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CHANGES FOR KEESEP FORMAT

Keeneland officials have released a slightly revised format for this year's September Yearling Sale, which begins Sunday, Sept. 11. The Book 1 format remains the same as the 2010 version of the auction, with a selected sale of approximately 200 yearlings selling during Sunday and Monday sessions that begin at 7 p.m. Book 2 will include approximately 900 yearlings selling in Tuesday-through-Thursday sessions that start at 11 a.m. Roughly 300 horses will sell per day in



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alphabetical order by dam in a single catalogue. Last year's Book 2 featured 1,302 yearlings selling Tuesday through Friday, with 325 yearlings per day. In 2011, Friday will be a dark day, and Book 3 begins Saturday with sessions starting at 10 a.m. daily through the remainder of the sale. "The changes made to last September's format were positively received and largely met Keeneland's goal to better serve the needs of our customers in today's dynamic market," said Walt Robertson, Keeneland's vice president of sales. "These



Walt Robertson, Vince Gabbert & Nick Nicholson
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alterations reflect a 'fine-tuning' of that format in an effort to help consignors and buyers better navigate the first week, and to further encourage buyers to stay deeper into the sale." Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell added, "We indicated last year that we would tweak the format based on feedback from our constituents. We have worked extensively with them to craft these changes, which we believe will have a positive effect on the sale." Keeneland introduced a revamped September sale last year "in an effort to create stability and continuity in a recently volatile marketplace."

NEW OPTION FOR 'MO' OPENER?

Unbeaten champion **Uncle Mo** (Indian Charlie) had been slated to kick off 2010 in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 12, but may instead run the same day at Gulfstream Park, *Daily Racing Form* reported. Dan Bork, Gulfstream's racing secretary, has written a \$100,000 unrestricted one-mile overnight handicap for three-year-olds. "We were looking to put up a prep race for three-year-olds who have already earned enough graded points to get into the Kentucky Derby, but might not have wanted a race as tough as the [GII] Fountain of Youth at this point of the winter," Tim Ritvo, Gulfstream's vice president of racing, told *DRF*. "We are also looking at this race as a possible alternative for three-year-olds not quite ready for the Fountain of Youth who needed a little later prep to make the Florida Derby." Trainer Todd Pletcher indicated that the new local option was under serious consideration for Uncle Mo. "It's an interesting race, and one we'll certainly take a look at," Pletcher told *DRF*. "The fact that it's on the same day as the Tampa Derby obviously works into our timing, and at the moment, I'd say he'll run in one of the two races on the 12th. I'll talk to [owner] Mike [Repole] over the next couple of days and discuss our options. All that matters to me at the moment is that Uncle Mo is doing good, and right now, he's doing great."



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Thursday, Meydan, United Arab Emirates, post time: 9:35 p.m.

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

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

All carry 126 pounds except Raihana and Thai Haku, 122.

Leading trainer Mike de Kock sends out **Our Giant** and **Raihana** in an attempt to win this race for the fourth time. Raihana, winner of last year's UAE Oaks, was third over this course and trip in her 2011 debut in a Jan. 27 handicap. She returned to take a nine-furlong handicap Feb. 10. South African Group 1 winner Our Giant made only one start last year, finishing 13th in the G3 Al Quoz Sprint in March. He resurfaced with a Jan. 13 allowance win over Meydan's Tapeta surface and returns to the turf off a fourth-place effort in the Feb. 3 G3 Al Shindagha Sprint. "We are keen to try Our Giant over the 1600 meters and back on turf, but we have high hopes for Raihana and it would be great to think she is a [Mar. 27 G1] Dubai Duty Free filly," de Kock said. Trainer Ali Rashid Al Raihe saddles **Derbaas**, who comes into this race off three straight victories, including a course-and-trip handicap win last time out Jan. 20. "The horse is improving fast and deserves this step up in class," commented assistant trainer Jailani Sidiqqi. "We are definitely hoping for a big run."

Look for the (K) throughout the TDN graded stakes entries, denoting Keeneland sales graduates.



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Previews cont.

Saturday, Laurel, post time: 3:53 p.m. EDT

BARBARA FRITCHIE H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Aspenglow	Lion Hearted	Dunkelberger	Capuano	117
2 Harissa (K)	Afleet Alex	Dominguez	Hushion	119
3 Kid Kate (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Velasquez	Brown	118
4 R Betty Graybull	Holy Bull	Pimentel	White	116
5 Fascinatn' Rhythm	More Than Ready	Boyce	Small	113
6 Meese Rocks	Rock and Roll	Chavez	Barker	117
7 Sweet Goodbye	Louis Quatorze	Acosta	Grove	120

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:31 p.m. EDT

SAN LUIS OBISPO S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Bourbon Bay (K)	Sligo Bay (Ire)	Bejarano	Drysdale	123
2 Haimish Hy	Ecton Park	Gomez	Sherman	123
3 Riviera Cocktail	Giant's Causeway	Quinonez	Drysdale	118
4 Juniper Pass (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Blanc	Bell	118
5 Champ Pegasus	Fusaichi Pegasus	Rosario	Mandella	123
6 Pode Ir (Brz)	Crimson Tide (Ire)	Berrio	Avila	118
7 Interpatation (K)	Langfuhr	Sntgo Rys	Metz	118
8 Falcon Rock (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Valenzuela	Callaghan	118
9 Unbridle's Dream (K)	Unbridled's Song	Talamo	Asmussen	118
10 Marlang	Langfuhr	Flores	Drysdale	118
11 Tiz Argent	Tizbud	Espinoza	Sadler	118
12 Imponente Purse (Brz)	Public Purse	M Garcia	Avila	118
13 Buenos Dias (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Pedroza	McAnally	118

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:26 p.m. EDT

MAC DIARMIDA S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Pool Play (K)	Silver Deputy	Husbands	Casse	119
2 Gabriel's Hill	A.P. Indy	A Garcia	Benzel	117
3 Rahy's Attorney	Crown Attorney	Prado	Black	117
4 Free Fighter	Out of Place	Marquez Jr	Block	121
5 Ordination (Ire)	Fantastic Light	Madrid	McPeek	117
6 Muskettier (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Solis	Attfield	121
7 Prince Will I Am	Victory Gallop	Velazquez	Nihei	123
8 Stately Victor (K)	Ghostzapper	Lopez	Maker	119
9 Perfect Shower	Perfect Soul (Ire)	Castanon	Attfield	117
10 Simnard (K)	Dixieland Band	Lezcano	Attfield	117
11 Mint Chip (K)	Johar	Cruz	Arnold	117
12 Al Khali (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Desormeaux	Mott	123
13 Citrus Kid (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Castellano	Terranova	117

