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### TDN Feature Presentation

## GRADE 1 SHADWELL TRAVERS STAKES



### CANDY RIDE - SIRE OF ★ NEW TDN RISING STAR ★

"Sailing to an impressive 4-length victory in his second career start, SIDNEY'S CANDY stopped the timer in 1:02.71 for the 5 1/2 fur. to break the Del Mar track record by 3/5s of a sec. on Saturday." - TDN 8/22/09

### "QUALITY" OVER QUANTITY?

**Quality Road** (Elusive Quality), fresh off a victory in the 6 1/2-furlong GIII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga, has been installed as the 8-5 morning-line favorite in Saturday's GI Shadwell Travers S. Breaking from post four, he will face six rivals in the 1 1/4-mile test. The bay has set track records in his last two starts, first establishing a mark of 1:47.72 for nine panels in the GI Florida Derby at Gulfstream in March and, after a four-month layoff and a trainer switch, dashing through the Amsterdam in 1:13.74. "It takes a special kind of horse, with both speed and the ability to carry that speed over a distance of ground [to capture the Travers], and I think he's that kind of horse," said trainer Todd Pletcher, who picked up the colt in mid-June. **Kensei** (Mr. Greeley), looking to become the ninth three-year-old to complete the GII Jim Dandy S./Travers double, drew the outside in the seven-horse field. Four of the last seven winners of the "Midsummer Derby" have prepped with a Jim Dandy score. Scott Blasi, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen, was pleased with Kensei's post. "I thought he drew well," Blasi said. "[Jockey Edgar Prado] is a very good tactical rider, and there's plenty of pace in the race. You just want to get good position going into the first turn. They ran up on his hind leg pretty good in the Jim Dandy, so, hopefully, we get a little better break and a smoother trip [Saturday]." **Travers Field, p2**



**Quality Road** Sarah K Andrew

### MINE THAT BIRD OUT OF TRAVERS

After determining that GI Kentucky Derby hero **Mine That Bird** (Birdstone) had not completely recovered from throat surgery to correct an entrapped epiglottis, owners Mark Allen and Dr. Leonard Blach and trainer Chip Woolley announced Wednesday morning that the gelding will bypass Saturday's GI Shadwell Travers S. at Saratoga. "We've decided to err on the side of caution and pass this race up and aim down the road to the Breeders' Cup," Woolley said. "There's one little spot underneath the epiglottis pushing up just a tiny bit and, after studying and looking at it, we're going to hold off and make sure the horse is okay and not take any chances with the rest of his career." The entrapped epiglottis was discovered Aug. 17 following a workout, and surgery was performed the next day at the Ruffian Equine Medical Center in Elmont, New York. Connections said at the time they would not run Mine That Bird in the Travers if he were anything less than 100-percent healthy. The three-year-old worked four furlongs Tuesday at Saratoga in :49.76, and underwent an endoscopic evaluation yesterday. "It was a hard decision," said Dr. Blach. "[The examination] showed a small spot on the left lateral quarter of the epiglottis. It's healed up, it's not raw, there's no ulcer on there at all--it's just kind of an enlargement on the left side. Essentially it's going to be normal, and it's probably going to be there for a while. Having surgery just eight days ago, we probably don't want to take a risk." Added Woolley, "It probably would have no bearing on the race, but we don't want to do anything that might jeopardize his future." The conditioner said the decision also hinged on the fact that Mine That Bird could continue to be treated with medication, which would have been withdrawn had he run. Connections haven't yet picked out a spot for Mine That Bird's next start, but reiterated the GI Breeders' Cup Classic as his primary target, and cited the Oct. 7 GI Goodwood S. at Santa Anita as a possibility.



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## TDN Feature Presentation... Continued GRADE 1 SHADWELL TRAVERS S.

Saturday, Saratoga Race Course

**SHADWELL TRAVERS S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m**

**PP HORSE SIRE ODDS**  
**1 Hold Me Back Giant's Causeway 15-1**  
 (\$400,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)

O-WinStar Farm; B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras & WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Bill Mott; J-J Leparoux.  
 Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$508,874.

*Last Start: 5th GII Virginia Derby at CNL July 18*

**2 Charitable Man Lemon Drop Kid 8-1**  
 (\$200,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)

O-Mr & Mrs W K Warren Jr; B-Edward P Evans (VA); T-Kiaran McLaughlin; J-R Dominguez. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$417,200.

*Last Start: 3rd GII Jim Dandy S. at SAR Aug. 1*

**3 Warrior's Reward Medaglia d'Oro 8-1**  
 (\$180,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)

O-A Stevens Miles Jr; B-Jayeff "B" Stables (KY); T-Ian Wilkes; J-C Borel. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$200,542.

*Last Start: 2nd GII Jim Dandy S. at SAR Aug. 1*

**4 Quality Road Elusive Quality 8-5**  
 (\$110,000 RNA '07 KEESEP)

O/B-Edward P Evans (VA); T-Todd Pletcher; J-J Velazquez. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, \$722,830.

*Last Start: 1st GII Amsterdam S. at SAR Aug. 3*

**5 Our Edge The Cliff's Edge 15-1**  
 (\$25,000 wnl '06 KEENOV; \$130,000 yrl '07 KEESEP)

O-Robert V LaPenta; B-Terrapin Stables Inc & Phillip & Marcia Cohen (FL); T-Nick Zito; J-A Garcia. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$162,500.

*Last Start: 1st GIII Barbaro S. at DEL July 19*

**6 Summer Bird Birdstone 3-1**

O/B-Dr Kalarikkal & Vilasini Jayaraman (KY); T-Tim Ice; J-K Desormeaux. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$973,040.

*Last Start: 2nd GI Haskell Invitational at MTH Aug. 2*

**7 Kensei Mr. Greeley 7-2**  
 (\$300,000 2yo '08 BESMAY)

O-Stonestreet Stables; B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen; J-E Prado. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$528,628.

*Last Start: 1st GII Jim Dandy S. at SAR Aug. 1*

## TDN Feature Presentation... Click here for the PPs of the GI Shadwell Travers S.



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# PREVIEWS

Saturday, Saratoga Race Course

**NETJETS KING'S BISHOP S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Munnings	Speightstown	Vlzqz	Pletcher	123
2 Capt. Candyman Can	Candy Ride (Arg)	Cstllno	Wilkes	121
3 Not for Silver	Not for Love	Lezcano	Trombetta	121
4a Vineyard Haven	Lido Palace (Chi)	Garcia	bin Suroor	121
5a Everyday Heroes	Awesome Again	Prado	McLaughlin	119
6 Despite the Odds	Speightstown	Rose	Trombetta	119
7 Prince Joshua	First Tour	Maragh	Rose	119
8 Flat Bold	Flatter	Dmngz	McLaughlin	117
9 Big Drama	Montbrook	Coa	Fawkes	119

Saturday, Saratoga Race Course

**BALLERINA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Music Note	A.P. Indy	Maragh	bin Suroor	121
2 Informed Decision	Monarchos	Leparoux	Sheppard	122
3 Tar Heel Mom	Flatter	Garcia	Hough	115
4 Indian Blessing	Indian Charlie	Velazquez	Baffert	119
5 Modification	Vindication	Dominguez	O'Neill	115
6 P. S. U. Grad	Harlan's Holiday	D'mo	Baffert	115

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Previews cont.

**Saturday, Del Mar**

**DEL MAR MILE H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Medici Code (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Pedroza	Vienna	116
2	Victor's Cry	Street Cry (Ire)	Bejarano	Harty	114
3	Allicansayis Wow	Street Cry (Ire)	Gomez	Biancone	110
4	Becrux (Ity)	Glen Jordan (GB)	Talamo	Sadler	115
5	Lethal Heat	Unusual Heat	Solis	Abrams	112
6	Knockout Artist	Exploit	Nakatani	Sherman	114
7	Monterey Jazz	Thunderello	Flores	C Dollase	120
8	Red Alert Day (GB)	Diktat (GB)	M Garcia	Drysdale	113
9	Ferneley (Ire)	Ishiguru	Rosario	Cecil	115
10	Temple City	Dynaformer	M Baze	Gaines	114

**Saturday, Woodbine**

**PLAY THE KING S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 7fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Cross Every Bridge	Giant's Causeway	Landry	Frostad	115
2	Rebellion (GB)	Mozart (Ire)	Husbands	Motion	121
3	Field Commission	Service Stripe	Pizarro	Vella	121
4	Wise River	Belong to Me	Lanerie	Hanna	119
5	Jimmy Simms	Lost Soldier	Jones	Attfield	115
6	Fifteen Love	Point Given	Contreras	Frankel	117
7	Jungle Wave	Hold That Tiger	Kabel	Attard	115
8	Just Rushing	Wild Rush	Wilson	Attard	121

**Saturday, Saratoga Race Course**

**VICTORY RIDE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Trix in the City	Friends Lake	Dominguez	Rice
2a	Bold Union	Dixie Union	Velazquez	Breen
3	Reforestation	Forestry	Coa	Turner Jr
4	Sky Haven	Sky Mesa	Bridgmohan	Asmussen
5a	All of Her Twist	Forest Wildcat	Desormeaux	Breen
6	Juliet's Spirit	Exchange Rate	Albarado	Asmussen
7	Step Out Smartly	Came Home	Castellano	Arnold
8	Selva	Forest Wildcat	Garcia	Carroll
9	Sara Louise	Malibu Moon	Prado	bin Suroor

All carry 120 pounds, bar Trix in the City & Reforestation, 116.

**Saturday, Saratoga Race Course**

**BALLSTON SPA S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Rutherienne	Pulpit	Garcia	Clement
2	My Princess Jess	Stormy Atlantic	Velasquez	Tagg
3	Closeout	Repriced	Albarado	Proctor
4	Dyna's Lassie	Dynaformer	Marquez Jr	Fout
5	Teamgeist (Arg)	Mutakddim	Prado	McPeek
6	Captain's Lover (SAf)	Captain Al (SAf)	Velazquez	Pletcher
7	Cocoa Beach (Chi)	Doneraile Court	Dominguez	bin Suroor
8	Salve Germania (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Castellano	Hickst

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2009

Round Table  
Transcript

**During Sunday's 57th Annual Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing held at the Gideon-Putnam Resort in Saratoga Springs, New York, Louis Romanet, the chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) spoke about the need for reciprocity and standardization where it comes to issues of medication. We thought it was interesting reading for those who were unable to attend. The following is the abridged text of his comments. For his complete speech, as well as those of the other Round Table participants, click [here](#).**

**THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL HARMONISATION**  
by Louis Romanet

It is a great honour for me to speak at the Round Table Conference for the second time. The first time was on Aug. 10, 1997, and the main topic on that day was the formation of the Thoroughbred Industry Alliance.

