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CLEARING SKIES AT FASIG-TIPTON CALDER

Yesterday's Fasig-Tipton Selected Two-Year-Olds in



FTFFEB-Topping Distorted Humor Colt

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Training Sale at Calder Race Course weirdly reflected the weather outside. That is, glum early, but pretty darn nice later on. Just as pouring rain gave way to a sun-splashed, breezy afternoon, a sluggish Calder sale broke through in the third hour of selling and continued strongly through the end of

the session, with gains in both average and median. When all was said and done, the average of \$257,473 was up nine percent, while the median of \$200,000 was up 33 percent.

"It's pretty encouraging," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning Jr. "Average was up, the median was up significantly, and the RNA [rate, of 37 percent] is similar. I think the sale seemed to pick up momentum as the day progressed, but if you looked at the buyers' shortlists, more of those highly desirable horses just fell later in the catalogue."

The lone seven-figure horse on the day was hip [218](#), a Distorted Humor half-brother to Grade I winner Mr. Sidney (Storm Cat) who was hammered down to John Moynihan, acting on behalf of Jess Jackson's Stonestreet Stables, for \$2.3 million. The striking chestnut was consigned by Two Beaches.

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"RACHEL" SHARP AT FAIR GROUNDS

Just a week and a half away from her 2010 debut in the Mar. 13 New Orleans Ladies S., Horse of the Year **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro) worked six furlongs in 1:13 3/5 at Fair Grounds yesterday morning. The four-year-old filly broke off in company, clicked off fractions of :13, :25 3/5, :38 2/5, :51 and 1:02 1/5, then pulled away from her stablemate in the final furlong. Her final quarter was timed in :22 3/5, and she galloped out seven-eighths in 1:26 2/5 and a mile in 1:41 1/5. Regular exercise rider Dominic Terry was in the irons. "I was hoping she'd go a little quicker," trainer Steve Asmussen admitted. "She settled off the other horse really nicely. She stayed with her left lead trying to stay with the other horse, then she switched to her right lead and accelerated. We're happy with where she's at. The main thing is she's healthy, and this is a step in the process to getting her back to her previous level." Rachel Alexandra will go an easy half Monday as her final prep for the Ladies. "We built up to this point and from here we need to back off and let her catch her breath," Asmussen said. "We won't be looking for speed, just fluid and relaxed."



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FASIG-TIPTON CALDER TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

CUMULATIVE	2010	2009
Catalogued	237	271
No. Offered	145	172
No. Sold	91	111
RNAs	54	61
% RNAs	37%	35%
No. Over \$500K	11	13
High Price	\$2,300,000	\$1,600,000
Gross	\$23,430,000	\$26,151,000
Average	\$257,473 (+9.3%)	\$235,595
Median	\$200,000 (+33.3%)	\$150,000

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Clearing Skies cont.

Not all came up roses at Calder yesterday. Late outs continued to be announced from the stand through the day and, from 237 catalogued, just 145 horses stepped into the ring. From those, 54 were bought back for an RNA rate of 37 percent, up slightly from last term's 35 percent. Horses sold from catalogued, meanwhile, was just 38.4 percent. And while the \$2.3-million topper easily trumped last year's \$1.6 million Al Zir (Medaglia d'Oro), this year marked the first time in at least five years that only one horse made \$1 million or more at Calder.

"I think most people showed restraint at the upper end of the market," said Browning. "They're willing to give a premium for what they perceive as the very, very best, but we saw a lot of people quit bidding at levels they used to be comfortable at."

Distorted Humor Colt Tops at \$2.3 Million...

Arguably the best-bred colt in the catalogue provided unarguably the day's most entertaining bidding duel. Hip [218](#), the \$2.3 million Distorted Humor topper, is a son of MGISW Tomisue's Delight (A.P. Indy), herself a daughter of MGISW Prospectors Delite (Mr. Prospector) and a full-sister to Horse of the Year Mineshaft, as well as three other stakes winners. Hip 218 is a half-brother to the good turf horse Mr. Sidney (Storm Cat), a \$3.9 million yearling who won last year's GI Maker's Mark Mile. He was a \$200,000 KEESEP yearling.

His pedigree, in addition to a smart [:10 3/5](#) breeze at the under-tack show, assured the big chestnut plenty of attention at Calder, and the buyers were lining up to bid on the horse.


BUYING AT THE TOP OF THE MARKET- F-T CALDER SALE

There were 11 juveniles purchased for \$500,000 or more at F-T Calder 2010 (down from 13 in 2009)

Buyer	\$500K+ '10	\$500K+ '09
Brushwood Stable	1	0
Buzz Chace, agt for West Point	1	0
John Ferguson	1	5
Fox Hill Farm	1	1
Katsuhiko Hirai	1	0
Maverick Racing LP	1	0
Demi O'Byrne	1	0
Padua Stables LLC	0	1
Padua & Zayat Stables	0	1
Todd Pletcher, agent	1	0
Kaleem Shah	0	1
Stonestreet Stables	1	1
Westrock Stables	0	2
Whisper Hill Farm	0	1
Katsumi Yoshida	2	0
Total:	11	13


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Included in the action were Vision Sales' Brandon Perry and John Stephens, positioned under the press box, with Perry on a cell phone; British conditioner Paul Cole and client Dr. James Hay, whose team was located to the right of the ring; and Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, flanked by owner Kaleem Shah and Hill 'n' Dale's Donato Lanni, sitting on the pavilion's left side. It was the last group that was the direct underbidder, while Cole's son Oliver Cole confirmed that they believed they were in at the \$2.1-million mark.

But it was John Moynihan whose resolve remained unshaken. With Jess Jackson in attendance, the Stonestreet Stable representative dug deep to land Calder's highest-priced horse since 2007's The Leopard (Storm Cat).



John Moynihan

"Mr. Jackson wanted to buy him because we didn't want to have to run against him," said Moynihan. "To see a horse, bred like he is, do what he did on the racetrack...he has it all. He has trained beautifully since the breeze show. We knew it was going to be tough, but we weren't done yet."

Stonestreet Stable has campaigned, among others, consecutive Horses of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike) and Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro). -LM



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TOP 11 COLTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>218</u>	c	<u>Distorted Humor</u>	Tomisue's Delight	2,300,000
(\$200,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Hilbert Thoroughbreds & Menard Thoroughbreds (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Two Beaches				
Purchased by Stonestreet Stables LLC				
<u>190</u>	c	<u>Smart Strike</u>	Southern Swing	825,000
(\$200,000 yrl '09 FTSAUG)				
<i>B-Mr & Mrs C W McNeeley III (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XCVIII				
Purchased by Dr Dermot O'Byrne				
<u>16</u>	c	<u>Empire Maker</u>	Bank Audit	800,000
(\$150,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
<i>B-St George Farm (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by Murray Smith, agent				
Purchased by Brushwood Stables				

