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VINERY AUSTRALIA BUYS SHARE IN PLUCK

A partnership led by Vinery Australia has purchased a major share in Team Valor International's GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner **Pluck** (More Than Ready--



Barry Irwin leads Pluck into the BC winner's circle *Horsephotos*

Secret Heart {SAf}, by Fort Wood), it has been announced. "Because Pluck is by More Than Ready, we were contacted by a few farms in Australia," Team Valor International founder and CEO Barry Irwin explained. "We decided to go with Vinery because they have a great reputation as a

stud farm, and they were willing to allow us to carry on with our projected program for next season, which has as its centerpiece an attempt to win the Irish 2000 Guineas." Homebred Pluck, whose dam was a stakes winner and three times Group 1 placed in her native South Africa, has won three of his five starts, including the GIII Summer S. The dark bay checked early to avoid a fallen horse in the BC Juvenile Turf and was last when they hit the homestretch, but unleashed an eye-catching late run that carried him to a one-length score. "It is great to be involved with such a quality international racehorse with an exciting career ahead of him," Vinery Australia's General Manager Peter Orton said in a press release. "Knowing the ability and preference the More Than Ready stock have to turf, we jumped at the chance to, firstly, be involved with this colt's racing career and, secondly, to secure ourselves a unique stallion prospect, if all was to go well."

ROCKET MAN TO REST UP FOR DUBAI

Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}), a valiant runner-up to J J The Jet Plane (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}) in Sunday's G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint, is scheduled to return to Singapore this Friday, reports trainer Patrick Shaw. "He has pulled up in excellent order," Shaw told the Singapore Turf Club. "As I normally do, I had him x-rayed, and that has come back all fine." Upon his arrival in Singapore, Rocket Man will enter quarantine for a period of two weeks. "He needs a bit of a break now, which he will get down in quarantine. After that, we will get him ready for Dubai," Shaw explained. Rocket Man will look to improve on his second-place finish to Kinsale King (Yankee Victor) in the 1200-meter G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 26.

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FAIRY STORY

The best three-year-old filly in the world this year is Snow Fairy (Intikhab), who won her fourth Group 1 of the year Sunday in the 10-furlong G1 Hong Kong Cup. Bred and owned by Cristina Patino and trained by Ed Dunlop, son of Mrs. Patino's principal trainer John Dunlop, Snow Fairy didn't look so special at two, winning one of her six starts and running a close third in the G3 Prestige S. at Goodwood while recording a best RPR of 105.



Snow Fairy *Horsephotos*

But what a revelation she's been this year. She didn't make her first start of the season until May 19, back at Goodwood, when she sprang a 12-1 surprise in the 10-furlong Height of Fashion S. (L), prompting connections to pony up £20,000 to supplement her to the G1 Epsom Oaks, which she duly won (RPR 116). They paid a stiffer supplement to put her in the G1 Irish Oaks, which she won by eight lengths (RPR 120). **Cont. p2**

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In August, Snow Fairy took on older fillies and was defeated by four-year-old Middy (Oasis Dream) in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks (RPR 118), then tried 14 furlongs-plus against colts in the G1 English St. Leger, in which she finished a close fourth, beaten three lengths (RPR 115), but not quite getting the trip.

Connections then received an invitation to the 11-furlong G1 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup in Japan, which she duly won (RPR 120), in the process earning a £624,000 bonus, equal to the winner's prize; she added another £900,000 Sunday when she roared from the back of the field off a slow pace to cut down Group 2 winner Irian (Tertullian), with four-time Group 1 winner Vision d'Etat (Chichicastenango), making his final start before



Snow Fairy Horsephotos

retiring to the Haras de Grandcamp, in fourth. Her career earnings now stand at over £2.1 million, but connections have received over £2.7 million, including the bonus from Japan. She's not that big, Snow Fairy, but what an engine.

It's one of those real fairy stories, an overnight sensation after 30 years in the business. It all started with Gay Fantasy, an unraced Troy mare who was a full-sister to Sheer Audacity, dam of 1999 G1 Epsom Derby winner Oath and Group 1 winner Pelder, and a granddaughter of *Aiming High II, winner of the Coronation S. in 1961. Imported to America, she was the dam of Manhattan S. winner and Belmont S. second Ruritania for Greentree Stables. Other branches of the family produced G1 English 2000 Guineas winner Mister Baileys, and two winners of the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp, the half-brothers Avonbridge and Patavellian.