A lot has happened since, with the NTRA becoming the central national organization for the coordination and development of your sport.

As I said 12 years ago, I have always been convinced that the day the U.S. racing and breeding industry would succeed in creating a strong and efficient national racing structure would be the day when it should dominate other countries in the racing and breeding world and become more competitive in the betting world.

Today, my impression is that a lot has been done since 1997, but that there is still a lot to achieve, especially in the medication area.

Now we have to come to the matter of international harmonisation. Why is there a need for international harmonisation?

We know that the lack of a centralized regulatory authority makes it difficult for United States to follow up, but you must continue to take steps to harmonise policies, procedures and penalties with the international community.

Why do we need international harmonisation of medication control? We need it because it will provide, first, a level playing field across international boundaries--border-free racing as we say. A positive test in one country must be a positive test in another country.

It will also provide an improvement in consistency of policies and public confidence in horseracing; and it will provide harmonisation of detection sensitivity and drug classification, thus any violations will be much more difficult to defend.

International harmonisation will also reduce inadvertent violations, and facilitate the globalisation of horseracing; and it will minimize bad publicity and embarrassment resulting from medication violations at international races. I had to deal with the announcement to the JRA that Deep Impact was positive because of a medication not properly administered to him by the Japanese vet prior to the race. It is a difficult time for an executive; but it will also increase confidence in commingling, and the Breeders' Cup example for us is very important.

Where are we now? We have an international agreement, an Article Six on laboratory services that specifies that the aim of signatory countries is that their laboratories should be accredited to ISO/IEC 17025, according to the requirements and guides set out in the ILAC G7 document, accreditation is fundamental as it was already said this morning.

These labs must also take part in inter-laboratory comparisons, like we do it between England, France and Ireland. One year, we have an administration program done by the Irish vet, and then it was blind testing from the other labs. By the end, the English lab found two substances, the Irish lab found two substances, and we found three. Then we came back to the Irish vet who made the admission. He said, "It's impossible, I only gave two."

We asked him to check and we found out that just before doing his administration program he's been feeding a horse with some drugs and he had not been cleaning his hands. So we were quite proud of having caught him at the end of the exercise. But this is very important and we do also some blind-testing with Hong Kong and with other countries and we would like to do it with you as much as we can.

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So, we were delighted to learn that, on June 18, 2009, the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium board of directors decided to go to the right direction and approved new national laboratory standards for testing, the implementation of a laboratory accreditation program and new independent Equine Quality Assurance Program. These are the basic guidelines for implementing top-quality testing, which is absolutely needed for international harmonisation and to implement efficient drug control policies.

What is changing in this world? For many years, the majority of countries have adopted a zero-tolerance approach for all drugs...excluding threshold value substances which have been agreed internationally.

What is changing? We have a fundamental change because over the past 30 years or so advances in technology have resulted in over a one million fold increase in drug screening sensitivity...So the increasing sensitivity of analytical techniques allows more and more prohibited substances to be detected at very low levels; but this sensitivity is absolutely necessary for the detection of potent drugs with no place in racing. We go deeper and wider to find new drugs, but for some therapeutic substances this increase in the sensitivity of analytical techniques allows for the control of exposure not associated to any effect.

...So what is the new philosophy? The new philosophy is that a zero-tolerance approach for regulatory control for therapeutic substances is becoming a fading illusion --my father would have been very surprised to hear that declaration--and so the goal for the future integrity of racing is to develop 'screening limits' for therapeutic substances... based upon a rigorous analysis of their pharmacological and pharmacokinetic properties. These screening limits will then provide the guide for international harmonisation.

Using this approach, the nine-member nations of the EHSLC have harmonised on the control of 14 therapeutic substances through the limitation of the sensitivity of screening procedures and the racing industry has been advised of detection times for these substances to allow veterinarians to apply good veterinary practice in their use.

Of course, you are the problem there because the use of diuretics such as Lasix in North America falsify all those screening limits and, because of their diuretic effect, it imposes to declare any level of medication found and so to maintain zero tolerance. So getting rid of Lasix is a condition for implementing the new system.

Through the IFHA Advisory Council, efforts are underway, to extend the harmonization on a wider international basis...

## NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



### SENATE AG BILL CALLS FOR GAO STUDY ON HORSE WELFARE

Both the United States Senate and House of Representatives earlier this summer passed 2010 Agricultural Appropriations bills. The Senate version includes language to fund a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on horse welfare. The House version simply continues the defunding of USDA inspectors for horse slaughter, which has led to a de facto ban on slaughter in the United States.

The Senate Appropriations Committee directed the GAO to consider the impact that banning horse slaughter has had on the welfare of horses. The study is to be released on March 1, 2010 and will also include empirical data on the impact the ban has had on state and local governments and animal protection organizations.

Next, the Senate and House bills must be reconciled in conference. The Senate appointed Appropriations Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL) and the Ag Appropriations Subcommittee as conferees. House conferees have not been named.

In July, the Unwanted Horse Coalition released the 2009 Unwanted Horses Survey on the issue. Among its findings was that many feel the problem of unwanted horses is escalating.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of membership development, (800) 792-6872, ext. 677 or visit [www.SupportHorseRacing.org](http://www.SupportHorseRacing.org).

In April 2009, the Advisory Council moved its annual meeting to Lexington to discuss this initiative for International Harmonisation and to foster collaboration with the U.S.A. and important persons were there--Scot Waterman, Dan Fick and Denis Egan, the chairman of the EHSLC, were invited guests.

...Also in July...the IFHA and Advisory Council in conjunction with the EHSLC organised an international meeting in Newmarket to discuss: "Threats, challenges and opportunities we face in policy, testing and subsequently administration relating to doping and medication control." So we are progressing.

A successful outcome to these negotiations will be harmonisation for the control of specific therapeutic substances by a significant number of the major racing authorities throughout the world, including: Australia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, OSAF, Scandinavia, Southern Africa and, hopefully, USA.

What is the process?

1. The IFHA Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances and Practices will propose International Screening Limits (ISLs) for essential medications based on current lab practices, knowledge of pharmacokinetics and drug effects, and risk considerations, like welfare of the horse and image of racing.

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2. Individual authorities will review these ISLs and associated research data and sign on as signatories to specific ISLs on the list. The ISLs will provide the guide for harmonisation.
3. Administration trials will be shared among signatories to establish unified detection times for the normal use of a range of therapeutics.
4. The Advisory Council will update and fine tune the list periodically, based on new research findings.

But, as it was said earlier today, this will obviously induce a necessary review of your policies on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory and corticosteroids which at present do make raceday inspections quite useless as they are performed under pain-killer drugs.

The extensive studies performed within the EHSLC have demonstrated that harmonisation across international boundaries in this area is possible and already effective. We need to grasp the opportunity to build on this very sound foundation and expand this initiative on a wider international front.

I am well known around the world for telling people very frankly what are my feelings on important racing matters. So after discussing the technical aspects, it is time for me to give you with great respect my personal views on the medication situation in North America.

Every year, when I receive The Jockey Club Fact Book, I immediately look at the diagram of average annual starts per runner and I find out that the decline is still going further down.

In 48 years, between 1960 and 2008, the figure has been going down...by more than 45 percent, from 11.31 to 6.2.

I know well that some experts will give you additional explanations, like the concentration of horses in big stables or others, but I am absolutely convinced that the number one factor is medication.

I have just one question for you. When do you intend to stop that deflation?

Let's look at the figures of the number of races in North America for 2008. Here are the global number of races--55,000; the number of graded (stakes)--a little less than one percent; number of non-graded black type--about three percent; so it (total amount of black-type races) is a total of about four (percent).

We all know that, without medication, it would be quite an impossible task to fill 55,000 races in USA and Canada, run mainly on dirt tracks with an average field of more than eight runners.

...In 2008, there were 2,182 black-type races in North America, including 505 graded races representing less than one percent of the total number of races.

The TOBA/American Graded Stakes Committee has adopted a drug testing protocol and makes races ineligible for grading if RCI model rules on medication and safety are not adopted.

What IFHA is hoping is that you would start from there by continuing to progressively tighten up your medication rules, firstly for graded races and then for all other black-type races, which are together representing the four percent of your races that select the breed.

Evidently, as outlined before, the use of Lasix should ultimately be banned in these races.

I have a dream, as chairman of the International Federation (of Horseracing Authorities).

...My dream is that by the end of my next term, which starts in October 2009 and finishes in October 2012, medication will be prohibited in all graded and black type races run in North and South America.

Yes, you can do it if you want to do it!

...During the last three months, two great events were celebrated:

The first happened 65 years ago when thousands of young Americans gave their life for the freedom of Europe, and the celebration in Normandy where I live now was very emotional.

The second one happened 40 years ago when two Americans walked on the moon...

These are two marvelous symbols of what the American people can achieve when they have decided to do it. Compared to such achievements, the medication issue may look insignificant, but, make no mistake, it is the most important issue for the image of the Thoroughbred industry around the world.

You have already started the process very courageously with the impressive achievements of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee and the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium.


I want especially to acknowledge the significant changes in policies in your country since 2008 with the new RCI model rule on anabolic steroids and I have just read that the board of directors of the Breeders' Cup has been expanding its drug ban policy for the 2009 races. But how can we still recognize as world champions horses who run under medication? What sport today would accept that situation?

So, to conclude, I would like to acknowledge that you have done more in the last 12 months than during the previous 25 years.

So, if all the persons attending the Round Table Conference today come out of this room with the will to prohibit medication in all graded and black-type races by the time of the 2012 Breeders' Cup, I am absolutely convinced that your leadership will transform it into reality. You may eventually achieve it quicker and avoid the very negative media perception you are facing now.