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:07 p.m. EDT

SAN CARLOS H.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Mythical Power	Congaree	Bejarano	Baffert	117
2 Ventana	Tocchet	M Garcia	Baffert	119
3 Stacy's Hope	Strong Hope	Espinoza	Koriner	113
4 Captain Cherokee (K)	Sir Cherokee	Talamo	Asmussen	117
5 Smiling Tiger (K)	Hold That Tiger	Rosario	Bonde	121
6 Supreme Summit (K)	Cactus Ridge	Gomez	Puype	118

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT

SABIN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Amazing	Greatness	Solis	Wolfson	117
2 Joanie's Catch	First Tour	Santiago	Rose	119
3 Musical Romance	Concorde's Tune	Leyva	Kaplan	117
4 Amen Hallelujah (K)	Montbrook	Castellano	Dutrow Jr	123
5 Hyperlink (K)	Tocchet	A Garcia	McPeek	117
6 Catch a Thief (K)	Flatter	Marquez Jr	Hills	117
7 Awesome Maria	Maria's Mon	Velazquez	Pletcher	117
8 Sassy Image (K)	Broken Vow	Desormeaux	Romans	117

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Howard's Sophomores Making the Rounds...

Trainer Neil Howard, who saddled Wilkinson (Lemon Drop Kid) to an upset win in last month's GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds, will field "TDN Rising Star" Machen (Distorted Humor) in Saturday's GII Risen Star S. Both three-year-olds breezed five furlongs in 1:01.80



Neil Howard
Horsephotos

at the New Orleans oval Monday, but only Machen's name passed the entry box. "[Jockey] Jamie [Theriot] said he felt very comfortable under him," said Howard. "I feel that if [Machen] is good enough, this race Saturday should set up perfect for him." As for the Lecomte winner, Howard explained, "[Wilkinson] worked good, but he had a hard race in the Lecomte, and he's had three races over the track already this season. When you're changing your mind every 15 minutes or so, there's a

reason you're hedging. These horses are still young and very vulnerable at this stage of their careers, so I've found out that when you're in doubt like that, the best thing to do is stay in the barn. However, I would say that the [GII] Louisiana Derby [Mar. 26] is definitely in the cards for Wilkinson."



Machen
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RECENT WINNERS - RISEN STAR S.

Yr	Winner (Sire)	Trainer	Time
'10	Discreetly Mine (Mineshaft)	Pletcher	1:44.88
'09	Friesan Fire (A.P. Indy)	Jones	1:45.11
'08	Pyro (Pulpit)	Asmussen	1:44.68
'07	Notional (In Excess {Ire})	O'Neill	1:44.18
'06	Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr)	Holthus	1:43.13
'05	Scipion (A.P. Indy)	Biancone	1:44.54
'04	Gradepoint (A.P. Indy)	Howard	1:45.36
'03	Badge of Silver (Silver Deputy)	Werner	1:42.99
'02	Repent (Louis Quatorze)	McPeck	1:43.86
'01	Dollar Bill (Peaks and Valleys)	Stewart	1:43.45
'00	Exchange Rate (Danzig)	Lukas	1:44.25
'99	Ecton Park (Forty Niner)	Walden	1:44.83
'98	Comic Strip (Red Ransom)	Howard	1:44.20

KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER - POOL 1

Feb. 18-21

No.	Horse	Sire	Trainer	ML
1	Anthony's Cross	Indian Charlie	Harty	30-1
2	Astrology	A.P. Indy	Asmussen	30-1
3	Brethren	Distorted Humor	Pletcher	15-1
4	Clubhouse Ride	Candy Ride (Arg)	Lewis	50-1
5	Comma to the Top	Bwana Charlie	Miller	20-1
6	Decisive Moment	With Distinction	Arias	50-1
7	Dialed In	Mineshaft	Zito	10-1
8	Gourmet Dinner	Trippi	Standridge	30-1
9	Indian Winter	Indian Charlie	Hollendorfer	50-1
10	J P's Gusto	Successful Appeal	Petalino	20-1
11	Jaycito	Victory Gallop	Baffert	20-1
12	Machen	Distorted Humor	Howard	30-1
13	Mucho Macho Man	Macho Uno	Ritvo	30-1
14	Rogue Romance	Smarty Jones	McPeck	30-1
15	Santiva	Giant's Causeway	Kenneally	30-1
16	Silver Medallion	Badge of Silver	Asmussen	20-1
17	Soldat	War Front	McLaughlin	20-1
18	Stay Thirsty	Bernardini	Pletcher	30-1
19	Sweet Ducky	Pulpit	Hofmans	50-1
20	The Factor	War Front	Baffert	20-1
21	Tiz Blessed	Tiznow	Brown	30-1
22	To Honor and Serve	Bernardini	Mott	10-1
23	Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie	Pletcher	9-2
24	Mutuel Field (All Other 3-Year-Olds)			5-2

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Triple Threats

Many Reasons to Smile for McLaughlin...

Trainer Kieran McLaughlin will have two highly regarded colts in next Saturday's main events at Gulfstream Park, **Soldat** (War Front) in the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. and **Crossbow** (Bernardini) in the GII Hutcheson S. "They're both on the right work pattern," said McLaughlin. A graded winner on grass last summer, Soldat splashed home impressively in an allowance on the Gulfstream main track Jan. 21 ([video](#)). "He's training really well and he's on a great schedule,"



Soldat
Adam Coglianese photo

said McLaughlin of Soldat. "It's five weeks since his last race to the Fountain of Youth, then five weeks to the [GI] Florida Derby [Apr. 3] and five weeks to the Kentucky Derby. We like that." McLaughlin added, "My belief is when you're trying to get to the first Saturday in May you don't want to have a lot of down days, and he's been going strong for a year--from when he ran at Belmont as a two-year-old. We haven't had any setbacks and that's important for a great foundation to go 10 furlongs the first Saturday in May. He's battle-tested, as some people would say, and it's exciting to know he's doing as well as he's doing. And we always have the turf to go back to if we have to." McLaughlin also saddled **Rattlesnake Bridge** (Tapit), who had an eventful debut last Saturday before finally getting his picture taken for Mill House ([video](#)). "[Very] green," the conditioner offered. "But that was on raw talent. Hopefully, we'll come on a lot from there, and help the jock a little bit switching leads and not being so green. But he's a talented colt. We're probably looking at a 'one other than' in March in New York or here, seven furlongs to a mile."



