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NUMBERS TUMBLE AT KEENELAND JANUARY

The action inside the Keeneland sales pavilion seemed to mirror the weather outside on a cold and blustery day in Lexington as the January Horses of All Ages Sale



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got off to a sluggish start Monday. Despite the best efforts to minimize the downward slide experienced by many of the mixed sales earlier in the season, Keeneland was unable to induce the January sale to follow in the footsteps of its big sister sale in November. The November sale, which experienced relatively minor drops, was largely supported by the complete dispersal of the Overbrook Farm stock. "Mixed sales are always hard to compare," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "It's not like yearlings. These are the factories and not the product, so it varies from year to year." Gross figures for Monday's session fell 44 percent, from last term's \$11,945,900 to \$6,592,600. The average dropped from \$59,138 in 2009 to \$37,037, while the median experienced a similar setback, falling 26 percent from \$27,000 to \$20,000 this year.




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This year's first session losses followed on the heels of a weak opening session in 2009 when the average fell 46 percent and the median dropped 51 percent from 2008 figures. "As expected, the market is undergoing a reset and adjusting to the new market reality," added Russell. "The most important indicator for this sale in my judgment is that horses are moving and that there is a market for sales." A pair of broodmares--Island Fashion (Petionville) and Almonsoon (Giant's Causeway)--topped last year's opening session, and subsequently the entire sale, at \$950,000. Yesterday's equivalent session was led by the racing/broodmare prospect Miss Catalyst (Mr. Greeley), who brought \$325,000. **Cont. p2**

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TOP FIVE BROODMARES - MONDAY

- | Hip | Name | Covering Stallion | Price (\$) |
|------------|---|------------------------|------------|
| <u>300</u> | Miss Catalyst | Racing/b'mare prospect | 325,000 |
| | <i>(4, Mr. Greeley--Key to the Cat, by Tale of the Cat)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent III
Purchased by Twin Creeks Farm | | |
| <u>37</u> | Spherical | <u>Distorted Humor</u> | 300,000 |
| | <i>(4, Storm Cat--City Band, by Carson City)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent
Purchased by Norman D. Owens Bloodstock, agent | | |
| <u>218</u> | Glasgow's Gold | <u>Indian Charlie</u> | 300,000 |
| | <i>(14, Seeking the Gold--Gorgeous, by Slew o'Gold)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXVI
Purchased by Byer Patch Farm | | |
| <u>58</u> | Talented | <u>Dynaformer</u> | 150,000 |
| | <i>(8, Fusaichi Pegasus--Our Dear Ruth, by Baldski)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent for Padua Stables
Purchased by Emerald Bloodstock | | |
| <u>286</u> | Malibu Beach | Racing/b'mare prospect | 110,000 |
| | <i>(4, Tapit--McCaskill, by Copelan)</i> | | |
| | Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent
Purchased by Adena Springs Farm | | |

		KEENELAND JANUARY	
KEENELAND.		MONDAY, JAN. 11, 2010	
<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	2010	2009	
Catalogued	367	406	
No. Offered	256	275	
No. Sold	178	202	
RNAs	78	73	
% RNA	30.4%	26.5%	
No. \$300K+	3	5	
High Price	\$325,000	\$950,000	
Gross	\$6,592,600	\$11,945,900	
Average (% change)	\$37,037 (-37%)	\$59,138	
Median (% change)	\$20,000 (-26%)	\$27,000	

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"This session illustrates why it is difficult to compare the January Sale from year to year," explained Russell. "The [lower] prices [overall] were probably a reflection of the quality of the horses on offer during [Monday's] session. Last year, we had the two sales toppers in the first session. This is why we do not like to compare mixed sales, because we cannot guarantee the same quality every year."

Despite yesterday's tough knocks, Keeneland officials were quick to point out some of the positive trends observed at Keeneland so far.

"We had strong and steady sales [yesterday] and we have some strong prospects continuing [in Day 2]," Russell continued. "While the clearance rate isn't as high as the first session last year, it still is a strong rate indicating that there is an interest in--and a market for--quality horses. In this environment, that is the most important thing at this juncture."

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Miss Catalyst Tops January Opener...

Stakes-winning **Miss Catalyst** (Mr. Greeley--Key to the Cat, by Tale of the Cat) ([hip 300](#)) will likely resume



Randy Gullatt Photo by Z

her racing career after bringing a session-topping final bid of \$325,000 from Twin Creeks Farm manager Randy Gullatt. Gullatt, bidding from just under the press box inside the sales pavillion, received congratulations and a hearty slap on the back from Taylor Made Sales Agency's Duncan Taylor after seeing off all bidders to land the four-year-old filly.

Running for Gulf Coast Farms and trainer Todd Pletcher, Miss Catalyst won three of nine starts, including the Oct. 12 Pebbles S. at Belmont. She has been sidelined since that effort by a stress fracture in her left hind tibia.

"We're going to put her back in training with Todd Pletcher," confirmed Gullatt, who trained for eight years before assuming the role of Twin Creeks manager. "I think she's got a chance to improve. She needs about 45 more days, and then we're going to go on with her."

Gullatt thinks Miss Catalyst has plenty of upside.

"She's a very good-looking filly with good broodmare potential and potential to improve as a racehorse, as well," he remarked. "We like Mr. Greeley and she has a very good physical."

Bidding was tepid throughout the opening session, but Gullatt felt the session-topping price was fair.

"We were hoping to get a good deal in this market," he said. "I think a few years ago she probably would have been much more. I don't know if it was a bargain, but I think it was a fair value."

Twin Creeks Farm, a 180-acre operation in Versailles, Kentucky, is owned by Steve Davison. An attorney from Louisiana, he is a principal in the energy and transportation company Genesis Energy, LP, and has been in the racing game for more than two decades. The farm bred last year's GI Darley Alcibiades S. winner Negligee (Northern Afleet).



Steve Davison

Davison and Gullatt first teamed up in 1984, when Davison asked Gullatt to train a small string of horses for him.

A recent inception is the Twin Creeks racing partnership, which has campaigned graded stakes winner Garden District (Dixie Union), as well as ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Mission Impazible (Unbridled's Song) and stakes placed Funny Feeling (Distorted Humor), both now three-year-olds.

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Coming Full Circle...

When [hip 37](#) stepped into Keeneland's back walking ring, it was clear that a mare of quality was about to head into the bidding arena. Offered by Three Chimneys Sales, agent, **Spherical** (Storm Cat--City Band, by Carson City) snorted and pranced about, looking more like a horse going to the starting gate than one approaching the sales ring. After producing one of the most inspired rounds of bidding yesterday morning, the shapely mare was knocked down to agent Norman Owens for \$300,000. Owens, a bloodstock agent who purchased the mare for an undisclosed client, confirmed the four-year-old--in foal to leading sire Distorted Humor--will remain in the United States.

"One of the reasons I bought her is because she is by Storm Cat and out of a Grade I winning mare," explained Owens. "However, I can't stress enough the primary reason I bought the mare, and that was Distorted Humor. He offers tremendous value as a stallion --he is one of the best values around right now. He has a lot of good two-year-olds, and is just a good, all-around sire."

Bred by the illustrious Overbrook Farm, which dispersed the remainder of its breeding stock at Keeneland November, Spherical was secured by Three Chimneys Farm for \$170,000 at that venue as a weanling in 2006. Out of Overbrook's City Band--winner of the GI Oak Leaf S. and GIII Golden Rod, and runner-up in the GI Hollywood Starlet S.--the mare is a half-sister to SW Foolishly (Broad Brush), and a full sibling to SW Weather Warning and to Storm Tide, dam of GSW American Lion (Tiznow).

"I think she is a quality mare," added Owens. "Any time you can get this kind of quality for this kind of price, you have to be happy. I thought the price was fair enough. I'm just excited to have her."

Yearling Trio Top Day 1 at Keeneland...