The International Federation (of Horseracing Authorities) will always be available to help you if you need it and when you want it and I would like to wish you good luck for the future of the American Thoroughbred industry which will be bright if you all together go in the right direction with a strong determination, which appeared to me today by listening to all the presentations. Thank you to The Jockey Club for inviting me to speak today and thank you for your attention.





**FROM THE DESK  
OF...**

**Bill Oppenheim**



**LEADING SIRE, FIRST FOALS 1996-2005**

Of the 1,074 sires that were assigned APEX ratings in the Aug. 2 run, almost half--534--are sires whose first foals were born between 1996 (beginning of the "Big-Book era") and 2005 (meaning their first crops are four-year-olds this year), and that had 200 or more year-starters (100 or more for sires with first four-year-olds). Sires whose first foals are now just halfway through their three-year-old seasons (F2006 sires) were not included in this group, on the grounds they just haven't had enough runners to be compared with "older" stallions.

When you take out the veteran sires who have dominated the sire lists for most of the decade and look at the realities being achieved by contemporary stallions, there is a lot of information to consider. I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that Galileo comes out a long way clear, in practical terms, among these 534 sires when judged by the A Runner Index. His is 4.50, meaning exactly nine percent of his starters have achieved "A Runner" (roughly equal to listed black-type winners and above) status. Two percent A Runners to year-starters is average, so that equals a 1.00 index; Galileo has nine percent, so to compute his A Runner Index we merely divide 9.00 by 2.00, which equals 4.50. Top sires of the pre-big book era did achieve this level of rating--A.P. Indy still scores over 5.00--but Galileo is the only big-book era sire to score this high.

Immediately behind Galileo are two sires that qualify for this list because their first foals were born after 1995, but would not be included if we added the additional restriction that they be under 18 years old, which we have sometimes used. Both the belated California sire sensation Unusual Heat (4.32) and the top German sire Monsun (3.70) are 19 years old this year, and, in fact, neither ever had big foal crops, so, in a way, they're not completely relevant to proper big-book statistical profiles.

Ranked next are two sires with their first four-year-olds, top F2005 sire Dalakhani (3.63) and his nearest pursuer on points, the surprising D'wildcat (3.52). No sooner had we "outed" D'wildcat in our column of Aug. 14 than his two-year-old colt D'Funnybone ran off and hid from his field in the GII Saratoga Special.

But, promising as they are, historically the A Runner Indexes for the bright young stars start to fall (presumably because they have increasing numbers of non-ABC runners) as they have more crops, so it is fair to say that Smart Strike (3.38) is the number-two proven under-19-year-old sire on this list.

As good as he is, with 6.76 percent A Runners from year-starters, Galileo gets almost exactly one-third more. To have that kind of a gap between first and second seems to me to be telling us that Galileo is pretty nearly as good a sire as his daddy, Sadler's Wells, whose 231 "unique" A Runners (counted once) from 2,208 foals in his first 21 crops constituted his own private big-book era, starting back in 1986. Sadler's Wells is unquestionably the best sire in Europe of the last 20 years, and Galileo's numbers to date suggest he is following squarely in his daddy's footsteps: he's the new superstar stallion.

But the inadequate purse structure that has now been as ruthlessly exposed in American racing (judging by field sizes in California, for example) as is the case in Great Britain, means that measuring "A Runners"--top two-percent earners--is not enough. By the end of the year, "A Runners" in North America usually earn \$105,000-\$110,000 or more. We also measure "B Runners" (the next two percent), roughly earners above \$75,000; "C Runners" (next four percent), earners roughly above \$50,000; and "ABC Runners" combined (the top eight percent of earners, two plus two plus four). Even if horses don't become A Runners, they are paying their way if they become B or C Runners, so we have found it useful and meaningful to measure stallions' frequency of siring ABC Runners as well.

So today we publish four Top 30 tables covering 534 sires with first foals 1996-2005, and 200+ "year-starters" 2003-2009 (100+ if first foals 2005). We've already looked at Galileo's supremacy among some very distinguished company in the number one category, A Runner Index. The second table is leading sires by number of A Runners 2003-2009. Keep in mind one horse in theory could be seven year-starters and seven A Runners over the seven years 2003-2009. This is different than when we count unique A Runners, where a horse is just counted once, and which can be measured against named foals of racing age to yield a percentage of unique A Runners from foals, and which is comparable to "black-type winners from foals."

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**Oppenheim cont.**

The two leading sires of A Runners 2003-2009 are pre-1996 (first foals) Sadler's Wells (1986) and A.P. Indy (1994), with 122 and 118 A Runners, respectively, over the last seven years. Of the 1996-2005 sires, the leader is Smart Strike, with 82, followed by Distorted Humor (73), Unbridled's Song and Danehill Dancer (72), and Giant's Causeway (69), even though his first foals were born in 2002, so he had no runners in 2003. Galileo, whose first foals were born in 2003, so has only had runners in five of the seven years, has 58. The message here is that Smart Strike, Distorted Humor, Unbridled's Song, Danehill Dancer and Giant's Causeway are top sires of A Runners, which is hopefully relevant information to potential yearling buyers at the upcoming sales, as well as to potential breeders of mares in 2010. Another message, though, is of course not to ignore the top older sires, specifically North America's best sire, A.P. Indy.

There is a lot to be said on behalf of ABC Runners, too, because these are all horses that are at least paying their way. The leading F1996-F2005 sire by ABC Runner Index is the young F2005 sire D'wildcat (2.93), though his 128 year-starters is just a fifth or so of most of the other sires on this list. Unusual Heat (2.55) is second--over 20 percent of his starters, illustrating his dominance in California. Of the more 'mainstream' among these 534 stallions, Distorted Humor and Galileo are tied with a 2.48 ABC Index--just under 20 percent of their runners. Lemon Drop Kid is just a tick behind with a 2.45 index--he is definitely one of the most consistent sires around of horses that pay their way--followed by Pivotal and the New York stallion Freud, both on 2.32. Pivotal, we know, has been established as one of Europe's top five sires throughout the decade; Freud, a full-brother to Giant's Causeway, does undoubtedly benefit from the New York program, but it sure means he's on the top of the pile among New York sires.

When you look at the list of top sires by number of ABC Runners, the wide-margin leader here is Distorted Humor, with 240 ABC Runners 2003-2009. He ranks among the top 10 in all four categories, which shows just how good a sire he is. Langfuhr (206), Maryland sire Not For Love (204), Smart Strike (201) and Giant's Causeway (198) come next, followed by Tale of the Cat (194), Unbridled's Song (193), Pivotal (191) and Grand Slam (190). All these horses are siring plenty of runners that are paying their way; as the focus of yearling buyers and breeders alike swings back towards proven sires, these are the names people should be keeping in mind when considering that stallions are really siring racehorses.

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# Weekly Sales Ticker

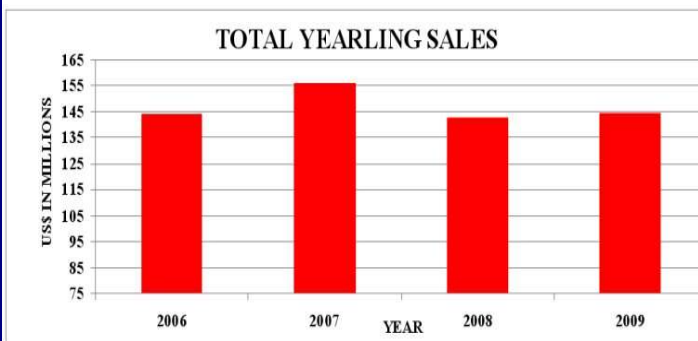
by Bill Oppenheim

"Though the overall gross and average for this year's yearling sales are still marginally up, the trend is far more likely to be what we saw at Doncaster, where the ever-popular DBS St. Leger sale (they still sold 75 percent of the catalogue) was down 29 percent on gross and 23 percent on average. Did the much-vaunted £10,000 Yearling Bonus make any difference? It didn't cost the buyers anything, and the consensus was, it couldn't have hurt."  
-Bill Oppenheim



### DONCASTER ST LEGER YEARLINGS (IN GB£)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	495	465	369	6.1%	79.4%	74.5%	£9,609,500	£26,042
2008	500	474	401	5.2%	84.6%	80.2%	£13,493,500	£33,650
2007	500	467	417	6.6%	89.3%	83.4%	£15,759,030	£37,791
2006	500	486	442	2.8%	90.9%	88.4%	£14,924,700	£33,766
2005	500	494	437	1.2%	88.5%	87.4%	£11,349,030	£25,970



### TOTAL YEARLING SALES THROUGH AUGUST 27 (excl. OBS)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	1,726	1,553	1,140	10.0%	73.4%	66.0%	\$144,531,831	\$126,782
2008	1,778	1,605	1,188	9.7%	74.0%	66.8%	\$142,561,746	\$120,001
2007	1,809	1,662	1,295	8.1%	77.9%	71.6%	\$155,979,404	\$120,447
2006	1,675	1,528	1,245	8.8%	81.5%	74.3%	\$143,940,217	\$115,615