The best horse produced by Gay Fantasy herself was Lucky Guest, a dual stakes winner in Germany. All her foals except one were winners, but none won in group company. But in the last decade, two daughters of Gay Fantasy have transformed her into a blue hen. The first of the four fillies she produced, Persian Fantasy (by Persian Bold), was stakes-placed herself and produced a pretty useful horse in Persian Lightning (by Sri Pekan, a son of Red Ransom); her daughter by Marju, Fantasy Girl, produced none other than Big Bad Bob, by Roberto's son Bob Back, a jumping sire. Big Bad Bob was a listed winner in England and Group 3 winner in Germany who retired to Islanmore Stud in Ireland in 2006, where he was mainly bred to Mrs. Patino's mares. He's been a minor sensation, racking up such impressive statistics in two small crops that he's turned commercial, and has moved to the Irish National Stud, where he will stand for €6,000 in 2011.

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The success of the Roberto line on the family prompted the BBA Ireland's Patrick Cooper, who has served as Mrs. Patino's racing and stud manager the last few years, to suggest breeding a half-sister to Big Bad Bob, the Charnwood Forest mare Woodland Dream,



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to Intikhab, another son of Red Ransom, who was a top miler in England for Sheikh Hamdan al Maktoum, and stands at his Derrinstown Stud in Ireland. The result of that mating was Snow Fairy. But that's not all: the last of Gay Fantasy's four fillies, the dual 12-furlong winner Cara Fantasy, by Sadler's Wells, was sent to America,

where she was bred to Giant's Causeway, Elusive Quality and Mr. Greeley before she came back to Ireland. Her first two foals were Group 3 winner Palavacini (Giant's Causeway) and Elusive Pimpernel (Elusive Quality), winner of the G3 Acomb S. and second to St. Nicholas Abbey in the G1 Racing Post Trophy at two, and the G3 Craven S. at three, earlier this year. Both are trained by Dunlop senior, and both are due to return to action in 2011.

For the record, Cara Fantasy's first foal back is a rising juvenile filly by Big Bad Bob himself, thus inbred 4x2 to Gay Fantasy. With Snow Fairy, Elusive Pimpernel, Palavacini, and some more by Big Bad Bob to run for her next year, there's every chance the stable could have an even better year, hard as that may be to imagine, in 2011, especially since connections have mooted a trip to Dubai for Snow Fairy, and not for some small race on the undercard--nope, the G1 Dubai World Cup, worth \$6 million to the winner. Look out, Vodka, Makybe Diva and Zenyatta (all-time leading money-winning racemares), Snow Fairy is coming to town.

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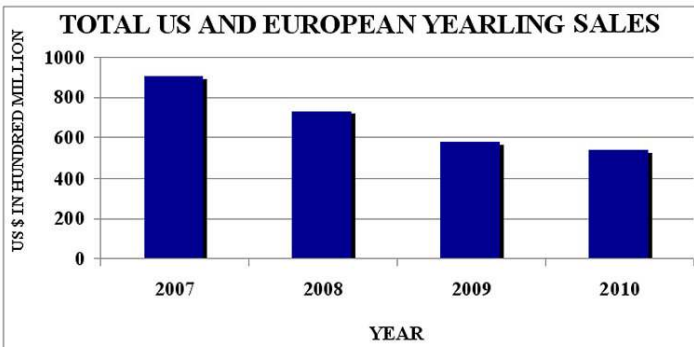
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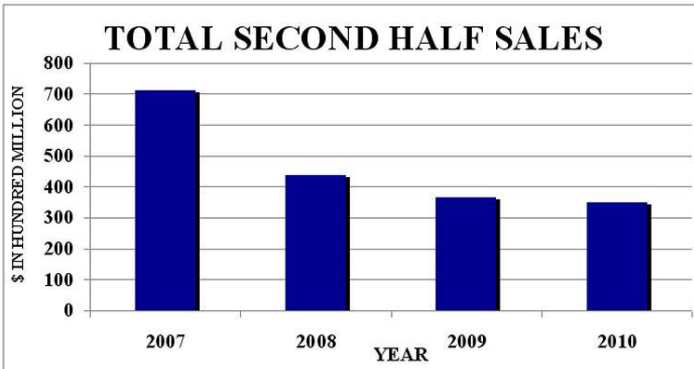
by Bill Oppenheim

"In 2007, the combined North American and European yearling and mixed sale auction markets generated over \$1.618-billion in revenue; in 2010, the corresponding total was \$891-million – a decline of 45 percent. The yearling market declined by 40 percent over that time period (higher in North America, lower in Europe), while the mixed sale markets declined by 51 percent. The yearling markets are probably a truer guide, as yearling sales totals are generally a more reliable barometer than mixed sale markets, because of significant catalogue differences in the mixed sales from year to year."
- Bill Oppenheim



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN YEARLING SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	15,342	13,457	9,890	12.3%	73.5%	64.5%	\$540,884,544	\$54,690
2009	15,687	13,544	9,968	13.7%	73.6%	63.5%	\$576,673,741	\$57,853
2008	17,008	14,747	10,513	13.3%	71.3%	61.8%	\$732,926,922	\$69,716
2007	17,032	15,124	11,519	11.2%	76.2%	67.6%	\$904,592,585	\$78,530