The highest price for a short yearling at Keeneland's opening session of the January sale yesterday was \$150,000 each, and there were three that reached that mark. First through the ring was [hip 9](#), a filly by Medaglia d'Oro out of Seattle Shimmer (Seattle Slew). Consigned by Taylor Mades Sales Agency, the dark bay was purchased by Brown Family Trust. Soon after another Taylor Made Sales entry--a colt by Unbridled's Song--reeled in the same figure. Gulf Coast Farm, who bred the youngster in partnership with the Unbridled's Song Syndicate, was listed as the buyer of [hip 21](#), a son of Siberian Fur (Siberian Express). The Mar. 23 foal is a half-brother to GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Mother Goose S. heroine Spoken Fur (Notebook). Rounding out the triumvirate was [hip 334](#), a colt by first season sire Any Given Saturday (Distorted Humor). Out of Pout (Deputy Minister), the dark bay was consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC and bought by Walnut Hill Stables.

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TOP FIVE YEARLINGS - KEEJAN MONDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>9</u>	f	<u>Medaglia d'Oro</u>	<u>Seattle Shimmer</u>	150,000
<i>B-Bob Sliger (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent L				
Purchased by Brown Family Trust				
<u>21</u>	c	<u>Unbridled's Song</u>	<u>Siberian Fur</u>	150,000
<i>B-Gulf Coast Farms & Unbridled's Song Syndicate (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent III				
Purchased by Gulf Coast Farm				
<u>334</u>	c	<u>Any Given Saturday</u>	<u>Pout</u>	150,000
<i>B-Paragon Farms (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent VI				
Purchased by Walnut Hill Stables				
<u>48</u>	c	<u>Indian Charlie</u>	<u>Strike Rate</u>	140,000
<i>B-Gulf Coast Farms (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent III				
Purchased by BG Stables				
<u>168</u>	f	<u>First Samurai</u>	<u>Cool Spell</u>	120,000
<i>B-W. D. Burris (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent				
Purchased by BG Stables				

Hancheras Starting off on the Right Foot...

Many may not have recognized that they were watching the co-session topping yearling stroll out of the sale's ring after a filly by Medaglia d'Oro, just the seventh horse under the hammer, drew a \$150,000 final bid from Michigan-based Gary and Trudy Hanchera. The Hancheras signed the ticket as Brown Family Trust. Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, the dark bay is out of the 11-year-old unraced mare Seattle Shimmer (Seattle Slew).

In addition to yesterday's purchase, the Hanchera's own three horses--a pair of mares and a two-year-old, who is currently in training with Hoby Night.

With the Medaglia d'Oro yearling, the Hancheras were attempting to return to the same well that had proven fortunate for the couple in the past. Last summer, the Hanchera's purchased privately an 80-percent stake in a yearling by Medaglia d'Oro, before reselling the filly to Darley for \$500,000 at Keeneland September.

"I have to give all the credit to Wendy Noel [at Chateau Farm in Lexington]," conceded Hanchera. "She bought the horse as a weanling and she prepped it. All I did was put up some money. She deserves all the credit."

Gary Hanchera, who is a partner in a consulting group dealing with energy produced from natural resources, was bitten by the racing bug early, having spent much of his youth at the racetrack. In addition to strong business and personal ties to the Taylor family, Hanchera credits some of the industries finest with fostering his ever-growing fondness for the horse racing game.

"I grew up hanging around [Hall of Fame trainer] Charlie Whittingham's barn when I was younger, and am very good friends with [California-based trainer] Neil Drysdale," he said. "I have been around racehorses pretty much my whole life."

A self-proclaimed lover of all sports, Hanchera--who played football for the University of Miami--began working as a caddy on the PGA Tour in 1975, and enjoyed stints over the subsequent decade caddying for a couple of that sports greats, including 'The Golden Bear' Jack Nicklaus and South African-born golfing legend Gary Player. Hanchera's subsequent involvement with fellow horse racing enthusiast Player deepened the California native's love affair with the sport, which led to the purchase of his first Thoroughbred in the early part of the '80s. Founder of one of South Africa's most successful Thoroughbred breeding operations, Player--who owns 20,000 acre Gary Player Stud in Cape Province--became the first recipient of the Breeders' Cup Sports and Racing Excellence Award last November.



Gary Player

"During my time on the tour, Gary Player and I found we had the love of horses in common, and spent plenty of time talking about pedigrees and racing," Hanchera said.

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Hancheras cont.

Looking further down the road, Hanchera expects to maintain a small but select broodmare band, while campaigning “one or two” racing prospects.

“Our goal is to buy well-bred mares, which can go on and produce stakes winners,” explained Hanchera. “What we’re hoping to do is what anybody in this business is hoping to do, and that’s breed a champion.”

Despite having tasted early success in the sales game, Hanchera’s ultimate objective remains simple.

“Don’t get me wrong, I’d love to breed a graded stakes winner or a champion, but it’s really not about the money,” he said. “I just love horses and the racing game.”--C Bossinakis

Distorted Passion Unsold...

Bidding on Gulf Coast Farm’s **Distorted Passion** (Distorted Humor--Arianna’s Passion, by Unbridled’s Song) ([hip 183](#)) stalled in the mid-\$200,000s, then was reinvigorated and reached a final figure of \$400,000, but the stakes-winning mare was led out of the Keeneland sales ring unsold Monday.

Asked if the final bid was close to the five-year-old racing or broodmare prospect’s reserve, consignor Duncan Taylor of Taylor Made Sales Agency laughed, “It was closer than the first bid.”



Distorted Passion
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Taylor admitted he wasn’t entirely surprised that Distorted Passion failed to meet her reserve yesterday.

“The market is tough, obviously,” he said. “I knew going in that the sale wasn’t that strong. There isn’t a big international

market here, and that seemed to be what really pushed November. We wanted to take a shot, but it didn’t work out, so we’ll go back to Plan B.”

Plan B could include a few more trips to the post for the winner of the Jan. 1 Interborough H. before the mare is bred in the spring. Taylor is confident Distorted Passion’s value will only increase, and that potential made it an easy decision to take the mare home.

“That’s a good quality mare, she’s beautiful looking with good conformation,” Taylor commented. “Anybody who wants to be in the business long term, that’s the kind of mare you want to own. I think with her conformation, the first foal out of her could bring half a million to a million dollars. So we weren’t going to let her go for that.”

Taylor added that the Overbrook dispersal attracted a divergent buying base to the November sale, and that missing contingent is hurting the bottom line at the January sale.

“The Overbrook dispersal drew a great international community here that made horses sell, and they’re not here now,” he said. “I think the people that are buying horses here are going to be making good buys.”

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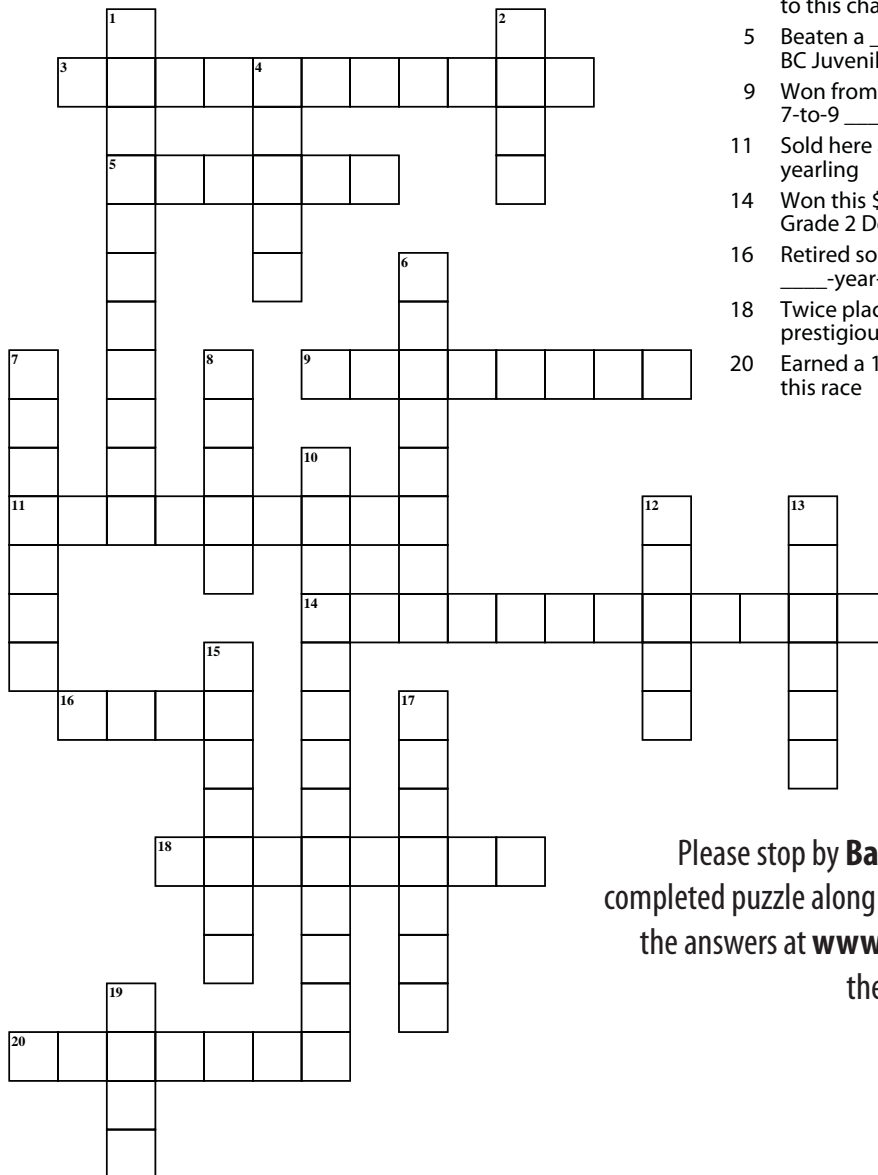
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Bert Welker Carries Flag for Family Operation...