Rattlesnake Bridge
Adam Coglianese

2011 ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

DATE	RACE	TRACK
Feb. 19	GII Risen Star S.	Fair Grounds
Feb. 21	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
Feb. 26	GII Fountain of Youth S. Borderland Derby	Gulfstream Sunland Park
Mar. 5	John Battaglia Mem'l S. GIII Gotham S.	Turfway Aqueduct

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WRITERS UP

For Valerio, The Factor a Smart Pinhook..

If and when ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ The Factor (War Front) goes favored in Sunday's GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita, he'll have an especially vocal one-woman rooting section across the country in Florida. That's where bloodstock agent Kim Valerio, who purchased the colt as a yearling and resold him as a juvenile in training, will be watching the seven-furlong event, won last year by the standout Sidney's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}). Owned by George Bolton and Fog City Stable, The Factor is coming off a barn-burner of a maiden win. Fourth as the chalk on debut Nov. 28 at Hollywood Park, The Factor went favored again on Santa Anita's opening day card and made his 7-5 odds look generous, drawing off to an 8 1/4-length win in a six-furlong maiden special ([video](#)). His final time of 1:06.98 established a new track record. **Cont. p6**



The Factor
Benoit photo



Valerio first laid eyes on The Factor at the 2009 Fasig-Tipton July Sale, where he was selling from Shack Parrish's Indian Creek draft. (Iroquois Bloodstock III had purchased the gray, from his sire's first crop, for \$40,000 as a KEENOV weanling and was reoffering him at Fasig.) Valerio thought the colt shared qualities with Magna Graduate (Honor Grades), a grandson of Danzig whom Valerio had purchased privately as a juvenile and who went on to be a MGSW of \$2.5 million.



Kim Valerio

"I'd bought Magna Graduate privately as a two-year-old," Valerio explained. "He was a real sturdy-looking horse, and I like that. This horse, also being from the Danzig line, had the same feel to him. I really liked him--he was my favorite horse of the sale."

Valerio made a stab at The Factor when he strode into the ring at the July sale, but initially went away empty-handed. "I think I bid up to \$42,000 for him, and I didn't get him," said Valerio.

"But I went back to the barn to look at him again, because I knew they didn't sell him. A little while later, I got a call from a girl at Indian Creek. She said, 'You know, these guys really want to sell this horse.' And I said, 'Listen, I know I bid \$42,000, but I really only have \$40,000 to spend. So they sold him to me for that.'"

Valerio, partnering with Mike Shustek, sent the colt to Dr. Barry and Shari Eisaman's farm near Williston, Florida. "Originally, I didn't have any intention of selling him at a two-year-old sale," said Valerio. "I had him in Florida with two of my other horses, and I told Dr. Eisaman to go real slow with them. I also had a Dynaformer and a Storm Cat filly. I had said to not go hard on the horse, that I'd be down in February, and not to breeze them until I got there. So he waited to breeze him until I got there, and [The Factor] breezed an eighth. He was supposed to go in :15, and went in :11, and it didn't even look like he was moving. So Dr. Eisaman said, 'Boy, you should probably think about entering this horse in a two-year-old sale.'"

Timing, however, was not on Valerio's side. At that point, deadlines for most of the two-year-old sales had come and gone, and one sale, OBS February, was already in the books. "But Dr. Eisaman said, 'Well, you had luck with Jerry [Bailey, consignor] last year at Barretts, why don't you go there?'" said Valerio. **Cont. p7**

WHO'S HOT?

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Tapit	141	83	12 14	30	6 7	14	74 107	4 4
Speightstown	139	77	12 23	24	4 6	11	74 111	4 5
Medaglia d'Oro	125	64	14 18	21	6 7	9	62 96	5 6
Shamardal	102	63	13 19	22	9 13	12	58 83	4 6
Candy Ride (Arg)	88	42	10 17	17	4 9	9	42 66	4 8
Smarty Jones	82	46	5 7	13	2 2	4	45 65	0 0
Lion Heart	72	47	6 8	13	3 5	6	44 60	3 3
Footstepsinthesand (GB)	70	42	5 6	16	2 2	10	37 48	1 1
Pleasantly Perfect	53	28	6 9	9	2 3	5	27 44	1 1
Refuse To Bend (Ire)	52	25	6 7	9	2 3	6	24 36	1 2

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Valerio continued, "So I asked Jerry, and he said sure, send the horse over to him. A week later, I got a text that just said, 'Wow.'"

A year prior, at Barretts March, Bailey sold Anchorage (Tapit) to Coolmore interests for \$540,000, the second-highest price of the sale. Anchorage had been another post-Fasig July private purchase by Valerio and Shustek, for \$65,000. Entries for the March sale had closed, so Bailey and Valerio put The Factor in the May sale at Pomona. There, The Factor flaunted his speed through an unextended eighth in [:10 flat](#) and was subsequently hammered down to trainer Bob Baffert, acting on George Bolton's behalf, for a sale-topping \$250,000.

The nice transaction was the culmination of some successful pre-sale marketing.

"Jerry had called George and said, 'This is a serious horse. You need to have him on your portfolio,'" said Valerio, who did some of her own advertising, too. She explained, "Earlier in May, Baffert was in town for the Kentucky Derby, and I brought him out to breakfast at the Cracker Barrel and convinced him to watch the horse breeze. He said, 'Ah, I'm not gonna buy your horse.' But at Barretts, before the horse was even out of the ring, I got a call from Baffert, who said, 'We bought your horse!' I really appreciated that George bought him. Of course I wanted to cash out on him, but more than anything, I wanted to make sure he got into good hands."

After watching her former charge shade 1:07 in a maiden race, Valerio is realistic that The Factor might not be Kentucky Derby material. But she said that, based on physical type and his page, she expected otherwise.