<u>110</u>	c	<u>Medaglia d'Oro</u>	Let's Toast	750,000
(\$300,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Margaux Farm, Guy Potter & Barry Irwin (KY)</i>				
Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steve Venosa), agent				
Purchased by John Ferguson				
<u>166</u>	c	<u>Henny Hughes</u>	Refugee	700,000
(\$170,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Needham/Betz Threds, D.J. Stable, Brian Graves & Dr Chuck Kidder (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Breaking Point Farm				
Purchased by Fox Hill Farm, Tom McGreevey, agent				
<u>225</u>	c	<u>Indian Charlie</u>	Uncommon Queen	675,000
(\$75,000 wnlg '08 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)				
<i>B-Lazy Lane Farms (VA)</i>				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XII				
Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida				
<u>136</u>	c	<u>Speightstown</u>	Motel Lass	550,000
(\$335,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL)				
<i>B-Nekia Farm (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by BC3 Thoroughbreds				
Purchased by Katsuhiko Hirai				
<u>184</u>	c	<u>Sky Mesa</u>	Skyscape	515,000
(\$250,000 yrl '09 FTSAUG)				
<i>B-Visionary Racing (Ky)</i>				
Consigned by All In Sales (Tony Bowling), agent				
Purchased by Maverick Racing LP				

Top Colts cont. p4

Top Performers By Lifetime Earnings:

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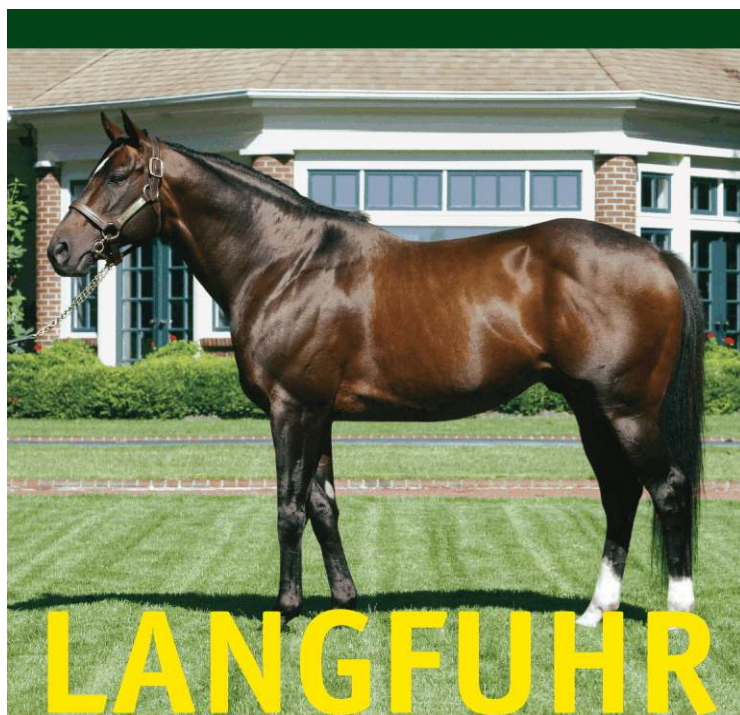
Top Colts cont.

- 119** c **Bernardini** Marozia 500,000
 (\$160,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)
B-John D. & John Darren Gunther (NY)
 Consigned by Scalon Training Center, agent
 Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent
- 186** c **Giant's Causeway** Smok'n Frolic 500,000
 (\$260,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)
B-Adena Springs (Ky)
 Consigned by McKathan Bros., agent
 Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for West Point
- 40** c **War Front** Crescent Moon 375,000
 (\$77,000 yrl '09 KEESEP)
B-Giles Tucker (Ky)
 Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent
 Purchased by John Ferguson

TOP SIX FILLIES

- | Hip | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (\$) |
|------------|-----|----------------------|---|------------|
| 212 | f | Bernardini | Tap Your Heels | 520,000 |
| | | | (\$500,000 yrl '09 KEESEP) | |
| | | | <i>B-Nesco II (Ky)</i> | |
| | | | Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XI | |
| | | | Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida | |
| 90 | f | Dixie Union | Icy Demeanor | 400,000 |
| | | | (\$40,000 wnl '08 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '09 KEESEP) | |
| | | | <i>B-Woodlawn Breeding & W.S. Farish (KY)</i> | |
| | | | Consigned by W.D. North Thoroughbreds, agent | |
| | | | Purchased by P F I Cole | |
| 227 | f | Yes It's True | Val Marie | 400,000 |
| | | | (\$175,000 yrl '09 KEESEP) | |
| | | | <i>B-Gulf Coast Farms (Ky)</i> | |
| | | | Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, agent | |
| | | | Purchased by Paul Cole | |
| 234 | f | Tapit | Wild Lucy Black | 400,000 |
| | | | (\$60,000 yrl '09 KEEJAN) | |
| | | | <i>B-William D Graham (On)</i> | |
| | | | Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent | |
| | | | Purchased by Fox Hill Farm, Tom McGreevy, agent | |
| 197 | f | Awesome Again | Stop the Lights | 370,000 |
| | | | <i>B-Diamond A Racing (Ky)</i> | |
| | | | Consigned by Harris Training Center LLC, agent | |
| | | | Purchased by Fox Hill Farm, Tom McGreevy, agent | |
| 135 | f | Malibu Moon | More Than Pretty | 350,000 |
| | | | (\$210,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL) | |
| | | | <i>B-B Wayne Hughes (Ky)</i> | |
| | | | Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I | |
| | | | Purchased by Grace Stables LLC | |

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Beach On Wheels...

When asked about the name of Two Beaches, which consigned yesterday's \$2.3 million topper, Stacy



Stacy Yagoda & Jill Julian
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Yagoda explained it was a play on words: a near homonym regarding her and partner Jill Julian's perceived attitudes. Well, self-assessment isn't always spot on. Judging by the number of well-wishers who stopped by to offer congratulations, the women enjoyed what was probably the most popular pinhooking score at Calder. Trainer Rick Violette Jr.,

underbidders Bob Baffert and Oliver Cole and several backstretch personnel were among those who stopped by for a hug or high five.

And it all started with a chance agreement at Keeneland September last year between the longtime friends. Yagoda, after taking four years off from the pinhooking business, had decided to return to the auction scene with her husband Aron. At the same time, Julian, who for years helped run Carl Bowling's Straightaway Farm operation before Bowling deciding to stop training his own horses last spring, had made the trip to Keeneland on the off chance she might pick up a yearling or two. The pair discovered their short lists weren't far apart, and decided to join forces.

"Aron and I had made a short list, and picked pedigrees and put a cap on how much were going to pay for them," Yagoda explained. "Jill and I hadn't planned on being partners until about 30 minutes before buying [the FTFEB-topping Distorted Humor colt]. The horse came in the ring, and he was an immature, fat and crooked-legged, but he had all the right parts. I loved him, and Jill loved him--he just had great presence. He had the 'it' factor, a way about him. We put a cap on how much we were going to pay for him, and we were able to get him."

The colt, one of four purchased by Two Beaches last year, was sent down to Ocala to be trained by Yagoda over the winter. He blossomed in the Sunshine State, developing into a robust, strong individual.

"Then Stacy sent him to me here [in Miami]--I'd driven up from [my home in] Key West--and he looked like a mummy," Julian laughed. "He was all wrapped up coming off the van."

The colt was the lone member of the Two Beaches Calder consignment, prompting Julian to say, "We had one shot and we pulled it off."

The score wasn't without a bit of Shakespearean foreshadowing. "Last night, I woke up at 2:22 a.m., and dreamed that he brought \$2 million," explained Julian. "That's something, ain't it?"-LM

Hay is for Horses...

Retired chemist Dr. James Hay, a Scottish ex-patriot who now calls Dubai home, landed a few choice lots yesterday through his trainer Paul Cole. Included was the day's second-highest-priced filly, a Dixie Union miss who was knocked down for \$400,000. Consigned by W.D. North as hip 90, the filly is a daughter of Icy Demeanor (Allen's Prospect), the dam of SW and GSP Your Flame in Me (Boundary).

