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## BLIND LUCK MAY BE ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Last year's champion sophomore filly **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision) may be travelling for her next start after



**Blind Luck** Horsephotos

failing to overcome Always a Princess (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) and a speed-favoring racetrack in Sunday's GII El Encino S. at Santa Anita. "I've got to take a wait-and-see approach," trainer Jerry Hollendorfer told *Daily Racing Form* Monday. "She came out of the race perfect. She jogged perfect this morning." Hollendorfer also told *DRF* that GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Dakota Phone (Zavata) may

train over Golden Gate's Tapeta surface in preparation for a trip to Dubai in March. In two starts since the Breeders' Cup, Dakota Phone finished fourth in the Dec. 4 GIII Native Diver H. and fifth in the Jan. 8 GII San Pasqual H.

## BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Thursday, Meydan, U.A.E., post time: 9:45 p.m.

CAPE VERDI S.-G2, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1600mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1 River Jetez (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Soumillon	de Kock
2 Aspectoflove (Ire)	Danetime (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suuro
3 Anam Chara (Ire)	Soviet Star	O'Donoghue	Oliver
4 Kinky Afro (Ire)	Modigliani	Fallon	O'Moore
5 Forest Crown (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Crowley	Beckett
6 Ayun Tara (Fr)	Martaline (GB)	Benoist	Nakkachdj
7 Summer Games (GB)	Storming Home (GB)	T O'Shea	Bouresly
8 Emper Holly (Arg)	Emperor Jones	Cosgrave	bin Shafya
9 Deem (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Peslier	Barton
10 Thai Haku (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Lemaire	Delzangles
11 My Sweet Baby	Minardi	W Smith	Nass

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Racecard for Thursday, January 20, 2011:

9:35am	Marsala Trophy H.
10:10am	Al Hadeerah Trophy H.
10:50am	UAE 2000 Guineas Trial Sponsored by Bab Al Shams
11:25am	Falcon Lounge Trophy H.
12:10pm	Al Sarab Trophy H.
12:45pm	G2 Cape Verdi Sponsored by Bab Al Shams
1:20pm	Al Forsan Trophy H.

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**QUALITY IN QUANTITY**

Pragmatically, APEX sire ratings tell us about the frequency with which sires' progeny achieve certain earnings thresholds, based on where they are racing. As mentioned last week, the top eight percent of earners in each jurisdiction are identified as 'A Runners' (top two percent of earners from runners), 'B Runners' (next two percent), or 'C Runners' (next four percent); or, combined, as 'ABC Runners' (top eight percent). When you see that, for example, in North America a C Runner earns in the \$50,000+ range, B Runners \$75,000+, A Runners \$100,000+, it should make it easier to understand why we classify ABC Runners as 'break-even-or-better' racehorses. In other words, practically speaking, you want a stallion to do as well as possible at siring horses that are at least not losing their owners' money and that, once a horse gets to that break-even point, it can do even better--become an A Runner, for instance. In that regard, the APEX ratings are all about hard economic realities: regardless of the cost to produce the horse--and it's still a lot for the top sires, as you know--these are the sires that have the best records for producing money-making racehorses.

Though the A Runner Index is the single 'signature' rating that describes a sire's class, as we discussed last week, there are actually 17 different APEX rating indices. In order to have a quick 'snapshot' of a sire, I like to look at four leaders' lists: the A Runner Index and ABC Runner Index, but also the leaders by number of A Runners and number of ABC Runners 2004-2010. Obviously, younger sires will not feature in the lists by number of A or ABC Runners, but they feature in the Index tables, and it's useful, too, to know which sires are producing quality in quantity. It's not all about the index, especially given my suspicion, which I expressed last week, that sires' A Runner Indexes are likely to fall as they reach middle age.

Of course, when a sire excels in both sets of categories--indexes and number of occurrences--well, then you have a world leader. Of the 678 sires with three-year-olds and older of 2010 that had 200 or more year-starters 2004-2010, A.P. Indy was the leader in three of the four categories being reviewed and ranked third in the other. He's the leading sire by A Runner Index (4.90, or 9.80 percent of 2004-2010 runners); ABC Runner Index (2.81, which times eight equals 22.48 percent of runners); and number of 2004-2010 A Runners (116). He ranks third by number of 2004-2010 ABC Runners, with 266. He's the number one sire of 2004-2010 racehorses in North America and Europe, no doubt about it. **Cont. p3**

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It's pretty interesting to look at those leaders' lists by number of A Runners and ABC Runners in conjunction with their respective indexes. Sadler's Wells, for example, who is still number three by A Runner Index (3.74), is the only other sire besides A.P. Indy to have sired 100 or more A Runners 2004-2010. Sadler's Wells' total was 108 A Runners, which is pretty remarkable, considering his 2007 crop was sired when he was 25 years old! Besides ranking third by A Runner Index and second by number of A Runners, he also ranks fourth by number of ABC Runners (235).

