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## PYRO TO DARLEY JAPAN

Grade I winner **Pyro** (Pulpit--Wild Vision, by Wild Again) is set to enter stud at Darley Japan in Hokkaido and will stand the 2010 season for a fee of ¥2 million,



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or approximately \$22,300. Runner-up in the 2007 GI Champagne S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, the dark bay opened his sophomore season with victories in the GIII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby. He was eighth in the GI Kentucky Derby as the crowd's second

choice, and rebounded from that effort to win the GIII Northern Dancer S. Acquired by Godolphin from breeder Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC following a sixth in the 2008 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, Pyro earned a career high this year in the GI Forego S. Sept. 5. According to *Racing Post*, Pyro will be joined at Darley Japan by Commands (Aus) (Danehill), the sire of Group 1 winners Purple (Aus) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}) and Russeting (Aus); and Deep Sky (Jpn), last year's champion three-year-old in Japan. "The stallion operation in Japan is going from strength to strength," said Sheikh Mohammed's bloodstock advisor John Ferguson. "It gives Sheikh Mohammed great satisfaction to be involved in the racing and breeding industry, and standing both Commands and Pyro as new international sires for 2010 is proof of Darley's commitment to the Japanese industry." Pyro posted a record of 17-5-5-2 and earned \$1.67 million during his racing career. Out of a full-sister to GSW Wild Wonder, Pyro is a three-parts sibling to War Echo (Tapit), winner of this year's GIII Silverbulletday S. back in February.

## DELEGATOR DQ'D FROM MILE WIN

Godolphin's **Delegator** (GB) (Dansili {GB}) has had his victory in Goodwood's G2 Celebration Mile wiped from the records after it was confirmed the sophomore had tested positive for the banned substance methylprednisolone. The decision was ratified by a BHA disciplinary panel yesterday. Juddmonte Farms' **Zacinto** (GB) (Dansili {GB}) was promoted to first place in the Aug. 29 contest. The BHA released a statement which read, "After considering the evidence, including statements from trainer Saeed bin Suroor and his veterinary surgeon, the panel was satisfied the source of the substance was an injection of 20mg of Depo-Medrone by local infiltration of the proximal suspensory ligament region (10mg in each leg) on July 13, 2009 by bin Suroor's veterinary surgeon, who recommended a withdrawal period of 42 days. The panel accepted an admission from bin Suroor that he was in breach of rule 53 and imposed a fine of £750 upon him."

## GOZZIP GIRL DQ'D FROM THIRD IN QE II CUP

**Gossip Girl** (Dynaformer) has been disqualified from third in the Oct. 17 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. after testing positive for the tranquilizer acepromazine, *Daily Racing Form* reports. The winner of this year's GI American Oaks has been placed last by the Kentucky Racing Commission, and the \$50,000 she earned will be redistributed. Her trainer Tom Albertrani, who will serve a 30-day suspension beginning Thursday, denied having administered the drug, but will not contest the decision. "This substance was not in my barn," the trainer said in a statement. "It would be both counterintuitive and downright foolish for me to give the odds-on favorite in a Grade I race a banned substance knowing that she would be tested. I have too much respect for the sport, my owners and my horses to lower my ethical standards. My reputation means too much to me to play fast and loose with regulations." Cont. p2



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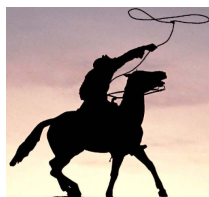
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**Gozzip Girl cont.**

"I do not know why my filly would test positive for this substance," Albertrani continued. "I cannot say whether it was because of a deliberate act or contamination, but I know it was not as a result of an act by me or my team. It is both alarming and suspicious how my filly would come into contact with this substance, and I hope that measures are taken to prevent this from happening to other horses. I have spoken with the stewards. While I vociferously disagree with the suspension and know that I did nothing wrong, I have decided not to contest the decision. I will continue to operate with the highest ethical standards to maintain both my good name and the public's faith that they can expect a level playing field in horse racing." Kentucky steward John Veitch said a split sample tested at Louisiana State University confirmed the positive first detected at the University of Florida Laboratory. Albertrani told *DRF* that his New York horses would run in the name of his assistant Daniel Blacker during the suspension.



# RACING Round-Up

**No Change of Plans for Zenyatta...**

G1 Breeders' Cup Classic heroine **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) worked a half in an easy :50 2/5 at Hollywood Park yesterday morning, but there has been no change in the plan to retire her, connections confirmed. "We just wanted to take the edge off her," trainer John Shirreffs remarked. Owner Jerry Moss added that it has not yet been decided who the champion mare will be bred to. "She's going to make another appearance at Santa Anita on the 26th and, right now, we are just enjoying the moment," Moss said. "After the 26th, we'll sit down and come to a decision, but for now we're just having fun."