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



**TOP 30 F1996-F2005 SIREs by A RUNNER INDEX**  
 (200+ year-starters 2003-2009, 100+ for F2005 Sires)

SIRE	1st Fls	ST	TOT Rnrs	TOT A's	A Index	TOT ABC's	ABC Index
GALILEO	2003	IR	644	58	4.50	128	2.48
UNUSUAL HEAT	1999	CA	602	52	4.32	123	2.55
MONSUN	1997	GE	690	51	3.70	105	1.90
DALAKHANI	2005	IR	179	13	3.63	28	1.96
D'WILDCAT	2005	FL	128	9	3.52	30	2.93
SMART STRIKE	1998	KY	1212	82	3.38	201	2.07
STREET CRY	2004	KY	385	25	3.25	61	1.98
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1998	KY	1169	72	3.08	193	2.06
LEMON DROP KID	2002	KY	718	44	3.06	141	2.45
DISTORTED HUMOR	2000	KY	1209	73	3.02	240	2.48
AWESOME AGAIN	2000	KY	880	53	3.01	148	2.10
MUHTATHIR	2002	FR	243	14	2.88	32	1.65
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2002	KY	1202	69	2.87	198	2.06
MINESHAFT	2005	KY	194	11	2.84	32	2.06
EMPIRE MAKER	2005	KY	230	13	2.83	31	1.68
TRAJECTORY	2003	ON	303	17	2.81	42	1.73
EXCHANGE RATE	2003	KY	375	21	2.80	55	1.83
PIVOTAL	1998	GB	1028	56	2.72	191	2.32
HIGH CHAPARRAL	2005	IR	221	12	2.71	29	1.64
DANEHILL DANCER	1999	IR	1333	72	2.70	179	1.68
BERNSTEIN	2002	KY	519	28	2.70	58	1.40
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	2004	IR	542	29	2.68	84	1.94
FORESTRY	2001	KY	811	43	2.65	115	1.77
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	2002	KY	435	23	2.64	72	2.07
WILD RUSH	2000	JP	1009	53	2.63	151	1.87
MONTJEU	2002	IR	883	46	2.60	133	1.88
CITY ZIP	2003	KY	505	26	2.57	83	2.05
DANSILI	2002	GB	805	41	2.55	122	1.89
SKY MESA	2005	KY	256	13	2.54	40	1.95
KIRIDASHI	2000	AB	417	21	2.52	54	1.62

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GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2002	KY	1202	69	2.87	198	2.06
LANGFUHR	1999	KY	1397	64	2.29	206	1.84
STORMY ATLANTIC	2000	KY	1275	61	2.39	174	1.71
GALILEO	2003	IR	644	58	4.50	128	2.48
PIVOTAL	1998	GB	1028	56	2.72	191	2.32
AWESOME AGAIN	2000	KY	880	53	3.01	148	2.10
WILD RUSH	2000	JP	1009	53	2.63	151	1.87



**Total A Runners cont.**

UNUSUAL HEAT	1999	CA	602	52	4.32	123	2.55
FUJI KISEKI	1998	JP	1563	52	1.66	165	1.32
MONSUN	1997	GE	690	51	3.70	105	1.90
TALE OF THE CAT	2000	KY	1498	51	1.70	194	1.62
DANCE IN THE DARK	1998	JP	1821	50	1.37	189	1.30
NOT FOR LOVE	1997	MD	1245	48	1.93	204	2.05
GRAND SLAM	2000	KY	1598	47	1.47	190	1.49
MONTJEU	2002	IR	883	46	2.60	133	1.88
PULPIT	1999	KY	944	45	2.38	154	2.04
LEMON DROP KID	2002	KY	718	44	3.06	141	2.45
MARIA'S MON	1998	Dead	1225	44	1.80	142	1.45
FORESTRY	2001	KY	811	43	2.65	115	1.77
MR. GREELEY	1997	KY	1316	43	1.63	139	1.32
SINGSPIEL	1999	GB	949	42	2.21	144	1.90
FOREST WILDCAT	1998	Dead	1213	42	1.73	150	1.55
DANSILI	2002	GB	805	41	2.55	122	1.89
CAPE CROSS	2001	IR	1012	41	2.03	134	1.66
SMOKE GLACKEN	1999	KY	1140	40	1.75	153	1.68
HENNESSY	1998	Dead	1140	40	1.75	122	1.34

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FREUD	2003	NY	340	10	1.47	63	2.32
AWESOME AGAIN	2000	KY	880	53	3.01	148	2.10
WHISKEY WISDOM	1999	MB	476	22	2.31	80	2.10
SMART STRIKE	1998	KY	1212	82	3.38	201	2.07
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PRECISE END	2002	JP	433	15	1.73	71	2.05
PULPIT	1999	KY	944	45	2.38	154	2.04
STREET CRY	2004	KY	385	25	3.25	61	1.98
OASIS DREAM	2005	GB	347	15	2.16	55	1.98
MENIFEE	2001	SKorea	662	23	1.74	104	1.96
DALAKHANI	2005	IR	179	13	3.63	28	1.96
SKY MESA	2005	KY	256	13	2.54	40	1.95
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	2004	IR	542	29	2.68	84	1.94
SINGSPIEL	1999	GB	949	42	2.21	144	1.90
MALIBU MOON	2001	KY	862	35	2.03	131	1.90
MONSUN	1997	GE	690	51	3.70	105	1.90
E DUBAI	2004	KY	336	16	2.38	51	1.90
DANSILI	2002	GB	805	41	2.55	122	1.89
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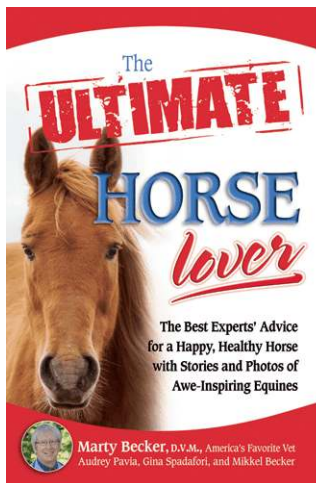
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CHEROKEE RUN	1997	KY	1137	37	1.63	136	1.50
FRENCH DEPUTY	1997	JP	1263	30	1.19	135	1.34
CAPE CROSS	2001	IR	1012	41	2.03	134	1.66
MONTJEU	2002	IRE	883	46	2.60	133	1.88
VICTORY GALLOP	2001	Turkey	1011	39	1.93	133	1.64
MALIBU MOON	2001	KY	862	35	2.03	131	1.90

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**ONAGA, DAM OF FTSAUG TOPPER, DIES** *Onaga*

(Mr. Prospector--Savannah Dancer, by Northern Dancer), the dam of the \$2.8-million salestopper at the recently concluded Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Selected Yearling Sale, died Aug. 14 at Kildangan Stud in Ireland from unknown causes, *Racing Post* reports.



**Onaga's \$2.8-million topper at FTSAUG**  
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The full-sister to G1 French 1000 Guineas runner-up Sha Tha and to Tacha, dam of champion One Cool Cat (Storm Cat), was 15 years of age. Winless in eight starts for Madeleine Paulson, Onaga was first offered as a broodmare prospect in foal to Seattle Slew at the 1999 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale and was hammered down to Alex Scrope for \$1.7 million. The resulting foal, the filly Yarico's Pond (Ire), realized \$1.4 million as a KEESEP yearling in 2001, the

first of four foals from the mare to achieve seven-figure pricetags at auction. Ironically, Onaga's most successful foal to race was her least successful commercially. A 100,000gns graduate of the 2003 Tattersalls Houghton Yearling Sale, Aragorn (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) was sent to the U.S. following five European starts, and became a track-record setting dual Grade I winner, as well as finishing runner-up to Miesque's Approval (Miesque's Son) in the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs. He is now a member of the stallion roster at Lane's End Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. Re-offered at the 2003 November sale, Onaga was led out of the ring unsold on a bid of \$1.475 million and was subsequently acquired by Frank and Laura Jane Lyon's Summer Wind Farm. In addition to the Fasig-Tipton headliner, consigned by Lane's End on behalf of the Lyoneses and purchased by John Ferguson, Onaga has also been represented by Kaseema (Storm Cat), a \$1.1-million purchase by Shadwell Estate Co. Ltd. at the 2005 Keeneland September Sale; and by Catigo, a full sister to Aragorn, which was purchased by Brushwood Stable for \$1.5 million at KEESEP in 2007. Onaga did not produce a live foal for 2009, but was believed to be carrying a foal from the first crop of 2008 GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality).

**GULFSTREAM ADJUSTS 2010 STAKES SCHED**

Gulfstream Park released its stakes schedule for the 2010 season yesterday, and among the modifications for the upcoming racing season was the return to nine furlongs for the GII Fountain of Youth S. Contested at a mile in 2009, the major prep for the GI Florida Derby is scheduled for Feb. 27. Also adjusted for the 2010 meeting is the GIII Holy Bull S., which was contested at 1 1/8 miles in 2009, but will be cut back to a flat mile next year. The Fountain of Youth, as in the past, will be run four weeks ahead of the Mar. 27 Florida Derby, while the Holy Bull will be featured on the Jan. 23 card, five weeks prior to the Fountain of Youth. "Horsemen indicated a desire to have a two-turn race a little closer to the Florida Derby," said Gulfstream Park Racing Secretary Dan Bork, explaining the changes. "We believe we have accommodated them with the bump in distance of the Fountain of Youth from a mile to a mile and an eighth. With these changes--coupled with the horsemen's pursuit of graded-stakes earnings in preparation for the Kentucky Derby--we expect the serious Classic contenders to stay close to home." As for Gulfstream's marquee event for three-year-olds, Bork added, "The timing of the Florida Derby, five weeks before the Kentucky Derby, and the subsequent performances of [subsequent Derby winners] Barbaro and Big Brown at Churchill Downs, has enhanced the race's reputation as a barometer for Triple Crown success while further enhancing Gulfstream Park's already solid reputation as a proving ground for future champions."

Marking its first appearance on the calendar is the GIII Adena Springs Sugar Swirl S.--formerly known as the First Lady S.--which is scheduled for Jan. 17. Campaigned by Chairman of Magna Entertainment Corp. and owner of Gulfstream Park Frank Stronach, Sugar Swirl became the only distaffer to sweep the trilogy of sprint stakes for older females: the six-furlong First Lady; the 6 1/2-furlong GIII Hurricane Bertie S., and the seven-furlong GII Inside Information S. Also getting a name change for 2010 is the GII Richter Scale S., which was run under that name since 2003, but will return to its original name, Gulfstream Park Sprint Championship, next year. For the complete 2010 schedule, visit [www.gulfstreampark.com](http://www.gulfstreampark.com).

**BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 27:**

- 09-04 \$200,000 **Rancho Bernardo H.-III, Dmr**, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT) (200)
- 09-06 \$1,000,000 **Pacific Classic-I, Dmr**, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT) (250)
- 09-06 \$350,000 **Del Mar Derby-II, Dmr**, 3yo, 9fT (350)
- 09-06 \$200/100,000 **Pat O'Brien Breeders' Cup-II, Dmr**, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT) (100)

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**SHAKESPEARE MOVING TO SIGNATURE** The talented multiple Grade I winner **Shakespeare** (Theatrical {Ire}--Lady Shirl, by That's a Nice) is being relocated



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to William C. Schettine's Signature Stallions in Florida for the 2010 breeding season. The eight-year-old stood his first two years at stud at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Kentucky. A son of Grade I winner and course-record-setter Lady Shirl, Shakespeare raced for Schettine and breeder Dell Ridge Farm. The handsome dark bay won his first five starts, a skein

capped by a win over subsequent champion English Channel (Smart Strike) in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Belmont in October of 2005. He capped off his career with a victory over GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Kip Deville (Kipling) in the GI Woodbine Mile. Shakespeare won seven of eight lifetime starts and banked over \$1.2 million while concluding his career for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin.

**QUIET SECOND SESSION AT OBS OPEN SALE** A trio of yearlings brought \$45,000 apiece to top the second open session of the OBS August Sale in Ocala yesterday. The first of the three was [hip 682](#), a colt by Stormy Atlantic out of La Defense (Wild Again). A half-brother to SW Quelle Surprise (Slew Gin Fizz), the bay was consigned by Summerfield, Agent VI, and purchased by Mc Brothers. [Hip 718](#), a colt by Put It Back out of Lovely Lyric (Alydar), brought the same price, going to Bo Hunt, agent. The dark bay, also from the Summerfield offering, is a half to the stakes-placed duo of Sharcan (Peteski) and Le Monde (Runaway Groom). The last of the session toppers through the ring was [hip 781](#), a filly by Pomeroy out of Misty Springs (Wild Again). Consigned by Big C Farm and purchased by Vinery Stables, the dark bay is out of a half to GISP Eye Dazzler (Boundary). The OBS August Open Yearling Sale concludes today, with the final session starting at 10:30 a.m. Complete results and catalogues are available at [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).


  
**THREE CHIMNEYS** TODAY'S  
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**2:39p** 4th-SAR, Msw, \$55K, 2yo, f, 5f  
**HR/TVG** **CABLEKNIT** ([Unbridled's Song](#)), a \$1.7-million KEESEP purchase, was scratched at the gate of her intended career opener Aug. 13 at Saratoga. Trained by Kiaran McLaughlin for Darley, the chestnut filly is a half-sister to champion sprinter and leading young sire Speightstown (Gone West). The race also features the debut of Mill House's **Sure as Gold** ([Touch Gold](#)), a \$320K KEEAPR juvenile who was produced by a half-sister to MGSW Randaroo (Gold Case). [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)

**3:47p** 6th-SAR, Msw, \$51K, 2yo, 1 1/16mT  
**HR/TVG** **KING ROCK** ([Rock Hard Ten](#)) rallied to claim second in a one-mile maiden on the Delaware dirt Aug. 5. The Mercedes colorbearer, produced by a King of Kings (Ire) mare, is bred to relish the spinach. Trainer Tony Dutrow sent the dark bay out for a half-mile spin over the local lawn Aug. 17, when he covered the distance in :47 2/5 (14/35). Another youngster bred to excel on grass is **Becky's Kitten** ([Kitten's Joy](#)), who ran third and fourth, respectively, in his first two tries on the Churchill main track. The son of the Cozzene mare Caterette heads here off a fifth in an off-the-turfer at Belmont July 24. [brisnet.com pps](http://brisnet.com pps)

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## ★ SARATOGA ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**ALBANY S.**, \$150,000, SAR, 8-26, (S), 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49 3/5, ft.

1--**#FIDDLERS AFLEET**, 115, c, 3, [Northern Afleet--American Tango \(SW, \\$192,196\), by Quiet American](#). (\$14,000 RNA yrl '07 FTNAUG). O-Marc C Ferrell; B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC, Richard K Gallagher & Joan T Simpson (NY); T-Michael E Hushion; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-2, \$211,835.

2--**Slevin**, 115, g, 3, [Belong to Me](#)--Silverbobbin, by Silver Deputy. (\$18,000 RNA wlng '06 KEENOV). O-Eric Brophy. \$30,000.

3--**Summer Share**, 116, g, 3, Tenpins--Blondz Away, by Skip Away. (\$13,000 RNA wlng '06 NYBSEP; \$37,000 RNA yrl '07 FTNAUG). O-Standard Racing. \$15,000.

Margins: NK, 5 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 5.20, 21.50.

Fiddlers Afleet hit the board in the Sleepy Hollow S. and Damon Runyon S. for New York-breds last year for trainer Tom Bush before being transplanted to California. The bay failed to make the frame in three West Coast outings, finishing fifth in the GIII San Rafael S. for John O'Hara Jan. 17 and fifth in the GIII Affirmed H. for David Hofmans June 20. Returned to his native New York, the colt trounced state-bred rivals by 13 3/4 lengths in an entry-level allowance at Belmont July 18 and was even-money here off that effort. The crowd's choice set out in front and cut out quick splits of :46.02 and 1:10.36, but dug in gamely when challenged by Slevin and kept battling back to secure the win. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**PLEASANT COLONY S.**, \$70,850, SAR, 8-26, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:49 2/5, ft.

1--**#SUMO**, 118, c, 3, by [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)

1st Dam: Dyna Da Wyna (GSW, \$394,540), by Doc's Leader

2nd Dam: Dyna Peak, by Dynaformer

3rd Dam: Quatre Saisons, by Court Recess

(\$190,000 RNA yrl '07 FTSAUG). O-Stone Farm; B-Arthur Hancock (KY); T-H Graham Motion; J-Jeremy Rose; \$43,350. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-3-2-0, \$126,244.

2--**Guam Typhoon**, 118, c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--La Cucina (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire). (\$340,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESep). O-Elaine Jones. \$14,450.

3--**Santana Six**, 118, c, 3, Hold That Tiger--Back to Capetown, by Cape Town. (\$7,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESep). O-My Meadowview Farms & Hurricane Boys Racing Stable. \$7,248.

Margins: 5, 2HF, 9HF. Odds: 3.60, 1.10, 4.80.

Sumo paired up victories at Laurel and Tampa Dec. 27 and Jan. 30 before finishing second in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at the latter track on Valentine's Day. The homebred was sidelined following a ninth in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 14, and resumed his career with a rusty fourth in the GIII Barbaro S. at Delaware July 19. Sumo broke alertly, but was snared back by Jeremy Rose to race in third as Santana Six and Guam Typhoon vied for the lead up front. The chestnut ranged up three wide approaching the stretch, took charge and opened up authoritatively for his first black-type success. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

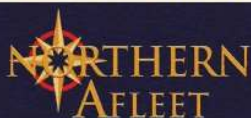
**7th-SAR**, \$55,000, Msw, 2yo, 5f, :58 1/5, ft.

**WILDCAT NATION** (c, 2, [Yes It's True](#)--Scarlet Tango {SP}, by French Deputy), a half-brother to Visionaire (Grand Slam), GISW, \$465,882, was a well-beaten eighth over this strip on debut July 29. Offering a reversal of form in this second go, the 7-1 chance was outprinted in the early going as firsters Condemned (Speightstown) and Tiz Brian (Tiznow) ripped through :21.36 and :45.25 splits. Tiz Brian put away his rival in upper stretch, but couldn't counter the big late run of Wildcat Nation, who powered past on his way to a 3 1/4-length decision. Tiz Brian held for second over the fast-closing Strictly Society (Golden Missile). Condemnation faded to be last of 10. Visionaire also showed an affinity for Saratoga, having won the GI NetJets King's Bishop S. at the Spa last August. Wildcat Nation was a \$400,000 KEESep yearling. A yearling full-brother to Visionaire was purchased by Dogwood for \$170,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale earlier this month. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,184.

O-Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable. B-Reiley McDonald (KY). T-D Wayne Lukas.

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[7th-SAR \(Msw\) Wildcat Nation](#) (Yes It's True) gets it done in his second start.

[2nd-DMR \(Msw\) Riviera Cocktail](#) (Giant's Causeway) rallies from last in his U.S. debut.

[4th-MTH \(Msw\) Amber Grace](#) (Elusive Quality), a 1/2 to champion Russian Rhythm, wins first out.



## ★ EAST ★

**Tuesday Night's Results:**

**4th-MNR, \$22,400, Alw, NW2L, 2yo, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.**  
**OH CHARLIE BOY** (c, 2, [Canadian Frontier](#)--El Fasto, by El Prado {Ire}) got up in the final strides when unveiled for a \$30,000 tag at Churchill Downs June 20. Sent off as the 9-5 second choice here, the grey colt was in the thick of things from the start before shaking loose en route to a 3 3/4-length success. Sales history: \$10,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$25,288.  
 O-Golden Shamrock Farms LLC. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). T-Gregory D Foley.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-MTH, \$42,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.**  
**CONGRESSIONAL PAGE** (g, 4, [Orientate](#)--Page Dancer, by Hennessy), a \$37,000 FTKJUL yearling, aired by eight lengths in his belated debut at Delaware June 6. The dark bay continued the good work with an allowance tally at that track July 7, and was the 2-1 second choice in this affair. Never too far from the front, the four-year-old made his move at the quarter pole and went on to record a 1 3/4-length success from The Last Wave (Malibu Moon). [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$63,600.  
 O-R Larry Johnson. B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds Inc, Corner Woods & Peter Lamantia (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta.

**3rd-MTH, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:42 4/5, ft.**  
**UNRIVALED BELLE** (f, 3, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Queenie Belle {MGSW, \$624,790}, by Bertrando) clipped heels before rallying to get second by a neck in her Apr. 9 career opener, a 6 1/2-furlong test on Keeneland's Polytrack ([video](#)). She hadn't faced the starter since, but was bet down to 4-5 while stretching out to two turns here. The grey filly settled kindly just off the pace for Eddie Castro as Feverish Flight (Fusaichi Pegasus) showed the way. Castro moved his hands on the far turn and Unrivaled Belle responded willingly, gliding home a 3 3/4-length winner under minimal urging. Mystic Video (Harlan's Holiday) got second, while Feverish Flight faded to fourth. Sales history: \$260,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,800.  
 O/B-Gary Seidler & Peter Vegso (KY). T-William I Mott.



