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ZABEEL COLT BRINGS \$2 MIL AT KARAKA

Monday's opening session of the two-day New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Sale set the tone, and yesterday, the momentum continued during a brilliant day of selling at Karaka. Sydney-based bloodstock agent James Bester helped provide the fireworks when going to a sale-topping NZ\$2 million (US\$1,423,470) for a colt by Zabeel (NZ) out of the Danehill mare Diamond Like (Aus). Cambridge Stud consigned the handsome bay, who is the third-highest



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yearling ever to sell at Karaka.

Catalogued as Lot [373](#) ([video](#)), the colt was produced by a stakes-winning, multiple Group 1-placed full-sister to Group 1 winner Viking Ruler (Aus) and GSW and G1 Victoria Derby runner-up Kempinsky (Aus); and a three-parts sister to Group 2 winner and G1 New Zealand One Thousand Guineas third Lovetrista (Aus) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}). The colt's second dam is the first-class Tristalove (NZ) (Sir Tristram {Aus}), champion two-year-old filly in New Zealand and champion three-year-old filly in Australia.

Bester was glowing in his praise of the colt. "What attracted me to this colt was his quality," said Bester. "Physically, he's the best yearling I have ever seen in the Southern Hemisphere. Chiefly I buy on conformation, and this colt was exceptional. But to also present with the best page in the sale is extraordinary. Zabeel on Danehill is outstanding, and a very fast mare more to the point to counter Zabeel's staying influence. It was easy to spend that sort of money when you know the background the horse has had, and being from Cambridge Stud, from that family, I had every confidence."

Bester purchased the colt for a small group of Australian owners who race horses with a number of trainers, though a conditioner has not yet been selected. *Cont. p2*

WINSLOW HOMER SIDELINED

Winslow Homer (Unbridled's Song) has been forced off the Triple Crown trail because of a stress fracture in his right front cannon bone. Owned by Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms and trained by Tony Dutrow, the \$310,000 KEESEP yearling won his last three starts, including his most recent in the GIII Holy Bull S. Jan. 23. "Winslow Homer had a little sensitivity in his shin Sunday morning," said Porter. "We went over him with a fine-toothed comb and found a small stress fracture in his cannon bone, resulting in Winslow having to go on the shelf for the next 60-90 days." According to Dutrow, Dr. Larry Bramlage will perform the surgery to put a screw in the colt's shin. As for when the grey might be expected to return to the races, Porter added, "Winslow should return to training in early April. This is another tough luck story for me and the Fox Hill fans, but hopefully, we will have a huge summer and fall with Winslow homer." In related news, Fox Hill Farm's **Song of Solomon** (Unbridled's Song) was xrayed after she was discovered to have 'a little inflammation in her ankle.' According to Porter, the grey filly will have surgery to remove a little chip and should be able to return to training in 30 days.



Winslow Homer
Adam Coglianese

NZB PREMIER SALE Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010


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CUMULATIVE:	2010	2009
Catalogued	483	503
Offered	452	476
No. Sold	357	366
RNA	95	110
%RNA	21%	23.1%
Top Price (NZ\$)	\$2,000,000	\$800,000
Gross (NZ\$)	\$65,373,500	\$53,330,000
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PREMIER YEARLING SALE**

TOP SIX LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
<u>373</u>	c	Zabeel (NZ)	Diamond Like (Aus)	2,000,000
Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by James Bester Bloodstock				
<u>431</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Grand Echezeaux (NZ)	1,300,000
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud Purchased by D C Ellis				
<u>102</u>	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Popsy (NZ)	1,000,000
Consigned by Esker Lodge Purchased by J See				
<u>111</u>	f	Pins (Aus)	Procure (NZ)	650,000
Consigned by Whakanui Stud Purchased by G M Waterhouse				
<u>189</u>	f	O'Reilly (NZ)	Star Affair (NZ)	600,000
Consigned by Phoenix Park Purchased by Waikato Stud				
<u>267</u>	c	Pentire (GB)	Amritsar Jet (NZ)	600,000
Consigned by Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Purchased by H Kaneko				



Ellis Lands 'Choice' Yearling...

David Ellis, an underbidder on the sale topper, was more successful later on in the sale when he secured Lot 431 ([video](#)), a Redoute's Choice (Aus) three-quarter brother to Darci Brahma (NZ), for the second-highest price of the day at NZ\$1.3 million (*US\$925,240*). The colt, out of G1 Australian Oaks heroine Grand Echezeaux (Aus) and offered by Pencarrow Stud, will form part of a syndicate of four colts purchased by Ellis over the past two days. Ellis was equally enamored with yesterday's top pair.

"They were both outstanding colts prepared by the best studs in the Southern Hemisphere, and it was impossible for me to split them," Ellis said. "But I'm thrilled to have got this one. He has the same qualities as Darci Brahma and has been a beautiful individual since the day he was born."

