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Runners	SW	SH	%SW/mr	%SH/mr	
Macho Uno	28	3	6	11.5	23.1
Sky Mesa	36	3	6	8.3	16.7
Harlan's Holiday	39	1	5	2.6	12.8
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Rogue Romance Made Morning-Line Favorite

Rogue Romance (Smarty Jones), set to make his 2011 debut in Saturday's GII Risen Star S., has been installed as the 3-1 morning-line favorite for the 1 1/16-mile test. Trainer Ken McPeck, who captured the Risen Star and the GII Louisiana Derby with Repent (Louis Quatorze) in 2002, will saddle the colt. "We're just as confident in this horse as we were with Repent," McPeck said Tuesday.



Rogue Romance Horsephotos

day. Repent scored by 2 1/4 lengths as the 7-10 chalk in his edition of the race. Catesby Clay's Rogue Romance broke his maiden on the Saratoga turf last September, and came back to take the GIII Bourbon S. on the Keeneland spinach the following month. He switched to the dirt for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs Nov. 6 and, while he didn't threaten winner Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie), finished a respectable third at 8-1 odds. The chestnut faces GII Nashua S. and GII Remsen S. runner-up Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno), second choice on the morning line at 4-1. The bay ran fourth in the Jan. 30 GIII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream Park. "We've got to figure out exactly where we fit in the picture with all the rest of the three-year-olds," trainer Kathy Ritvo said. "This race Saturday should answer that question."



Mucho Macho Man
Sarah K Andrew

KNEE CHIP SIDELINES TAPIZAR

Winchell Thoroughbred's Tapizar (Tapit), who finished a disappointing fifth as the 3-10 favorite in Saturday's GII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita, came out of the race with a chip in his left knee and will miss the Triple Crown races, it was revealed Tuesday. The colt will be sent to Dr. Larry Bramlage in Lexington for surgery. "The chip was discovered on Sunday," Winchell's racing and farm manager David Fiske told *Thoroughbred Times*. "We shot some film on Sunday and got the results back that afternoon, then forwarded the results on to Dr. Bramlage at Rood and Riddle. We consulted with him and came up with a plan. We haven't heard when the appointment will be for the surgery, but it'll be as soon as possible after he gets off the plane." Fiske added, "He wasn't acting like himself before and during the race for whatever reason. Fortunately, the prognosis is pretty good for his return." The bay colt capped off a four-race juvenile campaign with a resounding 10 1/2-length maiden victory at Churchill Downs Nov. 27, and opened 2011 with a 4 1/4-length score in the GIII Sham S. at Santa Anita Jan. 15.



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Typhoon Tracy Retired...

Australian Horse of the Year **Typhoon Tracy (Aus)** (Red Ransom--Tracy's Element {Aus}, by Last Tycoon {Ire}), who racked up the sixth Group 1 victory in a successful defense of her C. F. Orr S. title last Saturday, has been retired from racing, trainer Peter Moody told *Australian Associated Press*. "She gave her absolute all in that race and is still fatigued 72 hours after the run," Moody told AAP. "We could have freshened her up for a tilt at the Brisbane winter carnival, but she's achieved great things already, so we've decided to retire her. She's been amazing to me, and I'll be forever grateful for the success she gave me and her owners," he added. A homebred for Hutchins Thoroughbreds, Typhoon Tracy took the 2009 G1 Coolmore Classic and was named 2010 Australian Racehorse of the Year off wins in the G1 Myer Classic, last year's Orr, the G1 Futurity S. and the G1 Queen of the Turf S. Typhoon Tracy, who snapped a six-race skid last Saturday, retires with 11 wins and five places from her 20 career starts and earnings of A\$2,414,100.



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Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates

AL FAHIDI FORT-G2, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Our Giant (Aus)	Giant's Causeway	Shea	de Kock	126
2	Derbaas	Seeking the Gold	R Hills	Al Raihe	126
3	Bushman (GB)	Maria's Mon	Buick	Simcock	126
4	Raihana (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Soumillon	de Kock	122
5	Le Drakkar (Aus)	Anabaa	Peslier	bin Huzaim	126
6	Finjaan (Gb)	Royal Applause (GB)	Dobbs	Watson	126
7	Thai Haku (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Lemaire	Delzngles	122
8	Invisible Man (GB)	Elusive Quality	Dettori	bin Suroor	126
9	Silverside (K)	Pleasantly Perfect	Grosjean	Delcher	126
10	Hearts of Fire (GB)	Firebreak (GB)	Moore	Al Malki	126
11	Snaafy	Kingmambo	O'Shea	Al Muhairi	126
12	Mabait (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Fallon	Cumani	126

Friday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates

BALANCHINE S.-G2, \$200,000, NH4yo/up/SH3yo/up, f/m, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	River Jetez (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Soumillon	de Kock	128
2	Aspectoflove (Ire)	Danetime (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suroor	131
3	Anam Chara (Ire)	Soviet Star	Murtagh	Oliver	128
4	Long Lashes (K)	Rock Hard Ten	Durcan	bin Suroor	128
5	Lolamar (Ity)	Martino Alonso (Ire)	Barzalona	Botti	128
6	Forest Crown (GB)	Royal Applause (GB)	Crowley	Beckett	128
7	Strawberrydaiquiri (GB)	Dansili (GB)	R Moore	Nass	128
8	Kinky Afro (Ire)	Modigliani	Fallon	J Moore	128
9	Gallic Star (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Hughes	Channon	128
10	Tinaar (K)	Giant's Causeway	Smith	Nass	128
11	Reem (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	Shea	de Kock	121




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TOP SIRES OF NEW 2010 A RUNNERS

The past is the best guide to the future; we all believe that, though the art is to interpret which elements of the past will synthesize with the present to create the future. It stands to reason, for example, that sires who had the most new 'A Runners' (top two percent earners) appear in 2010 are liable to be those which are most prominent on the 2011 sire lists.

Northern Afleet has somewhat defied the odds, then, to streak out to the lead on the 2011 General Sire List, with four black-type winners already this year. Not that he hasn't always been a good sire; 2005 champion three-year-old male Afleet Alex came from his third crop, and Northern Afleet was the leading sire in North America by number of winners in 2009. He sired the winner of the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen in Dubai (Big City Man), and ranked seventh on the general sire list that year. He had been moved from Florida to Taylor Made in Kentucky in 2005; his first Kentucky crop arrived in 2006. He's always been a very reasonable buy, and is only \$12,500 for 2011. Though he didn't figure among the top 20 in 2010, he did have six new A Runners last year--including all four of his 2011 black-type winners so far--and a total of 22 ABC Runners. He didn't figure on the leaders' lists in the accompanying tables, but on the other hand, it's not as though this is the first time his name's come up. It's great to see him flying like this, though, as he does tend to fly a little bit under the radar for such an accomplished sire.

Twenty North American and European stallions did have eight or more new A Runners in 2010; six in Japan had 10 or more. At a guess, in North America and Europe at least, a high number of new three-year-old A Runners in 2010 might indicate the sire could have a good year in 2011. That might be an interesting clue to look out for, anyways.

