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Coetzee: Rocket Man Dead Fit for Sprint...

Singaporean sensation **Rocket Man (Aus)** (Viscount {Aus}) was unbelievably dismissed at 17-1 for the G2 Cathay Pacific Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 21 and made those doubters pay, sharing the spoils with the locally based **One World (Aus)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). Some have questioned whether trainer Patrick Shaw has asked enough of the gelding in the couple of weeks since that effort, but Felix Coetzee, who was aboard



Rocket Man *hkjc.com photo*


for the victory and has the call this weekend, is not the least bit concerned. "All I can say is, if people are saying he hasn't done a lot of work, then they aren't watching closely enough," the South African told *South China Morning Post*. "I

would say that, among the jockeys, I would be one of the hardest markers on fitness, and I have no complaints at all with Rocket Man's level of fitness. He is very fit and doesn't need a really strong gallop between now and Sunday, but he probably will have a sharp hit-out." A winner of 12 of his 15 career outings, the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen runner-up was having his first run around a right-handed bend in the Jockey Club Sprint and, according to Coetzee, has become increasingly comfortable travelling that way. "I'm happy with him as far as the turn goes, I think he is better now than he was in that race," he told *SCMP*. Coetzee is a two-time winner of the Hong Kong Sprint, having guided the legendary Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie) to titles in 2003 and 2004.

NYC OTB SET TO CLOSE

Bankrupt New York City OTB posted a notice on their website late Tuesday that, as the state Senate failed to pass the bill regarding its reorganization, the company would be shutting their doors as of the end of the day. NYC OTB delayed a threatened closing to give the state Senate the opportunity to act on the bill during a special session Tuesday, The Senate voted in favor of the legislation, 29-21, but needed 32 votes to carry it. The notice read, "Unfortunately, this afternoon, the NYS Senate chose not to pass the bill passed by the Assembly that would have saved NYC OTB. Therefore, due to a lack of unrestricted funds to continue in business, NYC OTB will be ceasing all pari-mutuel wagering operations today, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010, as per our Board of Directors vote, and will proceed to the orderly winding down of its business affairs. Three branches will remain open in Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan for six calendar days after the last day of operations so that customers can cash tickets/vouchers and make account withdrawals. Thereafter, these transactions can be conducted at NYCOTB's customer service center located at 1501 Broadway in Manhattan for up to six weeks. The corporation's website, www.nycotb.com will be updated constantly to keep our customers abreast of all events." The Senate GOP had proposed its own version of the bill Monday, but the New York Racing Association opposed the GOP's revisions, and that was not brought to the floor for a vote. **Cont. p11**

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Ortensia Comes Through Incident Unscathed...

Australia's lone entrant in this year's races is **Ortensia (Aus)** (Testa Rossa {Aus}), and she's already had an eventful stay in Hong Kong. Last Thursday, visiting Sha Tin for the first time, the five-year-old mare was spooked by a cat on the track and threw exercise rider Jake Noonan, son of trainer Tony Noonan. She proceeded to crash through two running rails, but suffered nothing more than superficial cuts and scrapes. "Took some bark [skin] off as we say. We had the physio go over her and she's fine," Tony Noonan said of the disqualified winner of the G1 Galaxy S. in April. "We were able to give her a serious workout on Sunday morning, and she worked soundly and she feels sound. Young Jake said she's moving better than she ever has, and she looks great, so I don't have any



Ortensia *HKJC.com*

great misgivings about the mishap leading into the race. But it is a miracle she wasn't badly hurt." It's not the first time Ortensia has been faced with overcoming adversity in her career. "You could say she's now had three lives," Noonan continued. "She had a blood clot in a tendon sheath after she won the 1000 Guineas Prelude at Caulfield as a three-year-old. Fortunately the vet picked it up and she recovered well, but if we'd left it another 24 hours, who knows what might have happened. Then last year, after she won the Winterbottom S. in Perth, she contracted laminitis. We had to ice her feet every three hours for 10 days, and she got through that as well. She really is quite amazing." Ortensia exits a solid third-place effort in the G1 Patinack Farm Classic at Flemington Nov. 6 and will be ridden in the G1 Hong Kong International Sprint by Craig Williams.

Paco Boy a Cooler Customer...

Paco Boy (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}), most recently fourth to Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa) in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile Nov. 7, is the highest-rated horse at this year's meeting, but is at the end of a long and testing season and hasn't looked all that comfortable in the unseasonably warm Hong Kong air. The five-year-old was singing a different tune yesterday morning, however, as he went through his paces under his regular rider, Elvis Singh, who gave travelling head lad, Tony Gorman, a big thumbs up after completing his canter. "He is really well, in super form," Gorman commented. "I'm confident, if he runs the race he did in America, he will take some beating. This track should be better for him than Churchill Downs. He has one hell of a turn of foot, as he showed in America, but couldn't make up the ground in the short straight there."

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Viva Pataca Giving It One More Go...

Stanley Ho Hung Sun's **Viva Pataca (GB)** (Marju {Ire}) makes an appearance at the International Races for the fifth consecutive year, but is still in search of a first success on the big day. His best finish was a runner-up effort to Godolphin's Ramonti (Fr) (Martino Alonso {Ity})



Viva Pataca (3) *HKJC.com*

when the 3-10 favorite in 2007 in the G1 Hong Kong Cup over 2000 meters, but at age eight, he seems better suited by the 2400 meters of the Vase, a race in which he was a midpack sixth last year behind Daryakana (Fr)

(Selkirk). The bay gelding is coming off a deceptively strong fifth in the Nov. 21 G2 Jockey Club Mile over a trip well short of his best, and seems to have come on for the effort. "Viva's still got a spring in his step and he's going round like a three-year-old," his jockey Darren Beadman explained. "We would have liked to get one more run into him [his preparation was held up by a shoe boil]. But he's in very good form, and we'll be in there doing our best. [G1 Melbourne Cup hero] **American** (Dynaformer) looks as though he'll be very hard to beat, but I think the ground might be a problem for him."



Hong Kong Notes cont.

Prebble One To Down in CXIJC...

Jockey Douglas Whyte, a 10-time winner of the jockeys' premiership in Hong Kong, believes that his rival Brett Prebble is the one to fear most in tonight's Cathay Pacific International Jockeys' Championship at the tight-turning Happy Valley Racecourse on Hong Kong island.



Brett Prebble *HKJC.com*

"I've got some nice chances, but Brett [Prebble] looks the likely winner," commented the "Durban Demon," himself a three-time champion of the series. "He's drawn some really good mounts and is the man to beat. A couple of my mounts might need an ounce of luck, and I'd say I'm hopeful rather than confident." A total of 12 of the world's top reinsmen will do battle this evening in four races, including England's Ryan Moore,

Ireland's John Murtagh and France's Christophe-Patrice Lemaire, who shared top honors in 2009 on 12 points. Julien Leparoux, representing the United States for the first time, is relishing the opportunity, and seems unfazed by the challenge riding at Happy Valley will offer.

