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NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK PREMIER YEARLINGS
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RED RANSOM COLT TOPS NZ PREMIER SALE

Trade improved during Tuesday's second session of the New Zealand Premier Yearling Sale in Karaka, which was topped by a Red Ransom colt, secured by David Ellis for NZ\$875,000

(US\$679,462). Offered by Cambridge Stud as [lot 466](#), the son of Nureyev's Girl (Aus) (Nureyev) is a half-brother to recent Group 1 winner King's Rose (NZ) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}). "He is a terrific colt," remarked Ellis, who also signed the ticket for Monday's session-topping Danehill Dancer (Ire) colt.



Lot 466 - Red Ransom colt
www.nzb.co.nz

"He has an interesting pedigree and, given he performs on the track, would make a great stud prospect and would be a good match for New Zealand mares. We had to fight off David Hayes and Chris Waller, both astute judges in their own right, to secure the horse, but we are thrilled that he will be staying in New Zealand." Ellis added, "Today has seen a much stronger day overall. There were a lot of quality horses on offer."

Z Way to Go...

The sale's highest-priced filly was an NZ\$800,000 daughter of leading sire Zabeel (NZ) who went to Adrian Nicoll of BBA Ireland. Part of the powerful Cambridge Stud draft, [lot 372](#) is out of Jesmonds Gift (NZ) (Magic of Sydney {Aus}), who is a half-sister to champion Canny Lad (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}) and MG1SW Canny Lass (Aus) (Bletchingly {Aus}). The filly will be heading to Sydney, but it's not yet certain to which yard. "She's a magnificent individual, with plenty of size and scope, and a lovely walker," Nicoll offered. "She'll eventually end up as a broodmare, but, if she can run, she'll be worth a goldmine, with a current pedigree from the Canny Lad and Canny Lass family." Nicoll continued, "We got down to two fillies on our list in the end, one by an unproven sire and this filly by a proven sire, so she was the obvious one to go for."

Sweet Sixteen for Connolly...

Connolly Bloodstock wound up as the leading buyer of the sale, with 16 head purchased for a total of NZ\$5.055 million. Rick Connolly's operation secured nine fillies and seven colts, topped by [lot 450](#) a NZ\$650,000 daughter of Encosta de Lago (Aus). Offered by Whakanui Stud, the Australian-bred bay is a half-sister to top Hong Kong-based sprinter Green Birdie (Aus) (Catbird {Aus}). "I think the Encosta de Lago filly from Mrs. Squillionaire (Aus) (Last Tycoon {Ire}) was one of the standout lots of the day," Connolly said. "She has an outstanding international pedigree, and is a lovely type. So too was the Darci Brahma/Miss Distinction filly [[lot 438](#)]-her page is full of outstanding horses in their own right, and she ticked all the boxes." Also part of Connolly's procurement was [lot 272](#), a NZ\$340,000 colt from the first crop of Casino Prince (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus}). Consigned by Pencarrow Stud, the bay is out of Devil's Song (NZ) (Stravinsky), who is a half-sister to G1SW Vapour Trail (NZ) (Jetball {Aus}). "The Casino Prince colt was one of the best I have seen; he was absolutely top shelf and another standout for me," Connolly stated. "Overall, I think the sale has been very competitive. Today has seen some stronger competition, as perhaps the line-up of yearlings was a little stronger on pedigree and type. We are very happy with the sale--we have seen some nice yearlings go through the ring, and we are thrilled with the horses we're taking home."

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Numbers Game...

Last year's Premier Sale saw a trio of yearlings sell for NZ\$1 million or more. Despite the fact that no young sters made seven figures in 2011, the two-day auction wound up nearly matching the statistics from 12 months ago. A total of 375 horses changed hands for NZ\$65,574,000, compared to 2010, when 362 head grossed NZ\$65,723,500. This year's average was NZ\$174,864, down four percent from the NZ\$181,557 achieved in 2010, but the median rose to NZ\$140,000 from NZ\$135,000. The final numbers pleased the auction house.

"Right from the very start of the day, the competition was intense, and it never seemed to let up," said Petrea Vela, NZB's co-managing director. "To post the second highest median on record is an incredible result, and really demonstrates the firepower at the heart of the middle market. We had no million-dollar lots this year, yet we are less than NZ\$150,000 away from last year's aggregate, and less than four percent down on average, with our clearance rate [79.45 percent] holding up extremely well. Last year's sale was our second best on record, which we never expected to match, so to be within striking distance of those figures is a fantastic result for the industry."

Selling continues at Karaka Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Select Sale. Complete results are available on www.nzb.co.nz.

**NZB PREMIER YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY - TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
<u>466</u>	c	Red Ransom	Nureyev's Girl (Aus)	875,000
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by D C Ellis		
<u>372</u>	f	Zabeel (NZ)	Jesmonds Gift (NZ)	800,000
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by BBA - Ireland		
<u>258</u>	f	Zabeel (NZ)	Dane Dancer (Aus)	700,000
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by M A Kavanagh		
<u>261</u>	c	Zabeel (NZ)	Danger Point (Aus)	675,000
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by Moody Racing Pty Ltd		
<u>450</u>	f	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Mrs. Squillionaire (Aus)	650,000
		Consigned by Whakanui Stud Ltd Purchased by Connolly Bloodstock		
<u>293</u>	c	High Chaparral (Ire)	Egoli Lass (NZ)	625,000
		Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Purchased by M B Lee		
<u>438</u>	f	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Miss Distinction (NZ)	625,000
		Consigned by Hallmark Stud Purchased by Connolly Bloodstock		
<u>256</u>	c	Iffraaj (GB)	Danasia (Aus)	540,000
		Consigned by Haunui Farm Purchased by M A Kavanagh		
<u>490</u>	c	Pentire (GB)	Platinum Blond (NZ)	520,000
		Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Purchased by Hawkes Racing		
<u>400</u>	c	Zabeel (NZ)	La Scala (NZ)	500,000
		Consigned by Hallmark Stud Purchased by John Chalmers Bloodstock Services		

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NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK LTD		NZB PREMIER YEARLING SALE Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011	
CUMULATIVE:	2011	2010	
Catalogued	503	483	
Offered	472	452	
No. Sold	375	362	
RNA	97	90	
%RNA	20.6%	20%	
Highest Price (NZ\$)	875,000	2,000,000	
Gross (NZ\$)	65,574,000	65,723,500	
Average (NZ\$)	174,864 (-3.7%)	181,557	
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“He’s doing great and we’re looking forward to coming,” O’Neill added. Hero of the 2008 GI Lane’s End Breeders’ Futurity, Square Eddie was bred to a reported 35 mares following a sixth-place finish in the 2009 GI Malibu S. Nick Zito’s two-headed monster of **Fly Down** (Mineshaft) and **Morning Line** (Tiznow) are also expected for the Donn.