TOTAL SECOND HALF BREEDING STOCK SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2010	13,104	10,406	7,698	20.6%	74.0%	58.7%	\$350,153,350	\$45,486
2009	12,741	9,848	7,527	22.7%	76.4%	59.1%	\$367,291,125	\$48,796
2008	15,527	11,647	7,990	25.0%	68.6%	51.5%	\$437,940,430	\$54,811
2007	16,547	13,474	9,811	18.6%	72.8%	59.3%	\$714,144,489	\$72,790

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



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FURTHER ON STUD FEES

Without wishing to downplay the welcome pressure (from a breeder's point of view) from the correspondents who took issue with my use of the word 'value' in relation to 2011 stud fees, I'm not really prepared to concede the point. As I said in the first place, 'value' is a relative term. The correspondents contend that 2011 stud fees are not 'value' in relation to the costs to the breeder of producing a horse for sale. My contention is that 2011 stud fees do, in fact, represent pretty significant 'value,' when looked at in relation to the historical costs of breeding to the top sires of today, never mind the top sires of yesteryear.

The attached table shows stud fees for the top 12 North American stallions on the TDN 2010 General Sire List that are not F2006 stallions (Medaglia d'Oro, Tapit, Speightstown, Candy Ride, etc.), whose stud fees have naturally outperformed the general population of sires. This table shows that the stud fees for 75 percent (nine of the 12) of the stallions have declined: Malibu Moon's stud fee is up 50 percent from his previous high; Dynaformer and Street Cry have remained at their previous highs (\$150,000 each); the other nine have all declined. For the 12 sires, the average decline in stud fee from their previous highs (all 2007-2008, except Street Cry, who reached \$150,000 in 2009, the year after Street Sense won the GI Kentucky Derby) is 41 percent.

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HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	14	\$25,000
MINESHAFT	14	\$25,000

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<u>SIRE</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>PREVIOUS HIGH FEE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
Distorted Humor	100000	300000	2008	-67
Dynaformer	150000	150000	N/C	0
Elusive Quality	50000	100000	2007	-50
Giant's Causeway	85000	200000	2007	-57
Malibu Moon	60000	40000	ALL	50
Mineshaft	25000	100000	2007	-75
More Than Ready	40000	60000	2008	-33
Smart Strike	75000	150000	2008	-50
Stormy Atlantic	30000	45000	2008	-33
Street Cry	150000	150000	N/C	0
Tale of the Cat	30000	37500	2008	-20
Unbridled's Song	85000	150000	2008	-43
12 SIRES	880000	1482500	2007-2008	-41
PLUS - 1 SIRE				
N/C - 2 SIRES				
MINUS - 9 SIRES				



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You'll see from the top table in the Weekly Sales Ticker that the decline in the combined North American and European yearling market since 2007 is almost exactly 40 percent. It's not a precise correspondence, but the fact that the world's most significant yearling markets have dropped by 40 percent, and the price of breeding to 12 of the top proven sires in North America has dropped by 41 percent--well, at least you can make the case that stud fees for the top sires have declined in line with the market as a whole.

And, by the way, in case there was any confusion, we were not dissing Giant's Causeway last week when we pointed out the anomaly that puts him ahead of Distorted Humor on the *Blood-Horse* General Sire List. I love him. I love them both, especially at their 2011 fees.

But, what our previous correspondents are contending, as I understand them, is that no matter what the historical relationship of current stud fees to past stud fees, that model is broken. Their argument is that the economic system whereby between 13-22 percent of yearlings sold show a profit isn't good enough, in the long term, to sustain commercial breeding. I don't know whether that will prove to be the case or not; what I do know is that current stud fees have fallen in line with the decline in the yearling market. The overall perspective has to take into account that commercial breeders are not the only ones buying stud fees, and every time a breeder signs a stud fee contract at today's prices, they are making a statement that the model is not broken enough for them not to buy the stud fees at current prices. It's those breeders these commercial people need to win over for them to be able to substantially change the model.

CONGRATS TO A.P. INDY

Turbulent Descent's win Saturday in the GI Hollywood Starlet means Congrats has now gone beyond recall in the race for the 2010 North American Freshman Sire title; in fact, his progeny earnings are now over \$1.6 million (per *TDN* Sire Lists), taking him past even Leading European Freshman Sire Iffraaj, who has been leading the combined list the last couple of months. As we noted a couple of weeks ago, it's still all A.P. Indy, as far as the top three on the North American list is concerned. Congrats, whose Wickedly Perfect had previously won Keeneland's GI Alcibiades S., is by A.P. Indy himself, and is a full-brother to Claiborne's successful sire, Flatter. He has no fewer than 10 individual runners that have won or placed in black-type races. You can never quite be sure what's going to happen with Florida stallions when they migrate to the Bluegrass, but Congrats's only graded-stakes win came around two turns as a five-year-old; you'd hardly figure him as one who would sire flash-in-the-pan, precocious types.