"Don't worry, we've got plenty of small, tight tracks in the States," Leparoux offered. "It won't be a problem. A few people here have told me I have some good mounts, so I am reasonably confident. It is fantastic to be here and I'm really looking forward to the night's racing." The other participants include Nash Rawiller (Australia), Hiroyuki Uchida (Japan), Joao Moreira (Singapore), Olivier Peslier (France), Anton Marcus (South Africa) and leading local freelance rider Howard Cheng.




Julien Leparoux
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SESSION	2010
No. Catalogued	123
No. Offered	105
No. Sold	70
RNA	35
% RNA	33.3%
Highest Price	€70,000
Gross	€669,000
Average	€9,557
Median	€5,500
*Private Sales:	
No. Sold	2
Gross	€19,000
Total Gross	€688,000
CUMULATIVE	2010
No. Catalogued	878
No. Offered	790
No. Sold	567
RNA	223
% RNA	28.2%
No. €500k+	3
Highest Price	€800,000
Gross	€16,314,000
Average	€28,772
Median	€12,000
*Private Sales:	
No. Sold	31
Gross	€806,500
Total Gross	€17,120,500

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VALUE SIRE--KENTUCKY 'PROVEN'

Unlike the objective data which we analyze and interpret, identifying 'value' in stud fees is a highly relative and subjective process. Indeed, I'm sure the subjective eagle eye of Rob Whiteley is likely to tell us there are almost NO stallions which provide value. The trouble with trying to enforce a correlation between yearling prices and current stud fees is that if you sign the pledge, there will be almost nothing you can breed to; and Rob, like many others, has mares to breed.



Rob Whiteley

For my part, I never bought the argument that there either is, or should be, such a correlation. Commercial breeders are not the only ones who buy stud fees; the stallion owner or manager's responsibility is to try and maximize the value of his asset--plus,

one thing for certain is that, whatever prices yearlings are trading for in 2013 (when foals born from 2011 matings will be yearlings), the one thing that's guaranteed is that they won't be at the same levels they were in 2010. If they are, it will be the first time in my 35 years in the business that it has happened. They may be higher; hopefully they won't be lower. They won't be the same.

So, in relative terms, I believe there is value in the stallion market, in fact, quite a bit of value, because prices are generally low. There's particular pressure on unproven stallions now as people try to take the safer option, but there has been a very dramatic collapse of prices, in which most North American thoroughbreds are worth roughly half what they were worth three years ago. So there's plenty of pressure on proven sires, too, and, some very fair prices to be found among Kentucky 2011 stud fees for proven sires, I think. I'm going to highlight them this week; in next week's column we'll look at Kentucky's unproven sires, beginning with 2010 freshman sires and including the four subsequent Kentucky sire crops up to and including those standing their first seasons in 2011. As always, please may I emphasize this is a subjective list and I can't mention everybody. I apologize in advance if a horse in which you have a financial or emotional interest isn't mentioned. We do have a standing policy of publishing and commenting on all 'Nominations From The Floor,' when our readers spot an omission or embarrassing gaffe.

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Let's Start At the Top...

I'd say it's been a few years since the top four living sires on the general sire list all stood for \$100,000 or under, but that is the case for 2011, and, as far as I'm concerned, that makes all four of them very good value. Distorted Humor (Forty Niner) remains at \$100,000 for 2011, while Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat) actually drops a notch, to \$85,000. Okay, things aren't what they used to be, when the likes of Mr. Prospector, Danzig, Sadler's Wells, Storm Cat, and a younger A.P. Indy were miles ahead of their closest pursuers, but still, these are the top sires now (by the way, they are very good sires) and I just don't agree this is expensive given their levels of accomplishment. It's a lot of money, sure, but it's not bad value. Same goes for the newest top five sire, Malibu Moon (A.P. Indy), who started out for \$3,000 in Maryland (first foals 2001). He's cheap at twenty times that price now. Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector), twice champion sire and fifth on the sire List this year (deceased Maria's Mon, sire of 2010 GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver, is fourth), remains at \$75,000. His stud fee is suppressed because of the belief that he's not a very commercial sire; maybe so, maybe not, but in either case he's a great buy for owner-breeders who can operate at that level.

Incidentally, if you're one of that vast army of people who studies sire lists you may have noticed that Giant's Causeway now leads Distorted Humor on the *Blood-Horse* General Sire List (long accepted as the industry standard, before *TDN* came along), whereas



Gary King

our list has Distorted Humor on top. Both lists exclude money from Japan as it's disproportionate, and the *Blood-Horse*, but not *TDN*, excludes earnings in Hong Kong. However, after investigation by crack *TDN* researcher Gary King, we can reveal the difference is a hurdler in North America by Giant's Causeway who has earned over \$200,000 this year. Our lists do not include earnings from any jump races,

and presumably the *Blood-Horse* list excludes earning from European jump races, so why does it count American? Nothing against Giant's Causeway, you understand--I love both horses, and either is the deserving leading sire of 2010. But it seems a little harsh on Distorted Humor if he doesn't get the title because the *Blood-Horse* couldn't be bothered to ask The Jockey Club Information Systems to exclude North American jumping earnings like it presumably does all other jumping earnings.

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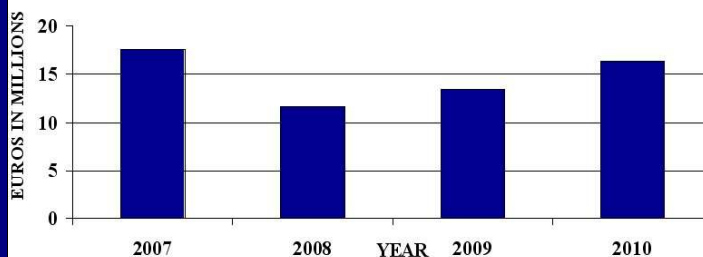
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Like Tattersalls' December Sale, the Arqana December Sale at Deauville had plunged in 2008 but has been steadily recovering since. This year's catalogue was almost as big as that in 2007, and with more horses sold, the gross for the sale was less than 10 percent below the 2007 gross. Arqana's best session is the opening one Saturday, and, like Tattersalls' big day eight days ago, bidding was furious for the good stuff. A filly and a mare off the racetrack, and a mare in foal to Galileo, each brought between €700,000-€800,000, all three bought by Japan's Yoshida family."