Distorted Humor (14) and **Giant's Causeway** (13) were one-two in number of new 2010 A Runners among North American and European sires. They are also one-two in number of cumulative 2004-2010 ABC Runners, one-two in number of 2010 ABC Runners, and, as you'll see in another table in this edition, one-two in number of cumulative 2004-2010 B Runners. Sometimes one is on top, sometimes the other, but no matter how you slice it, these boys are just the top two sires of racehorses going. End of story. The top European sire of new 2010 A Runners was **Galileo** (12); five of those were two-year-olds, including, of course, co-champion European two-year-old Frankel, illustrating again one of Galileo's most potent capacities is siring top juveniles.

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Tied with 11 new A Runners in 2010 were the forgotten man **Awesome Again**, along with new top sires **Tapit** and **Dubawi**. **Danehill Dancer** had 10 new A Runners. Six sires had nine each, including **Broken Vow**, another horse who's been flying under the radar a little bit. He had seven new three-year-old A Runners last year, so it may be he's about to stage a resurgence--which makes his \$25,000 stud fee for this year look quite reasonable. Also with nine were **Dynaformer**, **Malibu Moon**, **Mineshaft** (first five-year-olds), **Street Cry**, and the F2006 Ontario sire, **Where's the Ring**. Seven sires had eight new A Runners each, including 2010 sophomore sire **Afleet Alex** (seven three-year-olds), by the aforementioned Northern Afleet: **Dansili**; **Fusaichi Pegasus**; **Unbridled's Song**; and younger sires **Oasis Dream** (first five-year-olds 2010), **Medaglia d'Oro**, and **Speightstown** (both first four-year-olds).

The leading Japanese sire of new 2010 A Runners, you probably won't be surprised to hear after last week's column--and overall leading sire of new 2010 A Runners--was King Kamehameha, with 17, of which 11 were three-year-olds. His first foals were just four-year-olds, remember. **Symboli Kris S.** (14) was next, followed by **Kurofune** and **Manhattan Cafe**, with 12 each; **Fuji Kiseki** (11); and **Zenno Rob Roy**, with 10 three-year-old A Runners from his first crop.

We also tallied up the leading 2010 broodmare sires of new A Runners. **Sunday Silence** (31) was the runaway overall leader, and **Storm Cat** (22) was equally far ahead among North American and European damsires. I'm often asked by breeders if I consider Storm Cat a good broodmare sire. After all, he did have certain vices which he was known to pass on. But, if nothing else, look at the number of sires whose very best runner is out of a Storm Cat mare. Yes, he's a good broodmare sire, in fact he's a top-class broodmare sire.

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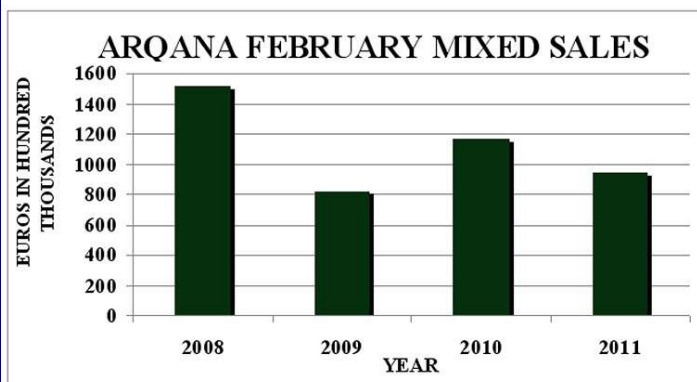
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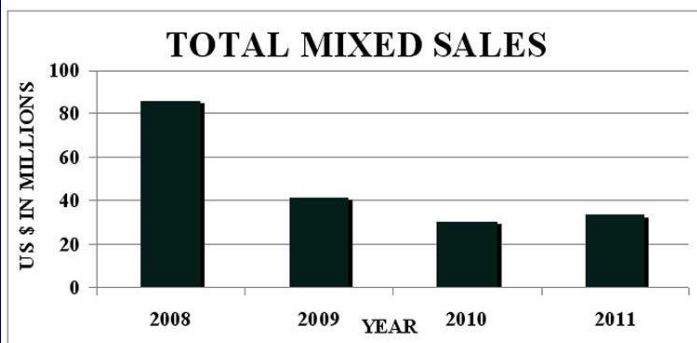
by Bill Oppenheim

"Notwithstanding drops at Fasig last Monday and Arqana's February Mixed Sale this Monday, the North American and European mixed sales so far this calendar year are up 10 percent in gross from 2010, with five percent more horses sold, for a four percent gain in average. These are, collectively, the weakest sales in the calendar, so it's no great surprise that this sector of the market is down 62 percent in gross, and almost 50 percent in average, from the corresponding sales in 2008, before the crash. Goffs today and tomorrow concludes this round of mixed sales."

– Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%WD	%SR	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	268	244	166	9.0%	68.0%	61.9%	€946,000	€5,699
2010	239	218	129	8.8%	59.2%	54.0%	€1,128,500	€8,748
2009	212	212	144	13.5%	67.9%	58.8%	€815,500	€5,663
2008	213	213	120	10.5%	56.3%	50.4%	€1,507,155	€12,560



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%WD	%SR	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	3,281	2,626	1,917	20.0%	73.0%	58.4%	\$33,079,718	\$17,256
2010	3,268	2,668	1,821	18.4%	68.3%	55.7%	\$30,157,237	\$16,561
2009	3,773	2,835	2,135	24.9%	75.3%	56.6%	\$41,194,346	\$19,295
2008	4,568	3,426	2,608	25.0%	76.1%	57.1%	\$86,074,385	\$33,004

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



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Specialist Categories...

Now let's shift gears a little bit. We've been looking at sires of new A Runners in 2010, but now I'd like to look at some 'specialist' categories of runners which calculate B and C Runners separately, and at the four age categories, which are calculated using A, B, and C Runners, combined as 'ABC Runners.' These all cover the seven-year period 2004-2010, not just the year 2010.

Number of B Runners 2004-2010: You'll see from the table of Earnings Thresholds (p6) that B Runners earn around \$75,000-\$105,000 in a year in North America; the equivalents (in 2010) of \$43,106-\$76,282 in Britain and Ireland; \$61,877-\$90,412 in France; and so on. From 2004-2010 the leading sires of B Runners were, as mentioned, the ubiquitous Distorted Humor (75) and Giant's Causeway (71). **A.P. Indy** (59) is third, but if you look to the column to the left, you'll see he also had 116 A Runners in the same period. This brings up a point which infers there is such a thing as 'superior class,' and that we might be able to measure it. The thing is that A Runners are calculated as the top two percent of a racing population, and B Runners as the next two percent. There is absolutely no difference in the calculation, so in theory, the number of A Runners and B Runners for the top sires should be about the same. But A.P. Indy sires twice as many A Runners as B Runners; so does **Sadler's Wells** (108 A's, 52 B's). **Smart Strike**: 85 A's, 40 B's. The best explanation I can come up with is that the top sires have an 'extra gear.' We might also infer the impact of lesser mares when filling sires' bigger books--Galileo (70 A's, 44 B's) has a ratio of 1.6 times the number of A's to B's, which could suggest a drop of quality in mares bred to the top sires as their book sizes doubled from around 1995.