The top two sires of 2004-2010 ABC Runners were Distorted Humor (277) and Giant's Causeway (270), who were locked in a battle for the 2010 North American sire championship which the *Blood-Horse's* General Sire List ultimately awarded to Giant's Causeway, though *TDN's* version suggested Distorted Humor was robbed. Nothing against Giant's Causeway, I hasten to add, now considered 'officially' a two-time leading sire in North America. The point really is he and Distorted Humor are absolutely top-level sires--in fact, they're so good, they both had even more 2004-2010 ABC Runners than A.P. Indy.

Giant's Causeway ranks third, behind A.P. Indy and Sadler's Wells, in number of 2004-2010 A Runners, with 92; Distorted Humor (79) ranks sixth in that category. Fourth and fifth are Danehill Dancer (87) and Smart Strike (85), which means, incidentally, that only two farms stand the top five sires of A Runners 2004-2010: Lane's End stands A.P. Indy and Smart Strike; Coolmore stands (or stood) Sadler's Wells, Giant's Causeway and Danehill Dancer.

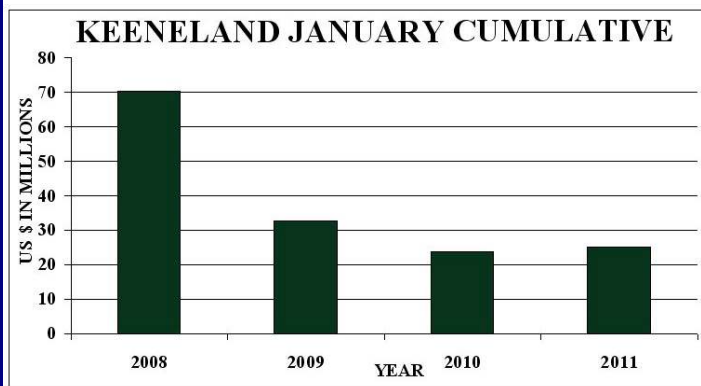
After WinStar's Distorted Humor, the top 10 by 2004-2010 A Runners is rounded out by Taylor Made's Unbridled's Song (74), and three sires tied with 70 each: Coolmore's Galileo, whose first foals raced in 2005, so has only had runners for six of the seven years covered; Hill 'n' Dale's Stormy Atlantic; and a veteran Japanese son of Sunday Silence, Fuji Kiseki.

The top 10 by number of ABC Runners yields some more interesting names. Distorted Humor (277), Giant's Causeway (270), and A.P. Indy (266) are a pretty wide-margin top three; Sadler's Wells (235) is a little ways back in fourth--though, believe me, 235 ABC Runners in seven years is an awesome performance in itself. Number five by number of ABC Runners is another Lane's End sire, Langfuhr, with 222 ABC Runners. Here is where the APEX figures sometimes highlight exceptional value--also sire of 64 A Runners 2004-2010 (equal 12th), Langfuhr has to be a great buy for breeders who are trying to produce money-making racehorses, as he'll be standing for just \$15,000 this year.

# Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"It's striking that, no matter how often we repeat our chant that you can't really compare mixed sales from different years because of how the catalogue changes, the average for the Keeneland January Sale was \$24,000 and change for the third consecutive year. Though all were single-digit percentage increases, it's a new year, and the first sale of 2011 was marginally up by number catalogued, number sold, gross (six percent), and average (under two percent) over the 2010 edition. Maybe these are those tiny green shoots everybody's been looking for." — Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%WD	%SR	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	1,827	1,406	1,021	23.0%	72.6%	55.9%	\$25,250,350	\$24,731
2010	1,753	1,345	982	23.3%	73.0%	56.0%	\$23,895,100	\$24,333
2009	2,379	1,712	1,338	28.0%	78.2%	56.2%	\$32,824,000	\$24,532
2008	2,548	1,757	1,493	31.0%	85.0%	58.6%	\$70,446,000	\$47,184

### UPCOMING SALES CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

- Jan 18-19 OBS Winter Mixed Sale
- Jan 24 Barretts January Mixed Sale

#### FEBRUARY

- Feb 3-4 Tattersalls February Mixed Sale
- Feb 7 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale
- Feb 14 Arqana Mixed Sale
- Feb 16-18 Goffs February Mixed Sale

#### MARCH

- Mar 3 Fasig-Tipton Florida 2yo Sale
- Mar 21 Barretts March Select 2yo Sale
- Mar 29 Goffs Breeze Up at Kempton

#### APRIL

- Apr 5 Fasig-Tipton Texas 2yo Sale
- Apr 11 Keeneland April 2yo Sale
- Apr 12-14 Tattersall Craven Breeze Up
- Apr 19-20 Doncaster Breeze Up Sale

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

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Stars of tomorrow grabbing the spotlight today...