Ellis added that the competition at Karaka was bruising. "It has been extremely hard work competing with the Aussies over the last couple of days," he said. "The sale has been incredibly strong, but we're delighted with our selection."

Final Stats: Average Up 26%; Median Up 35%

The strength of the Premier sale was evidenced by the final figures. Cumulative average was the second-highest in the sale's history at NZ\$183,119, up 25.7 percent on last year's NZ\$145,710. The sale median was NZ\$135,000, up 35 percent on last year's NZ\$100,000, and the clearance rate climbed steadily to 79 percent, ahead of last year's 77 percent.



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New Zealand Bloodstock Co-Managing Director Petrea Vela proclaimed the Premier sessions a huge success. "We couldn't be happier with the results of the past two days," Vela said. "There are a lot of delighted vendors at Karaka tonight who have had their expectations completely surpassed. The strength of the buying bench has been thoroughly overwhelming and has demonstrated to us the hot demand there is for the product we offer here. There's still five days to go, but we are thrilled with the outcome of the Premier Sale and are very grateful to both buyers and sellers for their support to post such successful results for the industry."

The leading vendor at Karaka by aggregate for the 28th year in a row was Sir Patrick Hogan's Cambridge Stud, with 40 yearlings sold for just under \$10 million at an average of NZ\$248,588.

Brighthill Farm's Group 1-winning son of More Than Ready, Perfectly Ready (Aus), edged in to be the leading first-season sire with four sold for an average of NZ\$150,000. Topping his offering was Lot 160, a colt from Rich Hill Stud who sold for NZ\$290,000 to NZB, as agent.

Selling continues at Karaka tomorrow with the first of three sessions of the Select Sale set to begin at 11 a.m. That is followed by the two-day Festival Yearling Sale on Feb. 7-8. Follow the action live online at www.nzb.co.nz.




Triple Threats

'LUCKY' RECOVERS FROM MINOR ILLNESS

Champion two-year-old colt **Lookin at Lucky** (Smart Strike) appeared to be back on track Tuesday morning after giving connections a scare over the weekend. "He



Benoit Photo

has a little temperature and it scared me," trainer Bob Baffert told *Daily Racing Form*. "He was probably okay, but I didn't want to take any chances. He went back to the track [Tuesday] and he looked good." Campaigned by Watson, Pegram and Weitman, the bay won

five of six starts last season, including the GI Del Mar Futurity, GI Norfolk S. and GI CashCall Futurity. He also finished second by a head to Vale of York (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 7. As a result of inclement weather and poor track conditions at Santa Anita over the last few weeks, the sophomore has not worked since a five-furlong move in :59 flat Jan. 16. Baffert indicated that the colt will be prepared with an eye on bringing him back to the races in March, although a target has not been finalized.

Dublin Prepares for Southwest

Dublin (Afleet Alex) continued his preparation for his 2010 bow with a six-furlong move under jockey Terry Thompson at Oaklawn Park Tuesday morning. Slated to contest the Feb. 15 GIII Southwest S., the winner of the GI Hopeful S.--who was taken out after the renovation break--broke behind a pair of workmates and reeled off opening splits of :36.60, :49 and 1:01 before completing the task in 1:14. Clockers caught the sophomore galloping out seven furlongs in 1:27.80. "He broke off about



Adam Coglianesi

three, four lengths behind them and ended up three or four lengths in front of them," trainer D. Wayne Lukas told *Daily Racing Form*. "We wanted to let him catch a little dirt in his face, so we let him sit in behind them and he did catch quite a bit." According to Lukas, the colt will have one more drill ahead of the major prep for the GII Arkansas Derby. "We wanted to tighten down on him a little bit and see where we were at and see how he responded," Lukas told *DRF*. "He passed all the tests beautifully."

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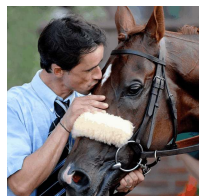
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2 Oiseau de Feu	Stravinsky	Hills	Charpy
3 Alexandros (GB)	Kingmambo	Dettori	bin Suroor
4 Kalahari Gold (Ire)	Trans Gold (GB)	O'Shea	Watson
5 Crowded House (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Spencer	Meehan
6 Frozen Fire (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock
7 Front House (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Shea	de Kock
8 Tam Lin (GB)	Selkirk	Supple	bin Shafya
9 Naval Officer	Tale of the Cat	Peslier	Barton

All carry 124 pounds, bar Oiseau de Fey, 126, and Front House, 123.



