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## TIME CALLED ON BRILLIANT CAREER OF 'STARS

Christopher Tsui's **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}--Urban Sea, by Miswaki) will not race again after trainer John Oxx made the widely expected announcement. While there remained an outside chance that the brilliant bay, who recorded six straight Group 1 wins



Sea the Stars with Oxx, Kinane and Tsui after the Arc  
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during his 2009 campaign, would take in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, connections had been downbeat on that prospect since his latest victory in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp. In a statement issued yesterday morning, Oxx said, "It has been decided after discussions with Mr. Christopher Tsui that Sea the Stars will not take part in the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Nov. 7. He's had a long season and has been in regular fast work from March 3, with his final workout on October 2. He's been in intensive training for seven months with only a three-week break after the Eclipse S. at the beginning of July. We feel it is unfair to keep him going



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any further given his unprecedented record of achievement in the last six months. He's come out of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in his usual good form. He is fit and healthy and has been cantering since the race.

He is now retiring from racing, but I have no information on stud career details, and an announcement will be made at a much later date when plans have been finalised." **Cont. p2**

### SEE SEA THE STARS...AGAIN

Date	Race
Oct. 4	<a href="#">G1 Qatar Prix Arc de Triomphe</a>
Sept. 5	<a href="#">G1 Tattersalls Millions Irish Champion S.</a>
Aug. 18	<a href="#">G1 Juddmonte International S.</a>
July 4	<a href="#">G1 Coral-Eclipse S.</a>
June 6	<a href="#">G1 Investec Derby</a>
May 2	<a href="#">G1 stanjames.com 2000 Guineas</a>
Sept. 28	<a href="#">G2 Juddmonte Beresford S.</a>

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## THEATRICAL PENSIONED

**Theatrical (Ire)** (Nureyev--Tree of Knowledge (Ire), by Sassafras {Fr}), sire of 77 black-type winners, has been pensioned from stud duties at Hill 'n' Dale Farms. "Due to the infirmities of old age, coupled with declining fertility, the proper thing to do is retire Theatrical from stud duty," said John Sikura, president of Hill 'n' Dale Farms, of the 27-year-old. Bred by Bert Firestone in Ireland, Theatrical was a member of Nureyev's lone European crop and captured his only start at two. Following a win in the G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial, the bay faltered as the favorite in the G1 Epsom Derby before finishing second in the G1 Irish Derby, and concluded his three-year-old season with an unplaced effort in the Breeders' Cup Turf. Though Theatrical failed to visit the winner's circle in 1986, he distinguished himself with a second to champion Estrapade in the GI Oak Tree Invitational prior to a neck loss to champion Manila in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, and finished the year with a third in the blanket finish of the GI Hollywood Turf Cup. Kept in training at five, Theatrical put forth a sterling season, capturing the GI Hialeah Turf Cup, the GII Red Smith H., the GI Bowling Green H. and the GI Sword Dancer Invitational in succession before finishing third to Manila in the GI Arlington Million. He concluded his championship season in style, reeling off victories in the GI Turf Classic, the GI Man o' War and the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, defeating Arc hero Trempolino in his career finale. **Cont. p4.**





**Sea the Stars Retired cont.**

Yesterday's announcement brings to an end a run which may never be equaled, as Sea the Stars not only became the first in history to record the 2000 Guineas-Derby-Arc treble--Nijinsky narrowly failed at the final hurdle in 1970--but also took in the three major 10-furlong, all-aged contests of the summer in the Eclipse, Juddmonte International and Irish Champion S. In the Guineas at Newmarket, he accounted for Delegator (GB) (Dansili {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths before going on to defeat Fame and Glory (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths at Epsom on the first Saturday in June. In Sandown's Eclipse, it was Rip Van Winkle (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) who was forced to succumb by a length a week after Oxx had swerved the Irish Derby due to rain-softened ground. It was another of Ballydoyle's current stars in Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who felt his draft in York's International, where he emerged with a length margin to spare again, while Fame and Glory was left to chase in vain once more as Sea the Stars registered a 2 1/2-length success in Leopardstown's Irish Champion in September. In the Arc, where he appeared pocketed for a long way on the inside, his potent turn of acceleration carried him to a landmark two-length success from Youmzain (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), and served as a suitable exit point for the Irish National Stud-born luminary.

John Oxx was left to reflect on a remarkable season later in the afternoon, and found it difficult to single out one of the six achievements as a personal favorite.

"It is hard to say there was any highlight with a horse like that, as they were all major races in their own right," Oxx added. "When you win a Guineas and a Derby, it becomes even more important for him to win, and as the anxiety builds up as the year goes on, every race brings tremendous relief when it is over. I suppose winning the Derby was marvelous--the way he ran his race there was a joy to watch, with how he handled the track and coasted down the hill before sauntering up the straight waiting to go and win. That was a great sight, and it must be unusual for a trainer to watch his horse in the Derby and feel so comfortable with the way he is going right through the race. After that, he developed a great public following, and everybody quickly realised they were watching something special.



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Oxx continued, "There has been great excitement every time from Sandown onwards, and he had a tremendous response from the crowds, and also the wider public towards the end as they realised that there was something special happening.

"In the Arc, I wasn't as anxious as everyone else was, as although he ran along more strongly in the bridle than most people would like, he could do that and get away with it. I knew he had such a great turn of foot and he could get out of trouble. His success was down to a combination of everything, but mainly to his tremendous cruising speed. Ballydoyle tried their best to put in pacemakers and make it tough for him, but they could never get him off the bridle. He could just travel up behind any pace totally at ease--that's his big thing--and then quicken up off it. He could do that because he has great heart and lungs, but he's got this beautiful balance, lovely stride and a great length to him. He's a big, strong horse--close-coupled in one way, but very long in another, and he has this tremendous athletic stride. He also has a great temperament and never worries about anything, was always the calmest horse at the races, and it is courage and temperament at the end of the day that bring the best horses to a different level." **Cont. p3**



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**Sea the Stars Retired cont.**

On top of his unparalleled achievements at three, Sea the Stars also held a commendable record as a juvenile. While he suffered a sole defeat on his debut when an eye-catching fourth at The Curragh last July, he was off the mark and earning ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆



Sea the Stars in 2008...  
*Inpho*

status at Leopardstown the following month before registering his first black-type win in The Curragh's G2 Juddmonte Beresford S. in September. In total, the half-brother to leading sire Galileo (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) boasts a record of 9-8-0-0 while earning £4,417,163. A son of 1993 Arc heroine Urban

Sea--who died last March ([click here](#) for TDN coverage)--he is also a half-brother to top-level winners My Typhoon (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) and Black Sam Bellamy (Ire (Sadler's Wells)).

Stud arrangements have yet to be set, but there have been suggestions that the Tsuis are keen to stand him at the Irish National Stud. That County Kildare-based operation was the scene of his birth April 6, 2006, and currently houses Urban Sea's final foal by Invincible Spirit (Ire). John Clarke, who is the chief executive of the INS, also acts as racing manager to Ling Tsui and her son Christopher. He had earlier told the *Guardian*, "Mrs Tsui. will make a decision once his racing career is over on what she wants to do with the horse long-term, but it would be no problem at all to stand a horse of the calibre of Sea the Stars at the Irish National Stud. We used to stand Indian Ridge for €80,000, so we have the infrastructure, and it would hold no fears for our staff to be dealing with a horse of that quality. He's possibly the greatest racehorse of all time and he has the perfect pedigree, the perfect physique and the perfect temperament. When you add all those together, what you have is perfection in the Thoroughbred."



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Oct. 10 **FIDDLERS AFLEET**

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☆ **TDN Rising Star** ☆ **Revisited**

**SEA THE STARS (IRE)** (Cape Cross {Ire})

earned "Rising Star" honors Aug. 17, 2008. "He had smartened up over the past couple of weeks...and he was good enough to overcome ground he didn't like today," trainer John Oxx said that day. "It was a lovely, easy win and, hopefully, he'll progress again.

He's a Derby contender at this early stage, but he has to keep progressing."

Click [here](#) to check out the race on the *TDN* website.



**Theatrical pensioned cont.**

At stud, Theatrical established himself as consistent source of high quality turf performers. Japanese champion Hishi Amazon, from his third crop, remains his highest earner with a bankroll of over \$6.9 million, and the bay is represented by 22 Grade I/Group 1 winners to date, including European classic stars Madeleine's Dream and Zagreb, in addition to standouts Astra, Auntie Mame, Geri, Royal Anthem, Shakespeare, as well as G1 Melbourne Cup hero Media Puzzle. This year, Theatrical has been represented by Grade II winner Acting Lady and black-type winner Lady Shakespeare. As a broodmare sire, Theatrical has been represented by 2007 champion turf horse English Channel (Smart Strike), as well as 2006 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero Rail Link (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Theatrical will live out his retirement years at Hill 'n' Dale, according to a release.