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Eclipse Award winner at 2

- 1st **Cashcall Futurity Stakes-G1** becoming the first North American two-year-old male in 22 years to win three grade 1 stakes.

- 1st **Norfolk Stakes-G1**

- 1st **Del Mar Futurity-G1**

- 1st **Best Pal Stakes-G2**

- 1st MSW over 6 furlongs first out at Hollywood Park on **July 11** despite being a **May 27** foal.

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Bluegrass Cat, by Storm Cat out of an A.P. Indy mare, still holds second, with 20 winners, seven of which have won or placed in BT races, and the earners of over \$1.3 million, including GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf third and recent Churchill GII Golden Rod S. winner Kathmanblu. He is around \$60,000 ahead of Bernardini (A.P. Indy), who is by far the most expensive of all the F2008 sires at \$75,000 for 2011. Bernardini looks perfectly positioned to justify his price tag in 2011, since he's already sired four group/graded stakes winners (GSW), including Grade 1/Group I winners Biondetti and A.Z. Warrior, and the dual Grade II winner, in the Nashua and the Remsen, To Honor and Serve.

Congrats, moved from Vinery's Florida operation to Kentucky, will stand for \$15,000 in 2011; Ifraaj, who stands at Darley Ireland's Kildangan, will be at €15,000. You never know which way freshman sires are going to go, but 15,000 in both cases sounds pretty righteous. WinStar's Bluegrass Cat will be \$25,000.

Also at \$15,000 for 2011 is Claiborne's War Front (Danzig), a Grade II-winning dirt sprinter who hit the freshman sire radar when Soldat won the GIII With Anticipation S., around two turns, on the turf at Saratoga, and Warning Flag won a seven-furlong listed race on the all-weather at Dundalk, in Ireland. Soldat came back to run second to Pluck (More Than Ready) in the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. This sort of versatility--grass, synthetics, two turns--in defiance of his race record, is very Danzig. Plus, his dam, Starry Dreamer, by Rubiano, was a good filly going long on the turf (and was Grade I-placed on the dirt) herself.

War Front's record so far--he is fourth on the North American Freshman Sire List--pushes all sorts of what would be 'buy' buttons in the stock market. Given the level of gamble you're making when breeding to any stallion after his first two-year-olds have run, I make War Front, at \$15,000, one of my very top picks for '11.

Since the Woodbine model, with its synthetic surface (since '06) and big purses fueled by slots revenue, has been so successful, one of the side effects has been that its sire population has become isolated as if it were, well, in another country. I've certainly been finding for several years now with the APEX figures that Canadian stallions really need to be compared with each other than with their U.S. counterparts. Having said that, we naturally still include Canadian (realistically, Ontario) stallions in the North American figures.

There are three Ontario stallions among the top 20 North American Freshman Sires: Old Forester (Forestry) is fifth overall, with 14 winners, five of which have won or placed in black-type races (all on the Woodbine Polytrack), and the earners of over \$1 million. He was a Grade III winner on the grass for Live Oak who earned over \$462,000, almost all of it on the grass.

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Classic winner at 3

- 1st **Preakness Stakes-G1**
- 1st **Haskell Invitational Stakes-G1** by 4 lengths
- 1st **Rebel Stakes-G2**
- 1st **Indiana Derby-G2**

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Philanthropist (Kris S.), was a two-turn dirt Grade III winner for the Phipps family; he has four runners that have won or placed in black-type races, and ranks second in Canada in progeny earnings among freshman sires, and 12th overall. Strut the Stage (Theatrical) won \$1.5 million, including six Grade II wins in two-turn grass races; he ranks third in Canada, including two BT winners, and 17th overall.

WinStar's Sharp Humor (Distorted Humor) won the GII Swale S. and made Barbaro work for it in the GI Florida Derby. He has 23 winners and seven black-type horses, including Tiz My Time, who Kenny McPeck took over to run third in the G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot last June. Sharp Humor and Three Chimneys' Flower Alley are the first major tests for their sire, Distorted Humor, as a sire of sires. Sharp Humor ranks sixth by progeny earnings among 2010 North American freshman sires. Flower Alley, who got very good as a late three-year-old, won the GII Jim Dandy S. and the GI Travers S., and ran second to Saint Liam in the 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. He's up to 11th spot among North American freshman sires after his filly Bouquet Booth won the GIII Delta Downs Princess S.

Darley's Rockport Harbor (Unbridled's Song), unbeaten at two including the then-GIII Nashua and GII Remsen, ranks seventh, with 14 winners, including Bear's Future, winner of the Swynford S. at Woodbine, and May Day Rose, winner of the Sharp Cat at Hollywood Park, both on the synthetics.

