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SCAT ATTACK AT OBS MARCH

Japanese interests, bidding in front, outlasted Coolmore rep Demi O'Byrne out back to land the top-priced horse, a ridgling from the first crop of Scat Daddy (Johannesburg), for \$400,000 during the opening session at OBS March Sale of Selected Two-year-olds in Training Tuesday. Representatives of K.K. Eishindo made the purchase, but declined to speak with the media. Selling as [hip 137](#) from the consignment of Albert Davis's Old South Farm, the ridgling was produced by Madagascat (Tale of the Cat), a half-sister to GSW Lindsay Jean (Saint Ballado) and two other stakes winners. He put buyers on notice at the first breeze show, soaring through an eighth in :9 4/5 ([video](#))--the fastest during that session and co-fastest of the sale.



Carrie Brogden Lucas Marquardt

Old South was selling the horse on behalf of Carrie and Craig Brogden and Sandy Willwerth's Machmer Hall, which bred the Mar. 2-foaled bay. They originally planned to sell the colt as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, but opted to wait.

"He had a little sesamoiditis, and I was afraid to spend all the money to get him up there--the \$5,000 shipping bill and everything--and have him under that pinpoint scrutiny," said an enthused Carrie Brogden, who watched the bidding in the rear walking ring. "So we turned him out. He didn't see the inside of a barn from the time we decided to not go to the yearling sales until September. We x-rayed him again and the sesamoiditis was gone, and so he was good to go. Albert did a great job with him."

Brogden said she knew she had a nice horse on her hands, but not necessarily a session topper. "I'm blown away!" she said. "We had a very reasonable reserve, but everybody told me they thought he'd bring \$250,000."

Scat Daddy, winner of the GI Champagne S. at two and the GI Florida Derby at three, stands at Coolmore's Ashford division for a 2011 fee of \$10,000. He is also the sire of [hip 170](#), colt out of Mrs. Filio (Eastern Echo) from Niall Brennan Stables who elicited a bid of \$170,000 from Eric Fein, Ian Brennan agent.



Hip 137 Horsephotos

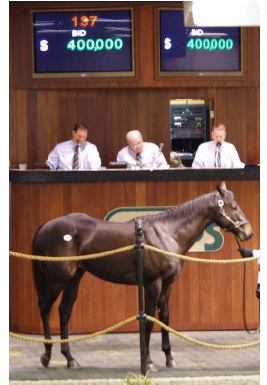
"I love the Scat Daddies we have," said Brogden, who elaborated, "He throws the bigger hip--he throws the hip he has, rather than the hip Johannesburg had, so he has more of a dirt feel to him. Every single one we've dealt with has had very good vetting and great brains. I hope he becomes a special horse."

Brogden also expressed gratitude for the Coolmore team's role as underbidder.

"I know they loved the horse, and I really appreciated their support," she said. "They bought a Malibu Moon from us at Palm Meadows [F-T Florida Sale Mar. 3] for \$500,000, and I was over the moon, because it's such a great home for our horses."

Brogden was happy to see the colt go to the Japanese, and was empathetic about what buyers from the country are going through in the aftermath of last week's earthquake and subsequent tsunami. "If I were in Japan at a horse sale, and my countrymen were dealing with a huge earthquake in California, it would weigh so heavy on my heart," she said.

The session topper's pedigree is an interesting study in inbreeding. His maternal and paternal grandsires, Johannesburg and Tale of the Cat, respectively, are from the same female family. *Cont. p2*



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Scat Daddy Colt Tops OBS Day 1 - Cont.

Johannesburg is a grandson of Storm Cat, while Tale of the Cat is a son, giving the Scat Daddy ridgling 3x4 inbreeding to the former Overbrook great. To top it off, Scat Daddy can claim South Ocean as his fourth dam. By New Providence, South Ocean is the dam of Storm Cat's sire Storm Bird, and so this colt is inbred to her 4x5.

Two days ago, Madagascats foaled a Malibu Moon filly. She also has an Exchange Rate yearling filly, and is set to visit Sky Mesa in 2011. "We were going to go to a first-year sire, but since she already has an unproven horse in Scat Daddy, we thought we'd go to a proven horse," Brogden explained. -LM

Repole Goes Back to the Indian Charlie Well...

Mike Repole has enjoyed the ride of his life campaigning the unbeaten juvenile champion and current GI Kentucky Derby favorite Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie), and showed his support for the leading Airdrie stallion early in OBS March's opening session,



Uncle Mo & Mike Repole after Timely Writer S. win
Adam Coglianese

extending to \$325,000 to land [hip 16](#). The charismatic owner, seated to the left of the ring with trainer Todd Pletcher, racing manager Jim Martin and bloodstock advisor Eddie Rosen, relied on his team to pick out the handsome colt. "I'm hoping this horse I just bought today is the best Indian Charlie I own," Repole joked. "I listened to my executive team here--my racing manager Jim Martin, my pedigree guy Ed Rosen, and Todd Pletcher, who loved the way the horse moved. At the end of the day, I just write the check." Repole continued,

"Uncle Mo is a once in a lifetime. We're just happy to buy some nice horses that can run and have some fun with. Todd really liked this horse a lot; it was probably his favorite horse of the day and possibly of the sale." Out of the unraced dam Eva's Melody (Storm Creek), the bay zipped through an eighth in :10 ([video](#)) at the under-tack show. "He had an exceptional work and an exceptional gallop out," Pletcher, who trains Uncle Mo and Gili Gotham S. hero Stay Thirsty (Bernardini) on behalf of Repole, said after signing the ticket. "I remember the horse from September--I liked him then and I still like him now." Consigned to OBSMAR by the McKathan Brothers, Agent IV, he went through the ring two previous times in 2010, bringing \$77,000 from Future Bloodstock at Keeneland January and RNA'ing from the Paramount Sales consignment at Keeneland September for \$70,000.

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"We're happy with the sale, he's a *really* nice colt," J.B. McKathan said outside Barn 6. "When you get a horse like that we expect them to bring good money, but you never know what they're going to bring. We're very pleased." McKathan added, "There were several partners on the horse--Gabriel Duignan headed the partnership." From the family of graded stakes winners Straight Man (Saint Ballado) and Pure Precision (Montbrook), the February foal was bred in Kentucky by Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds and Richard Nip. -SS



OBS MARCH

March Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training

SESSION	2011	2010
Catalogued	244	170
No. Offered	170	122
No. Sold	117	84
RNAs	53	38
% RNA	31.0%	31.1%
No. \$100K+	31	29
High Price (\$)	\$400,000	\$400,000
Gross (\$)	\$10,322,000	\$8,126,000
Average (% change)	\$88,222 (-8.8%)	\$96,738
Median (% change)	\$57,000 (-18.6%)	\$70,000

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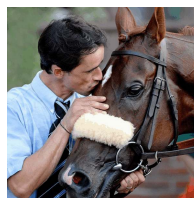


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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>137</u>	c	Scat Daddy	Madagascat	400,000
B-Machmer Hall (Ky) Consigned by Old South Farm, agent Purchased by K K Eishindo				
<u>226</u>	c	Street Sense	Regally Appealing	380,000
(\$50,000 yrl '10 KEESEP) B-B P Walden Jr & H Sexton (Ky) Consigned by Classic Bloodstock (D Brendemuehl), Agent II Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent for Repole Stables				
<u>82</u>	c	Mizzen Mast	Im Cruising Dixie	350,000
(\$50,000 yrl '10 FTKOCT) B-Janeen Oliver (Ky) Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent VI Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for Richard Santulli				

<u>238</u>	c	Congrats	Rosekris Point	350,000
(\$22,000 yrl '10 OBSAUG) B-Peter Gonzalez (Fl) Consigned by Tradewinds Farm, agent Purchased by Spendthrift Farm				
<u>223</u>	c	Empire Maker	Redhead Riot	330,000
(\$150,000 I/U '08 KEENOV) B-Ann S & Moustapha Fostock (Ky) Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXIX Purchased by Arc Bloodstock, agent for Earle I Mack				
<u>16</u>	c	Indian Charlie	Eva's Melody	325,000
(\$77,000 yrl '10 KEEJAN) B-Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Richard Nip (Ky) Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent IV Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent for Repole Stables				
<u>40</u>	f	Officer	Freakin Streakin	325,000
(\$11,000 yrl '10 KEESEP) B-Mercedes Stables (Ky) Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent III Purchased by Iron Horse Racing, David M Clark				



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Repole Strikes Again Late...

Mike Repole, in town to watch Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)'s successful return to the races in Saturday's Timely Writer S. at Gulfstream Park, made another purchase at the top of the market late in the session, going to \$380,000 for a colt from the first crop of



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GI Kentucky Derby hero Street Sense. The bay, consigned by Danzel Brendemuehl's Classic Bloodstock as [hip 226](#), covered an eighth in :10 at Friday's breeze show ([video](#)). The son of GII Adirondack S. victress Regally Appealing (Valid Appeal) hails from the family

of MGSW Rockport Harbor. "I think that if this horse didn't have a chip, he probably would've brought \$500,000 or \$600,000," Repole revealed after trainer Todd Pletcher signed the docket. "The chip's got to come out immediately. He's probably more of a Belmont-type horse [in the fall] versus Saratoga horse. He was probably the best horse in the sale. He was vetted before his work and they think he got the little chip during it." The bay was picked up by First Flight for \$50,000 as a Keeneland September yearling. -SS

Big Day for Brendemuehl...

Classic Bloodstock's Danzel Brendemuehl was a guest of Darley's at the 2007 GI Kentucky Derby, won in spectacular fashion by Street Sense, of son of the nursery's young sire Street Cry (Ire). As a way of saying thanks, Brendemuehl had a photographer friend's picture of Street Sense framed, and gave it to the farm. Whether karma, or good manners rewarded, or something else, the story was on Brendemuehl's mind yesterday just after she sold a son of Street Sense for \$380,000. It was the day's second-highest-priced lot. Mike Repole, sitting with trainer Todd Pletcher, pedigree advisor Eddie Rosen and racing manager Jim Martin, purchased the striking colt. Produced by Grade II-winning juvenile Regally Appealing (Valid Appeal), the colt, catalogued as hip 226, posted a sharp :10 flat work. According to Brendemuehl, his gallop-out time was the fastest of the sale.