## SO. HEMISPHERE RESULTS

**Sunday, Taruma, Brazil**

**GRANDE PREMIO PARANA-G1**, R49,500, Taruma, 12-6, 3yo/up, 2400m, 2:37.30, ft.

1--▲**MR. NEDAWI (BRZ)**, 130, h, 5, by Nedawi (GB)

1st Dam: **Cryptic Crucial**, by Cryptoclearance

2nd Dam: **Real Class**, by In Reality

3rd Dam: **Remote Ruler**, by King Emperor

O-Stud Hole In One; B-Haras Old Friends Ltda; T-Joao Gabriel Costa; J-Jose Aparecido; R30,000. Lifetime Record: 24-8-2-1.

2--**Brilhante Mineral (Brz)**, 114, c, 3, Bonapartiste (Fr)--Day Clipper (Brz), by Choctaw Ridge. O-Stud Xara/Mineral Park; B-Haras Magenta (Brz); T-L R Feltran; R9,000.

3--**Rei Do Rock (Brz)**, 130, c, 4, Suspicious Mind--Rita Blanca (Brz), by Baligh (Ire). O/B-Stud Monte Carlo; T-O Zantedeschi; R6,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.60, 13.00, 4.20.

Mr. Nedawi extended his winning streak to three with a decisive victory in Parana Jockey Club's most important race of the year. The son of Nedawi gained command in midstretch and held off a late rally from sophomore Brilhante Mineral to earn his most significant career win. He entered this race off a 1 1/4-length score in the G3 Grande Premio Criadores e Proprietarios de Cavalo de Corrida de Sao Paulo on the grass at Cidade Jardim racecourse Nov 7. The winner could target next month's G1 Gran Premio Jose Pedro Ramirez, Uruguay's flagship race at Maronas.

**North American  
Single Season  
Record  
Win #623**

**Who: Trainer Steve Asmussen  
When: Sunday, Dec. 6  
Where: 13th race, Woodbine  
With: Poppin (City Zip)  
Asmussen broke his own  
mark of 622, set in 2008.**



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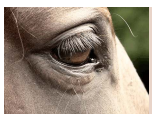
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## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

**BOYD GAMING'S DELTA JACKPOT S.-GIII, \$750,000, DED, 12-4, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, sy.**

1--@RULE, 119, c, 2, by [Roman Ruler](#)

1st Dam: Rockcide, by Personal Flag

2nd Dam: Belle's Good Cide, by Slewacide

3rd Dam: Belle of Killarney, by Little Current

O/B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher;

J-John R Velazquez; \$450,000. Lifetime Record:

5-3-1-1, \$596,700. \*Second GSW for freshman sire

(by Fusaichi Pegasus). **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

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Those ancient Greeks knew a thing or two, and it was apparently Euripides who stated that "the gods visit the sins of the fathers upon the children."

Although this sounds harsh, there's no doubt that this particular type of retribution is alive and well in the Thoroughbred breeding industry, where one of the biggest sinners during the current decade has been Fusaichi Pegasus.

The scale of Fusaichi Pegasus' transgressions can be gauged from the fact that his 2010 fee has been set at \$15,000--exactly one-tenth of the fee he started out at in 2001. I doubt whether anyone envisaged such a decline for Fusaichi Pegasus when he retired from the track, as he seemed to have nearly everything one could ask for in a potential stallion (apart from high-class juvenile ability). After all, his combination of impressive physique and potent bloodlines had led to his topping the 1998 Keeneland July Selected Yearling Sale at a price of \$4,000,000. **Cont. p4**

### Rule, c, 2007

<b>Roman Ruler</b>	Fusaichi Pegasus	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Angel Fever	Gold Digger
	Silvery Swan	Silver Deputy	Danzig
		Sociable Duck	Rowdy Angel
<b>Rockcide</b> 16-0-1-2 3Fls, #1 GSW	Personal Flag	Private Account	Deputy Minister
		Grecian Banner	Silver Valley
	Belle's Good Cide 26-2-1-6 4 Fls, #1 Ch, #1 GSW	Slewacide	Quack
		Belle of Killarney 13 Fls, 3SW	Unsociable
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Fusaichi Pegasus proved more than worthy of that price tag, principally by becoming the only son of Mr. Prospector to triumph in the Kentucky Derby. Additionally, his sire and broodmare sire (Danzig) ranked among the most effective stallions of the modern era, and--for good measure--he was out of a talented sister to the Preakness S. winner Pine Bluff.

What could possibly go wrong? Perhaps more emphasis should have been placed on his difficult temperament. I read with interest Nuno Santos' recent comments in the *TDN*. When asked to name the most difficult horse he had to deal with, he opted for none other than Fusaichi Pegasus:

"He was a powerful horse. He loved to rear up, he would refuse to go to the track. Just a headache," was Santos' verdict.

Whatever the explanation, Fusaichi Pegasus has disappointed, and his record is all the more disappointing because he appeared to make a very bright start,



**Fusaichi Pegasus** *Coolmore.com*

with the Grade I winners Roman Ruler and Bandini in his first crop. Unfortunately, no further American Grade I winners emerged from his next five crops of racing age, and it has been a similarly discouraging story in Australia, where he failed to develop into the perfect

partner for the country's numerous Danehill mares. The high points of his Australian crops were his fine son Haradasun, who travelled to Europe to take the G1 Queen Anne S., and Floral Pegasus, who became a Group 1 winner in Hong Kong.