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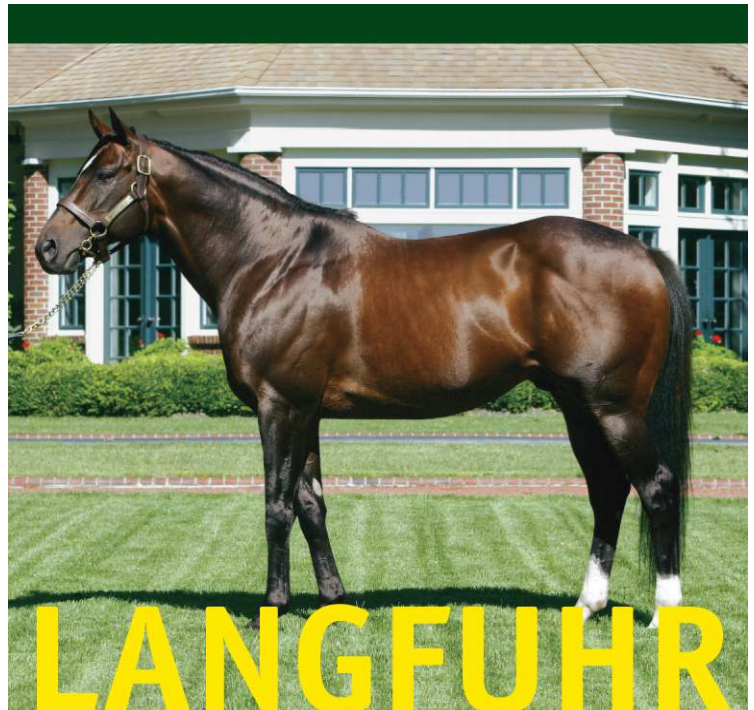


THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE

At the beginning of 2004, it was up in the air whether Coolmore could continue their domination of the stallion ranks. Danehill had died suddenly the previous April at the age of 17, and Sadler's Wells had just turned 23, and looked more likely to become a legendary broodmare sire than an important sire of sires. El Prado and In the Wings looked to be his two best sire sons, though there was no hint that El Prado--now sire of Medaglia d'Oro and Kitten's Joy--had any hope of himself becoming a sire of sires. Montjeu, arguably Sadler's Wells best son as a racehorse, was about to have his first two-year-olds run, as were Giant's Causeway--now in Kentucky after having stood one season in Ireland--and Fusaichi Pegasus. As for Danehill, he was well established in Australia, but Danehill Dancer, whose first four-year-olds had just finished racing, looked like a good soft-ground sire who was moving seriously moderate mares way up. So they could be hopeful of maintaining their position as the world's number one stallion operation, but hardly confident.

Six years later, Coolmore still occupies the top spot. There is a mighty challenge from Darley on the horizon, but the actual battle--the one on the racetracks--has not yet really been joined. Darley does have new World Top 12 sires Street Cry and Medaglia d'Oro already in their corner (in fact, they couldn't lose in the U.S. Horse of the Year contest, since Rachel Alexandra is by Medaglia d'Oro and Zenyatta is by Street Cry), along with Elusive Quality in the U.S. and Cape Cross in Europe. But this year the first two-year-olds by Darley America stallions Bernardini, Henny Hughes, and Rockport Harbor go to the races, with Shirocco their most high-profile new racehorse sire in Europe. Next year the progeny of their \$200 million 2007 stallion prospect spending spree arrive at the races--Street Sense, Hard Spun, Any Given Saturday, and Discreet Cat in America; and Teofilo, Authorized, and Manduro in Europe. Coolmore has Europe's top two prospects by 2009 yearling average, Holy Roman Emperor (by Danehill) and Hurricane Run (by Montjeu) this year; next year their best prospects will be Dylan Thomas (Danehill) and Excellent Art (Pivotal) in Europe, and Scat Daddy in the States.

So things could look a lot different six years from now--in fact, I'm sure they will look a lot different--but that's the future, this is the present, and at the beginning of 2010, Coolmore is still on top. Giant's Causeway was North America's Leading Sire in 2009, and Montjeu is siring a legitimate European Derby winner per crop. *Cont. p6*



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Bill Oppenheim cont.

Fusaichi Pegasus is now looking like a good buy, but at \$15,000, which would be about a tenth of where he started out. But two out of three isn't bad, especially when it became three-for-four when Galileo hit the big time with his first three-year-olds in 2006; plus, Danehill Dancers started running on fast ground, and all of a sudden he's Europe's leading sire of two-year-olds at worst, and knocking on the door of being a World Top 12 Sire.

