

SEVEN-FIGURE CHOICE

A filly by three-time Australian champion sire Redoute's Choice (Aus) out of Schiparelli (Aus) (Woodman) was hammered down to trainer Gerald Ryan for a bid of A\$1 million (US\$1,034,371) to top a buoyant opening session of the Inglis Australian Easter Sale at Newmarket. Offered as lot 35, the brown miss was consigned to the sale by her breeder Emirates Park Stud. Ryan also conditioned a 3/4-brother to Tuesday's topper, the Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt Rothesay (Aus), who posted two wins at group level before a bleeding incident led to his untimely retirement. Ryan also has



Gerald Ryan
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Rothesay's full-sister, Fast Shanti (Aus), whom he holds in high esteem. She was a A\$250,000 purchase at this venue last year by James Bester. "At the same stage, she's a better type," Ryan said of Tuesday's highest-priced offering. "She's a lovely filly, and I think she will run earlier than the other two. Sepoy's in the family, and it's a pedigree that can only continue to improve." Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality), who completed the rare G1 Blue Diamond S.--G1 Golden Slipper S. double last weekend, is under this filly's third dam. Schiaparelli, a half-sister to multiple Group 1 winner Canny Lass (Aus) (Canny Lad {Aus}), was acquired by Emirates Park for A\$700,000 at the 2008 Australian Select Broodmare Sale.



Lot 35 - Redoute's Choice filly
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Special Choice...

The second-highest price during Tuesday's opening session was A\$850,000 for lot 60, another daughter of Redoute's Choice. Georges Rimaud of the French-based Chantilly Bloodstock was on hand to sign the ticket for the bay filly, a daughter of Special Harmony (Aus) (Spinning World) consigned by Arrowfield Stud. Special Harmony bankrolled over A\$1.8 million while winning three Group 1 contests, and is already the dam of SW Little Surfer Girl (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}). Lot 60 will remain in Australia for racing, but is not yet known who will train her.



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Four for Shadwell...

Shadwell Australia secured four yearlings Tuesday for a total of A\$1.82 million, including a pair of Redoute's Choice youngsters for A\$700,000 apiece. The first to make that amount was lot 104, a filly out of Valadon (Aus) (Woodman) consigned by Highgrove Stud. Lot 120, a son of GSW Winning Belle (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) offered by Willow Park Stud, was also acquired by Shadwell. **Inglis Cont. p2**

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Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>35</u>	f	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Schiaparelli (Aus)	1,000,000
Consigned by Emirates Park, Murrurundi Purchased by G Ryan				
<u>60</u>	f	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Special Harmony (Aus)	850,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, Scone Purchased by Chantilly Bloodstock				
<u>58</u>	c	High Chaparral (Ire)	Sorestan (NZ)	750,000
Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Purchased by Anton Koolman Bloodstock Pty Ltd				
<u>93</u>	f	More Than Ready	True Blonde (Aus)	750,000
Consigned by Segenhoe Stud Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock Agency Pty Ltd				
<u>104</u>	f	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Valadon (Aus)	700,000
Consigned by Highgrove Stud Purchased by Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd				
<u>120</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Winning Belle (NZ)	700,000
Consigned by Willow Park Stud Purchased by Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd				
<u>32</u>	f	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Satinka (NZ)	690,000
Consigned by Willow Park Stud Purchased by Ingham Racing				
<u>40</u>	c	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Shamekha (Aus)	675,000
Consigned by Emirates Park Purchased by J Warren				
<u>71</u>	c	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Suggestive (Aus)	600,000
Consigned by Turangga Farm Purchased by William Inglis As Agent				
<u>6</u>	f	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Rash Promise (Aus)	600,000
Consigned by Widden Stud Purchased by James Harron Bloodstock /De Burgh Equine				



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No Takers for 'Diva' Sister...

Makybe Diva (GB (Desert King {Ire})'s 3/4-sister by Redoute's Choice (Aus), offered as lot 96, was passed in at A\$725,000. Her reserve was A\$750,000. The bay will head home to owner Tony Santic's Makybe Stud in Victoria.

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SESSION TOTALS	2011	2010
Catalogued	180	200
No. Offered	168	185
No. Sold	128	153
RNAs	40	32
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High Price	A\$1,000,000	A\$1,875,000
No. A\$700K+	6	8
Gross	A\$31,860,000	A\$33,765,000
Average (% change)	A\$248,906 (+12.8%)	A\$220,686
Median (% change)	\$200,000 (+25%)	A\$150,000

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Solid Start...

With a trimmer catalogue this year, the opening session saw turnover of A\$31,860,000, and the average of A\$248,906 represented a 12.8-percent increase over the 2010 figures. The first-day median rose from A\$150,000 to A\$200,000. "While still cautious, it's encouraging to see confidence returning to the market," commented Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster. "If we can hold these figures throughout the sale, we would be delighted." Complete results are available on www.inglis.com.au. The sale continues today from 11 a.m. local time.

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Belmont B'stock Agency Pty Ltd	2	900,000	450,000
James Harron B'stock/De Burgh Equine	2	840,000	420,000
James Bester B'stock/D O'Byrne	3	1,210,000	403,333
BlueSky Thoroughbreds	3	1,185,000	395,000
Ingham Racing	6	2,010,000	335,000
Gai Waterhouse Racing	2	660,000	330,000
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Weather Causes Mo Delay