DON’T CALL IT A COMEBACK



Square Eddie
Benoit photo

J. Paul Reddam’s **Square Eddie** (Smart Strike) came out of retirement to set a 6 1/2-furlong track-record over Santa Anita’s lightning fast dirt course in a Jan. 14 allowance, and seeks to keep the momentum rolling in Gulfstream’s GI Donn H. Saturday. “Corey Nakatani will be coming to ride him,” trainer Doug O’Neill confirmed. “He had some very

good race-like works going into the comeback race and worked a solid three-quarters eight days after that [1:12 3/5 Jan. 22].”

RECENT WINNERS - GI DONN H.

Year	Winner (Sire)	Trainer
2010	Quality Road (Elusive Quality)	Pletcher
2009	Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great)	McLaughlin
2008	Spring At Last (Silver Deputy)	O’Neill
2007	Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes)	McLaughlin
2006	Brass Hat (Prized)	Bradley
2005	Saint Liam (Saint Ballado)*	Dutrow Jr
2004	Medaglia d’Oro (El Prado {Ire})	Frankel
2003	Harlan’s Holiday (Harlan)	Pletcher
2002	Mongoose (Broad Brush)	Bond
2001	Captain Steve (Fly So Free)	Baffert
2000	Stephen Got Even (A.P. Indy)	Zito
1999	Puerto Madero (Chi) (Gallantsky)	Mandella

*Eclipse Award winner that year

“Belmont Stakes winner **A.P. Indy** has been looking more and more like the leading conduit for premium talent through such sons as **Pulpit** and **Malibu Moon**, as well as grandson **Tapit**, but having both **Congrats** and **Bernardini** fighting for the title of top freshman clearly puts Seattle Slew’s branch of the Bold Ruler line in the national forefront.”

Source: Frank Mitchell, 14th Dec. 2010

Did you know...

6 stallions bred on the **A.P. Indy/Mr. Prospector** cross sired **Gr.1** winners in 2010, they are **Congrats** the leading freshman sire of 2010, and....

STALLION	2011 FEE
Tapit	\$80,000
Bernardini	\$75,000
Malibu Moon	\$60,000
Pulpit	\$50,000
Mineshaft	\$25,000

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Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates AL SHINDAGHA SPRINT-G3, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1200m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Mutheeb	Danzig	R Hills	Al Muhairi
2	Banna Boirche (Ire)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	Foley	Halford
3	Alazeyab	El Prado (Ire)	O'Shea	Al Raihe
4	Our Giant (Aus) (Aus)	Giant's Causeway	Soumillon	de Kock
5	Frosty Secret	Put It Back	Shea	de Kock
6	Dohasa (Ire)	Bold Fact	Moore	Mohammed
7	Terrific Challenge	Royal Academy	Mullen	Seemar
8	Force Freeze	Forest Camp	Fallon	Watson
9	Prohibit (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Spencer	Cowell
10	Dynamic Blitz (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Doleuze	Yiu
11	Sangaree	Awesome Again	Dettori	bin Suroor
12	Inxile (Ire)	Fayruz (GB)	A Nicholls	D Nicholls

Reserves

13	Rain Delayed (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	No rider	Dods
14	Alo Pura (GB)	Anabaa	No rider	Selvaratnam
15	Invincible Ash (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	No rider	Halford
16	Orife (Ire)	Marchand de Sable	No rider	Chevalier

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NEWS TODAY

PRINCE SAUD BIN KHALED PASSES AWAY

HH Prince Saud bin Khaled, who owned and bred inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf victress Maram (Sahm) in partnership with Karen Woods, has died at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center following an illness. Internment will take place in his native country of Saudi Arabia. Prince Saud bin Khaled began racing under Palides Investments N.V., Inc. in 1984 and established Chanteclair Farm in Kentucky in 1995. Lyphard's Delta (Lyphard), heroine of the 1993 G2 Nassau S. at Goodwood, thrived in her career in the breeding shed for Prince Khaled as well. She produced GI Garden City Breeders' Cup H. heroine



HH Prince Saud bin Khaled

Indy Five Hundred (A.P. Indy), last year's G1 Gran Criterium hero Biondetti (Bernardini), and MGSW Delta Princess (A.P. Indy). The latter is also the dam of the promising ♀ "TDN Rising Star" ♀ Royal Delta (Empire Maker), who debuted with a runaway victory for Palides Investments at Belmont Oct. 30. Prince Khaled took pride in the breeding aspect of Thoroughbred racing. "It's like a recipe," he once said. "Some people are great chefs and some are fine wine connoisseurs. You have to love what you do. I take so much pleasure in selecting matings for my mares, it's like creating a new work of art! But, it all would be for nothing without the help of God." Palides Investments also bred GI Gazelle S. heroine Lear's Princess (Lear Fan), GI Mother Goose S. winner Dreams Gallore (Silver Ghost), and owned/bred GI Hollywood Turf Cup winner Continuously (Diesis {GB}). Those wishing to honor the memory of Prince Saud bin Khaled can make donations to Central Kentucky Riding for the Handicapped (859.231.7066) or the Race for Education (859.252.8648).



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Red Ransom - Milva, by Strawberry Road (Aus)
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Dubai Previews cont.

Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R2-G3, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1900m (AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1 Bold Silvano (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Soumillon	de Kock
2 Spring of Fame (K)	Grand Slam	Dettori	bin Suroor
3 Al Shemali (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Ffrench	Al Raihe
4 My Indy (Arg)	Indygo Shiner	Cosgrave	bin Shafya
5 Crowded House (GB)	Rainbow Quest	Moore	B Cecil
6 Interaction (Arg)	Easing Along	Lemaire	Bary
7 Gitano Hernando (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	Marwing	Botti
8 Trois Rois (Fr)	Hernando (Fr)	Durcan	Mohammed
9 Silverside (K)	Pleasantly Perfect	Grosjean	Delcher

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WRITERS UP

With Eye On Past, Darby Dan Invests in Future...

It's been 23 years since Roberto, big and gruff, patrolled the fencelines at Darby Dan Farm. But the stallion's presence is still very much felt at the Lexington-area nursery. Mares hailing from families made famous by his sons and daughters still populate the fields, and the main office is replete with photos of some of his best offspring, or pictures of Roberto himself.



All American...

Trained by Vincent O'Brien, Roberto was a successful racehorse in Europe, collecting two

championships and the G1 Epsom Derby for Darby Dan founder John Galbreath before returning to his birthplace to commence an equally successful stallion career. Through 15 seasons, Roberto sired 500 named foals--an average of just 33 per crop.

He sired 84 stakes winners, an impressive strike rate of 16.8 percent. Nearly a third of his named foals--28.4 percent--earned black type.

Many of Roberto's most accomplished runners were Darby Dan or Phillips family homebreds. (Joan "Jody" Phillips was John Galbreath's daughter, and is the mother of current Darby Dan head John Phillips.) Champion turf horse Sunshine Forever and Grade I winners Brian's Time and Plenty of Grace carried Darby Dan's silks. And, if success didn't come through Roberto, then it came through his sons and daughters.