**THEATRICAL - GROUP 1 WINNERS**

<u>G1 Winner</u>	<u>Broodmare Sire</u>
Astra	Seattle Slew
Auntie Mame	Sir Ivor
Broadway Flyer	Jan Ekels (GB)
Dahlia's Dreamer	*Vaguely Noble
Duda	Drums of Time
Geri	Mr. Prospector
Golden Treat	Dusty Canyon
Madeleine's Dream	Tyrant
Marchand de Sable	Kenmare (Fr)
Media Puzzle	Gulch
Mrs. Lindsay	Woodman
Pharma	Hagley
Portland Player (NZ)	Bleachingly (Aus)
Royal Anthem	Ack Ack
Run Man Run	Marshua's Dancer
Shakespeare	That's a Nice
Startac	Mr. Prospector
Vaudeville	Riverman
Winchester	Spectrum (Ire)
Zagreb	Wollow (Ire)

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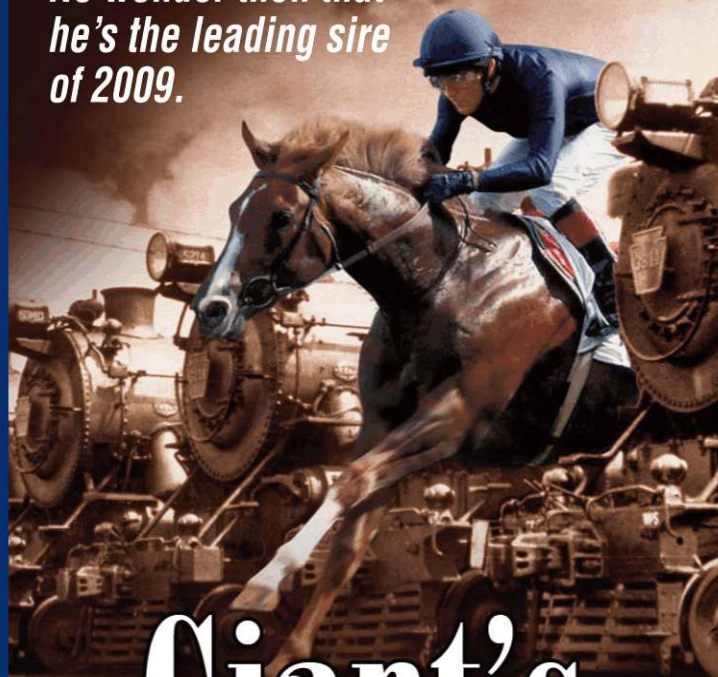
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**OCTOBER YEARLINGS**  
**BOOK 2**  
 Oct. 12-14

**SHOPPING TIME FOR SHADWELL** Sheikh Mohammed may have dominated Monday's opening session of the Tattersalls Book 2 October Yearling Sale, but yesterday it was his brother Sheikh Hamdan's racing manager Angus Gold who held sway in Newmarket. Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Estates bought seven of the day's nine six-figure lots, spending a total of 1,295,000gns on 11 purchases. Heading them was a [hip 1136](#), a 260,000gns Invincible Spirit (Ire) half-brother to listed-placed In the Light (GB) (Inchinor {GB}). The son of Exclusive Approval (With Approval) was bred by James Wigan's London Thoroughbred Services, which acquired the mare for \$55,000 at Keeneland November in 2002, and sold from Peter Player's Whatton Manor Stud. Trainer Marcus Tregoning was underbidder to Gold on the grey, but there were many others to show their interest, including David O'Callaghan of Yeomanstown Stud, French agent Marc-Antoine Berghgracht and trainer Kevin Prendergast.



**Hip 1136 - Invincible Spirit colt**  
*Tattersalls photo*

"He was a bit of a standout and all the trainers seemed to love him--it was interesting to see how many judges thought he was a lovely horse," said Gold. "He would definitely have fitted in well in Book 1, and there are some cracking individuals this week who may not quite have the pedigrees. It's good to see other money around as well as that of the Maktoums."

Dubai-based Scotsman Dr. Jim Hay and his wife Fitri earlier matched the 260,000gns price tag when their representative, trainer Paul Cole, outbid first Amanda Perrett and then Gold for a son of Selkirk. [Hip 1126](#), offered from breeder Kirsten Rausing's Staffordstown operation, is the first foal from Eminencia (GB) (Sadler's Wells), an unraced daughter of G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille heroine My Emma (GB) (Marju {Ire}).

"Usually when you outbid Sheikh Hamdan it means you have spent too much, so we'll have to see, but at least all the so-called good judges were in for him," said Cole. "He's by a Group 1 stallion and had the scope, pedigree and presence to be a good horse, and that's what everybody is looking for. But he's definitely more of a three-year-old type."

**Tatterstalls cont. p6.**



**Angus Gold**



**Hip 1126 - Selkirk colt**  
*Tatts photo*

**2009 Top Performers...**

HORSE (AGE/SEX)	RACE	SURFACE
Ghanaati (3 f.)	1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000 Guineas-Gr.1	Turf
	1 <sup>st</sup> Coronation S.-Gr.1	Turf
Swift Temper (5 m.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Ruffian H.-Gr.1	Dirt
	1 <sup>st</sup> Delaware H.-Gr.2	Dirt
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sixty Sails H.-Gr.3	Dirt
Internallyflawless (3 f.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Del Mar Oaks-Gr.1	Turf
Cowboy Cal (4 c.)	1 <sup>st</sup> San Pasqual H.-Gr.2	Pro-Ride
	1 <sup>st</sup> Strub S.-Gr.2	Pro-Ride
	1 <sup>st</sup> Oak Tree Mile S.-Gr.2	Turf
Hold Me Back (3 c.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Turf Classic S.-Gr.1	Turf
	1 <sup>st</sup> Lane's End S.-Gr.2	Polytrack
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bluegrass S.-Gr.1	Polytrack
Suzuka Causeway (5 h.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Travers S.-Gr.1	Dirt
	1 <sup>st</sup> Keio Hai Spring Cup-Gr.2	Turf
Eightfold Path (2 c.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Prix Eclipse-Gr.3	Turf
First Passage (3 f.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Azalea S.-Gr.3	Dirt
Giant Moon (4 c.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Excelsior H.-Gr.3	Dirt
Palavicini (3 c.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Strensall S.-Gr.3	Turf
Pointilliste (6 h.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Prix de Barbeville-Gr.3	Turf
Apple Martini (4 f.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Lincoln Heritage H.-L.R.	Polytrack
Eskendereya (2 c.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Pilgrim S.-L.R.	Dirt
Giant Oak (3 c.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Arlington Classic-L.R.	Turf
Hangingbyathread (5 g.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Do It Fast S.-L.R.	Turf
Viscount Nelson (2 c.)	1 <sup>st</sup> Hurricane Run S.-L.R.	Turf
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Champagne S.-Gr.2	Turf
Model (5 m.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Santa Maria H.-Gr.1	Pro-Ride
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Santa Margarita H.-Gr.1	Pro-Ride
Straight Story (3 c.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jamaica H.-Gr.1	Turf
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kentucky Oaks-Gr.1	Dirt
Flying Spur (3 f.)		

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Gold also made three 150,000gns purchases:

- **Hip 1163**, an Azamour (Ire) half-brother to Gili Miesque S. winner Louvain (Ire) (Sinndar{Ire}) sold from Peter and Antoinette Kavanagh's Kildaragh Stud;
- **Hip 1001** a Pivotal (GB) colt out of Brazilian Samba (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) sold from Denis Brosnan's County Limerick-based Croom House Stud;
- and **Hip 1106**, a son of Intikhab--Don't Tell Mum (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) offered through Charlie and Tracy Vignors' Hillwood Stud.

The day's 7,372,500gns turnover was up 19 percent on last year and the 35,445gns average rose by one percent, while the 25,000gns median was down 11 percent. The 84-percent clearance rate compared with 74 percent 12 months ago. Book 2 ends today with a session starting at 10 a.m. Complete results are available on [www.tattersalls.com](http://www.tattersalls.com).



**TATTERSALLS OCTOBER YEARLING SALE  
BOOK 2  
TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 2009**

<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Catalogued	273	282
No. Offered	249	241
No. Sold	208	178
RNAs	41	63
% RNA	16.5%	26.1%
Gross	7,372,500gns	6,218,500gns
Average (% change)	35,445gns (+1.5%)	34,935gns
Median (% change)	25,000gns (-10.7%)	28,000gns

<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Catalogued	547	565
No. Offered	496	481
No. Sold	409	338
RNAs	87	143
% RNA	17.5%	29.7%
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**2009 Leading Sires in U.S.A.**

RK	STALLION	SW's	GSW's	GTSW's	EARNINGS \$
1	<b>Giant's Causeway</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9,411,896</b>
2	Distorted Humor	15	4	-	8,326,876
3	Tiznow	8	5	2	8,232,514
4	A.P. Indy	14	9	4	7,345,562
5	Smart Strike	14	9	1	6,886,537

Source: [www.bloodhorse.com](http://www.bloodhorse.com), 13th Oct.

**Giant's Causeway's sons shaping up as sires for the future**

The flying start at stud of **Giant's Causeway's** two sons **Shamardal** and **Footstepsinthesand** is hinting strongly that their sire's male line could become a seriously significant one... Both horses are siring animals of above average quality in their first crop... **Giant's Causeway** himself was labelled the **'Iron Horse'** and his toughness is likely to prove a signal quality in continuing his line.

Source: James Underwood's *European Breeding and Racing Digest*, 13th Oct. 2009

**2009 Leading First Crop Sires in Europe**

RK	STALLION	WNRS	EARNINGS £
1	Shamardal ( <b>Giant's Causeway</b> )	16	1,418,786
2	Dubawi (Dubai Millennium)	23	630,021
3	Footstepsinthesand ( <b>Giant's Causeway</b> )	19	465,987

Source: Hyperion Promotions, 13th Oct.

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**TATTS OCTOBER YEARLINGS - BOOK 2  
TUESDAY - TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (Gns)
<u>1126</u>	c	<u>Selkirk</u>	<u>Eminencia (GB)</u>	260,000
Consigned by Staffordstown Stud Purchased by P F I Cole				
<u>1136</u>	c	<u>Invincible Spirit (Ire)</u>	<u>Exclusive Approval</u>	260,000
Consigned by Whatton Manor Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				
<u>1001</u>	c	<u>Pivotal (GB)</u>	<u>Brazilian Samba (Ire)</u>	150,000
Consigned by Croom House Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				
<u>1106</u>	c	<u>Intikhab</u>	<u>Don't Tell Mum (Ire)</u>	150,000
Consigned by Hillwood Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				
<u>1163</u>	c	<u>Azamour (Ire)</u>	<u>Flanders (Ire)</u>	150,000
Consigned by Kildaragh Stud Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Limited				



**HIP  
HAPPENINGS**

**TATTERSALLS OCTOBER - WEDNESDAY**

1275, c, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Kylemore (Ire), by Sadler's Wells  
*Consigned by Swordlestown Stud*

With a page that would have slotted into Book One, this offering from the Ryan Family's establishment should create a stir as her dam is a sister to the top-class Ballydoyle runners Ballingarry (Ire) and Aristotle (Ire) and a half to Starborough (GB). Her other half-sister Leaping Water (GB) (Sure Blade) is responsible for the 2002 GII San Gabriel H. and GII Sunset H. winner and GI Hollywood Turf Cup runner-up Grammarian (Definite Article {GB}) and Coolmore's latest star in the firmament St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), who looked potentially high-class when capturing the G2 Beresford S. last month.