Fuji Kiseki (218) ranks sixth, just ahead of top British sire Pivotal (217), who also ranks 11th by number of A Runners (65). Smart Strike and Danehill Dancer are tied for eighth with 216 ABC Runners each, ahead of the top sire on the East Coast, Maryland's Not For Love (210), and Unbridled's Song (205). Also with 190+ ABC Runners are two other veteran Japanese sires, Dance in the Dark (201) and Brian's Time (196); another veteran son of Roberto, Dynaformer (199); and two sons of Storm Cat, Tale of the Cat (194) and Stormy Atlantic (193). Storm Cat himself ranked 17th, with 187 ABC Runners in the last seven years.

Younger sires naturally come back into the picture when we are talking more percentages or indexes than an overall total. Nine of the top 16 sires by A Runner Index are from the sire crops with first foals 2005-2007. Of those, five of the top 16 by ABC Runner Index had first foals 2005 (first five-year-olds 2010) or 2006 (first four-year-olds). F2006 sires Speightstown and Medaglia d'Oro rank second and third behind A.P. Indy, with ABC indices of 2.52 and 2.50, respectively (2.50, times eight, equals exactly twenty percent of runners), while F2005 sires D'Wildcat (2.37), Mineshaft (2.22) and Oasis Dream (2.21) ranked sixth, 12th and 13th on that list.

**APEX EARNINGS THRESHOLDS 2004-2010 (in US\$)**

**A RUNNERS - top 2%**

	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN
2010	105,458	76,283	90,413	52,730	398,758
2009	107,370	87,814	98,113	58,465	506,275
2008	111,303	96,887	98,810	64,348	455,511
2007	112,280	92,433	92,582	57,554	382,477
2006	106,919	87,316	84,833	58,042	413,515
2005	105,200	88,632	84,341	52,705	478,824
2004	106,674	93,426	76,147	50,817	473,727
2010-2004	-1%	-18%	19%	4%	-16%

*Pct change since 2004*

**B RUNNERS - next 2%**

	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN
2010	74,103	43,106	61,877	30,950	256,982
2009	76,728	48,816	67,102	34,162	336,355
2008	79,300	52,610	71,736	35,547	324,139
2007	79,000	53,392	66,728	32,678	265,438
2006	75,770	55,316	59,353	33,838	288,980
2005	73,221	52,082	56,375	29,709	319,073
2004	75,065	53,960	56,319	35,779	311,236
2010-2004	-1%	-20%	10%	-13%	-17%

**C RUNNERS - next 4%**

	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN
2010	51,070	23,868	43,266	17,421	149,815
2009	51,880	26,424	46,396	20,039	215,288
2008	53,492	30,067	48,126	20,854	192,817
2007	53,360	30,053	46,207	18,589	174,822
2006	50,800	30,831	41,160	18,257	181,137
2005	49,926	30,941	38,313	17,152	198,534
2004	50,740	32,532	38,500	18,364	197,715
2010-2004	1%	-27%	12%	-5%	-24%

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**UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES**

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 22	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
	GIII Toboggan H.	AQU
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
Jan. 29	GIII John B. Connally Turf Cup	HOU
	Sunshine Millions	GP/SA
Jan. 30	GI Santa Monica S.	SA
	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GIII Holy Bull S.	GP
Feb. 5	GI Donn H.	GP
	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GI Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GII Strub S.	SA
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP
Feb. 6	GIII Thunder Road H.	SA
	GII San Antonio S.	SA
	Feb. 12	GII Robert B. Lewis S.
Feb. 12	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
	GII Gulfstream Park Sprint Chmpshp	GP
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM
	GIII Endeavour S.	TAM
	Feb. 13	GII La Canada S.
GIII Hurricane Bertie S.		GP