"She's was just class," said Hay, who sat alongside Cole and Cole's son Oliver. "She's got a very good pedigree; the trainers liked her conformation, and they rated her very highly."

A \$40,000 weanling at KEENOV in 2008 and purchased by North for \$200,000 at September last year, the filly breezed an eighth in a co-bullet :10 1/5.

Hay has been in the business for about 10 years and has built up a stable of roughly 60 race horses, with another five mares and five foals added to the mix. His best runners to date have been stakes winner Traffic Guard (More Than Ready), who ran New Approach (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to a head in the 2008 G1 Irish Champion S.; and four-year-old Redding Colliery (Mineshaft), who set a track record at Laurel winning the John B. Campbell H. Feb. 15. Trained by Kiaran McLaughlin, the latter is Hay's lone horse in the States. Tom Tate also trains for him in England. Hay confirmed his latest purchase will be conditioned by Cole in England. Cole's name was also on the docket yesterday for hip 227, a Yes It's True--Val Marie filly who sold from Niall Brennan's consignment for \$400,000. -LM

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Just What the Doctor Ordered...

Demi O'Byrne didn't sign the ticket for a single horse at last year's Calder sale--he bought just two juveniles, both fillies, during the 2009 season--but got back into the fray with [hip 190](#), an \$825,000 son of Smart Strike. The bay, out of Southern Swing (Dlxiland Band), was purchased for the partnership of Michael Tabor, Sue Magnier and Derrick Smith. He will likely remain in the U.S. for training. "I'd say so, but I'd need to talk to them," O'Byrne offered. "He was very handsome with a lot of quality. I was happy with the way he moved." The colt covered the ground effortlessly during his [:10 3/5](#) breeze. "I expected to pay that much, but maybe not as much as [I would have had to as] in previous years."

Earlier in the sale, O'Byrne picked up [hip 17](#), an Indian Charlie--Bay Barrister (Miswaki) colt for \$200,000 from Hoby Kight's consignment.

The Smart Strike colt was offered by Eddie Woods, who had no doubt about his appeal. "He's a quality horse by a stallion who gets runners," Woods said, adding that the price was "right about what I expected. I thought he'd be at the top end. It's fine if someone passes him, but that's where I thought he'd be."

The affable Woods withdrew a few of his offerings earlier in the day, but ended the session with a bang. His [hip 221](#), a Malibu Moon--Two Chimneys (Deputy Commander) colt, went for \$360,000 to Hugo Merry Bloodstock. The bay colt had been a \$117,000 yearling at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic. A few minutes later, Woods sold [hip 225](#) to Katsumi Yoshida for \$675,000. The popular Indian Charlie colt, out of the Seattle Slew mare Uncommon Queen, was purchased at Keeneland September for \$150,000 by Pete Bradley. "We were expecting between \$350-400,000 for him," Bradley said. "Any other year, we would have been thinking at least \$500,000. He's a big, scopey horse, and this is a discerning clientele."



Demi O'Byrne Photos By Z

The Empire Strikes First...

Storm clouds were gathering ominously as the Calder sale got underway, but it was [hip 16](#) who lit up the atmosphere. Reiley McDonald, seated to the left of the auctioneers' stand, sparred with a group of Japanese buyers on the far side, and won the war for the son of Empire Maker--Bank Audit (Wild Rush). McDonald signed the ticket at \$800,000 for Betty Moran's Brushwood Stables.

"I thought he was the best mover in the sale," McDonald said of the colt's [:10 3/5](#) breeze. "He's a lovely horse. He was smooth and very fluid, and galloped out very well."

The handsome colt was consigned by agent Murray Smith, who came over to hug McDonald afterwards.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," Smith said.

Hip 16 is the first produce from the tough Bank Audit, who captured the GII Genuine Risk H. and GII Distaff BC H. as a four-year-old in 2005. Smith picked the colt up for \$150,000 in the name of her Divine Assets partnership at Keeneland September. The price seemed a bit light for an Empire Maker that was the first foal of a multiple graded stakes winner.

"He was a bit immature," Smith explained prior to the sale. "He caught my eye because he was a beautiful mover." She added, "He's real easy on himself. He's highly intelligent, and what I think separates the really good horses from the average horses is the way they handle situations. He's got such a good mind, he doesn't get stressed over anything. He's the type of horse you could take into a paddock with 150,000 screaming people and he'd never turn a hair."

Bank Audit sold for \$600,000 at KEENOV in 2006 to Ian Banwell and St. George Farm; this colt was bred by St. George. The mare produced a Dynaformer filly in April 2009 and was bred back to Pulpit.



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Doublin' Up on d'Oro at Calder...



John Ferguson *Horsephotos*

Exactly one year ago, Sheikh Mohammed's blood-stock advisor John Ferguson stood just outside the sales pavilion at Fasig-Tipton Calder and saw off all challengers to land the sale-topping Al Zir for \$1.6 million. At the time, the colt's sire, Medaglia d'Oro, was a bright young prospect who nonetheless had finished fourth among first-crop sires in 2008, and who hadn't sired a Grade I winner.

Now, 12 months later, Medaglia d'Oro's daughter Rachel Alexandra has proven one of the great fillies of all time,

and he can boast two other Grade I winners, including Sheikh Mohammed's own Passion for Gold, winner of the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud last fall.

So it was no surprise to see Ferguson returning to the well yesterday for hip [110](#), a son of Medaglia d'Oro out of the 17-year-old Miswaki mare Let's Toast. Ferguson didn't have to stretch nearly as far this time, however, as the colt was his for a mere \$750,000, the fourth-highest price on the afternoon. The colt was consigned by Steve Venosa's SVG Thoroughbreds, which sent the big-barreled bay out to a [:10 3/5](#) breeze at the under-tack show. Hip 110 was acquired under the banner of Herring Farms, a partnership that included Venosa, for \$300,000 last year at Keeneland September, and Ferguson said he remembers the colt.

"We'd seen him at the yearling sales and liked him," said Ferguson. "But, obviously, there are a lot of Medaglia d'Oros, and you can't buy them all. There are some you say you want to wait and have a look at. You remember them and look at your notes on them, and he was a horse coming into the sale that we were very interested in seeing here."

A powerfully made horse who stands over a lot of ground, the colt is a half-sister to SW and GSP Kitty Knight (Capote), whose second dam is Grade III winner Give a Toast (Storm Bird).

"He's a big horse, a two-turn horse, and he breezed really well, galloped out really well and came back really well," Ferguson added of the colt's appeal. "That's what you're looking for. We've got two really exciting three-year-olds [by Medaglia d'Oro], Passion for Gold--who won a Group 1 in France last year--and Al Zir, who topped the sale here last year. We're really excited about him. Medaglia d'Oro's doing the business, we've got the two colts in Europe who are doing the business, so he was a natural fit for us."

While handsome, the colt isn't the sleek dark-bay type like his sire, or many of the sire's offspring, like Rachel Alexandra or Al Zir.

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The Past...



Doublin' Up cont.

"He's actually quite similar to Passion for Gold," said Ferguson. "He's a got a great body on him. That's what Medaglia d'Oro does--he puts a great body into them, and puts a great mind on them. It comes from Sadler's Wells, I'm sure. They just have great minds."

Ferguson said Sheikh Mohammed would decide on which side of the Atlantic the colt would race, but added, "I suspect he's one that might go to Europe."