"I honestly wish he wasn't that fast, because he's bred to go a route," she said of the son of Greyciousness (Miswaki), a half-sister to MGISP Chief Seattle (Seattle Slew). "I've generally never bought a sprinter. I'm from a classic, show jumping background. Those horses go over 25 jumps, so I've always been more into a stamina feel with my horses."

Also expected for the San Vicente are **Indian Winter** (Indian Charlie), **City Cool** (City Zip), **Metropolitan Man** (Hook and Ladder), **Premier Pegasus** (Fusaichi Pegasus), **Oakcrest Drive** (Arch), **Surrey Star (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Sway Away** (Afleet Alex). -LM

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RACETRACK Round-Up

Gio Ponti May Return in Canadian Turf..

Champion **Gio Ponti** (Tale of the Cat) will likely make his seasonal return in the GIII Canadian Turf H. at Gulfstream Feb. 27, according to *Daily Racing Form*. The six-year-old has not run since finishing second to Goldikova (Ire) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Nov. 6. "He's doing very well," trainer Christophe Clement told *DRF*. "He'll breeze back at Payson Park on Saturday, after which I'll make a final decision, but at the moment, the plan is to bring him back in the Canadian." Gio Ponti is expected to make another tilt at the G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan Mar. 26; he finished a close fourth in the \$10-million event last year.

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SMOKEY GLACKEN, 10, Forestry--Majesty's Crown, by Magesterial

Foal born Feb. 2, a filly by Street Cry (Ire).

Will be bred back to Pulpit.

Owned by Mercedes Stables.

Boarded at Elm Tree Farm.

Accomplishments: MGSW of \$366,060.

SEALY HILL, 7, Point Given--Boston Twist, by Boston Harbor

Foal born Feb. 10, a filly by Flower Alley.

Will be bred back to Sky Mesa.

Owned by Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc.

Boarded at Winding Oaks Farm.

Accomplishments: Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo Filly &

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Yesterday's Results:

★ NEW "TDN Rising Star" ★

8th-GPX, \$40,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:46 4/5, fm.

CRIMSON CHINA, c, 3, by Giant's Causeway

1st Dam: Parisian Affair (SW), by Mr. Greeley

2nd Dam: Star of Paris, by Dayjur

3rd Dam: Liturgism, by Native Charger

Barry Irwin's Team Valor went agonizingly close to winning the GI Kentucky Derby with Captain Bodgit back in 1997, and in Crimson China, the operation might be armed to take another serious crack at the Run for the Roses. Previously trained by Brian Meehan, the striking bay colt debuted auspiciously with a nose defeat at odds of 33-1 at Kempton Oct. 13 ([video](#)). He put pay to that effort with a three-length success over the Wolverhampton all-weather Nov. 25 ([video](#)), and was originally ticketed for a run in the GI CashCall Futurity. Time ran out on those



Crimson China Adam Coglianese

hopes, however, and connections sent the colt to Florida to train for his sophomore debut. Things could not have panned out any better. Able to save some ground after breaking from the inside box, Crimson China raced in midpack down the backstretch. He was able to come off the inside and was fanned wide into the stretch, but he unleashed a determined late rally that saw him roll past favored Ari C (Stormy Atlantic) for a half-length victory at odds of 6-1. The winner was produced by a 3/4-sister to French highweight Elusive City (Elusive Quality). Sales history: \$120,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$28,836. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Click for the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

O-Team Valor International. B-Plantation Stud/Silver Springs Stud Farm (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

in sharper focus.

CRIMSON CHINA (Giant's Causeway)

"My heart is still racing."

Come to think of it, Team Valor's Barry Irwin did sound a little bit out of breath when he answered his cell phone Wednesday afternoon. And who could blame him, after watching Crimson China's barnstorming stretch run to clear his first allowance condition and earn him consideration for a trip down the Triple Crown trail.

Irwin, who ranks as one of the shrewdest identifiers of pedigree, has had a fair amount of success with both sides of Crimson China's lineage. Team Valor raced the solid handicap horse Fairbanks (Giant's Causeway) to a pair of graded-stakes wins, nearly \$900,000 in earnings and a stud career at Northview Stallion Station's Pennsylvania division. In 2007, Irwin paid \$2.2 million for Kinsella (Mr. Greeley), who was a two-time winner and Grade III-placed in five career appearances.

So what was it that drew him to Crimson China?

"Brian [Meehan] is a very good trainer, but his horses are usually not ready to fire first time out," Irwin explained. "But this horse ran extremely well. So, we liked his all-weather form, and then we're always looking for a Derby horse. He's just one of those horses that has the pedigree where you can try to put him on the dirt and see what happens."

Irwin, while expecting his horse to run well, admitted that he was pleased by the colt's professionalism and maturity in his first American start.

"I was surprised that he broke as well as he did and he had enough speed to stay close," he offered. "He was also able to save some ground and that helped a lot."

While dirt remains something of a question mark at this point, Crimson China's turf and all-weather form is already proven, and Irwin will structure the colt's campaign around that.

"We'll do what Dale Roman's did with Paddy O'Prado and look at races like the [GI] Vinery Spiral S. [Turfway Park, Mar. 26] and the [GI Toyota] Blue Grass," Irwin confirmed. "If he does well there, we'll train him on the dirt and see what happens."

Crimson China is one of several promising sophs owned by Team Valor, joining GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero Pluck (More Than Ready) and maiden winner Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}).

"This is the best crop of three-year-olds we've ever had," Irwin says.

Which gives him plenty to look forward to.

--Alan Carasso

Gulfstream Report cont. p2



3rd-GPX, \$51,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51 1/5, ft.

SWEET N SOUR NINA (f, 4, Sweetsouthernstaint--Openstock [GSW, \$261,194], by Breeders Bonus) got the job done here as odds-on Acting Happy (Empire Maker) failed to take advantage of a perfect set-up. Runner-up going a mile over the Arlington Polytrack July 25 and Aug. 15, the bay was claimed away from her breeders for \$50,000 out of a half-length victory going two turns over the Keeneland Poly Oct. 21. She gave a good account of herself in her first start for this barn Jan. 7, nearly making up seven lengths in the final furlong of a one-mile allowance before missing by a head. The second choice at 5-2, Sweet N Sour Nina stalked a moderate pace from the inside, came out for the drive and outfinished Acting Happy by 3/4 of a length. Lifetime Record: 16-7-6-2, \$189,660. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-John Buckley Jr, Ralph Durante & Pennston Farm Inc. B-Glen Hill Farm (FL). T-Peter R Walder.