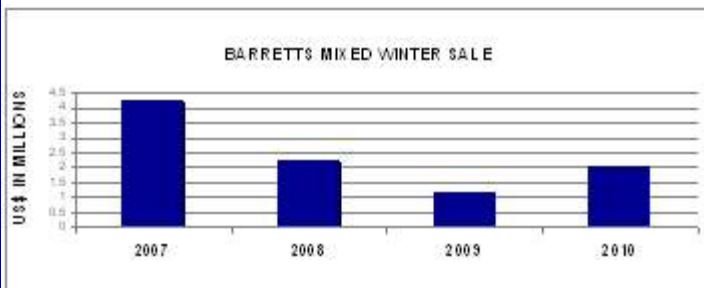
This is all highlighted by the two tables, sires and damsires of 10 or more new A Runners in 2009; interestingly, there are 23 sires in each. Giant's Causeway and Galileo are tied for the lead among sires of new 2009 'unique' (counted only once) A Runners, with 16 each; Danehill Dancer had 14 (of which six were two-year-olds), which tied him with A.P. Indy and Dynaformer, but did make him number three in Europe; thus meaning Coolmore sires filled the first three places in Europe. Oasis Dream, the hottest sire in Europe, had 13 new A Runners in 2009, along with Kentucky sires Stormy Atlantic, Distorted Humor and Unbridled's Song. Dual North American Leading Sire Smart Strike had 12, along with Northern Afleet--who would have to qualify as great value right now at just \$10,000, if they're still taking mares--and the Japanese son of Sunday Silence, Manhattan Cafe. Speightstown, with 11, was one in front of Medaglia d'Oro, with 10, among second-crop sires--both very impressive numbers, I would say -- while also with 11 new 2009 A Runners were Pulpit, Fusaichi Pegasus, the amazing Unusual Heat, and (here's a little bit of a surprise) Orientate.

Three second-generation Coolmore sires lead the list of new sires of A Runners, but it's granddaddy Sadler's Wells who was the leading damsire of new A Runners in 2009, with 'just' 24. I don't care if he has had 1,000 fillies, when the leading sires are tied on 16 and he's leading damsire with 24, that tells you something. Quality in quantity, that could be the Coolmore motto, and Sadler's Wells is certainly the greatest exponent of that principle in history. It's testimony to how good Seeking the Gold must be, too, to run second in this category, with 19 new 2009 A Runners as the damsire. Storm Cat had 18, with Woodman and Sunday Silence tied on 16. Kingmambo, with 12, continues to impress as a horse who transmits class as a broodmare sire. Among the five sires with 10 new 2009 A Runners each as a broodmare sire are A.P. Indy, Unbridled's Song--his oldest foals were just 11 in 2009--and the surprising Belong to Me, damsire last year of Lookin at Lucky and Papa Clem. Now aged 21, his emerging record as a broodmare sire makes him a very good buy this year at only \$7,500.

Weekly Sales Ticker

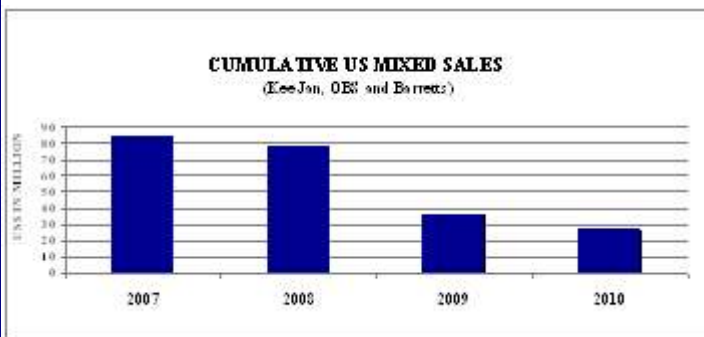
by Bill Oppenheim

"Barretts benefitted from a consignment from the Craig Family Trust, but the overall results for the first three North American Mixed sales of the year tell the story: from the peak year of 2007, the number catalogued was down 40 percent, the number sold was down 47 percent, and the gross was down by two-thirds. It's further confirmation that, in an overall market down 40 percent from its peak, the top is down by half, the middle is down by a third (a quarter in Europe), and the bottom is down by two-thirds."
 - Bill Oppenheim



BARRETTS MIXED WINTER SALE

YR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
'10	518	447	275	13.7%	61.5%	53.1%	\$2,013,000	\$7,320
'09	315	272	202	13.7%	74.3%	64.1%	\$1,232,400	\$6,288
'08	524	489	354	6.7%	72.4%	67.6%	\$2,225,900	\$9,544
'07	619	535	438	13.6%	81.9%	70.8%	\$4,180,400	\$7,894



CUMULATIVE US MIXED SALES

YR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%R/S	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
'10	2,883	2,276	1,600	21.1%	70.3%	55.5%	\$27,564,100	\$17,228
'09	3,662	2,720	2,030	25.7%	74.6%	55.4%	\$36,185,500	\$17,825
'08	4,226	3,132	2,378	25.9%	75.9%	56.3%	\$77,710,500	\$32,679
'07	4,843	3,984	3,044	17.7%	76.4%	62.9%	\$83,430,600	\$27,408

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

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U.S Racing: the Surface Debate

This is a really emotive subject, and is generating a lot of heat on both sides of the debate. In just about any argument, debate, opposition or even divergence of views, it can be really helpful to step back a little bit and think about what are the real issues at stake. Understanding one's own assumptions, the premises from which we build our cases, can often shed light on people's motivations, and even help resolve the conflict.