Danzel Brendemuehl
Lucas Marquardt

After the work, through, she got a call from her veterinarian with bad news--the colt had exited the breeze with a small chip in a front ankle.

"Because this is a repository sale, I always do x-rays of knees and ankles before the sale, and it wasn't there," she said.

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"But then after the breeze, we re-vetted him, and there it was. So anyone who came to the barn, I told them about it. You're always afraid when you make an announcement that it's going to put people off the horse. But I'll say this all day long. If you're honest with people and tell them straight up, 'This is the way it is,' then it'll work out."

Brendemuehl admits, however, the chip probably did equate to plenty of money left on the table. "If he didn't have the chip, I think he would have brought over half a million," she said.

Whether \$380,000 or half a million, it's a long ways from the \$50,000 Brendemuehl paid for the colt as a KEESSEP yearling, a relatively modest sum she attributes to the colt's height.

"I think he was a little vertically challenged," she said. "He had a pony-ish look to him. He's got a lot of Valid Appeal in him, but I like Valid Appeal, because I'm from Florida. But as we went on through training, he got a bit more leg under him. He actually looks more like Street Cry (Ire) than Street Sense."

At the recent Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale, Brendemuehl sold a Malibu Moon--Christmas Lily colt to Demi O'Byrne for \$300,000. Her previous grads include Roses in May, a \$19,000 yearling who she resold to Ken and Sarah Ramsey for \$115,000. Roses in May won the G1 Dubai World Cup and banked over \$3.6 million. -LM



Clark Returns With a Force; Big Pinhook for Kegel...

At the OBS March Sale in 2008, retired aviation executive Dave Clark made his presence felt, purchasing the auction's top-priced horse, a More Than Ready colt from Nick de Meric, for \$650,000. He also landed a colt by Forest Wildcat from Eddie Woods for \$425,000,



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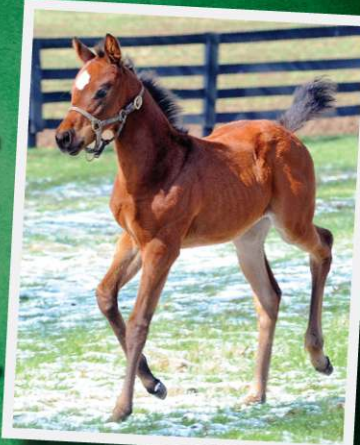
pushing his expenditures to \$1.075 million. Clark, who races and buys under the name Iron Horse Racing, didn't make a purchase at March in 2009 or 2010, but was back in action yesterday, when he nabbed four horses for \$635,000. Clark didn't have to dig as deep during yesterday's opener, but still had to work to land [hip 40](#), a filly by

Officer--Freakin Streakin (Tactical Advantage) for \$325,000. Eddie Woods consigned the bay filly, who breezed a quarter in :21 2/5 ([video](#)). Clark sat in his usual spot to the right of the sales ring, and just like in 2008, was flanked by trainer Bob Holthus. "I loved her work and her conformation, and she's got some pedigree," Clark said. "She acts like she has a lot of class." The Officer filly, foaled on Valentine's Day in 2009, was produced by Freakin Streakin, a graded stakes-placed earner of over \$250,000. Clark, who maintains residences in Florida and Arkansas, previously owned H. E. Tex Sutton, the horse transportation company now run by his son, Rob Clark, who in January acquired the company from his father. As the story goes, it was Tex Sutton, the founder of the company who sold it to his friend Clark in 1998, who originally turned Clark onto racing. Not by encouraging him to get involved, but by warning of the inherent financial risks of the sport. Clark's other purchases included [hip 28](#), a colt by Speightstown--Fantastic Ways from Eddie Woods for \$150,000; [hip 36](#), a colt by Johannesburg--Flat Fleet Feet from Hoby and Layna Kight for \$50,000; and [hip 49](#), a colt by Tale of the Cat--Gleaming Eye's from Eisaman Equine for \$110,000. The sale of the Officer filly represented a huge pinhook for bloodstock agent Tim Kegel, who selected the horse as a yearling and purchased her on behalf of a client for just \$11,000 at Keeneland September. "She was a decent-looking filly at the time," said Kegel. "She had very good conformation, but she wasn't the whole package at the time. She's one of the ones who grew the right way." Pinhooking a horse for just under 30 times its original value would have many doing handsprings in the aisle ways, but Kegel was philosophical about the big score. "You know, you buy some that don't work out, and you buy some that do," he said. "Luckily, this one worked out." Kegel typically buys six to eight yearlings each year. Some are pinhooked at juvenile sales, others go to end users. One of Kegel's most notable successes is California star Evening Jewel (Northern Afleet), who he acquired for \$8,000 as a KEESEP yearling. She's now a dual Grade I-winning earner of over \$1.2 million. -LM


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Hughes Gets His Congrats...

B. Wayne Hughes was determined to land his first horse by the red-hot young sire Congrats after getting outbid on a filly by the Vinery resident at the Fasig-Tipton Florida sale. Racing manager Seth Semkin secured a colt by the sire of MGISW Turbulent Descent on behalf of the Spendthrift Farm head for \$350,000 as the opening session approached the home stretch. "I liked his performance on the track," Semkin offered of the :21 2/5 quarter-mile breeze ([video](#)). "He did it on the first day and might have had the worst of it [with the wind]. I thought he carried himself well. Congrats is obviously doing very well. I saw several [two-year-olds] by him that I liked. I just thought that this one was a beautiful horse--I loved him." The gray is the first foal from the six-year-old Point Given mare Rosekris Point. Of the purchase price Semkin added, "It was right around what I thought. Mr. Hughes was excited to try and get one by Congrats. I told him that this one wasn't going to be any secret. He was happy to get him. He kind of stood out." Bred in Florida by Peter Gonzalez, [hip 238](#) was consigned by Tradewinds Farm. He was acquired by Pegasus Holding Group for \$22,000 as an OBSAUG yearling. Earlier in the session Hughes also purchased [hip 176](#), an Indian Charlie filly from Nick de Meric's consignment for \$175,000. She covered an eighth in :10 2/5 ([video](#)). -SS



'Sharp' Purchase for Santulli at OBSMAR...

Prominent owner and NetJets founder Richard Santulli added a \$350,000 Mizzen Mast colt to his stable at OBS March yesterday. The gray or roan colt was clocked in :10 flat during an eighth-mile breeze at the under-track show ([video](#)). Bloodstock agent Buzz



Richard Santulli
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Chace handled bidding duties on behalf of Santulli. "He's just a beautiful horse," Chace said out back, adding that the April foal would likely be conditioned by Santulli's head trainer Al Goldberg. "He worked really good and handled himself really well--they all worked good on this track. He did it well within himself." His unraced seven-year-old dam Im Cruising Dixie (Dixie Union) is a half-sister to multiple stakes winners Patsyprospect

(Personal Flag) and Terreavigne (Belong To Me). "I never bought a Mizzen Mast before," said Chace, who also purchases for top outfits West Point Thoroughbreds and Klaravich Stable. "I like the way he was bred--I like the mare, the Dixie Union. He's just a very nice horse. He fit into the criteria." It was a nice score for Paul Sharp's consignment. On behalf of himself and long-time friend and business partner Robert Hopkins, Sharp bought [hip 82](#) for \$50,000 at last year's FTKOCT sale. "We're very pleased with the way he sold and with the people that had everything to do with this horse and all the underbidders--there was a lot of genuine interest," Sharp said while enjoying some shade outside his barn. "I try to be very conservative with my whole philosophy of selling horses and he exceeded my expectations." The consignor has done quite well selling Mizzen Mast's progeny at two-year-old sales. Strike the Bell (Mizzen Mast), heroine of the GIII Noble Damsel S., brought \$45,000 from Sharp's 2008 FTMMAY consignment. Subsequent 2008 GII Rebel S. runner-up King's Silver Son (Mizzen Mast) realized \$320,000 at the 2007 OBSAPR sale. "I like the sire," said Sharp, who purchased six yearlings to pinhook last year. "He's been really good to me. When I saw this colt, he was put together so nice, everything was balanced, his athleticism, his personality--every trait you would look for in a horse." -SS

Mack Colt a Money 'Maker' for Woods, Fostocks...

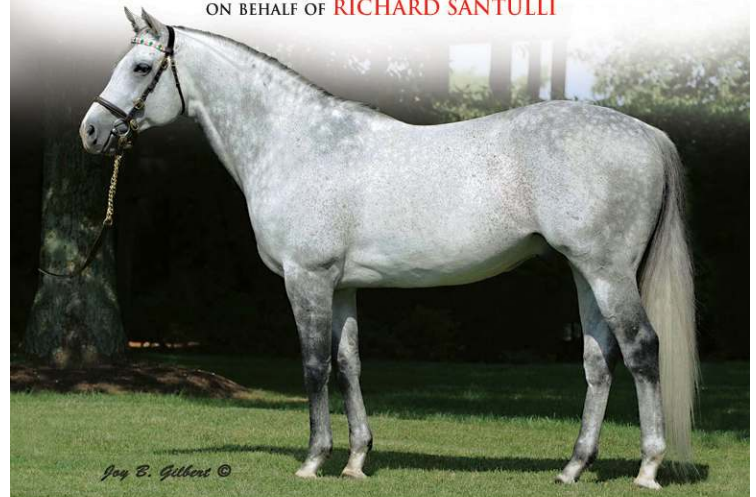
Prominent owner and former ambassador to Finland Earle Mack was on hand at OBS March. Sitting alongside a group of advisors that included trainer Barclay Tagg, Mack went to \$330,000 for a colt by Empire Maker. Arc Bloodstock signed the ticket. Named Julius Caesar, the colt is a son of the Grade II-placed Redhead Riot (Top Account) and was consigned by Eddie Woods, agent, as [hip 223](#). Woods sent the colt out to a :10 1/5 breeze at last Friday's under-tack preview ([video](#)).

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Asked about the colt's appeal, Mack said, "He had a nice disposition and a nice walk, I liked Empire Maker, and he had a great stride and great motion study. Now all the horse has to do is prove himself." Mack said this was his first purchase of the year, but didn't rule out further involvement in the juvenile market. "We'll see what's around," he said. Woods was offering the horse for his breeders, Ann and Moustapha Fostock. Moustapha is the director of the Saudi Arabian Stud Book who also owns the Ft. Lauderdale-based Global Equus Thoroughbreds. The couple purchased



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Redhead Riot with this colt in utero for \$150,000 at the 2008 Keeneland November Sale. The mare did not produce a foal last year, but was sent to Empire Maker once again. In foal to that now-expatriated sire, she was recently put through the Keeneland January Sale, but was bought back for \$52,000. -LM



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Hip 223



Hit Or Miss: The Story Continues...