But I digress. Top Maryland sire **Not For Love** (57) ranks fourth, ahead of Japan's veteran **Brian's Time** (56), and U.S. veterans **Storm Cat** and **Dyanformer** (55 each). **Grand Slam** (54, more B's than A's), **El Prado** (53), **Pivotal** (52) and **Sadler's Wells** round out the top 10 sires by number of 2004-2010 B Runners.

Number of C Runners 2004-2010: As C Runners are calculated from four percent of runners (the 93rd-96th percentile of runners, to be precise), again in theory, a sire's number of C Runners should equal his number of A Runners and B Runners (each two percent) combined. If a sire has more A's plus B's than C's, you could call that a class edge. If he has more C's than A's plus B's, the reverse. Again, it's a very broad 'rule of thumb', but it is the case that, over the entire population of ABC Runners, the number of A's plus B's is exactly equal to the number of C's.

It's **Distorted Humor** (127 C Runners 2004-2010) again, by a considerable margin, as his usual running mate, **Giant's Causeway**, is back in fifth spot with 103 C Runners--no wonder they're the one-two sires of combined ABC Runners, with 277 and 270, respectively. Four of the 14 sires with 90 or more C Runners are Japanese: veteran **Sunday Silence** sons

Dance in the Dark (110) ranks second; **Fuji Kiseki** (104) ranks fourth: ninth is a horse I'd never heard of, **Sakura Bakushin O** (94).

He's a son of a horse called **Sakura Yutaka O**, who himself was a son of a leading Japanese sire, and sire of sires, of past decades, **Tesco Boy**; and **Sakura Bakushin O** is out of a mare by **Northern Taste**. Tied for 13th, with 90 C Runners 2004-2010, is **Brian's Time**.

Seven other North American stallions and European sire **Pivotal** (100) also had 90 or more C Runners over the seven-year period. **Langfuhr** (109) ranks third in this category, reinforcing his stature as a great buy for \$15,000; **Not For Love** (101); **Tale of the Cat** (95); **Malibu Moon**, his sire **A.P. Indy**, and **Smart Strike** (91 each); and **Unbridled's Song** (90).

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Top Sires by B Runner Index 2004-2010: Again, remember we are working with 678 sires with 200+ year-starters over the seven years covered. Particularly when you have a reasonably-priced sire with a few miles on the clock, a good B Index can be quite a virtue. I remember Rubiano led the list by B Index a few times, and these days Arch (2.07) has always had a higher B Index than A Index. It's a bit like a horse going to stud a Grade II winner, instead of a Grade I. Sometimes they come up with the goods, like Arch did with Blame last year.

Canadian sires occupy two of the top three spots on this list: **Whiskey Wisdom** (3.36) is a son of Wild Again who had very good figures from his Ontario crops, but was sent to Manitoba and doesn't have so many runners these days, which helps keep the averages up. **Bold Executive** (2.63), by long-time successful Canadian sire Bold Ruckus (by Boldnesian, the same branch of Bold Ruler as Seattle Slew), has been the top sire in Canada certainly since the new model at Woodbine (Polytrack plus slots) came into being in 2006. The top 10 in this category are all North American sires; Galileo (2.34), equal 11th, is the first European sire on this list. Other household names in the top 10 include Storm Cat (2.77 B Runner Index); A.P. Indy (2.49); and of course, Distorted Humor (2.47) and Giant's Causeway (2.36).

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%

2010 Leading Active Sires in USA

(in order of individual winners)

RK	STALLION	2011 FEE & FARM	WNRS	EARNINGS \$
1	Giant's Causeway	\$85,000, Ashford	160	8,825,736
2	TALE OF THE CAT	\$30,000, Ashford	158	6,959,865
3	More Than Ready	\$40,000, Vinery	156	7,315,274
4	Distorted Humor	\$100,000, WinStar	151	8,716,841
5	Malibu Moon	\$60,000, Spendthrift	147	8,559,292
6	Smart Strike	\$75,000, Lane's End	146	8,068,576
7	Grand Slam	\$15,000, Ashford	142	5,132,487

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TALE of the CAT

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Others who made this top 10 were: **Red Bullet** (2.49), the GI Preakness S. winner in 2000 by Unbridled, now moved by Adena Springs to Kentucky; **Smarty Jones** (2.44)--another good \$10,000 prospect for Pennsylvania; deceased El Prado (2.39), and a minor Florida son of Conquistador Cielo, **Wagon Limit** (2.38).

Top Sires by C Runner Index 2004-2010: The leading sire by C Runner Index is the New York stallion **Freud** (2.44), formerly known as Giant's Causeway's little (full) brother. No doubt state money helped a few of his become C Runners, but however you cut the cake, Freud has done really well. He must be just about the best stallion in New York. **D'Wildcat** (2.37) regularly appears on the Leaders by Index lists, reminding us that Wildcat Heir isn't the only good son of Forest Wildcat standing in Florida. Distorted Humor (again! 2.21) is third, ahead of **Successful Appeal** (2.16), who is a really consistent sire with a great rating for two-year-olds (coming up), reinforcing the view that he is another excellent buy at \$15,000. Other North American sires in this top 10 include: **Lemon Drop Kid** (2.10); **Menifee** (2.06), making his last appearance as an APEX sire as his first South Korean crop are now three-year-olds; and Medaglia d'Oro (2.03).

From Europe, we have Pivotal (2.08)--he sure gets a ton of useful horses; leading 2010 German sire **Areion** (2.08), himself a son of former leading German sire Big Shuffle (1.87, also on this list--and again the same branch of Bold Ruler as Seattle Slew and Bold Executive, as Big Shuffle was by Super Concorde, the second-best horse sired by Seattle Slew's sire Bold Reasoning); and Darley's Australian-bred son of Danehill, **Exceed and Excel** (2.03). Indian Charlie (1.98) is tied for 11th, along with Japanese sire King Kamehameha.

Top Sires by Two-Year-Old ABC Index 2004-2010: The age categories are most instructive, because they combine an absolute rating (the ABC Index, which tells you how good the sire is at producing horses which pay their way plus) with the ability to see any progression or regression in sires' progeny as they get older. Obviously, a sire with a high two-year-old rating is getting precocity and at least some class. Even given that they are operating in comparatively smaller markets, to see Big Shuffle (4.43) and Bold Executive (3.83) ranked two-three on this list is very interesting, given that both descend, as mentioned, in tail-male from Bold Ruler's son Boldnesian, also grandsire of Seattle Slew (Boldnesian sired Bold Reasoning, in turn sire of Seattle Slew and Super Concorde; and Boldnesian also sired Bold Ruckus, sire of Bold Executive).

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The top sire on this list is an obscure Canadian stallion named **Foxtrail** (4.49), who would have had useful two-year-olds from smallish crops. His last crop which qualifies him for APEX ratings was his 2007 crop, which included 24 foals, according to U.S. Jockey Club statistics. His sire, the even more obscure Heading Back Home, was a son of Sham, who chased Secretariat home in the 1973 GI Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

The rest of the top 10 sires by two-year-old ABC Index include Successful Appeal (3.61), who has a great two-year-old figure, but who also scores over 2.00 in all three class categories and has an admirable 2.12 ABC Index; the other Florida Forest Wildcat, D'Wildcat (3.51); another great buy for a \$15,000 sire in **City Zip** (3.01); and none other than seven-time North American leading sire of two-year-olds, Storm Cat (2.81). This top 10 is completed by three European grandsons of Danzig: **Danehill Dancer** (3.37), who has been leading sire of two-year-olds in Europe three times; and two sons of Green Desert, **Invincible Spirit** (2.93) and Oasis Dream (2.81).

