchill Downs permission to conduct three sessions of night racing at its upcoming spring meet. The night racing sessions will be held June 19, June 26 and July 2. The KHRC also approved two new wagers at the Louisville oval: a 50-cent Pick 4 wager that will be offered every day; and new multi-day \$1 Pick 3 wager that links the first three Grade I races at the meet, the GI Kentucky Oaks, GI Kentucky Derby and GI Woodford Reserve Turf Classic. "This is a very important day for Churchill Downs, and we appreciate the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's approval and enthusiasm for our night racing plan," said Churchill General Manager Jim Gates. "Early reaction from our community, neighbors around the track and our horsemen to our night racing plans has been very positive, and we look forward to an exciting and historic night on June 19 when racing under the lights is conducted for the first time in the 135-year history of Churchill Downs."

**Ellis Meet to Run 23 Days:**

Ellis Park, originally slated to conduct a 48-day race meet in 2009, will now offer only 23 days of live racing after meeting with Kentucky Horse Racing Commission officials. The request was made after racetracks in neighboring states received major purse increases from alternative gaming, and Ellis Park sought to minimize the amount of races offered in order to maintain purse levels. "Having the 23 days will enable us to race this season, and we are very pleased about that and hope the community is as well," said Ellis Park owner Ron Geary. According to a press release, the Henderson, Kentucky, oval "will race primarily on Saturdays and Sundays between July 11 and Labor Day, Sept. 7. The exception will be two weeks in July (16th-26th) in which Ellis Park will offer Thursday-Sunday racing. Those two weeks in July do not overlap with Indiana horse racing tracks. Ellis Park also opted out of the July 4 weekend due to the overlap with the Churchill Downs and Indiana Downs race meets."

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**BC Offering 'Stimulus Plan' Nominations Discount:**

The Breeders' Cup has announced that it will offer a \$100 discount off the standard \$500 nomination fee for all 2009 foals nominated on-line to the Breeders' Cup program by Aug. 1. "In these difficult economic times, we want to show our appreciation to our nominators, at all levels, for their loyal and continued support over the years by providing a one-time 20 percent discount for early on-line nomination," said Greg Avioli president and CEO of Breeders Cup Ltd. "As part of this program we want to encourage electronic nominations, which are far more efficient and economical for both the nominators and the organization than forms sent via the mail. We also want to reward nominators who commit their foals to the program earlier in the year." The organization revealed that approximately 3,500 of the 14,602 foals nominated in 2008 were done prior to Aug. 1. The standard \$500 nomination deadline remains Oct. 15, while a late nomination may be made by Dec. 15 for \$1,500. For more information, go to [www.breederscup.com](http://www.breederscup.com).

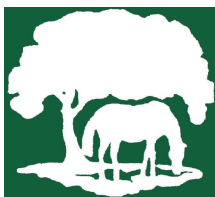
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Pure Clan (Pure Prize), 3f, :36.00, 3/11

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 Empressive Lady (Empire Maker), 4f, :48.40, 2/18  
 Golden Doc A (Unusual Heat), 5f, :59.60, 4/15  
 Jeranimo (Congaree), 5f, 1:00, 7/15  
 Riley Tucker (Harlan's Holiday), 6f, 1:12.20, 1/9  
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*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ACTION THIS DAY** (Kris S.), Spendthrift, \$10K, 148/16/1  
6-TAM, Alw, 1mT, Soft Music, 7-2
- BIRDSTONE** (Grindstone), Gainesway, \$10K, 114/19/4  
8-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Heir to the Stone, \$5K SAR AUG yrl, 1-1  
9-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Milord, 15-1
- BOWMAN'S BAND** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$6K, 101/10/1  
9-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Strings and Arrows, \$23K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1
- CANDY RIDE (ARG)** (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 215/29/4  
8-KEE, Stk, 7f, Evita Argentina, 2-1
- CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 279/51/1  
4-EVD, Msw, 5f, Make It Easy, \$19K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- CITY PLACE** (Storm Cat), Hartley, 89/11/0
- CUVEE** (Carson City), Gainesway, \$10K, 208/28/2  
4-EVD, Msw, 5f, Star of War, \$97K OBS FEB 2yo, 4-1
- DURING** (Cherokee Run), Claiborne, \$5K, 112/14/0  
9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Forward Motion, 15-1
- EVEN THE SCORE** (Unbridled's Song), Millennium, \$9K, 170/22/3  
7-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Two Steppin' Tango, \$30K EAS SEP yrl
- GARNERED** (Holy Bull), Naylee, \$3K, 33/2/0  
5-CT, Msw, 7f, +Doc. Howard, 12-1  
9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Garnered Ice, 8-1
- GREAT NOTION** (Elusive Quality), Northview, \$4K, 70/6/1  
9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Great Norton, \$1,000 EAS SEP yrl, 6-1
- LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/50/5  
8-LRL, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Heckuva Hunter, \$70K FTS AUG yrl, 8-5  
3-AQU, Alw, 6 1/2f, Purrfect Bluff, \$100K ESM AY 2yo, 3-1
- OMEGA CODE** (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 175/27/1  
4-EVD, Msw, 5f, Appealingtome, 7-2  
4-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Mini Goal, \$7K OBS JUN 2yo, 7-2
- PEACE RULES** (Jules), Vinery, \$15K, 187/33/2  
4-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Peacephilly, \$4K OBS JUN 2yo, 30-1
- READ THE FOOTNOTES** (Smoke Glacken), Sequel NY, \$9K, 108/19/1  
7-GP, Alw, 1mT, Tailbytherail, 4-1  
9-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, Baby Gorilla, \$37K NEW OCT wnl, 10-1
- SAARLAND** (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 148/13/1  
4-AQU, Msw, 6 1/2f, Saarlandisourland, \$20K SAR AUG yrl, 10-1  
3-AQU, Alw, 6 1/2f, Saarligh, 1-1  
7-OP, Alw, 1 1/16m, Mein Fraulein, \$27K KEE SEP yrl
- SPANISH STEPS** (Unbridled), Martin Stables, \$5K, 103/12/0  
4-EVD, Msw, 5f, Senorita Elena, \$4K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