Darley, which purchased a majority share in Medaglia d'Oro last June, stands the son of El Prado (Ire) for \$100,000 in 2010. -LM

Good as Gold For SVG...

Steve Venosa does not have a good poker face. Venosa's countenance told the story just prior to hip 110's entrance into the ring and, as the consignor patted the son of Medaglia d'Oro's neck in the back walking ring, it was clear he was plenty more nervous than his charge. Venosa stood in the lead-in chute as bidding began on the big bay, and Venosa alternated his attention from his cell phone to John Ferguson, stationed just 10 feet away and looking downright disinterested while chatting with an associate as bidding inside the pavilion crept up to and past the \$500,000 mark.

Finally, Ferguson looked over at the bidspotter and entered the fray at \$725,000. A token \$10,000 bid was offered in protest, and Ferguson sealed the deal at \$750,000. Venosa broke into a wide smile and walked over to thank Ferguson.

"Congratulations--you did a great job," Ferguson said to Venosa after signing the winning ticket.

On his own for just a year now, Venosa, who previously worked for Crupi's New Castle Farm, was enjoying what was easily his best-ever sale.

"We're extremely pleased that he came down here and showed what he can do," said Venosa afterwards back at his barn.

"He's been nothing but class since we bought him at Keeneland; he was the same on the farm, and he was the same when he came down here and breezed. We're very pleased that he went to a good home, and we're flattered and happy that Sheikh Mohammed purchased him."

As a yearling, Venosa said, he was confident the colt had all the tools to become a star. **Cont. p9**



Steve Venosa Photos by Z

...Meets the Present.

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STALLION	AVG. EARNING/STARTER
1. OFFLEE WILD	\$56,332
2. POLLARD'S VISION	\$35,536
3. ROMAN RULER	\$33,973
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“He had a great back leg, a great shoulder, and was very well-balanced for a big horse,” Venosa added. “We liked his breeding--the fact that he was out of a Miswaki mare was nice--and Medaglia d’Oro’s a world-class sire.”

SVG got off to an auspicious start last year, topping the OBS June Sale with a Holy Bull--Creativity colt that sold to Frank Fletcher for \$150,000, and now that the success continues, Venosa wants to stress to buyers that he runs his operation with them in mind.

“We just want people to know that we sell horses,” he said flatly. “We set very reasonable reserves. Last year, from 18 horses, we sold 18, and this year we led two into the ring at OBS [February] and sold two, and led two through the ring here and sold two. We come to the sales to sell horses.” -LM

Fox Hill Stocks Up...

Rick Porter’s Fox Hill Farm secured five prospects topped by [hip 166](#), a \$700,000 colt from the first crop of Henny Hughes (Hennessy). Porter was accompanied by agent Tom McGreevy and trainer Tony Dutrow.

“Tom McGreevy did a lot of work, and we had five or six that ended up on our list after the vetting,” Porter explained. “We’ve gotten four of them so far. I thought he’d go between \$600-700,000, but I was stopping at seven.”

Porter quipped, “I haven’t been the underbidder yet, and that’s unusual for me.”



Rick Porter (left) and Tom McGreevy Photos by Z

Porter confirmed that the Henny Hughes colt would eventually join Dutrow’s barn, and that his GIII Holy Bull S. hero Winslow Homer (Unbridled’s Song) is proceeding well in his recovery after sustaining a stress fracture in his cannon bone.

“Winslow is doing great at Vinery in Kentucky,” Porter explained. “He’ll be re-examined by Dr. Bramlage soon. They thought he’d have to be out 60-90 days from the surgery...we hope to have a great summer and fall with him.”

The other youngsters purchased by Fox Hill yesterday were [hip 122](#), a \$270,000 Giant’s Causeway filly who is a half-sister to Henny Hughes; [hip 197](#), a daughter of Awesome Again that went for \$370,000; and [hip 234](#), a \$400,000 filly by Tapit. Fox Hill also wound up with the private sale of [hip 22](#), a Sky Mesa colt.

Hip 166, a son of the Grade II-placed Refugee (Unaccounted For), looked good doing his drill in [:10 2/5](#). He was a \$170,000 KEESEP purchase by Jimmy Chapman’s Breaking Point Farm, and was offered under that banner here. Chapman was previously based in California before moving his operation to Florida about five years ago. Out west, he took a \$31,000 Stormy Atlantic filly and resold her for a then-record \$1.9 million at Barretts in 2002.

“He’s a great individual with a good mind,” Chapman noted of hip 166. “He’s still a bit immature and has lots of improvement left in him. He’s got all of the tools to be a good racehorse--that breeze was the first time I really asked him to do something.”

Back to the Well...

John Oxley has had tremendous success with prospects acquired at the two-year-old sales, with GI Kentucky Derby hero Monarchos (Maria’s Mon) picked up at this venue 10 years ago for \$170,000, and with champion Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin), a \$480,000 Keeneland April graduate. Oxley’s trainer John Ward Jr. stepped up to the plate to purchase [hip 57](#), a Macho Uno filly, for \$300,000 from Murray Smith yesterday.



John Oxley Horsephotos

“She was very smooth,” Ward said of the elegant grey. Born on Valentine’s Day, she is out of Estimation (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}). “She’s got an English pedigree and was bred by Adena Springs. We thought she was the best individual in the sale.”

Oxley purchased Monarchos from Murray Smith, and also acquired MGSW Strong Contender (Maria’s Mon) from the pinhooker. “We know what to expect when we get a horse from her,” Ward added.

Smith had been very high on hip 57 prior to the sale, and was equally enthusiastic later. “She’s just sexy,” Smith said with a smile. “[Ward and Oxley] been awfully good to me. Hopefully, this one will turn out to be as good as Monarchos and Strong Contender.”

Smith’s Divine Assets acquired the filly for \$150,000 at FTKJUL. The Florida-bred worked a quarter-mile Friday in [:21 3/5](#). Smith wound up selling all three of her horses during yesterday’s session. She also prepped the \$800,000 Empire Maker colt, as well as a \$75,000 Maria’s Mon filly.

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Japan on Hand...

At least eight of yesterday's juveniles were purchased by Japanese buyers, who were bolstered by a favorable exchange rate from the yen to dollar. Katsumi Yoshida had two of those, including the day's highest-priced filly, the \$520,000 daughter of Bernardini. Out of Tap Your Heels (Unbridled), [hip 212](#) is a half-sister to Grade I winner and leading young sire Tapit, making her a mouthwatering broodmare prospect at the conclusion of her racing career. She was consigned by Niall Brennan. Yoshida's second purchase was the \$675,000 son of Indian Charlie, [hip 225](#). Katsumi Yoshida's son Shunsuke handled the ticket-signing duties. "She's very special," he said of the sale's top filly. "It's difficult to get the good ones."

Japan-based E Stable also acquired a brace of colts for \$250,000 apiece. The first to get the stamp of approval was [hip 30](#), a Tapit colt out of Cherished Trick (Phone Trick). A bay from the family of Grade I winner Passing Shot (A.P. Indy), he was consigned by Sequel Bloodstock. He was joined by [hip 59](#), a racy dark bay from the first crop of GI Kentucky Derby hero Giacomo (Holy Bull). Paul Pompa Jr. bought him as a yearling for \$180,000 at KEESEP, and offered him here through Scanlon Training Center.