The good horses sold well. The others? Not so much. It's been a recurring theme at North American auctions for the past few years, and yesterday's opening session of OBS March didn't stray from the plot. When the dust settled at day's end, 117 horses sold for a total of \$10,322,000. That yielded an average of \$88,222, down 8.8 percent from last year's figure of \$96,738. The median price was \$57,000, off a more substantial 18.6 percent from 2009's \$70,000. The buyback percentage of 31.1% remained unchanged. "I thought it was a decent sale; it was good in spots," said OBS Director of Sales Tom Ventura. "But I think tomorrow is a little stronger overall [in terms of quality], so I don't really want to make judgements on the sale based on this day. Let's see how tomorrow goes. Hopefully, the numbers will be a little bit better."



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Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>16</u>	c	<u>Indian Charlie</u>	<u>Eva's Melody</u>	325,000
Consigned by McKathan Bros., Agent IV Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent for Repole Stables See Story, p2				
<u>40</u>	f	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Freakin Streakin</u>	325,000
Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent III Purchased by Iron Horse Racing, David M Clark See Story, p5				
<u>82</u>	c	<u>Mizzen Mast</u>	<u>Im Cruising Dixie</u>	350,000
Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent VI Purchased by Buzz Chace, agent for Richard Santulli See Story, p6				
<u>93</u>	c	<u>City Zip</u>	<u>It'schemistrybaby</u>	180,000
Consigned by Bo Hunt, Agent V Purchased by Majestic Racing Stable				
<u>94</u>	c	<u>Artie Schiller</u>	<u>Janeian (NZ)</u>	150,000
Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Reeves Thoroughbred Racing				
<u>126</u>	f	<u>Mr. Greeley</u>	<u>Lindy Wells</u>	190,000
Consigned by Southern Chase (Greg & Karen Dodd), agent Purchased by Reeves Thoroughbred Racing				

Reddick Partners went to \$30,000 to get this colt at the 2010 KEESEP sale. The chestnut zipped an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)), and earned his connections a solid profit in his second trip through the ring.

Barry and Shari Eisaman had a solid score with this pinhook. The Eisamans got the colt as a KEESEP yearling for \$32,000. Out of GSW Janeian (NZ) (The Jogger), the April foal got his eighth in :10 2/5 ([video](#)), and provided his connections with a solid profit yesterday.

Greg and Karen Dodd's Southern Chase Farm got this filly for \$65,000 as a KEESEP yearling. She dashed off a quarter in :21 4/5 ([video](#)), and nearly tripled her value at OBSMAR. The Dodds raised ill-fated champion Lost in the Fog (Lost Soldier) at their Williston, Florida, farm.

North American Top 3yo Fillies
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Name (Sire)	Record	Earnings
1 Awesome Feather (Awesome Of Course)	6-6-0-0	\$1,495,746
O-Adena Springs. B-Jacks Or Better Farm Inc (FL). T-Gold Stanley I. \$2,300,000 2yo 2010 FTKNOV.		
2 R Heat Lightning (Trippi)	7-3-3-0	\$772,800
O-E Paul Robsham Stables LLC. B-E Paul Robsham Stable LLC (FL). T-Pletcher Todd A.		
3 More Than Real (More Than Ready)	3-2-1-0	\$609,384
O-Flay Bobby. B-Santucket Stables (KY). T-Pletcher Todd A.		
4 Turbulent Descent (Congrats)	5-4-1-0	\$528,350
O-Blinkers On Racing Aurelio Dave But. B-Ocala Stud (FL). T-Puype Mike. \$160,000 2yo 2010 OBSAPR.		
5 Kathmanblu (Bluegrass Cat)	8-5-1-1	\$470,731
O-Five D Thoroughbreds & Wind River S. B-Five-D Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-McPeek Kenneth G.		
6 Bouquet Booth (Flower Alley)	6-3-1-1	\$404,700
O-Right Time Racing LLC. B-Brookdale & Dr Ted Folkerth (KY). T-Margolis Stephen R. \$30,000 2yo 2010 OBSJUN.		
7 Wickedly Perfect (Congrats)	4-3-1-0	\$404,600
O-Yoshida Katsumi. B-Y-Lo Racing Stables LLC (FL). T-O'Neill Doug. \$70,000 2yo 2010 OBSAPR. \$800,000 rac age 2011 KEEJAN.		
8 Delightful Mary (Limehouse)	5-3-1-1	\$370,377
O-Oxley John C. B-Hobeau Farm Ltd (FL). T-Casse Mark. \$500,000 2yo 2010 OBSAPR.		
9 Winter Memories (El Prado {Ire})	3-2-1-0	\$300,600
O-Phillips Racing Partnership. B-Phillips Racing Partnership (KY). T-Toner James J.		
10 Zazu (Tapit)	7-2-4-0	\$290,985
O-Moss Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. B-Summerhill Equine LLC (KY). T-Sadler John W. \$100,000 wnlg 2008 FTKNOV. \$285,000 yrlg 2009 KEESEP.		

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137 c **Scat Daddy** **Madagascar** **400,000**

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Purchased by K K Eishindo

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151 c **Street Sense** **Meadow Silk** **195,000**

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent

Purchased by Philip S. Serpe, agent for Thomas Moran

Gulf Coast Farm picked up stakes winner Meadow Silk (Meadowlake), in foal to More Than Ready, for \$95,000 at OBSOCT 2005. The following year, her son, Star Dabbler (Saint Ballado), dead-heated for the win in the GI Indiana Derby and was second in the GI King's Bishop S. The first two foals Gulf Coast bred out of the mare did not return to the ring, but she has more than made up for lost time. The third, a More Than Ready filly named Avid, brought \$525,000 at this venue last year. She was named a *TDN* "Rising Star" after a 2 1/4-length debut win at Del Mar last August. This colt added to the coffers with a solid return.

188 c **Congrats** **Our Secretary** **180,000**

Consigned by De Meric Sales, Agent I

Purchased by Delray Farm

Nick De Meric capitalized on the quick success of sophomore sire Congrats (A.P. Indy), and a :10 2/5 breeze ([video](#)), with this pinhook score. De Meric bought the dark bay for \$52,000 as an OBSAUG yearling.

216 c **Eddington** **Ragtime Hope** **165,000**

Consigned by Flying Fish, Agent IV

Purchased by Smack Down Farm

Willmott Stables bought dam Ragtime Hope (Dixieland Band) for \$50,000 as a KEESEP yearling in 2003. The bay won a pair of stakes races at Calder in her 21 starts, and earned \$127,715 in three seasons at the track. Her first foal, a colt by Eddington, made \$90,000 at this sale last year. The full-brother was sent to KEESEP 2010, but was RNA'd at \$17,000, and the wisdom of that buyback was clear here. Willmott Stables campaigned Eddington (Unbridled), a Grade I winner of \$1,216,760. A native of Glens Falls, New York, Peter Willmott is president of a retail holding and consulting company who first became involved in racing in 1988.

223 c **Empire Maker** **Redhead Riot** **330,000**

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXIX

Purchased by Arc Bloodstock, agent for Earle I Mack

See Story, p6

226 c **Street Sense** **Really Appealing** **380,000**

Consigned by Classic Bloodstock (D Brendemuehl), Agent II

Purchased by Todd Pletcher, agent for Repole Stables

See Story, p4

238 c **Congrats** **Rosekris Point** **350,000**

Consigned by Tradewinds Farm, agent

Purchased by Spendthrift Farm


See Story, p5



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ...AT THE SALES

Bloodstock Agent Buzz Chace:

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265, c, Flatter--Silence Please, by Quiet American

Consigned by Eisaman Equine

Acquired for \$90,000 at Fasig-Tipton New York-breds sale last August, this colt earned a bullet when



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he sped through a quarter mile in :20 3/5 ([video](#)). "He's a long, lanky, low-floating type of horse," said consignor Shari Eisaman. "And he's got the mind of an eagle. He's like a Derby prospect, with his mind. After he breezed, he pulled up and looked around and seemed to say, 'This is what it's all about.' He's got the mental thing that all good horses have."



Hip Happenings cont.

286, f, Lion Heart--Song'n Dance, by Carson City

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent V

From the family of the top grass horse Win, this Apr. 4-foaled filly was sent out to a :21 1/5 quarter-mile breeze by Ciaran Dunne ([video](#)). "She was bred by Nancy Cole and Chuck Kidder, who have been supporters of ours," said Dunne. "They were very high on the filly last summer and bought the filly back at the July Sale [for \$45,000], and sent her straight down. She's just been seamless since. Everything she's done, she's done well. I'd like for her to do well for Chuck and Nancy."

298, f, Hard Spun--Stormy Blues, by Cure the Blues

Consigned by Off The Hook LLC, Agent for Northwest Stud Stable, Inc

From the first crop of the 2007 GI King's Bishop S. winner Hard Spun (Danzig), this filly, a \$90,000 Keeneland September yearling, worked in :10 2/5 ([video](#)). "[Hard Spun] seems to be a very popular first-year sire," said consignor Joe Appelbaum. "She went in :10 2/5, but had a really wonderful gallop-out, also. She's a May 9 foal, and I think she's just going to be massive. We've had a lot of interest; we'll see."

306, f, Indian Charlie--Symphonic Lady, by Blare of Trumpets

Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent

This filly hasn't been in her stall much since posting a stylish :10 flat breeze ([video](#)). Acquired for \$95,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, she is a half-sister to GSP Bear Conductor (Congaree) and hails from the family of one of Indian Charlie's best runners, champion Indian Blessing. "She's just an awesome filly," said consignor Randy Hartley. "She does anything you want her to. We haven't pushed her that hard at the farm; she still has a lot of weight on her, because we always knew she was such a talented filly. She's from the family of Indian Blessing, the mare's produced a graded runner already, and Indian Charlie couldn't be hotter right now. We're excited about her."