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**4th-MTH, \$36,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.**  
 + **AMBER GRACE** (f, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Balistroika, by Nijinsky II) was dismissed at 10-1 despite being a half-sister to the top-class Russian Rhythm (Kingmambo), Hwt 3yo-Filly-GB at 7-9.5f & 9.5-11f, Ch. 3yo Filly-Eur, MG1SW-GB, \$1,260,634.  
 The Pennsylvania-bred chestnut caboosed the field through the :46.77 opening half-mile set by Stormy Dixie (Stormy Atlantic). Amber Grace advanced along the inside and, given two cracks by Stewart Elliott, cruised up alongside the pacesetter and finished up well under a hand ride to score by 3/4 of a length. The winner is also a half-sister to Ive Gota Bad Liver (Mt. Livermore), MGSP; and Perfectperformance (Rahy), GSW-GB, \$198,843. Balistroika has a two-year-old Kingmambo colt named Realize Troika. She foaled a Mr. Greeley colt in February and was bred back to Street Cry (Ire). [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600.  
 O/B-Brushwood Stable (PA). T-Michael J Moran.



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## ★ CENTRAL ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**1st-PID, \$36,900, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04 2/5, ft.**  
 + **OH WHATA HOLIDAY** (f, 2, [Harlan's Holiday](#)--Just About Time, by Gilded Time), the 5-2 favorite, made a five-wide move coming off the turn and got up in time to nail Acting French (Act of Duty) by a neck at the line. Sales history: \$32,000 wIng '07 OBSOCT; \$75,000 yrl '08 TEXAUG; \$85,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000.  
 O-Daniel A Lynch & Merrill R Scherer. B-Bayou Fitness Products (LA). T-Merrill R Scherer.

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★ CANADA ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**2nd-WOX, \$63,726, Alw, Opt. Clm.**  
(\$62,500-\$60,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT, 1:15 2/5, fm.

**GRAND ADVENTURE (c, 3, [Grand Slam](#)--Val Marie, by Coronado's Quest)**, a \$75,000 FTKJUL yearling, kicked off his career with a maiden win on the turf at Woodbine last August, and came back to take the Oct. 4 Gill Summer S. by a gallant head. The dark bay earned a trip to Santa Anita for the Oct. 25 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf S., but faded after pressing the pace and finished 10th. He was making his first appearance since that effort here. Let go at 4-1, Grand Adventure was up to press the pace through a half in :45.80, then outfinished 7-5 Smokey Fire (Smoke Glacken) down the lane, pulling away to beat the favorite by two lengths. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-0-0, \$237,268. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Sam-Son Farms. B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY). T-Mark R Frostad.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN FRANCE:**

+ **Saying**, f, 2, [Giant's Causeway](#). See "France."  
**Pulpit Point**, g, 3, [Pulpit](#). See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Calliaqua**, m, 5, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Penny Hole (SP-US), by Seeking the Gold. Palermo, 8-24, Cond, 5f, :56.19. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, P20,000. O-Stud Pueyrredon; B-Eugene Melnyk (KY); T-Juan Panizza. \* \$1,700 HRA '08 OBSOCT.

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**First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, August 27**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ACT OF DUTY** (Mr. Prospector), Bridlewood, \$5K, 57/1/0  
4-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Duty First, 15-1  
4-SAR, Msw, 5f, J Z's Revenge, \$11K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1
- AFLEET ALEX** (Northern Afleet), Gainesway, \$40K, 138/5/0  
5-DMR, Msw, 1mT, Go Ask Alex, \$32K KEE SEP yrl
- CLOSING ARGUMENT** (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 99/1/1  
4-WO, Msw, 6f, Tasha's Alibi, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1
- DARK KESTREL** (Stormy Atlantic), 8/1/0  
1-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Midnight Medic, \$12K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
- DEPUTY RUMMY** (French Deputy), 7/0/0  
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Rum City, 15-1  
5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Danceforthe deputy, 10-1
- EUROSILVER** (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 143/3/0  
4-PEN, Msw, 6f, Chief Silverhills, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1  
4-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Euro Ghost, 12-1
- HERO'S PLEASURE** (Sea Hero), 4/0/0  
4-CBY, Msw, 5 1/2f, Cinder Ellie, \$5K MNS AUG yrl, 5-2
- KITTEN'S JOY** (El Prado {Ire}), Ramsey, \$25K, 104/8/0  
6-SAR, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Becky's Kitten, \$37K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
- LIMEHOUSE** (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 99/8/1  
1-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, Horrendous, \$9K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2  
6-SAR, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Bigshot, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- NORTH LIGHT (IRE)** (Danehill), Adena Springs, \$50K, 67/2/0  
5-DMR, Msw, 1mT, +Home Grown Lass, \$20K ADS SPR 2yo
- PURGE** (Pulpit), Vinery, \$20K, 134/5/0  
4-SAR, Msw, 5f, Cape Cod Carrie, \$110K OBS FEB 2yo, 15-1
- ROCK HARD TEN** (Kris S.), Lane's End, \$50K, 82/2/1  
6-SAR, Msw, 1 1/16mT, King Rock, \$85K KEE NOV wnl, 12-1
- SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/4/0  
4-WO, Msw, 6f, +Moment of Majesty, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- STRAWBERRY AFFAIR** (Black Tie Affair {Ire}), 2/0/0  
1-HOO, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Circle M Billybob, 20-1

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Aug. 27**

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- ACTION THIS DAY** (Kris S.), Spendthrift, \$10K, 148/27/1  
3-LAD, Msw, 6f, +Premium Action, \$110K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- BOWMAN'S BAND** (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$6K, 101/22/1  
4-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Belgian Beer, 12-1
- PERFECT SOUL (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 159/22/1  
4-WO, Msw, 6f, +Perfect Belle, 5-2

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## ★ DEL MAR ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**HARRY F. BRUBAKER S.**, \$89,930, DMR, 8-26, (R), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 3/5, fm.

1--**#SKYRUSH (ARG), 119, c, 4, Orpen--Sirga (Arg) (GSW-Arg), by Southern Halo.** O-Herrick Racing LLC; B-La Providencia (ARG); T-Darrell Vienna; J-Martin A Pedroza; \$53,958. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-4-0-2, \$96,262.

2--**Racketeer**, 119, h, 6, Awesome Again--Noble Robyn, by Skip Trial. (\$150,000 RNA HRA '05 ADNMAR). O-Barry, David & Dyan Abrams, M Auerbach LLC & Ron McCauley. \$17,986.

3--**Tiz West**, 119, c, 4, Gone West--Tizso, by Cee's Tizzy. O-Diamond A Racing Corporation. \$10,793. Margins: NK, 2, HF. Odds: 11.60, 13.60, 1.80.

He was overlooked at 11-1 in his U.S. bow, but Skyrush had everyone's attention at the wire. Three-for-seven in his native Argentina, the dark bay ran fifth in the G1 Gran Criterium going a mile to cap off 2008. He captured conditions races on the turf at San Isidro Jan. 16 and Mar. 21 from three starts over the Southern Hemisphere summer, and was last seen running third in a Group 3 event going 1 1/2 miles on the grass Apr. 22. Allowed to settle just off moderate splits, the Herrick Racing colorbearer angled outside as the field fanned across the track in the stretch. It looked like anyone's race at the eighth pole, but Skyrush emerged from the middle of the track and fought off the late bid of Racketeer for the upset victory. Tiago (Pleasant Tap), making his turf bow, lagged early, but pulled his way up to press the pace on the backstretch. He loomed boldly at the top of the lane, but faded late to be sixth and last. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

**3rd-DMR, \$65,400, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.  
**GENERAL CONSENSUS (f, 4, Giant's Causeway--Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew),** a \$400,000 KEESEP yearling, graduated last April at Santa Anita, but didn't face the starter again until Feb. 12, when she captured an allowance on the Arcadia lawn. Second and third in her next two starts Mar. 19 and Apr. 15 at that track, the half-sister to Golden Rainbow (Seeking the Gold), SP, \$285,950, most recently ran fifth behind Allicansaysiswow (Street Cry {Ire}) in an allowance on the Hollywood sod July 11. The 2-1 favorite secured a stalking trip while two off the fence, angled to the outside in the lane and kicked on well to post a 1 1/4-length victory. Pacesetter Taste's Sis (Marquetry) stuck around for second. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-2, \$149,154.

O-Sierra Farm. B-Swettenham Stud (KY). T-P Gallagher.

**2nd-DMR, \$53,800, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT),** 1:37 3/5, ft.

**RIVIERA COCKTAIL (c, 3, Giant's Causeway--Starry Dreamer {SW & GISP, \$564,789}, by Rubiano)** made the frame in two of four tries in France for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. A close sixth on Deauville's all-weather surface Mar. 20, the bay colt settled for third in his latest on the turf at Le Bouscat Apr. 11, and was let go at 11-1 while making his first appearance for Neil Drysdale. The French import settled at the back of the pack in the early stages, then began to work his way forward. He turned for home full of run, but was stuck behind a wall of horses. Jockey Joe Talamo found room while four wide and Riviera Cocktail responded willingly to earn a 1 1/4-length graduation over Bring It Home (Came Home). The winner is a half-brother to Ecclesiastic (Pulpit), MGSW, \$346,472; War Front (Danzig), GSW & MGISP, \$424,205; and Teammate (A.P. Indy), MGSW & MGISP, \$618,276. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$38,078.

O-Allen, Cheng & Gallagher. B-Joseph Allen (KY). T-Neil D Drysdale.



## EUROPE



**DANSILI COLT TOPS LEGER** Doncaster Bloodstock Sales' St Leger Yearling Sale ended with figures down yesterday, but the purchase of a son of Dansili (GB) for £200,000 provided a notable highlight. As on the first day, Newsells Park Stud consigned the topper, and Renata Jacobs' operation supplied hip 337, whose dam is SW & GSP Cayman Sunset (Ire) (Night Shift).



Hip 337 [dbsauctions.com](#)

M.V. Magnier saw off trainer Howard Johnson and Shadwell's Angus Gold to secure the March-foaled bay, who will race for the Coolmore triumvirate of Magnier, Tabor and Smith. "He's for the three lads and will come back to Coolmore now, and they'll see then about where he

goes," Magnier told *Racing Post*. "He's by Dansili out of a Night Shift mare, so he's bred to be fast and was a lovely looking colt."