So I'd like to state my assumptions, to be agreed with, disagreed with, or dismissed. They are actually my view of political reality as it applies to horse racing in the United States. First, I think this industry is deeply vulnerable to animal-rights activists and other do-gooders who couldn't give a rat's ass about horse racing, think there is something cruel as well as dodgy about it, and were getting very stirred up by the time Barbaro, George Washington, and Eight Belles had all died as a result of racetrack injuries suffered on dirt. I don't see where we as the industry even have the luxury to actually have this debate. The very installation of 'all-weather' synthetic surfaces even then played a part in persuading the outside world we were addressing the problem.

My second assumption is that, to avoid being put back in the position where the industry is defending its very existence in the U.S. (this is not an issue in other countries), the industry must embrace the safer option, period. Because--assumption number three--the U.S. industry is far too weak and disorganized to defend itself, politically, if it were to come under serious public attack. I really see this as a political issue, wider than a debate which can remain internal to the industry. So I actually don't care if it's dirt, synthetic, or Swiss cheese, as long as we can assure the public it is safer. And, yes, assumption number four: 'safer' is defined as fatalities on the racetrack. That's all that matters. Hind end injuries, this problem, that problem--look, I'm not dismissing them. They are problems. But the major premise, the one which is central to my eventual conclusion, is this: for the reasons I have stated, which I think are essentially political reasons, safety trumps all. Whatever is safer, that's what I'm for. So I'm for synthetics. However, as a caveat to that, the ultimate surface for American racing must also be safer for jockeys when they hit the deck, and it's unclear whether sufficient research on that issue has been undertaken. It's no good having a surface safer for horses if there isn't sufficient cushion for jockeys as well. It may be that, as Del Mar's Polytrack rode the first year, slower is better.

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In Bill Finley's excellent *TDN* magazine report, Ground Control, he cites California Horse Racing Board equine medical director Dr. Rick Arthur's reports on fatal racetrack breakdowns before and since the installation of synthetics. It is very significant--a 45 percent reduction. Every report cited shows a reduction in breakdowns. All right, there will be a definitive Jockey Club report at some point, we don't know when. But it doesn't sound like it's going to say dirt tracks are safer.

The California trainers, racetrack owners, handicappers and others who want to 'revert to dirt' clearly do not share my assumptions; if they did, they wouldn't want go back to dirt. But answer this, proponents of reverting to dirt: what are you going to say the next time there is a catastrophic breakdown on dirt on national television? Because the odds are that's going to happen. And then, what? We have to pitch precious energy, time, resources into defending ourselves? And, proponents of reverting to dirt, what are your assumptions, and/or motivations? ...*Oppenheim cont. p8*

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Oppenheim cont.

And, to the extent you may be motivated by the difficulties of adaptation, isn't the history of evolution that adaptation and survival are preferable to extinction? Is horse racing exempt from the principles of evolution? Do we have some 'divine right' to exist? No, we don't. We have to work for it like everybody and everything else.

There are a number of important economic side issues which also lead me to favor synthetics, especially that domestic racing is likely to grow more with synthetic rather than dirt surfaces, both in terms of field sizes (more imports keener to run on synthetic, now that it is in use so much internationally) and export of U.S. races for betting internationally, which could generate significant revenue for the domestic industry. That almost certainly applies to Breeders' Cup races, but it's by no means limited to them. But I don't think these are the central issues. I think safety trumps everything, and, as long as synthetic surfaces are resulting in fewer fatal breakdowns (and can be adjusted to provide more cushion for jockeys), we should be embracing them and allocating our energies and resources to iron out the problems they're encountering (like 2,000 horses training and then racing on them), rather than reverting to surfaces which the odds are will sooner rather than later result in throwing the entire industry back on the defensive.

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NEWS TODAY

CANADIAN STAKES UPGRADED FOR '10 The Canadian Grade Stakes Committee announced that a pair of stakes have been upgraded for the upcoming 2010 season, according to a Jockey Club of Canada release yesterday. During the meeting which was held Jan. 30, the committee granted 35 races graded status and elevated the GII Neactic S. to a Grade I and the GIII Scotts Highlander S. to the Grade II level. In 2010, four events in addition to the Nearctic will be contested at the Grade I level: Canadian International, Woodbine Mile, E.P. Taylor S. and Northern Dancer Turf. A total of nine races received Grade II status, while 21 events will be contested as a Grade III event. To qualify for graded status in Canada, races must carry the following: C\$250,000 - Grade I; C\$150,000 - Grade II; and C\$100,000 - Grade III. For a complete list of the 2010 Canadian graded stakes listings, visit www.jockeyclubcanada.com.

