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The Keeneland January sale continued to produce strong results across the board during yesterday's second session of the four-day auction. "It was another strong day, with increases in average and median prices and an especially big increase in gross sales," commented Keeneland's Vice President of Sales Walt Robertson. "By late this afternoon, we surpassed last year's gross for a five-day sale. The RNA rate continues to decrease, which is another strong indicator of confidence in the market. Buyers are going after quality mares and quality yearlings with equal gusto."



Session Topper Magnificent Honour
 Keeneland Photo

Through two days, Keeneland has sold 487 horses for a gross of \$30,115,300. The average is up 23.67% to \$61,838, while the median is up 50% to \$30,000. The buy-back rate fell to 21.32%. At this same point in last year's January sale, 392 horses had sold for \$19,600,200, with an average of \$50,001 and a median of \$20,000. So far this year, 19 horses have sold for over \$200,000. The same period last year saw six horses break the \$200,000 barrier. The January sale continues through Thursday with sessions beginning at 10 a.m. daily.

Magnificent Honour Stands Out...

Magnificent Honour (A.P. Indy), a full-sister to champion and GI Belmont S. winner Rags to Riches, attracted a final bid of \$600,000 from Tom Goff of Blandford Bloodstock during Tuesday's second session of the Keeneland January sale. Bluegrass Hall's Eddie Kane was among the underbidders. The unraced 10-year-old mare sold in foal to Giant's Causeway and was consigned by Paramount Sales.

"We bought her for a European-based commercial breeder and the mare will stay [in the U.S.]," Goff reported. "I would say there is a chance we could send her back to Giant's Causeway."

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FRANKEL CONFIRMED '11 WORLD CHAMPION

Khalid Abdullah's **"TDN Rising Star"** **Frankel (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) had his position as turfdom's leading equine ratified by the World Rankings Supervisory Committee in London yesterday. The Henry Cecil trainee, who is unbeaten in nine career starts, was awarded a mark of 136, which he attained when defeating **Canford Cliffs (Ire)** (Tagula {Ire}) in the July 27 Sussex S. at Goodwood, and again when besting **Excelebration (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) in the Oct. 15 G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot. Chalked up as last year's joint-leading juvenile alongside **Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB})**, his 2011 rating matched that of **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) in 2009, and is the joint-highest since the World Thoroughbred Rankings replaced the International Classifications in 2004. "Unusually, it was a unanimous decision," explained the BHA's Senior Handicapper Phil Smith. "He's gone from 126 [last year] to 136 this year and who's to say where he's going to go next year? He's going to be campaigned over middle-distances as well; he may be even better over those distances and the opposition may be tougher. It's when they come up against tougher opposition that they get the opportunity to extend their rating further." **Cont. p16**



Frankel *Racing Post*

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	2011 Earnings
Drosselmeyer	\$2,927,000
SHACKLEFORD	\$1,950,437
Game On Dude	\$1,917,400
Animal Kingdom	\$1,904,900

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The industry's most comprehensive coverage of Keeneland's January Horses of all Ages Sale continues, as we catch up with all the major players from day two. Japanese interests continued to spend freely; Shadai Farm picked up MGSW and MGISP Cozi Rosie (Pleasantly Perfect) for \$525,000 and Northern Farm went to \$400,000 for a half-sister to MGISW Zazu (Tapit) in foal to Tapit. The short yearling action heated up late when Fox Hill Farms scooped up a 3/4-brother to Eclipse finalist Sassy Image (Broken Vow) by the sire who Rick Porter's operation has had so much past success with, Unbridled's Song.

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Christina Bossinaskis Down Under

The *TDN* senior editor reports live from Australia, where the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale was set to kick off Wednesday. She offers up hips to watch for during Thursday's second session, and chronicles her adventures, which include a barrier draw ceremony on the beach and the Magic Millions Launch Party.

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Magnificent Honour Stands Out cont...

Out of star broodmare Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister), Magnificent Honour ([hip 417](#)) is also a half-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Jazil (Seeking the Gold), Breeders' Cup Marathon winner Man of Iron (Giant's Causeway), and a three-quarter sister to graded-stakes winner Casino Drive (Mineshaft). Goff admitted the mare's pedigree made her an obvious choice.