1293, f, Cape Cross (Ire)--Lafleur (Ire), by Grand Lodge  
*Consigned by Rathbarry Stud*

Liam Cashman's Stud offer this full-sister to Charlie Farnsbarns (Ire), who was runner-up in the 2006 G1 Racing Post Trophy before adding last year's G3 Darley S. to his tally. His dam is a half to the 1997 G1 Epsom and Yorkshire Oaks third Crown of Light (GB) (Mtoto {GB}) and that year's G1 Grand Criterium third Alboostan (GB) (Sabrehill).

**TATTERSALLS OCTOBER SALE - BOOK 2  
Day Three - Outs**

1244, 1245, 1251, 1252, 1258, 1273, 1287, 1292, 1296, 1306, 1327, 1358, 1360, 1376, 1379, 1384, 1388, 1416, 1418, 1422, 1430, 1431, 1434, 1435, 1440, 1441, 1445, 1447, 1463, 1467, 1491, 1496

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**CHALLENGE** **STAKES**

1347, f, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Mellow Park (Ire),  
by In the Wings (GB)

*Consigned by Lodge Park Stud*

By Coolmore's in-demand freshman son of Danehill, this is a daughter of Mellow Park. That talented performer registered a career-best when winning the 2002 G3 Lancashire Oaks. She is a sister to the Classic-winning sire Central Park (Ire) and half to the dam of Moon Ballad (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}), who needs no introduction.

1436, c, Dansili (GB)--Palinisa (Fr), by Night Shift  
*Consigned by Newsells Park Stud Ltd*

This March-foaled colt is a half to Renata Jacobs' smart juvenile Pallantes Cross (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), whose group-placed dam is a half to the listed winner Palacoona (Fr) (Last Tycoon {Ire}). The latter is the dam of this year's GIII Fair Grounds H. hero Diamond Tycoon (Johannesburg) and Listed Warwickshire Oaks winner Cassique Lady (Ire) (Langfuhr).

1474, c, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Powder Blue (GB),  
by Daylami (Ire)

*Consigned by Wellsummers Stud*

This colt shares his champion second dam Blue Duster (Danzig) with the high-class Fantasia (GB) (Sadler's Wells), who, although being a shade disappointing this term, has still managed to finish third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and win the G3 Nell Gwyn S. and Listed Sceptre S.



**TDN FEATURE PRESENTATION**  
**Group 1 Emirates Airlines Champion S.**

**BELL ON WEATHER-WATCH WITH SARISKA**

Trainer Michael Bell issued a ground warning ahead of Saturday's G1 Emirates Airlines Champion S. at



Sariska Horsephotos

Newmarket as he prepares to un-leash **Sariska (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}). Not seen since finishing runner-up to Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) on fast going at York Aug. 20, Lady Bamford's homebred G1 English and Irish Oaks heroine will not be risked if the ground quickens up. "Sariska is in great health and still has her summer coat, so we are very keen to run, but the main issue is the ground," Bell explained yesterday. "We would run on good ground, but if it were

faster than that, her participation may be in doubt. She seems very well and we were ready to run in the Arc last weekend, but unfortunately the ground was too quick." Fellow Newmarket-based conditioner John Gosden is also keen to keep tabs with the ground as he looks to saddle Cheveley Park Stud's G1 Lockinge S. winner **Virtual (GB)** (Pivotal {GB}) and G2 Prix Dollar hero **Pipedreamer (GB)** (Selkirk). "The ground should be perfect, as Saturday will see them racing on a new strip that hasn't been used since May," Gosden commented. "We are watching the weather, as both Pipedreamer and Virtual would prefer give in the ground."

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**Stephanie March**

**Accomplishment:** March's first and only racehorse, Dad's Crazy (Langfuhr), broke her maiden in black-type company, taking the off-the-turf \$141,000 Miss Grillo S. at Belmont Oct. 4.

**Birthdate:** July 23

**Birthplace:** Dallas, TX

**Education:** Graduate of Northwestern

University; B.S. in Theater and Latin American Literature (What kind of job CAN'T you get?)

**Family:** My family? They are blonde, supportive and bossy. I've been married for nearly five years to Bobby Flay and have one darling stepdaughter, Sophie. No other children...yet.

**Principal business:** Actress

**Current residence:** NYC

**How did you get into racing? Is Dad's Crazy your first horse?**

Bobby introduced me to racing. He is very passionate about the game and, I have to admit, it's pretty infectious. Dad's Crazy is my first horse. I've never owned a car, but I do own a Thoroughbred--something I get a big kick out of.

**Who picked the filly out for you?** Todd Pletcher

**What's the story behind the filly's name?** It's a private family joke.

**Were you able to attend Belmont Sunday to watch her race? What did you do to celebrate?** I was so disappointed not to be at Belmont, but Bobby and I watched the race on TV yelling our lungs out. I'm sure the neighbors thought a crime was being committed. We had friends over for dinner that night, and I was full of Dad's Crazy's big win. You'd have thought I ran the race myself.

**What are the plans for the filly? Is the Breeders' Cup a possibility?** I travel to L.A. with some frequency, and I always like to bring my filly when I go.

**Are there any similarities between show business and the horse business?** Ugh. Too many. You need a lot of luck and great legs to get anywhere.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** Wherever I am headed to next--right now it's Cambodia and Vietnam.

**What's your favorite film?** There are no hard and fast favorites, only current obsessions but on that endless list are: *Hannah and Her Sisters*, *Galaxy Quest*, *Cache*, *Monsoon Wedding* and *Goodfellas*.

**Drink of choice?** Margarita

**What's been playing on your iPod lately?** Air, Charlotte Gainsbourg, the Rapture, U2 and Michael Jackson.

**Have you ever sung Karaoke?** I have sung karaoke and I have no idea what I sang. That's the kind of night it was.

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*Bidders must vow to keep Preakness here, court told*  
 Robert Little, Baltimore Sun

**[Trainers bond over concerns](#)**

*A group of Southern California-based trainers, fed up with a number of issues confronting horse racing in the state, have banded together and convinced the California Thoroughbred Trainers to agree to hold a special election to replace its current nine-member board of directors.*

Art Wilson, Pasadena Star-News

**[Zenyatta deserves a crack at Breeders' Cup Classic](#)**

Edward Whitaker, Racing Post



# RACING Round-Up

## Classic Consideration for Zenyatta, Gitano Hernando...

The GI Breeders' Cup Classic may have lost some of its potential luster with the retirement of Sea the Stars (Ire) (Cape Cross), but undefeated **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) and GI Goodwood S. winner **Gitano Hernando (GB)** (Hernando {Fr}) remain under consideration for the race, according to *Daily Racing Form*. "I don't think there's any indication she couldn't [go to the Classic]," trainer John Shirreffs said of last Saturday's GI Lady's Secret S. heroine. "But there's absolutely no reason to rush into decision now." The Jerry and Ann Moss colorbearer completed her 2008 campaign with a victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic en route to champion older female honors. Gitano Hernando was originally sent to the United States with the Breeders' Cup Marathon as his target, but those plans might be changed following the three-year-old's upset victory in Saturday's Goodwood. "[He] came out of the race well, but we really need to take our time and evaluate everything," Team Valor Racing Manager Aron Wellman told *DRF*. The syndicate owns Gitano Hernando in partnership with Gary Barber.

## Gossip Girl Settles at Keeneland...

**Gossip Girl** (Dynaformer), second in the GI Ashland S. over the main track in her first trip to Lexington, will try the Keeneland turf course for the first time in Saturday's GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup. Winner of the GI American Oaks Invitational S. back in July, the grass specialist seeks to rebound off a troubled-trip fourth in the GI Garden City S. over soft turf at Belmont Sept. 12. "She broke from the rail that day and they slowed the pace down on her," said Dan Blacker, assistant to trainer Tom Albertrani. "She had to take up going into the first turn, and then she clipped heels."

## Grecian Prepared for Dewhurst Tilt...

Trainer John Ryan yesterday issued an upbeat bulletin on the G2 Superlative S. winner **Silver Grecian (GB)** (Haafhd {GB}) ahead of Saturday's G1 Jumeirah Dewhurst S. at Newmarket. Successful on the July Course in that July 10 contest, the colt owned by Ocean Trailers Ltd. was subsequently third under a penalty in Doncaster's G2 Champagne S. Sept. 12. "He did his final piece of work on Sunday and it all went very well," Ryan said. "He's come out of that okay and seems fit and raring to go this morning. From what he's done so far, he's got to have a live chance. All I can do is train my horse for the day. How much the others have improved we'll find out on Saturday, but I'm very happy with him."

## BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Friday, Meadowlands, post time: 10:08 EDT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1a	Anak Nakal	Victory Gallop	R Dutrow Jr	Prado	119
2	Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	Zito	Velazquez	119
3	Kiss the Kid	Lemon Drop Kid	Tarrant	P Lopez	119
4	Racketeer	Awesome Again	Levine	Cohen	119
5	Good and Lucky	Wild Rush	Matz	Bravo	119
6	It's a Bird	Birdonthewire	Wolfson	Leparoux	123
7	Solar Flare (Arg)	Salt Lake	A Dutrow	Dominguez	119
8a	Great Debater	Trippi	R Dutrow Jr	R Rodriguez	116
9	Etched	Forestry	McLaughlin	A Garcia	119

## SO. HEMISPHERE RESULTS

Monday, Gavea, Brazil


**GRANDE PREMIO LINNEO DE PAULA MACHADO-GRANDE CRITERIUM-G1**, R93,320, Gavea, 10-12, 3yo colts, 2000mT, 2:00.33, yl.

- 1--**TIMEO (BRZ)**, 123, c, 3, by **First American**  
**1st Dam: In the Sand, by Atticus**  
**2nd Dam: Sandhill (Brz), by Baynoun (Ire)**  
**3rd Dam: Sand Dancer (Fr), by Green Dancer**  
 O-Stud Yatasto; B-Haras Sao Jose da Serra; T-Ronaldo Marins Lima; J-Marcelo Cardoso; R42,506. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 seconds. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)
- 2--**Hong Kong (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Hibernian Rhapsody (Ire)--Kavalla (Brz), by Legal Case (Ire). O/B-Haras Sao Quirino; T-Ronaldo Marins Lima. R12,751.
- 3--**Moryba (Brz)**, 123, c, 3, Hard Buck (Brz)--Valetza (Brz), by Baronius (Brz). O-Stud Correas; B-Haras Sao Jose e Expedictus; T-R Solanes. R8,501.
- Margins: NK, 3 1/2, 6 3/4. Odds: 3.90, 8.70, 2.50.
- Timeo, fourth in last month's G1 Grande Premio Ipiranga powered his way to the front at the top of the stretch and held off late-charging Hong Kong to prevail by a neck at the wire. Favored Moryba could not match strides with the top two late in the lane and had to settle for third. Timeo had previously captured the G1 Grande Premio J. Adhemar de Almeida Prado-Taca de Prata during his juvenile campaign. The winner's second dam is a full-sister to the popular Sandpit (Brz), who bankrolled over \$3.7 million when campaigned in the United States.