6th-GPX, \$38,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.
KINDERSLEY (f, 3, Bernardini--Home Court {GSP}, by Storm Cat) overcame a sluggish start to finish second in her six-furlong debut at Delaware Park Aug. 26. She was unable to go forward off that effort in her sophomore bow when beaten 15 lengths into fifth over track and trip Jan. 7 and was allowed to start at odds of 35-1 this time around. Kindersley made the lead out of the chute, but was pressured throughout by Empress of Gold (Empire Maker). They raced as a team to the quarter pole, but just when it looked like Empress of Gold was ready to go past in the final furlong, she ducked in sharply under a right-handed whip. Kindersley would eventually clear off to score by 4 1/4 lengths, while Go Go Lolo (Awesome Again) got past an erratic Empress of Gold for second. The winner's second dam is champion Jewel Princess (Key to the Mint). Sales history: \$350,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$31,085. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Chiefswood Stable. B-AGS Thoroughbreds Ltd (KY). T-Michael R Matz.



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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

- 1:58p HRTV 3rd-GPX, Alw (N1X), \$51.5k, 3yo, f, 1m**
 Craig Singer's **SALTY STRIKE (Smart Strike)** makes a much-anticipated three-year-old debut this afternoon. The dark bay debuted with a 4 1/4-length victory at Churchill Downs last May and was the 7-10 favorite for the GIII Debutante S. June 26. She carried the lead past the eighth pole, but was run down late and settled for third by a neck. She adds Lasix and has a pair of bullets coming in. **Shared Heart (Forestry)** made a splashy debut over seven furlongs of this track Jan. 16, drawing off by 11 lengths despite bearing out. The Wertheimer homebred is out of a 1/2 to MGSW & GISP Olmodavor. [brisnet.com pps](#)
- 5:02p HRTV 3rd-SAX, Msw, \$54k, 4yo/up, a6 1/2ft**
GHOST RIDE (Ghostzapper) is a son of Victory Ride (Seeking the Gold), winner of the GI Test S. back in 2001, and is kin to Shadow Warrior (A.P. Indy), a promising three-year-old of this season. The \$925k KEESEP yearling worked a bullet half-mile from the gate in :46 1/5 Feb. 12. Jerry and Ann Moss's **Savion (Dixie Union)** looks a serious threat in his racetrack debut. The \$240k KEESEP yearling acquisition hails from the extended female family of champion Speightstown (Gone West). [brisnet.com pps](#)

Gulfstream Signs Agreement With FHBPA: Edited press release

Gulfstream Park Racing & Casino announced today they have signed a contract with the Florida Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association (FHBPA) that will run from March 1 through December 2012. The current contract was set to expire Feb. 28. "We're proud of what we've accomplished so far with this partnership," said Tim Ritvo, vice president of racing for MI Developments. "By putting this in the past we can move forward and accomplish bigger and better things." FHBPA President Sam Gordon said, "We're very happy we've signed a long-term contract with Gulfstream. We will now devote our efforts toward working on the problems within the industry."

#750 Zenyatta 2004

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



in sharper focus.

FREE ENTRY (Tale of the Cat)

Sunday, Gulfstream Park

3rd-GPX, \$42,700, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.

FREE ENTRY (c, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Preachtothechoir, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$50,400.

O-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. B-Corner Farm & Raul Lottero (VA). T-Chad C Brown.

Sophomore Spotlight: Free Entry

It was a productive five minutes during session five of the 2008 Keeneland November Sale. During that brief stretch around the three o'clock hour, a colt by Indian Charlie--Playa Maya sold to Moon Bloodstock for



Free Entry

Adam Coglianese

\$160,000, while three hips later, another weanling colt, this one by Tale of the Cat--Preachtothechoir, went to bloodstock agent Ben Glass for \$150,000.

Twenty-one months later, the two would share the track in a maiden special weight at Saratoga. **Uncle Mo**

easily got the best of **Free Entry** that day, earning ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ status to kick-start a championship campaign as his rival came home fourth, beaten 18 lengths.

But **Free Entry**--the Tale of the Cat colt--has done little wrong in two starts since that unveiling. Shelved for a bit and moved from Eddie Kenneally's barn to Chad Brown's, he returned to break his maiden in a six-furlong race at Gulfstream Jan. 23, rallying down the center of the track to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths ([video](#)).

Then on Sunday, **Free Entry** made it two in a row in a one-mile, first-level allowance in Hallandale. In the race, **Free Entry** showed good speed from the break before taking back a bit to rate off **Rocking Out** (Include), a sharp debut winner at Aqueduct in November. **Free Entry** tackled the pacesetter in upper stretch and drew off to a professional 1 3/4-length win ([video](#)). **Imperial Czar** (Imperialism), who'd been chasing **Gil Hutchison** S. hopeful **Manicero** (Mass Media) around at Tampa Bay, came on for second. **Free Entry** earned a 96 BRIS figure, identical to the one he earned breaking his maiden.

Brown, who trains **Free Entry** for owners Gary and Mary West, said the three-year-old colt exited the race well and will make his next start in stakes company, though a definitive target hasn't been decided on.

Not Free, Well-Bred Mare Bargain Nonetheless...

Free Entry, produced by the mare **Preachtothechoir** (Pulpit), is an interesting case study for pedigree buffs, as his sire and damsire hail from the same female family. **Tale of the Cat**'s dam **Yarn** and **Pulpit**'s dam **Preach**, are, in fact, all full-sisters by Mr. Prospector who were bred and raced by Claiborne Farm. If that's not enough, **Free Entry** himself hails from a family raised and nurtured at Claiborne, a Phipps family-owned line that includes **GISW Squander** (Buckpasser) and the graded winners and young sires **With Distinction** (Storm Cat) and **Sightseeing** (Pulpit).