Tom Goff Keeneland Photo

"She is a standout on pedigree," Goff confirmed. "It is probably one of the best families in the American stud book, in my humble opinion."

Magnificent Honor was a \$925,000 Keeneland September yearling in 2003. The bay sold for \$575,000 out of the 2006

Keeneland January sale to the bid of Edward Daly Bloodstock on behalf of Daly's brother Michael. She produced a Tiznow filly last spring.

Goff has been busy shopping at Keeneland and has found the bidding competitive. Magnificent Honour was the fifth mare signed for by Blandford Bloodstock at the January sale. Goff paid \$360,000 for Celebrity Cat (Storm Cat) and \$300,000 for Grace Anatomy (Aldebaran) and Siren Serenade (Unbridled's Song) during Monday's opening session of the four-day auction.

"The market has held up extremely well," Goff said. "What has really impressed me is what the yearlings are making; they are making really good money. We followed through plenty and didn't get any of them."

"I think when you have a catalogue where obvious broodmares and yearlings stand out, then we all fall over each other on our way into the ring," he added. "The obvious ones stick out like a sore thumb. It doesn't take a genius now." -J Martini

568	Touching Beauty	i/f Unbridled's Song (5, <i>Tapit--Victory Road</i> , by <i>Ikari</i>) Consigned by Gainesway, Agent X Purchased by Eaton Sales, agent	450,000
623	Art Princess	i/f Tapit (6, <i>Officer--Rhumb Line</i> , by <i>Mr. Greeley</i>) Consigned by Gainesway, Agent VIII Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida	400,000
696	Dr. Zic	Racing/B'Mare Prospect (6, <i>Milwaukee Brew--Royal Corona</i> , by <i>Holy Bull</i>) Consigned by Four Star Sales, Agent Purchased by SF Bloodstock	375,000
614	Anchorage	i/f Giant's Causeway (5, <i>Tapit--Cross Your Heart</i> , by <i>Miswaki</i>) Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XLII Purchased by Stonereath Stud, Agent	350,000
604	Zealous Cat	i/f Tapit (6, <i>Storm Cat--Trail Robbery</i> , by <i>Alydar</i>) Consigned by Gainesway, Agent V Purchased by Glen Hill Farm	350,000
742	Highest Class	i/f Candy Ride (Arg) (7, <i>Mineshaft--Classical Approval</i> , by <i>With Approval</i>) Consigned by Lane's End, Agent Purchased by Coteau Grove Farms, LLC	320,000
733	Grand Portege	i/f Tapit (10, <i>Grand Slam--Oatsee</i> , by <i>Unbridled</i>) Consigned by Gainesway, Agent X Purchased by Xavier International Bloodstock, Agent	300,000
464	Parisian Affair	i/f Unbridled's Song (11, <i>Mr. Greeley--Star of Paris</i> , by <i>Dayjur</i>) Consigned by Gainesway, Agent X Purchased by Eaton Sales, agent	300,000

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KEEJAN TUESDAY TOP MARES

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Price (\$)</u>
417	Magnificent Honour (10, <i>A.P. Indy--Better Than Honour</i> , by <i>Deputy Minister</i>) Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XXXV Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock	i/f Giant's Causeway	600,000
675	Cozi Rosie (5, <i>Pleasantly Perfect--Felidia {Ire}</i> , by <i>Golden Fleece</i>) Consigned by Lane's End, Agent Purchased by Shadai Farm	B'Mare Prospect	525,000