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**FROM THE DESK  
OF...**  
**Bill Oppenheim**



**THE TWENTY-SIX PERCENT SOLUTION**

By the end of last week, almost 2,000 yearlings had been sold in Europe since Arqana's Deauville August sale kicked off proceedings two months ago. Americans who follow the European yearling market must be wondering what time-warp they're in: the 1,959 yearlings sold--five percent fewer than last year--have declined just seven percent in gross, and just three percent in average, from the corresponding 2008 sales. No reporting tricks, no sleight-of-hand; this is what's been really happening. Compared to a 32-percent drop in gross (from \$413 million to \$279 million) at their sales, North American breeders could be forgiven for viewing the European figures with a degree of envy.

Though there are, no doubt, several contributing factors to the relatively far better performance of the European sales, the most important of all has to be that old standby: supply and demand. There is a woeful lack of demand in the North American market now, and part of that lack of demand is that European-based buyers are increasingly buying in Europe. To a great extent this is because of the better sires available to them in Europe, but also a big part of it is that European buyers are simply not finding the sires and pedigrees they know or understand in North America these days. This is particularly relevant because European buyers spend, on average, twice as much as American buyers for a similar standard of individual when they do come to the American sales, so losing them, or even a significant proportion of them, is not a good development.

Increasingly European buyers--still a shrinking market, just like everywhere else--are finding the very horses they need right at home, and nowhere do they find more of the top yearlings than Tattersalls' three-day October 1 sale, which finished last Thursday (today is the final day of their three-day Book 2, to be followed by a two-day Book 3).

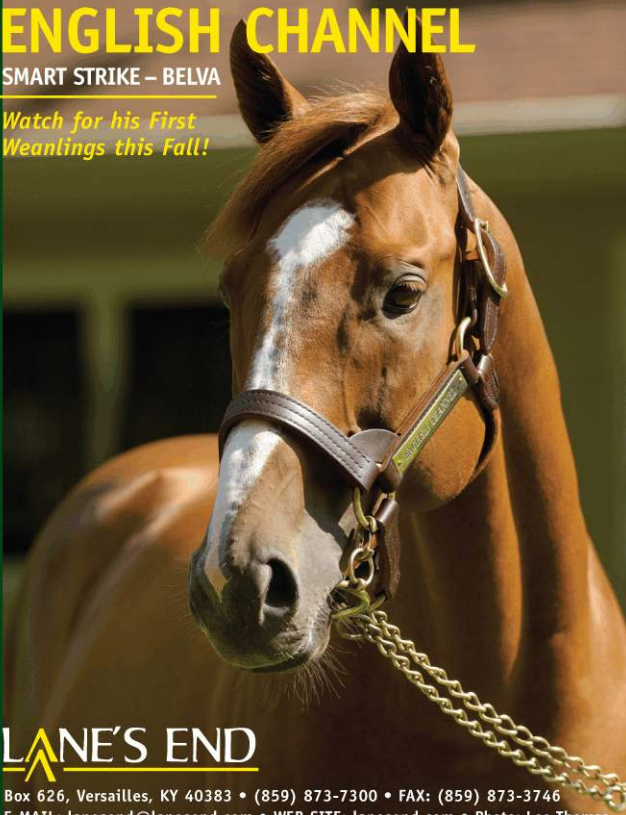
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Goffs' sale the week before had been quite strong, down just eight percent in average, though the gross for their intentionally downsized week of sales was down by almost €10 million. Still, the expectation was that it would be considerably weaker, so the eight-percent drop in average was a positive indicator.

As I mentioned after day one last week, the most positive attraction of the October 1 catalogue is the sires. From the Coolmore side, there were four of the top six European sales sires (compiling all their sales through last Thursday, the end of October 1), as well as the last full crop by the great Sadler's Wells; his two sons, Galileo (Ire) and Montjeu (Ire); and Danehill Dancer (Ire).

**LEADING EUROPEAN SALES SIREs of YEARLINGS 2009 (8+ sold, figures per Insta-tistics)**

Rank	SIRE	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	Ring	Sold	\$ Average	A Runner Index	Team
1	MONSUN	Konigsstuhl	1997	13	8	392,062	3.70	Neutral
2	GALILEO	Sadler's Wells	2003	67	57	335,487	4.50	Coolmore
3	PIVOTAL	Polar Falcon	1998	34	25	295,251	2.72	Darley %
4	SADLER'S WELLS	Northern Dancer	1986	18	15	277,616	4.02	Coolmore
5	MONTJEU	Sadler's Wells	2002	36	34	266,778	2.60	Coolmore
6	DANEHILL DANCER	Danehill	1999	66	61	210,670	2.70	Coolmore
7	OASIS DREAM	Green Desert	2005	48	41	190,299	2.16	Neutral
8	DALAKHANI	Darshaan	2005	35	25	186,041	3.63	Neutral
9	DANSILI	Danehill	2002	41	36	181,834	2.55	Neutral
10	MEDICEAN	Machiavellian	2003	37	31	180,930	1.67	Neutral
11	CAPE CROSS	Green Desert	2001	52	43	172,682	2.03	Darley



Darley, which outgunned the Coolmore team in Kentucky, three sires (Street Cry {Ire}, Medaglia d'Oro, and Elusive Quality) to one (Giant's Causeway), was represented in the Europe top 11 by Sea the Stars' sire, Cape Cross (Ire), and Pivotal (GB), in whom they have a leg. Five others--Germany's Monsun (Ger); Juddmonte's Oasis Dream (GB) and Dansili (GB); the Aga Khan's Dalakhani (Ire); and a second Cheveley Park sire, Medicean (GB) (his first crop of 'better-bred' yearlings after the early successes of Nannina (GB) and Dutch Art {GB}) round out the list.

In 2008, the Maktoum family and friends proved to be serious supporters of Tatts' October 1 sale. The three recognized Maktoum entities (John Ferguson, Shadwell, Rabbah) bought 106 yearlings, 26 percent of the 410 sold at the venue in 2008. With 15 percent more horses sold in '09, the percentage bought by the three entities remained consistent at 26 percent--125 of the 472 sold--for a total of 15,867,000gns, or 30 percent of the money spent. The Coolmore team, too, was busy by their standards: Demi O'Byrne and John Magnier signed for 19 yearlings between them, totaling 5,460,000gns. The two big camps thus were responsible for buying 144 yearlings (31 percent of those sold), and for spending 40 percent of the gross. The 144 yearlings signed for by these five entities averaged 148,104gns; the 328 bought by everybody else averaged 98,893gns. By comparison, the three Maktoum entities signed for 69 KEESEP yearlings--about 10 percent of the 703 yearlings sold in Books 1 and 2--and about 20 percent of the gross for those two books. As our man on the ground reported, with Dick O'Gorman added to the Maktoum entities, they were responsible for 29 percent of the gross in Monday's opening Book 2 session. They may be quite happy shopping in America, but clearly they really like shopping at Newmarket.

**STATESIDE:** There were many Grade I races over the weekend, and El Corredor's half-brother, Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus), made a big move forward. Winner of the GII Norfolk and GI Haskell Invitational H., Roman Ruler is the sire of the gelding Homeboykris, who captured Saturday's GI Champagne S. at Belmont. The victory propelled Roman Ruler to the top (so far) of the 2009 Freshman Sire List, ahead of Pollard's Vision (Carson City), and turf champion Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}). Another son of Carson City, second-crop sire Cuvee, sired Noble's Promise, winner of the GI Dixiana Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland. This moved Cuvee up to ninth place on the 2009 Second-Crop Sire List (per *Bloodhorse.com*), just behind Even the Score (Unbridled's Song), sire of Belmont's GI Jamaica H. winner Take the Points. According to Andy Beyer's team, Noble Promise won the Breeders' Futurity with a figure of 91, Homeboykris won the Champagne with a figure of 89, and the previous week's GI Norfolk S. had been won by Lookin at Lucky (Smart Strike) in an 89, also. The figures say the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and the two-year-old championship, are up for grabs.

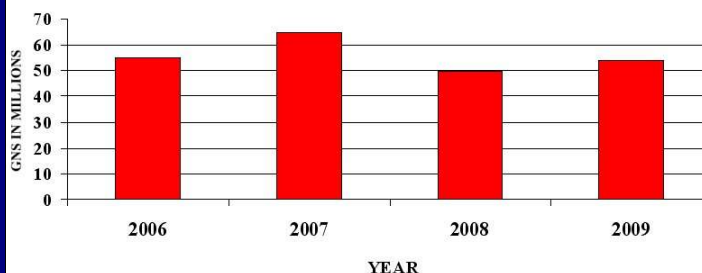
# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Don't these people read the papers? With 11 percent more catalogued than last year, and 15 percent more sold, Tattersalls' October 1 yearling sale -- the number one sale in Europe -- was up eight percent in gross over 2008, and down just six percent in average. The trend at the European sales this year has been considerably stronger than in North America: down seven percent in gross, just three percent in average. By contrast, the American yearling sales were down 32 percent in gross and 28 percent in average."