- Bill Oppenheim

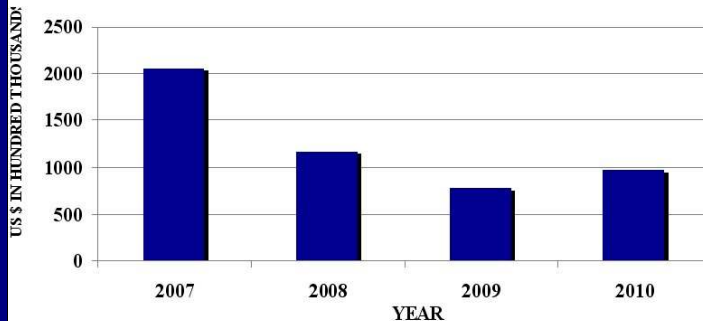
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	881	790	567	10.3%	71.8%	64.4%	€16,314,000	€28,772
2009	748	674	512	9.9%	76.0%	68.4%	€13,389,500	€26,151
2008	734	656	464	10.6%	70.7%	63.2%	€11,567,500	€24,930
2007	891	825	530	7.4%	64.2%	59.5%	€17,636,000	€33,275

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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	349	278	158	20.3%	56.8%	45.3%	\$968,100	\$6,127
2009	344	275	169	20.1%	61.5%	49.1%	\$776,300	\$4,593
2008	389	295	186	24.2%	63.1%	47.8%	\$1,169,400	\$6,287
2007	582	474	287	18.6%	60.5%	49.3%	\$2,056,500	\$7,166

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

But I digress. We've talked before about the powerful group of F2006 sires (first foals four-year-olds of '10). The top 10 in cumulative progeny earnings from this group (see the 'Third-Crop Cumulative Earnings' table in the Sire List section of the *TDN* website) all started out in North America, although the one with the highest ranking on the '10 general sire list, Lion Heart (Tale of the Cat), was sold to Turkey at the beginning of this year. The fact that he can even live with this bunch, much less top them all in '10 earnings (courtesy of Dangerous Midge's win in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf), makes him a great buy for Turkish breeders. But America's big four among F2006 sires right now are Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado {Ire}, \$100,000 for 2011), Tapit (Pulpit, \$80,000), Speightstown (Gone West, \$50,000), and Candy Ride (Ride the Rails, \$40,000). In their first three crops, Tapit has sired 23 black-type winners (nine are graded/group stakes winners, abbreviated GSW) and 40 BT horses (including black-type winners and black-type placed horses). Medaglia d'Oro has 20 BT winners (nine GSW), 35 BT horses; Speightstown has 19 BT winners (eight GSW), 32 BT horses; and Candy Ride has 15 BT winners (seven GSW) and 28 BT horses. Candy Ride was unbeaten in his six starts on the racetrack, including a win in the GI Pacific Classic with an off-the-graph 123 Beyer.

I suppose those \$40,000 seasons are all gone now, but if you've snared one, or if by hook or crook you can still get one, you're in to certainly the best value stallion in America standing for \$40,000 or more. These four sires are all going right to the top, so just breeding to them at all is a win; but breeding to Candy Ride at \$40,000, well, that's about as good a bet as a breeder can make.

There are plenty of attractive buys at \$30,000 and under among the contingent of proven sires with four or more crops of racing age in '10 (first foals 2005 [five-year-olds of '10] and earlier). Arch (Kris S.) has always had a following, but achieved a personal best this year with GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Blame. He looks very fair value at \$30,000 for '11. Sky Mesa (Pulpit) was leading second-crop sire in '08, which means he should have a much better crop of yearlings at the sales in '11. He's also at \$30,000, as is Stormy Atlantic (Storm Cat), who is down a third from his career high of \$45,000. He has ranked in the top 15 on the general sire list the last five years in a row. Talk about consistent; that one-third drop (though not in one year) could nearly qualify him for the Whiteley Watch.



Blame (right) *Horsephotos*

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Also at \$30,000 is Tale of the Cat (Storm Cat). A former leading juvenile sire (with his second crop), he's sired a successful sire son in Lion Heart, and had two top-class horses from his 2005 crop, Tale of Ekati and Gio Ponti. I give Gio Ponti, at this impossibly early stage, a reasonable chance to win the 2011 G1 Dubai World Cup.

Dropping down a notch to \$25,000, we have two more F2005 sires (first foals 2005, five-year-olds of 2010), like Sky Mesa, in Harlan's Holiday (Harlan) and Mineshaft (A.P. Indy). Harlan's Holiday emerged from a quiet spell after a hot start with the pro tem Sprint Champion, Majesticperfection, who beat subsequent GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Big Drama convincingly in the GI A.G. Vanderbilt at Saratoga. Mineshaft currently ranks 15th on the general sire list, continuing the significant improvement he's been showing in the last two seasons. City Zip (Carson City) is 20th on the sire list, and edges up to \$15,000 for next year. He's a consistently solid sire for the money. Successful Appeal (Valid Appeal) drops to \$15,000, the lowest price he's been since coming to Kentucky. His numbers are great for that kind of money. Holy Bull (Great Above) is rising 20 years old, but still looks good value at \$10,000. He's the sire of Macho Uno and the damsire of Munnings.

Leading Freshman Sire Congrats used to be known as the full brother to Flatter (A.P. Indy); now it's the other way around. But \$7,500 sire Flatter is a great buy himself; he's done really well from little chance. Pure Prize (Storm Cat) doesn't figure on the Sire List this year, but just to make sure you don't forget him, Vinery has dropped him to a bargain-basement \$5,000 for 2011 (that is a 50-percent drop from 2011, so he definitely makes the Whiteley Watch). With millionaire Pure Clan in his second Northern crop, and impressive successes down south in Argentina, he looks a fantastic buy at that price.

Young and Promising...

Among the vintage F2006 North American sire crop, as discussed, there are the big four of Medaglia d'Oro, Tapit, Speightstown, and Candy Ride, plus Lion Heart. Number six among this crop in cumulative progeny earnings is Birdstone (Grindstone), another you can't find on the 2010 leading sire lists. He drops to \$20,000 from \$30,000, and maybe is an owner-breeder's, rather than a commercial, horse, but let's not forget he sired two American Classic winners in his first crop, Mine That Bird and Summer Bird. Number six F2006 sire in 2010 progeny earnings is Pleasantly Perfect (Pleasant Colony), especially after his Shared Account upset Midday in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf.

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Winner himself of the 2003 GI Breeders' Cup Classic and 2004 G1 Dubai World Cup--in both races defeating Medaglia d'Oro--and with earnings of over \$7.7-million, Pleasantly Perfect suddenly looks awfully good value at \$7,500 for 2011. Pleasant Colony only ever had two good sons at stud, and both of them stood or stand at Lane's End, the other being recently deceased Pleasant Tap. One who doesn't figure on the crop's leading sires by earnings list, but is getting the job done, is Airdrie's dirt-cheap \$3,500 stallion, Canadian Frontier (Gone West). Strictly a sprinter himself who won the GII Bold Ruler at six furlongs in 2004, Canadian Frontier's second crop includes two graded-stakes winning three-year-old fillies: Keeneland seven-furlong Grade II winner Hilda's Passion, who has now earned over \$230,000; and the Brere' Jones homebred No Such Word, who took her earnings past the \$650,000 mark with her win in the nine-furlong GI Gazelle S. at Aqueduct. You can bet he'll be covering a three-figure book next spring, at that price.