Bert Welker is proud of the operation his parents Bayne and Libby built from the ground up, and yesterday he announced that, beginning in 2010, he will be the principal of the three-decade-old Welker Sales Agency as he aims to carry on the family tradition. Welker hopes to target select sales with boutique consignments.



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Welker, owner of Silverton Farm in Midway, Kentucky, is the former general manager of Stonewall Stallions, and most recently served as a bloodstock consultant for Kitty Taylor's Warrendale Sales. But with brother

Bayne Jr.--who previously headed up Welker Sales--being hired at Fasig-Tipton as an account executive in early 2009, Bert decided the time was right to pick up the mantle.

"Welker Sales had always been my parents until about eight years ago, and then my brother assumed control and sold horses under Welker Sales Agency as the main principal with my mom," Bert explained. "But now that Bayne's at Fasig-Tipton, he can't really sell horses that he doesn't own. I've always sold under the Silverton name, but I wanted to be able to sell some horses for my brother and sister-in-law and just wanted to continue the tradition. This year would have been the first time since probably the early 1960s that my parents didn't have a consignment, starting out in Maryland, and I wanted to keep on with the name. I don't want to be very big. I just want to sell the horses I breed and raise, and if other people want to sell horses with me, I'd love to. But I don't want to sell 40 or 50 horses at a sale. If I sell 10 or 15, I'll be more than happy."

Bert explained that two recent events--the passing of Lee Eaton, co-founder of Eaton-Williams Sales and an influential consignor, as well as the 100th anniversary of the Hancock family's Claiborne Farm--struck a chord with him.

"My parents had worked a long time with Mr. Eaton, and my dad was the head showman for a long, long time before it was even Eaton-Williams," he explained. "They learned a lot through Eaton Sales, and he was the master of it. Hopefully, people recognize the horses my family have raised over the years, and hopefully that means something. It's kind of like Claiborne Farm. They just celebrated 100 years, and it hit home with me that I wanted to continue what my parents started. I'm very proud of the name they built for themselves, and hopefully it will continue."



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Welker cont.

Bert Welker himself is coming off a strong 2009. At the Fasig-Tipton July Sale, a Medaglia d'Oro--Peridot filly he bred and offered through Warrendale elicited a bid of \$370,000 from Twin Creeks Farm, the third-highest price of the sale.

"I'd rather be lucky than good," Welker quipped of the transaction.

Welker added that, in the future, he would be happy topping any sale, but that topping the Fasig July Sale is a particular goal.

"My parents topped the July sale back in the late '80s, I believe it was, with a colt by Artichoke," said Welker. "You've probably never heard of Artichoke, and I couldn't even tell you his sire, but they topped that sale, and it would be a dream come true for me to top it after my parents had done it."

(Editor's note: Artichoke, a son of Jacinto, finished third in the 1983 GI Norfolk S. and, three year's later, won the GIII Grey Lag H.).

Welker's success with the Medaglia d'Oro filly was appropriate, given his involvement with the stallion early in his career at Stonewall.

Asked if it was a source of pride watching Medaglia d'Oro blossom into top young sire, Welker said, "There's no doubt of that. I was trimming foals this morning, and I have a Medaglia colt that looks so much like his dad, and acts so much like him. Just to have the opportunity to be around a horse like Medaglia, it doesn't come around that often. Being a very, very small part in his success is rewarding. I've got a couple of Medaglias to sell this year, and we have four mares in foal to Medaglia--though I don't all of those. Hopefully, good things will come of that."

Welker currently has 10 mares on 40 acres at Silverton, including four of his own. -LM



Hip Happenings

KEENELAND JANUARY - TUESDAY

405, Spoken Fur, 10, Notebook--Siberian Fur, by Siberian Express

Consigned by Four Star Sales, Agent XI

Spoken Fur captured the 2003 GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Mother Goose S. She sells in foal to Ghostzapper. The mare, then in foal to Smart Strike, sold for \$1.65 million at KEENOV 2007.

467, Age of Humor, 3, Distorted Humor--Age of Silver, by Silver Deputy

Consigned by Indian Creek (Dave Parrish, Jr), agent

Age of Humor, a racing or broodmare prospect, captured the Busanda S. at Aqueduct Saturday. The filly now has two wins in three starts. Sold for \$180,000 as a KEESEP yearling and RNA'd for \$320,000 at last year's OBS February sale, she is a half-sister to MSP Coach Ryan (Broad Brush).

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499, Bon Jovi Girl, 4, Malibu Moon--Chipeta Springs, by Alydar
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent IX

Bon Jovi Girl, selling as a racing or broodmare prospect, is coming off a third-place effort in the GI Gazelle S. in November. The multiple-stakes winner is a half-sister to Eclipse finalist Gio Ponti (Tale of the Cat), and a three-quarter sister to MGSP Fisher Pond (A.P. Indy).

670, Miss Isella, 5, Silver Charm--La Cucina (Ire), by Last Tycoon (Ire)

Consigned by Lane's End, agent

Miss Isella, selling as a broodmare prospect, won last season's GII Louisville Distaff S. and GII Fleur de Lis H., and was second in the GI Go for Wand H. She also captured the 2008 GII Falls City H. The gray mare is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Sir Cherokee (Cherokee Run) and MGSP Lady Linda (Torrential).

706, Point Ashley, 6, Point Given--Golden Thatch, by Slew o' Gold

Consigned by Four Star Sales, Agent XI

Point Ashley, purchased for \$725,000 as a Keeneland April two-year-old in 2006, went on to win that year's GI Del Mar Debutante S. and finished second in the GI Oak Leaf Breeders' Cup S. She sold for \$1.8 million at the 2007 Keeneland January sale, and attracted a bid of \$1.4 million while in foal to Distorted Humor at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton November sale. She sells in foal to Ghostzapper.