320, f, Bernardini--Turbo Dream, by Unbridled

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent X

By one of the hottest sires in the nation, this filly stopped the clock in :10 2/5 breezing an eighth Saturday ([video](#)). She is a half-sister to the very talented sprinter Dream Rush (Wild Rush) whose wins included the GI Darley Test S. "She's the star of the show," said consignor Niall Brennan. "She's a beauty--just gorgeous. She's a half to a Grade I winner, and she's a typical Bernardini. She's big and beautiful and elegant. You could run out of words trying to describe her. She belongs to the breeder [Peter Blum]."



Dream Rush Equiphoto

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Joyful Victory	Tapit	Honeybee S.-G3	111
Tackleberry	Montbrook	Gulfstream Park H.-G2	103
Miss Match (Arg)	Indygo Shiner	Santa Margarita Invitational S.-G1	101
Premier Pegasus	Fusaichi Pegasus	San Felipe S.-G2	100
Winter Camp	Forest Camp	Bill Thomas Memorial S.	100
Fascinatin' Rhythm	More Than Ready	Conniver S.	99
Inherit the Gold	Gold Token	Kings Point S.	99
It Happened Again	Proud Citizen	Razorback H.-G3	98
Denomination	Smart Strike	Hillsborough S.-G3	96
Wyomia	Vindication	Suncoast S.	96
Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie	Timely Writer S.	95
Watch Me Go	West Acre	Tampa Bay Derby-G2	95
Dynamic Holiday	Harlan's Holiday	Herecomesthebride S.-G3	94
Eminent Tale	Read the Footnotes	Sweet Envoy S.	94
Ravi's Song	Unbridled's Song	New Orleans Ladies S.	94
Spring Party	Smart Strike	Wintergreen S.	93
Cambina (Ire)	Hawk Wing	China Doll S.	91
Great Mills	War Front	Grindstone S.	91
Joes Blazing Aaron	Graeme Hall	Palm Beach S.-G3	91
Street Storm	Stormy Atlantic	Mardi Gras S.	91
Ava K.	Dixie Union	Proud Puppy S.	90
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362, c, Congrats--Allen's Ms, by Allen's Prospect

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent II

Congrats (A.P. Indy) was last year's leading freshman sire, with a pair of Grade I winners on his resume.



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Foaled Apr. 20, this colt was produced by a three-parts sister to GI Pennsylvania Derby hero Love of Money (Not for Love). He worked an eighth in :10 2/5 ([video](#)). "He worked pretty well, but we missed some time with him about 10-12 days before we shipped in, because he got a little bug," said consignor Eddie

Woods. "He worked well, but not as good as he should have. But he's such a nice horse that everyone's okay with him. And he's by a proper stallion."

392, f, Harlan's Holiday--Boatman Road, by Lord at War (Arg)

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Agent
thorostride.com [video](#)

Harlan's Holiday is on a tear this year, currently leading all sires by stakes winners. This filly is a full-sister to the GSP Segal from the family of Elite Squadron (Officer). She breezed an eighth in :10 1/5 at the second under-tack show ([video](#)).



Hip Happenings cont.

403, c, Hard Spun--Brief Bliss, by Navarone

Consigned by Scanlon Training Center, Agent VII

Hard Spun's first yearlings were well-received last year. This colt, a tall, handsome chestnut breezed in :10 flat (video). "He had a really good work," said consignor Dave Scanlon. "He's a big, flashy colt from a good family. He's a half to a graded stakes horse in Cherokee Triangle [Cherokee Run]. I think he's going to go over really big here after a really nice work."



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430, f, Bob and John--Chirimoya, by Cobra King

Consigned by Hoppel's Horse and Cattle Co., agent

This miss gassed an eighth in a co-bullet :9 4/5 at Saturday's breeze show (video). Foaled May 3, she was produced by the Grade II-placed Chirimoya. "She's got a lot of balance; she's big and leggy and has a lot of scope--just about how you want," said consignor Patrick Hoppel. "She worked great, and she galloped out real big."

453, f, Street Cry (Ire)--Critical Crew, by Dr. Blum

Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent

A half-sister to the multiple Grade I-winning millionaire Critical Eye (Dynamformer), this Apr. 24 foaled miss breezed an eighth in :10 2/5 (video). "She probably doesn't like this synthetic quite as much as she likes the dirt," said consignor Jerry Bailey. "But she's getting better on it. She's a really, really good filly. She's a very good-sized, nice filly."

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Fires Readies Sophomore Team

Trainer William 'Jinks' Fires sent a trio of sophomores to the track for half-mile breezes at Oaklawn yesterday morning led by Robert Yagos' Archarcharch (Arch), who was prepping for Saturday's GII Rebel S. Under regular rider Jon Court, the winner of the GIII Southwest S. covered the distance in :47 3/5, the fastest of 31 works at the distance. "In my opinion, he has really progressed since his last race," said Court. "Before the Southwest, I felt there was still room for him to improve and now he's graduated to



Archarcharch
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the next level. He handled things well today. We wanted a nice tightner and that's what we got." Also on the worktab was Patricia Blass' pair **Bluegrass Jam** (Bluegrass Cat), who will join Archarcharch in the Rebel field, and **Bluegrass Bull** (Bluegrass Cat), who is pointing toward either an allowance race at Oaklawn or the Mar. 26 GIII Vinery Spiral S. at Turfway. Bluegrass Jam, the first of the trio to hit the track after the break, worked the distance in :49 flat under jockey Michael Baze. Archarcharch followed shortly afterwards, and remained professional as a loose horse was caught and led off the track. Finally, Bluegrass Bull, with Gabriel Saez aboard, completed the task in :49 3/5. "I am really happy with the way all three went," confirmed Fires. "Arch knew he was going to work. He was feeling good. We'd like to run two in the Rebel--Arch and Jam. Bull will go in an allowance race [Oaklawn] and if that race doesn't fill, he'll go to Turfway." In addition to Fires' triumvirate, Tony Dutrow sent out **J W Blue** (Sky Mesa), who worked a half-mile in :48 flat, the second fastest move of the day and **Saratoga Red** (Eddington). The latter, conditioned by D. Wayne Lukas, negotiated the distance in :48 2/5. California-based **The Factor** (War Front) is expected to arrive at Hot Springs Municipal Airport this morning in advance of Saturday's feature. The winner of the GII San Vicente S. will attempt to give trainer Bob Baffert his second consecutive Rebel victory following Lookin at Lucky (Smart Strike)'s victory last year. Also expected on that flight is **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision), who will compete in the GIII Azeri S. on the Rebel undercard.




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GAME ON DUDE OUT OF DWC

Game On Dude (Awesome Again), winner of the Mar. 5 GI Santa Anita H., will miss the Mar. 26 G1 Dubai World Cup because of a foot abcess, trainer Bob Baffert told *Daily Racing Form* yesterday. Owned by Terry Lanni, Ernie Moody and Bernie Schiappa, the gelding was scheduled to depart for Dubai yesterday. "He's starting to pop a quarter," Baffert told *DRF*. "Something is brewing there. If I had a few more days, he might be okay, but I'd hate to send him over there like that. You've got to go over 100 percent." The winner of last year's GIII Lone Star Derby developed a similar problem following a win in his 2011 reappearance in a Santa Anita allowance Jan. 27, but came back to take the Big 'Cap. "He had one after his allowance win, in the same foot," Baffert. "It's not really a quarter crack, but it will crack if we don't watch it. Something blew out his coronet band. He's not sore on it, but something's there." As for what lies in the immediate future for the four-year-old, Baffert added, "We're still taking him to the track and jogging him, but we're not going to gallop him."

SWEET DUCKY SOLD; HEADED TO DUBAI

George and Lori Hall's **Sweet Ducky** (Pulpit) has been sold to Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov and will be targeted at the G2 UAE Derby on the Dubai World Cup program at Meydan Mar. 26. A debut winner by five lengths at Monmouth last June, the dark bay added victories in the Garden State S. and Seton Hall University S. later in the fall. Fourth in the GIII Delta Jackpot S. Nov. 20, the Kelly Breen trainee kicked off his sophomore season with a runner-up finish behind Dialed In (Mineshaft) in the GIII Holy Bull S. Jan. 30. Prior to his sale, the \$135,000 KEESEP yearling had been on course for the Apr. 3 GI Florida Derby.



Luca Cumani Ed Whitaker/Racing Post

COMPETITION HEATS UP IN DUBAI

By Katie Bo Williams

The competition at the Dubai International Racing Carnival is intense. Despite careful preparation and analysis, Newmarket conditioner Luca Cumani knows that there are no guarantees of success.

"Horses and women you can never be confident about," Cumani said with a smile.

Cumani is part of a strong contingent of international trainers who historically send horses to Dubai for the entirety of the International Carnival. Despite the challenges in selecting, traveling and racing a horse in the UAE, these conditioners feel you can bring a horse to Dubai and make money.

The Carnival, which originated in 2004, annually attracts top outfits from Newmarket to Durban with its lucrative purse structure. Run over 10 weekly meetings beginning in January, the Carnival this year distributes over \$35 million in prize money during the three months leading into the World Cup.

Cumani takes a realistic stance on the selection process behind choosing his Carnival horses. Like most of the successful European Carnival trainers, he brings well-handicapped horses that have run out of opportunities to be competitive within their rating in Europe.

"One of my favorite sayings is that you race in Europe for prestige and you race abroad for money," he remarked. "If you have a horse who is, say a four-year-old gelding, he doesn't need prestige. He wouldn't know what to do with his prestige. That's been taken away from him and so the only thing you can do with that horse is try to win as much money as possible. The money is so much better here than it is in Europe."

Cumani's not the only top outfit to adopt this approach to Carnival selection. David Simcock, who has sent horses from his Newmarket base since 2005, fields a Dubai string that his wife Jennie, who manages the Trillium Place horses during their stay, described as "twilight horses."

"If you've got a Group 3 or Listed horse that is only just that level, but you don't want it carrying top weight in a handicap, you can really struggle [in Europe] with those horses," she said. "If they fall between two stalls, sometimes opportunities in Dubai are perfect for them. It opens up a door for them."

Finding the right Carnival horse is also a matter of mental and physical soundness. Simcock emphasized the need to justify the expense and the travel by selecting a horse that could stand up to the rigors of racing every two weeks.