Among sires with their first three-year-olds in 2010 (F2007 sires), as we've noted the runaway leaders are Darley's European pair, Dubawi (Dubai Millennium) and Shamardal (Giant's Causeway).

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Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Nicole H	Mr. Greeley	Garland of Roses H.	104
Imco Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit	Zia Park Distance Championship H.	102
Pool Play	Silver Deputy	Valedictory S.	102
Sand Cove	Bold Executive	Sir Barton S.	98
Stachys	Candy Ride (Arg)	Zia Park Derby	98
Twilight Meteor	Smart Strike	Tropical Turf H.-G3	98
Aggie Engineer	E Dubai	Native Diver H.-G3	96
Strike Again	Dixie Union	Buddy Diliberto Memorial H.	96
Valli With a Vow	Broken Vow	Pago Hop S.	95
Washington Bridge	Yankee Gentleman	Bayakoa H.-G2	95
Perfect for You	Giant's Causeway	Holiday Inaugural S.	93
Queen's Harbor	Mizzen Mast	East View S.	93
Seans Silverdancer	Najran	Pat Whitworth Illinois Debutante S.	93
Askbut I Won'tell	Horse Chestnut (SAF)	My Charmer H.-G3	91
Music Please	Bowman's Band	Squan Song S.	90
Inglorious	Hennessy	Ontario Lassie S.	89
Jannas Pride	Desert God	New Mexico Eddy County S.	87
Beau de Beauvre	Holy Bull	Damon Runyon S.	86

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25 RECOMMENDED KENTUCKY PROVEN SIRE FOR 2011 (alphabetically)

SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	FARM	FEE	FEE
AFLEET ALEX	2002	NORTHERN AFLEET	2007	GAINESWAY	25000	15000
ARCH	1995	KRIS S.	2000	CLAIBORNE	30000	25000
BIRDSTONE	2001	GRINDSTONE	2006	GAINESWAY	20000	30000
CANADIAN FRONTIER	1999	GONE WEST	2006	AIRDRIE	3500	3500
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDE THE RAILS	2006	LANE'S END	40000	25000
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	LANE'S END	15000	10000
CLOSING ARGUMENT	2002	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	2007	MILLENNIUM	5000	5000
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	WINSTAR	100000	100000
FLATTER	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	CLAIBORNE	7500	5000
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	ASHFORD	85000	100000
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	1999	HARLAN	2005	AIRDRIE	25000	25000
HOLY BULL	1991	GREAT ABOVE	1996	DARLEY	10000	10000
MALIBU MOON	1997	A.P. INDY	2001	SPENDTHRIFT	60000	40000
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	DARLEY	100000	100000
MINESHAFT	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	LANE'S END	25000	20000
OFFLEE WILD	2000	WILD AGAIN	2007	DARLEY	7500	7500
PLEASANTLY PERFECT	1998	PLEASANT COLONY	2006	LANE'S END	7500	10000
PURE PRIZE	1998	STORM CAT	2004	VINERY	5000	10000
SKY MESA	2000	PULPIT	2005	3 CHIMNEYS	30000	25000
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	LANE'S END	75000	75000
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	WINSTAR	50000	35000
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	STORM CAT	2000	HILL 'N' DALE	30000	35000
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	VALID APPEAL	2002	WALMAC	15000	17500
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	STORM CAT	2000	ASHFORD	30000	30000
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	2006	GAINESWAY	80000	50000



Oppenheim cont.

In North America, the two leaders are Kentucky's Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet), North America's champion three-year-old colt of 2005; and last year's leading freshman sire by number of winners (39!), Wildcat Heir (Forest Wildcat), who stands at Florida's Journeyman Stud for \$10,000.



Blind Luck Benoit Photo

Afleet Alex holds a small lead over Wildcat Heir in 2010 progeny earnings, but Wildcat Heir, who's had a very strong year in 2010 himself, leads in cumulative progeny earnings. Afleet Alex has 11 BT winners in his first two crops, Wildcat Heir eight. The one-eyed Pollard's Vision (Carson City), sire of the top three-year-old filly Blind Luck, runs third in North America, with seven BT winners.

He'll be standing for \$12,500 in 2011; Afleet Alex, who looks like he is consistently siring two-turn horses with some class, will stand for \$25,000, and if he keeps progressing like he did in 2010, that will look good value, too.

Offlee Wild (Wild Again) was leading freshman sire last year, but hasn't featured so much in 2010. Still, for a sire who would never have enjoyed the best of opportunities, his numbers have remained higher than they might have. Darley stood him for a righteous \$7,500 fee in 2010, and he remains at that price for 2011. On the basis of what he's done so far, I think that price will prove to be a bargain, too.

Closing Argument (Successful Appeal), who ran second to Giacomo in the 2005 GI Kentucky Derby (I hit that exacta, don't ask me how), with Afleet Alex third, moves to Millennium Farms for only \$5,000. He gets runners, and can get an attractive sales horse, too.

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NEWS TODAY

NY SENATE IN CONFLICT OVER NYC OTB

BILL Staten Island Republican Andrew Lanza, who sponsored the GOP's version of the NYC OTB bill, told *Daily Racing Form* that "politics" were to blame for the clash between the parties over the issue. "The Senate Democratic majority is putting this bill on the floor knowing they don't have the votes for passage, so why then are we voting on this bill?" Lanza told *DRF*. "For only one reason--politics. 'Let's stick it to the other side, let's be able to blame them.' I got another piece of legislation--if you believe this bill is a good bill, then you've got to really love my bill." But Democrats were not the only ones opposed to the GOP-crafted changes. In a press release issued yesterday, NYRA stated that the provisions outlined in that version of the legislation "would force NYRA into bankruptcy once again." The release went on to say that NYRA would lose more than \$11 million in revenue if the mandates for the regional OTBs under the proposed bill were passed and that, combined with the reductions in revenue from NYC OTB already in the bill, would mean an aggregate loss of \$20 million. "NYRA cannot sustain a revenue reduction of \$20 million and continue to operate the three racetracks," said NYRA's President and CEO Charles Hayward. "The consequence of the legislation being advocated by the regional OTBs is that NYRA would be forced to close." Hayward added, "No regional OTB can survive long without the NYRA product. The net result of the legislation being sought by the regional OTBs would be the eventual closure of their own corporations, and the elimination of Thoroughbred racing in New York State." Lanza called on NYC OTB to remain open while the two sides hash out their differences. "There is no reason for you to pull the plug, no legal reason, no actual reason for that to happen," Lanza was quoted in *DRF*. "That's absolute baloney."