AGE OF HUMOR

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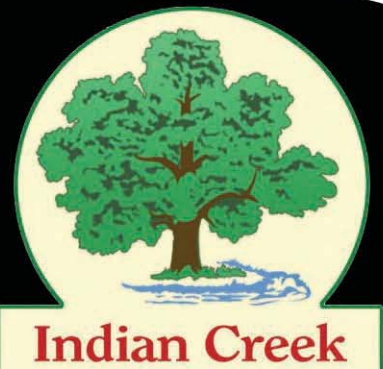
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According to published reports, an agreement has been reached to settle a lawsuit filed by the unsecured creditors' committee seeking restitution from financially troubled Magna Entertainment Corporation. Under the terms of the agreement, the unsecured creditors, owed approximately \$250 million, will receive \$96.5 million from Magna's parent company, MI Developments, and could collect more from the future sales of Magna assets. In return, the deal gives MI Developments control of three Magna tracks--Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park and Santa Anita Park--as well as Amtote and XpressBet. The tracks had been scheduled to go on the auction block next month. "There will be significant distributions to unsecured creditors," attorney Kenneth Eckstein, who represents the committee, told Reuters. "MID will essentially be sponsoring this plan, and getting significant assets back as part of the reorganization." The suit, filed last July, alleged in part that Magna fraudulently transferred more than \$125 million to an MI Developments subsidiary before declaring bankruptcy. A hearing on the matter was scheduled to start yesterday. Reaching a deal with its unsecured creditors brings Magna one step closer to exiting bankruptcy, and a reorganization plan that could finalize that process in the coming months is expected to be filed in February.

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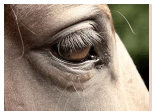
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Desert Stormer (Storm Cat--Breezy Stories, by Damascus), winner of the 1995 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, and her breeder Joanne Nor. Now 20, the mare sells, in foal to Bernardini, as [hip 533](#) at the second session of Keeneland January today. In foal to Kris S. at KEEJAN in 2002, she brought \$3.6 million from Live Oak Stud. Warrendale Sales is the consignor.



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

OLD HAT S.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 1-9, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 4/5, sy.

1--#**@RICHEGIRLGO NEWILD**, 116, f, 3, by **Wildcat Heir**

1st Dam: **Dream With Angels**, by **Saint Ballado**

2nd Dam: **Maremaid**, by **Storm Bird**

3rd Dam: **Isayso**, by **Valid Appeal**

(\$27,000 RNA yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$100,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR). O-Richard Ravin; B-Robert & Mary Harris (FL); T-Larry Rivelli; J-Timothy Thornton; \$60,000.

Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$93,600. *First graded winner and third black-type winner for freshman sire (by Forest Wildcat). **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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During my earliest days in the racing industry, I was taught my trade as part of the team at Timeform. The fledgling writers were constantly encouraged to be skeptical of records. A record time, we were taught, was more likely indicative of very fast ground or a following wind than of exceptional talent in the record-breaker. Other types of records were also treated with suspicion until it was confirmed that we were comparing like to like.

So what do we make of Wildcat Heir's new Northern Hemisphere record of 39 two-year-old winners in his first crop?

The question to be asked is how much help did he receive in reaching that landmark. The answer is that he is credited with covering 173 mares in his first season, for a reported total of 123 live foals, of which 109 had been named by the end of last year. His 39 winners therefore represent nearly 36 percent of his named foals, which is easily the best percentage achieved by any of the top 20 freshman sires, the next best being Proud Accolade's 30.6 percent.

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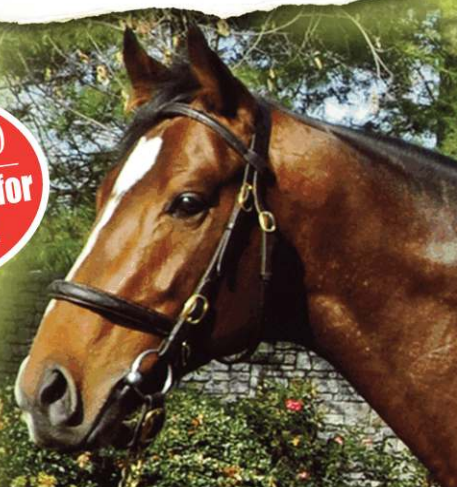
- 1st **Criterion International-Gr.1**, 8f.
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Of course, Wildcat Heir is by no means the first Florida-based stallion to become the year's most prolific sire of first-crop winners. It was as recently as 1986 that DiLibero Farm's Lawmaker broke a long-standing record by siring 30 two-year-old winners from a first crop that numbered 55 named foals. Apparently the previous record of 27, set in 1916, belonged to that famous stallion Star Shoot.

The reason the record stood for so long no doubt owed a lot to the fact that the size of stallion books hadn't changed out of all proportion during the intervening years. Unfortunately, the last few decades have changed all that. Chapel Royal, whose total of 39 first-crop winners included one in Peru, achieved that total with a book of 222 mares, which confirms that it would be much wiser to stop talking about numbers of winners and rely instead on percentages of winners to foals.

We should also be thinking in terms of quality, not quantity. There were no stakes winners among Lawmaker's 30 juvenile winners, and it wasn't long before he was on his way to Venezuela. It was a similar story with Chapel Royal, who quickly left Kentucky for Florida. Wildcat Heir, on the other hand, was represented by his third black-type winner when Richiegirllgonewild maintained her unbeaten record in winning the Gill Old Hat S. three days ago, on the same day that Wildcat Frankie was second in the Spectacular Bid S. The previous stakes victories for the Journeyman Stud stallion came in November, via his daughters Karmageddon and Wild Mia. He is clearly making an encouraging start, especially as he started out with his fee set no higher than \$8,000.

Two of Wildcat Heir's stakes winners are out of Hail to Reason-line mares, including Richiegirllgonewild, whose broodmare sire Saint Ballado started his stallion career in Florida. I was interested, in checking when Wildcat Heir moved from Cloverleaf Farms to Journeyman Stud, to read a quote from Byron Rodgers, who was then director of stallion operations for Taylor Made Stallions, which part-owns the son of Forest Wildcat: "His first foals are really looking the part," said Rodgers, before adding, "His first foals are so good that we gave strong consideration to relocating the horse to Kentucky."

Wildcat Heir remains at Journeyman Stud, where he covered 130 mares in his fourth season, in 2009. He should be able to build on his bright start, as he covered 177 mares in his second season, for 105 live foals, but he suffered the usual downturn in his third season, when he is credited with 46 live foals from 97 mares.

Wildcat Heir isn't the only fast son of Forest Wildcat at stud in Florida, as the Sunshine State is also home to D'wildcat, who won the GI Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash two years before Wildcat Heir. D'wildcat is priced at \$10,000 this year, the rise in his fee reflecting the success he enjoyed in 2009 with D'Funnybone, Authentocat and D'Wild Ride.

Var, who proved himself another of Forest Wildcat's fastest sons by winning the 2004 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp, has also shown he can pass on his speed. Based in South Africa, he sired the Group 1 winner Villandry and the Group 1-placed Valeta in his first crop.

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The next step for these Forest Wildcat stallions is to show that they can get horses capable of shining beyond a mile. I wouldn't like to bet that they will, as Forest Wildcat did all of his winning at around six furlongs. Wildcat Heir also raced exclusively over sprint distances in a career that was restricted by a catalogue of injuries to 12 starts during four years in training, and speed was also the forte of Wildcat Heir's talented older siblings Forest Heir and Forest Heiress.



Richiegirlgonewild
Adam Coglianesse

Richiegirlgonewild has also yet to have her stamina tested, but there is no reason to disagree with her trainer's assessment that she'll stay seven furlongs. Although her dam Dream With Angels never made it to the races, she was bred to stay at least a mile, with the Arlington Classic winner Saint Ballado as her sire and a daughter of Storm Bird as her dam. Dream With Angels' second dam, Isayso, was a Grade II winner over a mile and an eighth, and was Grade I-placed over a furlong farther.

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With a second dam by Storm Bird, Richiegirlgonewild is inbred 4x3 to this champion European two-year-old. There is a growing number of group/graded winners inbred to Storm Bird, and there are likely to be plenty more horses with Storm Bird inbreeding following the Belmont S. and Travers successes of Summer Bird, who is inbred 3x3.

RICHIEGIRLGO NEWILD, f, 2007

Wildcat Heir	Forest Wildcat	Storm Cat	Storm Bird
		Victoria Beauty	Terlingua
	Penniless Heiress	Pentelicus	Bold Native
		Royal Ties	Abifaith
Dream With Angels unraced 7Fls, 1GSW	Saint Ballado	Halo	Fappiano
		Ballade	Charedi
	Maremaid unraced 10Fls, 1Ch, 1SP	Storm Bird	Distinctive
		Isayso 5Fls, 2wnr	*New Love
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Sunday, Hipodromo de Monterrico, Peru
CLASICO GRAN PREMIO NACIONAL AUGUSTO B. LEGUIA-G1, S164,233, Monterrico, 1-10, 3yo, 2600mT, 2:39.40, fm.