The Hirai family secured a trio of prospects. [Hip 53](#), a Cozzene filly prepared by Hayden Thoroughbreds, went for \$250,000. The grey is a half-sister to GSW Western Smoke (Smoke Glacken). Another destined to carry the Hirai colors is [hip 136](#), a chestnut son of Speightstown. The \$550,000 buy is out of Motel Lass (Bates Motel). Toyomitsu Hirai's sons Hirotsugu and Katsuhiko were on hand to do the bidding. The family has been coming to this sale for 20 years. "There were fewer competitors here than in other years," Akihiro Inamura, Toyomitsu Hirai's son-in-law, said through an interpreter. "But the prices were higher than expected, so it made it difficult to make a decision to buy something. They are happy with what they paid, considering the quality." The senior Hirai's horses are given names beginning with "Eishin," while his son opts for "A Shin."

FTFFEB PINHOOKS - Top 10 by Price		
Hip	Pinhook Price	FTFFEB
157	\$550,000 FTSAUG (c, Street Cry {Ire} --Plata, by Skip Away) 2009 Buyer: Whitehorse Stable	(\$295,000)
174	2010 Consignor: Scanlon Training Center, agent \$500,000 FTSAUG (f, Medaglia d'Oro --Runnin Ute, by Gone West) 2009 Buyer: Whitehorse Stable	OUT
212	2010 Consignor: Scanlon Training Center, agent \$500,000 KEESEP (f, Bernardini --Tap Your Heels, by Unbridled) 2009 Buyer: BBA Ireland	\$520,000
136	2010 Consignor: Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XI 2010 Buyer: Katsumi Yoshida \$335,000 FTKJUL (c, Speightstown --Motel Lass, by Bates Motel) 2009 Buyer: BC3 Thoroughbreds	\$550,000
110	2010 Consignor: BC3 Thoroughbreds 2010 Buyer: Katsuhiko Hirai \$300,000 KEESEP (c, Medaglia d'Oro --Let's Toast, by Miswaki) 2009 Buyer: Herring Farms	\$750,000
32	2010 Consignor: SGV Thoroughbreds (Steve Venosa), agent 2010 Buyer: John Ferguson \$280,000 KEESEP (c, Unbridled's Song --Clear Mandate, by Deputy Minister) 2009 Buyer: Hoby Kight, agent	OUT
103	2010 Consignor: Hoby & Layna Kight, agent \$275,000 FTSAUG (c, Silver Train --Krist's Sunshine, by Miswaki) 2009 Buyer: IEAH	OUT
58	2010 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent XCVII \$270,000 KEESEP (f, Forest Wildcat --Feature Article, by Seattle Slew) 2009 Buyer: Stockplace	(\$345,000)
79	2010 Consignor: Hayden T'breds (Rebecca Hayden), agt \$270,000 KEESEP (c, Johannesburg --Hatpin, by Smart Strike) 2009 Buyer: Paul Pompa Jr.	\$350,000
158	2010 Consignor: Scanlon Training Center, agent 2010 Buyer: Vision Racing 2010 LLC \$265,000 FTSAUG (f, Sky Mesa --Play Ballado, by Saint Ballado) 2009 Buyer: Bobby Flay	OUT
	2010 Consignor: Nick de Meric, agent	

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MACHO UNO

Hip #57 Macho Uno / Estimation

\$300,000

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>30</u>	c	<u>Tapit</u>	<u>Cherished Trick</u>	250,000
<i>B-Ms Barbara Nelson & Richard Lugovich (NY)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent</i>				
<i>Purchase by Hidenori Gyoda</i>				

This Mar. 12 foal sold as a weanling for \$65,000 at the New York Bred Sale in October in 2008. CCS Bloodstock--comprised of Carrie and Craig Brogden and Sandy Willwerth--landed the colt, and subsequently entered into a partnership with Becky Thomas, who was the underbidder that day. Offered by Select Sales at last year's Fasig-Tipton July Sale, the bay failed to find a home that day, but realized a healthy profit for his connections this time around.

40	c	<u>War Front</u>	<u>Crescent Moon</u>	375,000
<i>B-Giles Ticker (KY)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Nick de Meric, agent</i>				
<i>Purchase by John Ferguson</i>				

51	f	<u>Stormy Atlantic</u>	<u>Early Glow</u>	220,000
<i>B-Liberation Farm & Brandywine Farm (KY)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Nick de Meric</i>				
<i>Purchase by Red Diamond Stable Inc</i>				


Pinhooker Nick de Meric paid \$77,000 for hip 40, who is from the first crop of GSW War Front (Danzig). The Claiborne stallion, who stood for \$12,500 the year this colt was conceived, realized a yearling average of \$34,054 in 2009, less than half the price of this bay colt. The Kentucky-bred juvenile caught the eye of the right people leading up to this sale, thus providing a nice return on de Meric's original investment. Also giving the Irishman reason for some early St Paddy's Day revelry was hip 51, who was purchased for \$55,000 at Keeneland last September and paid dividends yesterday.

84	c	<u>El Prado (Ire)</u>	<u>High Humidity</u>	135,000
<i>B-Westana Ranches (KY)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Pike Racing, agent</i>				
<i>Purchase by Merry-Meehan</i>				

Pike Racing purchased this son of the well-regarded sire El Prado (Ire) for the bargain price of \$30,000 at last October's Fasig-Tipton October Sale, and turned a quick profit here by wheeling him back for a fast return.



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119	c	<u>Bernardini</u>	<u>Marozia</u>	500,000
<i>B-John D. & John Darren Gunther (KY)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, agent</i>				
<i>Purchase by Todd A Pletcher, agent</i>				

Bob LaPenta is certainly no stranger to this family, having purchased a half-brother to this colt--by Fusaichi Pegasus--for \$310,000 at the Keeneland September Sale in 2003. After RNAing for \$725,000 at Keeneland the following April, Andromeda's Hero would go on the next year to become a graded-stakes winner and finish runner-up in the GI Belmont S. At Keeneland September in 2004, LaPenta gave \$210,000 for a full-brother to Andromeda's Hero--named Superfly. As was the case with his older brother, the colt--who RNAd for \$450,000 in April-- developed into a stakes winner for LaPenta in addition to finishing third in the GI Champagne S. during his juvenile season. However, it appeared that the third time proved to be the charm for LaPenta--at least in the sales arena--when this son of first-crop sire Bernardini realized a solid return on the original investment of \$160,000 at Keeneland last September.

202	c	<u>Candy Ride (Arg)</u>	<u>Sun Luck</u>	265,000
<i>B-Hilary Boone Jr. & Caroline H. Boone (NY)</i>				
<i>Consigned by Off the Hook, agent</i>				
<i>Purchase by Ajay Anne, agent</i>				

Joe Appelbaum's and Carlos Morales' Off the Hook pinhooking operation paid \$50,000 for this colt, who was plucked out the Select Sales consignment offered at Fasig-Tipton last July. Obviously having gone the right way since, the Feb. 18 foal rewarded connections with a nifty score here.