- SPEIGHTSTOWN** (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 195/30/5  
9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Old Man Bill, \$14K ESM AY 2yo, 5-2
- TEN MOST WANTED** (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 118/10/0  
9-EVD, Aoc, 6f, Our Sassy Ten, 3-1
- TENPINS** (Smart Strike), Walmac, \$7K, 126/17/2  
3-EVD, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Jo Jo Jewel, \$70K TEX AUG yrl, 10-1
- THE CLIFF'S EDGE** (Gulch), Vinery, \$2K, 125/18/1  
8-KEE, Stk, 7f, Dave's Revenge, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- TOCCE** (Awesome Again), Castleton Lyons, \$15K, 157/27/0  
8-LRL, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Tossabouquet, \$5K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN PERU:**

**Sparkling Oro**, f, 3, **Van Nistelrooy**--Sec Secrets (MSP, \$112,426), by Triple Sec. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 4-5, Cond, 9.5fT, 1:55 4/5. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$3,600. O-Stud Couet; B-Mr & Mrs Kenneth P Stripling, Theodore Kuster & Dr Jack Allen (KY); T-Juan Suarez. \*\$2,700 yrl '07 FTKOCT.

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**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8:**

- 04-16 \$100,000 **Appalachian-III, Kee, 3yo, f, 8fT (100)**
- 04-17 \$100,000 **Doubledogdare-III, Kee, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (AWT) (100)**
- 04-18 \$325,000 **Coolmore Lexington-II, Kee, 3yo, 8.5f (AWT) (200)**
- 04-25 \$100,000 **Derby Trial-III, CD, 3yo, 7.5f (100)**
- 04-30 \$100,000 **Kentucky Juvenile-III, CD, 2yo, 5f (100)**
- 05-01 \$350,000 **Louisville Distaff-II, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (200)**
- 05-01 \$150,000 **Alysheba-III, CD, 3yo/up, 8.5f (150)**
- 05-01 \$150,000 **American Turf-III, CD, 3yo, 8.5fT (150)**
- 05-01 \$100,000 **Aegon Turf Sprint-III, CD, 3yo/up, 5f (100)**
- 05-01 \$100,000 **Edgewood, CD, 3yo, f, 8.5fT (100)**
- 05-02 \$300,000 **Humana Distaff-I, CD, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f (300)**
- 05-02 \$250,000 **Churchill Downs-II, CD, 4yo/up, 7f (250)**
- 05-02 \$200,000 **Churchill Distaff Turf Mile-II, CD, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT (200)**
- 05-02 \$100,000 **Eight Belles-III, CD, 3yo, f, 7.5f (100)**



**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 9:**

- 04-18 \$200,000 **Santa Barbara H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 10fT (200)**

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**DONCASTER OPTIMISTIC AHEAD OF BREEZE-UP**