BRAZILIAN, 8, Stravinsky--Golden Pond (Ire), by Don't Forget Me (Ire)
Foal born Feb. 2, a colt by Red Giant.
Owned by John Fort.
Boarded at Taylor Made Farm.
Accomplishments: SW.
*Believed to be first foal for sire (by Giant's Causeway).

TOUGH TIZ'S SIS, 6, Tiznow--Leaseholder, by Taylor's Falls
Foal born Jan. 19, a filly by Midnight Lute.
Will be bred back to Midnight Lute.
Owned by Karl Watson & Weitman Performance LLC.
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.
Accomplishments: MGISW of \$903,792.

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NEW A RUNNERS 2009

LEADING SIRES of NEWRUNNERS 2009						
SIRE	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo+	TOT	Avg Age
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	3	11	0	2	16	3.13
GALILEO	2	7	6	1	16	3.37
DANEHILL DANCER	6	5	3	0	14	2.79
A.P. INDY	1	8	4	1	14	3.43
DYNAFORMER	0	6	5	3	14	3.79
OASIS DREAM	5	4	4	—	13	2.92
STORMY ATLANTIC	3	5	3	2	13	3.38
DISTORTED HUMOR	0	7	5	1	13	3.54
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	0	8	3	2	13	3.54
SMART STRIKE	3	8	1	0	12	2.83
NORTHERN AFLEET	2	8	0	2	12	3.25
MANHATTAN CAFÉ	1	7	2	2	12	3.42
SPEIGHTSTOWN	2	9	—	—	11	2.82
PULPIT	2	6	2	1	11	3.18
FUSAICHI PEGASUS	0	6	5	0	11	3.45
UNUSUAL HEAT	0	4	7	0	11	3.64
ORIENTATE	0	3	5	3	11	4.00
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1	9	—	—	10	2.90
ELUSIVE QUALITY	2	6	2	0	10	3.00
PIVOTAL	2	5	3	0	10	3.10
SADLER'S WELLS	0	8	2	0	10	3.20
LANGFUHR	1	5	3	1	10	3.40
TIZNOW	3	1	4	2	10	3.50
TOTAL 23 SIRES	39	146	69	23	277	3.29

LEADING DAMSIREs of NEWRUNNERS 2009						
SIRE	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo+	TOT	Avg Age
SADLER'S WELLS	5	8	7	4	24	3.42
SEEKING THE GOLD	3	10	3	3	19	3.32
STORM CAT	4	6	5	3	18	3.44
WOODMAN	4	6	5	1	16	3.19
SUNDAY SILENCE	1	5	7	3	16	3.81
DANEHILL	5	6	4	0	15	2.93
RAHY	2	11	2	0	15	3.00
DEPUTY MINISTER	1	7	5	2	15	3.60
SEATTLE SLEW	2	8	3	1	14	3.21
TONY BIN	0	5	5	4	14	4.00
MR. PROSPECTOR	1	9	2	1	13	3.23
NUREYEV	0	5	3	5	13	4.08
KINGMAMBO	1	10	0	1	12	3.08
RAINBOW QUEST	1	7	4	0	12	3.25
AFFIRMED	2	4	4	2	12	3.58
DANZIG	1	5	4	1	11	3.27
CAPOTE	1	6	1	3	11	3.54
BROAD BRUSH	1	3	6	1	11	3.64
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	3	4	3	0	10	3.00
BELONG TO ME	2	6	1	1	10	3.10
DARSHAAN	1	7	2	0	10	3.10
A.P. INDY	1	3	5	1	10	3.40
CAERLEON	0	4	4	2	10	3.80
TOTAL 23 SIRES	42	147	83	39	311	3.40



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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ **EAST** ★

Exercise Rider Dies After Tampa Fall:

Robert Shields, an exercise rider at Tampa Bay Downs, died Monday after sustaining fatal injuries during a track accident Monday morning. The 60-year-old was taken to Mease Countryside Hospital and pronounced dead upon arrival, according to Associated Press reports. Shields, who was aboard the unraced Gael Lea, was injured when the gelding reared up and fell on him prior to entering the track for a morning workout. The three-year-old was not injured.

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Halter Worn by Rachel Alexandra Available in Silent Auction for Horse Rescue:

A halter worn by the 2009 Horse of the Year **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro) is available in a silent auction supporting Remember Me Racehorse Rescue. The auction will continue through Mar. 20, with bidding available at www.teamkeen.com. Starting Friday, the halter--which includes the signatures of trainer Steve Asmussen and jockey Calvin Borel--will be on display at the Fair Grounds. Remember Me Racehorse Rescue is operated by Donna Keen, wife of Fair Grounds-based trainer Dallas Keen. "We are deeply indebted to Steve [Asmussen] and Mr. [Jess] Jackson for supporting Remember Me Racehorse Rescue by donating Rachel Alexandra's halter to help support retired racehorses," Donna Keen said. "We want to thank them for their gesture." In 2009, Remember Me Rescue placed 36 retired horses--some of which were rescued from slaughter--in new homes.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