NEWS TODAY

FOALING COMPLICATIONS CLAIM HOLIDAY RUNNER *Holiday Runner* (m, 10, Meadowlake--Dixie Holiday, by Dixieland Band), purchased by Frank and Laura Jane Lyon's Summer Wind Farm for a sales-topping \$2.15 million at Fasig-Tipton in November, died Feb. 6 from complications after foaling a Tiznow colt the night before. The foal was placed on a nurse mare. "When you live with horses, you just never know what to expect," Summer Wind broodmare manager Karen Bailey, the Lyons's daughter, told *Daily Racing Form*. "We love all our horses, but especially our mares. It's a devastating loss, but especially to lose one you had so much hope for." Holiday Runner is the second high-profile broodmare lost by Summer Wind in the last year. Onaga (Mr. Prospector) died of an apparent hemorrhage just three days after her colt by Storm Cat topped the 2009 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, going to John Ferguson for \$2.8 million. Onaga was the dam of MGISW and millionaire Aragorn (Ire) (Giant's Causeway). A \$20,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$35,000 KEESEP yearling, MSW Holiday Runner earned \$232,073 for SJB Stable. Her first foal was \$1-million FTFEB juvenile and MGISW Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}), and her second was GSP Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown), who brought \$775,000 at FTFEB 2008. Her foal of 2007, unraced American Story (Ghostzapper), sold for \$400,000 as a KEESEP yearling and brought the same price at FTFEB 2009. She was barren in 2008, and her foal of 2009 died. According to *DRF*, Holiday Runner was insured.



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Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, Dubai AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE ROUND 3-G2, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 2000m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Lizard's Desire (SAf)	Lizard Island (Aus)	Soumillon	de Kock
2	Allybar (Ire)	King's Best	Ajtebi	bin Suroor
3	Mr Brock (SAf)	Fort Wood	Shea	de Kock
4	Al Shemali (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Ffrench	Al Raihe
5	Gloria de Campeao (Brz)	Impression (Arg)	Pereira	Bary
6	Raise Your Heart (Ire)	Raise a Grand (Ire)	Smullen	Morgan
7	Bon Grain (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Supple	bin Shafya
8	Vodka (Jpn)	Tanino Gimlet (Jpn)	Lemaire	Sumii
9	Le Drakkar (Aus)	Anabaa	Sanchez	bin Huzaim
10	Debussy (Ire)	Diesis (GB)	Buick	Gosden
11	Cavalryman (GB)	Halling	Dettori	bin Suroor
12	Re Barolo (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Rosales	bin Huzaim
13	Red Desire (Jpn)	Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)	Peslier	Matsunaga
14	Joe Louis (Arg)	Lode	Ramos	Barton

All carry 126 pounds, except Vodka and Red Desire at 121 pounds.

Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, Dubai JEBEL HATTA-G2, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Presvis (GB)	Sakhee	Moore	Cumani	131
2	Black Eagle (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Rosales	bin Huzaim	126
3	Alexandros (GB)	Kingmambo	Dettori	bin Suroor	126
4	Tam Lin (GB)	Selkirk	Supple	bin Shafya	126
5	Lahaleeb (Ire)	Redback (GB)	Egan	Nass	127
6	Ibn Battuta	Seeking the Gold	Smith	Al Muhairi	126
7	Zirconium (SAf)	Jallad	Shea	de Kock	127
8	Justenuffumor	Distorted Humor	Durcan	bin Suroor	129
9	War Monger	War Chant	Hills	Watson	126
10	Ibn Khaldun	Dubai Destination	Ajtebi	bin Suroor	126
11	With Interest (GB)	Selkirk	Ffrench	Al Raihe	126
12	Naval Officer	Tale of the Cat	Peslier	Barton	126

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DUBAI CITY OF GOLD-G2, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 2485mT

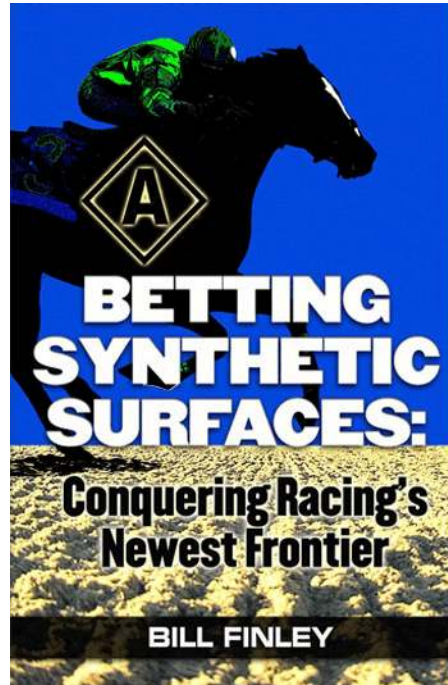
PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Perfect Stride (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Moore	Stoute
2	Campanologist	Kingmambo	Dettori	bin Suroor
3	Pompeyano (Ire)	Rainbow Quest	Mullen	Seemar
4	Anmar	Rahy	Ajtebi	bin Suroor
5	Halicarnassus (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Munro	Channon
6	Purple Moon (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Fallon	Cumani
7	Claremont (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Durcan	bin Suroor
8	Topclas (Fr)	Kutub (Ire)	Supple	bin Shafya
9	Pan River (Tur)	Red Bishop	Kaya	Kasar
10	Golden Sword (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock
11	Frozen Fire (Ger)	Montjeu (Ire)	Latham	de Kock
12	Quijano (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Starke	Schiergen
13	Titurel (Ger)	Dr Fong	Peslier	Hofer
14	King of Rome (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Shea	de Kock
AE	Bridge of Gold	Giant's Causeway	no rider	Magnusson
AE	Autonomy (Ind)	Razeen	no rider	Chenoy
AE	Lion Sands (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	no rider	bin Huzaim

Thursday, Meydan Racecourse, Dubai

MAHAB AL SHIMAAL-G3, \$200,000, 3/up, 1200m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Palazzone (Ire)	Bertolini	Latham	Lyons
2	Desert Party	Street Cry (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor
3	Barbecue Eddie	Stormy Atlantic	O'Shea	Watson
4	Prince Shaun (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Moore	Watson
5	Mrs Boss (Brz)	Wild Event	Blandi	Cintra
6	El Amarillista (Arg)	Mutakddim	Ramos	Barton
7	War Artist (Aus)	Orpen	Peslier	Eustace
8	Montpellier (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Ffrench	Al Raihe
9	Sir Gerry	Carson City	Durcan	Best
10	Force Freeze	Forest Camp	Dobbs	Watson
11	Snow Runner (Arg)	Lode	Smullen	Sandrup
12	Mutheeb	Danzig	Hills	Al Muhairi
AE	Happy Dubai (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	no rider	Al Raihe
AE	Yirga (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	no rider	Al Raihe
AE	Visionist (Ire)	Orpen	no rider	Ramadan

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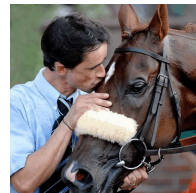
BURJ NAHAAR-G3, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1600m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Jet Express (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Ffrench	Al Raihe
2	Biarritz (SAf)	Count Dubois (GB)	Shea	de Kock
3	Laa Rayb	Storm Cat	Buick	Selvaratnam
4	Al Arab (Brz)	Redattore (Brz)	Blandi	Cintra
5	Forgotten Voice (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Moore	Nosedo
6	Skysurfers (GB)	E Dubai	Dettori	bin Suroor
7	Calming Influence	King's Best	Ajtebi	bin Suroor
8	We'll Come (GB)	Elnadim	Rosales	bin Huzaim
9	Green Coast (Ire)	Green Desert	O'Shea	Watson
10	Don Renato (Chi)	Edgy Diplomat	Ramos	Barton
11	Cat Junior	Storm Cat	Hills	Meehan
12	Soneva	Cherokee Run	Soumillon	Botti
13	Vesuve (Ire)	Green Tune	Smith	Al Muhairi
14	Fravashi (Aus)	Falbrav (Ire)	Durcan	bin Suroor

Also Eligible:

15	Beauchamp Viceroy (GB)	Compton Admiral (GB)	no rider	Butler
16	Prince Fasliyev (GB)	Fasliyev	no rider	Petersen
17	Emballo (Brz)	Boatman	no rider	Watson
18	Gold Sovereign (Ire)	King's Best	no rider	Mohammed

All carry 126 pounds, except Soneva at 123 and Fravashi at 128.