A day of heavy rain and strong winds in the New York area yesterday delayed the arrival of Repole Stables' **Uncle Mo** (Indian Charlie) ahead of Saturday's GI Resorts World New York Casino Wood Memorial S. The champion juvenile had been expected to ship from Todd Pletcher's Palm Meadows barn Tuesday, but instead will leave for New York early Wednesday morning. The delay was for the best, according to Pletcher. "Considering the weather conditions, I prefer to wait a day and have a smooth, safe trip Wednesday, rather than potentially a turbulent trip [Tuesday] with possible delays that might make a three-hour trip into a six-hour trip," Pletcher explained during a national teleconference yesterday. During his championship season last year, the ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ won the GI Champagne S. by 4 3/4 lengths and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile by 4 1/4 lengths. He returned to take the Mar. 12 Timely Writer S. at Gulfstream by 3 3/4 lengths last time out. Pletcher is hoping for more of the same from his unbeaten champion Saturday at Aqueduct. "We just want to see more of what we've seen from Uncle Mo in every start of his life," Pletcher said. "That is brilliance. That's become what we expect of him and that's what we expect to see on Saturday, hopefully." Still, the trainer remains cautious in his optimism. "I always worry about everything," Pletcher admitted. "That's my job, to cover every base. When you have a horse like Uncle Mo, you worry about every scenario. I feel like if he goes over there and performs up to his ability, certainly on paper, there is not a horse that you would expect is going to run the kind of race that it is going to take to beat Uncle Mo. But as we saw in the GI Florida Derby, sometimes these 3-year-olds improve a great deal from race to race, so there might be someone there that is ready to run a superior race. But, I'm certainly not looking to change places with anyone right now." Sunday's Florida Derby at Gulfstream was nearly upset by longshot **Shackleford** (Forestry), while Repole and Pletcher's **Stay Thirsty** (Bernardini) checked in a dull seventh. Pletcher said yesterday the GIII Gotham S. winner was still being pointed towards the May 7 GI Kentucky Derby. "Stay Thirsty seemed to come out of the Florida Derby in good shape," Pletcher said. "For some reason, he didn't seem to fire on the day. I don't have a real explanation for it yet, but the good news is that he came out of it well. He'll fly to Louisville on Thursday and we'll get him settled in there and see how he trains. We haven't lost faith in him. I don't know why, but it seemed like a number of horses didn't run their race on Florida Derby day. We'll regroup and see if we can start to move forward for the big one."

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JR'S EXCHANGE had shown propensity for turf and synthetic, but on 4/2 he made a name for himself on dirt too, setting a new 5 f. track record at Tampa Bay with a 5-1/4 length win.

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The Factor Confirmed for Arkansas Derby

Trainer Bob Baffert confirmed Tuesday that **The Factor** (War Front) will indeed head back to Oaklawn Park to contest Apr. 16 the GII Arkansas Derby. Winner of the GII Rebel S. last month, the grey breezed six furlongs in 1:11 2/5 at Santa Anita Monday morning. "We're locked in," said Baffert. "He went really



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good... nice easy move. He just does everything really easy and he's getting better. His stride is efficient. He jumps a long ways and gets up to speed really quickly. Other horses really have to work at it--Not him." The fleet-footed colt, who is expected to be favored for the nine-

furlong test, has won his last three starts on the front end. "He just goes and does his thing," said Baffert. "He's one dimensional, for sure. The only thing that could be a problem with a full field would be if he didn't break well, but that's the situation for pretty much any horse." The California-based colt is expected to arrive in Arkansas Apr. 12.



Gomez on Swift Warrior in Blue Grass

Trainer John Terranova confirmed Tuesday morning that jockey Garrett Gomez will partner **Swift Warrior** (First Samurai) in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Apr. 16. Gomez was aboard Sinister Minister (Old Trieste) when he took the 2006 Blue Grass. Owned by James Covello and James Dolan, Swift Warrior galloped 1 1/2 miles Tuesday morning under exercise rider Eliel De Jesus. "We got him toward the end of January, gave him some time to freshen up and let him tell us when he was ready," Terranova said. "We thought about the (Gill Vinery Racing) Spiral S. [the same day at Turfway], but he had been off for a while and not been on synthetic, so we thought we'd concentrate on getting a good start back." Swift Warrior scored a front-running two-length victory in the Rushaway S. Mar. 26 at Turfway Park in his first start for Terranova. In the Rushaway, chestnut went wire to wire, while prevailing over likely Blue Grass entrant Crimson China (Giant's Causeway). "There was a lack of speed in the race," Terranova said. "Plus, he was fresh off the layoff and if he broke running, we wanted to just let him do his thing." Swift Warrior Terranova said the First Samurai colt would have his final work for the Blue Grass sometime between Saturday and Monday. Also taken out for maintenance moves Tuesday was Rushaway runner-up Crimson China, who galloped 1 1/2 miles under Heather Craig, assistant to trainer Graham Motion; Tropical Park Derby winner **King Congie** (Badge of Silver) jogged early under Dan Blacker, assistant to trainer Tom Albertrani; and graded stakes-placed **Willcox Inn** (Harlan's Holiday), who galloped 1 1/2 miles under exercise rider Freddy Alvarado.

Also expected for the Blue Grass is **Santiva** (Giant's Causeway), who is scheduled to work at trainer Eddie Kenneally's Palm Meadows base Saturday. Kenneally indicated that Tom Walter's colt will arrive at Keeneland Sunday or Monday. Winner of last fall's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., Santiva was runner-up behind **Mucho Macho Man** (Macho Uno) in the Feb. 19 GII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds.

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Archarcharch Works for Arkansas Derby

Archarcharch (Arch) recorded a six-furlong work in 1:12 1/5 over a fast track at Oaklawn Tuesday morning in preparation for the Apr. 16 GII Arkansas Derby. "I loved the work," said jockey Jon Court. "He was clicking off :12s the whole way. If we went in :12 1/5, he'd make it up by doing the next one in :11 4/5. It was just a nice three-quarters [of a mile] workout. He galloped out extremely well." In three prior starts this season, Archarcharch finished fourth as the favorite in the Jan. 17 Smarty Jones S., then bounced back to take the Feb. 21 GIII Southwest S. Most recently, he was third behind The Factor in the Mar. 19 GII Rebel S. despite being kicked repeated by Alternation, the horse next to him in the starting gate who was scratched after flipping in the gate. "We're very pleased," added Fires regarding yesterday's work. "He did it very comfortably. It was a very good work. Knock wood, he's come back from the Rebel in great shape, and is doing really well right now."

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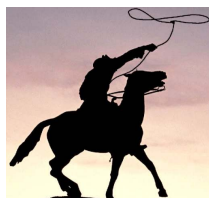
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RACETRACK Round-Up

Smart Missile on Track for Sires' Produce...

Smart Missile (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) has been cleared to race in Saturday's G1 AJC Sires' Produce S. at Randwick after passing a barrier test in front of stewards Monday. The colt was the second favorite to the victorious Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) in the G1 AAMI Golden Slipper S. last weekend, but became fractious and threw his hoof over the side of the gate, and was a late scratch. Trainer Anthony Cummings gave the colt a stiff workout the day after the Slipper in anticipation of Monday's barrier trial, during which Smart Missile was loaded alongside other horses and remained calm throughout. He jumped with his rivals and was eased up after 100 meters, with stewards green-lighting him for the Sires' Produce. "He seems to be on top of his game and, hopefully, he shows that on Saturday,"



Smart Missile
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Cummings told AAP. "I know he will go in to the barriers, I just want him to come out the front not the back!" Smart Missile is the only horse to defeat the Slipper winner, having posted a 3/4-length victory over the Darley runner in the G2 Todman S. Mar. 19.