Top Sires by Three-Year-Old ABC Index 2004-2010:

Three sires with their first four-year-olds in 2010 (therefore had two crops of three-year-olds) ranked among the top 15 of the 678 sires by three-year-old ABC Index. Number one on the Hit Parade was Medaglia d'Oro (3.06), with Speightstown (2.55) ranked sixth and Tapit (2.28) 14th. Tapit is by far the best of them for two-year-olds so far (2.67, 15th on that list), but the other two also figure prominently on the list for four-year-old ABC runners from their respective first crops. Canada's Bold Executive (2.92), with A.P. Indy (2.90), Distorted Humor (2.67), and A.P. Indy's son Mineshaft (2.57) round out the top five. Galileo (2.46) is the leading European sire, in seventh, with **Shamardal** (2.43) ranking ninth, with his first crop of three-year-olds. New York's Freud (2.45), the leading sire by C Runner Index, also scores high with his three-year-olds, as do Dynaformer (2.38), and Japanese sire Zenno Rob Roy (2.38), with his first crop, tied for 10th.

A sire's three-year-old ABC Index is arguably the most important indicator of his stature outside of the signature A Runner Index. It is as three-year-olds that the most money is earned and the competition is hottest, so sires which do well with their three-year-olds are generally horses worth knowing about. When you look at his rating with three crops of three-year-olds (2.57), for example, coupled with the high ratings his runners are achieving as four-year-olds (2.55) and his first crop of five-year-olds (2.96), you can see why a horse like Mineshaft should be 'book overflowing' at his \$25,000 fee for 2011--at least for those breeders trying to produce good three-year-olds (and up).

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Top Sires by Four-Year-Old ABC Index 2004-2010:

With their first crops of four-year-olds in 2010, Speightstown (3.28) and Medaglia d'Oro (2.98) ranked one-four in this category, split by a couple of golden oldies in Storm Cat (3.14) and A.P. Indy (3.04). Another sire with first four-year-olds last year, Japan's King Kamehameha (2.96) rounds out the top five in this category. Even if the three F2006 sires' second crop of four-year-olds, this year, isn't as good as their first, all three have staked their claims as serious sires of money-making horses. California wonder sire **Unusual Heat** (2.89) heads the second five, ahead of Street Cry (2.66) and D'Wildcat (2.65). Ninth is Giant's Causeway (2.62), reappearing among the leaders--look at his age progression--with old rival Distorted Humor (2.51) ranking 12th. Europe's only representative in the top 10 is Oasis Dream (2.61), just ahead of the aforementioned Mineshaft (2.55). This is another list that bears paying a lot of attention to if you're trying to breed money-making racehorses.

Top Sires by Five-Year-Old and Up ABC Index

2004-2010: I've always thought this would be a good list to study for people claiming horses, as often on this list we are looking at sires whose progeny definitely age well. It's very interesting that the top two on this list, deceased **Shinko Forest** (4.58) and Oasis Dream (4.54, first five-year-olds) are both sons of Green Desert, as are two more horses on this list's top 30, Invincible Spirit (3.26) and **Cape Cross** (2.89). Third on this list is another horse with his first crop of five-year-olds in 2010, **Dalakhani** (4.01). Note that he has only a 0.45 index for two-year-olds so far. Next come two horses with ratings over 2.00 at all ages, which has to be a big recommendation: Pivotal (3.96) and Lemon Drop Kid (3.69). The second five includes **Rahy** (3.42); a now-jumps sire in Ireland, **Kalanisi** (3.40); Japanese sire Symboli Kris S. (3.36); and two of the top American sires, Giant's Causeway (3.36) and A.P. Indy (3.30). Another sire who scored well with his first five-year-olds was Europe's **Nayef** (3.26), who will have had much better-bred mares beginning in 2009 after the successes of his first three-year-olds in 2008.

CONCLUSION: I realize there's a lot of detail in this episode, and I apologize to those of you who have dropped off for a snooze for the last few paragraphs. My defense consists of only two simple planks. The first is that the APEX figures do reveal a lot about how sires do at actually siring racehorses and that by mining these categories, we can often assemble a profile of how a sire is doing which can help breeders produce better (and even more durable) racehorses. The second plank of my defense for risking your snoozes is that, to the best of my knowledge, all statistics--certainly all the statistics I've ever worked with in this business--benefit from interpretation and (hopefully) informed comment. I rest my case.

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LEADING SIRES OF NEW 2010 A RUNNERS
(North America and Europe)

SIRE	1st Fls	New A's				
		2010	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo+
Distorted Humor	2000	14	2	7	4	1
Giant's Causeway	2002	13	2	5	2	4
Galileo	2003	12	5	6	1	0
Awesome Again	2000	11	0	5	3	3
Tapit	2006	11	4	5	2	0
Dubawi	2007	11	3	8	0	0
Danehill Dancer	1999	10	3	4	3	0
Broken Vow	2003	9	0	7	1	1
Dynaformer	1991	9	1	3	4	1
Malibu Moon	2001	9	0	3	3	3
Mineshaft	2005	9	0	4	3	2
Street Cry	2004	9	1	0	6	2
Where's the Ring	2006	9	0	6	3	0
Afleet Alex	2007	8	1	7	0	0
Dansili	2002	8	2	6	0	0
Fusaichi Pegasus	2002	8	2	1	3	2
Medaglia d'Oro	2006	8	0	2	6	0
Oasis Dream	2005	8	3	3	0	2
Speightstown	2006	8	1	3	4	0
Unbridled's Song	1998	8	0	6	2	0

LEADING SIRES OF NEW 2010 A RUNNERS
(Japan)

SIRE	1st Fls	New A's				
		2010	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo+
King Kamehameha	2006	17	0	11	6	0
Symboli Kris S.	2005	14	0	3	7	4
Kurofune	2003	12	2	6	3	1
Manhattan Café	2004	12	0	8	3	1
Fuji Kiseki	1996	11	1	5	4	1
Zenno Rob Roy	2007	10	0	10	0	0

LEADING DAMSIRE OF NEW 2010 A RUNNERS

DAMSIRE	LOC	New A's
		2010
Sunday Silence	JPN	31
Storm Cat	NA	22
Seeking the Gold	NA	14
Caerleon	EUR	13
Sadler's Wells	EUR	13
Tony Bin	JPN	13
A.P. Indy	NA	12
Woodman	NA	12
Dixieland Band	NA	11
Northern Taste	JPN	10
Saint Ballado	NA	10
Unbridled	NA	10

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TOP 10 SIREs by NUMBER of B RUNNERS
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YOB	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	Rnrs	A's	B's	C's	ABC's
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	Ky	1,590	92	75	103	270
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1,436	79	71	127	277
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	1,184	116	59	91	266
Not for Love	1990	Mr. Prospector	1997	MD	1,307	52	57	101	210
Brian's Time	1985	Roberto	1991	JPN	1,881	50	56	90	196
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	Pensioned	993	64	55	68	187
Dynaformer	1985	Roberto	1991	KY	1,229	63	55	81	199
Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	2000	KY	1,777	39	54	86	179
El Prado	1989	Sadler's Wells	1994	Dead	1,108	54	53	61	168
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	1,203	65	52	100	217
Sadler's Wells	1981	Northern Dancer	1986	Pensioned	1,443	108	52	75	235