Here we get to the bit about the sins of the father being visited upon their children. Fusaichi Pegasus' fall from grace over the last few years certainly hasn't made things any easier for his sons Roman Ruler and Bandini during their first few years, which can be difficult enough without any extra obstacles to negotiate.

Bandini, a handsome winner of the G1 Blue Grass S., entered stud at a fee of \$17,500 in 2007, a year later than Roman Ruler. The Walmac resident is credited with having covered 162 mares in his first season, with his book falling to 119 in his second year and then to 78 mares in 2009. No wonder his connections have felt obliged to drop his fee to \$6,500 for that difficult fourth season in 2010. **Cont. p5**



**PEDIGREE INSIGHTS...**

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**EUROPEAN CHAMPION 2-Y-O**

- 1st **Phoenix Stakes-Gr.1**, 6f., by 4½ lengths (PICTURED)
- 1st **National Stakes-Gr.1**, 7f.
- 1st **Railway Stakes-Gr.2**, 6f.



**DUAL GR.1-WINNING MILER AS A 3-Y-O**

- 1st **St. James's Palace Stakes-Gr.1**, 8f., in near record time (BELOW)
- 1st **Irish 2,000 Guineas-Gr.1**, 8f., by 4½ lengths
- 1st **Diamond Stakes-Gr.3**, 10½f., by 5 lengths
- 2nd **Juddmonte International Stakes-Gr.1**, 10½f., beaten a length by Sea The Stars in race record time



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Roman Ruler's figures read 197 mares in his first year, followed by a second book of 112, a third book of 62 and a fourth book of only 37 mares earlier this year. The economic downturn must surely take some of the blame for this last figure, as his large first crop sold pretty creditably during the difficult times of 2008, with the youngsters averaging nearly \$59,000, off a \$30,000 fee. His colts' average stood at nearly \$80,000.

The book of 37 looks even more incongruous now that Roman Ruler is vying with She Be Wild's sire Offlee Wild for the title of leading freshman sire. He owes his lofty position largely to Homeboykris, winner of the GI Champagne S. on his third start, and to Rule, who followed up his impressive victory in the Jean Laffitte S. with a hard-fought win over the surprising Uh Oh Bango (Top Hit) in the GIII Boyd Gaming's Delta Jackpot S. Roman Ruler now has seven stakes horses to his credit (if we include the Mexican Grade I winner Zacatlan). His other graded performers are Seattle Ruler, Roman Invasion and Connie and Michael.



**Roman Ruler**  
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Roman Ruler has every right to be a very effective sire of two-year-olds, as he was one of the highest rated juveniles of 2004, when only Declan's Moon and Wilko were weighted above him on the Experimental. He owed his figure of 124 to a record of three wins from five starts. Precocious enough to score over five furlongs at Hollywood in June, he progressed to take the GII Best Pal S. over 6 1/2 furlongs and the GII Norfolk S. over 1 1/16 miles, his only defeat in his first four starts coming when he failed by only a neck while conceding four pounds to Declan's Moon in the GII Del Mar Futurity. **Cont. p6**

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**Caulfield cont.**

What is especially pleasing about Roman Ruler's eye-catching start is that there is good reason to expect his progeny to train on at three, just as he did. He showed that his speed was coupled with a degree of stamina when he took the GI Haskell Invitational S. over 1 1/8 miles, with this victory compensating his connections for his having to miss the Triple Crown events with recurring quarter cracks. Trainer Bob Baffert commented after the Haskell that "he's still green, but he's learned to cruise. He's got a great burst of speed...horses like him are hard to come by."

Of course, Roman Ruler isn't just the son of his father. He also has a distinguished dam in Silvery Swan. This daughter of Silver Deputy first drew attention to herself as the dam of El Corredor, whose finest moment came when he took the GI Cigar Mile H.

By the time Roman Ruler came on the scene, Silvery Swan had also been represented by the Grade III winner Silver Tornado, and she has since scored heavily in the sales ring, achieving \$2,700,000 for her Mr. Greeley yearling filly in 2005 and \$4,600,000 for her Vindication colt a year later. That Vindication colt, Maimonides, also showed flashes of excellence during an injury-hit career, so it should be worth keeping an eye out for her Bernardini colt that made \$700,000 at Saratoga.

Rule's pedigree is interesting in that Roman Ruler is inbred 2x4 to Mr. Prospector, while Rule's dam Rockside is inbred 4x4 to Buckpasser. When Mr. Prospector was mated to daughters of Buckpasser he came up with the Grade I winners Seeking the Gold, Miswaki and Mining, the Grade I sire Woodman and that fine broodmare Proflare, who produced five graded/group winners.



Rule Coady Photography

Rockside failed to win in 16 attempts, but this daughter of Personal Flag is a half-sister to Funny Cide (Distorted Humor), so there's reason to think Rule will stay well enough for the Kentucky Derby, if he proves good enough.