PREVIEWS

Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:23 p.m. EDT

TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	Horse	Sire	Jockey	Trainer	Wt
1	Stormy Rush	Stormy Atlantic	Lezcano	Attfield	117
2	Legendary King	Brahms	Stephen	Dorochenko	117
3	Powhatan County	Fusaichi Pegasus	Castellano	Weaver	117
4	Ronin Dax	Tapit	Lenclud	Vance	117
5	Air Support	Smart Strike	Maragh	McGaughey	123
6	Adirondack Summer	Thunder Gulch	Garcia	Clement	123
7	Great Mills	War Front	Leparoux	Asmussen	117
8	Memen (Ire)	Verglas (Ire)	Desormeaux	Lloyd	117
9	Lil Bit O'Fun	Langfuhr	Goncalves	Proctor	119
10	Pluck	More Than Ready	Gomez	Motion	123

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Redemptor (GB)	Elusive City	Soumillon	Rouget
2	2	Havane Smoker (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mendizabal	Rouget
3	4	Captain Chop (Fr)	Indian Rocket (GB)	Prat	Guillemin
4	3	Surfrider (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Peslier	Libaud
5	5	Domino Rock (Fr)	Indian Rocket (GB)	Boutin	C Boutin
6	1	Al Hazim	Anabaa	Crastus	Pelletan

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Thursday, Maisons, Laffitte, post time: 3:55 p.m.

PRIX IMPRUDENCE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1	Helleborine (GB)	Observatory	Pasquier	Head-Maarek
2	4	Etive	Elusive Quality	Guyon	Pantall
3	5	Wizz Kid (Ire)	Whipper	Soumillon	Rob Collet
4	3	Nova Step (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bertras	Rohaut
5	6	Madly In Love (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Victoire	Gay
6	11	Mambia (GB)	Aldebaran	Lemaire	Rouget
7	9	Izalia (Fr)	Iron Mask	Blondel	Rossi
8	7	Moonlight Cloud (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Bonilla	Head
9	8	Whip and Win (Fr)	Whipper	Benoist	Rob Collet
10	10	Action Chope (Fr)	Muhaymin	Jarnet	Guillemin
11	2	Miss Fifty (Ire)	Whipper	Maillot	Suter

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AW DAMSIREs

The debate between dirt and synthetic is a long way from over. Yes, Santa Anita has gone back to dirt, but let's remember that Woodbine is now open, Keeneland opens this week, and Hollywood and Arlington aren't far away either--all major racetracks, and all synthetic. Since Turfway became the first North American racetrack to go synthetic in September 2005, over 87,000 horses have started on synthetic surfaces in North America and Europe. The standard of AW racing is much higher in North America, where major racetracks run long-ish meets, including major races, on synthetic surfaces. In North America, one in every 56 starters (1.78%) on AW surfaces become AW stakes winners. In Europe, the ratio is one in 250 (0.40%), so there can't be much debate about where the standard of AW racing is higher (obviously, I'm using 'AW', or 'all-weather', and 'synthetic' interchangeably).

During that time period, no fewer than 5,150 sires have had daughters produce an AW runner (click [here](#)), and thus are AW broodmare sires. Once again, the raw data here has been generated by The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS), and Brianne Stanley and Gary Hadden have compiled them for our purposes. There are 424 broodmare sires with 60+ AW starters since Sept. 1, 2005, but perhaps more significant are the 199 broodmare sires with 100+ AW starters in the last 5 1/2 years (click [here](#)). Here I would make two observations: first, that the figures for broodmare sires look more 'compressed' than for sires (a narrower range); and second, that some stallions who don't seem to work well in Europe as sires, or as AW sires, seem perfectly okay as AW broodmare sires there. A.P. Indy and Sadler's Wells come to mind. A.P. Indy is a notoriously all-American sire. Overall, as an AW broodmare sire, he has a 1.21 combined average-earnings index, with eight AW stakes winners. Two of those are in Europe, where his AW AEI as a broodmare sire is 1.28. In other words, he's perfectly okay there as a broodmare sire--a phenomenon we have often found before, with horses like Halo and Fappiano.

Sadler's Wells is a different case in that he's a European sire--a great European sire--whose stock seem not to like the AW surfaces. As a sire, he's had 156 starters on AW surfaces since Sept. 1, 2005, for only 17% winners, no AW stakes winners, and just an 0.38 AW average-earnings index.

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Sadler's Wells' top sons Galileo and Montjeu aren't a whole lot better: Galileo has 25% AW winners (about average for European sires) from 167 AW runners, one stakes winner, and an AW AEI of 0.62; Montjeu, from 206 AW starters, has 21% winners, two stakes winners, and an AW AEI of 0.75. By comparison--and this may be telling--his American-based son, El Prado, has 187 AW starters, for 29% winners, five AW stakes winners, and a 1.16 AW AEI.

But Sadler's Wells is much more average as an AW broodmare sire. He has 654 AW starters as a broodmare sire (the most of any sire since 2005), with 28% winners, four stakes winners (not great but not awful), and a 1.04 AW AEI as a broodmare sire. So even if he and his European sons haven't done so well on the synthetics, could it be to some extent that the level of all-weather racing in Europe is comparably so low that the good horses by those sires never run on the all-weather, whereas good horses by comparable top North American sires do? In either case, it doesn't seem to affect the results for the next generation, when they are the broodmare sires. As you can see, both Sadler's Wells and A.P. Indy are perfectly okay as AW broodmare sires in Europe.

Zenyatta propelled her sire Street Cry to the top of the AW sire list by combined cumulative average-earnings index since 2005, so it's not surprising to see her damsire, Kris S., at the top of the AW broodmare sire list (100+ AW starters as a broodmare sire), with a 2.46 AW average-earnings index. Of the 199 broodmare sires with 100+ AW runners since September, 2005, only three have AW AEI indexes above 2.00, and just 13 broodmare sires have indexes of 1.60 or higher (click [here](#) for the top 20 broodmare sires by AW AEI). After Kris S., the next 12 by AW AEI fall into three categories. The first is Canadian, again reflecting the strength of the setup at Woodbine, which is being reflected in earnings statistics: four of the top 13 by AW AEI are Canadian broodmare sires: Alydeed (1.92, four SW); Ascot Knight (1.89, including a province-leading nine SW); Bold Executive (1.77, four SW); and Bold Ruckus (1.60, three SW).