Sen. Lanza

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At the RTIP Symposium on Racing and Gaming

EVANS DELIVERS THOUGHT-PROVOKING KEYNOTE ADDRESS by RTIP Student Jim McVicker

Robert Evans, president and CEO of Churchill Downs Inc., presented the keynote address at The University of Arizona's 37th Annual Symposium on Racing and Gaming Tuesday. Evans, who is also a Thoroughbred breeder and owner of Tenlane Farms, shared his five reasons to be optimistic about Thoroughbred racing's long-term future in his presentation entitled, "Why I'm Still Breeding Racehorses."

Using power point ([click here for the entire presentation](#)), he outlined topics that included, "the most important trends in the industry," and "perspectives on where the industry is headed." One of the current trends he pointed to was the downward economic spiral. "Lower handle leads to lower revenues, which leads to lower return on capital and, ultimately, less capital invested overall," Evans remarked. "This downward decline can often be difficult to reverse once it has taken hold."

To counter this threatening scenario, Evans presented a potential business model that would require racing to operate in a more "self-sustaining" manner while, at the same time, utilizing the casino subsidies. A key component was the requirement that a track operate at five-percent profitably, pre-tax level (excluding monies for gaming subsidies).

The model, he said, would "permit the racing industry the time and financial resources to adjust and modify to the critical changes required to sustain the industry."

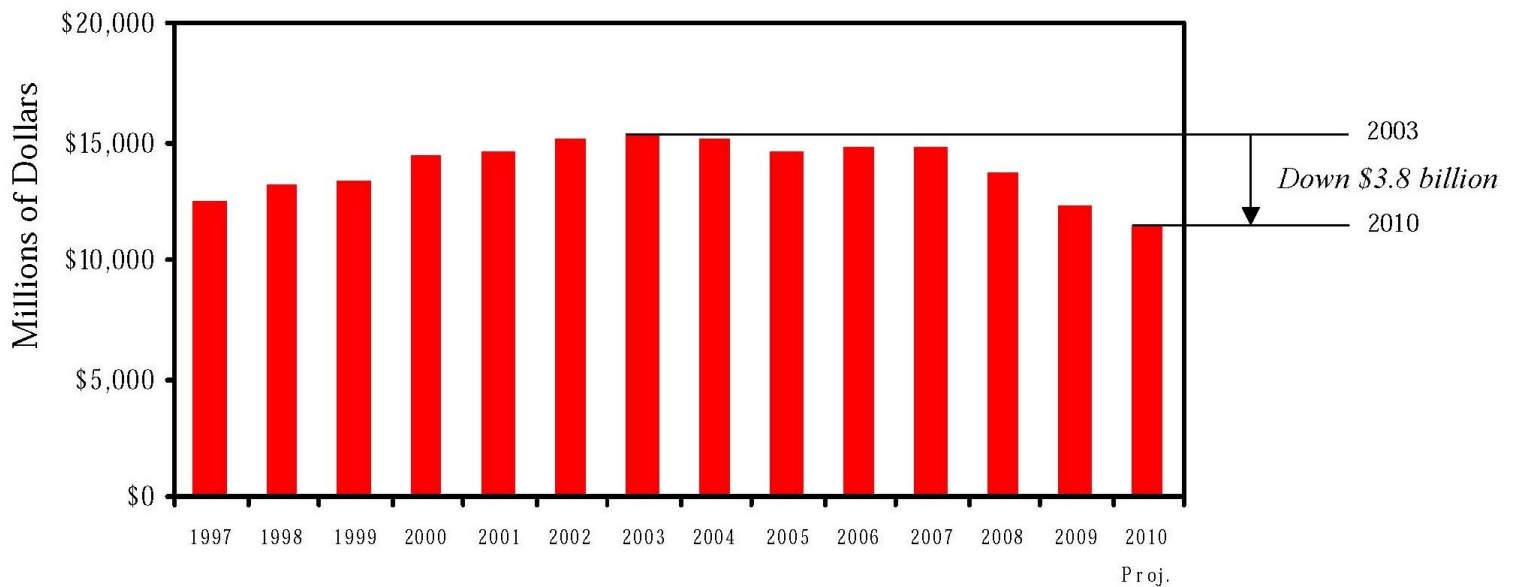
But, he cautioned, "These are not forecasts or predictions, but merely a business model of one possible outcome of the economic forces we face."

He added that the model could be wrong, because the assumptions could be wrong: racetrack operators might not face economic pressures; legislation and regulation may not permit market forces to work; racing may become socially unacceptable; or, "We find the secret to making racing more interesting to consumers."

As in any business, the laws of supply and demand impact racing. Evans pointed out the supply-and-demand components of racing: owner/breeder supply, and track/OTB/ADW demand.

Handle is declining.

Total U.S. Handle



U.S. handle down 25% from 2003 peak.



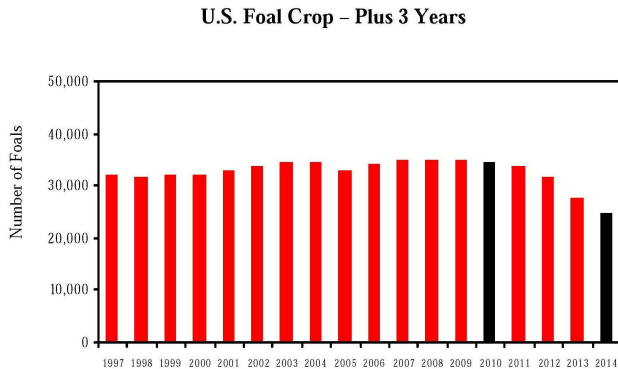


Symposium cont.

The current challenges to the industry include lower returns on sales yearlings, which in turn had cut down on the number of horses produced each year.

“Yearling sales are down 49 percent from the 2006 peak,” Evans said. “There have been fewer horses produced, and the most sobering statistic is that the number of U.S.-bred three-year-olds will decline 28 percent by 2014,” making it difficult to fill races.

Number of U.S.-bred 3yos will decline 28% by 2014.