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**COWBOY CAL RETIRES TO PIN OAK** *Cowboy*

**Cal** (Giant's Causeway--Texas Tammy, by Seeking the Gold), a graded stakes on turf and over the all-weather, has been retired from racing and will stand the 2010 breeding season at Pin Oak Stud near Versailles, Kentucky. No fee has been announced. The Bob and Janice McNair homebred captured the 2008 GIII Tropical Park Derby on turf as a three-year-old, and annexed the GII San Pasqual H. and GII Strub S. over Pro-Ride and the grassy GII Oak Tree Mile this year at four. "He gave his best effort in every race, but the Oak Tree Mile in 1:33 was pretty special," said his trainer Todd



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Pletcher, who described the dark bay as a "genuine miler who carried his speed over a distance." Cowboy Cal was second in three Grade I races--the Bluegrass S., Hollywood Derby and Woodford Reserve Turf Classic S.--and was third in the GI Citation H. at Hollywood Park Nov. 27 in his career finale. His dam is a half to MGISW Behrens (Pleasant Colony), and his second dam is GSW Hot Novel (Mari's Book), a half-sister to the granddam of the two-time GI Whitney H. winner Commentator (Distorted Humor). "He's a grand-looking horse," said Josephine Abercrombie, owner of Pin Oak Stud. "We're very excited to have a top son of Giant's Causeway join the roster, and we're so pleased to be partners again with Janice and Robert McNair." Cowboy Cal retires with a record of 19-7-5-2 and \$1,037,810 in earnings.

**HOLY BULL MARE TOPS FASIG-TIPTON**

**MIDLANTIC MIXED SALE** An 11-year-old daughter of Holy Bull sold for \$95,000 to top the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale in, Timonium, Maryland, yesterday. Believed to be carrying a full-sibling to Italian MSW and GSP Air Crew (Pollard's Vision) on a May 23 cover, [hip 83](#), hailing from Charlton (Mr. & Mrs. Rick Abbott) consignment, was purchased by Federico Barberino, agent. It was far back to the sales' second-highest price as [hip 98](#), an unplaced three-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon named Fifteen Moons, sold for \$38,000 as a broodmare prospect. [Hip 210](#), a colt by Two Punch, led the weanlings at \$35,000. The average price declined for the fifth consecutive year, with the sale hitting a high mark of \$10,640 in 2004. Full results are available at [www.fasigtipton.com](http://www.fasigtipton.com).

**SEN. BRUNO CONVICTED OF CORRUPTION**

Former New York Senate majority leader Joseph Bruno was found guilty of two counts of felony corruption by a federal jury Monday. Bruno was found not guilty on five counts, and the jury failed to reach a verdict on one count. His conviction stemmed from payments in the amount of approximately \$3.2 million that Bruno received for consulting work that it was determined he did not perform, and that were paid out by companies owned by a businessman who had lobbied for grants and other assistance from the state legislature. The 80-year-old former boxer also failed to disclose that he took part in a partnership with that businessman involving racehorses. Bruno could be sentenced to as many as 20 years in prison and fined up to \$250,000. His sentencing is set for Mar. 31, 2010. He is expected to appeal. "It goes without saying that I'm very very disappointed in the verdict that I just heard and the legal process is going to continue," Bruno told the New York *Daily News*. "In my mind and in my heart, it is not over until it's over. And I think it's far from over."

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-PHA, \$58,080, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5, ft.**

**LIAM'S DREAM** (f, 2, Saint Liam--Danzig's Dreamer, by Rubiano) broke her maiden as the 3-2 chalk at Philly Park Nov. 3, but was let go at 5-2 to make it two in a row. Sent to the front after breaking sharply, the dark bay was put to a drive in the lane and opened up to win by 5 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$74,760. Click for the [brisnet.com](http://brisnet.com) chart or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

**Iron Out**, g, 3, **Straight Man**--Fit Fighter, by Fit to Fight. Wolverhampton, 12-7, Hcp (Amateurs), 3yo/up, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Leslie Hagan. \*\$20,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG; 30,000gns 2yo '08 TATGNS. \*\*1/2 to Trial Fighter (Skip Trial), SW-US, \$172,060.

IN ITALY:

**Individual King**, h, 6, **Conscience Clear**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN JAPAN:

**I Am Ruby**, c, 2, **Saint Liam**--Cativa (GSW, \$377,832), by Sir Cat. Nakayama, 12-6, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$155,556. O-Koichi Hori; B-Fontainebleau Farm Inc; T-Hiroyuki Nagahama.

**Griffin Gate**, c, 3, **Speightstown**--People's Princess (GSW, \$339,175), by Meadowlake. Nakayama, 12-5, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$364,444. O-Yoshio Yoshida; B-Summer Wind Farm; T-Takahisa Tezuka. \*1/2 to Carolyn's Cat (Forestry), MGSW, \$307,415. \*\*\$130,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

IN PERU:

+ **Glamorosa**, f, 2, **Friends Lake**--Clementine's Cap, by Forty Niner. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-6, Mdn, 5f, 1:00.00. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,170. O-Haras Fiesta; B-Wind Hill Farm (KY); T-Armando Filipuzzi. \*\$5,000 yrl '08 KEESEP.