But **Free Entry**'s branch of the family had gone a bit cold when his dam **Preachtothechoir**, an unplaced eight-year-old carrying him in utero, was entered in the 2007 Keeneland November Sale, and bloodstock agent **Ned Moore** was able to nab her for \$40,000. **Moore** purchased the mare for South American client **Raul Lottero**. Considering her bloodlines and physical appeal, and the fact that she was in foal to **Tale of the Cat**, he thought he made a steal. "She was very good looking," **Moore** said. "She was very well-bodied; she had a tremendous shoulder, and big, powerful rear ends that you sometimes see in the Pulpits, and was very well-balanced and proportioned. She was just a nice mare, and we were a bit taken aback that we got her at that price."

The price looked even better when **Preachtothechoir**'s first foal, **Free Entry**'s half-sister **Thunders Dove** (Thunderello), won impressively in a Belmont allowance two weeks after the sale. Even better, she went on a tear the following year for trainer **Nick Zito**, winning four straight races, including a dominating 8 1/2-length defeat of the classy **MGSW Boca Grande** (A.P. Indy) in a restricted black-type event at Belmont. Less than a month after that win, **Free Entry** was offered as a weanling at Keeneland, and the performance wasn't forgotten by **Ben Glass**. Back in eighth that day was Gary and Mary West's **Windy** (Wild Rush). "After he signed the ticket at November, he told me he was tired of seeing her rear-end," said **Moore**.

The offers for **Preachtothechoir** started rolling in, but **Lottero** had purchased her for his broodmare band at Haras La Esperanza--one of the leading studs in Argentina--and not long after **Free Entry** was weaned, the mare was on a plane bound for South America. There were a few reasons **Free Entry** didn't make the trip, too: his Northern Hemisphere foaling date, the fact he was a colt, and, ultimately, good business sense. "After we bought the mare and **Raul** found out she was carrying a colt through fetal-sex determination, he said to me, 'What the hell am I going to do with a Tale of the Cat foal in Argentina?'" said **Moore**, who suggested he leave the mare in the States under a foal-share arrangement. "It couldn't have been more than a couple of weeks after we bought her that **Thunder's Dove** started running, and all the sudden the foal share started looking a lot more promising." **Cont. p4**



In Sharper Focus--Free Entry cont.

Moore and his wife, Jill Gordon-Moore, raised Free Entry at their Corner Farm, where he stood out from the start. "He was a wonderful little horse," said Jill. "From the moment he was born here to the moment he



Free Entry as a weanling L Marquardt

left, he did everything right. He was a great horse to be around. He was very well-made and did everything right. You had to wear sunglasses to look at him. He had an all-white face and four white socks up to his hocks and knees. We used to call him Bling."

The Moores said they were especially grateful when the Wests bought Free Entry from Craig and Holly Bendoroff's Denali Stud draft. "That's what we were hoping for when we sold him--that he would go to an end-user," said Jill. "It looks like the Wests have handled his career beautifully thus far and, hopefully, he keeps on running for them."

By the way, in Argentina last year, Preachtothechoir produced a three-parts half-sister to Free Entry by Easing Along (Storm Cat). The sire hails from a Phipps family, and was raised (and once stood) at Claiborne Farm. Naturally.-LM



Yesterday's Results:
8th-AQU, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.
RIFT (c, 3, Not For Love--Indian Head Penny, by Waquoit), runner-up to the talented Fort Hughes (Henny Hughes) at Belmont Oct. 10, completed the exacta in an Aqueduct maiden Nov. 7 before donning cap and gown over the inner track Dec. 11. The bay was exiting a distant third to Fort Hughes in the Jan. 17 Jimmy Winkfield S. and was the odds-on chalk to get back to winning ways here. A stalking third while three wide, Rift responded to Jose Valdivia's whip inside the final furlong and strode home a 2 3/4-length winner at 3-4. The winner is a half to Headsandtales (Tale of the Cat), MSW, \$189,890. Sales history: \$120,000 yrl '09 FTMOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-2-1, \$79,100. **Click for the [brisset.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Skeedattle Associates (MD). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr.

4th-AQU, \$40,000, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

AVA K. (f, 3, Dixie Union--Bedside Manner {SW, \$262,223}, by Dr. Blum) lunged at the start of her Jan. 9 debut over course and distance, but that was her lone misstep, as she was in front at the quarter pole and waltzed home 10 1/4 lengths best. Favored here at 1-2 to stay perfect, the homebred raced three wide to the turn, took aim on pacesetting Those Lion Eyes (Lion Heart) at midstretch and edged away for a 2 1/2-length victory. Sales history: \$190,000 RNA yrl '09 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$46,800. **Click for the [brisset.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)** O/B-Sugar Maple Farm & H Lewis Rapaport (NY). T-Michael E Hushion.

Dutrow Suspended 90 Days:

Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. has been suspended a total of 90 days by stewards in New York for two different infractions, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Dutrow, who has appealed both penalties, will be allowed to continue training until a hearing is held. The horseman currently has horses both in New York and Florida. He received a 60-day suspension when traces of Butorphanol, a Class 3 medication, were found in Fastus Cactus (Cactus Ridge), a winner at Aqueduct Nov. 20. An additional 30-day penalty was levied on the trainer after hypodermic needles were found in his barn. New York State Racing and Wagering Board steward Carmine Donofrio told *DRF* that Dutrow would not be able to serve the penalties concurrently.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

FORESTRY

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[8th-GPX \(Alw\)](#) **Crimson China** (Giant's Causeway) earns ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ status.

[8th-AQU \(Alw\)](#) **Rift** (Not For Love) validates 3-4 favoritism.

[4th-AQU \(Alw\)](#) **Ava K.** (Dixie Union) remains unbeaten with another handy success.

[6th-GPX \(Msw\)](#) **Kindersley** (Bernardini) lights up the tote to the tune of 35-1.

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 **EAST** 

Yesterday's Results:

8th-TAM, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m40y, 1:43, ft.
BE MY CANDY (f, 3, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--**Bewixed, by Thunder Gulch**) made a strong move into the teeth of a hot pace when facing \$50,000 maiden claimers at this track Jan. 28 and ran a promising second. Stepping up in class for this initial two-turn voyage, the Florida-bred settled in the latter third of the field for the opening six panels, fanned out for the drive and outfinished South Florida raider Startling Beauty (Johannesburg) by a half-length. Sales history: \$15,000 wlng '08 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$15,810. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)
 O-Armand A Delaperriere. B-Steve Schriever (FL). T-Anthony Pecoraro.