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>749</u>	c	Unbridled's Song <i>B-Barry & Judith Becker (KY)</i>	Ideal Image	490,000
Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, Inc., Agent Purchased by Fox Hill Farm				
<u>562</u>	f	Empire Maker <i>B-Forging Oaks (KY)</i>	Ticker Tape (GB)	400,000
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by T. Hyde				
<u>699</u>	c	Curlin <i>B-Eldon Farm Equine LLC (KY)</i>	Dyna's Lassie	225,000
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent for Eldon Farm Racing Inc. Purchased by Crooked Prince Bloodstock				
<u>484</u>	f	Unbridled's Song <i>B-Mueller Farms & Taylor Made Stallions (KY)</i>	Queen of Money	225,000
Consigned by Bluegrass Thor. Services (J. Stuart), Agent XL Purchased by Frankfort Park				
<u>635</u>	c	Malibu Moon <i>B-Willow Oaks Stable (KY)</i>	Berry Blessed	220,000
Consigned by Bluegrass Thor. Services (J. Stuart), Agent XL Purchased by Front Range Farm				
<u>487</u>	c	Street Sense <i>B-Anderson Farms (Ontario) & Rod Ferguson (ON)</i>	Rare Opportunity	195,000
Consigned by Anderson Farms Purchased by Scott & Even Dilworth				
<u>409</u>	c	Arch <i>B-John Ryan & Charles J Cummings (KY)</i>	Lette Spirituelle (GB)	160,000
Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent III Purchased by Acorn/Hurstland Farm, agent				
<u>522</u>	c	U S Ranger <i>B-Mueller Farms (KY)</i>	Skybox	160,000
Consigned by Bluegrass Thor. Services (J. Stuart), Agent XL Purchased by Walnut Hill Stables				
<u>551</u>	c	Malibu Moon <i>B-Eldon Farm Equine (KY)</i>	Sweet Nanette	160,000
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No. Over \$200K	19	7
High Price	\$600,000	\$540,000
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It's getting more and more difficult to find **\$10,000** stallions in Kentucky, and Ashford's three each has a good case: **Majestic Warrior** was a Grade I winner at two, by A.P. Indy from a top Steinbrenner family; **Dunkirk** was a Classic-placed saletopper by Unbridled's Song; and **Munnings** was a dual Grade II winner (and placed in six Grade I's) sprinting, by Speightstown.

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Cozi Rosie to Shadai...

Cozi Rosie (Pleasantly Perfect) will join the exodus of mares heading to Japan after selling for \$525,000 to Teruya Yoshida's Shadai Farm. Shadai veterinarian Yoshihiro Nakaji handled bidding on the 5-year-old broodmare prospect ([hip 675](#)).



Nakaji Keeneland Photo

"She had good racecourse performance," Nakaji explained. "And her family is great. We are happy to get her." Racing for her breeders, Jerry and Ann Moss, Cozi Rosie won the 2010 GIII Senorita S. and 2011 GII John C. Mabee S. and GII Buena Vista H. She was also second in last year's GI Yellow Ribbon S. and GI Gamely S. On the board in 11 of 14 starts, she won five times and earned \$527,280. The chestnut mare is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Lexicon (Conquistador Cielo).

Cozi Rosie was consigned to the January sale by Lane's End. "We were happy with it," Lane's End's Bill Farish said of the final price. "We thought she might do a little better than that, but that is what the market dictated. She is a big, pretty filly who still has some run left in her."

The international buying bench has been busy during the first two days of the January sale. Katsumi Yoshida purchased Monday's \$1.4-million sale topper.

"There seems to be quite a lot of activity from foreign buyers," Farish said. "I wondered, looking at this catalogue, if it would pull them in, but it has. So that is good."

Of the overall market, Farish added, "I think supply is down. There is not as much good product on the market and that is probably why it's been stronger. In the first two days there have been about 160 outs, so the catalogue is a lot smaller than it looks."

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Unbridled's Song Colt Makes Late Splash...

An Unbridled's Song three-quarter brother to Eclipse champion female sprint finalist Sassy Image (Broken Vow) livened up the later stages of yesterday's second session of the Keeneland January sale when selling for \$490,000 to Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms. Fox Hill's



Mark Taylor & Victoria Keith
Keeneland Photo

Victoria Keith handled bidding on the gray yearling ([hip 749](#)). "He caught someone's eye, he caught Mark Taylor's eye and he's a great Unbridled's Song," Keith explained. "That sort of says everything when it's Rick Porter. So we took a look at him, loved him and really

wanted to buy him." Porter has enjoyed plenty of success with offspring of Unbridled's Song, including graded stakes winners Eight Belles, Rockport Harbor, Old Fashioned, Honest Man and Winslow Homer.