-Bill Oppenheim

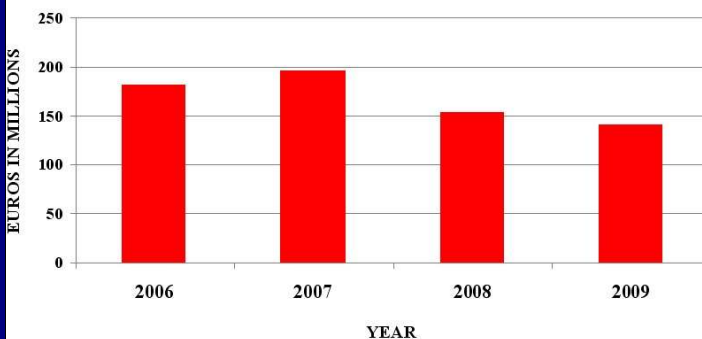
## TATTERSALLS OCTOBER PART 1



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	676	609	472	9.9%	77.5%	69.8%	53,764,000	113,907
2008	611	532	410	12.9%	77.1%	67.1%	49,821,000	121,515
2007	733	639	510	12.8%	79.8%	69.6%	64,922,000	127,298
2006	652	563	432	13.7%	76.7%	66.3%	55,035,000	127,396

## TOTAL EUROPEAN YEARLING SALES



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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVE
2009	3,237	2,975	1,959	8.1%	65.8%	60.5%	€141,356,121	€72,157
2008	3,443	3,129	2,055	9.1%	65.7%	59.7%	€152,680,406	€74,297
2007	3,606	3,274	2,358	9.2%	72.0%	65.4%	€195,561,403	€82,935
2006	3,531	3,210	2,319	9.1%	72.2%	65.7%	€180,756,248	€77,946

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



# THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY...

## THE PHILLY FALL-OUT

The Pennsylvania legislature passed a budget Friday that, over the next four years, will reduce the amount of revenue the state's horsemen receive from slots. The Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, passed in July of 2004, legalized slot-style gaming in the state, and allotted 12 percent of the gross revenue to purses (80 percent), breeders' incentives (16 percent) and horsemen's health and pension plans (4 percent). Looking to decrease the state's deficit, legislators trimmed the horsemen's cut of the slots revenue to 10 percent of gross revenues for the next four years, which will translate to a 17-percent decline in the amount added to the horsemen's coffers. The Pennsylvania



Ballezzi (right) *Reading Eagle*

Thoroughbred and harness industries received \$194 million from the slots in 2008; that figure could fall by as much as \$30 million annually. When the proposal was first unveiled, the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which represents the horsemen at Philadelphia Park, put out a press release that trumpeted drastic cuts should the revenue reduction become reality. PTHA Executive Director Michael Ballezzi theorized that Philly Park would potentially need to cut the purse of the GIII Pennsylvania Derby from \$1 million to \$250,000, and drop the \$750,000 GII F. Eugene Dixon Cotillion S. completely. In addition, Ballezzi projected that the racing calendar might need to be reduced from 210 days to 200; pensions and healthcare benefits would need to be cut by 17 to 20 percent; and breeders' incentives decreased by as much as 15 percent, to make up for the shortfall. Ballezzi was unavailable for comment yesterday, but others involved in the Pennsylvania racing industry seemed less concerned about the consequences the revenue reduction would have on the state.

## Making Lemonade...

Despite grim predictions of how the decision to reduce the percentage of slot revenues would affect Pennsylvania's race track, several industry professionals were less pessimistic. Rick Abbott, who operates the Charlton Bloodstock Agency in the Keystone State and is a former member of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission, predicts that there will be little change in real terms.

## BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Pashito the Che	Flatter	Gallant Bob H.	114
Girolamo	A.P. Indy	Jerome H.-G2	105
Court Vision	Gulch	Shadwell Turf Mile S.-G1	103
Gitano Hernando (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Goodwood S.-G1	103
Silver Timber	Prime Timber	Woodford S.-G3	103
Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway	Oak Tree Mile S.-G2	102
Cryptolight	Fantastic Light	Fall S.	101
Devil May Care	Malibu Moon	Frizette S.-G1	100
Gayego	Gilded Time	Ancient Title S.-G1	100
Homeboykris	Roman Ruler	Champagne S.-G1	100
Mushka	Empire Maker	Spinster S.-G1	100
Diamondrella (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	First Lady S.-G1	99
Fatal Bullet	Red Bullet	Phoenix S.-G3	99
Proceed Bee	Bernstein	Hawthorne Derby-G3	99
Classify	Unbridled's Song	Flashy Lady S.	98
Magical Fantasy	Diesis (GB)	Yellow Ribbon S.-G1	98
Zenyatta	Street Cry (Ire)	Lady's Secret S.-G1	98
Informed Decision	Monarchos	Thoroughbred Club of America S.-G2	97
Presious Passion	Royal Anthem	Clement L. Hirsch Mem. Turf Champs. S.-G1	97
Karakorum Elektra	Freud	Memories of Silver S.	96
Take the Points	Even the Score	Jamaica H.-G1	96
Interactif	Broken Vow	Bourbon S.-G3	95
Bubbly Jane (Brz)	Yagji	Possible Mate S.	94
Citrus Kid	Lemon Drop Kid	Dover S.	94
Noble's Promise	Cuvee	Breeders' Futurity-G1	94

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"I think that it's going to have very little impact immediately," Abbott commented. "There are two casinos that will have operated for only six months of the year and next year will have a full year of operation, and there are still two casinos to open in Philadelphia. So I think in terms of net dollars, we're not going to see a big difference in the near term. The hope is that when the economy turns around, they won't need to look to the racing fund to balance the budget. Having said that, whatever the legislature gives you, the legislature can take back."



Rick & Dixie Abbott

Abbott indicated that lobbying and educational undertakings helped to soften the blow.

"A big part of our relationship with the legislature is to continually remind them of the economic impact that the industry is having in the state, particularly in terms of the breeding industry and the farms and the jobs pertinent to that," he added. "We spent a lot of time educating the legislature on those issues, and I think it's paid off in that fact that they were originally talking about taking 50 percent of the [horsemen's share]."

The budget, which was over three months late, could well have influenced Thoroughbred breeders to seek alternative states for their mares. But the uncertainty did not have an obvious impact, according to Abbott.



**More to the Story cont.**

“In order for the mares to qualify [for Pennsylvania-bred status for their foals], they had to be in the state by Oct. 1, and our concern was that, with no budget passed, people would take a negative approach and not send mares,” he explained. “But in my experience at my farm, and from others, I don’t think that was the case. There were as many mares as in the past, or more. I think I had owners from 15 different states send in mares to foal. I don’t think it scared anybody off, even as uncertain as it looked when they were thinking about taking 50 percent.”

“Now that they’re only taking the 17 percent--well, we’re still talking about huge numbers, but I think those numbers are going to be equalized, and I don’t think we’re going to see an actual drop in purses or breeders’ awards in real dollars.”

Though he makes his living in the Thoroughbred business, Abbot appreciates the context in which the cuts have been made.

“I understand that when you’re talking about cutting early childhood education and giving money to the horse breeder, it’s a pretty tough argument for the horse breeder to make,” he stated. “There were some difficult choices to be made, and they made what I believe to be a reasonable decision.”--A.C.

**Cup Half-Full Mentality at Penn National...**

Chris McErlean is the vice president of racing for Penn National Gaming, which operates a pair of “racinos” in the Midlantic region--Penn National in Grantsville, Pennsylvania, and Charles Town in West Virginia. He agrees that the situation is not nearly as dire as some would suggest.

“Obviously, it’s a decrease from what they are currently getting,” McErlean said, referring to racing’s cut of the slot revenues, “though, as the stand-alone casinos get added on, there’s going to be new revenue coming in.”

McErlean said that track management is currently negotiating with the Pennsylvania HBPA in an attempt to maintain purses at their current level despite the recent news. Purses at Penn National currently average about \$170,000 a day.

“We’re hopeful from an average standpoint that we can keep that average, though that might impact the number of dates being offered,” he said. “This year, we’ll race almost 210 days. We have a lot of racing here, so we’re hoping there might be some compromise on racing dates to keep purses where they’re at.”

McErlean is determined to keep everything in perspective.

“[Purse money has gone] up so dramatically over the past couple of years,” he acknowledged. “We raced for \$50,000 a night here in 2007, so the program had a huge and quick uptick, and this will affect it a little bit. But, overall, there is still a large amount of money coming into the program. In the short-term, there’s obviously some disappointment, but long-term, Pennsylvania is still going to be a player in terms of the overall marketplace, and 10 percent is still a strong number compared to other states.”

There is talk of introducing table gaming at Pennsylvania casinos. While horsemen would get no cut of the revenue from table games, McErlean remarked that, rather than drawing money from the racing product, it could actually increase the play at the slot machines.

“In our opinion, the introduction of table games will be a net positive not only for the horsemen, but for the casinos and the state,” he commented. “There’s been a study by the Innovation Group where they indicated that [table games] would increase gross slot revenue. At Charles Town, we’re looking to introduce table games as well, and there’s a report that slot revenue would increase with the introduction of table games. If we introduce table games here, I think there’s going to be an interest in increasing the number of slots here, which will be a positive. It brings more people into the building. There is a segment that plays tables, but those people also come with people who play slots, so we don’t see the table games as a negative to the revenue streams for the horses. From a volume point of view, it should be a net positive.”--A.C.

**Slots and Pennsylvania’s Breeding Industry...**

The introduction in slots in Pennsylvania has had a far-reaching impact on the state’s breeding industry, and the news of a reduction in slots-generated revenue to the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund Program has some concerned. Still, the general consensus seems to be that things could have been much worse, and that the appearance of an uncertain future may be worse than the reality of the situation.

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"I'm not sure how much of an effect it's actually going to have as far as money is concerned, but the perception is a very bad one," said Dr. William Solomon, a prominent breeder in Pennsylvania who owns and operates Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom. "Whenever you start taking money from a program, the appearance is the program is not going to be there for you. So why foal there, why breed there, why stand stallions there? It's bad from that point of view."