Later, Richard O'Gorman paid £125,000 on behalf of John Ferguson for Ballyphilip Stud's hip 443, a Compton Place (GB) half-brother to this year's G2 Vintage S. winner Xtension (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), fending off that juvenile's trainer Clive Cox and Michael Donohoe from BBA Ireland.

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**St Leger report cont.**

Redpender Stud celebrated the sales's most successful pinhook after a son of Medicean (GB) they bought for just 4,000 guineas as a weanling at Tattersalls December sold for £120,000. Hip 411 is Cheveley Park breeding through-and-through, being out of a half to 2007 G1 Matron S. winner Echelon (GB) (Danehill) and dual G2 Celebration Mile heroine Chic (GB) (Machiavellian). After outlasting Eamon Reilly of BBA Ireland, Peter Doyle--standing with trainer Richard Hannon--secured the March-foaled chestnut.

Shadwell were on hand to pay £90,000 for the day's top-priced filly, Goldford Stud's daughter of Oasis Dream (GB) consigned as hip 321, whose dam is a half to the group-placed Doctor Brown (GB) (Dr Fong). Five lots earlier, Angus Gold paid £80,000 for Croom House Stud's Cadeaux Genereux (GB) colt, whose dam is a sister to SW Darina (Ire) (Danehill). Hip 329 is a February-foaled half-brother to SP City Dancer (Ire) (Elusive City), whose family includes the sire Leporello (Ire) (Danehill).

**A Half-Full Glass Approach...**

Average and median were down by 23 percent, but DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby was refusing to look on the downside yesterday. "The DBS St Leger Yearling Sales has enjoyed a meteoric rise over the last decade, from quite humble beginnings to its current standing as a 'Premier League Sale' that is attended by every major buyer and regularly sends out winners of the highest quality. However, it seems nothing is immune from the current financial climate. We have taken a hit over the last two days in terms of statistics, although the most pleasing aspect of the sale has been the very respectable 79-percent clearance rate that reflects a pragmatic approach by our vendors and the hard work of the DBS auctioneers." He added, "It is simply a harsh fact that people do not currently have as much money to spend on racehorses and there was a strong element of selectivity in the trade. Whether that trend will be replicated throughout the autumn remains to be seen, but last year's sale, which seemed slightly disappointing at the time, looked pretty respectable at the end of the season and that may be the case again this year." Full results are available on [www.dbsauctions.com](http://www.dbsauctions.com).

**DONCASTER ST LEGER YEARLINGS**

**WEDNESDAY'S TOP FIVE LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (£)
<u>337</u>	c	Dansili (GB)	Cayman Sunset (Ire)	200,000
Consigned by Newsells Park Stud Ltd Purchased by M V Magnier				
<u>443</u>	c	Compton Place (GB)	Great Joy (Ire)	125,000
Consigned by Ballyphilip Stud Purchased by Richard O'Gorman Bloodstock				
<u>411</u>	c	Medicean (GB)	Excellent (GB)	120,000
(4,000gns wnlg '08 TATDEC) Consigned by Redpender Stud Purchased by Peter Doyle Bloodstock Ltd				
<u>321</u>	f	Oasis Dream (GB)	Bright Moll (GB)	90,000
Consigned by Goldford Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				
<u>316</u>	c	Cadeaux Genereux (GB)	Bona Dea (Ire)	80,000
Consigned by Croom House Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				



**DBS ST LEGER YEARLING SALE  
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 2009**

CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
No. Catalogued	495	500
No. Offered	465	474
No. Sold	369	401
RNAs	96	73
% RNA	20.6%	15.4%
Gross	£9,609,500	£13,493,500
Average (% Change)	£26,042 (-22.6%)	£33,649
Median (% Change)	£20,000 (-23.1%)	£26,000

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**DBS ST LEGER YEARLING SALE  
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26, 2009**

SESSION TOTALS	2009
No. Catalogued	245
No. Offered	232
No. Sold	177
RNAs	55
% RNA	23.7%
Gross	£4,241,000
Average (% Change)	£23,960

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**EUROPEAN VIDEO LINKS**



**16.00 Warwick (Cond) Stags Leap (Ire)** (Refuse to Bend Ire}) takes her second straight.

**14.10 Ayr (Mdn) Tut (Ire)** (Intikhab) turns in an uncommon performance..



## ★ BRITAIN ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**Warwick, 16.00, Cond, £12,000, 2yo, 7f 26ydsT, 1:25.57, gd.**

**STAGS LEAP (IRE) (c, 2, [Refuse to Bend {Ire}](#)--[Swingsky {Ire}](#), by [Indian Ridge {Ire}](#)),** off the mark at the Glorious Goodwood meeting last time Aug. 1, started at 4-1 and raced close to early leader Avonrose (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}). Passing that rival before the quarter pole, the €110,000 GOFFEB yearling was always holding her rally to score by a half-length. [Video, courtesy of Racing UK](#). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £20,723.

O-Mrs J Wood; B-P McCartan & Paddy Twomey; T-Richard Hannon.

**Ayr, 14.10, Mdn, £8,200, 2yo, 7f 50ydsT, 1:36.45, sf.**

**TUT (IRE) (f, 2, [Intikhab--Radiant Energy {Ire}](#), by [Spectrum {Ire}](#)),** third on debut at Catterick July 1, started at 6-1 and chased the early pace before gaining the lead approaching the final quarter. Pressed by Golden Shaheen (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) from there, the €17,000 GOFNOV weanling and 11,000gns TATOCT yearling asserted to score by 1 1/2 lengths. [Video, courtesy of Racing UK](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, 5,888.

O-Hubert John Strecker; B-Michelle Lyons; T-Alan Jarvis.

## ★ FRANCE ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**Deauville, 13.50, Debutantes, €24,000, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2fT, 1:39.30, gd.**

**+ LOPE DE VEGA (IRE) (c, 2, [Shamardal--Lady Vettori {GB}](#) {[GSW & G1SP-Fr, \\$116,309](#)}, by [Vettori {Ire}](#)),** sent off the even-money favorite, was keen early whilst close to the moderate early pace before taking over at the top of the straight. Challenged there by Mubtassim (Red Ransom), the homebred only needed hand riding to quickly assert and draw away for a comfortable 2 1/2-length success from that rival. The 10th winner for his freshman sire (by [Giant's Causeway](#)), he is a half-brother to [Bal de la Rose \(Ire\)](#) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), [GSW-Fr, \\$130,744](#). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000.

O/B-Gestut Ammerland; T-Andre Fabre.

### TDN Euro is:

<b>England:</b>	<b>Sean Cronin</b> ( <i>CAFE Racing</i> )
	<b>Tom Frary</b> ( <i>CAFE Racing</i> )
<b>France:</b>	<b>Claude Beniada</b>
<b>Germany:</b>	<b>Christa Riebel</b>
<b>Ireland:</b>	<b>Dave Keena</b>
<b>Italy:</b>	<b>Giorgio Barsotti</b>

**Deauville, 15.25, Debutantes, €24,000, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT, 1:41.60, gd.**

**+ SAYING (f, 2, [Giant's Causeway--Pas de Reponse {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, G1SW-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \\$344,109}](#), by [Danzig](#)),** sent off the 3-1 joint-second favorite, was patiently ridden when racing freely behind the leading group throughout the early stages. Launched wide in the stretch, the homebred quickened impressively without Olivier Peslier needing the whip and failed by a nose as [Elusist \(Ire\)](#) ([Elusive City](#)) held on. After an enquiry, the first-place finisher was judged to have taken the ground of the eventual fourth [Satwa Tune \(Fr\)](#) ([Green Tune](#)) and was disqualified to third, with [Saying](#) promoted to first and [Satwa Tune](#) placed second. [Saying](#) is a half-sister to [Sunday Doubt \(Sunday Silence\)](#), [GSP-Fr](#). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000.

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Freddy Head.

## ★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

### IN AUSTRALASIA:

**Kossack (GB), c, 4, [Sadler's Wells--Kithanga \(Ire\)](#) (Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 14f+, [GSW & G1SP-Eng, \\$100,693](#)), by [Darshaan \(GB\)](#). [Randwick \(Sydney\)](#), 8-25, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7f 165ydsT. B- [Fittocks Stud](#). \*Full to [Milan \(GB\)](#), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng & Ire at 14f+, [G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, GISP-US, SP-Ire, \\$990,247](#); Go for Gold ([Machiavallian](#)), [MGSP-Eng, \\$111,104](#).**



SOUTH AMERICA



### TRUE CAUSE SOLD TO ARGENTINA True Cause

([Storm Cat--Dearly {GB}](#), by [Rahy](#)), who entered his first season at stud at Key Ranch in Texas during the 2009 Northern Hemisphere season, has been partially sold to Argentine breeders and will remain in Argentina after shuttling there for the current Southern Hemisphere season. The six-year-old, a stakes winner in England and multiple Grade II-placed in the U.S., will stand in at [Haras Rancho Lujan](#). A winner of three of his 17 career starts, [True Cause](#) took the 2005 [Stardom S.](#) on his second start at two at [Goodwood](#) and was runner-up in both the [GII Red Smith H.](#) at [Aquaduct](#) and the [GII Mac Diarmida H.](#) at [Gulfstream Park](#). Bred in Kentucky by [Darley](#), [True Cause](#) is out of a half-sister to [Darley's homebred GISW Balletto \(UAE\)](#) ([Timber Country](#)), the first United Arab Emirates-bred horse to win a Grade 1 race in North America. His third dam, multiple graded stakes winner [Althea \(Alydar\)](#), was champion two-year-old filly in the United States in 1983 and set a track record in the [GI Arkansas Derby](#). [True Cause](#) shares the same breeding pattern as prominent sire and European Horse of the Year [Giant's Causeway](#), as well as [MGISW After Market](#).



# BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**3rd-WOX, \$65,475, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37, fm.**  
**VENGANZA (f, 3, Compadre--Back On Top, by Ascot Knight)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$61,924.  
 O-Fieldstone Farms. B-Wynnwood Farms & A Grguric (ON). T-Analisa M Delmas. \*C\$2,500 yrl '07 CANOCT.