The second category looks like a big clue, as it is two broodmare sires whose first foals were born in 1998, and whose first daughters were seven in 2005, and are 13 in 2011. These are horses that have had AW surfaces available to them for virtually their entire careers as broodmare sires, and they clearly work: Smart Strike (2.12 AW AEI as a broodmare sire, seven stakes winners), and Unbridled's Song (1.70, seven stakes winners). Of course, you might say, with A Runner broodmare sire counts already in the 20s for both horses, they're working as broodmare sires on all surfaces--which, yes, is exactly the point: these are two top 'young' broodmare sires on all surfaces, including synthetics.

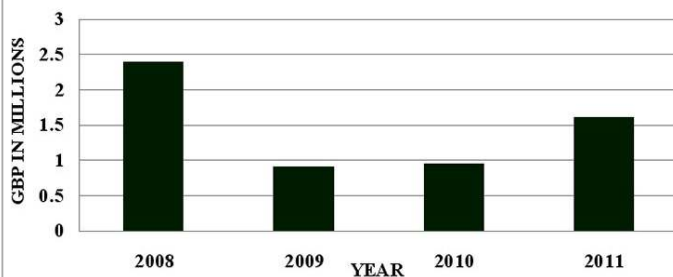
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"There's just a suspicion that the two-year-old market may be stronger at the \$40,000 level, where there were big advances at Goffs' Kempton sale last week, than at the \$100,000+ level. The percentage sold through the ring and therefore the clearance rate from the catalogs are improving, but the number of late withdrawals at the U.S. sales now, again emphasizes the precariousness of getting them sold. Kempton was the first of the European sales, too, so it is possible the two-year-old market will be more stable there."

– Bill Oppenheim

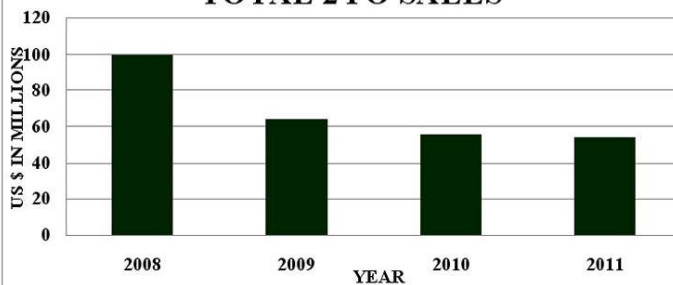
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	90	78	65	13.3%	83.3%	72.2%	£1,600,500	£24,623
2010	94	81	58	13.8%	71.6%	61.7%	£941,500	£16,233
2009	75	57	43	24.0%	75.4%	57.3%	£918,600	£21,363
2008	101	86	64	14.9%	74.4%	63.4%	£2,439,000	£38,109

TOTAL 2YO SALES



TOTAL 2YO SALES AS OF APRIL 3, 2011

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	948	635	462	33.0%	72.8%	48.7%	\$54,138,235	\$117,182
2010	966	671	446	30.5%	66.5%	46.2%	\$55,354,598	\$124,113
2009	1,194	822	498	31.2%	60.6%	41.7%	\$63,803,203	\$128,119
2008	1,194	859	561	28.1%	65.3%	47.0%	\$99,468,476	\$177,306

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



The third category of leading broodmare sires by AW AEI reflects the more usual top broodmare sires category, in this case including, besides Kris S. (2.46): Lord at War (2.07, including, of course, 2009 GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Raven's Pass, on synthetic); Belong to Me (1.78); Caerleon (1.71); Dehere (1.67); Seeking the Gold (1.63); and Tabasco Cat (1.60). Again, these are all good broodmare sires anyway. These numbers just validate that synthetic surfaces are no impediment to their grandchildren.

An almost entirely different list of 13 horses are the damsires of nine or more AW stakes winners since 2005, though if you look at the top 20 plus ties in this category (click [here](#)), you will see some more current names among those with seven or eight: A.P. Indy, Kris S., Smart Strike, etc. Three sires are tied at the top with 12 AW stakes winners as broodmare sires since 2005: Seeking the Gold (1.63 AW AEI), Storm Cat (1.22), and Woodman (1.16). Next, tied at 10, are Dixieland Band (1.22) and Saint Ballado (1.18). It does seem notable that four of the five broodmare sires with 10+ AW stakes winners have cumulative AW AEI's between 1.16-1.22, which does reinforce the view that broodmare sire figures tend to be more compressed than the sire AEI's.

Though percentage of winners from starters by itself is the least relevant of the three measurements as a class indicator, nonetheless, given the context that 30% of starters are AW winners (33% in North America, 25% in Europe), it must have some significance when the top broodmare sires in this category are recording more than 44% AW winners to runners: Mr. Greeley and Beau Genius have nearly 48% winners to starters, followed by Prized, Holy Bull, Tabasco Cat, and Forest Wildcat, each with over 44% (click [here](#)).

Update: Trippi

South Africa's Drakenstein Stud acquired Trippi (End Sweep) in the summer of 2008, and his first South African yearlings, foals of 2009 in the Southern Hemisphere, are selling now. He was already doing well when his first representatives came up at the new Cape Town sale at the end of January, when 21 yearlings by Trippi averaged around \$79,000. Right after that, his Gourmet Dinner ran second in the GIII Holy Bull, but Trippi's Grade II double at Gulfstream last weekend propelled him into the top three on the North American general sire lists for the year. Travellin Man won the GII Swale on the Florida Derby undercard on Sunday, but the real championship performance might have been the filly R. Heat Lightning's win in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, in which she ran a Beyer fig of 100--already good enough to win the GI Kentucky Oaks in most years.

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Inherit the Gold	Gold Token	Excelsior S.-G3	109
Capt. Candyman Can	Candy Ride (Arg)	Sir Shackleton H.	107
S. S. Stone	Birdstone	Skip Away S.-G3	107
Awesome Maria	Maria's Mon	Rampart S.-G3	106
R Heat Lightning	Trippi	Gulfstream Oaks-G2	106
Be Bullish	Pure Prize	Mr. Nasty S.	105
Little Mike	Spanish Steps	Appleton S.-G3	104
Travelin Man	Trippi	Swale S.-G2	103
Amazombie	Northern Afleet	Potrero Grande S.-G2	102
Comedero	Posse	Nodouble Breeders' S.	101
Dialed in	Mineshaft	Florida Derby-G1	101
Harissa	Afleet Alex	Langhorne S.	100
Lots of Stones	Strategic Mission	Ruby Rubles S.	98
Blushing Dixie	Dixie Union	Fairway Fun S.	95
Midnight Visit	Henny Hughes	Love is Eternal S.	95
Gilded Gem	Smarly Jones	Las Flores S.-G3	93
D Day	Polish Miner	Shine Again S.	92
Longhunter (GB)	Halling	Alligator Alley S.	92
School Lass	Private School	Royal North S.	92
Don's Folly	Tethra	Debut S.	91
All About Allie	Storm and a Half	Downthedustyroad Breeders' S.	89
The Mallard Man	Sunday Break (Jpn)	Arkansas Breedres' S.	89

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This followed on from her win in the GII Davona Dale, in which she ran a Beyer 98; these figures are actually higher than most of the top 3-year-old colts are running right now, by the way.