**Dr. William Solomon**

Richard Golden, who with Dr. Tom Bowman owns Northview Stallion Station, was rosier in his outlook.

"I was anticipating something was going to happen, because the state needs money, but I was basically very happy with the outcome, as I understand it," Golden said. "I like the fact that it will not be addressed again for four years, and I like the fact that, at the end of four years, it returns to what it was. So that's good."

The issue does, however, shine a light on the effects of slot revenue on regional breeding programs. States like Louisiana and West Virginia have witnessed the emergence of strong state-bred programs, but the response by breeders to slots in Pennsylvania has been particularly enthusiastic. And for good reason. In 2006, the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund distributed \$2,931,145 in breeders awards. Last year, the amount more than doubled to \$6,632,330.

The spike in breeder and stallion awards has coincided with a demand for horses bred in Pennsylvania, and has been a boon for stud farms and boarding operations located there. William Solomon said he estimates Pin Oak Lane now boards 30 percent more mares than previously, and is currently home to about 100 mares.

New operations have also sprung up. Not long after the slots legislation had been signed, for instance, Richard Golden and Tom Bowman decided to open up a division of Northview in Pennsylvania, having established their primary base near Chesapeake City, Maryland in 1989. Asked how much of a factor the imminent arrival of slots played, Golden stated flatly, "It was everything. We made the decision to go to Pennsylvania when Maryland turned down slots. When we saw that Maryland wasn't going along with slots, we decided to go to a state that was. I don't know how anybody could pass up on that opportunity."

Northview's Pennsylvania division, located in Peach Bottom in the southeast corner of the state, opened its doors this past spring. It stands stallions Congressional Honor, Fairbanks, Love of Money, Medallist, and Partner's Hero, and could see its roster jump to eight in the near future, said Golden, who added he has been thrilled with the initial response.

"It really couldn't have been better," Golden said. "We brought in Fairbanks as a brand-new stallion, and we stood him for \$7,500, and we were able to book 110 mares to him. According to what I understand, no other freshman stallion in this state has ever bred more than 100 mares. And I don't have to tell you what the economic conditions are. All this is happening in a really dark period, and it sends us a message that when the economic situation straightens out, things should be even brighter."

Some worry that what is giveth can be taketh away, and wonder if interest in the Pennsylvania program will wane if breeders expect further--and more drastic--cuts. But Golden reported that support has remained strong despite initial rumors--and later the actuality--of cut-backs in slot revenue.

"I think, for the breeding season going forward, things look good," he said. "There was an Oct. 1 deadline to have your mare in state [for the foal born the following spring to be considered a Pennsylvania bred], and we were booked full and, in fact, had a waiting list. The response has been excellent."

Pin Oak Lane's William Solomon, however, is less certain.

"The number of mares bred in the state will be significantly less, in my opinion," said Solomon, whose 10-strong roster includes Albert the Great, Buddha, Lite the Fuse, Siphon (Brz) and Zavata. "Not just because of [cuts in revenue], but because of the results at sales like Timonium or in Kentucky. The only people who can possibly breed, in my opinion, are people who breed to race. And even they are probably better off going and buying a horse. There's virtually no commercial market at the moment, at least in the mid-Atlantic."

Asked if he was worried about how the legislature's recent action would appear to breeders both in state and out, Solomon quipped. "I worry about *everything*. But how about this--I think everyone has a healthy concern that the taking away of the two percent has created a very bad image for Pennsylvania as far as people wanting to do business here." --LM



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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**D'WILDCAT COLT TOPS FINAL OBS SESSION**

A weanling colt by D'wildcat led the final session of the OBS Fall Mixed Sale with a top bid of \$47,000. Consigned by Sunshine Acres, [hip 443](#) was purchased by Lucky Equine. The top mare of the day was [hip 535](#), a SP 11-year-old full-sister to sire Valid Expectations (Valid Appeal). Believed pregnant on an Apr. 14 cover to Pulpit, Babyexpectations was acquired by Baccari Bloodstock for \$40,000. The Live Oak consignment representative has produced four foals of racing age, two of which are winners. [Hip 336](#), a weanling by Congrats consigned by Summerfield, went to Albert Davis for \$30,000 as the top filly of the session. There was a single open session this year, compared to two open sessions in 2008. Full results are available at [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).

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**MAJOR MAGNA TRACKS TO GO ON THE BLOCK?**

When Magna Entertainment Corp. listed the properties that would be auctioned off during bankruptcy proceedings, its two Maryland tracks, Laurel and Pimlico, as well as Florida holdings Gulfstream Park and Palm Meadows Training Center, and Golden Gate in Northern California, were notable in their absence. But MEC filed papers Friday asking the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware for permission to hold auctions for those five facilities. In addition, a proposed auction for Santa Anita Park, which had been cancelled, is back in the plans. If approval is granted, MEC will hold an auction for the Maryland tracks Jan. 8, 2010, and for the two Florida and two California properties in February. The deadline for interested parties to submit bids on the Maryland tracks would be Nov. 2. Bids on the other four offerings would be accepted until Feb. 10, with the auction to be held 15 days later. According to an amendment filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission yesterday, MEC's parent company, MI Developments, could submit bids on the properties. While reiterating that it will not bid on other holdings, such as AmTote and XpressBet, the filing stated, "With respect to Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park, Maryland Jockey Club and Santa Anita Park, MID is continuing to evaluate all of its alternatives, which may include MID entering into a stalking horse purchase agreement for one or more of such assets in the event the Company receives no other stalking horse bids acceptable to the Company." MID is MEC's largest creditor, with \$400 million owed. There will be a hearing before Judge Mary F. Walrath on the auction proposal today. Blake Tohana, MEC's executive vice president and chief financial officer, was unavailable for comment.

**BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS**



**TODAY, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14:**

- 10-22 \$125,000 *Sycamore-III, Kee, 3yo/up, 12ft (100)*
- 10-23 \$150,000 *Pin Oak Valley View-III, Kee, 3yo, f, 8.5ft (100)*
- 10-24 \$300,000 *Lexus Raven Run-II, Kee, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT) (150)*
- 11-01 \$100,000 *Iroquois-III, CD, 2yo, 8f (100)*
- 11-01 \$100,000 *Pocahontas, CD, 2yo, f, 8f (100)*

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★ EAST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**6th-DEL, \$38,700, Msw, 2yo, 1m70y, 1:44 2/5, ft. TUVIA'S FORCE** (c, 2, [Mineshaft](#)--Jazz Tradition, by Dixieland Band), runner-up going seven furlongs at the Spa Aug. 17, completed the exacta most recently while trying a mile in the slop at Belmont Sept. 11. Backed down to 3-5 favoritism this time, the \$32,000 KEESEP yearling ran up on the heels of a rival approaching the first turn, but recovered quickly to settle in fourth. Ready to roll after three quarters in 1:13.89, the chestnut drew clear in the stretch to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths over Pious Preacher (Holy Bull). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).** Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$41,600. O-Paul Braverman & Lucky Shamrock Stable. B-Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY). T-Nicholas P Zito.

**4th-DEL, \$38,350, Msw, 2yo, 1m70y, 1:44, ft. PROUD MOMENT** (c, 2, [Posse](#)--Coxcomb, by Cox's Ridge), third in his career debut at Churchill Downs May 6, was runner-up in his two latest, including a six-furlong test over this track Sept. 19. Sent off the 4-5 favorite, the bay settled behind the early pace in fourth, closed on the front rank leaving the farm turn and took over in the stretch en route to a 4 1/2-length victory over Parthian (Giant's Causeway). Sales history: \$65,000 wIng '07 KEENOV; \$240,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).** Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$42,830. O-Vinery Stables LLC. B-Kim & Rodney Nardelli (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

★ CENTRAL ★

**Hoosier Park Lifts Quarantine:**

Hoosier Park has lifted the quarantine that was placed on one of its barns following an outbreak of Equine Strangles. After two horses exhibiting fever symptoms were removed from the Anderson, Indiana facility, the track placed the 54 other horses in the barn under quarantine. All horses in that group have subsequently been exported from the premises. The track promises to provide "stringent" biosecurity measures through the conclusion of the 2009 Thoroughbred meet, which ends Oct. 24.



TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**2:03p HR/TVG 4th-KEE, \$47K, Msw, 2yo, 6f**  
Cathy and Bob Zollars's **SALUTING STORMYE** ([Roman Ruler](#)) came up only a length short of victory in his career bow going five panels over the yielding turf at Arlington Aug. 30. The KEESEP grad makes his first start on the Poly for trainer Steve Asmussen, who gets 27 percent winners with second starters. **Cosmic Transit** ([Trippi](#)) gets a start for trainer Ken McPeck, who has already tasted victory at the current Keeneland meet. In his most recent work, the bay registered a sharp five-furlong move in 1:00 3/5 at Churchill Downs Oct. 8 and should be well supported here. [brisnet.com PPs.](#)

**4:43p HR/TVG 8th-DEL, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m 70yds**  
Fox Hill Farms' **MAGA'S DAUGHTER** ([A.P. Indy](#)) debuts for trainer Anthony Dutrow. The \$675,000 FTSAUG yearling comes into this off a series of solid works, including a five-furlong move in 1:01 2/5 over this track Oct. 8. Fresh off a hot weekend, trainer Todd Pletcher sends out the Ned Evans runner **Imaginary Saint** ([Saint Liam](#)). A \$325,000 KEESEP yearling, the dark bay closed to be runner-up in his only prior start sprinting six panels over this track Sept. 28. [brisnet.com PPs.](#)

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

**Idiot Proof to Ballena Vista Farm:**

**Idiot Proof** (Benchmark--Perfectly Pretty, by Bertrando), winner of the 2007 GI Ancient Title S., has been retired from racing and will stand the 2010 breeding season at Ballena Vista Farm in Ramona, California, for a live foal fee of \$1,500. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Wygod, the five-year-old won five of 17 starts and finished second in the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Idiot Proof, who earned \$1,294,484, concluded his career with a fourth in this year's Icecapade S. at Monmouth Park.