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Purse Increase for Tampa Bay Downs:

Tampa Bay Downs has announced a purse increase for the remainder of its current meeting, effective Feb. 18. The Oldsmar, Florida, oval was able to offer the increase due to a five-percent rise in overall handle. An average of \$5,000 a day will be allotted to all claiming races run for a \$12,500 claiming tag or less. Claiming races run for a \$5,000 tag will now carry a purse of \$10,500, and \$12,500 open-claiming races will now have a \$16,000 purse; the purses include money from the Florida Owners Awards). "We are pleased to be able to offer increased purse for our lower-level claiming races," said Peter Berube, the track's vice president and general manager. "We could have done a \$500 per race across-the-board increase, but we felt at this time the increase would be better served in select classes of races."

 **CENTRAL** 

Chief Seattle to Lake Shore Farms:

Chief Seattle (Seattle Slew) will stand the 2011 season at Lake Shore Farm in Scottsburg, Indiana. The 14-year-old stallion's fee will be \$2,500, live foal, stands and nurses. "Chief Seattle is a quality, proven horse that has shown the ability to produce a top horse," said Lake Shore Farm general manager Gale Bess. "We are a relatively new farm, and we are tickled to have him anchor our roster." From seven crops to race, Chief Seattle has sired Canadian champion Shillelagh Slew and millionaire Bold Chieftain. His progeny have earned \$14,222,246 to date.

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 **INDUSTRY INFO** 

RCI Meeting to Focus on Exchange Regulation:

Edited press release

The Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) plans to feature discussions on the regulation of exchange wagering at its upcoming 77th Annual Conference on Racing and Wagering Security, which will be held Mar. 23-26 at the La Pavilion Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. "With two major racing states--California and New Jersey--having passed legislation authorizing exchange wagering, the time is now to focus on a workable regulatory framework that will protect fans and racing participants," said RCI President Ed Martin. The RCI convention will feature an address by Paul Scotney, the Director of Integrity Services, Compliance, and Licensing for the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), among others. Scotney brings to the convention a history in overseeing racing regulation in an environment that includes betting exchanges, and his insight into those experiences provides regulators, racing fans, bettors, and other industry participants with a rare opportunity to see how North American racing regulation may evolve. Scotney has been with the BHA since 2003, and witnessed the evolution of racing regulation in an environment affected by a growing exchange wagering presence. "We look forward to a frank conversation among colleagues to identify integrity concerns and how best to address them," Martin said. "We are very pleased that the British Horseracing Authority is willing to participate with us in this endeavor." Registration for the 77th Annual Conference on Racing and Wagering Integrity is currently open and can be completed online at the RCI website www.arci.com.

 **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS**

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First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Feb. 17

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- BANDINI** (Fusaichi Pegasus), Walmac Farm, \$18K, 175/18/0
6-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Did You Know, \$6K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- BORREGO** (El Prado {Ire}), Wintergreen Stallion Station, \$20K, 107/13/0
7-TAM, Msw, 1 3/8mT, +Riverview Road, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- CONGRATS** (A.P. Indy), Vinery Ltd., \$13K, 177/32/3
9-OP, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Automatic Victory, KEE SEP yrl
- FRISCO STAR** (More Than Ready), Stonewall Farm Ocala, \$5K, 11/1/0
6-DED, Alw, 6 1/2f, Artic Sea, \$15K TEX APR 2yo, 6-1
- GIACOMO** (Holy Bull), Adena Springs Kentucky, \$13K, 151/11/1
9-OP, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Lady Giacomo, \$8K TEX AUG yrl
- GREELEY'S GALAXY** (Mr. Greeley), Sugar Maple Farm, \$8K, 60/9/0
6-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Seek to Win, \$10K EAS SEP yrl, 6-1
- HENNY HUGHES** (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 214/25/1
7-LRL, Msw, 1m, Hughes Next, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
- LION TAMER** (Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud LLC, \$5K, 42/5/0
3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Along the Coast, 4-1
- MASS MEDIA** (Touch Gold), Journeyman Stud, \$5K, 70/15/1
3-GP, Alw, 1m, Beso Grande, 8-1
- ROCKPORT HARBOR** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$20K, 215/29/2
6-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Deco Rocks, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- SILVER TRAIN** (Old Trieste), Vinery, \$25K, 203/30/1
9-OP, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Kit Carson, \$6K KEE SEP yrl
- SURVIVALIST** (Danzig), Park Stud, \$, 79/5/0
6-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Pay No Mind, \$16K CAN SEP yrl, 10-1



DYLAN THOMAS COLT GOES IN A 'FLASH'

Irish pinhooker Flash Conroy swooped in to secure a yearling from the second crop of champion and six-time Group 1 winner Dylan Thomas (Ire) (Danehill) for top price of €53,000 during yesterday's first day of the Goffs' February Mixed Sale in Kildare. Offered by Corrin Stud, the colt ([hip 159](#)) is out of Tango Tonic (Ire) (Trans Island {GB}), a half-sister to multiple group winner Housamix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and Grade I-placed Housa Dancer (Fr) (Fabulous Dancer). Conroy admitted the yearling's young sire was a deciding factor in yesterday's purchase. "Obviously we all know how good a racehorse Dylan Thomas was," Conroy said. "He was most consistent, tough, and very honest with a huge amount of ability." An encounter with the stallion's former trainer Aidan O'Brien only added to that impression. "Aidan told me the two-year-olds [by Dylan Thomas] that he has are really training well and how much he really likes them," Conroy confirmed. "It gave me a lot of encouragement. I was quite keen to have him based on what Aidan told me."

Dylan Thomas won the 2006 G1 Irish Derby and G1 Irish Champion S. During a sparkling 2007 campaign, he captured the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, G1 Prix Ganay, G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S., and a second edition of the Irish Champion S. Of the yearling himself, Conroy continued, "He was a very, very nice-limbed, good mover with nice color. A very solid horse. He was the one horse all day that I was hoping that I would be able to buy." Conroy confirmed the colt is destined to resell in the autumn. Reflecting on the first day of business at the two-day Goffs sale, Conroy said, "I think it was a very good sale for a decent horse. Everyone was there that you would expect to see at that sale, so I think they did a very good job."