What's really striking about R. Heat Lightning's figures is that she was very consistent as a two-year-old, winning the GI Spinaway (Beyer 76), and running second in the GI Frizette (78) and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (82), but the times were slow and the figs were low. Now, all of a sudden, this filly has improved by 16 points since November, and sustained that improvement in her second and third starts at three. I'll be betting her in her next start. Trippi has 20 more yearlings catalogued in South Africa's traditional number one yearling sale, near Johannesburg, in a couple of weeks' time. He should still be very hot. **Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com (please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com). Follow him on Twitter at www.twitter.com/billoppenheim.**

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NORTH AMERICA

FLASHY BULL TOPS TEXAS SALE A filly from the first crop of Grade I winner Flashy Bull (Holy Bull) topped yesterday's Fasig-Tipton Texas Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. The gray juvenile ([hip 164](#)), consigned by Twin Oaks Training Center, agent, was purchased by Martin Racing and Carl Moore Management for \$170,000. She turned in a bullet one-furlong drill of :10.1 during Sunday's under tack preview and is the first foal out of Destiny's Yield (High Yield), a half-sister to stakes-winner Brush Over (Broad Brush) and multiple graded stakes placed Brushed On (Broad Brush). The filly, bred by Destiny Oaks of Ocala, sold to H. Allen Poindexter for \$17,500 from the Select Sales consignment at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale. During a slimmed-down Texas sale, 98 juveniles sold for \$2,065,800, compared to 139 grossing \$2,371,900 in 2010. The average rose 23.5 percent to \$21,080, while the median jumped 42.9 percent to \$15,000. The buy-back rate was 25.8 percent. For complete results, visit www.fasigtipton.com.



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Tuesday, April 5, 2011

SESSION TOTALS:	2011	2010
Catalogued	167	223
No. Offered	132	192
No. Sold	98	139
RNAs	34	53
% RNAs	25.8%	27.6%
High Price	\$170,000	\$100,000
Gross	\$2,065,800	\$2,371,900
Average	\$21,080 (+23.5%)	\$17,064
Median	\$15,000 (+42.9%)	\$10,500

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EAST

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PRX, \$47,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:40 3/5, my. ISCAR (c, 3, Bernardini--Crimson Palace {Saf} {GISW-US & Saf, GSW-Eng, \$505,133-NA}, by Elliodor {Fr}) was off the board in three outings before graduating by 3 1/2 lengths at Aqueduct last time out Mar. 9. The 7-5 favorite was away slowly from the outside post and trailed the field into the first turn. He pulled his way between horses to take the lead with a half-mile to go and outbattled Prospect Knight (Awesome Again) to the wire to win by a nose. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$57,774. O-Darley Stable. B-Darley (KY). T-Kieran P McLaughlin.



CENTRAL

Yesterday's Results:

5th-HAW, \$37,690, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$40,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. CITYRAP (f, 3, Cherokee Rap--Silent City {GSP, \$137,569}, by Carson City), second on debut at this track and trip Feb. 19, romped home by 8 1/2 lengths under those same conditions Mar. 12. The 2-5 favorite to make it two in a row, the chestnut filly recovered from an awkward break to set the pace and reported home a confident 2 1/4-length victoress. Cityrap is a half to Chaplinesque (Mt. Livermore, GSP-UAE). [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$58,802. O/B-William Stirtz (IL). T-Scott Becker.

7th-HAW, \$26,000, Msw, (S), 3/up, 1 1/16m, 1:50, ft. + GOLD FORMER (g, 4, Dynaformer--Keeping the Gold {MSW & GSP, \$183,173}, by Langfuhr), the 8-5 favorite, settled into stride in mid-pack. He took closer order turning for home, angled out four wide into the lane and forged to the lead at midstretch en route to a four-length victory. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,132. O-Darrell & Sadie and Team Block (IL). T-Chris M Block.

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IN BRITAIN:

Understory, c, 4, **Forestry**--Sha Tha (GSW-US, SW & MG1SP-Fr, \$370,883), by Mr. Prospector. Kempton Park, 4-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Darley. *17,000gns HIT '10 TATJUL. **1/2 to State Shinto (Pleasant Colony), Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 9.5-11f, MGSW-Fr, GSW-UAE, G1SP-Ger, \$1,050,551.

Descaro, g, 5, **Dr Fong**--Miarixa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr). Pontefract, 4-5, Hcp, 4yo/up, 17f 216ydsT. B-Langley House Stud. *\$80,000 wnlg '06 KEENOV; €44,000 RNA yrl '07 GOFMIL; €10,000 HIT '09 GOFHIT. **1/2 to Blue Bunting (Dynaformer), SW-GB.



INDUSTRY INFO

Galt House Announces Night of Silk Derby Party:

Edited Press Release

The Galt House Hotel, the official hotel of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby, announced the launch of the inaugural Night of Silk Derby Party which will be held Saturday, May 7. The event, which is slated to begin at 8 p.m. following the day's races, is being produced and hosted by the Galt House to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. The party will showcase Louisville's finest cuisine and cocktails via a full open bar and will feature entertainment by the band Simply Irresistible. "I couldn't be more excited to introduce the first-ever Night of Silk to the annual Derby party scene," said Mary Moseley, president and CEO of Galt House Hotel parent The Al J. Schneider Company. "Our hotel is planning a Derby party unlike any other. When coupled with raising awareness and funds for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, the inaugural Night of Silk will truly be an affair to remember."