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Betfair customers will soon be able to wager directly into North American pari-mutuel pools after the company reached an agreement with Scientific Games Racing LLC, pending regulatory approvals. Those who have accounts with the peer-to-peer wagering service will also be able to bet into tote pools in other countries, such as the United Kingdom, Australia and South Africa, according to a Betfair release. The company believes pari-mutuel wagering will be available before the Breeders' Cup, which is scheduled for Nov. 6-7. "Following the acquisition of TVG, Betfair has been looking to enhance its U.S. racing product offering," said Steven Johnson, Betfair's head of horse racing development. "We are delighted to link up with Scientific Games, which will give our customers access to the host track pools of a number of North American racetracks, bringing overseas money into the pools and giving a new revenue stream to the U.S. racetracks."

### HRTV Launches Broadband Channel:

Horse Racing Television is now available via broadband at [www.hrtv.com](http://www.hrtv.com), the company announced Tuesday. The new offering, which requires a subscription, allows viewers to watch the channel through streaming video. Subscription rates are \$9.99 per month, \$49.99 for six months or \$89.99 for a year. Those interested may also take advantage of an introductory promotion, which offers 12 months for \$49.99. Additional information is available on the HRTV website.

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*Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- CASTLEDALE (IRE)** (Peintre Celebre), Crestwood, 22/0/0  
2-HAW, Msw, 1mT, Prairie Breeze, 8-1
- CLOSING ARGUMENT** (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 99/8/1  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Cheaper to Settle, \$17K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- CONSOLIDATOR** (Storm Cat), Darley, \$20K, 102/14/1  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Fist of Rage, \$55K FTK JUL yrl, 10-1
- EUROSILVER** (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 143/7/0  
6-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Chief Silverhills, \$7K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- 2-HAW, Msw, 1mT, Euromillion, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

- FOREST DANGER** (Forestry), Taylor Made, \$20K, 84/5/0  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Spooky Hollow, \$85K OBS FEB 2yo, 15-1
- GHOSTZAPPER** (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 80/5/0  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Spicer, 12-1
- GRAND REWARD** (Storm Cat), Hill 'n' Dale, \$13K, 132/16/0  
3-OSA, Alw, 1mT, Gilligan, \$27K BAR MAY 2yo
- MIDWAY ROAD** (Jade Hunter), Lane's End, \$5K, 36/4/0  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Gamebook, \$97K TEX AUG yrl, 15-1
- 6-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Hobby, 6-1
- ORATORY** (Pulpit), Country Life, \$5K, 59/9/0  
1-LRL, Aoc, 5 1/2ft, Miss Speak, 6-1
- PICO CENTRAL (BRZ)** (Spend a Buck), Padua, \$10K, 51/5/0  
3-OSA, Alw, 1mT, Pico Pico
- POLLARD'S VISION** (Carson City), Wintergreen, \$10K, 104/13/4  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, +Livingthegoodlife, \$14K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1
- 3-OSA, Alw, 1mT, Purse Luva, \$20K BAR MAY 2yo
- POWERSCOURT (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), Ashford, \$13K, 68/2/1  
2-HAW, Msw, 1mT, High Aspirations, 2-1
- PURGE** (Pulpit), Vinery, \$20K, 134/10/0  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, Down With Dixie, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- 8-DEL, Msw, 1m, Cape Cod Carrie, \$110K OBS FEB 2yo, 9-2
- ROMAN RULER** (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 155/18/2  
4-KEE, Msw, 6f, Roman Soldier, \$175K FTF FEB 2yo, 12-1
- 4-KEE, Msw, 6f, Saluting Stormye, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1
- SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/8/0  
6-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Bishop's Head, \$90K EAS SEP yrl, 12-1
- 6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Westshore, 9-2
- 8-DEL, Msw, 1m, Imaginary Saint, \$325K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
- 8-DEL, Msw, 1m, Mets Magic, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- VALUE PLUS** (Unbridled's Song), Stonewall, \$10K, 99/10/0  
6-KEE, Msw, 6f, Silver Craft, 6-1
- WILDCAT HEIR** (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman, \$7K, 122/23/0  
4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Wild Rainbow, 5-2
- WOKE UP DREAMIN** (Holy Bull), Millennium, \$8K, 57/4/0  
4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Keep On Dreamin, 10-1

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- CANADIAN FRONTIER** (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 86/24/1  
4-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Kiss It Goodby, 12-1
- OMEGA CODE** (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 176/48/2  
8-DED, Stk, 5f, Code Runner, \$28K OBS APR 2yo, 30-1
- 8-DED, Stk, 5f, Code of Honour, \$12K OBS MAR 2yo, 6-1

### • ON THE WORKTAB •

#### BELMONT PARK

Al Khali (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f (tr.), :51.03, 21/30  
Evolutionist (El Prado {Ire}), 4f (tr.), :50.15, 7/30  
Ventura (Chester House), 4f, :50.12, 11/22

#### CALDER

Royal Card (Chapel Royal), 4f, :50.20, 9/16

#### SANTA ANITA

Muny (Najran), 5f, :59.60, 4/22

#### WOODBINE

Marsh Side (Gone West), 5f, 1:02.40, 1/1



★ EUROPE ★

**FRANCE CLOSER TO OPENING ONLINE GAMBLING** The French National Assembly passed a law which would serve to open the competition and regulation of online gambling in France by a vote of 302 to 206 yesterday. The market is presently restricted to two state-run gaming businesses--Francaise des Jeux and the Pari-Mutuel Urbain (PMU). With the exception of those two, other European gaming operators with French customers would be forced to re-register those French online players once they are licensed next June. The law would also order the blocking of gambling sites considered to be operating illegally. It still must pass a vote in the Senate in January in order to become law, but supporters are hopeful that the bill will be fast-tracked and will be signed into effect in early 2010. The French government's plans to hand out licences by June 2010 are said to be timed to coincide with the World Cup in South Africa, which begins that month.--*Journal de Galop* contributed to this report

★ BRITAIN ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Leicester, 15.40, Cond, £12,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 60ydsT, 1:42.47, gd.**  
**MOONLIFE (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Marania {Ire}, by Marju {Ire})**, runner-up in last year's G3 Oh So Sharp S. at Newmarket, returned to fill the same spot in York's Listed Marygate S. May 15, and had been rested after a subsequent no-show in Royal Ascot's Listed Sandringham H. June 17. Sent off the 15-8 joint-favorite, the bay soon had control of the pace and stretched away under hand riding in the final quarter to best Perfect Star (GB) (Act One {GB}) by four lengths. Sales history: €38,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP; 120,000gns '2yo '08 TATAPR. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) Lifetime Record: GSP-GB, 7-2-2-0, £36,566. O-Godolphin; B-M Parola; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

**Leicester, 15.10, Cond, £11,000, 2yo, 7f 9ydsT, 1:23.77, gd.**  
**HAFAWA (IRE) (f, 2, Intikhab--Banaadir, by Diesis {GB})**, runner-up at Ripon last time Aug. 15, was restrained early to take a lead from Dawnbreak (Distorted Humor). Passing that rival with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 8-13 pick gradually drew away to inflict a four-length beating. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £12,901. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-Mark Johnston.



**13.55 Maisons-Laffitte, Mdn, €24,000, 2yo, c/g, 7fT**  
**PLATINUM (IRE) (Azamour {Ire})** was a short-head second over course and distance last month, and the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum colorbearer will attempt to improve the requisite amount here. He is out of the 1999 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Champion S. placegetter Dazzling Park (Ire) (Warning {GB}), herself a half-sister to last year's G1 Epsom Derby hero and five-time Group 1 winner New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

**14.25 Maisons-Laffitte, Mdn, €24,000, 2yo, f, 7fT**  
**TULIPE ROSE (FR) (Shamardal)**, a half-sister to four black-type performers, debuts for the Ecuries des Monceaux-Pascal Bary partnership here. Her siblings include the 2003 G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere third Ximb (Fr) (Septieme Ciel) and the same season's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches fourth Welcome Millenium (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}). Opposition includes the Yves de Nicolay-trained **Tierra Luna (Ire) (Giant's Causeway)**, whose G1 Prix Saint-Alary winning dam Luna Wells (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) is a half-sister to Linamix (Fr)

**3.05 Lingfield, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, 7f (AWT)**  
**QUICK WIT (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})**, a half-brother to last term's G1 Prix Morny runner-up Gallagher (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), starts off in the Godolphin blue. He faces a cast of 13 that includes the once-raced Allannah Abu (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who hails from the family of Aussie Rules (Danehill), Quarter Moon (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), Allegretto (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Albanova (GB) (Alzao), Alborada (GB) (Alzao), et al.

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**British Report cont.**

**Leicester, 14.10, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, c/g, 7f 9ydsT, 1:24.39, gd.**

**MUFARRH (IRE) (c, 2, Marju {Ire}--What a Picture {Fr}, by Peintre Celebre),** second on his latest outing at Newbury Sept. 19, started as the 2-1 second choice and raced prominently before taking over traveling strongly at the quarter pole. Quickening clear under hands and heels, the 85,000gns TATDEC weanling and 170,000gns TATOCT yearling went on to register a smooth four-length success from Official Style (GB) (Dansili {GB}). [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £7,493.

O-[owner]; B-Kenilworth House Stud; T-John Dunlop.

**Leicester, 16.40, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, 1m 60ydsT, 1:47.36, gd.**

**BOTANIST (GB) (c, 2, Selkirk--Red Camellia {GB} {Hwt. 2yo Filly-GB, GSW-GB & G1SP-Fr, \$103,187}, by Polar Falcon)** was caught in the final stride by subsequent winner Zeitoper (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) at Sandown last time Sept. 16. The bay colt was sent off the strongly supported 4-6 favorite to make amends. Held up in mid-division early after a smart break from his wide draw, the homebred was delivered with a surge to take command with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and quickly ascertained to record a convincing 2 3/4-length success from Protaras (Lemon Drop Kid). The winner is a full-brother to Red Bloom (GB), G1SW-GB, MGSW & MG1SP-Ire, MGSP-Fr, \$770,148; and half-brother to Red Gala (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}), SW-GB, \$177,173. Mataaleb (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), the half-brother to Almutawakel (GB) (Machiavellian), started slowly and endured a wide trip throughout before finishing 11th. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, £6,723.