...and his grandsire Roberto

Soaring Softly, winner of the inaugural 1999

GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf for the Phillips family, is by Roberto's son Kris S. Grade I-winning homebred Wonder Again is by Silver Hawk, another son of Roberto, as is her brother Grass Wonder, Japan's champion two-year-old colt in 1997. The Phillips family's dual Grade I winner Memories of Silver is also by Silver Hawk.

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Writers Up cont.

"I am ridiculously sentimental about Roberto," John Phillips said recently. "I am, for obvious reasons, a huge fan of his sire line--it's part of the essence of Darby Dan; its great tradition and history."

So it wasn't a surprise when Darby Dan announced it was welcoming a grandson of Roberto to its roster for 2011. What was a bit of a surprise is that the horse was Australian Group 1 winner All American (Aus), by Roberto's son Red Ransom.



John Phillips
Darby Dan photo

It is common for U.S.-based sires to shuttle to the Southern Hemisphere for breeding duties, but it's rare, particularly in the U.S., for horses who ran in the Southern Hemisphere and began their stud careers there, to shuttle stateside. Breeder familiarity and the fact that most of those horses ran on grass are some of the biggest obstacles.

But in All American, Phillips saw a horse that might just be worth taking a chance on. Phillips first became aware of All American after the colt emerged as a good runner Down Under. Racing in the colors of John Messara's Arrowfield Stud, All American was a Group 3-winning juvenile who scored his most important success at four, when he defeated superstar So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire}) in the 1600-meter G1 VRC Emirates S. in a course-record 1:33.98 at Flemington ([video](#)) in 2009.

All American's pedigree intrigued Phillips, too, and it wasn't just the sire line. All American was produced by Milva (Strawberry Road {Aus}), a daughter of French highweight Tersa (Mr. Prospector), and thus a half-sister to the first-class Rock Hard Ten (by Roberto's son Kris S.). All American is himself a half to Group 2 winner More Strawberries (Aus) (More Than Ready), and finds GI Kentucky Derby winner Gato del Sol (*Cougar II) under his third dam.

"He was bred in Australia, but he has an American pedigree, and he has so many American qualities to him, that when I first heard of him, he caught my curiosity," said Phillips. "I followed him as a racehorse and, when he retired, I reached out to John Messara."

It wasn't until Phillips made the trip to Australia, however, that he decided to pull the trigger and invest in the horse.

"He's a good-looking horse--I mean, a really good-looking horse," said Phillips. "If I had gone there and he didn't have the looks, despite all the other things he had going for him, then [the deal] wouldn't have happened."

All American never saw a dirt track, at least in the afternoon, but Phillips saw physical traits he thought would translate well to America's preferred surface.

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2nd Nunthorpe Stakes-Gr.1, 5f.

Champion sprinter in Australia 2009/10

1st Caulfield Guineas-Gr.1, 8f.

1st Oakleigh Plate-Gr.1, 5½f.

Top sprinters from the Danzig sire line that became top stallions include:

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Green Desert	127
Danehill	126
Danetime	121
Invincible Spirit	121

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"I don't pretend to be a scholar on dirt conformation, but I do know that his pasterns are short, and his canons are short, and his feet, while they're big, aren't big, pie-footed, Ribot-type feet," said Phillips. "And he's got plenty of hindquarter and plenty of speed there. Importantly, he had precocity, which, quite frankly, we at Darby Dan have probably not paid enough attention to."

But, of course, it's the connection to Roberto that resonates strongest with Phillips.



All American's Strawberry brand

"I've been looking for a Roberto-line sire for a long time, and there are not a lot of options," he said. "You really had three options--Silver Hawk, who's now gone, and really left no heirs. There's Kris S., which does have some legitimacy as an ongoing sire line. Obviously

Arch [by Kris S.] has proved his value, and that's going to continue on through Blame. And Dynaformer; it's really too bad Barbaro wasn't able to be a sire, because I think he would have made a very nice stallion."

Phillips said that those stallions had some strikes against them, at least as regards Darby Dan mares.

"Arch is out of a Danzig mare, which restricts the mares I'd like to send to him--the Roberto affinity for Northern Dancer is huge," said Phillips. "And Dynaformer's much the same. Of course he comes out of a Golden Trail family, and he also has His Majesty and Ribot in there, and again, for me that's an issue."

From Darby Dan's blue hen mare Golden Trail (Hasty Road) sprung not only Dynaformer, but Darby Creek Road, Memories of Silver, Sunshine Forever, etc. Ribot and His Majesty stood at Darby Dan, and appear in the pedigrees of many of the farm's mares.

"So of all the major Roberto sires there have been, Red Ransom will always be the most intriguing, at least to me," said Phillips. "Not only because of his pedigree, but because he had precociousness, and he was a dirt performer."

Whether American breeders will embrace All American remains to be seen, but Phillips said initial response has been favorable.

"Especially after people come and see him," he said. "I think if people look at him, and at his pedigree and precocity and temperament, and the fact he was brilliant, they'll give him a shot."

All American will stand his initial season in the U.S. for \$10,000; he stood for A\$16,500 at Arrowfield. Phillips said he intends All American to be on Darby Dan's roster for the foreseeable future.

"John [Messara] and I will do this for several years, and then we'll see where his offspring perform best," said Phillips. "It's really a reverse shuttle, though I'm not sure I like the term, because the intent is for this horse to be here for a long time."

BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Amazombie	Northern Afleet	Sunshine Millions Sprint S.	106
Dialed in	Mineshaft	Holy Bull S.-G3	104
Inherit the Gold	Gold Token	Mr. International S.	104
Switch	Quiet American	Santa Monica S.-G1	102
Tackleberry	Montbrook	Sunshine Millions Classic S.	102
Caracortado	Cat Dreams	Sunshine Millions Turf S.	101
Modern Cowboy	Tiznow	Bald Eagle S.	100
Tend	Dynaformer	Forego S.	100
Native Ruler	Elusive Quality	King Cotton S.	99
Wicked Thunder	Thunder Gulch	Dancing Count S.	98
Hyperlink	Toccet	Manatee S.	97
Trip for A. J.	Trippi	Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf S.	97
Aegean	Northern Afleet	Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Sprint S.	95
Pomeroy's Pistol	Pomeroy	Forward Gal S.-G2	95
Reba Is Tops	He's Tops	Wishing Well S.	95
Evening Jewel	Northern Afleet	Sunshine Millions Distaff S.	94
Kid Kate	Lemon Drop Kid	Correction S.	94
Schramberg	Storm Cat	John B. Connally Turf Cup H.-G3	94
Alec's Moon	Malibu Moon	Portland Meadows Oaks	85
Forest Uproar	Forest Wildcat	Marie G. Krantz Memorial H.	84

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Phillips breaks into a self-deprecating smile when asked if he intends to support All American with Darby Dan mares.