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1	Oasis Dream (GB) Sire: Green Desert	2000	4	\$12,965,933	247	152	26	44	16	30	4
				Stands: GB [GB£ 65,000]							
2	Empire Maker Sire: Unbridled	2000	4	\$10,020,083	174	95	13	24	6	13	4
				Stands: KY [US\$ 50,000]							
3	Dalakhani (IRE) Sire: Darshaan (GB)	2000	4	\$9,908,889	120	69	15	21	10	16	2
				Stands: IR [Eu € 50,000]							
4	Sky Mesa Sire: Pulpit	2000	4	\$9,576,137	185	116	13	25	8	17	2
				Stands: KY [US\$ 25,000]							
5	Harlan's Holiday Sire: Harlan	1999	4	\$9,381,565	192	134	10	24	5	10	1
				Stands: KY [US\$ 25,000]							
6	Proud Citizen Sire: Gone West	1999	4	\$9,165,511	191	124	8	23	3	12	1
				Stands: KY [US\$ 15,000]							
7	Posse Sire: Silver Deputy	2000	4	\$8,128,719	186	117	11	17	3	6	1
				Stands: NY [US\$ 10,000]							
8	Hold That Tiger Sire: Storm Cat	2000	4	\$7,944,774	223	142	9	19	1	6	0
				Stands: FR [Eu € 5,000]							
9	Macho Uno Sire: Holy Bull	1998	4	\$7,846,233	147	94	8	13	4	8	2
				Stands: KY [US\$ 25,000]							
10	Vindication Sire: Seattle Slew	2000	4	\$7,576,865	212	138	7	25	3	8	0
				Stands: USA [Dead/Retired/Exported]							
11	Milwaukee Brew Sire: Wild Again	1997	4	\$7,318,567	168	110	7	11	1	4	0
				Stands: ON [CAN\$ 12,500]							
12	Repent Sire: Louis Quatorze	1999	4	\$7,141,107	166	99	9	16	3	5	0
				Stands: NY [US\$ 5,000]							
13	Hawk Wing Sire: Woodman	1999	4	\$6,975,888	262	123	4	18	2	5	0
				Stands: EUR [Dead/Retired/Exported]							
14	Mineshaft Sire: A.P. Indy	1999	4	\$6,787,433	146	86	13	23	4	9	0
				Stands: KY [US\$ 20,000]							
15	Van Nistelrooy Sire: Storm Cat	2000	4	\$6,243,895	169	98	11	18	6	6	2
				Stands: KY [US\$ 7,500]							
16	Yankee Gentleman Sire: Storm Cat	1999	4	\$5,983,463	137	88	7	20	0	5	0
				Stands: LA [US\$ 5,000]							
17	Cactus Ridge Sire: Hennessy	2001	4	\$5,828,467	166	116	7	17	1	5	1
				Stands: KY [US\$ 7,500]							
18	Acclamation (GB) Sire: Royal Applause (GB)	1999	4	\$5,572,200	175	92	6	19	2	9	2
				Stands: IRE [Eu € 15,000]							
19	Flatter Sire: A.P. Indy	1999	4	\$5,526,725	139	92	9	20	2	5	0
				Stands: KY [US\$ 5,000]							
20	D'Wildcat Sire: Forest Wildcat	1998	4	\$5,446,316	105	73	4	14	1	4	0
				Stands: FL [US\$ 10,000]							
21	Kafwain Sire: Cherokee Run	2000	4	\$5,125,158	158	98	8	14	3	5	0
				Stands: CA [US\$ 5,000]							
22	High Chaparral (IRE) Sire: Sadler's Wells	1999	4	\$5,103,634	167	86	13	19	9	12	0
				Stands: IR [Eu € 15,000]							
23	Nayef Sire: Gulch	1998	4	\$4,955,834	139	73	6	17	5	9	2
				Stands: GB [GB£ 15,000]							

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

CHRISTIE BOWLING MEMORIAL SERVICE

THURSDAY A memorial service for Christie Bowling will be held Mar. 4 at Meadowbrook Church in Ocala at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the Make a Wish Foundation (www.wish.org). Christie Bowling, 21, was the daughter of pinhooker Tony Bowling and the granddaughter of horseman Carl Bowling. She was killed Saturday in a car accident in Fellowship, Florida.

★ **EAST** ★

NJ Slots Bill Introduced:

A bill that would allow VLTs to be installed at the Meadowlands, identical to one that failed to garner support two years ago, was introduced into the New Jersey State Assembly Monday. If passed, the legislation would be put to a public vote. "Let's face it--times have changed and so must we if Meadowlands racing and gaming are going to continue to be a strong part of New Jersey's economy," Assemblyman Ralph Caputo (D-Essex), one of five legislators behind the bill, stated. "We cannot stand idle and pretend expanded competition at nearby horse tracks in New York doesn't exist. It's there, and unless we move forward, we will forever lose those customers, the immense revenue potential and the horseracing industry itself."

★ **KEENELAND** ★

Keeneland to Offer Annual Pass:

Keeneland announced yesterday that, for the first time, the track will offer an annual pass, good for general admission for every day of the spring and fall meets of 2010. The pass, which went on sale yesterday, is \$50, and also entitles the holder to benefits such as access to preferred grandstand seating, on a first-come, first-served basis, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the meets; and on-line shopping discounts. Passes can be purchased at www.keeneland.com until Apr. 1, and at the East Gate of the track thereafter. There is a \$5 processing fee per pass.

★ **INDUSTRY INFO** ★

TJC Online Fact Book Now Available:

The Jockey Club's 2010 Online Fact Book is now available at www.thejockeyclub.com. The publication, first established 20 years ago, offers statistics and information regarding the North American Thoroughbred industry. The printed edition will be published in early May.

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Presious Passion	Royal Anthem	Mac Diarmida S.-G2	103
Comedero	Posse	Mountain Valley S.	102
Hold That Prospect	Hold That Tiger	Mommy Dear S.	101
Compari	Redattore (Brz)	Crystal Water H.	100
Lights Off Annie	Freud	Broadway S.	100
Changing Skies (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	The Very One S.-G3	99
Amen Hallelujah	Montbrook	Davona Dale S.-G2	97
Don't Forget Gil	Kafwain	Wayward Lass S.	96
Tizaqueena	Tiznow	Allen LaCombe Memorial H.	95
Dont Blame the Cat	Catienus	Miracle Wood S.	94
Aurora Lights	Pulpit	Sabin S.-G3	93
Queen Greeley	Mr. Greeley	Island Fashion S.	92
Backtalk	Smarty Jones	Sportsman's Paradise S.	89
Vow to Wager	Broken Vow	John Battaglia Memorial S.	86
Storming Saint	Sweetsouthernst	Borderland Derby	85
Sheer Beauty	Mizzen Mast	Green Oaks	78

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

- 2:12p HRTV** 3rd-GP, \$53K, Alw/Opt. Clm, 4yo/up, 1m
WinStar Farm's **HOLD ME BACK** ([Giant's Causeway](#)), winner of last year's GII Lane's End S., makes his four-year-old debut here in this one-turn optional claimer. Second in the GI Toyota Bluegrass S. and GI Shadwell Travers S., the Bill Mott trainee was last seen finishing a dull sixth in the Sept. 26 GII Kentucky Cup Classic as the 4-5 favorite. [brisnet.com PPs](#)
- 6:36p HRTV** 6th-SA, \$48K, Alw/Opt. Clm, 3yo, 1m (AWT)
Hal and Patti Earnhardt's **BULLDOGGER** ([Dixie Union](#)) will negotiate a route of ground here in his first start since demolishing maidens by 6 1/2 lengths in the slop at Saratoga Aug. 29 in his lone previous effort. Trained by Bob Baffert, the dark bay has been working since late November in preparation for his first start against winners. [brisnet.com PPs](#).