**TOP 25 SIREs by NUMBER of A RUNNERS**  
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YOB	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	TOT Rnrs	TOT A's	TOT A Indx	TOT ABC's	ABC Index
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	1184	116	4.90	266	2.81
Sadler's Wells	1981	Northern Dancer	1986	Retired	1443	108	3.74	235	2.04
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	1590	92	2.89	270	2.12
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	1999	IRE	1589	87	2.74	216	1.70
Smart Strike	1992	Mr. Prospector	1998	KY	1414	85	3.01	216	1.91
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1436	79	2.75	277	2.41
Unbridled's Song	1993	Unbridled	1998	KY	1270	74	2.91	205	2.02
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	2003	IRE	940	70	3.72	174	2.31
Stormy Atlantic	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	1534	70	2.28	193	1.57
Fuji Kiseki	1992	Sunday Silence	1996	JPN	2250	70	1.56	218	1.21
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	1203	65	2.70	217	2.25
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	Retired	993	64	3.22	187	2.35
Langfuhr	1992	Danzig	1999	KY	1491	64	2.15	222	1.86
Dynaformer	1985	Roberto	1991	KY	1229	63	2.56	199	2.02
Montjeu	1996	Sadler's Wells	2002	IRE	1185	62	2.62	180	1.90
Kingmambo	1990	Mr. Prospector	1995	Retired	984	59	3.00	144	1.83
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	2000	KY	989	58	2.93	161	2.03
Wild Rush	1994	Wild Again	2000	JPN	1203	57	2.37	163	1.69
Bold Executive	1984	Bold Ruckus	1990	ON	818	56	3.42	148	2.26
Dansili	1996	Danehill	2002	GB	1054	55	2.61	155	1.84
Tale of the Cat	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	1672	55	1.64	194	1.45
El Prado	1989	Sadler's Wells	1994	Dead	1108	54	2.44	168	1.90
Monsun	1990	Konigsstuhl	1997	GER	760	53	3.49	114	1.88
Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	2002	KY	891	53	2.97	166	2.33
Dance in the Dark	1993	Sunday Silence	1998	JPN	2513	53	1.05	201	1.00

Click [here](#) for the top 50.

**TOP 25 SIREs by NUMBER of ABC RUNNERS**  
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YOB	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	TOT Rnrs	TOT A's	TOT A Indx	TOT ABC's	ABC Index
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1436	79	2.75	277	2.41
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	1590	92	2.89	270	2.12
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	1184	116	4.90	266	2.81
Sadler's Wells	1981	Northern Dancer	1986	Retired	1443	108	3.74	235	2.04
Langfuhr	1992	Danzig	1999	KY	1491	64	2.15	222	1.86
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Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	1203	65	2.70	217	2.25
Smart Strike	1992	Mr. Prospector	1998	KY	1414	85	3.01	216	1.91
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	1999	IRE	1589	87	2.74	216	1.70
Not for Love	1990	Mr. Prospector	1997	MD	1307	52	1.99	210	2.01
Unbridled's Song	1993	Unbridled	1998	KY	1270	74	2.91	205	2.02
Dance in the Dark	1993	Sunday Silence	1998	JPN	2513	53	1.05	201	1.00
Dynaformer	1985	Roberto	1991	KY	1229	63	2.56	199	2.02
Brian's Time	1985	Roberto	1991	JPN	1881	50	1.33	196	1.30
Tale of the Cat	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	1672	55	1.64	194	1.45
Stormy Atlantic	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	1534	70	2.28	193	1.57
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	Retired	993	64	3.22	187	2.35
Sakura Bakushin O	1989	Sakura Yutaka O	1996	JPN	2129	39	0.92	183	1.07
Silver Deputy	1985	Deputy Minister	1990	Retired	1118	47	2.10	180	2.01
Montjeu	1996	Sadler's Wells	2002	IRE	1185	62	2.62	180	1.90
Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	2000	KY	1777	39	1.10	179	1.26
Malibu Moon	1997	A.P. Indy	2001	KY	1174	52	2.21	178	1.90
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	2003	IRE	940	70	3.72	174	2.31
Maria's Mon	1993	Wavering Monarch	1998	Dead	1410	51	1.81	172	1.52
El Prado	1989	Sadler's Wells	1994	Dead	1108	54	2.44	168	1.90