Florida stallions With Distinction (Storm Cat) and Pomeroy (Boundary) rank eighth and 10th, respectively; Pomeroy just had his first BT winner last weekend at Golden Gate. They are split, in ninth, by Vinery's Silver Train, the 2005 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and 2006 GI Met Mile winner, by A.P. Indy's son, Old Trieste. Silver Train has 19 winners, including a BT winner in Italy at the weekend. Just behind Flower Alley in 11th and Philanthropist in 12th comes the Paul's Mill stallion Bellamy Road, by Chief Crown's Florida-based son, Concerto. He ran an off-the-graph Beyer 120 when winning the 2005 GI Wood Memorial by more than 17 lengths, and later came back to finish second to Flower Alley in the Travers. He's sired three BT winners in his first crop, including GII Adirondack S. winner Position Limit. All five of the Kentucky stallions just mentioned-- Sharp Humor (\$7,500), Rockport Harbor (\$12,500), Silver Train (\$7,500), Flower Alley (\$10,000) and Bellamy Road (\$10,000)--will be standing for between \$7,500-\$12,500 next year.

NEXT WEEK: We resume our stallion review with a look at four crops of Kentucky stallions yet to have runners: first foals 2009 (two-year-olds of 2011); first foals 2010 (first yearlings of 2011); first foals 2011; and those retiring in 2011 (first foals 2012).

LOOKIN AT LUCKY
Bay Colt; foaled 2007

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    LA --- PF[Private Feeling 1999]
    SS --- MP[Mr. Prospector]
    SS --- CS[Classy 'n Smart]
    PF --- BM[Belong to Me]
    PF --- RF[Regal Feeling]
    MP --- RN[Raise a Native]
    MP --- GD[Gold Digger]
    CS --- SM[Smarten]
    CS --- NC[No Class]
    BM --- DAN[Danzig]
    BM --- BEL[Belonging]
    RF --- CT[Clever Trick]
    RF --- SB[Sharp Belle]
                    
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By SMART STRIKE (1992). Black-type winner of \$337,376. Phillip H. Iselin H. [G1] etc. Leading sire twice, sire of 11 crops of racing age, 894 foals, 689 starters, 71 black-type winners, 10 champions, 513 winners of 1582 races and earning \$79,465,679, including Curin (\$10,501,800, Preakness S. [G1]), English Channel [G1] (\$5,319,028), Lookin At Lucky [G1] (\$3,307,278), Soaring Free [G1] (\$2,110,371).

1st dam
PRIVATE FEELING, by Belong to Me. 2 wins at 3, \$18,245. Dam of 2 winners--**LOOKIN AT LUCKY** (c. by Smart Strike). Champion, see record.
LOOKIN AT LUCKY (c. by Lord Avie). 6 wins, \$210,087, Pucker Up S. [G3], **KENSEI** (c. by Mr. Greeley). 4 wins at 2 and 3, placed at 4, 2010, \$581,159, Jim Dandy S. [G2] (SAR, \$300,000), Dwyer S. [G2] (BEL, \$120,000), 2nd Derby Trial S. [G3] (CD), 3rd Woody Stephens S. [G2] (BEL), Jerome H. [G2] (BEL).

2nd dam
Regal Feeling, by Clever Trick. Winner at 2 and 4, \$50,435, 2nd Bay Meadows Lassie S. [L] (BM, \$10,000). Dam of 8 other winners, including--**GRAND CHARMER** (f. by Lord Avie). 6 wins, \$210,087, Pucker Up S. [G3], Susanna Dickerson S.-R (HOU, \$15,000), 2nd Palisades S. [L] (KEE), etc. Granddam of **WAIT A WHILE** (f. by Maria's Mon, \$2,181,917, **champion** 3-year-old filly, American Oaks Invitational S. [G1] (HOL, \$450,000), Yellow Ribbon S. [G1] (OSA, \$240,000) twice, Ballston Spa H. [G2] (SAR, \$120,000) twice, Davona Dale S. [G2] (GP, \$90,000), Lake Placid S. [G2] (SAR, \$90,000), San Geronio H. [G2] (SA, \$90,000), etc.).

Get Smarter (g. by Smart Strike). Winner at 2 and 3, \$66,450, 2nd Hallandale Beach S. [L].

3rd dam
SHARP BELLE, by Native Charger. 10 wins, 2 to 4, \$151,690, Monmouth Oaks-G1, etc. Half-sister to **SUE BABE**, **NORTHERN PROSPECT**. Dam of--**Robert Le Diable**. Winner at 3, \$65,653, in France, 2nd Prix Michel Houyvet, || Prix Frederic de Lagrange, etc. (Total: \$64,504).
Other black-type-placed winners: **Regal Feeling** (above), **Lady Chatterley**.