Hurricane Run Filly to Bobby O'Byrne

Second best on the day at Goffs was Slievemurran Stud's [hip 76](#), a yearling filly by Hurricane Run (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), who went the way of Bobby O'Byrne for €44,000. The March-foaled bay is a half-sister to Red Rioja (Ire) (King's Theatre {Ire}), winner of the 2001 G3 C L Weld Park S. and the 2004 GIII Brown Bess H. She also hails from the family of blue hen Brocade (GB) (Habitat). Completing the first-session podium was Corbal-lis Stud's [hip 178](#), who was knocked down to Robert Allcock for €43,000. The yearling son of Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift {Ire}) is a half-brother to two black-type performers, including the 2009 Listed Sunbury S. winner Dohasa (Ire) (Bold Fact). Despite a much-improved clearance rate for 100 fewer lots, the gross and average still fell a little short of last year's levels. With 113 horses sold, the gross of €926,100 was down eight percent from the 2010 figure when 110 horses fetched €1,008,300. The average of €8,195 was down 11 percent, while the median increased 15 percent to €4,600. Yesterday's clearance rate was 65 percent, compared to 47 percent a year ago. Selling continues this morning with the day's session featuring breeding stock and horses in and out of training. The full catalogue, updates and results can be viewed at www.goffs.com.



**GOFFS FEBRUARY MIXED SALE
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16, 2011**

SESSION TOTALS	2011	2010
Catalogued	193	293
No. Offered	173	230
No. Sold	113	109
RNAs	59	120
% RNA	34.1%	52.2%
High Price	€53,000	€100,000
Gross	€926,100	€1,005,800
Average (% change)	€8,195 (-11.2%)	€9,228
Median (% change)	€4,600 (+15%)	€4,000

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IRELAND



CURRAGH PROMOTION FOR BIG BAD BOB

The Apr. 3 G3 Gladness S. is one of three races that will be sponsored by the Irish National Stud's new stallion Big Bad Bob following an agreement between the Curragh Racecourse and owner Cristina Patino. The sponsorship agreement also includes maiden races at the County Kildare venue on Mar. 20 and during the Abu Dhabi Irish Guineas Festival in May. Big Bad Bob has already been represented by G3 Brownstown S. winner Berg Bahn (Ire) and GIII Generous S. runner-up Moment of Weakness (Ire). Paul Hensey, Curragh Racecourse general manager, commented, "We are very grateful to Mrs. Patino for agreeing to support the Curragh this year and I sincerely hope that we will see plenty of progeny by Big Bad Bob competing successfully in some of our major races this year."

MIDDLE EAST

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 8:15 p.m.
NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY-Listed, \$175,000, 3yo/up, 2810mT

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Claremont (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Barzalona	Al Zarooni	126
2 Royal Bengali	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Murgia	bin Huzaim	121
3 Bergo (Ger)	Silvano (Ger)	R Moore	G Moore	126
4 Opinion Poll (Ire)	Halling	Ajtebi	Al Zarooni	130
5 Drunken Sailor (Ire)	Tendulkar	Fallon	Cumani	126
6 Montaff (GB)	Montjeu (Ire)	Murtagh	Channon	126
7 Mojave Moon (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Shafya	126
8 Star Empire (SAf)	Second Empire (Ire)	Soumillon	de Kock	126
9 Pompeyano (Ire)	Rainbow Quest	Dettori	bin Suroor	126

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, \$48,200, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:42 3/5, ft.
L. A. GIRL (f, 4, Golden Missile--Bandeau, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 20-6-2-3, \$146,331. O-LA Thoroughbreds. B-Darley (KY). T-Philip T Aristone. *\$4,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$9,000 HRA '10 BESJAN.
7th-AQU, \$40,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.
PRIVATE RULES (g, 3, Peace Rules--Private Port, by Sea Salute) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-1, \$64,767. O/B-Eric Fein (NY). T-Derek S Ryan.

6th-PEN, \$33,280, 2-15, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.
BACK ALLEY TALES (g, 5, Tale of the Cat--Our Dear Sue, by Roberto) Lifetime Record: 26-5-3-6, \$112,260. O-Flip and Sam Stable. B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Michael W Salvaggio Jr. *\$40,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to Don't Read My Lips (Turkoman), MSW & GISP, \$231,322.

8th-CTX, \$26,100, 2-15, NW2LX, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48 4/5, ft.
OILTON (g, 4, Mobil--Valid's Best Lady, by Valid Appeal) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-1, \$53,770. O/T-Richard P Butts Jr. B-Bernard & Karen McCormack (ON). *C\$25,000 yrl '08 CANSEP.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miss Bex (Ire), f, 3, Dalakhani (Ire)--Lady Bex (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 2-16, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Pegasus Breeding Ltd. *€80,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG.
Ottaviano Augusto (Ire), c, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Moon Legend, by Gulch. Rome, Italy, 2-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/16m (AWT). B-Rockfield Farm.
Social Forum (Ire), c, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Social Upheaval (SP-Ity, \$111,827), by Twilight Agenda. Lingfield, Britain, 2-16, Mdn, 3yo, 7f (AWT). B-Fin.A.Co. SRL. *€26,000 yrl '09 ITYSEP; 11,500gns 2yo '10 TATAPR.
Kingston Tiger (GB), c, 3, Tiger Hill (Ire)--Gretna (GB), by Groom Dancer. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 2-16, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Lofts Hall Stud. *€20,000 2yo '10 ARQMAY.
Momkinzain, g, 4, Rahy--Fait Accompli (SW-US, \$201,851), by Louis Quatorze. Lingfield, Britain, 2-16, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 5/8m (AWT). B-Berkshire Stud. *\$70,000 RNA wnlg '07 KEENOV; \$92,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP; 14,000gns RNA 2yo '09 TATGNS.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

AQUEDUCT
 Le Mi Geaux (First Samurai), 5f (I.T.), 1:02.41, 1/3
GULFSTREAM
 D' Funnybone (D'Wildcat), 6f, 1:14.80, 1/1
HOLLYWOOD PARK
 Porfido (Chi) (Mash One {Chi}), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/13
OAKLAWN
 No Such Word (Candian Frontier), 3f, :39.00, 20/23
PALM MEADOWS
 Cool Blue Red Hot (Harlan's Holiday), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/12
 Golden Galleon (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, 1:01.10, 10/18
 Imhotep (Giant's Causeway), 4f, :48.40, 1/18
PAYSON PARK
 Ruthenia (Pulpit), 3f, :37.40, 1/2