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Speightstown	1998	Gone West	2006	KY	357	31	4.34	72	2.52
Sadler's Wells	1981	Northern Dancer	1986	Retired	1443	108	3.74	235	2.04
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	2003	IRE	940	70	3.72	174	2.31
Unusual Heat	1990	Nureyev	1999	CA	705	52	3.69	137	2.43
Candy Ride	1999	Ride the Rails	2006	KY	298	22	3.69	46	1.93
Dubawi	2002	Dubai Millennium	2007	GB	205	15	3.66	27	1.65
Medaglia d'Oro	1999	El Prado	2006	KY	370	27	3.65	74	2.50
Monsun	1990	Konigsstuhl	1997	GER	760	53	3.49	114	1.88
Bold Executive	1984	Bold Ruckus	1990	ON	818	56	3.42	148	2.26
Mineshaft	1999	A.P. Indy	2005	KY	355	23	3.24	63	2.22
D'wildcat	1998	Forest Wildcat	2005	FL	264	17	3.22	50	2.37
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	Retired	993	64	3.22	187	2.35
Dalakhani	2000	Darshaan	2005	IRE	300	19	3.17	37	1.54
Tapit	2001	Pulpit	2006	KY	356	22	3.09	57	2.00
Oasis Dream	2000	Green Desert	2005	GB	611	37	3.03	108	2.21
Smart Strike	1992	Mr. Prospector	1998	KY	1414	85	3.01	216	1.91
Kingmambo	1990	Mr. Prospector	1995	Retired	984	59	3.00	144	1.83
Street Cry	1998	Machiavellian	2004	KY	571	34	2.98	91	1.99
Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	2002	KY	891	53	2.97	166	2.33
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	2000	KY	989	58	2.93	161	2.03
Unbridled's Song	1993	Unbridled	1998	KY	1270	74	2.91	205	2.02
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	1590	92	2.89	270	2.12
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1436	79	2.75	277	2.41
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	1999	IRE	1589	87	2.74	216	1.70

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Speightstown	1998	Gone West	2006	KY	357	31	4.34	72	2.52
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Mineshaft	1999	A.P. Indy	2005	KY	355	23	3.24	63	2.22
Oasis Dream	2000	Green Desert	2005	GB	611	37	3.03	108	2.21
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	1590	92	2.89	270	2.12
Successful Appeal	1996	Valid Appeal	2002	KY	602	25	2.08	102	2.12
Freud	1998	Storm Cat	2003	NY	502	18	1.79	85	2.12
Rahy	1985	Blushing Groom	1991	Retired	967	47	2.43	161	2.08
Whiskey Wisdom	1993	Wild Again	1999	MB	476	24	2.52	78	2.05
Sadler's Wells	1981	Northern Dancer	1986	Retired	1443	108	3.74	235	2.04
Awesome Again	1994	Deputy Minister	2000	KY	989	58	2.93	161	2.03
Unbridled's Song	1993	Unbridled	1998	KY	1270	74	2.91	205	2.02
Dynaformer	1985	Roberto	1991	KY	1229	63	2.56	199	2.02
Silver Deputy	1985	Deputy Minister	1990	Retired	1118	47	2.10	180	2.01
Not for Love	1990	Mr. Prospector	1997	MD	1307	52	1.99	210	2.01
Tapit	2001	Pulpit	2006	KY	356	22	3.09	57	2.00

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**CONGRATS COLT TOPS OBS WINTER SALE A**

Florida-bred son of last year's leading freshman sire Congrats (A.P. Indy) topped yesterday's consignor-preferred session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Winter



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Mixed Sale with a final bid of \$100,000. The yearling ([hip 69](#)), consigned by Andy Cant, agent, was purchased by FHMB. Bred by Paul and Barbie Rothfuss, the dark bay is out of Toasttofriendship (Salt Lake), a half-sister to graded stakes placed Sweet Storm Creek (Storm Creek). The day's second-highest price was paid for a yearling filly by Yes It's True ([hip 83](#)). Consigned by Montgomery Equine Center, agent, the bay filly is out of the stakes-placed mare Wildcard Cat (Forest Wildcat). She sold for \$55,000 to Blue River Bloodstock.

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For the session, 113 horses sold for a total of \$1,399,400. The average price was \$12,384, up 26.6 percent from a year ago, while the median price rose 76 percent to \$9,000. During a smaller consignor preferred session a year ago, 92 horses sold for \$900,000, an average of \$9,783 and a median of \$5,000. Yesterday's buy-back rate was 30.7 percent, compared to 33.3 percent in 2010. The sale continues today at 11 a.m. For complete results, visit [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com).