1--#**@▲CUBILLAS (CHI)**, 123, c, 3, by Riyadian (GB)

1st Dam: La Maestranza (Chi), by Winning II

2nd Dam: Shammar (Chi), by Inchwood

3rd Dam: Shanana (Chi), by Sharp-Eyed Quillo

O-Stud El Castillo; B-Haras Santa Isable; T-Felix Banda; J-Luis Adrian Torres; S92,040. Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 2 wins, 3 seconds, 1 third; S119,507.

2--**Full Optimist (Arg)**, 123, c, 3, Incurable Optimist--Derrochadora (Arg), by Farnesio (Arg). O-Stud Los Eucaliptos; B-Haras Las Retamas; S31,005.

3--**Invincible Dad (Per)**, 123, c, 3, Play The Gold--Valerita (Per), by Combsway. O-Stud Chunchu Bravo; B-Inversiones y Haras Monterrico (Per); S18,396.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1/2, 3/4. Odds: 15.50, 28.20, 3.20.

Longshot Cubillas used a late rail rally to spring an upset in the final race of the Peruvian Quadruple Crown, the only race in the series contested on turf. With Chilean jockey Luis Adrian Torres aboard, Cubillas closed with a rush to earn a berth to represent the Jockey Club del Peru in the forthcoming edition of South America's multi-national G1 Gran Premio Asociacion Latinoamericana de Jockey Clubes e Hipodromos, to be held at Club Hipico de Santiago right-handed turf course Mar. 7. Cubillas exited a fourth-place finish in a nine-furlong allowance race on the turf Dec. 20. Torres and owner Freddy Chirinos's Stud El Castillo previously teamed-up to win the 2004 Latinoamericano with Comando Intimo (Per) (Riyadian {GB}). Chirinos also campaigns Gill Spend A Buck H. third-place finisher and Peruvian Classic winner Pechito (Arg) (Interprete {Arg}).

Monday, Nakayama, Japan

FAIRY S.-G3, ¥71,450,000, Nakayama, 1-11, 3yo, f, 1600mT, 1:34.80, fm.

1--#**@COSMO NEMO SHIN (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)

1st Dam: Du Pre (GB), by Singspiel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Child Prodigy (Ire), by Ballad Rock (Ire)

3rd Dam: Minnie Habit (GB), by Habitat

O-Big Red Farm; B-Yasushi Tomita; T-Hidekatsu Shimizu; J-Shu Ishibashi; ¥37,595,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0.

2--**Apricot Fizz (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Manhattan Fizz (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥15,170,000.

3--**Taylor Burton (Jpn)**, 119, f, 3, Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Brilliant Cut (Jpn), by Northern Taste. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥9,385,000.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 66.20, 2.20, 1.90.

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Rank by Average			2009 Covering Sire Sales						2009 Yearling Sales		
			Fyr	Loc	Ring	Sold	Average	Median	Top Mare	Sold	Average
1	GALILEO (IRE)	F03	IRE	1	1	\$1,048,131	\$1,048,131	\$1,048,131	63	\$ 318,251	\$251,133
2	DISTORTED HUMOR	F00	KY	4	4	837,500	400,000	2,250,000	31	268,058	240,000
3	STREET CRY (IRE)	F04	KY	4	4	821,500	487,500	2,300,000	37	198,875	170,000
4	DANEHILL DANCER (IRE)	F98	IRE	8	8	771,867	445,455	2,969,704	67	197,534	166,960
5	DANSILI (GB)	F02	ENG	2	2	550,268	550,268	576,472	40	169,266	112,698
6	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	F98	KY	15	14	533,714	417,500	1,700,000	32	311,406	217,500
7	TIZNOW	F03	KY	14	13	508,846	220,000	2,150,000	57	106,587	60,000
8	BERNARDINI	F08	KY	8	7	497,857	350,000	1,600,000	40	363,868	300,000
9	MR. GREELEY	F97	KY	11	7	496,683	240,000	2,000,000	56	137,459	104,542
10	DALAKHANI (IRE)	F05	IRE	4	3	491,965	663,816	793,424	31	168,120	133,568
11	A.P. INDY	F94	KY	3	1	475,000	475,000	475,000	14	342,142	235,000
12	MONTJEU (IRE)	F02	IRE	3	1	471,658	471,658	471,658	40	235,356	169,475
13	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	F02	KY	14	9	431,111	360,000	875,000	53	173,738	100,000
14	CAPE CROSS (IRE)	F01	IRE	9	8	304,816	154,243	850,000	55	150,503	87,889
15	ANABAA	F98	FR	5	2	297,720	297,720	476,352	11	49,317	15,000
16	DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE)	F10	IRE	11	11	294,197	282,834	663,816	0	--	--
17	INDIAN CHARLIE	F90	KY	8	5	290,000	250,000	510,000	45	118,800	85,000
18	PIVOTAL (GB)	F98	ENG	9	7	274,539	293,221	471,658	30	272,489	217,053
19	OASIS DREAM (GB)	F05	ENG	7	7	250,923	297,327	454,190	49	173,056	117,195
20	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	F06	KY	48	35	249,000	170,000	1,000,000	69	234,388	160,000
21	TAPIT	F06	KY	19	17	248,529	155,000	900,000	76	89,903	65,000
22	CURLIN	F10	KY	14	10	242,700	200,000	735,000	0	--	--
23	PULPIT	F99	KY	3	3	241,666	250,000	275,000	22	108,250	80,000
24	SMART STRIKE	F98	KY	5	4	236,250	207,500	430,000	27	211,619	190,000
25	ELUSIVE QUALITY	F00	KY	13	11	225,882	125,000	850,000	44	129,762	115,000
26	RAVEN'S PASS	F10	IRE	4	4	222,513	200,369	384,314	0	--	--
27	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (IRE)	F08	IRE	14	11	175,165	66,870	716,222	49	110,454	76,148
28	HARD SPUN	F09	KY	20	17	174,058	145,000	700,000	0	--	--
29	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	F01	KY	11	9	164,555	100,000	700,000	28	55,050	46,000
30	HENRYTHENAVIGATOR	F10	KY	11	10	160,775	119,875	435,000	0	--	--
31	THEATRICAL (IRE)	F89	KY	1	1	160,000	160,000	160,000	9	25,111	12,000
32	DYNAFORMER	F91	KY	2	1	150,000	150,000	150,000	25	291,400	225,000
33	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT (IRE)	F04	IRE	16	11	149,357	157,219	262,032	71	139,115	108,824
34	MONSUN (GER)	F97	GER	1	1	148,485	148,485	148,485	9	386,625	284,618
35	AWESOME AGAIN	F00	KY	17	13	147,000	42,000	875,000	36	71,223	30,000
36	STREET SENSE	F09	KY	9	7	143,714	140,000	240,000	0	--	--
37	BAHRI	F97	IRE	1	1	141,227	141,227	141,227	9	24,551	15,373
38	SHAMARDAL	F06	IRE	18	14	130,446	40,122	965,907	50	108,997	95,221
39	SKY MESA	F05	KY	10	8	127,125	107,500	380,000	39	93,538	70,000
40	DIXIE UNION	F02	KY	16	14	125,142	87,500	420,000	26	112,944	92,579
41	LEMON DROP KID	F02	KY	12	10	123,468	122,500	185,000	46	72,222	38,383
42	EMPIRE MAKER	F05	KY	7	5	120,000	100,000	200,000	26	142,538	102,500
43	NAYEF	F05	ENG	6	6	118,996	128,797	178,632	14	105,989	69,438
44	BROKEN VOW	F03	KY	18	15	112,133	65,000	290,000	36	44,130	30,000
45	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)	F09	IRE	6	6	109,250	72,774	262,032	0	--	--
46	ARAAFA (IRE)	F08	ENG	8	6	107,283	13,569	569,195	28	30,350	15,246
47	BIG BROWN	F10	KY	15	7	105,714	55,000	320,000	0	--	--
48	SELKIRK	F94	ENG	1	1	104,813	104,813	104,813	11	156,614	133,568
49	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	F05	KY	11	9	103,222	60,000	280,000	33	68,319	50,000
50	KING'S BEST	F02	FR	12	10	98,084	61,033	472,225	22	30,435	14,644



Insta-tistics cont.