"If a horse comes back and, after a race, you know you have to give it a month before you can train it again, it's not the right horse to bring," Simcock said.

Mike de Kock, the undisputed king of the Carnival, corroborated the imperative of soundness.

"Horses that go from one surface to another need time to adapt to that surface," de Kock said.



Added Cumani, "The bones and everything change when they start working on a new surface. There's going to be physiological changes that the horse is going to go through, so [you are] trying to find a horse that can deal with that."

Understanding the strength of the various divisions is also an important consideration. Races from seven furlongs to a mile have evolved to be the most competitive.



Mike de Kock (right) Andrew Watkins

"It used to be that you could bring a horse rated 95 and that wasn't a problem," Simcock said. "But because [the Carnival] is now so much more

popular and that distance is sort of a catching point, they weren't really selecting horses less than a hundred this year."

Newmarket conditioner Ed Dunlop, who sends G1 Dubai Sheema Classic hopeful Snow Fairy (Ire) (Intikhab), substantiated this claim.

"You have to have a rating high enough to get into the Carnival because some of the [other] horses have such high ratings," Dunlop offered. "If you bring a horse that's rated 95 for the 95-pluses [handicaps], they get rated out of the races."

The three-year-old division, on the other hand, is less competitive. With the notable exception of de Kock, most international trainers are hesitant to bring their best sophomores, preferring to direct them towards the Classics in their own country. Robin Trevor-Jones, travelling head lad for Dunlop, identified this as a niche for two-year-olds that are not expected to make the grade come Guineas time.

De Kock takes the opposite approach.

"It's not second-string racing, or second-rate racing," he said. "It's top racing. I bring my best young horses, for the Derby and Guineas. I bring horses I think will win Group 1s at home or have won Group 1s. You've got to bring a class horse here. There's no use bringing an old horse on the way down in the handicaps; rather, bring a young horse on the way up in the handicap or that can improve on his current figure."

In addition to selecting the appropriate horse, well-seasoned Carnival trainers credit acclimation time as integral to success at Meydan. Simcock ships in January, during Dubai's "winter," when the temperature variance is less extreme. These horses have been under heat lamps since November.

"If they come out here like woolly bears, they lose condition because they're sweating too much," Simcock explained. "If you clip them about five weeks before travel, then they are not close shaven and they will get a summer coat here within three weeks."

But South African-based de Kock dismissed a horse's adaptation to the heat as a limiting factor.

"The heat does us very well," he said. "I think sun on a horse's back is fantastic for them."

Despite the learning curve associated with success at the Carnival, however, most conditioners are in unilateral agreement that it is a worthwhile--and fiscally viable--venture.

"If you have a horse that can come here and genuinely be competitive, with the prize money that's on offer, you can't not come," Simcock said.

"You can still make a living," de Kock added. "I don't think there's a place in the world in such a short time that pays this amount of money. For me, if you've got the horse, it's always worth the gamble. The upside is far greater than the downside."

The Meydan oval has also proven to be a relatively fair surface, helping to minimize that gamble.

"It's proven that horses can win races from the front or being held up, I think because the track is quite fair--as long as you know the style of running of your horse and it's ridden accordingly," Simcock said.

Cumani praised the Emirates Racing Authority for the logistical ease of sending horses to the Carnival.

"All you have to do is deliver the horses to the airport," he said. "They give you a wonderful barn. They even give you help--there's a bunch of very helpful and good grooms that they assign to you. We've got two of them and they're excellent. We've had the same two for the last three or four years. You just bring your riders and everything is easy for you."

The opportunity to move horses on at the close of the Carnival reinforces the financial practicality of bringing a horse to Dubai. The ERA annually hosts a Horses in Training sale that generally coincides with Super Thursday. The sale this year reported a clearance rate of 84% for an average of Dhs20,796 (approximately \$5,500).

The sale has a reputation for catering to local buyers. The Simcock stable entered locally owned Lord of the Stars (Speightstown) in this year's sale and, although the horse was withdrawn, Simcock said the timing of the sale was attractive.

"If you had a horse that had been out here and done quite well, and you were thinking, 'God, it's top of its tree handicap-wise,' some of [the local owners and trainers] might think these are good horses to buy for next year," she said.

The 2011 Carnival concludes Mar. 26 with the 16th running of the Dubai World Cup.



Ed Dunlop Andrew Watkins

Dubai World Cup Meeting cont. p13



Hot Time in the Desert...

The Emirate is considered by many to be the premier Gulf holiday destination. In a Feb. 28 press release, the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing



Burj Khalifa

reported tourism revenues of approximately \$3.6 billion for 2010, an increase of around 6.5 percent from 2009. Hotel occupancy remained unchanged at 70 percent in 2010.

"Dubai has already a prominent position in the global tourism map," said

Abdeen Nasralla, vice president of Meydan Hotels, the newly launched hospitality arm of Meydan City Corporation, in a DTCM press release. "The Emirate can attract a large pool of tourists due to its excellent tourism infrastructure. Dubai also blends old and new charm, with so many new developments coming up."

Visiting horsemen remain enthusiastic about Dubai as a destination for owners.

"I always say Dubai is like Disney Land for grown-ups," Luca Cumanì said. "You can't help but feel uplifted. You come here from Europe in the winter where the weather is horrible. You come here, and it's warm, it's sunny, there's all these amazing buildings. There's a certain amount of electricity in Dubai."

The Burj Khalifa, unveiled in 2010, is still the primary new attraction in the city.

"The Burj Khalifa is still the new thing," Newmarket-based Jennie Simcock said. "When people come to Dubai, I say you have to go see the fountains at the Burj Khalifa."

The fountains at the base of the world's tallest building, created by the designer of the famous Bellagio fountains in Las Vegas, spray 500 foot arcs every 30 minutes to the tune of Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston and several Arab dance numbers.



Burj Khalifa Fountains

But it is the old favorites that are still the pick of repeat visitors.

Simcock cites the Jumeirah Madinat, a collection of upscale shops and restaurants in the shadow of the seven-star Burj al Arab hotel, as her favorite.

"Whenever I go there I feel like I'm on holiday and not here working," Simcock said.

Robin Trevor-Jones, Ed Dunlop's traveling head lad, has frequented Dubai off-and-on since 1993--a time when he says the city's major highway, Shiekh Zayed Road, had only two lanes.

"We used to run across it from the Trade Center to the Crown Plaza; you wouldn't dare do that now," Trevor-Jones said.

Trevor-Jones confessed not to know any new restaurants. He too claims an old haunt as his favorite. "My favorite place has been here years," he said. "It's a place in the Crown Plaza called Trader Vic's. Everybody loves it."

Trevor-Jones also slyly suggests Ravi's, the hole-in-the-wall Indian restaurant down the street from the Trade Center, which houses most of the visiting riders during the Carnival.



Ravi's *timeoutdubai.com*

"Everyone has to do Ravi's, but you've got to be careful," Trevor-Jones said with a chuckle. "It's a bit of an experience."

The DTCM press release indicated further expected tourism growth as Dubai's economy continues to rebound from the global financial crisis.

"Extensive marketing campaigns as well as close cooperation among DTCM and the private sector have helped Dubai to attract more tourists last year," remarked Ghassan Aridi, CEO of Alpha Tours, in the release. "The last three years, the market has witnessed correction, with the emergence of budget airlines and budget hotels in the region that has helped balance the tourist mix. We expect 2011 to be better than 2010."



NEWS TODAY

HASKELL TOPS MONMOUTH SUMMER STAKES
Edited Press Release

Monmouth Park announced its 2011 major summer stakes schedule, featuring 15 graded races worth \$4.2 million in purses, including the \$1-million GI Haskell Invitational. Set for July 31, the Haskell will headline New Jersey's biggest day of racing when eight stakes events will be contested, including the GIII Oceanport S. and the GIII Taylor Made Matchmaker S. Other highlights on the stakes calendar include the \$750,000 GI United Nations S. July 2, the \$250,000 GII Molly Pitcher S. Aug. 28 and the \$250,000 GIII Iselin S. Aug. 20. In total, the announced stakes schedule includes 22 races worth nearly \$5 million. Monmouth Park's opening day is set for Saturday, May 14. Stall applications for the 2011 season are due in the Monmouth Park Racing Secretary's office by Wednesday, March 16.

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THIRD-CROP SIRES

Last week we looked at second-crop sires, those which had their first foals in 2008, and which are three-year-olds of 2011. So far, that has been an all-American sire crop, with the exception of Darley's Iffraaj, last year's leading European freshman sire--although the Coolmore trio of Holy Roman Emperor, Aussie Rules, and Hurricane Run are just about to get untracked as the European turf season gets underway in the next couple of weeks.

The story is very different among 2011 third-crop sires, meaning those which had their first foals in 2007, and which are four-year-olds of 2011--and which now have their second crops of three-year-olds. A glance at the third-crop cumulative (progeny) earnings table on the *TDN* website tells you that the two leading F2007 sires, by cumulative progeny earnings, are the Darley European stallions Shamardal (\$7.2 million) and Dubawi (\$6.6 million). The top three North American sires are the only other third-crop sires now with \$5 million or more in cumulative progeny earnings: Wildcat Heir (\$6.4 million), Afleet Alex (\$6.1 million), and Roman Ruler (\$5.4 million).

North America always has an earnings advantage, though, so when European sires' progeny have higher earnings than their American counterparts, that by itself is big news. The real measures of superiority in this case are the black-type comparisons: Dubawi has 11 group/graded stakes winners (North American crops) to date, Shamardal has 10. The leading North American sires are Afleet Alex and Rock Hard Ten, with four each. Dubawi has 18 black-type winners, Shamardal 16; Afleet Alex (13) and Wildcat Heir (10) are tops in North America. Total black-type horses: Dubawi 28, Shamardal 26; Afleet Alex has 22, Wildcat Heir 18--as does Coolmore's European sire Footstepsinthesand.

Darley stallions are perhaps more likely to have runners in Dubai than perhaps other sires, and Dubawi has had Group 2 winner Monterosso and Group 2 second Poet's Voice already in Dubai this year, so he ranks a respectable 13th when you look at the *TDN* 2011 third-crop sire list by year-to-date earnings ([click](#)); Shamardal, who had a Listed winner in France last weekend, ranks 34th (all rankings through figures published on the *TDN* website yesterday, so they may have altered a little bit between then and now (Wednesday). But, now 10 weeks into the year, the American sires have had far more opportunity, so a third-crop sire list at this stage of proceedings is likely to focus more on North American sires until the European season really gets underway.