Included among this year's participants are jockeys Rafael Bejarano, Gary Birzer, Javier Castellano, Pat Day, Victor Espinoza, Garrett Gomez, Laffit Pincay Jr., Joel Rosario, Mike Smith and John Velazquez. The Galt House will donate at least \$5,000 to the PDJF from the sale of each ticket purchased, along with all funds raised during live and silent auctions at the Night of Silk featuring one-of-a-kind, equine-related memorabilia. In its initial year, Night of Silk is supported by the nationally recognized partners Brown Forman, Southern Wine & Spirits and Saks Fifth Avenue Cincinnati, which will host an in-store champagne reception Thursday, Apr. 21. Saks Fifth Avenue, which hold the event from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., will donate 10% of sales from the event to the PDJF. "The Galt House Hotel has always been a Kentucky home away from home for jockeys and their families visiting Louisville," said Nancy LaSala, Executive Director, Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. "Now, the hotel is taking it a step further and we couldn't be more thankful."

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First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Apr. 6
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2007 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
FIRST SAMURAI (Giant's Causeway), Claiborne Farm, \$40K, 161/19/3 9-EVD, Stk, 6f, Trubs, 9-2
FOREST GROVE (Forestry), Canmor Farms, \$8K, 93/20/1 6-AQU, Msw, 1mT, +Stravinsky's Grove, \$7K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1
ROCKPORT HARBOR (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$20K, 215/31/2 9-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, A J's Dream, \$50K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
STAR DABBLER (Saint Ballado), Richland Hills Inc, \$8K, 68/4/0 7-EVD, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Hot City, \$3K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
SUAVE (A.P. Indy), Vinery, \$18K, 152/20/1 9-EVD, Stk, 6f, B G Suavecito, \$14K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1




EUROPE



BOYS IN BLUE BACK IN HQ Godolphin concluded the shipping back to Newmarket of their string on Monday, with upcoming Classic hopefuls **White Moonstone** (Dynaformer), **Casamento (Ire)** (Shamardal) and **Dubai Prince (Ire)** (Shamardal) now entrenched in their new surroundings. "We have made provisional plans for the horses, but the key thing now is to assess how they are after travelling from Dubai," said Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager. "They also have to settle into their summer quarters and get used to different routines, which means that definite plans will not be decided for a while."



BRITAIN



Yesterday's Result:

Kempton Park, 15.50, Mdn, £2,562, 3-5yo, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:40.44, stn.
+ METROPOLITAIN MISS (IRE) (f, 3, Bertolini--City Maiden, by Carson City), a half-sister to First City (GB) (Diktat {GB}), MGSP-GB, raced in a stalking second after the opening exchanges of this first go. Pushed to the front passing the two pole, the 20-1 chance was ridden clear inside the final eighth to score by a decisive 3 1/2 lengths from Ssafa (GB) (Motivator {GB}). [Video, courtesy Racing UK](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £1,748. O-Saeed Misleh; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd; T-Mick Channon.



FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

Moulins, 13.30, Cond, €16,000, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.90, sf.
TOTAL GALLERY (IRE) (h, 5, Namid {GB}--Diary {Ire}, by Green Desert), who won the 2009 G1 Prix de l'Abbaye and was 10th in the latest renewal for conditioner Stan Moore last time Oct. 3, raced in a handy the third from the outset of this first go for his new trainer. Easing to the fore at halfway, the 11-10 favorite wandered when ridden out in the closing stages, but held enough in reserve to comfortably repel Mood Music (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Sales history: 45,000gns RNA wnlg '06 TATDEC; £32,000 RNA 2yo '08 DONAPR. Total Gallery is a half-brother to Lady Darshaan (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), G1SP-GB, \$120,900. Lifetime Record: Hwt. 3yo-Fr at 5-7f, G1SW-Fr, SW & MGSP-GB, 22 starts, 6 wins, 11 places, €476,437. O-Pearl Bloodstock Ltd; B-Michael Woodlock & Seamus Kennedy; T-Mikel Delzangles.

Marseille-Borely, 16.14, Mdn, €14,000, unraced 2yo, 4f 165ydsT, :56.83, gd.
+ MOBACO (FR) (c, 2, Slickly {Fr}--Lunaa {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Anabaa) broke sharply to claim the rail and immediate control of this opening show. Pushed along off the home turn, the 21-10 pick was ridden out inside the final furlong to hold Post Story (Fr) (American Post {GB}) by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €7,000. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul; T-Frederic Rossi.



IRELAND



Yesterday's Results:

Limerick, 17.15, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo, f, 7f 50ydsT, 1:37.56, sf.
ASHEERAH (GB) (f, 3, Shamardal--Adaala {SW & GSP-Ire, \$133,327}, by Sahm) was runner-up over a mile on Dundalk's Polytrack when favorite for the third time in as many starts on her latest outing in November. The 4-1 second favorite raced keenly while trapped wide behind the early leaders here. Battling past Dance Secretary (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in the final 150 yards, the bay filly dug in to hold on by a short head as that rival rallied near the post. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 4-1-1-1, €12,650. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-Kevin Prendergast.

Limerick, 18.15, Mdn, €10,500, 3yo, c/g, 1m 50ydsT, 1:51.20, sf.
SWAMPFIRE (IRE) (c, 3, Anabaa--Moonfire {GB}, by Sadler's Wells), fifth on debut over seven furlongs at Leopardstown in late October, was sent off the 6-4 favorite and started out at the head of affairs. Headed by Estithmaar (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) with a furlong remaining, the homebred drew on reserves to regain the advantage in the final yards and prevail by a head. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €7,245. O/B-Kilboy Estate; T-John Oxx.

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6:

- 04-15 \$300,000 *Maker's Mark Mile-I, Kee, 4yo/up, 8fT (200)*
- 04-16 \$200,000 *Jenny Wiley-II, Kee, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5fT (200)*
- 04-16 \$175,000 *Commonwealth-II, Kee, 4yo/up, 7f (AWT) (200)*
- 04-16 \$100,000 *Shakertown-III, Kee, 3/up, 5.5fT (100)*
- 04-17 \$150,000 *Beaumont-II, Kee, 3yo, f, a7f (150)*

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, APRIL 7:

- 4-16 \$150,000 *Santa Barbara-II, SA, 4/up, f/m, 10fT (225)*



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-PEN, \$34,748, 4-4, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

SETTING THE RATE (f, 4, [Exchange Rate](#)--Twinkle Twinkle {SP, \$112,380}, by Arazi) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-0, \$84,485. O-Mr T Stables. B-Sienna Farms LLC (FL). T-Steven R Brown. *\$72,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG.

7th-SUN, \$33,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.

RANSOMSGOODFRIDAY (f, 3, [Golden Ransom](#)--D F Good Friday, by Star Programmer) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$48,474. O/B-Gary L Thompson (NM). T-Jon G Arnett.