Poet's Place, g, 5, **Mutakddim**--Legion of Merit, by Danzig. Southwell, Britain, 2-2, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Burning Daylight Farms. * \$6,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
This Ones for Phil	Untutttable	Sunshine Millions Sprint S.	106
Bickersons	Silver Deputy	Forward Gal S.-G2	104
Tiger's Rock	Giant's Causeway	Coyote Lakes S.	104
Sweet Repent	Repent	Sunshine Millions Distaff S.	102
Hold That Prospect	Hold That Tiger	Correction S.	100
Jet Propulsion	Double Honor	Sunshine Millions Turf S.	100
Love to Tell	Stage Colony	Jersey Lilly S.	99
Gabby's Golden Gal	Medaglia D'Oro	Santa Monica H.-G1	98
Bubbler	Distorted Humor	Marie G. Krantz Memorial H.	97
Lady Alexander	Exchange Rate	Manatee S.	96
Acting Zippy	City Zip	John B. Connally Turf H.-G3	95
Bold Chieftain	Chief Seattle	Sunshine Millions Classic S.	95
Quisisana	Decarchy	Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Sprint S.	95
Tight Precision	Pure Precision	Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf S.	95
Ballistic Heat	Unusual Heat	SPRC Claiming Series Phase I S.	92
Kera's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	WEBN S.	90

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:12p HRTV 3rd-GP, \$56K, Alw/Opt. Clm, 3yo/up, 1m
A pair of GII Meadowlands Cup winners from the barn of Rick Dutrow, Jr., have been entered in this salty optional claimer. **DIAMOND STRIPES (Notebook)** captured the Big M's marquee event in 2007, and four starts later won the 2008 G2 Godolphin Mile on the night of the World Cup. Unraced since that effort, the seven-year-old gelding has been working steadily at Palm Meadows in preparation for his return. **Arson Squad (Brahms)**, winner of the Meadowlands Cup in 2008, was last seen closing for fourth in the GI Stephen Foster H. in June. Other graded winners in this deep affair are **Grasshopper (Dixie Union)**, **Buddy's Humor (Distorted Humor)** and **Delosvientos (Siphon {Brz})**. brisnet.com PPs.

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TDN TODAY
Around the World. 2 pages

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **3rd Race, \$53,000 Allowance, at Santa Anita.** For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 3
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

DANCE WITH RAVENS (A.P. Indy), Northview, \$8K, 159/8/0

7-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Loud Ravens, 6-1

6-LRL, Msw, 6f, Dance With Butters, 3-1

FOREST DANGER (Forestry), Taylor Made, \$20K, 151/14/0

5-GP, Msw, 5fT, Firefighter, \$130K FTF FEB 2yo, 4-1

GUNNERSIDE (Seattle Slew), 26/1/0

9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Darn That Dot, 6-1

MAVERICK (Dixieland Band), 40/3/0

6-DED, Aoc, 7f, Royal Hay Patch, 6-1

MIDWAY ROAD (Jade Hunter), Lane's End, \$5K, 63/5/0

6-DED, Aoc, 7f, Midway Tap, 10-1

RACE ON GREEN (A.P. Indy), O'Sullivan, 33/1/0

7-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Green Spring Boy, 10-1

9-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Knobie, 4-1

SAINT LIAM (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/18/1

8-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Cutter, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

WILDCAT HEIR (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman, \$7K, 222/43/3

5-GP, Msw, 5fT, Bounteous, \$47K OBS AUG yrl, 6-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

El Brujo (Candy Ride {Arg}), 3f, :37.20, 6/8

Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union), 4f, :51.20, 21/28

War Echo (Tapit), 6f, 1:14.00, 1/1

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Cat by the Tale (Tale of the Cat), 1:16.20, 7/8

Marsh Side (Gone West), 6f, 1:15.60, 6/8

Zardana (Brz) (Crimson Tide {Ire}), 5f, 1:03.80, 9/9

OAKLAWN

Be Fair (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:01.40, 3/24

Decelerator (Dehere), 4f, :48.80, 7/51

Dublin (Afleet Alex), 6f, • 1:14.00, 1/6

SANTA ANITA

Misremembered (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, •:59.40, 1/22

Richard's Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), 5f, 1:00.40, 3/22

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS



TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4:

02-13 \$250,000 **Santa Maria H.-I, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (AWT) (250)**

02-13 \$150,000 **Barbara Fritchie H.-II, Lrl, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (0)**

02-14 \$200,000 **La Canada-II, SA, 4yo, f, 9f (AWT) (200)**

02-15 \$150,000 **General George H.-II, Lrl, 3yo/up, 7f (0)**

02-15 \$150,000 **San Vicente-II, SA, 3yo, 7f (AWT) (150)**

02-15 \$150,00 **Buena Vista H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT (150)**