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TOP 10 SIREs by NUMBER of C RUNNERS
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YOB	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	Rnrs	A's	B's	C's	ABC's
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1,436	79	71	127	277
Dance in the Dark	1993	Sunday Silence	1998	JPN	2,513	53	38	110	201
Langfuhr	1992	Danzig	1999	KY	1,491	64	49	109	222
Fuji Kiseki	1992	Sunday Silence	1996	JPN	2,250	70	44	104	218
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	1,590	92	75	103	270
Not for Love	1990	Mr. Prospector	1997	MD	1,307	52	57	101	210
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	1,203	65	52	100	217
Tale of the Cat	1994	Storm Cat	2000	KY	1,672	55	43	96	194
Sakura Bakushin O	1989	Sakura Yutaka O	1996	JPN	2,129	39	50	94	183
Malibu Moon	1997	A.p. Indy	2001	KY	1,174	52	35	91	178
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	1,184	116	59	91	266
Smart Strike	1992	Mr. Prospector	1998	KY	1,414	85	40	91	216

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TOP 10 SIREs by B RUNNER INDEX
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YOB	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	Rnrs	A Indx	B Indx	C Indx	ABC Index
Whiskey Wisdom	1993	Wild Again	1999	MB	476	2.52	3.36	1.16	2.05
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	Retired	993	3.22	2.77	1.71	2.35
Bold Executive	1984	Bold Ruckus	1990	ON	818	3.42	2.63	1.50	2.26
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	1,184	4.90	2.49	1.92	2.81
Red Bullet	1997	Unbridled	2004	KY	281	1.96	2.49	1.25	1.73
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1,436	2.75	2.47	2.21	2.41
Smarty Jones	2001	Elusive Quality	2006	PA	225	1.78	2.44	1.44	1.78
El Prado	1989	Sadler's Wells	1994	Dead	1,108	2.44	2.39	1.38	1.90
Wagon Limit	1994	Conquistador Cielo	2001	FL	273	1.28	2.38	1.37	1.60
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	1,590	2.89	2.36	1.62	2.12

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TOP 10 SIREs by C RUNNER INDEX
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	Rnrs	A Indx	B Indx	C Indx	Index
Freud	1998	Storm Cat	2003	NY	502	1.79	1.79	2.44	2.12
D'wildcat	1998	Forest Wildcat	2005	FL	264	3.22	1.52	2.37	2.37
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	1,436	2.75	2.47	2.21	2.41
Successful Appeal	1996	Valid Appeal	2002	KY	602	2.08	2.08	2.16	2.12
Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	2002	KY	891	2.97	2.13	2.10	2.33
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	1,203	2.70	2.16	2.08	2.25
Areion	1995	Big Shuffle	2002	GER	288	1.74	0.69	2.08	1.65
Menifee	1996	Harlan	2001	S.Korea	777	1.67	1.87	2.06	1.91
Medaglia d'Oro	1999	El Prado	2006	KY	370	3.65	2.30	2.03	2.50
Exceed and Excel	2000	Danehill	2006	GB	358	1.40	1.26	2.03	1.68

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TOP 10 SIRES by 2YO ABC RUNNER INDEX
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	ABC				
					Index	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+
Foxtrail	1990	Heading Back Home	1998	Dead	1.30	4.49	1.34	0.84	0.72
Big Shuffle	1984	Super Concorde	1991	Dead	1.67	4.43	1.75	1.45	1.63
Bold Executive	1984	Bold Ruckus	1990	ON	2.26	3.83	2.92	1.71	1.88
Successful Appeal	1996	Valid Appeal	2002	KY	2.12	3.61	2.34	1.67	1.74
D'wildcat	1998	Forest Wildcat	2005	FL	2.37	3.51	2.17	2.65	2.30
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	1999	IRE	1.70	3.37	1.54	1.35	1.52
City Zip	1998	Carson City	2003	KY	1.98	3.01	2.18	1.43	2.02
Invincible Spirit	1997	Green Desert	2004	IRE	1.66	2.93	1.22	1.35	3.26
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	Pensioned	2.35	2.81	2.09	3.14	2.23
Oasis Dream	2000	Green Desert	2005	GB	2.21	2.81	1.85	2.61	4.54

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TOP 10 SIRES by 3YO ABC RUNNER INDEX
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	ABC				
					Index	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+
Medaglia d'Oro	1999	El Prado	2006	KY	2.50	1.19	3.06	2.98	0
Bold Executive	1984	Bold Ruckus	1990	ON	2.26	3.83	2.92	1.71	1.88
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	2.81	2.32	2.90	3.04	3.30
Distorted Humor	1993	Forty Niner	2000	KY	2.41	2.27	2.67	2.51	2.38
Mineshaft	1999	A.P. Indy	2005	KY	2.22	1.32	2.57	2.55	2.96
Speightstown	1998	Gone West	2006	KY	2.52	2.17	2.55	3.28	0
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	2003	IRE	2.31	2.46	2.46	2.36	1.86
Freud	1998	Storm Cat	2003	NY	2.12	2.56	2.45	1.67	2.93
Shamardal	2002	Giant's Causeway	2007	IRE	1.93	2.41	2.43	0	0
Dynaformer	1985	Roberto	1991	KY	2.02	0.65	2.38	2.11	2.36
Zenno Rob Roy	2000	Sunday Silence	2007	JPN	1.39	0.53	2.38	0	0

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TOP 10 SIRES by 4YO ABC RUNNER INDEX
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	ABC				
					Index	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+
Speightstown	1998	Gone West	2006	KY	2.52	2.17	2.55	3.28	0
Storm Cat	1983	Storm Bird	1989	Pensioned	2.35	2.81	2.09	3.14	2.23
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	2.81	2.32	2.90	3.04	3.30
Medaglia d'Oro	1999	El Prado	2006	KY	2.50	1.19	3.06	2.98	0
King Kamehameha	2001	Kingmambo	2006	JPN	1.87	1.13	1.99	2.96	0
Unusual Heat	1990	Nureyev	1999	CA	2.43	1.05	1.97	2.89	3.29
Street Cry	1998	Machiavellian	2004	KY	1.99	2.23	1.60	2.66	2.27
D'wildcat	1998	Forest Wildcat	2005	FL	2.37	3.51	2.17	2.65	2.30
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	2.12	1.52	2.00	2.62	3.36
Oasis Dream	2000	Green Desert	2005	GB	2.21	2.81	1.85	2.61	4.54

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TOP 10 SIRES by 5YO+ ABC RUNNER INDEX
(678 Sires with 200+ Year-Starters 2004-2010)

SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	LOC	ABC				
					Index	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+
Shinko Forest	1993	Green Desert	2000	Dead	1.71	1.34	1.09	1.60	4.58
Oasis Dream	2000	Green Desert	2005	GB	2.21	2.81	1.85	2.61	4.54
Dalakhani	2000	Darshaan	2005	IRE	1.54	0.45	1.57	1.56	4.01
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	1998	GB	2.25	2.54	2.01	2.11	3.96
Lemon Drop Kid	1996	Kingmambo	2002	KY	2.33	2.17	2.36	2.16	3.69
Rahy	1985	Blushing Groom	1991	Pensioned	2.08	1.68	2.08	2.10	3.42
Kalanisi	1996	Doyoun	2003	IRE	1.40	0.51	1.50	1.76	3.40
Giant's Causeway	1997	Storm Cat	2002	KY	2.12	1.52	2.00	2.62	3.36
Symboli Kris S	1999	Kris S.	2005	JPN	1.45	0.21	1.47	2.18	3.36
A.P. Indy	1989	Seattle Slew	1994	KY	2.81	2.32	2.90	3.04	3.30

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NORTH AMERICA

GOV. BESHEAR ON HAND FOR UNVEILING OF TWINSPIRES/BRISNET CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER by *Maryjean Wall*

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear viewed a \$1.4 million renovation to the expanded customer service center of Twinspires.com and Brisnet.com Tuesday in Lexington, lauding the Churchill Downs company for investing in the industry's future.



BRIS rep Sean Foley demonstrates a program to Ky Gov. Steve Beshear and Churchill Downs President & CEO Bob Evans. *Maryjean Wall*

previous positions, with the jobs and investment in the horse industry both serving to boost the state's economic well-being.

The opening of the new center drew a strong demonstration of political support for the twin businesses of horse racing and breeding. House Speaker Greg Stumbo, former Louisville mayor Jerry Abramson and legislator Susan Westrom were among those who joined Beshear in wishing Twinspires.com well.

The expanded customer service center shares office space with Brisnet.com, which is Churchill Downs Inc.'s bloodstock research and information services company.

Beshear also took the opportunity to restate his pledge to support expanded gambling efforts in Kentucky, saying, "We're going to continue to do everything we can to preserve a \$4-billion industry that employs 100,000 Kentuckians.

"Think of it: if we were in danger of losing Toyota, we would be going over backwards and turning flips to make sure they stayed," Beshear added. "We need to be doing the same thing for the horse industry."

Beshear said he is open to any idea, any suggestion to help the horse business, "but I have never seen any idea come forward that can do for us what expanded gambling can do, so I'm all for that idea." He said the effort underway to bring "instant racing" games to the tracks is not a "silver bullet, but it will help." The proposed wagering format presently is under review by the Kentucky Supreme Court.

since I became Governor have been trying to put people back to work and maintaining our position as the horse capital of the world," Beshear said.

He noted that the new facility has resulted in 25 new jobs added to 103

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Hilda's Passion	Canadian Frontier	Hurricane Bertie S.-G3	107
Tackleberry	Montbrook	Gulfstream Park Sprint Champ S.-G2	104
Silver Medallion	Harlan's Holiday	Endeavour S.-G3	100
Kate's Main Man	Bernstein	Essex H.	98
Vision in Gold	Medaglia D'Oro	Santa Maria S.-G2	97
Quiet Again	Real Quiet	Currirot S.	96
Ravi's Song	Unbridled's Song	Pelleteri S.	96
Chamberlain Bridge	War Chant	Rail Splitter S.	95
Brethren	Distorted Humor	Sam F. Davis S.-G3	94
Anthony's Cross	Indian Charlie	Robert B. Lewis S.-G2	93
Hygh Jacque	Wheaton	Snowflake H.	93
Hayley's Halo	Sea of Secrets	El Dario S.	92
Always a Princess	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	La Canada S.-G2	91
Dynamic Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	Florida Oaks	91
Silver Medallion	Badge of Silver	El Camino Real Derby-G3	91
Holy Heavens	Holy Bull	Martha Washington S.	90
La Gran Bailadora	Atleet Alex	Likely Exchange S.	90
Coax Liberty	Successful Appeal	Dearly Precious S.	89

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Upwards of 80 people attended the opening of the renovated customer service center. Churchill Downs Inc. President and CEO Bob Evans predicted a growth factor of from three to five times in the internet gambling business, "which is why we built this facility," he said.

"We could have gone to India with this," Evans continued, "but the reason why we're here is the access to horse players in Lexington. This is where we can [hire] people who already understand horse racing and don't have to be trained in it. It's the horse capital of the world."

Various companies including Brisnet were consolidated in November 2007 under the TwinSpires brand, which merged with Youbet.com in June 2010. Evans said the company sees a strong future in internet wagering because "customers like it."

Stumbo, the Kentucky House Speaker, also predicted an increasingly positive future for internet wagering, saying, "This allows this industry to adapt to consumers' preferences. There's always been criticism of the racing industry's ability to adapt, but I think that's changing. They're becoming more aware that you have to adapt constantly to what consumers want."



TRF Benefit Golf Tournament to be Held Mar. 1:

The fourth Annual Horsemen's Golf Tournament, which this year benefits the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, will be held at the Westin Diplomat Golf Resort in Hallandale Beach, Florida, Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2011. The golf format will be 2-Person Teams, Best



Westin Diplomat Golf Resort

Ball and Low-Net. There will be prizes for the Top 5 Teams, 4 Near-est-the-Pins, and Long-est and Straightest Drives. The Tournament is open to the public, and the entry fee is \$225 per person. For an

additional \$225, golfers can play with one of the riders from the Gulfstream jockey colony, with a tentative field including Jesus Castanon, Angel Cordero Jr., Chris DeCarlo, Kent Desormeaux, Alan Garcia, Robert Landry and Elvis Trujillo. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a BBQ lunch served from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and a "Shotgun Start" at 12:30 p.m. There will be refreshments available on the course all day. After golf, there will be cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and an Awards Reception, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There are also sponsorships available. For more info, please contact Tournament Directors Bill and Mary Hirsch at (954) 454-9375 (phone); (516) 356-6678 (cell); or (954) 454-6434 (fax), or e-mail Mary at mer@nyc.rr.com.



Stonach Issues Open Letter to MD Horsemen:

Frank Stonach, the chairman of MI Developments, majority owner of the Maryland Jockey Club, Tuesday sent a letter to horsemen of Maryland, offering "to sit down with the horsemen, without lawyers, to have a candid and constructive exchange of views." The Maryland Jockey Club had been in dispute with the horsemen regarding the number of racing days to be held in the state this year. Stonach went before the Maryland Racing Commission Dec. 21 to defend his proposal, which offered the traditional 146-day schedule, but demanded that horsemen contribute \$1.7 million toward racetrack operations, cede their rights to the simulcast signal, support a raise in the takeout and close the training center at Bowie. While the horsemen agreed to help defray the cost of operating the track, they were opposed to the other conditions, and the racing commission rejected the proposal. A deal was reached between the parties the following day, however, when Gov. Martin O'Malley agreed to appropriate \$3.5 million in slots revenue that had been earmarked for capital improvements at the track to operations.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-PRX, \$45,600, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. CALVADOS (c, 3, [Henny Hughes](#)--Morning Time, by Gilded Time) was sixth for trainer Wayne Catalano while trying the synthetic at Keeneland Oct. 28. After joining Ed Coletti's string, the bay was runner-up in a \$25,000 maiden claimer going 5 1/2 panels on the dirt here Jan. 1. Given a 7-2 chance this time, Calvados stalked the early pace in second, squared off with the weakening leader Atlantic King (Stormy Atlantic) in the stretch and edged past that wayward rival late to eke out a neck victory over the closing All of the Above (Iron Deputy). The Magic Bus (Smart Strike) fell late, but appeared uninjured as he was walked off the track. Ultimate X (Unbridled's Song) was scratched. The winner is a half to Morner (Broken Vow), SW, \$262,002. Sales history: \$37,000 RNA 2yo 2010 OBSAPR. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$32,757. O-Talons Racing. B-Fletcher and Carolyn Gray & JohnYoungblood (KY). T-Edward J Coletti Jr.