Doncaster Bloodstock Sales launch their Breeze-Up Sale today with Managing Director Henry Beeby in typically upbeat mood. With the introduction of the Breeze-Up Bonus Scheme, which offers a £10,000 bonus for a winning two-year-old graduate, the man at the helm of DBS is accentuating the positives. "The 2009 catalogue reads really well on paper, and our inspection team are confident that we have the physical specimens to match these impressive pedigrees," Beeby commented. "I am in no doubt that these breezers will carry on the top class reputation of this sale, and the introduction of the Breeze-Up Bonus Scheme will benefit purchasers at this sale more than any other as the early type of two-year-old that is the focus at DBS are exactly those which will benefit from the introduction of this new initiative." Already boasting Europe's first Classic-winning breezer in the 2006 G1 1000 Guineas heroine Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), as well as the previous year's G1 Prix de l'Opera scorer Kinnaird (Ire) (Dr Devious {Ire}), this date in the calendar was given greater gravity last year courtesy of the exploits of Paco Boy (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}). The G1 Prix de la Foret winner was joined on last year's honor roll by the G2 Norfolk S. scorer South Central (Forest Camp), G2 Richmond S. victor Prolific (Ire) (Compton Place {GB}) and G2 Flying Childers S. heroine Madam Trop Vite (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Beeby added, "Europe's leading Breeze-Up for winners became the first of its kind to sell a Classic winner in 2006 when Speciosa won the 1000 Guineas, and these results have been backed up by a truly incredible 2008. The barometer of any sale is success on the racecourse and five Group winners--which includes the Group 1 success of Paco Boy and four group-winning two-year-olds--is a measure of the quality that can be found when buying a breezer at DBS." Selling takes place today at 11 a.m., with the breezes having been staged yesterday. Full catalogue and updates can be found at [www.dbsauctions.com](http://www.dbsauctions.com)



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**DONCASTER BREEZE-UP SALE**

Hip 7, c, Pastoral Pursuits (GB)--Midnight Angel (GB), by Machiavellian

*Consigned by Bansha House Stables*

This March-foaled colt from Con Marnane's draft is ready to make an instant impact as a half to the 2007 G1 Middle Park S. and G2 Mill Reef S. winner Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). His freshman sire (by Bahamian Bounty {GB}) took the G3 Sirenia S. as a juvenile.

Hip 84, c, **War Chant**--Bold Classic, by Pembroke

*Consigned by Mocklershill*

By the sire of the recent impressive Lincoln H. winner Espresso Star, this is the first foal out of a winning half-sister to the aforementioned Speciosa and Major Rhythm, whose top-class pedigree includes the brilliant Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre).

Hip 88, c, **Pivotal** (GB)--Brigitta (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

*Consigned by Mocklershill*

Willie Browne's operation consign another highlight in this sole son of Cheveley Park's heavyweight to be offered today. His second dam is the prolific Kanmary (Fr), who produced the 1998 G1 Racing Post Trophy winner and sire Commander Collins (Ire) by Sadler's Wells, as well as Colonel Collins, Lit de Justice and City Leader (Ire).

Hip 89, c, **Forest Camp**--Brittan Lee, by Forty Niner

*Consigned by Brown Island Stables*

This is a full-sibling of the aforementioned South Central by a sire who has a quartet of representatives on offer today. His extended family includes Came Home (Gone West) and fellow GISW Marylebone (Unbridled's Song).

Hip 118, f, **Bertolini**--Factice, by Known Fact

*Consigned by Mocklershill*

Another notable from Mocklershill, this is a March-foaled half to the 2007 G1 2000 Guineas hero Cockney Rebel (Ire) (Val Royal {Fr}). Bertolini has been responsible for some top sprinters so far, such as Donna Blini (GB), Moorhouse Lad (GB) and Prime Defender (GB). Early signs in 2009 point to more success over the coming months.

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British report cont.

**Yesterday's Result:**

**Pontefract, 14.10, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, 10f 6ydsT, 2:14.72, gd/fm.**

**CHAPTER AND VERSE (IRE) (c, 3, One Cool Cat--Beautiful Hill {Ire}, by Danehill)** went off as the 4-7 pick coming back from a sixth at Doncaster Oct. 24. Positioned in a stalking second for most of this seasonal return, he came under a drive in early stretch and stayed on in determined fashion to best the errant Mt Kintyre (Ire) (Mull of Kintyre) by a neck. With this success, Chapter and Verse--a €80,000 GOFNOV foal and a €140,000 GOFMIL yearling--provided trainer Barry Hills with a 3000th career victory. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, £6,144.

O-Jack Hanson & Sir Alex Ferguson; B-Stuart Weld; T-Barry Hills.



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**AUSTRALASIA**



**PADDED WHIPS TO BE MANDATED IN NZ**

The Board of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has given its approval for consultation on amending the Rules to institute mandatory use of padded whips in races, trials and trackwork, beginning Aug. 1. Trials of the proposed padded whips have been conducted, and consultation has taken place with the New Zealand Trainers Association (NZTA) and the New Zealand Jockeys Association (NZJA). Paul Bittar, Chief Executive of NZTR, welcomed the Board's approval. "In taking this step, NZTR has importantly recognized the critical issue of horse welfare. We should not forget that a number of other major racing jurisdictions have already made padded whips mandatory, and now we have started the process of aligning our Rules with theirs." Reid Sanders, NZTR Chief Stipendiary Steward and Integrity Manager, stated: "NZTR started this process exactly one year ago, and I am delighted that we have reached this point. We are especially grateful to all the jockeys who took part in the trials and provided very helpful feedback."