5th-PEN, \$32,000, 4-4, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

MOTHERLOAD HIPSTER (f, 3, [Dance With Ravens](#)--Sussex Drive, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$65,290. O/B-Dr Ronald Harris Parker (PA). T-Todd M Beattie.

4th-PEN, \$32,000, 4-4, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

REDBOARD KING (g, 4, [Smarty Jones](#)--Tomorrows Empress, by Tomorrows Cat) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-1, \$80,640. O-Michael Stouffer & Rock Bottom Ranch. B-Roy V Chapman Rev Trust (KY). T-Sandee D Beattie. *\$45,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP.

6th-HAW, \$31,254, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. STAR OF PARADISE (g, 4, [Taste of Paradise](#)--Virtuous Wife, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-2, \$70,442. O/B-Judith L Zolna (IL). T-Roger Brueggemann.

8th-WRD, \$22,000, NW3L, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f, 1:05 1/5, ft. HALF A DIAMOND (m, 5, [Storm and a Half](#)--Slew of Diamonds, by Tarakam) Lifetime Record: SP, 28-3-5-5, \$97,339. O-George W Kennedy. B-Thoroughbred Investments Ltd (OK). T-Joe McAnally.

9th-MNR, \$20,200, 4-4, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5.5f, 1:05, sy. SONOFAWILDCAT (c, 4, [Wildcat Heir](#)--Infomint {SW}, by Key to the Mint) Lifetime Record: 17-7-1-2, \$79,090. O/T-E M Haynes. B-New Farm (FL). *1/2 to Wild Snitch (Forest Wildcat), GSW & GISP, \$152,200.

8th-MNR, \$20,200, 4-4, NW2L, 3yo, f, 5.f, 1:06 3/5, sy. CHO CHO CAT (f, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Cho Cho San, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$24,051. O-Vladimir Kazakov & Raut LLC. B-Edward P Evans (VA). T-G Dorochenko. *\$19,000 2yo '10 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Grandmas Piano Man, c, 3, [Aisle](#)--Grand Piano, by Suave Prospect. PEN, 4-4, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Flint Stites (PA).

Royal Schilling, g, 3, [Artie Schiller](#)--Royal and Ancient, by Royal Academy. WRD, 4-5, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Harmony Stable LLC (KY). *\$22,000 RNA wlng '08 KEENOV; \$1,000 RNA yrl '09 TEXAUG.

Spicy Salsa, g, 3, [Ghostzapper](#)--Miss Salsa, by Unbridled. PRX, 4-5, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-Swordlestown Stud (KY). *\$85,000 yrl '09 KEEJAN; \$85,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP.

Pure Strike, f, 3, [Pure Prize](#)--Free Strike, by Smart Strike. PRX, 4-5, 7f, 1:28 2/5. B-D Clifford Wilson (PA).

He's So Proud, g, 3, [Quiet American](#)--Keep Me Safe (MSP, \$131,434), by Horatius. WRD, 4-5, 1 1/16m, 1:46 3/5. B-Doyle Williams (KY).

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR HILL

Coax Liberty (Successful Appeal), 5f, 1:00.80, 1/3

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Indian Firewater (Indian Charlie), 4f, :48.80, 11/23

Turbulent Descent (Congrats), 6f, 1:12.60, 2/9

OAKLAWN PARK

Afleeat Deceit (Northern Afleeat), 5f, 1:02.40, 12/24

Archarch (Arch), 6f, 1:12.20, 1/4

Joyful Victory (Tapit), 5f, 1:00.80, 3/24

Taptam (Pleasant Tap), 4f, :50.60, 9/21

Winslow Homer (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.60, 2/24

PALM MEADOWS

Palooza (Hennessy), 4f, :48.60, 2/14

SANTA ANITA

Astrology (A.P. Indy), 4f, :51.80, 27/28

Awesome Patriot (Awesome Again), 5f, 1:00.20, 4/35

Dancing in Silks (Black Minnaloushe), 5f, :59.80, 3/35

May Day Rose (Rockport Harbor), 6f, 1:12.80, 3/13

Silver Medallion (Silver Badge), 4f, :48.60, 10/28

The Usual Q.T. (Unusual Heat), 5f, 1:02.40, 26/35



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[Why the RCI Is Right](#), by Sue Finley



BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 17.10, €24,000, 4yo/up, 1 5/16mT, 2:04.98, gd.

CHALSA (FR) (h, 5, Kingsalsa--Karmichah {Fr} {SW & MGSP-Fr}, by Nice Havrais) Lifetime Record: 19 starts, 6 wins, 8 places, €107,850. O-Joseph Troggi; B-Emmanuel Talvard, Ulrich Fricker & Mlle Marie-Laure Collet; T-Patrick Khozian. *€14,000 HIT '08 STCHIT.

FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 18.10, €17,000, 3yo, 7f 165ydsT, 1:32.09, gd.

ALTISTE (FR) (c, 3, American Post {GB}--Si Symphonie {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Le Glorieux {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €22,700.

O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Mlle Françoise Perree; T-Fredec Rossi. *€95,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Oceane Music (Fr), SW-Fr.

IRELAND, Limerick, 16.45, €10,000, 3yo, 6f 160ydsT, 1:28.92, sf.

OBLIGADA (IRE) (f, 3, [Beat Hollow {GB}](#)--Oblique {Ire} {SW-Swe}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, €17,615. O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Castlemartin Stud & Skymarc Farm; T-Kevin Prendergast.

ITALY, Florence, 16.00, 4-4, €9,000, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.00, gd.

FREE WINNER (IRE) (c, 3, [Oratorio {Ire}](#)--Freedom {Ger} {MSW-Ger}, by Second Empire {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 10-2-3-3, €55,063. O-Aldo & Carlo Borsani; B-Freedom Partnership; T-Grizzetti Galoppo.

*20,000gns RNA wnlg '08 TATDEC; 19,000gns RNA yrl '09 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

First Winner for Freshman Sire

Snowed In (Ire), g, 2, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Spinning Gold (GB), by Spinning World. Kempton Park, Britain, 4-5, Mdn, 2yo, 5f (AWT). B-T & D Cahalan. *€12,000 wnlg '09 GOFNOV; £7,500 RNA yrl '10 DONAUG.

**First winner for freshman sire (by Acclamation {GB}).

Halfsin (Ire), g, 3, **Haafhd (GB)**--Firesteed (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Common Grounds (GB). Pontefract, Britain, 4-5, Mdn, 3yo, 10f 6ydsT. B-Glending Bloodstock.