"I'm foolish," he said. "I've got mares going to him that ought to be bred to \$100,000 stallions, and I'm going to bred them to All American. But I've had such great success with Roberto-line sires."

No fewer than eight Darby Dan mares are booked to All American, including Ameriflora (Danzig), dam of Wonder Again and Grass Wonder; Grade I winner Tribulation (Danzig), dam of GSW Bold Hawk (Silver Hawk); Believe in Wonder (Aldebaran), a daughter of Ameriflora; SW and GSP Memories of Gold (Time for a Change); and Honor Bestowed (Honor Grades), whose first foal is GSW Taqarub (Aldebaran). -LM



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FROM THE DESK OF...
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41 GOOD VALUE SIRES

At the risk of igniting another war of words over the meaning of 'value,' here's my case: here are 41 stal lions, of varying price, age, and opportunity. All had three-year-olds and up of 2010 (first foals 2007 and earlier), and all had APEX ABC Runner indices of 1.50 or higher; 1.50 equals 12 percent of year-starters. As you'll recall, ABC runners are top-eight percent earners, meaning, as we translate it, they are 'break-even horses or better'--they pay their way, at least as far as the training costs go, and without regard to what it cost to originally get them there.

I certainly didn't plan it this way, but of the 41, 36 stand in North America, the other five in Ireland. The most likely explanation is a lot of European sires otherwise completely worthy of mention in this context had ABC indices slightly lower than 1.50. It was an arbitrary cutoff point, to be sure--and that's how it panned out, 36 in North America and five in Europe. Of the 36, there are 22 in Kentucky, meaning Kentucky accounts for 55 percent of the 40 sires which made this list. So it looks like there are some good buys this year, particularly in Kentucky. You could probably say the same for Ireland.

We've published the sires' "age ratings" in the accompanying table, as a look at those in progression (or regression) can sometimes tell us something important about a sire's progeny. Looking first at a list (alphabetically) of the nine Kentucky sires standing for \$25,000 or more in today's review, the first horse alphabetically, **Awesome Again** (Deputy Minister), is a perfect example of this. You can see he has an overall ABC Index of 2.03, and his age figures improve markedly as his progeny get older: 1.31 for two-year-olds; 1.72 at three; 2.25 at four; and 3.10 as five-year-olds and up. Classic age progression, and often typical of sires which are undervalued by the marketplace in light of their actual ability to sire money-making racehorses.

Some of the younger sires we've already discussed extensively--including F2006 **Candy Ride** (Ride the Rails)--but of course you can see why he qualifies for this list. The \$40,000 is long gone, but congratulations, you made a great buy--as if you didn't know, you canny breeders, whoever you are. **Lemon Drop Kid** (Kingmambo) is out of a Seattle Slew mare, and looks, ran, and sires like a Seattle Slew. He didn't have as good a year in 2010, but his overall figures are very impressive: 2.33 ABC Index, and his age ratings are over 2.00 in all categories. Seattle Slew's hoofprints are all over this list: his son **A.P. Indy** is the sire of **Mineshaft**, who we discussed last week as the leading F2005 sire by A Runner Index--note that his runners improve significantly as three-year-olds and up.

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Pulpit was the original A.P. Indy son, and is in turn the sire of **Tapit** and F2005 sire **Sky Mesa**, another we covered last week. Pulpit himself is still racking up impressive numbers, and now must rate as a really good buy for a \$50,000 stallion.

F2007 sire **Rock Hard Ten** (Kris S.) has plenty of decent runners, including Grade/Group II and III winners, but 2011 is the make-or-break year for him. If he follows the usual Roberto sire line pattern and gets better as he goes along, this year's price of \$25,000 will look pretty righteous. **Speightstown** (Gone West), as discussed last week, is the leading F2006 sire in three of four key categories. Considering the F2006 fearsome foursome also consists of **Medaglia d'Oro** (\$100,000) and **Tapit** (\$80,000), **Candy Ride** and **Speightstown** must be very good buys, at \$40,000 and \$50,000, respectively. **Stormy Atlantic** (Storm Cat) has been a big success from the word go; 193 ABC Runners in seven years ranks him among the top 20 sires in that department. He has to rate a good buy now for \$30,000.

Kentucky Sires--\$20,000 and Under...

Again alphabetically: **Belong to Me** (Danzig) is 22 years old now but still has tremendous figures for a \$7,500 stallion. He's a good broodmare sire, too, including the likes of **Circular Quay**, **Radiohead**, **Papa Clem**, and **Lookin at Lucky** (the latter two by **Smart Strike**). Fellow Lane's End stallion (and import from New York) **City Zip** (Carson City) has crept up to \$15,000, but is still one of the best buys in Kentucky, with a 2.65 A Index, 1.98 ABC Index, and 3.01 two-year-old index. Crucially, he is back above 2.00 for five-year-olds and up, indicating longevity. **Forestry** (Storm Cat) was on fire in 2006 but, after getting great mares then, he's been dormant ever since. There are signs he's coming back to life now that the bigger crops out of the better mares are getting to the races.

Fusaichi Pegasus (Mr. Prospector) looks as though he's found his level and now looks pretty consistent, with ratings of 1.50+ in each of the three class, and four age, categories. That makes him a useful \$15,000 sire, and his best rating (2.08) is for two-year-olds, too.

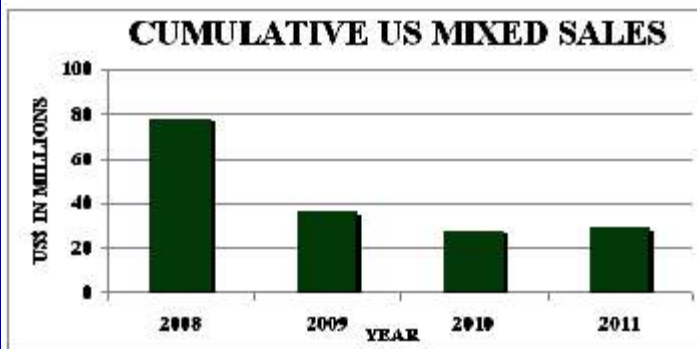
We noted last week that **Ghostzapper** (Awesome Again) was, surprisingly, the leading F2007 sire by ABC Runner Index so far, and with a 3.19 three-year-old ABC Index, he could easily keep improving, and suddenly all those B Runners can become A Runners.

Langfuhr (Danzig) got a mention a couple of weeks ago and ranks fifth among 678 sires in number of 2004-2010 ABC Runners (222). He's another hugely solid buy at \$15,000. Note his runners improve with age, as did he. Same farm, same profile: Lane's End's **Pleasantly Perfect** (Pleasant Colony), sire of a Breeders' Cup winner last year, with a 2.50 A Runner Index, 2.15 ABC Index, for just \$7,500; a great buy for a racehorse sire--and note that his runners, too, improve significantly at three and up (oldest four in 2010).

Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"We haven't seen this for a while - first three sales of the year, all indicators up: number catalogued up by one horse (2,741 to 2,740); number sold up three percent; clearance rate from the catalogue up by 1.5 percent; gross up by five percent; and average up by two percent. Green shoots. Now follow mixed sales at Tattersalls tomorrow, Fasig Kentucky next week, then Arqana at Saint-Cloud, then Goffs. The last week of this month is blank, then the two-year-old market gets underway in Florida in four weeks' time." - Bill Oppenheim



CUMULATIVE US MIXED SALES THROUGH FEB 1, 2011

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	2,741	2,175	1,587	20.6%	73.0%	57.9%	\$28,987,950	\$18,266
2010	2,740	2,217	1,545	19.1%	69.7%	56.4%	\$27,564,100	\$17,841
2009	3,306	2,468	1,883	25.3%	76.3%	57.0%	\$36,185,500	\$19,217
2008	4,040	2,982	2,337	26.2%	78.4%	57.8%	\$77,710,500	\$33,252

UPCOMING SALES CALENDER

MIXED SALES

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

2YO SALES

3-Mar	Fasig-Tipton Florida 2yo Sale
15-16 Mar	OBS Selected 2yo Sale
21-Mar	Barretts March Select 2yo Sale
29-Mar	Goffs Breeze Up at Kempton
5-Apr	Fasig-Tipton Texas 2yo Sale
11-Apr	Keeneland April 2yo Sale
12-14 Apr	Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up
18-21 Apr	OBS Spring 2yo Sale
19-20 Apr	Doncaster Breeze Up Sale

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



The cheapest good buy in Kentucky, by my lights, is Vinery's **Pure Prize** (Storm Cat), standing for just \$5,000 this year. He's got a great record for that kind of money--2.01 A Index; 2.21 for two-year-olds; and 1.99 for five-year-olds and up (two crops of those by end 2010), so he's good for precocity and good for durability, and definitely can get class. They didn't quote a price on the 2000 GI Preakness winner **Red Bullet** (Unbridled), but it's unlikely to be too steep, and his record looks pretty good now; he has an excellent 2.77 ABC rating for two-year-olds.

Smoke Glacken (Two Punch) has dropped back down to \$10,000 now, and is a useful and prolific sire, another with a good two-year-old rating (2.32), but they don't fall off as much as some as three-year-olds and up--1.67 or higher in all subsequent years. We mentioned F2006 **Stroll**, another by Pulpit, last week, and look at his two-year-old figure (3.81). The two years in Italy will eventually play havoc with his numbers, but he's clearly done very well from limited early opportunity. **Successful Appeal** (Valid Appeal) is another great buy at \$15,000. He has a 2.08 A Index; 2.12 ABC Index; and also sustains good numbers (1.67+) for four-year-olds and up while registering an ultra-impressive 3.61 two-year-old index. And **War Chant** (Danzig, and not to be confused with War Front, the second-crop sire) has seen his figures stabilize at a level where, like Fusaichi Pegasus, he looks a pretty consistent sire for the money--in his case, \$12,500.

States and Provinces...

We've written before about the two sons of Forest Wildcat who are doing so well in Florida, Vinery's F2005 sire, **D'Wildcat** (2.37 ABC Index, tops among F2005 sires and sixth overall of 678 sires) and Journeyman's F2007 sire, **Wildcat Heir** (2.36, with 36 ABC Runners, tops among F2007 sires). At \$8,500 and \$10,000, respectively, they are no-brainers for Florida breeders. D'Wildcat has a 3.51 two-year-old ABC Index but is still over 2.00 at all other ages; Wildcat Heir, perhaps surprisingly, is fine at two but had a blockbuster 3.67 rating for his first three-year-olds in 2010. **Graeme Hall**, a grandson of Deputy Minister by Dehere, has very solid figures for a \$5,000 stallion, especially with a good 2.46 two-year-old rating. Now, you know how we uncovered Big Bad Bob last year (we'll get to him in a minute). Here's the American version: **Hear No Evil** (Carson City), another standing at Journeyman Stud. He's only had 20 year-starters (the minimum to be rated), from just 20 foals in his first two crops--but they include three A Runners (7.50) and three C Runners (3.75 ABC Index), including the GI Wood Memorial second and GI Preakness third Jackson Bend. Hear No Evil has a 5.71 two-year-old index, and a 4.03 three-year-old index. Of course the figures will come down as he has more runners, but suffice to say these numbers grab your attention.

Pennsylvania has become the newest state in a long tradition to attract not-quite-Kentucky stallions, but you wouldn't call these castoffs. Three stallions which have gone there in the last two years and stand for \$10,000 bring very solid numbers with them. **Jump Start** (A.P. Indy) was the first to go there, and now has 74 ABC runners and a 1.51 ABC Index since his first runners hit the racetrack in 2006. **E Dubai** (Mr. Prospector) and 2004 GI Kentucky Derby winner **Smarty Jones** (Elusive Quality) have arrived for 2011, from Darley and Three Chimneys, respectively. They arrive with identical 1.78 ABC indices, E Dubai has had two more crops and nearly 2 1/2 times as many runners. There's another son of Mr. Prospector, **Greatness**, who's not so well known, as he came up from Florida, and stands for \$5,000. He has an impressive 1.84 ABC Index, with very even age distribution, and looks plenty useful for that money.

We wrote last week about the three Ontario stallions on this list: F2006 sire **Where's the Ring** (Seeking the Gold), who leads all F2006 sires by ABC Index (2.56), and the two promising F2007 sons of Langfuhr, **Mobil** (2.13 ABC Index) and **Wando** (1.97). We return to the States for three final price standouts: California's wundersire **Unusual Heat** (Nureyev), now 21 but the best sire in California the last five years for sure. Look at his runners' age progression (1.05-1.97-2.89-3.29). In New York, Giant's Causeway's full brother **Freud** (Storm Cat) has a standout 2.12 ABC Index--85 ABC Runners since 2005. Sure, higher purses in the New York program help, like they do in Ontario, but the point is he's still the standout, regardless of the scale. **Yankee Gentleman** (Storm Cat) went from Kentucky to Louisiana last year. He had really decent figures from his Kentucky crops at Airdrie: 1.93 A Index; 2.08 Index; 1.94 two-year-old ABC Index.

Irish Quintet...

The five European sires which did find their way onto this list all stand in Ireland, one each at five different farms. Tied at €35,000 each are the Aga Khan's Giltown's **Dalakhani** (Darshaan) and Darley's Kildangan Stud's **Cape Cross** (Green Desert). They're very different, but both very reasonable buys, say the numbers. Dalakhani won eight of his nine starts, including the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, for his celebrated owner-breeder, and is a real middle-distance sire. Look at his age figures: 0.45 for two-year-olds, 4.01 for his first crop of five-year-olds last year. By contrast, Cape Cross is the very definition of a useful sire, and, oh, by the way, he can throw in the occasional Sea the Stars or Ouija Board. His runners improve with age also, and he had a quite an impressive total of 1,220 year-starters and 164 ABC Runners 2004-2010.