RACE RECORD: At 2, **champion 2-year-old colt**, 5 wins (CashCall Futurity [G1] (HOL, \$400,000), Del Mar Futurity [G1] (DMR, \$180,000), Norfolk S. [G1] (OSA, \$180,000), Best Pal S. [G2] (DMR, \$90,000)), once 2nd (Breeders' Cup Juvenile [G1] (OSA)) in 6 starts; at 3, 2010, four wins (Preakness S. [G1] (PIM, \$600,000), Haskell Invitational S. [G1] (MTH, \$600,000), Indiana Derby [G2] (HOO, \$294,278), Rebel S. [G2] (OP, \$180,000)), once 3rd (Santa Anita Derby [G1] (SA)) in 7 starts. Totals: 9 wins, once 2nd, once 3rd in 13 starts. Earned \$3,307,278.

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TDN 2ND-CROP SIRE LIST

BY CUMULATIVE BLACK-TYPE WINNERS
THROUGH MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

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Rank	Stallion	YOB	Crops	Earnings	Rnrs	Wnrs	BT Wnrs	BT Horses	GS Wnrs	GS Horses	G1S Wnrs
1	Dubawi (Ire) Sire: Dubai Millennium (GB)	2002	2	\$6,308,819	159	106	18	28	11	19	2
											Stands: GB [GB£ 20,000]
2	Shamardal Sire: Giant's Causeway	2002	2	\$7,032,580	140	85	15	25	10	13	2
											Stands: IR [Eu € 20,000]
3	Afleet Alex Sire: Northern Afleet	2002	2	\$5,337,246	134	70	11	19	3	6	2
											Stands: KY [US\$ 15,000]
4	Wildcat Heir Sire: Forest Wildcat	2000	2	\$5,547,267	136	95	8	14	1	4	0
											Stands: FL [US\$ 8,000]
5	Footstepsinthesand (GB) Sire: Giant's Causeway	2002	2	\$2,691,836	144	72	7	18	3	11	0
											Stands: IR [Eu € 12,500]
6	Pollard's Vision Sire: Carson City	2001	2	\$4,614,464	96	57	7	7	1	3	1
											Stands: KY [US\$ 10,000]
7	Oratorio (Ire) Sire: Danehill	2002	2	\$2,318,542	160	59	6	12	3	4	1
											Stands: IR [Eu € 15,000]
8	Whipper Sire: Miesque's Son	2001	2	\$2,088,362	106	52	6	10	2	5	0
											Stands: IR [Eu € 10,000]
9	Azamour (Ire) Sire: Night Shift	2001	2	\$1,693,881	90	55	5	11	4	7	0
											Stands: IR [Eu € 15,000]
10	Ghostzapper Sire: Awesome Again	2000	2	\$3,330,515	85	51	5	10	1	2	1
											Stands: KY [US\$ 30,000]
11	Kitten's Joy Sire: El Prado (IRE)	2001	2	\$3,664,218	120	75	5	12	1	5	0
											Stands: KY [US\$ 40,000]
12	Limehouse Sire: Grand Slam	2001	2	\$3,023,376	99	55	5	6	1	3	0
											Stands: KY [US\$ 10,000]
13	Rock Hard Ten Sire: Kris S.	2001	2	\$2,225,537	72	32	5	9	4	6	0
											Stands: KY [US\$ 25,000]
14	Consolidator Sire: Storm Cat	2002	2	\$2,624,986	123	62	4	8	0	2	0
											Stands: FL [US\$ 5,000]
15	Habayeb Sire: Storm Cat	2000	2	\$249,367	15	7	4	5	0	0	0
											Stands: OH [—]
16	Le Vie Dei Colori (GB) Sire: Efsio (GB)	2000	2	\$935,212	42	28	4	7	1	3	0
											Stands: EUR [Dead/Retired/Exported]
17	Offlee Wild Sire: Wild Again	2000	2	\$3,571,941	82	52	4	10	1	2	1
											Stands: KY [US\$ 7,500]
18	Pastoral Pursuits (Gb) Sire: Bahamian Bounty (GB)	2001	2	\$852,962	67	34	4	5	1	3	0
											Stands: GB [GB£ 5,000]
19	Roman Ruler Sire: Fusaichi Pegasus	2002	2	\$4,667,004	145	84	4	13	2	7	1
											Stands: KY [US\$ 20,000]
20	Saint Liam Sire: Saint Ballado	2000	1	\$3,331,287	70	46	4	10	3	4	0
											Stands: USA [Dead/Retired/Exported]

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

 **NEW YORK** 

Wednesday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:24 p.m. EST

COSMIC BOB S., \$60,000, 3yo, 1m 70yds

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Peppi Knows	Stephen Got Even	Lezcano	Kreiser	120
2	Teaks North	Northern Afleet	Valdivia Jr	Sallusto	122
3	Monsignor	Forest Danger	Cohen	Pletcher	120
4	No Shenanigans	Value Plus	Solis	Pletcher	118
5	Goombada Guska	Yonaguska	Garcia	Volk	122

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 **CENTRAL** 

Canadian Champ Tops F-T Texas December Mixed Sale:

Too Late Now (m, 10, Raj Waki--Half of Everything, by Ten Gold Pots), Canada's Sovereign Award winner as top three-year-old filly of 2003, brought a final bid of \$50,000 to top the proceedings at the Fasig-Tipton Texas December Mixed Sale, held Monday at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Consigned by Inside Move Inc., agent, as [hip 55](#) she was purchased by Jim Stone. The bay, winner of the GI Selene S. and the Labatt Woodbine Oaks, was not in foal. She has produced winners A Little Too Late (Bold Executive) and Kinnaird (Milwaukee Brew) from two foals to race. Overall, 76 of the 117 catalogued sold for a gross of \$307,900. The average was \$4,051, up 22 percent from last year, while the median was \$1,900, down 24 percent from 2009. The RNA rate was 33.9 percent. For complete results, go to www.fasigtipton.com.

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS



TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16:

01-29 SUNSHINE MILLIONS (100 EB)

- \$500,000 *Classic, GP*, [R], 4yo/up, 9f
- \$300,000 *Turf, SA*, [R], 4yo/up, 9fT
- \$300,000 *Distaff, SA*, [R], 4yo/up, 8.5f
- \$300,000 *Filly/Mare Turf, GP*, [R], 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT
- \$200,000 *Sprint-SA*, [R], 4yo/up, 6f
- \$200,000 *Filly/Mare Sprint, GP*, [R], 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

- 12-26 \$250,000 *Malibu-I, SA*, 3yo, 7f (375)
- 12-26 \$250,000 *La Brea-I, SA*, 3yo, f, 7f (375)
- 12-26 \$150,000 *Sir Beaufort-II, SA*, 3yo, 8fT (225)
- 12-27 \$150,000 *San Gabriel-II, SA*, 3yo/up, 9fT (225)

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 **CALIFORNIA** 

Barretts January Catalogue On Line:

The catalogue for the 2011 Barretts January Mixed Sale, to be held Jan. 24 at the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex Park in Pomona, California, is now available on line at www.barretts.com/catalog/catjan2011/CATALOG.htm. A total of 392 lots, including 93 yearlings and 97 two-year-olds, has been catalogued. There will also be 50 horses of racing age; for the Daily Racing Form PPs of those horses, click [here](#). Bidding begins at 10:00 a.m. PST.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 3rd Race, \$31,000 Msw, at the Penn National. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



Tuesday Cancellation
PARX RACING



INDUSTRY INFO

First Horsemen Dinner of 2011 Set for Jan. 19:

The first Horsemen Dinner of 2011 will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Tony Roma's Restaurant in Sunny Isles Beach, Florida. The event starts with a cocktail hour at 7 p.m., followed by a three-course dinner. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes food, tax and tip; there is also a cash bar. For more information, or to RSVP (by Monday, Jan. 17), contact: Bill Hirsch, (954) 454-9375; Bob Quigley, (954) 458-2237; Danny Perlswieg, (856) 296-7821; or Tommy Trotter, (954) 458-1531.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 15

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

ARAGORN (IRE) (Giant's Causeway), Lane's End, \$30K, 92/11/0

5-LRL, Msw, 6f, Eldarion, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

7-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Miss Euphoria, 5-1

ARTIE SCHILLER (EL Prado {Ire}), Pauls Mill, \$15K, 99/10/1

7-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Stolen Artwork, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

CHEROKEE'S BOY (Citidancer), Murmur Farm, \$3K, 23/3/1

8-PEN, Msw, 6f, Cherokee Carl, 9-5

DON'T GET MAD (Stephen Got Even), Spendthrift Farm, \$3K, 54/5/0

8-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Watch Your Temper, 8-1

7-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Mad Magic, \$8K FTK OCT yrl, 20-1

GOOD REWARD (Storm Cat), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15K, 77/15/0

8-PEN, Msw, 6f, Bon Ciel, 10-1

HENNY HUGHES (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 100/18/0

5-LRL, Msw, 6f, Father Hughes, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

LOVE OF MONEY (Not For Love), Northview PA, \$3K, 32/1/0

8-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Bumpy Road, 7-2

UNBRIDLED ENERGY (Unbridled's Song), Crestwood Farm, \$10K, 79/6/0

5-DED, Msw, 5f, Sunday Beach, \$6K EVA MAR 2yo, 20-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., December 15

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

DANCE WITH RAVENS (A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station, \$8K, 161/41/0

5-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Opening Movement, 12-1

EDDINGTON (Unbridled), Claiborne Farm, \$20K, 190/61/0

2-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Isteefaa, 6-1

FOREST DANGER (Forestry), WinRich Thoroughbreds, \$20K, 151/50/0

3-AQU, Stk, 1m, Monsignor, \$170K OBS FEB 2yo, 8-5

4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Hot Danger, \$50K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1

VALUE PLUS (Unbridled's Song), Stonewall Farm Ocala, \$10K, 178/62/0

3-AQU, Stk, 1m, No Shenanigans, \$250K OBS MAR 2yo, 7-2

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Multiple GSW
2yo Colt

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Tiznow - Evil, by Hennessy
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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN BRITAIN:

Alpha Tauri, g, 4, **Aldebaran**--Seven Moons (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. Southwell, 12-14, Hcp, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT). B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd. *2,500gns HIT '09 TATHIT.