**7th-PID, \$49,750, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:35 3/5, ft.**  
**TIZ LATE (g, 4, Tiznow--Roring Fork, by Mr. Prospector)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-0, \$132,110. O-Harry C & Tom O Meyerhoff LLC. B-Mike G Rutherford (KY). T-Michael J Trombetta. \*\$120,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$85,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

**5th-DEL, \$40,772, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.**  
**SUBPRIME (f, 3, High Yield--Pleasant Boom, by Pleasant Tap)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-2-1-2, \$90,186.  
 O/B-Edward P Evans (VA). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

**5th-PID, \$38,810, NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15 2/5, ft.**  
**FURKA PASS (g, 5, Marquetry--Leslie's Jet, by Lost Code)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 30-7-10-3, \$158,446.  
 O-Jack L Boggs. B-Gene J & Phyllis K Gilmore (MI). T-Jeffrey A Radosevich.

**3rd-PEN, \$38,000, 8-25, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70yT, 1:43 4/5, fm.**  
**REEL VICTORY (f, 3, Victory Gallop--De Rose Colony, by Dehere)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$80,390.  
 O/B-Timber Bay Farm (KY). T-William J Entenmann.

**6th-PID, \$37,030, NW2L, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:08 4/5, ft.**  
**SNEAKING UPONYOU (g, 3, Snuck In--Chestnut Game, by Dahar)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$43,555. O-Jagger Inc. B-McLaughlin Family Limited Partnership (FL). T-Jamie Ness. \*\$15,000 RNA 2yo '08 OBSAPR.

**7th-APX, \$30,500, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :57 3/5, ft.**  
**SHELTERED (f, 4, Touch Gold--Miss Pickums {GSW, \$376,809}, by Afternoon Deelites)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-3, \$67,637. O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Mace & Samantha Siegel (KY). T-Paul J McGee.

**6th-HOO, \$29,000, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.**  
**WAKI TRICK (g, 3, Waki Warrior--Ursula {Ven} {SP-Ven}, by Phone Trick)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$45,075. O-Rancho Monarca LLC. B-Lawrence E & Jo Ann Ernst (IN). T-A Duran. \*\$2,500 yrl '07 IDAAUG.

**3rd-PRM, \$27,200, 8-25, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10, ft.**  
**MAKASI (f, 3, Indian Charlie--Floral Bounty, by Pirate's Bounty)** Lifetime Record: SP, 13-5-0-3, \$100,803.  
 O-Orion Stables. B-Schuyler Stables (IA). T-Chris Richard. \*\$55,000 RNA HRA '08 BESMAR. \*\*1/2 to S. S. Bounty (H. J. Baker), SP, \$150,984.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

+ **Zodiac Girl, f, 2, Aldebaran--With My Blessings, by Pulpit.** SAR, 8-26, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5. B-Kirk & Deby Wycoff (KY). \*\$9,000 wlng '07 KEENOV; \$9,700 RNA yrl '08 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '09 FTMMAY.

**Salty Fries, f, 2, In Excess (Ire)--Salty Steph, by Salt Lake.** DMR, 8-26, (S), (C), 6f (AWT), 1:11 4/5. B-Legacy Ranch Inc (CA).

**Wildcat Maggie, f, 2, Moro Oro--Jeanie's Prospect, by Prospective Star.** HOO, 8-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-Doug & Mona Wilson (IN).

**Your in for Half, g, 2, Snuck In--Dead Ender, by Ends Well.** MNR, 8-25, 5 1/2f, 1:07 4/5. B-Mr & Mrs Marty Hershe (FL). \*\$3,500 yrl '08 OBSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Smoky Prince (Theatre Critic {Ire}), SP-Ity, \$230,730.

**Turner Loose, f, 2, Teton Forest--Sandy's Way {MSP, \$221,845}, by Twining.** DEL, 8-26, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:07 2/5. B-Dr Dan W White (KY). \*\$22,000 wlng '07 KEENOV; \$25,000 yrl '08 FTMOCT.

**Line Castle, f, 3, Cashel Castle--Line Shot, by Caller I. D.** APX, 8-26, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:12 3/5. B-Team Block (IL). \*\$53,000 wlng '06 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Shrewd Operator (Twining), GSP, \$122,847.

**Kaylbarb, f, 3, Horse Chestnut (SAF)--Hidden Temper, by Miswaki.** PEN, 8-26, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5. B-Daniel J Yates (KY). \*\$31,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT; \$6,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Mr. Tommy (Stephen Got Even), MSW-Pan.

**Alkmaar, f, 3, Monashee Mountain--Dynamite Cocktail, by Dynaformer.** WOX, 8-26, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46 1/5. B-R Harvey & A Wortzman (ON).

**B Choozy, g, 3, Teton Forest--Tricky Tami, by Western Trick.** PRM, 8-25, (S), 6f, 1:11. B-A Poindexter (IA).

**Khukuri, g, 3, War Chant--Accessory, by Royal Academy.** SAR, 8-26, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:46 1/5. B-Ramona Bass & Arthur Seeligson (KY). \*\$65,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

**Eluding, f, 4, Elusive Quality--Earth to Jackie (MSW & GSP, \$234,523), by Polish Numbers.** PEN, 8-26, 1mT, 1:40. B-George Strawbridge Jr. (PA). \*\$30,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.



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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Bandar (Aus)**, c, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--Be My Bride, by Baratheia (Ire). Randwick (Sydney), 8-25, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT. B-Emirates Park (Vic) Pty Ltd.  
**Madibagold (Aus)**, g, 4, [Johannesburg](#)--Aim For Gold (Aus), by End Sweep. Randwick (Sydney), 8-25, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7fT. B-Mr G J Fischl.

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Storm Nine (Arg)**, c, 3, [Bernstein](#)--South Nina (Arg), by Southern Halo. Palermo, 8-24, Mdn, 5f, :55.75. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1. O/B-La Biznaga; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**BRITAIN, Warwick, 14.30**, £8,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:11.38, gd.  
**TAKE TEN (GB)** (c, 2, [Bahamian Bounty {GB}](#)--See You Later {GB} {MSP-Eng}, by [Emarati](#)) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, £10,997. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & Mrs M E Slade; T-Mark Johnston. \*210,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Aahayson (GB) (Noverre), SW-Eng, \$222,307.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Deauville, 16.25**, €29,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:22.60, stn.  
**CHOMBO (FR)** (c, 3, [Diktat {GB}](#)--[Atlantique {Ire}](#)), by [Alzao](#)) Lifetime Record: 14 starts, 2 wins, 10 places, €73,415. O/T-Luis A Urbano Grajales; B-T de la Heronniere & SARL Jedburgh Stud. \*€12,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG.

**FRANCE, Deauville, 14.55**, €24,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), 2:02.80, stn.  
**PULPIT POINT** (g, 3, [Pulpit](#)--[Point Gained {SP}](#)), by [Hennessy](#)) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €30,700. O-Anthony Holmes; B-Summer Wind Farm; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. \*\$47,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.



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**ITALY, Naples, 22.25**, 8-25, €10,800, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57.90, gd.  
**DIGLETT (IRE)** (c, 3, [One Cool Cat](#)--[Rich Gift {GB}](#) {SP-Eng}, by [Cadeaux Genereux {GB}](#)) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Ity, 13-5-2-1, €68,245. O/B-Azienda Agricola Valle Falcone SRL; T-Luigi Riccardi. \*€49,000 RNA yrl '07 ITYSEP. \*\*3/4 to Black Mambazo (Ire) (Statue of Liberty), MSW & MGSP-Ity, \$296,032.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Camacho Flyer (Ire)**, c, 2, [Camacho \(GB\)](#)--Despondent (Ire), by Broken Hearted (Ire). Warwick, Britain, 8-26, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-John Cullinan. \*£500 yrl '08 DONOCT. \*\*Seventh winner for freshman sire (by Danehill).  
**Wild Speed (Ity)**, c, 2, [Tout Seul \(Ire\)](#)--Suave Gallant, by Suave Prospect. Naples, Italy, 8-25, Mdn, 2yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Azienda Agricola dell'Olmo Srl.  
**Lyle Lady (Ire)**, f, 2, [Traditionally](#)--My Funny Valentine (Ire) (SW-Ity, \$195,374), by Mukaddamah. Bellewstown, Ireland, 8-26, Mdn, 2yo, 1mT. B-Ann & Joe Hallinan. \*€4,000 yrl '08 GOFSP.  
**Arjemis (GB)**, f, 3, [Hunting Lion \(Ire\)](#)--Kungfu Kerry (GB), by Celtic Swing (GB). Catterick, Britain, 8-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 212ydsT. B-Andrea Bartlett.  
**Love Call (Ire)**, f, 3, [Indian Haven \(GB\)](#)--Cap and Gown (Ire), by Royal Academy. Warwick, Britain, 8-26, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1m 22ydsT. B-J Connolly. \*€18,000 RNA yrl '07 GOFMIL.  
**Premier Grand Cru (Fr)**, g, 3, [Kaldounevees \(Fr\)](#)--Last Harvest (Fr), by Kahyasi (Ire). Deauville, France, 8-26, Cond, 3yo, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Mme Henri Devin.  
**Firm Foundations (Ire)**, f, 3, [Noverre](#)--Battle Wiery, by Schossberg. Bellewstown, Ireland, 8-26, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Mary Gallagher. \*€18,000 wnlng '06 GOFNOV; €9,000 yrl '07 TATIRE.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Little Surfer Girl (Aus)**, f, 3, [Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)--Special Harmony (Aus), by Spinning World. Randwick (Sydney), 8-25, Hcp, 3yo, 7fT. B- Mr G Ahearn.  
**Megem's Boy (Aus)**, g, 4, [Danehill Dancer \(Ire\)](#)--Joanne's Daughter (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ). Randwick (Sydney), 8-25, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5fT. B-Mrs J V Denham.  
**Glowlamp (Aus)**, f, 4, [Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)--Push a Venture (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). Randwick (Sydney), 8-25, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT. B- Goldendale.

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Miss You (Arg)**, f, 4, [Orpen](#)--Candy Beauty (Arg), by Candy Stripes. La Plata, 8-25, Cond, 6.5f, 1:16.86. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1. O/B-Arroyo de Luna; T-Horacio Torres.