**Zlatan**, c, 2, **Olmodavor**--Spinalong, by Siphon (Brz). Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-6, Cond, 2000mT, 2:03.80. Lifetime Record: GSW-Per, 7-2-2-0, \$5,170. O-Stud Manning; B-George Pruette (KY); T-Juan Suarez. \*\$2,200 wnl '07 KEENOV.



**First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, December 8**  
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs  
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**CONSOLIDATOR** (Storm Cat), Darley, \$20K, 102/17/1

4-MNR, Msw, 1m, Bare Advantage, 20-1

**MEDALLIST** (Touch Gold), Three Chimneys, \$9K, 59/8/1

4-MNR, Msw, 1m, We'll See Laurie, 20-1

**PURGE** (Pulpit), Vinery, \$20K, 134/13/1

4-PHA, Msw, 1m, Mon Chou, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

4-PHA, Msw, 1m, Ms. Moscow, \$175K OBS FEB 2yo, 3-1

**SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/12/1

4-MNR, Msw, 1m, Saint Hubert, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**SUPAH BLITZ** (Mecke), Rising Hill, \$5K, 13/1/0

4-PHA, Msw, 1m, Mistressia, 2-1

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**IMPROVED CLEARANCE RATE BOLSTERS LOW-KEY ARQANA TRADE** An improved clearance rate, compared to last year's corresponding day, bolstered low-key trade as prices dipped as expected on the final day of Arqana's Breeding Stock Sale at Deauville yesterday. The highest price of the session, €30,000, was achieved first by His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs' **Shivera (Fr)** (Highest Honor {Fr}). Offered as [hip 539](#), the unraced three-year-old, who is out of a half-sister to the 2005 G1 Irish Oaks heroine Shawanda (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}), went the way of David Powell's EURL du Chene. Haras de la Louviere's [hip 664](#), **Help From Heaven (Ire)** (Titus Livius {Fr}), who boosted her page with a second in last month's Listed Prix Zeddaan, took joint-top place on the podium when knocked down to Narvick International. Overall, the three-day sale registered increases across the board with the aggregate jumping just over nine percent to €13,741,500. The median surged 40 percent, while the average recorded a modest improvement of over four percent.

ARQANA DECEMBER SALE - Tuesday's Outs  
759, 774, 781, 787, 825, 851, 860, 879, 883, 914

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**Arqana cont.**

“We are pleased to have reached our goal, which was to generate an increase in the volume as well as in the quality of trade,” explained Arqana President Eric Hoyeau. “More horses were sold this year and generally at higher prices, as reflected by the rise in the average and median. The highest quality was concentrated on the first day, which, combined with the marketing efforts put on by both Arqana’s and the French Racing and Breeding Committee’s teams, helped attract as international a buying bench as ever for this sale.” Hoyeau added, “The usual flow of French mares that used to be sent to breeding stock sales across the Channel has significantly dropped down this year, and we have also demonstrated our capacity to attract fillies with high commercial value from abroad. Moreover, the foals on offer were definitely of better quality, and this should keep improving as more and more foreign pinhookers take into account the commercial asset that will be the eligibility for French premiums when they re-offer their purchases as yearlings. This prompts them to leave the foals in France until they sell them on, which in turn encourages French breeders to put some of their good foals on the market without being afraid to lose the premium, should the horses be sent abroad.” Yearlings begin selling at 11 a.m. today. Full catalogue and results are at [www.arqana.com](http://www.arqana.com).



ARQANA DECEMBER SALE MONDAY, DEC. 7, 2009		
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
No. Catalogued	239	243
No. Offered	214	221
No. Sold	151	141
RNA	63	80
% RNA	29.4%	36.2%
Gross	€1,220,500	€1,495,500
Average (% change)	€8,083 (-23.8%)	€10,606
Median (% change)	€5,500 (-8.3%)	€6,000
<b>*Total Private Sales:</b>		
No. Sold	8	10
Gross	€55,000	€176,600
Total Gross	€1,275,500	€1,672,100
<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
No. Catalogued	748	734
No. Offered	674	656
No. Sold	512	462
RNA	162	194
% RNA	24.0%	29.6%
No. Over €500K	1	3
High Price	€520,000	€550,000
Gross	€13,389,500	€11,567,500
Average (% change)	€26,151 (+4.4%)	€25,038
Median (% change)	€14,000 (+40%)	€10,000
<b>*Total Private Sales:</b>		
No. Sold	22	24
Gross	€352,000	€1,029,600
Total Gross	€13,741,500	€12,597,100
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European News cont.