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Coolmore's **Rock of Gibraltar** (Danehill) was a tip-top racehorse, winning seven Group 1 races in a row. He didn't become the next Danehill at stud, but that shouldn't obscure the fact he's been a really useful sire. He has a 2.16 A Runner Index and very consistent age figures, and--interesting point here--seems to work very well with Sadler's Wells mares. There aren't as many \$25,000-ish really useful sires in Europe as you'd think, but he really qualifies, the sort of horse you like to kick a mare off with, because he's very consistent. Then there's **Big Bad Bob** (Bob Back)--the actual numbers: one A Runner, no B Runners, five C Runners from 39 year-starters. It gives him a 1.92 ABC Index, with a whopping 4.30 rating for three-year-old ABC runners in his first crop. It's highly promising, and the word on the street is some really big-time breeders are sending mares to him in 2011, at €6,000, at the Irish National Stud. He's earned it. And Sheikh Hamdan's Derrinstown Stud stands **Intikhab** (Red Ransom), whose status as Ireland's leading 'sleeper' stallion was only enhanced by Snow Fairy, the best three-year-old filly in the world last year (four Group 1 wins), and interestingly, owned by Cristina Patino, who also bred and owns Big Bad Bob. Snow Fairy's dam is a half-sister to Big Bad Bob, and they bred her to Intikhab to stick with the Roberto line. In this case, it worked.

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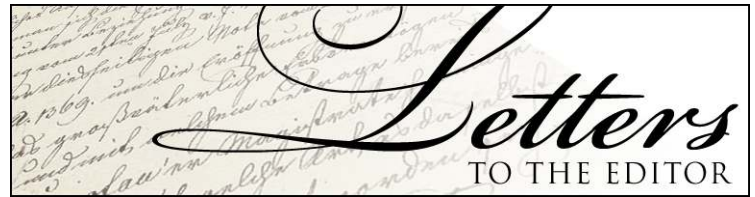


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For the last few years I have been on a huge kick about people in this business always coming up with negatives. And being self-employed, I can certainly talk all day about the negatives. Great fun and exciting stories we seem to never get enough of--opening day at Del Mar, The Melbourne Cup or the great experience of racing at Royal Ascot--just to name a few.

Nothing pleases me more than to relate this story which started around the end of December when I was invited to South Africa to the Inaugural Cape Premier Yearling Sale. Boarding the plane on January 21st, I had no idea what lay ahead. Are these people amateur horse breeders in darkest Africa?! I really didn't know what to expect. Selling yearlings in January in the Southern Hemisphere is like selling in June in the Northern Hemisphere. In other words, very early!!

From the time I was picked up at the airport in Cape Town, there was nothing amateur at all about this operation or these people. Horse men and women like me from 15 countries were embraced by knowledgeable professionals. We were treated to drivers, trips to some of the most outstanding stud farms I have ever seen, treated to lunch, wine-tastings, dinners at some fantastic restaurants, day trips and, frankly, whatever we wanted. They were there to help and promote. The hospitality was outstanding.

The opening of the sale was kicked off with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a most outstanding performance by one of South Africa's leading singing/dancing groups. We were further treated to a production on a huge screen showing the accomplishments of some of South Africa's great horses that have performed at the very top level of racing all over the world.

The sale yearlings were a very well-selected group--mature, with good bone and size, and to be honest, a lot more forward than North American yearlings in summer.

The last day was a trip to Kenilworth Race Course just 20 minutes outside of Cape Town with three Group 1s and a Group 2 on the race card. I was very excited!! The horses looked outstanding as their coats sparkled in the African sun. Everyone was dressed in style, with the attendance reported over 50,000+. There was a fantastic buzz in the air as we all bet, talked horses, and enjoyed the wonderful South African hospitality.

Thank you to all of the South African horse men and women. You not only sold me on your horses, but also on your wonderful country and your kind and gracious people.

Sincerely,
Alistair Roden
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41 GOOD VALUE SIRES FOR 2011

(minimum ABC Index of 1.50 - 12% of Year-starters)

SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	2011 FEE	TOT Rnrs	TOT A Indx	TOT B Indx	TOT C Indx	TOT ABC's	ABC Index	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+
(Ky, \$25,000 & up)													
Awesome Again	2000	KY	50,000	989	2.93	2.02	1.59	161	2.03	1.31	1.72	2.25	3.10
Candy Ride	2006	KY	40,000	298	3.69	1.17	1.43	46	1.93	2.15	2.14	1.70	0
Lemon Drop Kid	2002	KY	35,000	891	2.97	2.13	2.10	166	2.33	2.17	2.36	2.16	3.69
Mineshaft	2005	KY	25,000	355	3.24	2.11	1.76	63	2.22	1.32	2.57	2.55	2.96
Pulpit	1999	KY	50,000	1047	2.48	2.01	1.67	164	1.96	1.94	2.21	2.00	2.40
Rock Hard Ten	2007	KY	25,000	98	2.55	1.53	1.53	14	1.79	1.76	2.34	0	0
Sky Mesa	2005	KY	30,000	464	2.16	1.29	1.83	66	1.78	2.00	1.75	1.84	2.61
Speightstown	2006	KY	50,000	357	4.34	2.24	1.75	72	2.52	2.17	2.55	3.28	0
Stormy Atlantic	2000	KY	30,000	1534	2.28	1.34	1.34	193	1.57	1.81	1.72	1.36	2.04
(Europe, €25,000 & Up)													
Cape Cross	2001	IRE	35,000	1220	2.05	1.48	1.60	164	1.68	1.04	1.64	1.80	2.89
Dalakhani	2005	IRE	35,000	300	3.17	1.67	0.67	37	1.54	0.45	1.57	1.56	4.01
(Ky, below \$25,000)													
Belong to Me	1995	KY	7,500	934	2.03	1.45	1.74	130	1.74	1.61	1.54	1.87	2.28
City Zip	2003	KY	15,000	718	2.65	1.95	1.67	114	1.98	3.01	2.18	1.43	2.02
Forestry	2001	KY	12,500	1034	2.03	1.89	1.14	128	1.55	1.05	1.78	1.33	2.30
Fusaichi Pegasus	2002	KY	15,000	1327	1.66	1.51	1.54	166	1.56	2.08	1.56	1.51	1.62
Ghostzapper	2007	KY	20,000	106	1.42	3.77	2.36	21	2.48	2.20	3.19	0	0
Langfuhr	1999	KY	15,000	1491	2.15	1.64	1.83	222	1.86	1.58	1.71	1.93	2.36
Pleasantly Perfect	2006	KY	7,500	180	2.50	1.94	2.08	31	2.15	1.29	2.33	2.41	0
Pure Prize	2004	KY	5,000	447	2.01	0.78	1.62	54	1.51	2.21	1.24	1.46	1.99
Red Bullet	2004	KY	Private	281	1.96	2.49	1.25	39	1.73	2.77	1.55	1.54	1.76
Smoke Glacken	1999	KY	10,000	1211	1.61	1.24	1.63	148	1.53	2.32	1.67	1.67	1.72
Stroll	2006	KY	7,500	76	2.63	1.32	1.32	10	1.64	3.81	1.23	1.22	0
Successful Appeal	2002	KY	15,000	602	2.08	2.08	2.16	102	2.12	3.61	2.34	1.67	1.74
War Chant	2002	KY	12,500	681	2.06	1.47	1.58	91	1.67	1.68	1.59	1.93	1.71
(Florida)													
D'wildcat	2005	FL	8,500	264	3.22	1.52	2.37	50	2.37	3.51	2.17	2.65	2.30
Wildcat Heir	2007	FL	10,000	191	1.31	3.66	2.23	36	2.36	1.51	3.67	0	0
Graeme Hall	2004	FL	5,000	448	1.56	1.34	1.62	55	1.53	2.46	1.41	1.44	1.55
Hear No Evil	2007	FL	3,500	20	7.50	0.00	3.75	6	3.75	5.71	4.03	0	0
(Pennsylvania)													
E Dubai	2004	PA	10,000	535	2.24	1.59	1.64	76	1.78	1.72	1.85	1.62	2.45
Jump Start	2004	PA	10,000	612	1.55	1.55	1.47	74	1.51	1.28	1.50	1.39	2.42
Smarty Jones	2006	PA	10,000	225	1.78	2.44	1.44	32	1.78	1.52	1.93	1.88	0
Greatness	2005	PA	5,000	197	1.52	2.03	1.90	29	1.84	1.73	2.03	1.92	2.06
(Ontario)													
Where's the Ring	2006	ON	6,000	176	3.13	2.56	2.27	36	2.56	3.48	2.52	2.30	0
Mobil	2007	ON	4,500	82	4.27	1.22	1.52	14	2.13	1.63	2.96	0	0
Wando	2007	ON	4,500	57	1.75	1.75	2.19	9	1.97	1.43	3.01	0	0
(Other U.S. States)													
Unusual Heat	1999	CA	20,000	705	3.69	2.34	1.84	137	2.43	1.05	1.97	2.89	3.29
Freud	2003	NY	8,500	502	1.79	1.79	2.44	85	2.12	2.56	2.45	1.67	2.93
Yankee Gentleman	2005	LA	Private	337	1.93	2.08	1.26	44	1.63	1.94	1.77	1.50	1.86
(Europe, below €25,000)													
Rock of Gibraltar	2004	IRE	17,500	856	2.16	1.40	1.49	112	1.64	1.72	1.66	1.79	2.76
Big Bad Bob	2007	IRE	6,000	39	1.28	0.00	3.21	6	1.92	1.76	4.30	0	0