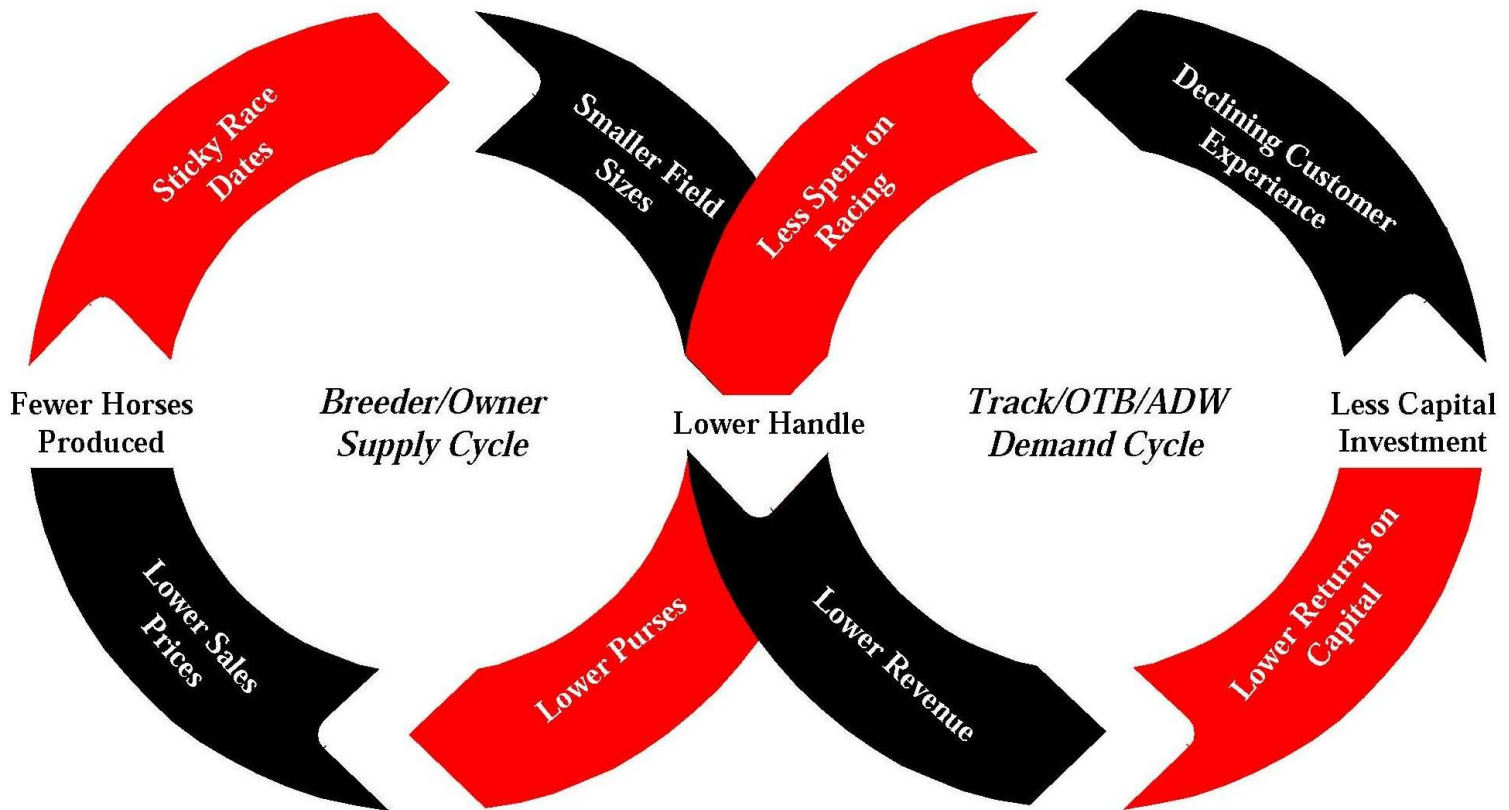


Evans continued, “There is a high correlation between the health of the stock market and yearling sales. The current U.S. economy will require three to four years to recover and, so, too, will racing’s economy.” He outlined key assumptions to make the business model work.

**What is the future of racing and when do we get there?
KEY ASSUMPTIONS**

- Handle grows 2% annually to \$15.5 billion in 2020
- Used composite of CDI track cost structure in 13 cost categories
- Increased costs 2% a year for inflation
- Handle by channel
 - On-Track (11%) and Rebate (10%) channels constant as % of handle
 - ADW grows from 13% to 23%
 - Simulcast declines from 60% to 52%
 - Other channels (tribal casinos, Las Vegas, etc.) decline from 6% to 4%
- Handle by geographic origin remains as in 2010
- Signal pricing and takeout splits by channel remain at 2010 levels
- Purse contributions from gaming grow 5%/year

Clearly our industry is consolidating ... not expanding.



The question is: Where are we headed?





Symposium cont.

Racing 2020 ... A Viable Business Model		
	2010	2020
Handle	\$12.3 B	\$15.5 B
Purses	\$1.2 B	\$1.7 B
Number of Races	56,000	31,000
Number of Race Days	6,600	3,100
Number of Racetracks	55	26
Average handle per race	\$230,000	\$495,000
Average purse per race	\$22,000	\$55,000
Number of starters	74,000	56,000
Average field size per race	8.2	12.0

While challenges to the industry exist, Evans finds several reasons for optimism, including:

1) Alternative gaming at the track is expanding. Gaming



Robert Evans RTIP

subsidies will account for higher percentage of purse money. This can provide the capital, and time, required to allow racing to “get its house in order.”

2) Balance sheets are improving. The number of tracks owned by companies with strong balance sheets allows for the needed cash to transform racing’s failing business model.

3) Racing can embrace technology that will exponentially expand on customer knowledge, customer demands, trends and preferences.

4) There is a market for quality. “The top U.S. races [Triple Crown, Breeders’ Cup, etc.] saw an 18-percent increase in handle [between 2003 and 2009],” Evans explained, while total U.S. handle declined 19 percent. Handle on the top 465 U.S. races remained even against the overall decline.

5) Innovation is the basis of competition for customers, as demonstrated by the fact that Monmouth’s unique Eltie Summer Meet showed a significant increase in handle. Evans stressed the importance of innovation, saying “Try big stuff. Focus on creating one more profitable day of racing per week”. (Churchill’s Friday Night racing was a prime example).

Evans concluded by stressing, “Innovation, technology and quality are the paths to success.”

New Officers for TPA...

(Edited press release) The Turf Publicists of America (TPA) has elected a new president and four vice presidents to serve the organization in 2011, it was announced Tuesday at the TPA’s Mark Kaufman Workshop at the University of Arizona Symposium on Racing and Gaming. Incoming President Bill Knauf of Monmouth Park will be joined on the 2011 board by vice presidents Mandy Minger of *Daily Racing Form* and Peter Rotondo of Breeders’ Cup Ltd., each of whom were elected to serve a two-year term under a new voting procedure implemented this year; and vice presidents Julie Sarno, a consultant and former TPA president, and Dan Silver of the New York Racing Association, each of whom were elected to serve a one-year term. In addition, Secretary-Treasurer Dave Zenner of Arlington Park had his term extended by one year to ensure that the president and secretary-treasurer will no longer be elected in the same year. Knauf, who had served two separate stints as a vice president of the organization, succeeds John Engelhardt of River Downs after his term as president of the TPA expired. Knauf will serve a two-year term. The new slate of officers was installed immediately.