**JUMPERS DOMINATE DONCASTER FINALE**

Spirited bidding on the final day of the DBS December Sale was dominated by transactions restricted to the National Hunt code, which boosted returns across the board at Doncaster. Indeed, the top three lots yesterday will remain in the jumping sphere. The highest-priced flat transaction came in just under the radar, with the listed-placed **Beat Seven (GB)** (Beat Hollow {GB}) going for £46,000. Offered by trainer Gay Kelleway's Queen Alexandra Stables as [hip 177](#), the three-year-old filly is bound for Winterbeck Manor Stud, whose representatives saw off Matt Coleman of Anthony Stroud Bloodstock. Aggregate returns improved a shade over two percent, despite a slimmer catalogue that was held over a day less than last year. The average and median each surged over 60 percent, albeit off a low base. "Two-thousand and nine has certainly been a real rollercoaster year in the bloodstock world, but we have been delighted to see the pragmatic optimism that we urged last year really come to the fore over the last few months," commented DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby at the close of the year's play. "The bloodstock community is an admirably resilient bunch, and the confidence that has returned to the market is most encouraging. The DBS year has been challenging in many areas, but our results have been far from catastrophic. Our turnover is down, but we must remember that DBS endured lesser falls than some in 2008, as our two biggest sales were held before the economic crisis that affected so many others. In common with others, we have catalogued less horses this year, which, in turn, has led to an improved clearance rate. Today's sale has ended the year on a high, with figures up across the board reflecting a day of spirited bidding from a cosmopolitan crowd. Difficult times? Undoubtedly, but we face the future with huge optimism as we feel a corner has been turned. As ever, we are grateful to a wonderful group of clients, both buyers and sellers, who continue to put their trust in the DBS service and we send our heartfelt thanks to everyone, whether they have been involved in one horse or many." Full results can be viewed at [www.dbsauctions.com](http://www.dbsauctions.com).

**RENOVATIONS TO CLOSE LONGCHAMP IN '12**

The long-awaited redevelopment of Longchamp racecourse, which is estimated to cost between €55 million and €75 million and will include the installation of an all-weather track, will begin in 2011 with the selection of an architect, *Racing Post* reported yesterday. The French track will be closed for 20 months after the running of the 2012 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Plans call for the demolition of one of the historic track's grandstands, the addition of 40 boxes, and a redesigned paddock. Construction had originally been planned for 2008 to bolster Paris's bid for the 2012 Olympic Games, but was delayed when the games were awarded to London. "The new Longchamp will be more functional, comfortable, welcoming and green," France Galop board member Henri de Pracomtal told *Racing Post*. "It will also remain the international shop window for French flat racing." An alternative venue for the 2013 Arc has yet to be named.

**KINANE TO BOW OUT?** Jockey Michael Kinane, who enjoyed a landmark year as the partner of **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), may be on the verge of retirement, according to *Racing Post*. Britain's trade daily indicated an announcement is expected imminently. Kinane is currently making a return journey from Japan, where he rode over the weekend.

★ ITALY ★


**Tuesday, Siracusa, post time: 5:15 p.m.**  
**CRITERIUM MEDITERRANEO-Listed, €50,400, 2yo, c/g, 1mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	5	Back Hunting	Put it Back	Gi Bietolini	Ga Bietolini
2	10	Branderburgo (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Riccardi	Marcelli
3	6	Collesano (Ire)	Pearl of Love (Ire)	Biondi	Esposito
4	9	Desert Just (Ire)	Kheleyf	S Botti	Pinna
5	3	Duca Del Borgo	Holy Bull	Gi Bietolini	Tellini
6	1	Lear Keye (Ire)	Hawkeye (Ire)	Cavarra	Zappulla
7	7	Martilzo (GB)	Martino Alonso (Ire)	S Botti	Rispoli
8	11	No Danse (Ire)	Noverre	Impelluso	Guerrieri
9	8	Power Dumaani (Ire)	Powerscourt (GB)	Bordonaro	Belli
10	4	Saratoga Black (Ire)	Pyrus	Gi Bietolini	Borrelli
11	2	Scoglitti (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Oppo	Diana

All carry 123 pounds bar Collesano, 130.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

**IN JAPAN:**  
**Mission Mode (Ire), c, 2, Galileo (Ire)**--Royal Fantasy (Ger) (Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 14+f, Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 11-14f, MGSW-Ger & G1SP-Fr, \$295,303), by Monsun (Ger). Nakayama, 12-5, Habotan Sho, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$208,778. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-T Yoshida; T-Kazuo Fujisawa.



**DBS DECEMBER HIT SALE**  
**Monday, Dec. 7, 2009**

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008*
Catalogued	285	460
No. Offered	206	347
No. Sold	129	213
RNAs	77	134
% RNA	37.4%	38.6%
Gross	£1,147,250	£1,124,150
Average (% change)	£8,893 (+68.5%)	£5,277
Median (% change)	£3,200 (+60%)	£2,000

\*2008 was a two-day sale

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 **SOUTH AMERICA** 

**CHILEAN GROUP WINNER BY AMERICAN SIRE:**  
**@Blue Shell (Chi)**, c, 4, **Muqtarib--Jasa** (Arg), by Espacial (Arg). Club Hipico de Santiago, 12-7, Clasico Velocidad-G2, 1000m, :57.34. Lifetime Record: 24-13-1-3. O-Stud Mascato; B-Haras Sumaya; T-Juan C Pichara.

**BREEDERS' EDITION**  
**AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**  
**6th-FGX, \$47,000**, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m40y (off turf), 1:44 1/5, sy.  
**BANANAFAFANA (f, 3, Dow Jones U S--I'm a Raisin, by Raise a Bid)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$76,880. O-Just For Fun Stable. B-Lisa B Haydel (LA). T-Trace Richards. \*\$3,000 yrl '07 TEXAUG; \$14,000 RNA 2yo '08 OBSAPR.