Red = No runners that age

 **NORTH AMERICA** 

STRONACH CLOSER TO GAINING CONTROL OF MI TRACKS



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Majority shareholders in MI Developments agreed late Monday night to vote in favor of transferring the company's racetrack and gaming assets--including Gulfstream Park and Santa Anita--to chairman Frank Stronach in exchange for his voting power. According to a release from MI Developments Inc., the terms of the transaction include, "The cancellation of all 363,414 Class B Shares held by the Stronach Controlling Shareholder upon the transfer to the Stronach Controlling Shareholder

of MID's horseracing, gaming and certain real estate development and other assets (and associated liabilities), and \$20 million of working capital as of Jan. 1, 2011 (the "Assets"). The Assets include: Santa Anita Park; Golden Gate Fields; MID's joint venture interests in Maryland Jockey Club's real estate and racing assets (Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park and the Bowie training facility); Gulfstream Park and MID's joint venture interest in the associated retail development; Portland Meadows; horseracing technology assets including Xpressbet and AmTote; and substantially all properties owned by MID as described under "Real Estate Business - Development Properties" in note 6(a) of the notes to the amended and restated interim consolidated financial statements of MID for the period ended Sept. 30, 2010." If approved, the deal is expected to be completed by late June.

CUOMO PROPOSES NY PURSE TAX

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has proposed a 2.75-percent tax on purse earnings to fund the state's racing commission. According to the governor's budget released yesterday, the commission is currently operating at a deficit and relies on loans from the state's taxpayer-financed general fund. The surcharge, as well as "cost containment actions undertaken by the racing board" should eliminate the deficit and "will ensure that the cost for the board's regulatory activities are fully borne by the racing industry rather than by taxpayers," according



Andrew Cuomo

to the governor's proposal. "Any way you look at it, it's about a three-percent decrease in purses," trainer Rick Violette, president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, told *Daily Racing Form*.

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS FOR BREEDERS' CUP NOMINATIONS *(Edited Press Release)*

All non-nominated yearlings and horses of racing are now eligible to join the Breeders' Cup through a new Open Enrollment program, it was announced yesterday. The Breeders' Cup Board passed changes to its nomination program to increase the number of eligible runners for the 2011 Breeders' Cup World Championships last September. Among those changes was the offer of a special one-time, fee-based program for previously non-nominated horses. This Open Enrollment period, which will end June 30, is available to any previously non-nominated horse sired by any stallion standing anywhere in the world that has been nominated to the Breeders' Cup in 2011. "The open enrollment program is a great opportunity for North American owners, and those in the international market, to nominate their racing stock at extremely favorable prices," said Dora Delgado, the Breeders' Cup senior vice president of racing and nominations. "We want to provide those who did not nominate under the previous system, especially in the yearling category at \$3,000 per individual, the chance to take advantage of the full benefits of the Breeders' Cup program during the next five months."

The fee payment structure is as follows:

- Yearlings (Born in 2010): \$3,000
- Two-year-olds: \$6,000
- Three-year-old and older: \$25,000

 **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN BRITAIN:

Aloneinthestreet, g, 3, **Street Cry (Ire)**--Crown of Jewels, by Half a Year. Southwell, Britain, 2-1, Hcp, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Mr & Mrs Dick Probert & Robert Cowley. *\$80,000 wnlg '08 KEENOV; \$170,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **Full to Allicansayiswow, MGSP-US, \$216,016.

IN ITALY:

Miles Gloriosus, h, 8, Repriced. See "*Breeders' Edition, Europe.*"



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TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

- 02-12 \$250,000 **Robert B Lewis-II, SA**, 3yo, 9f (375)
- 02-12 \$150,000 **Santa Maria-II, SA**, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (225)
- 02-13 \$150,000 **La Canada-II, SA**, 4yo, f, 9f (225)

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Preakness Infield Tickets On Sale:

Edited Press Release

Tickets for the 2011 Preakness Infield are now on sale, the Maryland Jockey Club announced yesterday. The second jewel of the Triple Crown will take place Saturday, May 21 at Pimlico Race Course. Tickets will be \$40 in advance through Ticketmaster or the Preakness Ticket Sales Office. They will increase to \$50 beginning Preakness week. "We will announce the headline music acts and other entertainment later this month," Maryland Jockey Club President Tom Chuckas said. "We are looking to build on the momentum we experienced a year ago." For more information visit www.preakness.com or call 410-542-9400 or 877-206-8042, extension 300.