Maryland Jockey Club, MID Named in Maryland Lawsuit:

The Maryland Jockey Club, MI Developments and MID Chairman Frank Stonach, as well as Penn National Gaming and the owners and trustees of Indiana Downs, have been named as defendants in a lawsuit filed yesterday by the Cordish Cos. and Power Plant Entertainment in Baltimore City Circuit Court. Cordish Cos. and PPE are suing the parties named for \$600 million, alleging defamation and invasion of privacy. According to the *Baltimore Sun*, the 44-page complaint claims the defendants were attempting to prevent the plaintiffs from developing a slots casino at Arundel Mills Mall. Cordish and its partners were awarded the exclusive slots license in Anne Arundel County. After successfully fighting a challenge to the zoning approval funded by MJC and Penn National Gaming, they broke ground on the project Jan. 27, but are still awaiting a building permit to begin construction on the 4,750-slot machine operation.



Monday's Evening Results:

11th-HOU, \$19,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft. + DIRECT FIRE (c, 3, [Valid Expectations](#)--Red Cell {SP}, by Geri), sent off at 4-1, took command soon after the start, increased his advantage throughout and was 3 1/4-lengths clear of City Named Glory (City Street) at the wire. Sales history: \$14,500 RNA yrl '09 TEXAUG. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,100. O/B-W S Farish (TX). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN ARGENTINA:

Leandrinha, m, 5, [Bernstein](#)--Lenarue, by Gone West. Palermo, 2-14, Cond., 1000m, 0:55.86. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0. B-Robert B Berger & Robert G Wehle. *\$35,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **Won by 5 lengths.



INDUSTRY INFO

Horse Player Now Launches Fan Ed Site:

Horse Player Now, in conjunction with Keeneland, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and the American Quarter Horse Association, will launch the first interactive online fan education forum, beginning Feb. 21. The free 40-week program, cohosted by Horseplayernow.com owners Jeremy Plonk and Joe Kristufek, will feature 90-minute Night School sessions starting at 8:30 p.m. ET each Monday night through Dec. 19. Presenting information for beginners as well as more experienced racing fans, the forum will also include weekly guest experts who will field questions from the fans. "Jeremy and I are both extremely passionate about education, and we relish the opportunity to interact with, and teach, horse racing fans at all levels," said Kristufek. "With knowledge comes interest. Horse racing is a fascinating game, and the more you know about it from every angle, the more captivating it becomes. A successful future for horse racing is predicated upon growing the fan base, and that's what Night School is all about." Each of the 40 sessions will be archived. The topics for the first five weeks will be: 21st century handicapping; handicapping for class; pace handicapping; trip handicapping; and track bias. The sessions will be offered free via the websites of the title sponsors. "Keeneland strives to be on the forefront of developing racing's fan base through technology and education, so we welcomed the opportunity to collaborate on the Night School concept," said Nick Nicholson, Keeneland's president and chief executive officer. "Jeremy and Joe have been longtime Keeneland partners and have demonstrated repeatedly their talent in taking an abundance of information that could otherwise be overwhelming, boiling it down and making it usable and understandable for novice and less experienced handicappers. Their Night School concept is a wonderful opportunity for fans to gain confidence in their handicapping abilities." Added Keith Chamblin, senior vice president of the NTRA, "This is an excellent initiative and resource for existing and prospective fans, and we hope all member organizations will join the NTRA in carrying Night School on their Web sites. Night School is a national approach to addressing fan education through the utilization of the Internet and social media tools that did not exist a few years ago."

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3:25p HRTV **6th-GPX, \$48.5K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m**
INDY ANNESTESIA ([A.P. Indy](#)), a \$325K KEESEP yearling, debuts for Lori and George Hall and Kelly Breen. The daughter of GSW & GISP Two Trail Sioux (Indian Charlie) posted a solid set of works for the New Jersey-based team throughout the winter at Palm Meadows. Bill Mott sends out Brushwood's **Empress of Gold** ([Empire Maker](#)), who tired to fourth in her career bow going seven panels in the slop at the Spa last August. Making her first start since, the \$330K KEESEP yearling should appreciate the extra yardage this time. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

4:23p HRTV **8th-GPX, \$51.5K, Alw, \$50K Opt. Clm., 3yo, 1 1/8mT**
CRIMSON CHINA ([Giant's Causeway](#)), beaten only a nose in his career debut over Kempton's Polytrack last October, returned to take an 8 1/2-furlong handicap at Wolverhampton Nov. 25. Previously trained by Brian Meehan, the colt--who debuts here for Team Valor International and Graham Motion--is out of SW Parisian Affair (Mr. Greeley), a half-sister to G1 Prix Morny hero and Highweight colt Elusive City (Elusive Quality). Zayat Stables' **Ari C** ([Stormy Atlantic](#)) returns for trainer Todd Pletcher off a first-out score over this turf course Jan. 14. [brisnet.com PPs](#)



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 16

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

[BADGE OF SILVER](#) (Silver Deputy), Airdrie Stud, \$15K, 196/19/2

8-TAM, Msw, 1m, Don't Lie to Me, \$63K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

[BERNARDINI](#) (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$100K, 219/17/4

6-GP, Msw, 1m, Kindersley, \$350K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

6-GP, Msw, 1m, R Gypsy Gold, 3-1

[BORREGO](#) (El Prado {Ire}), Wintergreen Stallion Station, \$20K, 107/12/0

8-TAM, Msw, 1m, Beagle Bust, 15-1

[FIRST SAMURAI](#) (Giant's Causeway), Claiborne Farm, \$40K, 161/12/2

6-GP, Msw, 1m, Nicky's Way, \$280K KEE APR 2yo, 5-1

[HENNY HUGHES](#) (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 214/24/1

4-AQU, Alw, 6f, All Quiet, 8-1

8-TAM, Msw, 1m, Jewel of Rockport, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

[THE DADDY](#) (Valid Expectations), Airdrie Stud, \$5K, 85/10/1

3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Whodababydaddy, 6-1

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the
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GOFFS FEBRUARY STARTS TODAY Goffs two-day February Mixed Sale begins today at the auction house's Kill complex in Co. Kildare where trade will bid to emulate last year's across-the-board rise in gross, average and median. A strong international presence contributed to those double-figure advances and buyers from Britain and the rest of Europe, as well as Turkey and India are again expected on site for this renewal. The 410-lot catalogue--one-fifth fewer than last term--features yearlings, two-year-olds, breeding stock and horses-in-training, the latter including national hunt prospects. Drafts include selections from Airlie Stud, The Castlebridge Consignment, Darley and Derrinstown Stud. Day 1 plays host to the sale of 186 two-year-olds and yearlings, including representatives from the first crops of Tamayuz (GB) (Nayef), Mount Nelson (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), Thousand Words (GB) (Dansili {GB}), Papal Bull (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), Ramonti (Fr) (Martino Alonso {Ire}) and Captain Marvellous (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Selling starts at 11 a.m. Catalogues and updates can be viewed at www.goffs.com.