RCI Calls for Severe Penalties for Zillmax Positives:

(Edited press release) The Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) yesterday classified Zilpaterol Hydrochloride as a “Class 3” substance, and called for the most severe penalty should it be found in a racehorse. The RCI Board called for a minimum penalty of a one-year suspension, and fines in excess of \$10,000 for a first Zilpaterol hydrochloride (Zillmax) violation. A second violation would result in a three-year suspension and a minimum fine of \$25,000. A third positive would result in a five-year suspension and a \$50,000 fine. Zilpaterol Hydrochloride is an adrenergic agonist drug licensed in Mexico and South Africa as a feed additive for cattle at slaughter age. Zilpaterol is a relatively new product and is manufactured by the same company that manufactures Ractopamine. “Neither of these drugs has any business being administered to a horse, and certainly the presence of either substance in a horse can only be interpreted as a deliberate attempt to cheat by circumventing the current restrictions on anabolic steroids, as the effect is perceived to be similar,” RCI President Ed Martin said. In other action, the RCI Board adopted a recommendation from the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium to reclassify Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) as a Class 4 substance, with a recommended a plasma threshold of 10 micrograms/ml, which would allow for its use as a topical leg paint, but would not allow for the oral or intravenous administration of the drug.

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Industry Info cont.

BGFC Elects New Members; President:

(Edited Press Release)

Blue Grass Farms Charities elected new board members and officers at its November board of directors meeting. Newly elected board members are: Beth Burchell, April Dutille, Anna Seitz and Shannon White. Newly elected to the office of President of the Board of Directors is Mary Lee-Butte, who already serves as Chief Executive of the charity and manages its day-to-day activities. Lee-Butte is the 2009 recipient of the Dogwood Dominion Award and also manages the Don and Mary Lee-Butte Charitable Foundation. Remaining offices on the Board of Directors were unchanged: Vice President Lisa Sheehy, Treasurer Nicole Pieratt and Secretary Kelly Carter. Longstanding BGFC Director Tom Thornbury will become a member of the board of advisors upon completion of his current term. In September, Dana Ross was hired by the charity as executive assistant.



Son of Dubai Millennium to Chanteclair Farm:

Unraced **Ten Centuries** (h, 8, Dubai Millennium {GB}--Fitnah, by Fit to Fight), whose first foals are two-year-olds of this year, will move to Chanteclair Farm in Woodford County, Kentucky, for 2011. A \$1.6 million KEESEP yearling, the chestnut is a half to GISW Dreams Gallore (Silver Ghost), as well as GSWs Fateful Dream (Distant View) and Absent Friend (Runaway Groom). The only son of Dubai Millennium standing in North America, he will be offered at \$2,000, live foal.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Dec. 8

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2007 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

BANDINI (Fusaichi Pegasus), Walmac Farm, \$18K, 100/8/0

8-RP, Msw, 6f, Roma Jean, \$6K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

BELLAMY ROAD (Concerto), Pauls Mill, \$13K, 93/12/3

9-AQU, Msw, 1mT, Able Bellamy, 3-1

GIACOMO (Holy Bull), Adena Springs Kentucky, \$13K, 77/7/1

1-PEN, Msw, 1m, Another Bull Run, \$40K OBS AUG yrl, 7-2

SHARP HUMOR (Distorted Humor), WinStar Farm LLC, \$13K, 110/22/2

9-AQU, Msw, 1mT, Rudy Rudy Rudy, \$14K EAS SEP yrl, 4-1

SILVER TRAIN (Old Trieste), Vinery, \$25K, 125/21/0

8-RP, Msw, 6f, Miss Silver Ridge, \$5K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Dec. 8

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

MINGUN (A.P. Indy), York Stud, \$8K, 136/31/2

8-RP, Msw, 6f, +Dare We Dream, \$22K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2



Yesterday's Results:

VALLEY FORGE S., \$75,200, PHA, 12-7, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

1--**#TEMECULA CREEK, 118, h, 6, Gulch--Serenita (Arg) (Ch. 2yo-Arg, G1SW-Arg, MGISP-US), by Southern Halo.** O-Steven Speranza and Robert Joscelyn; B-Amerman Racing LLC (FL); T-Rudy R Rodriguez; J-Cornelio H Velasquez; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 28-10-4-5, \$385,736.

2--**One Ocean Drive**, 116, g, 4, Ocean Terrace--One Time Baby, by Deputed Testamony. (\$5,500 wlng '06 FTMDEC; \$18,000 RNA yrl '07 FTMOCT; \$10,000 RNA 2yo '08 FTMMAY). O-Eugene J Griffiths. \$15,000.

3--**Indianski**, 117, g, 5, Speed Jaro (Fr)--Frosty Lady Who, by Ice Age. O-Gavin-Ty Racing LLC. \$8,250. Margins: 2HF, 1HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.60, 22.70, 6.90.

Temecula Creek, who graduated at the Spa in his sole start at two, was useful if not sparkling during his three-year-old campaign while under the tutelage of Hall of Famer Bobby

Frankel. In the money in all three starts at four, the chestnut, now under the care of Rudy Rodriguez, won four straight against allowance foes earlier this spring and summer. Thrown in with the big boys for the Aug. 8 GI A. G.

Vanderbilt H., the six-year-old had to settle for fifth, beaten 5 3/4 lengths behind Majesticperfection (Harlan's Holiday). Runner-up in Monmouth's Icecapade S. Sept. 5, Temecula Creek came home fourth in the Oct. 2 GI Vosburgh S. before tiring late to be sixth in the Oct. 30 GIII Bold Ruler H. Dropped back into easier company for his latest start, he responded to score in a \$75,000 optional claiming event at this oval Nov. 25. Favored to earn black-type this time, the Florida bred stalked the early pace in fourth, swung out for the stretch drive and proved best to win going away.



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IN BRITAIN:

Love Delta, c, 3, **Seeking the Gold**--Delta Princess (MGSW, \$740,918), by A.P. Indy. Southwell, 12-7, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-Palides Investments NV Inc & Hair 'Em Corporation. *\$260,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; 100,000gns 2yo '09 TATAPR.



DBS SEASON CLOSURES

Doncaster Bloodstock Sales' year concluded yesterday at the end of the one-day Horses-in-Training Sale which was blighted by a plethora of RNAs. However, the auction house expressed satisfaction at annual returns which saw increases in the yearly aggregate and average. Topping the sheets during a relatively subdued and weather-affected final session was Hip [50](#), Tropical Beach (Ire) (Kris {GB}), who went the way of Stephen Hillen for £31,000. Offered by regular DBS supporter Darley, the nine-year-old dam of two previous winners sold in foal to hot sire Dubawi (Ire). "Today has proved to be one of frustration, as we battled the elements to stage a sale, but endured a number of high priced unsold lots," admitted managing director Henry Beeby. "That the sale took place at all is testament to our staff, who worked round the clock to clear the yards and walkways over the last few days. These are so often the unseen part of our team, but Andrew Powell and his crew deserve every credit for ensuring we had a Complex from which to operate. Did the weather stop buyers is a question that we have posed to ourselves, but the evidence is not there to support that view, although there are always exceptions and who knows what things will be like next week?"