**OBS JANUARY MIXED SALE**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 2011**

<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Catalogued	190	166
No. Offered	163	138
No. Sold	113	92
RNAs	50	46
% RNA	30.7%	33.3%
High Price	\$100,000	\$105,000
Gross	\$1,399,400	\$900,000
Average (% change)	\$12,384 (+26.6%)	\$9,783
Median (% change)	\$9,000 (+76%)	\$5,100

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**SUAVE TO VINERY FLORIDA** Suave (A.P. Indy--Urbane, by Citidancer) will relocate from Darby Dan Farm to stand the 2011 breeding season at Vinery Florida. From his first crop to hit the track last year, Suave had 16 winners and four stakes horses. "In our mind, Suave's first crop is more than respectable and we were looking forward to another year in Kentucky, especially with the large foal crops to follow," said Darby Dan Farm owner John Phillips. "However, Vinery approached us with a proposal to offer Florida breeders an opportunity to breed to a proven son of A.P. Indy and, after a very tight vote by the syndicate, it was decided he would relocate to Florida. Vinery, Darby Dan Farm and the Suave Syndicate get to reward the Florida breeders for the success of Congrats and give Suave the opportunity for yet another full book and to continue his path to long-term success." Suave is the sire of stakes winner Tlaquepaque and graded stakes placed Suave Voir Faire. He will stand for \$4,500.

**ALL AMERICAN**

Red Ransom - Milva, by Strawberry Road (Aus)  
2011 Fee: \$10,000

**AMERICAN PEDIGREE,  
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## OBITUARIES

### Allen Fairbanks Dies

Longtime racing official Allen Fairbanks died Monday in Florida after a long illness. He was 79. Fairbanks served as a state steward at Thistledown for 21 years, retiring in 2004. He also served as a steward at Detroit Race Course and Balmoral Park. He rode races in Boston and Vermont in the 1950s and 60s. "Allen, by far, was one of the most knowledgeable officials pertaining to the rules in the steward's stand," said Thistledown Director of Racing Bill Couch. "While he was tough and firm, he had a personality you had to like, for he was very fair to all horsemen who approached his desk. We at Thistledown extend our heartfelt condolences to Allen's family." Fairbanks is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Beverly, a daughter and two grandchildren. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

**ROOKIES**

Louisville Slugger

**First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Jan. 19**  
Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/  
BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- BELLAMY ROAD** (Concerto), Pauls Mill, \$13K, 144/13/3  
5-TAM, Msw, 1m, Bellamy's Boss, 2-1
- BLUEGRASS CAT** (Storm Cat), Winstar Farm LLC, \$50K, 207/25/2  
10-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Kiwi Humor, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- FIRE SLAM** (Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$6K, 31/4/1  
5-TAM, Msw, 1m, R U Smokin, 8-1
- HENNY HUGHES** (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 214/22/1  
10-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, Calvados, \$37K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2  
4-PRX, Msw, 6f, Just to Think, \$47K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
- WITH DISTINCTION** (Storm Cat), Hartley, 219/21/1  
7-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Faithful Prayer, \$9K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1

**CENTRAL**

### Seelbach Hotel to Host Old Friends Benefit:

Louisville's Seelbach Hotel will host the third annual "Old Friends Along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail," a progressive dinner and Bourbon-tasting to benefit the Central Kentucky Thoroughbred retirement facility. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19. Tickets are \$100 per person and the hotel is offering discounted rooms of \$95 per night to Bourbon Trail guests. The benefit will include live and silent auctions of equine artwork, autographed Bourbon items, racing memorabilia and fine jewelry. For reservations, contact Melissa Getz at the Seelbach at (502) 585-9292.



Tuesday Cancellations  
PARX RACING  
(winter weather)



**Rookies Cont.**

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Jan. 19**

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

**CLOSING ARGUMENT** (Successful Appeal), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$10K, 275/75/4

6-PRX, Msw, 7f, Grandad Bud, \$30K OBS AUG yrl, 7-2

**CONSOLIDATOR** (Storm Cat), Journeyman Stud, \$20K, 277/66/4

10-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, No Biggie, \$8K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1

**DANCE WITH RAVENS** (A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station, \$8K, 222/46/0

10-PRX, Msw, 6 1/2f, Capital Fellow, 4-1

**EUROSILVER** (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland Farm, \$13K, 266/80/3

8-GP, Alw, 1 1/2mT, Saint Jude, \$135K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

**GHOSTZAPPER** (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 258/56/5

4-PRX, Msw, 6f, Guest House, \$200K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

**INDIAN EXPRESS** (Indian Charlie), Ups and Down Farms, \$3K, 231/1/0

7-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Becausei'mworthit, 20-1

**IRISH ROAD** (Unbridled's Song), 37/4/0

5-TAM, Msw, 1m, Irish Roadie, 30-1

**LEROIDESANIMAUX (BRZ)** (Candy Stripes), Stonewall Farm Ocala, \$30K, 168/36/2

8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Maux Money, \$60K KEE NOV wnl, 12-1