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IN JAPAN:
Satono Rock (Ire), c, 4, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**-- Ariadaeus, by Thunder Gulch. Urawa, 2-10, Cond, 7f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$175,181. O-Hajime Satomi; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd; T-Sakae Kunieda.



**FEBRUARY MIXED SALE
MONDAY, FEB. 14, 2011**

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
No. Catalogued	268	239
No. Offered	244	218
No. Sold	166	127
RNA	78	91
% RNA	32%	41.7%
Gross	€946,000	€1,128,500
Average	€5,699 (-35.9%)	€8,886
Median	€3,500 (-12.5%)	€4,000

*Private Sales:

No. Sold	5	18
Gross	€29,500	€64,300
Total Gross	€975,500	€1,192,800

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KENDRITA ARGENTINA-BOUND Top Peruvian filly **Kendrita (Per)** (Play the Gold--July's Time {Per}, by Gilded Time) has been purchased privately by Ricardo Kierkegaard and will now be based in Argentina. A granddaughter of Seeking the Gold, the three-year-old won six of 10 starts last season, including the G2 Premio Oscar Berckemeyer Pazos, G2 Premio Postin, and G3 Premio Miguel Fort Magot. She is also a full-sister to MGSW Fiscal (Per).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-HOU, \$21,500, 2-14, NW2L, 3yo, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft.
BIG SCRAPE (c, 3, King of the Heap--Expensive One, by Spend a Buck) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$34,823.
O-Sarah Delany. B-Quintin Holtz (TX). T-Mario Reyna.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Houseontheprairie, f, 4, **Red Prairie**--Last of Kin, by Hezafastgold. SUN, 2-15, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18 4/5.
B-David D Foutz (NM).

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS



TODAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

- 03-26 \$10,000,000 **Dubai World Cup-G1**, Mey, 3yo/up, 2000m (AWT) (10000s)
- 03-26 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Sheema Classic-G1**, Mey, 3yo/up, 2400mT (5000s)
- 03-26 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1**, Mey, 3yo/up, 1800mT (5000s)
- 03-26 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1**, Mey, 3yo/up, 1200m (AWT) (2000s)
- 03-26 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2**, Mey, NH/SH3yo, 1900m (AWT) (2000s)
- 03-26 \$1,000,000 **Godolphin Mile-G2**, Mey, 3yo/up, 1600m (AWT) (1000s)
- 03-26 \$1,000,000 **Al Quoz Sprint-G2**, Mey, 3yo/up, 1000mT (1000s)

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IN ARGENTINA:

Cabronazo (Arg), c, 3, **Grand Slam**--Quiliana (Arg), by Roar. La Plata, 2-13, Mdn, 1200m, 1:14.52. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. B-Luis Gustavo Cedrone & Arturo Vargas Lerena.

Su Reinado (Arg), f, 3, **Grand Slam**--Soy La Reina (Arg), by Morning Bob. Palermo, 2-14, Mdn, 1200m, 1:11.34. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. B-Haras de La Pomme.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

OAKLAWN

Be Fair (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:02.20, 7/51
 Havre de Grace (Saint Liam), 4f, :53.10, 115/117
 Payton d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), 4f, :49.10, 3/117
 Winslow Homer (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :50.10, 21/117

OCALA TRAINING CENTER

Delightful Mary (Limehouse), 5f, 1:00.40, 1/2

PALM MEADOWS

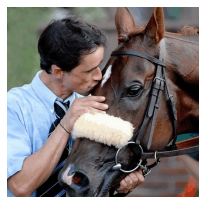
Capt. Candyman Can (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :50.60, 18/25
 Silver Timber (Prime Timber), 4f, :49.30, 7/25

PAYSON PARK

Rahy's Attorney (Crown Attorney), 4f, :50.60, 5/15

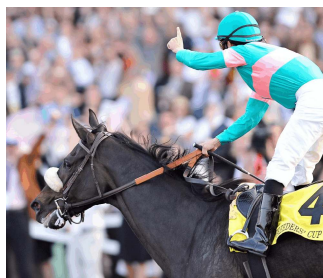
SANTA ANITA

A Z Warrior (Bernardini), 5f, :59.00, 1/40
 Jaycito (Victory Gallop), 7f, 1:25.40, 1/3
 Setsuko (Pleasantly Perfect), 7f, 1:26.60, 2/3
 Smash (Smart Strike), 4f, :51.00, 42/51



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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Angers, 14.35, €27,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:48.67, sf.

AIR SHOT (FR) (c, 3, **Rashbag {GB}**--**Balle de Golf {Fr}**, by **Homme de Loi {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €29,150. O-Jean-Claude Rouget; B-SCEA Haras de Hosses; T-Christophe Ferland.

FRANCE, Angers, 13.30, €16,000, 4yo, f, 1 5/16mT, 2:24.55, sf.

MISSOULA (FR) (f, 4, **Goldneyev--Gallia Pagoda {Ire}**, by **Nikos {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €36,150. O/B-Claude Cohen; T-Joel Boisnard.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Neversurrender (Fr), c, 3, **Hurricane Run (Ire)**--Lunatoria (Ire), by Vettori (Ire). Angers, France, 2-15, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 5/16mT. B-F Bayrou & P McNulty.

Xango (Ity), c, 3, **Le Vie Dei Colori (GB)**--Bellflower (Fr), by Saumarez (GB). Naples, Italy, 2-14, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT. B-Scuderia Colle Papa SRL.

One Pursuit (Ire), g, 3, **Pastoral Pursuits (GB)**--Karinski, by Palace Music. Southwell, Britain, 2-15, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Clougher Partnership. *£14,000 yr1 '09 DONOCT; £13,000 RNA 2yo '10 DONAPR. **1/2 to Appalachian Trail (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), MSW & MGSP-GB, \$446,252.



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#750 Zenyatta 2004

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Zenyatta	Street Cry (IRE)	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector
Dark Bay or Brown Mare		Helen Street (GB)	Coup De Folie
Foaled 2004	Vertigineux (1995)	Kris S.	=Troy (GB)
		For The Flag	=Waterway (FR)
			Roberto
			Sharp Queen
			*Forti
			In The Offing

By **STREET CRY (IRE)** (1996), Black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 160 winners, \$27,852,071. Sire of 9 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Teryns Song (to 2, 2010, \$20,228).

1st Dam

VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year. 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NAUS. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners--

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)). Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks [G1], Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp. [G1], Las Virgenes S. [G1], La Canada S. [G2], Sharp Cat S. [L] (HOL, \$80,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. [G1], Vanity Invitational Handicap [G1], 3rd Ashland S. [G1], La Brea S. [G1], Clement L. Hirsch Handicap [G2], Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap [G2], Hidden Light S. [OR] (OSA, \$8,000).