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Tigger the Tiger**, g, 3, Burbank--Sister's Recital, by Our Recital. WRD, 4-6, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-Beth Klaus (OK).  
**Malibu Dream**, c, 3, Malibu Moon--Sideways (MSP, \$188,549), by Defrere. PHA, 4-7, (C), 7f, 1:25 4/5. B-Kenneth P Posco (KY). \*\$65,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL.  
**Chelsea's Lincoln**, f, 3, Muldoon--Herecomesaclassact, by Here We Come. WRD, 4-6, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-Joyce Tackett (OK). \*1/2 to Oklahoma Tradition (Expense Account), SP, \$151,200.  
**Hot Rod Tutt**, g, 3, Untutable--Hot Rod Helen, by Regal Search. TAM, 4-7, 1mT, 1:37 3/5. B-G G Campbell (FL). \*Full to Arealhotlover, SW, \$146,567; and 1/2 to Fast Lisa (Sword Dance {Ire}), SW, \$129,320.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE S ★

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Storm Chispazo (Arg)**, c, 2, Bernstein--Chimera (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). San Isidro, 4-5, Mdn, 8fT, 1:35.95. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0. O-Stud Las Hormigas; B-Haras La Biznaga; T-A G Dassie.  
**Storm Peltre (Arg)**, c, 2, Bernstein--Ma Peine (Arg), by Mountdrago (Arg). San Isidro, 4-5, Cond, 6fT, 1:11.02. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0. O-Stud Rubio B; B-Haras La Biznaga; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.  
**Mancadilla (Arg)**, f, 2, Pure Prize--Magic Wand (Chi), by Golden Voyager. Palermo, 4-4, Stk, Final Copa Bullrich Potrancas, 7f, 1:25.25. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. O/B-Haras Carampangue; T-Agustin Pavlovksky. \*Mancadilla took Argentina's richest race for Copa Bullrich Yearling Sale filly graduates by six lengths.  
**Bottom Line (Arg)**, c, 2, Thunder Gulch--Remarkable Style, by Danzig. Palermo, 4-6, Mdn, 6f, 1:09.43. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O-Stud I Am Glad; B-Haras De La Pomme; T-Jorge Valdivieso.

**IN BRAZIL:**

**Renian (Arg)**, c, 3, Redattore (Brz)--Gold Funds (Brz), by Reve Dore. Gavea, 4-5, Cond, 6.5f, 1:21.14. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0. O-Stud Arare; B-Interbanc Agropecuaria Ltda; T-J. C. Sampaio.



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**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Lyon La Soie, 15.35, €40,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:30.12, stn.**

**BENJAMIN (FR) (g, 4, Highest Honor {Fr}--Mia's Baby, by Rahy)** Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 3 wins, 8 places, €67,850. O/T-Luis Urbano Grajales; B-Haras de Manneville. \*€46,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Tryanon (Fr), c, 2, Le Triton--Juan Gris (Fr), by Subotica (Fr).** Lyon La Soie, France, 4-7, Mdn, 2yo, 4f 165yds (AWT). B-Ecurie Biraben & J Vayssier.

+ **Ingleby Lady (GB), f, 3, Captain Rio (GB)--Petra Nova (GB), by First Trump (GB).** Pontefract, Britain, 4-7, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Hellwood Stud Farm. \*15,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC; 24,000gns yrl '07 DONSEP.

**Select (Ire), f, 3, Choisir (Aus)--Intercession (GB), by Bluebird.** Pontefract, Britain, 4-7, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Mohammad Al Qatami & Hugo Merry. \*40,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. \*\*SP-Eng.

**Saree (Fr), c, 3, Kouroun (Fr)--Queen Shara (Fr), by Welkin.** Chatillon-sur-Chalaronne, France, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Jean-Pierre Leopold.

**Venta (Fr), f, 3, Nombre Premier (GB)--Vesolia (Fr), by Solicitor (Fr).** Agen, France, 4-6, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 55ydsT. B-Yves & Mme Eliane Fremiot.

### ★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Angel Liqn (Arg), f, 2, Orpen--Royal Empire (Arg), by Roy.** San Isidro, 4-5, Mdn, 8fT, 1:36.66. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O-Stud Identic; B-Jose Ignacio Hurtado Vicuna; T-Agustin Pavlovksky.

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 07-05 175/25 Jersey Shore-III, **Mth**, 6f (200), 06-20  
 07-11 200 Carry Back-II, **Crc**, 6f (200), 06-27  
 08-03 150 Amsterdam-II, **Sar**, 6.5f (150), 07-18

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