**LIMEHOUSE** (Grand Slam), Vinery, \$18K, 232/60/5

8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Little Red Rider, \$30K KEE NOV wnl, 2-1

**POWERSCOURT (GB)** (Sadler's Wells), Coolmore Stud, \$13K, 188/25/1  
8-GP, Alw, 1 1/2mT, High Aspirations, 12-1

**PROUD ACCOLADE** (Yes It's True), Bridlewood, \$4K, 116/33/3  
3-GP, Str, 1 1/16mT, Gesu, 30-1

**ROMAN RULER** (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale Farms, \$30K, 283/96/4

8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Miss Olive Oil, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

4-PRX, Msw, 6f, +Roman Treasure, \$200K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

**WILDCAT HEIR** (Forest Wildcat), Journeyman Stud, \$7K, 269/104/9

7-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Lovely Lexus, 20-1

7-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Heir to Dare, \$62K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

7-GP, Msw, 5 1/2f, Nicola's Charm, 8-1

**BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS**



**TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20:**

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Quiet Giant won **Lady On The Run Stakes-L.R.** at Aqueduct

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Adirondack Summer won **Dania Beach Stakes-L.R.** at Gulfstream Park



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## AUSTRALASIA

### IREL TOPS MM RACEHORSE SALE Irel (NZ)

(Istidaad), coming off a third in the Listed Bagot H. at Flemington on New Year's Day, topped Tuesday's Magic Millions Racehorse Sale at the Gold Coast when selling for A\$170,000 to Victoria-based Eric Musgrove. The four-year-old gelding out of God's Angel (NZ) (Grosvenor {NZ}) was consigned as [lot 1256](#) from the Williams family's Hudson Conway Racing draft. "I've been watching him closely since the Williamses bought him from New Zealand, and he's been a very consistent performer," Musgrove offered. "He ran well in the stakes race the other day and he looks a good staying prospect. He might not be up to that top Group 1 style level like the Williamses want, but he is a very handy stayer, and down the track he could make a nice jumper." All 55 of the lots offered found new homes for a 100-percent clearance rate. The aggregate was A\$1.375 million, and the average was A\$25,009. Nick Williams said his family was satisfied with the results of their unreserved dispersal. "It all went well and we're pleased," Williams noted. "We look forward to watching the horses sold today race on and winning for their new connections." The selling at Magic Millions continues with the sixth session of the Gold Coast Yearling Sale today at 11 a.m. Catalogues and results are available on [www.magicmillions.com.au](http://www.magicmillions.com.au).

### MM QUEENSLAND SALE DATE CHANGED

*Edited press release*

At a meeting held at the Magic Millions Complex Tuesday, attended by vendors including Basil Nolan, the president of Thoroughbred Breeders Queensland, it was decided to shift the QTIS 600 Yearling Sale from Mar. 21-22 to Apr. 17-18. "The decision was made in respect of what has occurred in flood-ravaged Queensland to give people, both vendors and buyers, time to get back on their feet," Magic Millions Managing Director Stephen Silk said. "Magic Millions will work with all concerned to ensure that the sale is a success on the new dates of 17-18 April." Silk added, "We have been advised from Racing Queensland that the running of the A\$250,000 QTIS 600 race will be unaffected, and the race will go ahead as scheduled on Saturday, 19 March." Thoroughbred Breeders Queensland President Basil Nolan said the move was welcomed by his organisation. "Vendors felt that delaying the sale by a month would be beneficial to purchasers after the devastation of the floods in Queensland," Nolan said. "We asked Magic Millions if they would consider moving the sale and after a long discussion it was decided to move back a month. We thank Magic Millions for their support, and we hope that people realise that our decision is made with them in mind with the hardship that has gone on during the past month."

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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-PEN, \$34,000**, 1-17, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

**ANTITRUST (g, 5, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Trust Fund, by Conquistador Cielo)** Lifetime Record: 16-5-3-1, \$160,478. O-McCarty Racing. B-Brilliant Stables Inc (KY). T-Scott A Lake. \*\$170,000 wInq '06 KEENOV.

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**5th-SUN, \$29,000**, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

**IT'S MY PARTY (c, 3, Unbridled Energy--Dee Dee's Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$65,130. O-Bobby and Vickie Hammer. B-Bloodstock Holdings LLC (KY). T-Chris A Hartman. \*\$15,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '10 KEENOV; \$22,000 RNA wInq '08 KEENOV.