INDUSTRY INFO

The Jockey Club Launches Registry App:

Edited Press Release

Thoroughbred owners and breeders can now take and submit identification photos from their iPhones for foal registration following the launch of The Jockey Club Registry application (app), it was announced Tuesday. The Jockey Club Registry app can be downloaded for free from the iTunes store at <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-jockey-club-registry/id415303226?mt=8>. The app also links to Registry mobile, where users can access the Online Names Book. The launch of the app coincides with new features added to The Jockey Club's Interactive Registration™ service allowing customers to receive notifications of outstanding registration requirements via e-mail instead of traditional mail.

DRF/XpressBet Launch DRFBets:

Daily Racing Form and XpressBet have joined forces to form DRFBets, a new digital platform where customers can place online horseracing wagers. DRFBets wagering accounts will be processed by XpressBet. "DRFBets integrates one-click betting capability that our members have been asking for," said John Hartig, CEO of *Daily Racing Form*. "Customer research indicates the number one request among DRF.com's members is adding the convenience of online wagering and live video capability, to accompany DRF's trusted industry news, expert content, track-specific coverage, and suite of premium handicapping tools. Players that use DRF.com's differentiated software, DRF Formulator, can now place wagers without having to leave that environment." Hartig added, "We are thrilled to partner with XpressBet in this endeavor, an organization that is deeply committed to the horse racing industry and its fans."



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Feb. 2

*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, 141/11/0 6-GP, Msw, 5fT, Gudahi, \$7K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1

ARTIE SCHILLER (El Prado {Ire}), Pauls Mill, \$15K, 176/14/1 4-GP, Alw, 1mT, Parting Words, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

FLOWER ALLEY (Distorted Humor), Three Chimneys Farm, \$25K, 160/10/2 8-PRX, Alw, 1m, Quality King, \$11K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1

GREELEY'S GALAXY (Mr. Greeley), Sugar Maple Farm, \$8K, 60/9/0 5-AQU, Alw, 1m, Nice Stuff, 8-1

HENNY HUGHES (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 214/23/1 7-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Father Hughes, \$60K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

MASS MEDIA (Touch Gold), Journeyman Stud, \$5K, 70/14/1 6-GP, Msw, 5fT, Drivebymedia, \$27K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1

SHANIKO (A.P. Indy), Millennium Farms, \$8K, 92/8/0 8-PRX, Alw, 1m, Troponin, 6-1

STAR DABBLER (Saint Ballado), Richland Hills Inc, \$8K, 68/3/0 8-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Aba Dabblor, 9-2

SUAVE (A.P. Indy), Vinery, \$18K, 152/17/1 7-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16m, Sir Fit's too Much, 20-1

5-AQU, Alw, 1m, Social Statement, 5-1

WITH DISTINCTION (Storm Cat), Hartley, 221/22/1 8-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Distinct Appeal, \$24K OBS APR 2yo, 8-5



EUROPE



ITALY

Monday Night's Results:

Naples, 15.15, Mdn, €12,600, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, time: n/a, gd.

FATTSOTA (GB) (c, 3, Oasis Dream {GB})--Gift of the Night {SP-Fr}, by Slewpy), a half-brother to Falbrav (Ire) (Fairy King), Ch. Older Horse-Eur, Hwt. Older Horse-GB & Fr at 9.5-11f, Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 9.f-11f & 11-14f, MG1SW-GB & Ity, G1SW-Fr, Jpn & HK, G1SP-Ire & US, \$5,825,517, was most recently runner-up in a Capannelle maiden in late November. The bay colt was initially trapped wide tracking the leaders here. Trading water in early stretch, the 13-5 second choice gradually warmed up and, despite showing greenness, wore down Ludovico Star (Ire) (Kalanisi {Ire}) in the final yards to score by 3/4 of a length. Sales history: €100,000 RNA yrl '09 ITYSEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €9,129. O-Scuderia Rencati Srl; B-Azienda Agricola Francesca; T-Stefano Botti.

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-SUN, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1R9MX, (S), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft.

TRAIN RIDER BLUES (c, 4, **Desert God--Cara Marisa**, by **Hennessy**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 21-7-5-2, \$415,563. O-Freda McSwane & Joe Walters. B-TJ & S Monsen (NM). T-Terry A Walker. *\$5,000 yrl '08 RUIJUL.

5th-PEN, \$32,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft.

BALLADO ALERT (g, 6, **Dance the Ballado--Blazing Alert**, by **Gold Alert**) Lifetime Record: 31-8-5-2, \$127,588. O-Danny A Limongelli. B-Robert Bakerman (FL). T-Hugh I McMahon. *\$10,000 2yo '07 OBSJUN.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Pau, 14.35, €19,000, 4yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), time: n/a, stn.

SWING DANCEUR (FR) (c, 4, **Charge d'Affaires {GB}--Little Swing {Fr}**, by **Celtic Swing {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €24,700. O/B-Yves Gonnord; T-C Dufreche.

ITALY, Naples, 17.00, 1-31, €9,900, 4yo/up, 7ft, time: n/a, gd.

MILES GLORIOSUS (h, 8, **Repriced--Treasure Coast**, by **Foolish Pleasure**) Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-Ity, 71-21-13-16, €512,053. O-Scuderia Razza dell'Olmo SRL; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice & Steve Justice; T-R Menichetti. *\$12,500 yrl '04 FTKOCT. **1/2 to No. One Gem (Geiger Counter), MSP-Can, \$170,018.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

New Latin (Ire), g, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Babacora (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Southwell, Britain, 2-1, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Stone Ridge Farm. *€65,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Irish Cat (Ire) (One Cool Cat), GSP-Fr, \$167,491.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

Wilkinson (Lemon Drop Kid), 4f, :49.80, 7/28

PALM MEADOWS

Custom for Carlos (More Than Ready), 4f, :50.50, 11/20

SANTA ANITA

Daytona (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), 4f, :49.00, 16/29

Euroears (Langfuhr), 4f, :45.80, 1/29

Hailey d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, 1:00.80, 13/30

Jaycito (Victory Gallop), 7f, 1:25.20, 1/3

May Day Rose (Rockport Harbor), 4f, :46.40, 2/29

Washington Bridge (Yankee Gentleman), 6f, 1:11.80, 2/7

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02-19 125 Mineshaft H.-III, **FG**, 4/up, 8.5f (100), **02-05**

03-12 300 Gulfstream Park H.-II, **GP**, 4/up, 8f (0), **02-26**

03-12 100 Razorback H.-III, **OP**, 4/up, 8.5f (0), **03-04**

03-26 300 New Orleans H.-II, **FG**, 4/up, 9f (300), **03-12**

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