IN DUBAI:

Escape Route, g, 6, **Elusive Quality**--Away (SW & MGSP, \$277,550), by Dixieland Band. Abu Dhabi, 12-12, Cond., 1400m, 1:23.47. O-HRH Princess Haya; B-R N Clay & Serengeti Stable; T-S Seemar. *1/2 to Eight Belles (Unbridled's Song), MGSW & GISP, \$708,650. **\$170,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

GULFSTREAM PARK

Dixie Band (Dixie Union), 4f, :51.00, 16/18

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Fluke (Brz) (Wild Event), 4f, :48.20, 3/16

J P's Gusto (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:00.80, 7/28

PAYSON PARK

Society's Chairman (Not Impossible {Ire}), 4f, •:51.00, 1/9

VINERY STABLE

Embur's Song (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :50.40, 1/1



EBF SOLICITING OUTSIDE NOMINATIONS

Edited Press Release

Following Breeders' Cup's (BC) decision to terminate the BC/EBF Cross Registration Agreement at the end of 2010, the EBF has taken steps to ensure that horses sired in the U.S., and elsewhere in the Northern Hemisphere, can be nominated to the extensive EBF programme in Europe. In brief terms, any stallion, standing in the Northern Hemisphere but outside the EBF area, can be nominated to the EBF at 50 percent of the advertised 2011 covering fee. The progeny, conceived in the year the payment is made, will become automatically EBF eligible--without any 'per-head' payments. Eligible horses can then compete in the 1200 or so EBF races in Europe when reaching racing age. These races are essentially made up of maiden races at all levels, Listed races, valuable handicaps, condition races etc. If horses are not EBF eligible they cannot run in these races. Many U.S.-based stallions have had their progeny made EBF eligible by their breeders or owners at either \$500, \$3,000 or \$6,000, depending on when the payment was made. In the last three years, the highest number in any one crop by a U.S.-based sire made EBF eligible was 104--expensive for the breeders or owners. The payment of one-half the advertised covering fee would make all these EBF eligible. Stallion owners will have every right to use this new scheme as an effective marketing tool, and at the same time, save their clients money. Stallion owners wishing to nominate their stallions to the EBF in 2011 will be required to sign a legal undertaking to make the appropriate payment, to pay \$150 registration fee by June 30, 2011, and to pay the balance of 50 percent of the advertised fee by Dec. 15, 2011. Progeny conceived in 2011 by a stallion which stands in the Northern Hemisphere but outside the EBF area and which are not nominated to the EBF in 2011, can be nominated to the EBF, as in the past, at a fee of \$500 by May 1, 2012, \$3,000 by Feb. 15, 2013 or \$6,000 by June 20, 2014. Southern Hemisphere stallions can be nominated at 25 percent of the advertised fee or the progeny can be nominated individually.



IN DUBAI:

Montmorency (Ire), c, 4, **Pivotal (GB)**--Clear Spring, by Irish River (Fr). Sharjah, 12-11, Hcp., 1200m, 1:10.45. O-Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Frank Dunne; T-Satish Seemar. *€90,000 yrl '07 TATIRE; 210,000gns 2yo '08 TATAPR.



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Questions? Suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com or garyking@thoroughbreddailynews.com.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Prisca Vivaz (Ire), f, 2, **Tagula (Ire)**--Hunzy (Ire) (SP-Ity), by Desert King (Ire). Pau, France, 12-14, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-S Nunn. *12,000gns RNA wnlg '08 TATDEC; 8,500gns yrl '09 TATOCT.

Prince d'Alienor (Ire), c, 2, **Verglas (Ire)**--Vassiana (Fr), by Anabaa. Pau, France, 12-14, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Celbridge Estates Limited. *50,000gns wnlg '08 TATDEC; €50,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG; 58,000gns RNA 2yo '10 TATAPR; €27,000 HIT '10 ARQJUL. **1/2 to Girouette (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$198,530.

Broughtons Day (GB), g, 3, **Mujahid**--Rainy Day Song (GB), by Persian Bold (Ire). Southwell, Britain, 12-14, Hcp, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-Broughton Bloodstock. *1,800gns RNA wnlg '07 TATDEC.

Commando Cat (Fr), g, 3, **Munaafis**--Coopina (Fr), by Dear Doctor (Fr). Pau, France, 12-14, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Earl Haras du Taillis. *First winner for sire (by Storm Cat).