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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Valane, f, 3, Devon Lane--Set Values, by Tejano.** SUN, 1-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-Barbara Coleman (NM). \*1/2 to Values Of The Hunt, MSP, \$209,848.2



## MAGIC MILLIONS RACEHORSE SALE Tuesday, January 18, 2011

### SESSION TOTALS

	2011
Catalogued	71
No. Offered	55
No. Sold	55
RNAs	0
Highest Price	A\$170,000
Gross	A\$1,375,500
Average	A\$25,009
Median	A\$16,000

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## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**FRANCE, Pau, 14.40, €20,000, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:32.32, stn.**

**PRINCE D'ALIENOR (IRE) (c, 3, [Verglas {Ire}](#)--**

**Vassiana {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Anabaa) Lifetime Record:**

3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €17,700. O-Pur Sang d'Alienor; B-Celbridge Estates Ltd; T-Charles Gourdain.

\*50,000gns wnlg '08 TATDEC; €50,000 yrl '09

ARQAUG; 58,000gns RNA 2yo '10 TATAPR; €27,000

2yo '10 ARQJUL. \*\*1/2 to Girouette (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW-Ire, \$198,530.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**El Triplete (Ire), c, 3, [Sleeping Indian \(GB\)](#)--Virevolle (Fr), by Kahyasi (Ire). Naples, Italy, 1-17, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-D & Mrs D Veitch.**

**American Smooth (GB), c, 4, [Oasis Dream \(GB\)](#)--Two Step (GB), by Mujtahid. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-18, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Bottisham Heath Stud. \*42,000gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; 80,000gns yrl '08 TATDEC.**

### • ON THE WORKTAB • FAIR GROUNDS

Awesome Act (Awesome Again), 4f, :50.80, 18/22  
Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy), 4f, :50.20, 15/22

### HOLLYWOOD PARK

Capital Account (Closing Argument), 6f, 1:12.20, 2/8  
Pica Slew (Pico Central {Brz}), 6f, 1:11.60, 1/8

### PALM MEADOWS

Sweet Ducky (Pulpit), 4f, :49.05, 4/18

### SANTA ANITA

Hailey d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, 1:03.00, 16/18  
J P's Gusto (Successful Appeal), 6f, 1:11.80, 1/10

### 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

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$51,500 Allowance, at the Gulfstream. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

## BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Big Drama	Montbrook	Mr. Prospector S.-G3	117
Aspenglow	Lion Hearted	What a Summer S.	104
Tar Heel Mom	Flatter	Sugar Swirl S.-G3	104
Quiet Giant	Giant's Causeway	Lady on the Run S.	103
Tapizar	Tapit	Sham S.-G3	103
Heart Butte	Empire Maker	Evening Attire S.	101
Always a Princess	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	El Encino S.-G2	98
Bourbon Bay	Sligo Bay (Ire)	San Marcos S.-G2	98
Chief Jay	Ile St. Louis (Chi)	John E. Jackson Jr. Memorial S.	98
Gran Lioness	Lion Heart	My Trusty Cat S.	98
Speedacious	Yankee Gentleman	Happy Ticket S.	98
Indian Firewater	Indian Charlie	San Fernando S.-G2	97
California Nectar	Stormy Atlantic	Santa Ynez S.-G2	96
Decisive Moment	With Distinction	Jean Lafitte S.	96
Hungry Tigress	Hold That Tiger	Wishing Well S.	95
R Betty Graybull	Holy Bull	Leecoo S.	95
Manicero	Mass Media	Pasco S.	94
Win Willy	Monarchos	Fifth Season S.	94
Indian Winter	Indian Charlie	San Pedro S.	93
Adirondack Summer	Thunder Gulch	Dania Beach S.	92
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### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

**January 20, 1972...Secretariat** was shipped from Virginia to Florida to be trained by Lucien Laurin.

**January 20, 1979...Odds-on favorite Affirmed**, with Steve Cauthen aboard, finished second in the San Fernando S. at Santa Anita, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Radar Ahead. It was their fourth consecutive defeat. Cauthen subsequently lost the mount on Affirmed to jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr., who rode the horse for the remainder of his four-year-old season, winning seven victories in as many starts. Affirmed was later voted Horse of the Year for 1979. Cauthen had ridden Affirmed to a Triple Crown sweep the previous year and the pair recorded 11 wins in their 16 races together.

**January 23, 1994...Pat Day**, at age 40, became the 10th rider in North American racing history to ride 6,000 winners when he rode Miss Popsnorkle to victory in the first race at Oaklawn Park.

**January 24, 1974...Jockey Chris McCarron** rode his first race, in which he finished last aboard Most Active at Bowie Racecourse.