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★ IRELAND ★

TIPSTER RAISES €22,205 FOR THE IRISH JOCK FUND

The *Irish Daily Star's* Kieran O'Connell, one of Europe's top horse racing tipsters, has teamed with several groups to donate €22,205 to the Irish Jockeys Accident Fund. Back in January 2006, O'Connell decided to personally donate €2 for each winner he selected during the year to the Irish Jockeys' Accident Fund, a contribution soon matched by the *Daily Star*, Lady Chryss O'Reilly and Paddy Power Bookmakers. The pledge has continued, and in 2009, O'Connell predicted a record-breaking 4041 winners. O'Connell explained his decision to raise money for the Fund, saying, "A few tragedies too many in Irish racing highlighted the need to support the people that put their necks on the line every time they race and are followed by two ambulances, hence the reason to row in behind the Irish Jockeys' Accident Fund, whose members provided me with a canvas on which to paint my dreams." O'Connell added of his love of the sport, "Having been betting on horses before going to school and later being expelled for non-attendance as a result of a similar habit, you can safely say that racing is my life." Over the past four years, O'Connell has raised €89,205 Irish Jockeys Accident Fund.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULT:

6th-SUN, \$31,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40, ft.

ROWDY SKIES (f, 4, Thatsusitheolbean--Cielo Spice, by Conquistador Cielo) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-2, \$57,530. O-Jeannine Richardson. B-Mark Durio (NM). T-Bart G Hone.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

First Post (Ire), g, 3, Celtic Swing (GB)--Consignia (Ire), by Definite Article (GB). Southwell, Britain, 2-2, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-D Llewelyn & J Runeckles.

TDN FIRST-CROP SIRE LIST

BY CUMULATIVE EARNINGS, THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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Rank	Stallion	YOB	Crops	Earnings	Rnrs	Wnrs	BT Wnrs	BT Horses	GS Wnrs	GS Horses	G1S Wnrs
1	Roman Ruler Sire: Fusaichi Pegasus	2002	2	\$2,084,915	69	35	3	7	2	6	1
2	Offlee Wild Sire: Wild Again	2000	2	\$2,026,718	33	20	2	6	1	1	1
3	Pollard's Vision Sire: Carson City	2001	2	\$1,500,684	46	22	4	5	1	3	1
4	Wildcat Heir Sire: Forest Wildcat	2000	2	\$1,382,442	63	43	3	6	1	1	0
5	Kitten's Joy Sire: El Prado (IRE)	2001	2	\$1,251,258	44	21	5	8	0	2	0
6	Dubawi (Ire) Sire: Dubai Millennium (GB)	2002	2	\$1,162,976	67	38	2	5	2	5	0
7	Proud Accolade Sire: Yes It's True	2002	2	\$1,014,021	30	15	2	5	0	2	0
8	Afleet Alex Sire: Northern Afleet	2002	2	\$1,003,095	68	20	1	4	1	1	1
9	Oratorio (Ire) Sire: Danehill	2002	2	\$998,823	54	13	2	5	1	2	1
10	Limehouse Sire: Grand Slam	2001	2	\$961,421	54	17	3	3	0	0	0
11	Closing Argument Sire: Successful Appeal	2002	2	\$854,032	52	25	1	3	0	0	0
12	Saint Liam Sire: Saint Ballado	2000	1	\$851,420	53	16	1	4	1	2	0
13	Leroidesanimaux (BRZ) Sire: Candy Stripes	2000	2	\$768,084	23	8	0	2	0	2	0
14	Grand Reward Sire: Storm Cat	2001	2	\$753,964	80	26	0	3	0	0	0
15	Purge Sire: Pulpit	2001	2	\$680,732	55	15	1	1	0	0	0
16	Consolidator Sire: Storm Cat	2002	2	\$646,547	63	20	1	4	0	1	0
17	Whipper Sire: Miesque's Son	2001	2	\$625,096	49	19	1	2	1	2	0
18	Medallist Sire: Touch Gold	2001	2	\$599,881	27	8	1	1	0	0	0
19	Rock Hard Ten Sire: Kris S.	2001	2	\$581,021	31	9	3	3	2	2	0
20	Value Plus Sire: Unbridled's Song	2001	2	\$569,586	49	18	0	1	0	1	0
21	Motivator (Gb) Sire: Montjeu (IRE)	2002	2	\$554,059	27	8	2	3	1	2	0
22	Eurosilver Sire: Unbridled's Song	2001	2	\$532,880	59	16	0	0	0	0	0
23	Mobil Sire: Langfuhr	2000	2	\$514,778	28	4	2	3	0	1	0
24	Le Vie Dei Colori (GB) Sire: Efsio (GB)	2000	1	\$488,823	25	14	2	4	1	3	0
25	Arakan Sire: Nureyev	2000	2	\$465,515	35	12	1	1	1	1	0