Top 20 Freshman Covering Sires (through Book 1 at KEEJAN)

Rank by Average		Loc	2009 Covering Sires, Freshmen Only				
			Ring	Sold	Average	Median	Top Mare
1	DUKE OF MARMALADE (IRE)	RE	11	11	\$ 294,197	\$282,834	\$ 663,816
2	CURLIN	KY	14	10	242,700	200,000	735,000
3	RAVEN'S PASS	RE	4	4	222,513	200,369	384,314
4	HENRYTHENAVIGATOR	KY	11	10	160,775	119,875	435,000
5	BIG BROWN	KY	15	7	105,714	55,000	320,000
6	TAMAYUZ (GB)	RE	6	4	92,932	90,805	118,880
7	LINNGARI (IRE)	FR	5	5	57,112	52,101	133,812
8	WAR PASS	KY	20	18	55,472	33,500	350,000
9	STREET BOSS	KY	23	19	51,736	35,000	160,000
10	MIDNIGHT LUTE	KY	18	12	46,808	38,500	190,000
11	MAJESTIC WARRIOR	KY	19	15	33,713	19,000	150,000
12	TIZ WONDERFUL	KY	19	16	32,656	17,500	130,000
13	ASTRONOMER ROYAL	FR	12	6	32,098	34,196	56,498
14	HEATSEEKER (IRE)	KY	11	9	29,388	36,000	52,000
15	STUDENT COUNCIL	KY	16	8	27,462	10,100	150,000
16	MOUNT NELSON (GB)	ENG	28	17	26,150	15,265	77,617
17	FIRST DEFENCE	KY	7	5	19,900	23,000	32,000
18	FALCO	FR	20	17	19,864	14,860	74,430
19	HAATEF	RE	2	2	19,318	19,318	20,804
20	SAKHEE'S SECRET (GB)	ENG	13	10	19,164	12,397	66,870

Top 25 Freshman Weanling Sires (through Book 1 at KEEJAN)

Rank by Average		Loc	2009 Weanling Sales, Freshmen Only					
			Ring	Sold	Average	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly
1	TEOFILO (IRE)	RE	19	18	\$155,622	\$148,735	\$ 285,758	\$ 259,780
2	STREET SENSE	KY	10	9	148,500	130,000	340,000	185,000
3	HARD SPUN	KY	19	13	142,076	95,000	375,000	190,000
4	AUTHORIZED (IRE)	ENG	17	16	123,420	101,245	233,802	294,025
5	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)	RE	21	13	123,383	96,603	297,240	147,119
6	ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	KY	11	7	104,142	100,000	260,000	170,000
7	CORINTHIAN	KY	28	23	87,478	60,000	310,000	110,000
8	MANDURO (GER)	ENG	24	21	73,220	55,386	294,239	126,327
9	INVASOR (ARG)	KY	9	7	67,709	60,000	120,000	60,000
10	STONESIDER	NY	1	1	65,000	65,000	65,000	-
11	EXCELLENT ART (GB)	RE	22	16	63,171	60,577	74,535	225,006
12	LAWMAN (FR)	RE	27	20	61,520	51,361	193,206	83,079
13	SCAT DADDY	KY	25	14	58,464	36,000	175,000	220,000
14	LAWYER RON	KY	17	10	50,550	30,000	35,000	275,000
15	DISCREET CAT	KY	25	17	47,764	40,000	110,000	80,000
16	BOB AND JOHN	KY	18	9	44,833	30,000	46,000	120,000
17	STEVIE WONDERBOY	KY	9	5	44,200	50,000	52,000	72,000
18	JAZIL	KY	4	3	42,333	25,000	77,000	25,000
19	AMADEUS WOLF (GB)	RE	39	31	41,707	35,776	104,034	65,590
20	HALF OURS	KY	12	7	36,000	40,000	45,000	80,000
21	VITAL EQUINE (IRE)	ENG	2	2	32,981	32,981	51,956	-
22	LATENT HEAT	KY	27	16	32,197	30,000	95,000	62,000
23	MASTER COMMAND	KY	22	17	32,088	30,000	47,000	100,000
24	ENGLISH CHANNEL	KY	9	5	31,700	25,000	35,000	85,000
25	AFTER MARKET	KY	14	11	29,454	10,000	115,000	45,000



Top 50 Weanling Sires (through Book 1 at KEEJAN)

Rank by Average		Loc	2009 Weanling Sales						2009 Yearling Sales		
			Ring	Sold	Average	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly	Sold	Average	Median
1	KINGMAMBO	KY	1	1	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	10	\$365,158	\$290,000
2	GALILEO (IRE)	IRE	7	7	295,749	225,143	692,328	178,344	63	318,251	251,133
3	BERNARDINI	KY	10	9	235,555	210,000	250,000	440,000	40	363,868	300,000
4	A.P. INDY	KY	2	2	235,000	235,000	270,000	200,000	14	342,142	235,000
5	STREET CRY (IRE)	KY	5	5	218,000	190,000	420,000	190,000	37	198,875	170,000
6	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	KY	8	6	215,833	210,000	250,000	350,000	32	311,406	217,500
7	OASIS DREAM (GB)	ENG	14	12	191,760	157,453	415,396	346,164	49	173,056	117,195
8	DYNAFORMER	KY	3	3	185,000	170,000	285,000	170,000	25	291,400	225,000
9	DANEHILL DANCER (IRE)	IRE	7	7	180,281	164,308	380,503	259,623	67	197,534	166,960
10	AGNES TACHYON (JPN)	JPN	1	1	180,000	180,000	-	180,000	0	--	--
11	MONTJEU (IRE)	IRE	2	2	168,235	168,235	225,006	-	40	235,356	169,475
12	DANSILI (GB)	ENG	3	3	167,336	173,082	207,698	173,082	40	169,266	112,698
13	TIZNOW	KY	13	11	165,454	90,000	440,000	90,000	57	106,587	60,000
14	PULPIT	KY	7	6	164,583	125,000	425,000	275,000	22	108,250	80,000
15	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT (IRE)	IRE	13	11	157,635	101,061	450,013	190,390	71	139,115	108,824
16	EMPIRE MAKER	KY	3	3	156,666	180,000	230,000	60,000	26	142,538	102,500
17	TEOFILO (IRE)	IRE	19	18	155,622	148,735	285,758	259,780	0	--	--
18	STREET SENSE	KY	10	9	148,500	130,000	340,000	185,000	0	--	--
19	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	KY	8	8	146,250	120,000	210,000	280,000	53	173,738	100,000
20	HARD SPUN	KY	19	13	142,076	95,000	375,000	190,000	0	--	--
21	DIXIE UNION	KY	9	9	135,666	92,000	92,000	300,000	26	112,944	92,579
22	CAPE CROSS (IRE)	IRE	22	16	135,008	128,069	237,792	207,698	55	150,503	87,889
23	MR. GREELEY	KY	9	5	135,000	170,000	175,000	185,000	56	137,459	104,542
24	DALAKHANI (IRE)	IRE	10	9	133,830	107,006	276,931	102,118	31	168,120	133,568
25	PIVOTAL (GB)	ENG	14	13	130,294	121,069	237,792	148,620	30	272,489	217,053
26	SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	14	10	124,000	112,500	185,000	180,000	51	118,993	75,000
27	AUTHORIZED (IRE)	ENG	17	16	123,420	101,245	233,802	294,025	0	--	--
28	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)	IRE	21	13	123,383	96,603	297,240	147,119	0	--	--
29	INDIAN CHARLIE	KY	10	8	122,875	107,500	220,000	105,000	45	118,800	85,000
30	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	KY	18	15	120,000	115,000	190,000	290,000	69	234,388	160,000
31	ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	KY	11	7	104,142	100,000	260,000	170,000	0	--	--
32	ELUSIVE QUALITY	KY	12	12	103,666	83,500	300,000	140,000	44	129,762	115,000
33	STRONG CONTENDER	KY	2	1	95,000	95,000	-	95,000	12	9,567	3,750
34	KITALPHA	KY	2	2	92,500	92,500	100,000	85,000	0	--	--
35	AWESOME AGAIN	KY	5	5	92,200	72,000	200,000	105,000	36	71,223	30,000
36	EL PRADO (IRE)	KY	4	3	91,666	60,000	155,000	-	23	69,702	40,000
37	NAYEF	ENG	11	11	90,865	58,883	173,187	58,883	14	105,989	69,438
38	AZAMOUR (IRE)	IRE	8	8	87,809	67,531	245,223	112,503	16	102,910	62,634
39	CORINTHIAN	KY	28	23	87,478	60,000	310,000	110,000	0	--	--
40	LEMON DROP KID	KY	10	7	86,659	100,000	124,619	100,000	46	72,222	38,383
41	STORMY ATLANTIC	KY	12	5	83,823	85,000	85,000	140,000	57	61,822	37,000
42	BIRDSTONE	KY	6	4	83,375	80,000	170,000	-	19	74,000	39,000
43	TAPIT	KY	15	15	82,200	90,000	115,000	165,000	76	89,903	65,000
44	MALIBU MOON	KY	22	17	80,823	55,000	250,000	160,000	57	89,535	68,000
45	MEDICEAN (GB)	ENG	13	12	77,527	27,844	79,666	553,862	50	141,530	75,444
46	GREEN DESERT	ENG	12	10	75,509	74,425	163,482	103,773	20	139,417	100,972
47	FIRST SAMURAI	KY	10	9	75,047	100,000	150,000	125,000	41	118,721	65,000
48	ROCK HARD TEN	KY	13	12	74,916	45,000	235,000	230,000	27	115,309	50,000
49	ANABAA	FR	4	3	73,831	95,252	103,912	95,252	11	49,317	15,000
50	HIGH CHAPARRAL (IRE)	IRE	20	14	73,543	32,008	89,442	519,246	47	64,978	41,764