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"His enduring appeal reflects his ability to sire a high proportion of stakes winners."
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If you look at the YTD General Sire List on the *TDN* website ([click](#)), you'll see the top 50 sires have 2011 year-to-date earnings of \$600,000 or more, headed at this writing by Tapit, with \$1.3 million in 2011 progeny earnings, about \$100,000 ahead of Trippi, Harlan's Holiday, and Giant's Causeway, currently battling it out for second spot. The only three North American third-crop sires in the current top 50 are, in fact, the same top three as above, though not in the same order: in 2011 so far, Afleet Alex tops F2007 sires, with \$720,372 in progeny earnings (as of yesterday), ahead of Roman Ruler (\$659,455) and Wildcat Heir (\$655,910).

I commented a couple of weeks ago that, ultimately, sires' stud fees--and more the prices at which stud fees really sell, in a down market, even more than their advertised fees--are the true measure of a stallion's market status. All we really need to know about the geographical balance of the top F2007 sires is that Dubawi stands for £55,000; Shamardal stands for €50,000; and Afleet Alex, Roman Ruler, and Wildcat Heir stand for \$25,000, \$15,000, and \$10,000, respectively.

But the current snapshot is by no means the whole story for this group of sires. First, besides progeny earnings, we might also look at 2009-2010 (for these sires, that's cumulative) APEX ratings, which will tell us about a stallion's consistency in siring 'class', or at least money-making runners. The leading F2007 sires by A Runner (top two percent) Index (see Table, inset) include Dubawi (3.66), Shamardal (2.66), and Afleet Alex (2.73), but also above 2.00 are: Leroidesanimaux (3.33); Saint Liam (2.61, died after siring this one crop); Rock Hard Ten (2.55); and 2009 Leading North American Freshman Sire (by less than \$12,000 over Roman Ruler), Offlee Wild (2.27). When you expand the category to ABC Runners (top eight percent), Ghostzapper (2.48)--who is fourth among this group in 2011 progeny earnings--enters the picture, as does Wildcat Heir (2.36); those are both extremely high ratings, about 20 and 19 percent ABC Runners to starters, respectively.

Even more significantly, there are 42 weeks of racing remaining in 2011, and those can be absolutely critical in determining whether a sire is considered a success or failure by the market. Sure, the commercial market fires immediately when a sire starts to look good, but in purely analytical terms, we have found over and over again it can be a mistake to write off a sire before the end of the year its first four-year-olds have run--in the case of these sires, the end of 2011. If they haven't done it by then, odds are they're not going to. A lot is going to happen to change our view of some of these sires, so, though the picture is coming into focus, it always pays to keep an open mind.

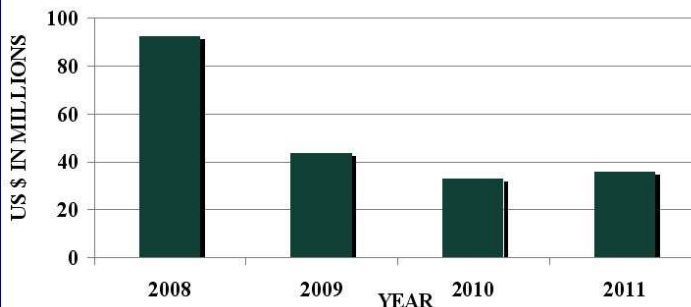
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"There was a small but welcome up-tick at this year's early Mixed Sales, though it is the smallest sector of the annual combined North American and European auction marketplace -- less than five percent. The Two-Year-Old sales are a bigger slice of the market and, after Fasig Florida, the clearance rate will be watched carefully. It looks like the number of two-year-olds offered this year will be down, and the pinhookers, stifled by the lack of credit, have been more circumspect with what they've bought to bring to market."

— Bill Oppenheim

TOTAL 2011 MIXED SALES



TOTAL MIXED SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	3,691	2,966	2,130	19.6%	71.8%	57.7%	\$35,614,398	\$16,720
2010	3,783	3,061	2,014	19.1%	65.8%	53.2%	\$32,683,411	\$16,228
2009	4,308	3,232	2,324	25.0%	71.9%	53.9%	\$43,412,413	\$18,680
2008	5,557	4,128	2,980	25.7%	72.2%	53.6%	\$92,283,309	\$30,968

2YO SALES THROUGH APRIL

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

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Cheltenham: Sadler's Wells 1-2-3...

Honors were pretty evenly divided at yesterday's opening day of the four-day Cheltenham Festival of jumps racing: British-trained horses won four races, Irish-trained three. Two of Ireland's were a double by leading Irish jumps trainer Willie Mullins, both ridden by Ruby Walsh, who had a treble on the day. The day's feature, the two-mile Champion Hurdle, was won by Mullins and Walsh with the Montjeu gelding Hurricane Fly, who had won the one-mile Prix Omnium on the flat as a three-year-old, defeating subsequent Group 1 winner Literato. Second and third were the previously unbeaten Peddler's Cross and Oscar Whisky, both six-year-olds by Oscar, another son of Sadler's Wells, who ran second to Peintre Celebre in the 1997 G1 Prix du Jockey Club-French Derby. Another son of Sadler's Wells, and the leading British-Irish jumps sire of the 2010-2011 jumps season, is King's Theatre, winner of the 1994 G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. in Sheikh Mohammed's colors. He had a Cheltenham winner yesterday as well, the seven-year-old Captain Chris in the two-mile Arkle Chase, for novice (essentially, first-season 'chasers). It's maybe not such a great mystery that Sadler's Wells is so influential as a jumps sire. Ireland is pretty much the cradle of jumps racing and breeding, and Sadler's Wells has been the dominant sire there for the last 20 years. I know plenty of people find jumps racing an acquired taste, but for the most knowledgeable race-day crowd you will ever find, Cheltenham is in a class by itself. Seemingly half the crowd being Irish--broke though the country may be--definitely contributes to that; and, of course, the 'craic' is without parallel.

LEADING F2007 SIRE BY A RUNNER INDEX				
SIRE	RANK 2011	RANK CUM	A Index	ABC Index
SHAMARDAL	27	1	2.66	1.93
DUBAWI	13	2	3.66	1.65
WILDCAT HEIR	3	3	1.31	2.36
AFLEET ALEX	1	4	2.73	1.78
ROMAN RULER	2	5	1.03	1.16
POLLARD'S VISION	22	6	1.15	1.15
KITTEN'S JOY	6	7	1.26	1.42
GHOSTZAPPER	4	8	1.42	2.48
OFFLEE WILD	25	9	2.27	1.48
SAINT LIAM	23	10	2.61	1.63
CLOSING ARGUMENT	10	11	1.30	0.97
LIMEHOUSE	14	12	1.39	1.04
GRAND REWARD	11	13	1.31	0.65
PURGE	19	14	0.55	0.82
CONSOLIDATOR	12	15	0.59	0.74
FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	36	16	0.81	1.34
EUROSILVER	9	17	0.31	0.78
VALUE PLUS	15	18	0.74	0.83
ROCK HARD TEN	21	19	2.55	1.79
LEROIDESANIMAU	7	20	3.33	1.50
ORATORIO	40	21	1.43	0.71
SOUTHERN IMAGE	5	22	0.41	0.72
EDDINGTON	8	27	0.00	0.46
ORATORY	16	31	0.62	0.77



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op/ed feedback

The Bill Finley article ([Do We Need A Sturdier Racehorse?](#)) and the two David Powell pieces (TDN, 3/11/11) provide an excellent base for discussion of certainly one of the major issues facing the racing and breeding industry today—why are horses making so few starts? Lifetime starts have steadily declined from around 44 in 1950 to less than 14! This affects field size which affects handle which affects purses. It makes racing less profitable which discourages owners and therefore negatively affects yearling prices and bloodstock values. I find this topic very interesting because it is a puzzle on which there is little consensus.

While I agree with much that David Powell writes I have some observations and opinions which I would like to add to the discussion:


- To understand what is happening, we have to identify what has really changed over the past 50 years. The frustrating thing is we have not seen a cliff, but a steady erosion of average starts per runner each year. When will it level off? It doesn't make sense that horses like Hail to Reason, Nashua and Bold Ruler were tough as nails but their descendants soft as butter.
- I agree that trainer discretion is probably a major factor. This is a change. To the extent this is true, it directly mitigates the idea that the breed is weakening. If a trend begins to only run your horse when he is near a peak then theoretically it makes all races tougher which makes other trainers do the same if they want to compete.
- I do not agree with the conventional wisdom that the breed is dramatically weaker because permissive medication caused horses to be used for stud that would not have otherwise been afforded the opportunity. For fillies off the racetrack, the criteria has always been all about how well they are bred and not so much about their racing ability or durability as to whether they are "given a chance"... i.e., unraced mares have always been significant components of stallion's books. The good racing mares just get better stallions. As for stallions, to say that medication allowed the major influences of the breed to go to stud seems a bit of a stretch. Does that mean that Raise a Native, Bold Ruler, Mr. Prospector, Northern Dancer, Danzig, A. P. Indy, Storm Cat, Gone West etc. would not have gone to stud if they weren't given Lasix or Bute? I don't think so. They were all well-bred and brilliant types and I doubt any of them were dependent on medication to make a name for themselves. These are the primary influences on the breed today.

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- Medication aside, there is no doubt some brilliant but unsound types became the best sires of the breed. This has been exacerbated by the market which has favored brilliance over soundness since most people would rather have a fast, unsound horse than a slow one. But hasn't this always been the case?
- My belief is that the problem is the legal medication we are giving them now, not the medication we gave their ancestors. Our horses live in a drug culture and are way over-medicated. They seem to do fine in international settings like Dubai where they cannot run on medication. Yet they come home and go back on all the meds. I'm talking about racing and/or training on Bute, Banamine and many other pain medications; Lasix and a half-dozen other bleeder medications; bronchodilators; Ace Promazine and all the sedatives; muscle relaxants like Rompun and Dantrium; seeming daily treatments with antibiotics; vitamin shots every week. The drugs are toxic, there are known side effects and the vitamins are often unnecessary. I believe it all takes a toll.