"That the sale follows an incredibly intense and busy few weeks may be as large a factor as the freezing conditions, but people were able to get to Doncaster and the sale was widely promoted since the publication of the catalogue. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that there were a good number of buyers at all levels of the market and there was interest at a level in each of the high profile unsold lots albeit a level that did not coincide with the expectations of the vendors. In fact the results of this sale only go to illustrate the vagaries of any horses in training/mixed sale as the quality of the entry can vary dramatically from year to year for no particular reason." Turning to 2010 as a whole, Beeby, continued, "It is a shame to end the DBS year on a negative note, but 2010 has largely been a successful year for us especially when viewed in the context of the challenging world wide economic environment. We sold the world's highest priced National Hunt horse at public auction for the ninth consecutive year, made a promising start to sales at Newbury, recorded very satisfactory results at our flagship Yearling and Breeze-Up sales--and both enjoyed huge success on the track--and the majority of our sales showed some recovery following the downturn of the last eighteen months. Indeed we have returned improved annual statistics for turnover and average so we are far from despondent and look forward to 2011 with enormous enthusiasm for the industry we love and will continue to promote in every way we are able. Let's just hope the powers that be can deliver a more attractive model that will allow us to promote a united and viable industry to the world."



**DBS DECEMBER HIT
Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

SESSION	2010	2009
Catalogued	225	285
Offered	165	206
Sold	99	131
RNA	66	75
%RNA	40%	36%
Highest Price	£31,000	£87,000
Gross	£462,400	£1,147,450
Average	£4,670 (-46.7%)	£8,759
Median	£3,000 (-3.2%)	£3,100

YEAR	2010	2009
Offered	2944	2870
Sold	2009	2074
RNA	935	796
%RNA	31.8%	27.7%
Gross	£27,563,800 (+3.6%)	£26,602,400
Average	£13,720 (+7%)	£12,827

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Yesterday's Result:

Lingfield, 13.20, Mdn, £4,250, 2yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:40.03, stn.

HAWAAFEZ (GB) (f, 2, Nayef--Merayaat {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB}), a first-up third over course and distance Nov. 24, made a swift exit, but was restrained in a handy sixth after the initial exchanges of this second go. Bounding into contention rounding the home turn, the 8-11 pick seized control passing the eighth pole and was urged clear in the closing stages to score by two lengths from Baisse (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,137. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd; T-Marcus Tregoning.

TDN Euro is:

- England:** Sean Cronin (CAFE Racing)
Tom Frary (CAFE Racing)
Barry Sangster (CAFE Racing)
Gavin Dobson (CAFE Racing)
- France:** Claude Beniada
- Germany:** Christa Riebel
- Ireland:** Dave Keena
- Italy:** Giorgio Barsotti



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1	9	Baganzola (Ire)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Borrelli	Bordonaro
2	2	Cast Away (Ire)	Refuse to Bend (Ire)	Bietolini	Cannavo
3	1	Charlemagne Wood (Ire)	King Charlemagne	Pinna	S Botti
4	11	Copreopasso (Ire)	Diamond Green (Fr)	Guerrieri	Sardelli
5	5	Dizalmo (Ity)	Martino Alonso (Ire)	Arena	Vin Caruso
6	4	Inglas (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Basile	Latina
7	12	Kephas (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	C Demuro	Bordonaro
8	13	Manu Militari (Ire)	Ad Valorem	Diana	Oppo
9	7	Mr Lavallette (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Murru	Bordonaro
10	8	Noir Lumiere (Ire)	One Cool Cat	Convertino	Cannavo
11	3	Palazzo Reale (GB)	Bertolini	Sulas	Biondi
12	6	Solomar (Ity)	Martino Alonso (Ire)	Rispoli	S Botti
13	10	Super Swellegant (Ire)	Dubai Destination	Valeri	Cannavo

All carry 123 pounds.

MIDDLE EAST

Sunday's Results:

NATIONAL DAY CUP-Listed, Dhs150,000, Abu Dhabi, 12-5, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:35.36, fm.
1--#JAASOOS (IRE), 125, g, 6, Noverre--Nymphs Echo (Ire), by Mujtahid. (€160,000 yrl '05 GOFORB).
 O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid al Maktoum; B-Mrs T V Ryan; T-Dhruba Selvaratnam; J-Kieren Fallon; Dhs90,000. Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-6.
2--Black Eagle (Ire), 125, c, 4, Cape Cross (Ire)--Shimna (GB), by Mr. Prospector. (200,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-A bin Huzaim; Dhs30,000.
3--Clasp (GB), 125, g, 8, Singspiel (Ire)--Embrace Me (GB), by Nashwan. (25,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 25,000gns RNA yrl '03 TATOCT; 75,000gns 2yo '04 TATAPR). O-EERC Clasp; B-Taker Bloodstock; T-Doug Watson; Dhs15,000.
 Margins: SHD, 1, HF.

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 La Nez (Storm Creek), 6f, 1:12.80, 2/7

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8:

12-11 \$250,000 *Hollywood Starlet-I, Hol, 2yo, f, 8.5f (AWT) (10000s)*

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-ZIA, \$27,275, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39, ft.
BEAR'S LIGHTNING (f, 4, Maria's Mon--Cloud's Ambre, by Two Punch) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-3-5-3, \$168,642. O-Vinery Stables LLC. B-Ironwater Farms Joint Venture (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen. *\$175,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$125,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT; \$325,000 2yo 2008 KEEAPR; \$180,000 RNA yrl '07 FTSAUG. **Full to Ilusoria, GISP.

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5th-ZIA, \$26,275, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft.
NO LIL LIMIT (g, 3, No Upper Limit--Coal Oil Lady, by Kerosene) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$31,722. O-Donna Jackson & Roland Cantu. B-Kim N Grier (TX). T-Chuck Jackson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sir Cadian, c, 2, Siphon (Brz)--Untamed Melody, by Sultry Song. PHA, 12-7, (S), 6f, 1:11 3/5.
 B-Dr Klobia S Carroll (PA). *1/2 to Serenadia (Lion Hearted), SW, \$137,430.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **8th Race, \$42,000 Allowance, at the Aqueduct.**
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Santa Anita Park, which had been closed to training since this past July, unveiled its all-new, natural dirt surface Monday morning as several hundred Thoroughbreds went through their early morning paces in advance of Santa Anita's winter/spring opener Dec. 26.

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