Eastern Standard Time

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 4:
03-13 \$150,000 **San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f**
(AWT) (150)

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNER ★

IN BRITAIN:

+ Srda, f, 3, [Kingmambo](#). See "Britain."



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 3

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

GRAND REWARD (Storm Cat), Hill 'n' Dale, \$13K, 205/30/0

6-SA, Aoc, 1m, Gilligan, \$27K BAR MAY 2yo

6-SA, Aoc, 1m, Mr. Saturdaynight, \$75K FTK JUL yrl

ROCK HARD TEN (Kris S.), Lane's End, \$50K, 150/10/3

7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Manners, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

SOUTHERN IMAGE (Halo's Image), Taylor Made, \$15K, 154/19/0

7-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, He's a Rebel, \$5K KEE JAN yrl, 20-1

VALUE PLUS (Unbridled's Song), Stonewall, \$10K, 178/23/0

7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, A Glass of Water, \$11K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

7-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Value Your Angel, 15-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

CHARLES TOWN

Researcher (Two Smart), 4f, •:48.00, 1/22

FAIR GROUNDS

Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro), 6f, 1:13.60, 1/2

GULFSTREAM

Grand Couturier (GB) (Grand Lodge), 4f, :49.50, 15/25

Le Grand Cru (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:00.50, 5/15

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Bootleg Annie (Go for Gin), 5f, 1:02.60, 13/16

Zardana (Brz) (Crimson Tide {Ire}), 5f, 1:03.00, 16/16

OAKLAWN

Decelerator (Dehere), 4f, •:48.60, 1/25

PALM MEADOWS

Bulls and Bears (Holy Bull), 4f, :49.70, 14/37

Mr. Fantasy (E Dubai), 5f, •:59.75, 1/20

Pinckney Hill (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:03.50, 20/20

Trappe Shot (Tapit), 4f, :51.50, 29/37

Warrior's Reward (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :49.60, 11/37

PAYSON PARK

Lady Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}), 4f, :50.20, 8/23

Sal the Barber (Alphabet Soup), 5f, •1:03.00, 1/12

SANTA ANITA

American Lion (Tiznow), 5f, 1:01.80, 23/42

Dakota Phone (Zavata), 4f, •:47.20, 1/50

M One Rifle (One Man Army), 5f, 1:00.00, 7/42

Muskha (Empire Maker), 5f, 1:02.40, 32/42

Pink Blossom (Proud Citizen), 5f, •:59.20, 1/42

Proviso (GB) (Dansili {GB}), 5fT, 1:00.80, 1/3

Starlarks (Ire) (Mujahid), 5fT, 1:01.80, 1/3

The Program (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :48.40, 9/50

The Usual Q. T. (Unusual Heat), 3fT, :38.20, 1/1

Witty (Distorted Humor), 4f, :50.60, 47/50

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★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 14.40, Mdn, £3,600, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.95, stn.

+ **SRDA** (f, 3, [Kingmambo](#)--Marisa, by Swain {Ire}), sent off the 2-1 joint-favorite, was reserved in rear early before making her move against the rail on the turn. Taking over in the final 100 yards, the \$100,000 KEESEP yearling asserted to best Pippbrook Ministar (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) by a half-length. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,457.

O-Saeed Manana; B-Brushwood Stable; T-Clive Brittain.

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AUSTRALASIA



REDOUTE'S CHOICE YEARLINGS SHARE TOP BILLING IN MELBOURNE

A pair of yearlings by Redoute's Choice (Aus) topped yesterday's second session of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Sale with matching final bids of A\$400,000 (US\$362,256). [Lot 254](#), a filly out of group winner Maze (NZ) (Housebuster), was first to bring that price when selling to Bill Mitchell from the consignment of Bellerive Stud. That figure was equalled when [lot 300](#), a colt by



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the Arrowfield stallion, sold to the bid of Dean Hawthorne. Offered by Arrowfield Stud, the yearling is out of Oceanette (Pancho Villa), dam of listed stakes winner Ocean Sunset (Aus) (Admire Vega {Jpn}). Through two sessions, Inglis has sold 267 yearlings for a total of A\$19,763,000. The average of A\$74,019 is up 30 percent from a year ago, while the median of A\$60,000 is up 20 percent. "While the results are a positive reflection on the state of the market, they are also a glowing endorsement for the growth of the internationalization of the Melbourne Premier Sale," said Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster. The auction continues today at 11 a.m.

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INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER SALE TUESDAY'S TOP YEARLINGS

Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
254	filly	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Maze (NZ)	400,000
Consigned by Bellerive Stud Purchased by F W Mitchell				
300	colt	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Oceanette	400,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock				
186	filly	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	It's Who Deanie (Aus)	250,000
Consigned by Makybe Purchased by M Hyland				
316	colt	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Pallenberg (NZ)	240,000
Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds Purchased by R Yiu				
215	colt	Choisir (Aus)	Lanadee (Aus)	235,000
Consigned by Eliza Park Purchased by Rosemont Bloodstock				

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INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER SALE

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

SESSION TOTALS	2010	2009
Catalogued	185	220
No. Offered	170	209
No. Sold	132	166
RNAs	38	43
% RNA	22%	21%
High Price	A\$400,000	A\$365,000
Gross	A\$10,418,000	A\$8,998,272
Average (% change)	A\$78,924 (+45.6%)	A\$54,206
Median (% change)	A\$60,000 (+50%)	A\$40,000
CUMULATIVE	2010	2009
Catalogued	370	420
No. Offered	340	390
No. Sold	267	276
RNAs	73	114
% RNA	21.5%	29.2%
High Price	A\$400,000	A\$365,000
Gross	A\$19,763,000	A\$15,569,000
Average (% change)	A\$74,019 (+30.8%)	A\$56,569
Median (% change)	A\$60,000 (+20%)	A\$50,000

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SUN, \$40,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW26MX, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

WILDWOOD BAND (m, 5, Chimes Band--Wildwood Ghost, by Northern Flagship) Lifetime Record: 13-4-5-0, \$102,917. O-Pierre Jean & Leslie A Amestoy. B-M J Farms (NM). T-Andres Gonzalez.

8th-HAW, \$39,501, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000-\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48, ft.

LAKEAWAY (m, 5, Greenwood Lake--Runaway Ridge, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-6-2-1, \$157,017. O/B-Team Block (IL). T-Chris M Block. *\$12,000 RNA yrl '06 KEESEP.

6th-HAW, \$27,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5, ft.

BOUGAINVILLE (m, 5, Petionville--Golf Widow, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$64,395. O-Todd Boesch, Mary Stout & Melissa Williams, et al. B-Pamela Ann & Bruce W Little (IL). T-Rey Aguirre.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 6th Race, \$45,000 Maiden, at Gulfstream Park. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).