O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

**Newcastle, 13.50, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:46.91, sf.**

**DEIRDRE (GB) (f, 2, Dubawi {Ire}--Dolores {GB} {SW & G1SP-GB, \$127,596}, by Danehill),** a first-up fifth at Kempton Sept. 21, broke best here and seized an instant lead. Maintaining control throughout, the 9-4 second choice was set alight passing the two pole and kept on strongly under sympathetic urging thereafter to comfortably best Anaya (GB) (Tobougg {Ire}) by 3 1/4 lengths. She is the 25th winner for her freshman sire (by Dubai Millennium {GB}). The Normandie Stud homebred is a half-sister to Samuel (GB) (Sakhee), SW & GSP-GB, \$103,422; and Duncan (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}), SW & GSP-GB, \$124,711. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,886.

O/B-Normandie Stud Ltd; T-John Gosden.

**Newcastle, 14.20, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:44.55, sf.**

**+ BURNETT (IRE) (c, 2, Dynaformer--Secret Garden {Ire} {SW-GB & US, \$126,589}, by Danehill),** a 165,000gns TATDEC weanling and 460,000gns TATOCT yearling, chased the leaders in fifth through the early fractions of this opening show. Making smooth headway into contention with three furlongs remaining, the 11-4 second choice swept aside Pytheas (Seeking the Gold) approaching the final eighth and was ridden clear of that rival to score by four lengths. Sir Pitt (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), a son of Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian), raced in rear, but was unable to figure at the business end and finished a never-nearer fifth.

[Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,886.

O-Godolphin; B-Swettenham Stud; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

★ FRANCE ★

**LEMAIRE BACK ON SATURDAY**

Christophe Lemaire has been given the green light to resume race-riding, and will stage a high-profile comeback at Newmarket's Champions' Day meeting on Saturday. Successful twice in the marquee G1 Emirates Airlines Champion S. in the last four years, the jockey, who suffered a hairline fracture of his collar bone the day before the Arc meeting, will ride in that feature race on Never On Sunday (Fr) (Sunday Break {Jpn}). "I have seen the doctor and am in good shape," Lemaire told *Racing Post*. "The hairline fracture has mended very well, but I will need another five or six days to be really back to my best. I will be riding out a little before the weekend."

**Yesterday's Results:**

**Longchamp, 15.15, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:44.60, sf.**

**DANCING DOREEN (FR) (f, 2, Ransom O'War--Dance Again {GB}, by Shareef Dancer),** fifth in a Dusseldorf sales race last time Sept. 20, was shuffled back after racing prominently through the early stages. Pushed along to close at the quarter-mile marker, the 28-5 chance was driven out in the closing stages to prevail by a nose from Terra Nova (Fr) (American Post {GB}) in the bobber. Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 0 places, €30,400.

O-Stefan Zerrath; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof; T-Hans Walter Hiller.

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**Longchamp, 14.45, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:42.10, sf.**

**ROYAL BENCH (IRE) (c, 2, Whipper--Hit the Sky {Ire}, by Cozzene),** who kicked things off with a third over course and distance Sept. 19, settled in a midfield fourth after the initial strides of this second outing. Stoked up with 500 meters to go, the 39-5 chance kept on resolutely under a final-furlong drive to nail Brigantin (Cozzene) by a head on the line. Royal Bench marks the 12th winner for his freshman sire (by Miesque's Son). ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Mubtassim (GB) (Red Ransom), a full-brother to Casual Look, led for most of the contest, but faded late to finish third. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €18,100. O-R C Strauss; B-Kilfrush Stud; T-Robert Collet.



★ JAPAN ★

**Monday's Results:**

**MILE CHAMPIONSHIP NAMBU HAI-Listed,** ¥75,000,000, 10-12, Morioka, 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:35.40, gd.

1--**ESPOIR CITY (JPN), 126, c, 4, Gold Allure (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Eminent City (Jpn), by Brian's Time

2nd Dam: Hepburn City (Jpn), by Bravest Roman

3rd Dam: Compal City (Jpn), by Traffic

O-Yushun Horse Club; B-Ikuchise Farm; T-Akio Adachi; J-T Sato; ¥50,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 16-8-3-1, \$2,852,900.

2--**Success Brocken (Jpn), 126, c, 4, Symboli Kris S.--**

Success Beauty (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Tetsu Takashima; B-Tanikawa Farm.

3--**Meisho Battler (Jpn), 121, m, 9, Meisho Homura**

(Jpn)--Meisho Hagoromo (Jpn), by Dyna Gulliver (Jpn). O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Akihito Mikita.

Margins: 4, 2HF, 3. Odds: 1.90, 1.80, 50.10.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-PHA, \$58,380, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, gd.**

**MAKE BELIEVE (m, 5, Crowd Pleaser--Per Ardua, by Great Above)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$81,390.

O/B/T-Jonathan E Sheppard (PA).

**7th-MED, \$47,208, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.**

**UNICORN GIRL (f, 4, A. P. Five Hundred--Horah for Bailey {SW}, by Doneraile Court)** Lifetime Record: 14-6-0-3, \$134,800. O-J and J Stables. B-Sabine Stable (KY). T-Ben Perkins Jr. \*\$45,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR.

**7th-PHA, \$45,450, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70yT, 1:41 2/5, gd.**

**BRAVE TIGER (g, 4, Tiger Ridge--B. J. Telicus, by Pentelicus)** Lifetime Record: 36-6-8-5, \$177,190. O-JC Squared Racing. B-Newchance Farm (FL). T-John J Maria. \*\$17,000 2yo 2007 OBSJAN. \*\*1/2 to Mecke Daugther (Mecke), MSW-PR, \$230,215.

**8th-MED, \$45,360, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56 2/5, fm.**

**A UNIQUE TREASURE (g, 4, Snow Ridge--Curious Treasures {SW & GSP, \$206,247}, by Concorde's Tune)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, \$96,430. O/B-Laurence I Foggie (FL). T-Jane Cibelli.

**9th-RPX, \$33,200, 10-12, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42 1/5, ft.**

**J J'S INDY (g, 3, Indy Talent--Dauphin's Witness, by Dauphin Fabuleux)** Lifetime Record: SP, 11-2-2-2, \$71,317. O-Marvin L Wooldridge. B-Maximum Six LLC (OK). T-Cindy Monroy.

**10th-RPX, \$32,750, 10-12, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 5fT, :57 1/5, fm.**

**MOMMA'S BADNEWS (g, 4, Here We Come--Blazing Canoe, by Sauce Boat)** Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-1, \$98,915. O-TF Racing Stable LLC. B-Joyce Tackett (OK). T-John Locke. \*Full to Lady J, MSW, \$136,514.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Kinsman Redeemer, c, 2, Domestic Dispute--Sent Certified, by Strike Gold. DEL, 10-13, (C), 6f, 1:13. B-Christ is King Stables (MD).**

**Nocknonheavensgate, g, 2, Grand Reward--Saintlike, by Saint Ballado. RPX, 10-12, 7 1/2fT, 1:32 1/5.**

B-Michael Daly (KY). \*\$25,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Heart Of A King (Lion Heart), SW, \$157,050. \*\*\*15th winner for freshman sire (by Storm Cat).

**Gosmon, c, 2, More Than Ready--Tables Turned, by Petionville. PHA, 10-13, 1m70y, 1:43 3/5. B-Bianca Francis Equine (KY). \*\$90,000 wlng '07 KEENOV; \$95,000 yrl '08 KEESEP.**

**Birdie's Genius, c, 3, Comic Genius--Bird On the Rise, by Birdonthewire. ZIA, 10-13, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Byron Ritchie (NM).**

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**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Longchamp, 16.15**, 10-13, €33,000, 4yo/up, 9f 165ydsT, 2:08.60, sf.

**MIDNIGHT DREAMER (GB)** (f, 4, **Fantastic Light--Zuleika Dobson {GB} {GSP-Fr & SP-GB}**, by **Cadeaux Genereux {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €30,700. O-Mrs Rebecca Philipps; B-Highbury Stud Ltd; T-John Hammond. \*42,000gns RNA yrl '06 TATOCT.

**FRANCE, Longchamp, 14.10**, 10-13, €29,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.10, sf.

**LUTECE ERIA (FR)** (f, 3, **Gold Away {Ire}--Dark Mile**, by **Woodman**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 12 starts, 4 wins, 6 places, €73,050. O-Ecurie Chassagneux & Cyriaque Diard; B-D Chassagneux, J P Boin & G Gaboriau; T-Cyriaque Diard.

**FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 16.00**, 10-13, €20,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:01.90, gd/sf.

**QUESTION DAY (FR)** (h, 5, **Charge d'Affaires {GB}--Kings Widow {GB}**, by **Generous {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 28 starts, 8 wins, 20 places, €142,050. O-Pierre Beziat; B-Marquise de Moratalla; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**ITALY, Varese, 15.35**, 10-12, €10,800, 2yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, gd.

**EL CORTIJO (GER)** (c, 2, **Areion {Ger}--El Zulia {Ger} {GSP-Ger}**, by **Primo Dominie {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €9,350. O-Scuderai Lupayaro; B-marco Klopfer; T-Sergio Dettori. \*€15,000 2yo '09 BBAMAY.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Plebeyo (Fr)**, c, 2, **Chineur (Fr)**--La Tirana (Fr) (SW & MGSP-Fr, \$160,296), by Akarad (Fr). Marseille-Borely, France, 10-13, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 165ydsT. B-Marquise de Moratalla. \*12th winner for freshman sire (by Fasliyev).

**Zelos Diktator (GB)**, g, 3, **Diktat (GB)**--Chanterelle (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Newcastle, Britain, 10-13, Mdn, 3-4yo, 12f 93ydsT. B-The Duke of Roxburghe's Studs. \*12,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

**Kekova (GB)**, f, 3, **Montjeu (Ire)**--Koniya (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire). Longchamp, France, 10-13, Cond, 3yo, 1 11/16mT. B-David Jamison Bloodstock & G Roddick. \*1/2 to Casilda (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSP-GB.



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