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- This could be tested by examining the average starts per runner of American-breds running in England (where race day medication is not allowed) over the last 50 years versus all runners in England over the same period. If the American-breds in England have a steeply declining rate just as they do here, we can be pretty sure it is the genetic weakening of the American Thoroughbred. However, if the drop-off is less and looks more like the European-breds, I think we could assume that the problem is the medication we are giving them now or possibly some other environmental factor unique to the U.S., such as pesticides in the feed or fluoride in the water. As far as the affect of trainer discretion on a study such as this, I would think it would be similar on both sides of the pond. I myself do not know how to go about performing this statistical analysis.
- My own belief is that American-breds are tougher in other countries based upon my own experience.
- Every trainer I know would love to medicate less if they could. All they want is a level playing field. But they are deathly afraid that the other guy has more in the arsenal than they do so they keep up with what the vets tell them is cutting-edge.
- Year-round racing is not the problem. We have always had that. The major stables always went to Florida or California for the winter. Top 3-year-olds routinely have gone for the races like the Donn H. or the Strub series. If anything, horses used to run year-round much more than they do now. Believe me--horses nowadays get plenty of breaks!
- Early 2-year-old racing is not the problem. We race our 2-year-olds far less than the heartier types of yesteryear. Hail to Reason, still prominent in many pedigrees, made his 18th start on September 9 of his 2-year-old year! My 2 year olds in England race earlier and more often than they do here.



• Jerry Brown of Thoro-Graph has an interesting theory. He says that horses are getting faster (and therefore they need more recovery time between races) but this is masked by the fact that tracks are getting slower. I spoke with racetrack maintenance guru Joe King a few years ago, who told me that conventional dirt tracks have not changed much in the last 30 years. However, I think there is evidence that Mr. Brown is correct that horses are getting faster—at distances up to a mile. But clearly to me, they are not getting faster at the longer distances. Secretariat's 1973 records in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont have not been approached. Same with Spectacular Bid's 1:57 4/5 record for 10 furlongs. Same with turf racing, as in Hawkster's 1989 2:22 4/5 12-furlong record and Double Discount's 1:57 2/5 10-furlong mark in 1977. On the flip side, it seems much more routine for horses to run "eight and change" today for 6 furlongs than they did 30 years ago.

• This makes sense. You get what you breed for. For 50 years we have increasingly bred for speed and early maturity at the expense of stamina. But this has become illogical because for most big-money races, you still need to have a horse that runs long. I think the trend could and should begin to reverse itself over time.

In summary I believe the breed probably has weakened somewhat because of the fact we are breeding larger, faster types that don't last as long. Speed kills. This effect is increased by the trainer obsession with win percentage. But it's quite possible much of this is self-inflicted because of the plethora of counterproductive medications. I believe we should normalize our medication rules to the international standard, which is no race-day medication. This would have the byproduct of making our horses more interesting on the international market. We could certainly start with graded or black type races. I very much agree with David Powell that it would not decrease field size and I think there is plenty of evidence that it could increase it. The recent steroid bans are a big step in the right direction and it will be interesting to see if that results in an uptick in average starts per year. --Bob Trussell

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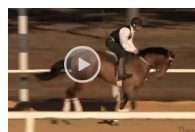
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NORTH AMERICA



Keeneland to Host Good Morning Bluegrass:
Edited Press Release

Keeneland will host Commerce Lexington's Good Morning Bluegrass, presented by Fifth Third Bank, Friday, Mar., from 7:30-9 a.m., as part of Keeneland's 75th anniversary festivities. Keeneland President and CEO Nick Nicholson, along with former presidents William C. "Bill" Greely and James E. "Ted" Bassett III, will speak together for the first time in a public setting about the history of Keeneland, its mission and its role in both the Thoroughbred industry and the community. Keeneland trustee and director William M. "Bill" Lear Jr. will moderate the panel. Chair of the board of directors for Stoll Keenon Ogden, Lear is also a practicing attorney, civic leader and former Kentucky state representative. Following the panel discussion, Nicholson, Greely and Bassett will sign *Keeneland: A Thoroughbred Legacy*, which is the final book in a three-part series released in honor of Keeneland's 75th anniversary.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Mar. 16
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2007 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- BERNARDINI** (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$100K, 219/22/5
2-AQU, Msw, 6f, Opening Move, 1-1
- 8-GP, Alw, 1mT, Kindersley, \$350K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
- BLUEGRASS CAT** (Storm Cat), WinStar Farm, \$50K, 207/27/2
2-AQU, Msw, 6f, Percussion, \$65K I '10 KEE NOV, 6-1
- FIRE SLAM** (Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds, \$6K, 32/5/1
7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Hollow Fire, \$30K OBS OCT wnl, 30-1
- FOREST GROVE** (Forestry), Canmor Farms, \$8K, 93/18/1
8-PRX, Alw, 1m, Forest Meadow, \$22K KEE NOV wnl, 12-1
- HENNY HUGHES** (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 215/26/1
2-AQU, Msw, 6f, Quick to Strike, \$250K FTF FEB 2yo, 5-2
- ROCKPORT HARBOR** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$20K, 215/30/2
7-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Silver Rock Star, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

4:25p HRTV 8th-GP, \$55.6K, Alw, 3yo, f, 1mT
SMART STING (**Smart Strike**), Adena's homebred daughter of champion turf mare Perfect Sting (Red Ransom), makes her first appearance since capturing her career opener on the Woodbine weeds Oct. 23. Alex Solis has the mount for trainer Roger Attfield, who strikes at 22% with runners coming back from a layoff. Also in the field is Edward Cox Jr.'s **Atlantic Voyage** (**Stormy Atlantic**), who was tabbed as a **TDN Rising Star** following a stylish, five-length success in her debut on the turf at Belmont Sept. 11. The full-sister to GISW Stormello was put away following a distant sixth in a Polytrack allowance at Keeneland Oct. 9. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

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- FAIR GROUNDS**
MACHEN (Distorted Humor), 5f, :59.60, 1/23
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ACTING HAPPY (Empire Maker), 6f, 1:12.40, 1/3
I WANT REVENGE (Stephen Got Even), 6f, 1:13.00, 2/3
TEAKS NORTH (Northern Afleet), 4f, :48.50, 1/14
- OAKLAWN**
ARCHARCHARCH (Arch), 4f, :47.60, 1/31
VERTICAL VISION (Pollard's Vision), 5f, 1:02.40, 9/20
- PAYSON PARK**
RUTHENIA (Pulpit), 4f, :50.60, 1/5
WINCHESTER (Theatrical {Ire}), 4f, :51.60, 3/5
- SANTA ANITA**
ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), 7f, 1:25.20, 2/2
CROWN OF THORNS (Repent), 5f, :59.40, 1/22
KENSEI (Mr. Greeley), 4f, :50.00, 25/26
MAY DAY ROSE (Rockport Harbor), 4f, :47.40, 7/26
SMILING TIGER (Hold That Tiger), 4f, :46.40, 1/26

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 17:
03-26 \$100,000 Tokyo City Cup-III, SA, 4yo/up, 12f (150)
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Electioneer, g, 4, **Elusive Quality**--Secret Charm (Ire) (MSP), by Green Desert. Southwell, 3-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-Gainsborough Farm LLC. *12,000gns HIT '10 TATJUL.

Where's Reiley, g, 5, **Doneraile Court**--Plateau, by Seeking the Gold. Southwell, 3-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Overbrook Farm. *\$11,000 yrl '07 KEESep.

Jack Dawkins, g, 6, **Fantastic Light**--Do the Mambo, by Kingmambo, Britain, 3-15, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Clovelly Farms. *15,000gns yrl '06 TATOCT; 40,000gns 2yo '07 TATGNS; 44,000gns HIT '09 TATHIT. **1/2 to Manbala (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), GSW-Ity.



EUROPE

HURRICANE FLIES AT CHELTENHAM

Successful in the 2007 Listed Prix Omnium II at Saint-Cloud, **Hurricane Fly (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) backed up victory in January's G1 Irish Champion Hurdle at



Hurricane Fly being led in at Cheltenham racingpost.com/photos

Leopardstown with success in the £370,000 G1 Champion Hurdle on the first day of Cheltenham's National Hunt Festival yesterday. It was his eighth score at the highest level, and he was partnered by Ruby Walsh, who had recently returned to action after a lengthy injury absence. Settled off the pace and ridden with confidence throughout the 2 1/16-mile event, the bay cruised into contention at the penultimate obstacle and, having taken over just before

the final flight of hurdles, the 11-4 favorite was driven out up the infamous hill to score by 1 1/4 lengths from the hitherto unbeaten **Peddlers Cross (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}). Other Group 1 victories on the first-day card went to **Al Ferof (Fr)** (Dom Alco {Fr}), also partnered by Walsh, in the G1 Supreme Novices' Hurdle; and **Captain Chris (Ire)** (King's Theatre {Ire}) in the G1 Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase. The highlight of today's second day at the Gloucestershire amphitheater is the £320,000 G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase.



FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DE LA PORTE DE MADRID-Listed, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-15, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:34.70, sf.

- 1--**#MASHOOR (FR)**, 123, c, 4, by **Monsun (Ger)**--**Gontcharova (Ire)** (MSP-US), by **Zafonic**. (€280,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG). O-Muteb bin Abdullah; B-Haras du Mezeray; T-Andre Fabre; J-Maxime Guyon; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €86,800.
- 2--**Terre du Vent (Fr)**, 126, m, 5, Kutub (Ire)--Phlizz (Fr), by Kaldoun (Fr). O-Claude Lambert & Yves de Nicolay; B-Claude Lambert; T-Yves de Nicolay; €10,400.
- 3--**Mandali (Fr)**, 126, g, 7, Sinndar (Ire)--Mandalara (Ire), by Lahib. (€62,000 HIT '08 ARQNOV). O-Ecurie Zingaro; B-Princesse Zahra Aga Khan; T-Jean-Paul Gallorini; €7,800.

Margins: SNK, 2, 2. Odds: 2.20, 6.50, 9.00.

Also Ran: Titurel (Ger), Aristote (GB), *Pouvoir Absolu (GB). Scratched: Winter Dream (Fr).

*Pouvoir Absolu finished fifth, but was DQ'd to sixth.