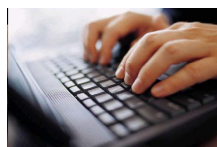
*18,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT.

Florestans Match (GB), f, 3, **Medicean (GB)**--Fidelio's Miracle (SW & GSP-Fr), by Mountain Cat. Pontefract, Britain, 4-5, Mdn, 3yo, f, 6fT. B-Newsells Park Stud.

*£28,000 RNA yrl '09 DONAUG.

Captainofthefleet (Ire), c, 4, **Refuse to Bend (Ire)**--Darabaka (Ire), by Doyoun (Ire). Limerick, Ireland, 4-5, Mdn, 4yo/up, 11f 70ydsT. B-D Johnson. *29,000gns RNA wnlg '07 TATDEC; €50,000 yrl '08 GOFMIL.

**1/2 to Far Cry (Ire) (Pharly {Fr}), GSW & G1SP-GB, \$299,918.



WRITERS UP

THOROFAN HOPES TO GIVE VOICE TO FANS

Definitions of just what is a 'racing fan' might be scattershot, but retired hospital administrator Michael Amo is trying to focus its various incarnations into a



cohesive force for good in the industry. Amo is

the one of the founders and the current chairman of the board of ThoroFan, an organization of 'fans' that runs the gamut from casual \$2 bettors to serious handicappers, from Hall of Fame trainers to respected veterinarians. "Our mission statement is right on our logo--'Giving The Fan a Voice,'" Amo said Monday during a telephone interview from his home in Saratoga, NY.

ThoroFan is relatively small right now, but is growing. The non-profit, incorporated in 2008, can claim three local chapters--in New York, New Jersey and Florida--but is expected to add new chapters in the coming



Michael Amo

months. ThoroFan has roughly 700 members in 30 states, and sends its weekly email updates to a list of over 1,000. Membership is \$25 a year.

"This is an opportunity for fans to stand up and say, 'This is what I think is important,'" said Amo. "The message is: we want to help, we want to participate,

we want to be part of the solution in improving racing. We're hoping the fan can add a perspective than can be blended into what the professionals think."

ThoroFan is growing in prominence, too. Amo has a seat on NTRA's Safety & Integrity Alliance Advisory Board, and in February, testified before the New York State Senate Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering. His testimony led to proposed amendments to the state's racing laws that would create a permanent fan advisory board, establish a "Race Horse Farm Annual Award," and launch an I Love New York Horse Racing advertising campaign. Meanwhile, ThoroFan's seven-member advisory board includes Hall of Fame conditioner Nick Zito, retired jockey Richard Migliore, and Sackettoga Stable's Jack Knowlton, co-owner of Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide.

The racing fan's role in helping shape industry policy has been debated in recent years, particularly if the definition of a 'fan' is expanded past that of the big-money bettor, whose wagering dollars drive purses, the lifeblood of racing.

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Asked what he considers a 'fan,' Amo said, "I think we're everybody. I've been a horse player since 1978, when I went to the Belmont to see Alydar and Affirmed, and I've been a player ever since. At the same time, I can go to the track in the mornings with a cup of coffee and watch the horses work out and enjoy it just as much. I think we have probably under-appreciated the role of fans who are not heavy players. They bet, they go out to the track and enjoy the afternoon, and they see it as entertainment. But they're fans. But in most of the calculations the race tracks use, in terms of handle, these types of fans aren't necessarily going to be on the radar screen."

It isn't a stretch to say that some industry leaders view the fan as valuable and well-intentioned, but perhaps naive and under-informed, and thus ill-prepared to weigh in on the major issues facing the industry. Amo recognizes racing's fan base constitutes a wide range, but is battling the stereotype of the fan as someone who can't make a major contribution.

"I had a conversation about a year ago with a breeder, and we were talking about synthetic surfaces, and this person gave me the impression that I shouldn't have an opinion on it, because I wasn't a horseperson, and what do I know?" he said. "And I thought, why do breeders talk about health care? If you look at our membership, we have veterinarians, structural engineers, chemical engineers, lawyers, PhDs...we have a huge base of very knowledgeable people. If you're defining the fan as we are, it's a very broad base of people who love the sport and might even make their living in it."

Amo said the notion that fans don't have enough of a financial dog in the fight to have a say in matters is also misguided. "We know, through the NTRA, that there are 15 million race fans in the U.S., ranging from people who watch the Kentucky Derby--and that's it--to fans who attend regularly," said Amo. "And they wager about \$12 billion. If the average blended takeout is 20 percent, then fans are contributing well over \$2 billion a year directly to racing. That's a huge contribution, and in my mind, warrants a role as a stake holder."

As yet, ThoroFan has few stated goals. In addition to acting as a sort of House of Representatives for fans, the organization would like to see greater fan involvement in Eclipse Award voting, and supports the creation of an NTRA Fan of the Year award, the winner of which could be recognized on Eclipse night. In general, though, Amo is realistic about ThoroFan's current role--he isn't pushing for a spot at the table alongside such organizations as The Jockey Club or Breeders' Cup--but he would like to see the movement progress to where that, indeed, might happen.

"Right now, it may be a little premature," he said. "We're just getting our legs underneath us. But we want to get to that point. A good fan is an educated fan. To get to that point, we need to build, chapter by chapter, really knowledgeable folks who can represent the fans really well. You don't want to pick the wrong person. But it's time to think about it and talk about it, and say, 'How can we go about doing this?'"

Amo hopes racing executives across the country will be open to fan involvement, and, drawing from his own experience, says that the management who listens will be better positioned to offer an improved product.

"I made my living as a hospital administrator for 25 years, and you weren't always terribly happy when a patient complained," Amo said. "Certain doctors would think, 'Who are they to tell me how a hospital should be run?' But if you looked carefully at what the patient was telling you, oftentimes you'd find a way to run a better hospital that you hadn't thought about." -*Lucas Marquardt*

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 Foal born Feb. 4, a filly by Elusive Quality.
 Will be bred back to Congrats.
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 Accomplishments: MGSW of \$567,868. Dam of Flying Train (Empire Maker), SP.

ECOUTILA, 10, Rahy--Ecoute, by Manila
 Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by Sea the Stars (Ire).
 Will be bred back to Montjeu (Ire).
 Owned by Ecoutila Partnership.
 Boarded at Norelands Stud.
 Accomplishments: Dam of Enticement (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}), MSW & GSP-Eng; Surfrider (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), GSP-Fr.