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NBC AND CHURCHILL TO PRESENT "ROAD TO THE DERBY" TELECASTS

Churchill Downs Inc. and NBC Sports announced yesterday that they will jointly produce three TV broadcasts featuring six prep races for the May 1 GI Kentucky Derby. Two of the one-hour telecasts will be offered on NBC, and the third will air on USA Network. The schedule for the "Road to the Kentucky Derby" series is:

- Saturday, Mar. 27, USA Network: GII Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds and GII Lane's End S. at Turfway Park
- Saturday, Apr. 3, NBC Sports: GI Santa Anita Derby at Santa Anita and GI Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct
- Saturday, Apr. 10, NBC Sports: GI Toyota Bluegrass S. at Keeneland and GII Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn.

"This approach has been effective in bringing new fans to racing, and we hope to see similar success with the 'Road to the Kentucky Derby' series," said Churchill President Bob Evans. "The key difference is that we promote racing to both men and women by focusing on the fan's entire experience of racing, not just the race itself. This includes food, fashion and celebrity." Re-marked NBC Sports President Ken Schanzer, "We value the relationship we have with Churchill Downs immensely. Adding the broadcasts of these important Derby prep races allows us to introduce key storylines that continue to build the broadest possible audience for the Kentucky Derby and the sport of Thoroughbred racing."

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J Be K to Vinery Florida:

Five-year-old **J Be K** (Silver Deputy--Major Wager, by Valid Wager), who went to stud at Gainesway in Lexington in 2009, will stand the 2010 season at Vinery Florida, it was announced yesterday. A \$350,000 FTFEB purchase for Zayat Stables, the dark bay was tabbed a ★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ when he set a track record of 1:03.13 for 5 1/2 furlongs in his debut at Saratoga in 2007. The Steve Asmussen trainee came back to take the GII Woody Stephens S., GIII Bay Shore S. and GIII Jersey Shore BC S. at three, retiring with a record of 9-5-1-0 and earnings of \$440,200. He will stand for a fee of \$3,000. "We're happy to have J Be K at Vinery," said Vinery President Tom Ludt. "This horse had a lot of talent, and he's from a sire line known for speed. I think he will appeal to Florida breeders."

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\$2,000,000 *Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Mey, 1200m (AWT)*

\$2,000,000 *UAE Derby-G2, Mey, 1900m (AWT)*

\$1,000,000 *Godolphin Mile-G2, Mey, 1600m (AWT)*

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★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Result:

4th-FGX, \$47,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04 3/5, ft.

OCEAN COLORS (f, 4, Orientate--Winning Colors {Ch. 3yo-Filly, MGISW, \$1,526,837}, by Caro {Ire}), out of the 1988 GI Kentucky Derby winner, won an allowance at Churchill in a turf sprint June 19, then was runner-up in an off-the-turf renewal of the Mongo Queen S. at Monmouth Aug. 1. Sixth over the main track on the Jersey Shore in the Miss Woodford S. Aug. 29, the homebred set the pace and failed by a neck when second in a Keeneland turf dash Oct. 29. The gray was third over the Fair Grounds grass at this level and distance Nov. 26, and was the tepid 3-1 choice here in this off-the-turf affair. Away sharply from post seven, Ocean Colors seized the lead through a quarter of :22.66 while receiving pressure to her inside. She began to sneak away midway on the bend and drew off when roused in the stretch to score by 3 3/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Golden Colors (Mr. Prospector), SP-Jpn, \$509,963. **Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart.**

Video, sponsored by Taylor Made. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-2-2, \$121,698.

O-Gainesway Stable. B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Grey Command, h, 5, Daylami (Ire)--Shmoose (Ire) (GSP-Fr & SP-Eng), by Caerleon. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-11, Hcp, 4yo/up, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Darley. *2,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT.

IN ARGENTINA:

Total Joy, f, 4, Giant's Causeway--Lasting Pleasure, by Theatrical (Ire). San Isidro, 1-9, Cond, 2000mT, 2:02.15. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, P30,000. O-Stud Pueyrredon; B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY); T-Hugo Perez. *\$65,000 RNA '07 KEESEP; \$6,000 HRA '09 KEEJAN.

Creativa, f, 4, Speightstown--Cuddley, by Lure. Palermo, 1-8, Cond, 5f, :56.24. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O-Stud Rubio B.; B-Denali Stud & Sue Fletcher (KY); T-Juan Javier Etchechoury. *\$70,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT

Sky Haven (Sky Mesa), 5f (ft), 1:03.26, 6/11

GULFSTREAM

D' Funnybone (D'wildcat), 4f, :52.00, 30/33
 Eldaafer (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:03.35, 27/40
 Sassy Image (Broken Vow), 5f, 1:01.60, 2/40
 William's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 5f, 1:01.45, /40

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IN PERU:

+ **Al Khaba, c, 3, Holy Bull--Relevance, by Silver Deputy.** Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-10, Mdn, 5f, :58.20. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, S5,170. O-Haras Santa Maria; B-Terrapin Stables Inc (FL); T-Francisco Arriagada. *\$15,000 yrlg '08 KEESEP. **Scored by 7 3/4 lengths.

Luxemburgo, c, 3, Honour And Glory--

Foolheartedmemory, by Valid Expectations. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-9, Cond, 6.5f, 1:19.80. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, S5,170. O-Haras Santa Maria; B-Tracy Farmer (KY); T-Francisco Arriagada. *\$25,000 RNA wnlg '07 KEENOV; \$22,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. Cont. p3

• ON THE WORKTAB •

PALM MEADOWS

Aikenite (Yes It's True), 6f, 1:16.60, 1/2
 Ailalea (Pulpit), 4f, :48.65, 6/34
 Bad Action (Brahms), 5fT, • 1:00.80, 1/21
 Devil May Care (Malibu Moon), 3f, •:36.00, 1/21
 Munnings (Speightstown), 4f, :50.60, 24/34
 Interactif (Broken Vow), 4fT, :51.40, 10/14
 Overcommunication (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :50.60, 24/34
 Pinckney Hill (A.P. Indy), 5fT, 1:03.65, 12/21
 Rule (Roman Ruler), 4f, :49.30, 13/34
 Take the Points (Even the Score), 5f, 1:03.30, 9/21
 Wicked Style (Macho Uno), 5fT, 1:02.45, 3/21
 Worstcasescenario (Forbidden Apple), 3f, :36.40, 6/21



American-bred Winners in Peru cont.