Mashoor finished second in five of his six prior starts, including sophomore efforts in the G3 Prix du Lys, the Listed Prix Turenne and the Listed Prix Vulcain, but gained a narrow verdict in this seasonal bow to register a career high. Leading until turning onto the backstraight, he came under stern urging in early stretch and stayed on resolutely under continued encouragement to turn down the persistent bid of Terre du Vent.

Saint-Cloud, 14.55, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:10.50, sf.

+ **SAINT DESIR (GB)** (c, 3, **Barathea {Ire}**--**Dirigeante {Fr}**, by **Lead on Time**), a €60,000 ARQOCT yearling, broke well and harried the leader in a close second after the initial exchanges. Making his bid with a quarter mile remaining, the 13-10 pick took a slender advantage into the final eighth and drew off late to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Gammarth (Fr) (Layman). The winner is a half to Al Namix (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}, MSW-US, \$194,762); and Ruler of My Heart (Ire) (Green Tune, SW-Fr, \$133,120). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras d'Etreham & Pontchartrain Stud; T-Elie Lellouche.

Saint-Cloud, 16.45, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.80, sf.

+ **ADVENTURE SEEKER (FR)** (f, 3, **Bering {GB}**--**American Adventure**, by **Miswaki**) raced off the pace along the rail from the outset of this first go. Coming under pressure turning for home, the 31-10 second favorite angled outside passing the two pole and ran on strongly inside the closing panel to best Miss Lago (Ire) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.



Saint-Cloud, 16.05, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:11.90, sf.

+ GAILY GAME (GB) (c, 3, Montjeu {Ire}--Gaily Tiara, by Caerleon), a €150,000 ARQAUG yearling, settled under cover in seventh for most of this racecourse bow. Shaken up with 350 meters remaining, the 16-5 second choice quickened smartly in the latter stages to deny Award Season (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) by a half length nearing the line. Gaily Game is a half-brother to Germance (Silver Hawk, G1SW-Fr, \$558,605). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000.

O/B-Ecurie I M Fares; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



AUSTRALASIA

MORE THAN READY COLT TOPS ADELAIDE SALE A colt by More Than Ready topped yesterday's opening session of the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale with a final bid of A\$210,000 (US\$208,139).

Consigned by Baramul Stud, the yearling was



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purchased by trainer Phillip Stokes. He is out of Sun Chariot (Aus) (Desert King {Ire}), a half-sister to Hong Kong Group 1 winner Super Satin (NZ) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). "He was a real stand out," Stokes said of the yearling. "He was the colt of the sale and I'm delighted to have been able to buy him. He's

by one of the great stallions in the country in More Than Ready and he has a lot going for him. The dam is a half sister to Super Satin--who I trained prior to him heading to Hong Kong. And this colt has a lot more substance than Super Satin had at the same stage." The session-topper was one of five purchased by Stokes yesterday. "I have bought at virtually all of the sales around the country this year--but this sale is the one I've had plenty of success with. It is great to be able to support the local sale and I couldn't be happier with my five purchases." Trainer Mark Riley purchased the day's next top-priced lot, going to A\$140,000 for a son of Stratum (Aus). Consigned by Rob and Maureen McBryde's Summerset Park Stud, the yearling is out of Duchess Cara (Aus) (Quest for Fame {GB}) and is a half-brother to stakes-placed Mr President (Aus) (Xaar {GB}). During yesterday's session, 164 yearlings sold for A\$5,669,500. The average was up 30 percent to A\$34,570. The clearance rate was 81 percent. "It's been a great day's selling," Magic Millions Acting Managing Director David Chester reported. "To have the gross rise 65% and the average 30% is great for everyone concerned." Chester pointed out the presence of a strong bench of international buyers.

"We had buyers from Malaysia, China, Macau and New Zealand, but without doubt the biggest impact came from our large contingent of buyers from Singapore," he said. "Our Singapore representative Wade Burrige worked hard in assembling a brilliant buying bench from Singapore and they snapped up a great line up of yearlings." Bidding resumes this morning at 11 a.m. local time.

ADELAIDE YEARLING SALE TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>116</u>	colt	<u>More Than Ready</u>	Sun Chariot (Aus)	210,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Phillip Stokes				
<u>203</u>	colt	Stratum (Aus)	Duchess Cara (Aus)	140,000
Consigned by Summerset Park Stud Purchased by Mark Riley				
<u>090</u>	colt	Churchill Downs (Aus)	Scagliola (Aus)	125,000
Consigned by Meadowbrook Park Purchased by Lindsay Park Racing				



MAGIC MILLIONS ADELAIDE YEARLING Tuesday, March 15, 2011

SESSION TOTALS	2011	2010
Catalogued	225	196
No. Offered	202	180
No. Sold	164	137
RNAs	38	43
% RNA	18.8%	23.9%
Highest Price	A\$210,000	A\$150,000
Gross	A\$5,669,500	A\$3,670,500
Average (% change)	A\$34,570 (+29%)	A\$26,792

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SOUTH AMERICA

Z HUMOR TO VENEZUELA GSW Z Humor (Distorted Humor--Offtheoldblock, by A.P. Indy), winner of the Maxxam Gold Cup in his last start Mar. 5, had been sold to Venezuelan interests and will take up stud duty at Haras Urama. "This is a new market for us, and we look forward to supporting Z Humor with our breeding rights," said Ahmed Zayat. "With his breeding, race record and heart, I think Z Humor has a big chance to prove himself as a stallion." Winner of the GIII Delta Jackpot S. and third in the GI Champagne S. at two, the \$240,000 KEESEP yearling purchase finished third in the GII Illinois Derby the following season. Victorious in the Ralph Hinds Invitational H. during his 4-year-old season, the Jayeff 'B' Stables-bred won two of four starts in 2010, including the Delta Mile in November. The 6-year-old retires with six wins from 34 career starts and \$970,163 in earnings.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

BENSALEM S., \$75,000, PRX, 3-15, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15, ft.

1--**MOVIN' OUT**, 122, g, 6, **Diamond--Ask Me Out (MSP, \$138,184)**, by **Clever Champ**. O-Vince Campanella; B-Stone Church Farm & Hickory Plains Farm (PA); T-Keith W LeBarron; J-Eriluis Vaz; \$43,700. Lifetime Record: 35-10-7-5, \$470,990.

2--**Despite the Odds**, 124, h, 5, **Speightstown--Lady Aloma**, by **Cozzene**. (\$300,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY). O-R Larry Johnson, TYB Stable & Gerry Dilger. \$14,900.

Consigned by Robert N. Scanlon Training Center

DROMOLAND FARM GRADUATE

3--**Wink At the Girls**, 120, g, 6, **Halo's Image--Coloring Book**, by **Mari's Book**. (\$3,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$30,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR). O-R J G Racing Management LLC. \$8,420.

Margins: 3, 3HF, 4HF. Odds: 9.50, 1.80, 9.50.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-PRX, \$49,068, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

BEAUTY IS A BEAST (f, 4, Golden Missile--Barcelona Beauty, by El Prado {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$54,620. O-Four Roses Thoroughbreds. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Rudy R Rodriguez. *\$10,500 yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$75,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR.

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5th-PEN, \$32,000, 3-14, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 1/5, ft.

SINGLE SCOOP (m, 5, Scrimshaw--Ice Cream Dream, by Sheikh Albadou {GB}) Lifetime Record: 27-3-6-2, \$130,632. O-Michael R Anspach. B-Two Sisters' Farm, Inc (PA). T-Craig S Miller. *\$45,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT.

5th-PEN, \$32,000, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.46, ft.
GRAND KISSES (f, 3, Grand Reward--Two Kisses, by Kissin Kris) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-2, \$48,480. O-Kathleen L Jacovino. B-Herman Heinlein (KY). T-Timothy C Kreiser.

9th-WRD, \$22,800, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.
DAT DOE DILBERT (g, 8, Chazerahy--Casual Style, by Be a Prospect) Lifetime Record: 29-7-0-1, \$54,814. O-Bill Medlin. B-Ralph H Mitchell (OK). T-Leo D Deutsch.

All horses in the TDN are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

8th-MNR, \$20,200, 3-14, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 4/5, ft.

WOODMAN'S CHARM (c, 4, Woodman--Bold Princesita, by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-1, \$37,528. O-Equinox Inc. B-Maria Bonita Pasofino Corp (TX). T-Eduardo Caramori. *\$11,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Classe Signora, f, 3, **Bernstein--Angeltown**, by **Cape Town**. PEN, 3-15, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Peter Russell & Gabriel Duignan (KY). *\$2,000 yrl '09 KEEJAN.

Top Exchange, f, 3, **Exchange Rate--Top Limit**, by **Wagon Limit**. PEN, 3-14, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Domenico Zannino (PA). *\$25,000 yrl '09 OBSJAN.

Miss Silver Ridge, f, 3, **Silver Train--Clear Intentions**, by **Salt Lake**. WRD, 3-15, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-T/C Stable & Santucket Stable (KY). *\$4,500 2yo '10 OBSAPR.

Big Kiss, c, 3, **Southern Image--Fair Kris**, by **Kris S. SUN**, 3-15, 1m, 1:38 1/5. B-Richard J O'Neill (KY). *\$12,000 HRA '11 BESJAN. **1/2 to **Fairly Crafty (Crafty Prospector)**, SP, \$412,051; and **Kalgorlie (Gone West)**, SW.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 13.15, 3-15, €24,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:40.80, sf.

KADOU (FR) (c, 3, High Yield--Kadouville {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €25,700. O/B-Serge Boucheron; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

+ **Twice Red (GB)**, c, 3, **Intikhab--Red Shareef (GB)**, by **Marju (Ire)**. Southwell, Britain, 3-15, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Baroness Bloodstock & Redmyre Bloodstock. *1/2 to **Caesar Beware (Ire) (Daggers Drawn)**, MSP-Eng, \$711,024.



2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALES

Sale	Date	Under Tack
OBS Selected	Mar. 15-16	Mar. 10-11
Barretts March	Mar. 21	Mar. 18
Fasig-Tipton Texas	Apr. 5	Apr. 3
Keeneland April	Apr. 11	Apr. 7
OBS Spring	Apr. 18-21	Apr. 12-15
Barretts May	May 16	May 13
Fasig-Tipton Midlantic	May 23-24	May 18-19
OBS June 2YOs/HRA	June 21-22	June 18-19