**9th-PHA, \$45,150**, NW1X, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.  
**OCARSON (f, 3, Olmodavor--Carsomatic, by Carson City)** Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-3-1, \$85,680. O-Charles L Biggs. B-Gem Racing Inc (FL). T-Robert E Reid Jr. \*\$33,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Carphonic (Lion Heart), SW, \$106,219.

**8th-CRC, \$23,700**, NW1X, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:40 4/5, ft.  
**DIVA DELITE (f, 2, Repent--Tour Hostess {MSP, \$215,356}, by Tour d'Or)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-4-2, \$77,287. O-Vivian & Vittese. B-Clover Leaf Farms II Inc (FL). T-David A Vivian. \*\$16,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$35,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR.

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

GULFSTREAM PARK  
 Arson Squad (Brahms), 3f, •:36.20, 1/6

HOLLYWOOD PARK  
 Monzante (Maria's Mon), 4f, :50.80, 10/17  
 Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}), 4f, :50.40, 8/17

FAIR GROUNDS  
 Cash Refund (Petionville), 4f, :49.20, 10/84  
 Denis of Cork (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :52.00, 65/84  
 General Quarters (Sky Mesa), 5f, 1:02.40, 20/55

PALM MEADOWS  
 Bittel Road (Stormy Atlantic), 4f, :55.00, 8/13  
 Harlem Rocker (Macho Uno), 5f, 1:01.20, 1/2  
 Quality Road (Elusive Quality), 4f, :48.60, 7/24

SANTA ANITA  
 Sidney's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:00.40, 5/30  
 Witty (Distorted Humor), 3f, :38.20, 12/15

**7th-MNR, \$22,400**, 12-6, NW2L, 2yo, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft.  
**WHERESTHELIMIT (g, 2, Wagon Limit--Whereabouts, by Lost Soldier)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, \$30,444. O-David, Ned & Mark Doering. B-Meadow Springs Farm LLC (OH). T-Mark Doering. \*\$4,000 yrl '08 FTKOCT.

**5th-CRC, \$21,700**, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 5f (off turf), :59 1/5, ft.  
**UNDER CONTRACT (c, 3, Three Wonders--Pride of the Hunt, by Hunting Hard)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, \$50,902. O-Brian Prichard Racing Inc & Equestrian Properties. B-Carl Bowling & Ellen L Thompson (FL). T-Brian Prichard.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**  
**Stay Put**, c, 2, **Broken Vow**--O. K. Mom, by Dixieland Band. FGX, 12-7, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 4/5. B-Reklein Stables (KY). \*1/2 to Could Be (Geiger Counter), GSW, \$262,922.  
**Ide Better Win**, g, 2, **Ide**--Esker's Aly, by Alysheba. FGX, 12-7, (S), 6f, 1:13. B-Noral J Tate (LA).

★ **WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE** ★

**IN JAPAN:**  
**Win Premium (Jpn)**, h, 5, **Cozzene**--Carmelita (GB), by Zafonic. Hanshin, 12-6, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 24-4-0-3, \$525,111. O-Win Inc; B-Paca Paca Farm; T-Ryuji Okubo.

**IN PERU:**  
**#Al Nathir (Arg)**, c, 3, **Bernstein**--Batty Sangria (Arg), by Batty. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-6, Clasico Ejercito Del Peru-Listed, 3yo, 6.5f, 1:19.40. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$9,600. O-Soribel; B-La Biznaga (Arg); T-Felix Banda.

**IN ARGENTINA:**  
 + **Boris Blue (Arg)**, c, 2, **Mutakddim**--Betty Blue (Arg), by Candy Stripes. Palermo, 12-7, Mdn, 2yo, c, 4f, :43.83. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, P36,000. O-Axel; B-Haras Abolengo (Arg); T-Miguel Diaz.

**IN AUSTRALASIA:**  
**Keith's Legacy (NZ)**, g, 3, **Johar**--So There (Aus), by Kaapstad (NZ). Avondale (New Zealand), 12-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-J A Rowan Ltd.  
**Trader (Aus)**, c, 4, **Dehere**--Triattica (Aus), by Centaine (Aus). Rosehill (Sydney), 12-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT. B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd.  
**Border Rebel (Aus)**, g, 4, **Johannesburg**--Frontier (Aus), by Flying Spur (Aus). Rosehill (Sydney), 12-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT. B-Jonel Park Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd.  
**Soulima (Aus)**, g, 4, **Stravinsky**--Equuleus (NZ), by Volksraad (GB). Doomben (Brisbane), 12-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f 165ydsT. B-Karaka Group Ltd & Westbury Stud Ltd.



**Winners by U.S. Sires cont.**

**Tip the Wink (NZ)**, m, 5, **Stravinsky**--Kape Dancer (NZ), by Kaapstad (NZ). Trentham (Wellington), 12-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6fT. B-J J Hope.