Ruquia, f, 3, **Jump Start**--Unbridled Riches, by Unbridled. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-9, Mdn, 7f, 1:26.80. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, S\$5,170. O-Stud Discussion; B/T-Juan Manuel Umbert (KY).

Entretenido, c, 3, **Sligo Bay (Ire)**--Thestormhascleared, by Cryptoclearance. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-10, Mdn, 9fT, 1:50.60. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, S\$5,170. O-Haras Fiesta; B-Thomas J Young (KY); T-Camilo Traverso. *\$3,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN.

+ **Asia Pacific**, f, 3, **Smoke Glacken**--Exellensea, by Exbourne. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-9, Mdn, 1000m, :58.40. O-Bel Air; B-Warrender Associates Inc (KY); T-Alfonso Arias. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, S\$5,170. *\$5,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. ** Scored by five lengths.

Kawiye, f, 3, **Tapit**--Latch, by Broad Brush. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-9, Cond, 1300m, 1:19.40. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, S\$5,500. O-Stud Manning; B-Warren & Mike McIntyre (KY); T-Juan Suarez. *\$4,500 wnlg '07 KEENOV. ** 1/2 to Grand Latch (Grand Slam), GSP-Jpn, \$791,320. *** Scored by 9 lengths.



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, Jan. 12
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

BOWMAN'S BAND (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$6K, 160/31/4
 5-PHA, Msw, 6f, Seychelles, 8-1

IRON DEPUTY (Silver Deputy), Walnford, \$3K, 24/4/0
 5-PHA, Msw, 6f, +Iron Belle, 12-1

LION HEART (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 394/118/11
 5-PHA, Msw, 6f, Debtcollector, \$9K ESM AY 2yo, 8-1

PLEASANTLY PERFECT (Plea sant Colony), Lane's End, \$40K, 175/44/3
 5-PHA, Msw, 6f, Weekend Fantasy, \$490K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 299/75/12
 5-SUN, Aoc, 6f, Retap, 4-1

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Fluke (Brz) (Wild Event), 5f, 1:01.40, 13/31
 High Court Drama (Ire) (Theatrical {Ire}), 6f, 1:15.00, 3/5

SANTA ANITA

Acclamation (Unusual Heat), 6f, 1:15.20, 12/12
 Amen Hallelujah (Montbrook), 5f, 1:01.40, 21/37
 Conveyance (Indian Charlie), 5f, :58.80, 2/37
 Desert Code (E Dubai), 4f, •:46.60, 1/25
 Get Funky (Straight Man), 6f, 1:11.80, 2/12
 Macias (Purge), 4f, :47.80, 5/25

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★ **BRITAIN** ★

Yesterday's Results:

Wolverhampton, 15.00, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo, 7f 32yds
 (AWT), 1:29.61, stn.

+ **BURGHLEY (GB) (g, 3, Shamardal--Badminton {GB} {SW & G1SP-Eng}, by Zieten)**, sent off the 7-2 second favorite, soon held the call in front. Quickening away from Duellist (GB) (Dubawi {GB}) in the final furlong, the homebred was 2 1/2 lengths clear of that rival at the line. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,457. [Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

O-Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Michael Bell.

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Italy: Giorgio Barsotti



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULT:

8th-FGX, \$47,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m40y (off turf), 1:42 4/5, ft.

SEAN LAFITTE (g, 4, Storm Day--Quista, by Conquistador Cielo) Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-1, \$81,417.
O-Valene Farms. B-Oak Tree Stables LLC (LA).
T-Sturges J Ducoing. *\$25,000 yrl '07 LOUOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bonita Montana, f, 3, Bertrando--Loma Linda Lass (SP, \$117,365), by Phone Trick. SAX, 1-10, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:10 2/5. B-Richard A Bell (CA).

Brave Day, c, 3, Storm Day--Brightbraveandgood, by Smart Strike. FGX, 1-11, (S), 1m40y (off turf), 1:43 4/5. B-J D Vice, DVM (LA).

Retool, f, 4, Gone West--La Rosa (GSW, \$267,194), by Wild Again. FGX, 1-11, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06. B-Mike G Rutherford (KY). *\$450,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to Taittinger Rose (Menifee), GSW, \$382,503.

★ WINNERS BY U. S. SIRE S ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Stormy Rose (Arg), f, 3, Bernstein--Rosaura Toss (Arg), by Egg Toss. Palermo, 1-10, Mdn, 5f, :57.12. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0. O/B-La Biznaga; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

El Festivo (Arg), c, 3, Mutakddim--L' Amusante (Arg), by Southern Halo. Palermo, 1-8, Cond, 6f, 1:09.48. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0. O/B-La Quebrada; T-Roxana San Millan.

El Excentrico (Arg), c, 4, Mutakddim--La Logica (Arg), by Logical. Palermo, 1-10, Cond, 10f, 2:02.54. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1. O/B-La Quebrada; T-Roberto A. Pellegata.

Defendina (Arg), f, 4, Mutakddim--Defending (Arg), by Coincidental Talk. San Isidro, 1-9, Cond, 7fT, 1:22.44. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0. O-Melincue; B-Vacacion; T-Roberto A Pellegata.

The Alchemist (Arg), c, 4, Salt Lake--La Magie (Arg), by Luhuk. La Plata, 1-7, Cond, 6f, 1:10.56. Lifetime Record: 15-5-6-0. O-Padaro; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie.

Carry Gulch (Arg), c, 4, Thunder Gulch--Miss Carry (Arg), by Numerous. Palermo, 1-8, Hcp, 9f, 1:46.78. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2. O-Santa Justina; B-Firmamento; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.



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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Pisa, 14.45, 1-10, €12,600, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.80, vhy.

NOLAND EYES (IRE) (c, 3, Le Vie dei Colori {GB}--Pale Blue Eyes {Ire}, by Peintre Celebre) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, €25,058. O-Scuderia Chemin de Fer di Blanga Selim; B-Elena Alberti; T-Paolo Paciello.

ITALY, Pisa, 14.15, 1-10, €11,700, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:34.10, vhy.

ROCKING SPA (ITY) (h, 5, Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}--Spa {GB}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-0, €41,752. O-Scuderia Siba di Azienda Agricola Antezzate Srl; B-Guglielmi Giacinto; T-Stefano Botti. *€50,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP. **1/2 to Persian Majesty (Ire) (Grand Lodge), SW & GSP-Eng, \$156,305.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Nebukadnezar (Ger), c, 3, Lomitas (GB)--Nova (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Winged Love (Ire). Pisa, Italy, 1-10, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Gestut Am Schlossgarten.

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IN ARGENTINA:

Anaerobio (Arg), c, 2, Catcher In The Rye (Ire)--Potra Anala (Arg), by Potrillon (Arg). Palermo, 1-10, Mdn, 5f, :57.84. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1. O-La Frontera; B-La Madrugada; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

+ **Art Attack (Arg), c, 2, Russian Blue (Ire)--Bellas Artes (Arg), by Rainbow Corner (GB). La Plata, 1-5, Mdn, 5f, 1:00.38. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Rincon de Piedra; B-La Quebrada; T-Rosana San Millan.**

+ **Quick Val (Arg), f, 2, Val Royal (Fr)--Que Lllamarada (Arg), by Fumador (Arg). San Isidro, 1-9, Mdn, 6fT, 1:10.41. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Orilla del Monte; T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury.**

King At War (Arg), c, 3, Orpen--Kiss Me Sweet (Arg), by Lode. San Isidro, 1-9, Cond, 10fT, 1:59.13. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1. O/B-Santa Maria de Araras; T-Juan Carlos Maldotti.

Sumire (Arg), f, 3, Orpen--Sismologia (Arg), by Roy. San Isidro, 1-9, Cond, 6fT, 1:09.70. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. O-Los Aguacates; B-Vacacion; T-Miguel Cafere.

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