**Rabbuka (Aus)**, g, 6, **Giant's Causeway**--Explosive, by Fappiano. Rosehill (Sydney), 12-5, Festival S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, A\$65,000 to winner. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
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**CONDITION RESULTS:**

**ITALY, Siracusa, 16.55**, 12-6, €13,500, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.20, gd.

**INDIVIDUAL KING (h, 6, Conscience Clear--Klassy Individual {MSW-US, \$385,015}, by Acaroid)** Lifetime Record: 57-18-13-5, €128,877. O-Ciro Borrelli; B-Martin Stables Inc; T-M Sardelli. \*\$5,500 yrl '04 OBSAUG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Hidden Glory (GB)**, g, 2, **Mujahid**--Leominda (GB), by Lion Cavern. Lingfield, Britain, 12-7, Mdn, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-P Balding. \*£26,000 yrl '08 DONSEP.

**Heathyards Junior (GB)**, g, 3, **Beat All**--Heathyards Lady, by Mining. Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-7, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-L A Morgan.

★ **WINNERS BY EURO SIRES** ★

**IN AUSTRALASIA:**

**Ambers Waltz (Aus)**, f, 2, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Ambers Halo (Aus), by Don't Say Halo. Rosehill (Sydney), 12-5, Hcp, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-K Bigss Enterprises Pty Ltd.

**My Cool Jo (NZ)**, f, 2, **One Cool Cat**--La Voleur (NZ), by Housebuster. Trentham (Wellington), 12-5, Hcp, 2yo, 5fT. B-Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan.

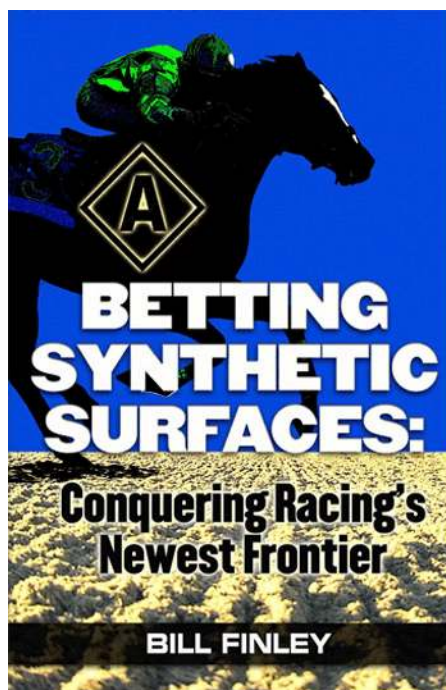
**Topario (NZ)**, f, 3, **Captain Rio (GB)**--Lady Topaz (NZ), by Imperial Seal (GB). Trentham (Wellington), 12-5, Hcp, 3yo, 7fT. B-R J Corliss.

**Crystal Honour (Aus)**, f, 3, **Honours List (Ire)**--Donna Leila (NZ), by Famous Star (GB). Doomben (Brisbane), 12-5, Hcp, 3yo, 1m 20ydsT. B-York Glade Pty Ltd.

**No Evidence Needed (Aus)**, f, 3, **Shamardal**--Generosa (NZ), by Generous (Ire). Rosehill (Sydney), 12-5, Hcp, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-J B Cummings, B Halcombe, T Kostos, M Alexeeff, L Smith & Dato Tan Chin Nam.

**Arvan (Aus)**, g, 3, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Jamelden Echo (NZ), by Prince Echo (Ire). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-4, Hcp, 3yo, 10f 45ydsT. B-Mrs C J Woodard.

**Nakaaya (Aus)**, f, 3, **Tiger Hill (Ire)**--Duchess Talaria (Aus), by Marwina (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-5, Hcp, 3yo, f, 7fT. B-J J Starr.



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**Cavalaire Bay (Aus)**, c, 4, **Red Ransom**--French Bid (Aus), by Anabaa. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-4, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6fT. B-Darley Australia Pty Ltd.

**Red Flair (Aus)**, f, 4, **Testa Rossa (Aus)**--Blazing Aura (Aus), by Blazing Sword (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 7fT. B-Contract Racing Pty Ltd, P Donohoe, B Donohoe & K Good.

**Tradleia (NZ)**, f, 4, **Traditionally**--Amidala (Aus), by Zeditave (Aus). Trentham (Wellington), 12-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-P E Lowe.

**Kariba Kariba (Aus)**, g, 5, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Miss Kariba (Aus), by Lunchtime (GB). Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 12-4, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5fT. B-Mrs J S Mackay.

**Tagus (Aus)**, g, 5, **Encosta de Lago (Aus)**--Lady Capel (Aus), by Last Tycoon (Ire). Rosehill (Sydney), 12-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, c/g, 7 1/2fT. B-G Harvey.

**Meteor Mistress (Aus)**, m, 5, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Solar Heights (Aus), by Broad Reach (NZ). Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-5, Hcp, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT. B-Interhealth Energies Pty Ltd & Chatswood Stud.

**Johnny Fiasco (Aus)**, g, 6, **Distant Music**--Princeton Belle (Aus), by Taj Rossi (Aus). Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-5, Cond, 4/up, c/g, 5 1/2fT. B-J & Mrs K A'Vard.

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