Out of Ideal Image (Hennessy), the \$490,000 yearling is a late May foal. "He is still young, so I think they'll look at him when he gets older and decide what to do, whether to put him in a sale or not," Keith added.

Porter's January shopping list was dominated by mares, but according to Keith, bidding has been competitive.

"Every time [we bid before] was for a mare and we got blown out of the water on every mare we tried to buy," she said. "Now we've got one and it's a yearling. We actually thought we could come in and buy a few mares and we weren't so lucky there. It's been awfully tough to buy the good mares. Every time we set a price, it went blowing right by it. Half the time I didn't even get a bid down. It's great for the market, it's great for Thoroughbred racing, great for Keeneland, great for breeders, not so good for us."



Beckers Enjoy Banner Sale at Keeneland...

Judith and Barry Becker have been breeding racehorses for two decades, but the couple enjoyed their biggest sales score yesterday at Keeneland when selling an Unbridled's Song colt for \$490,000. The Beckers purchased Ideal Image (Hennessy), with this foal in utero, for \$170,000 out of the 2010 Keeneland November sale. The mare's second foal, Sassy Image (Broken Vow), had already won three stakes, including the 2009 GII Golden Rod S. and GIII Pocahontas S. when the California couple purchased her that fall. They watched as that filly went on to become a two-time Grade I winner and Eclipse finalist in 2011. **Cont. p7**

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Beckers cont.

“We liked Hennessy,” Barry Becker said yesterday, explaining the purchase. “We liked the fact that she had already produced a graded stakes horse. And she was in foal to a stallion that was very marketable.”

The one drawback to the mare was a late cover date. Ideal Image produced her Unbridled’s Song yearling last May 27.

“We were willing to take a shot with a late breeding,” Becker said. “We didn’t breed her back in 2011 because of the late foaling, but she is going to go to Pulpit this year.”

The Beckers previous best sale was \$280,000, and while Barry Becker thought they would better that mark yesterday, the \$490,000 price tag exceeded all expectations.

“I was hoping for \$300,000,” the 70-year-old admitted. “That would have been a really good score.”

Becker, who founded the janitorial service company Pegasus Building Services, got into racing innocently enough.



Barry & Judith Becker *LM Photo*

“I got into racing in high school, going to the \$2 window at Hollywood Park or Santa Anita,” he explained. “Then we bought a mare in California in the early 70s and then another mare and then another mare and we’ve been doing it ever since.”

The Beckers have a broodmare band of approximately 10 mares board at Summerhill Farm. They are the breeders of Wildcat Bettie B (Meadowlake), winner of the 2006 GI Prioress Breeders’ Cup S.

“We breed to sell, but occasionally we will keep a filly or two to breed,” Becker said. *-Jessica Martini*

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Empire Maker Filly a Hit at Keeneland...

A yearling filly by Empire Maker is likely destined for a return engagement in the Keeneland sales ring after selling to Irish pinhooker Tim Hyde for \$400,000 Tuesday at Keeneland. "We'll probably resell her



Tim Hyde Keeneland Photo

September next, that would be the plan," Hyde said after signing the ticket on the bay. Consigned by Eaton Sales as part of the dispersal of Jim Peyton's Forging Oaks, [hip 562](#) is a daughter of multiple Grade I winner Ticker Tape (GB) (Royal Applause). "She's very nice," Hyde said of the yearling. "She is a very good physical and the dam was very very good." Ticker Tape, who won the 2004 GI American

Invitational Oaks and GI Queen Elizabeth II Invitational Challenge Cup, sold in foal to Giant's Causeway for \$950,000 at the 2011 Keeneland November sale.

Eaton's Reiley McDonald was pleased with the sale, but thought the yearling was well-worth the price. "\$400,000 for a yearling in January is a nice price," McDonald said. "But I will say she was exceptional. She was very special and her mother could run." Asked to describe the yearling, McDonald added, "She was a typical Empire Maker. Much like all the good Empire Maker fillies, she was correct, with good length and good scope. She reminded me a lot of [Grade I winner] Mushka (Empire Maker), who we have at home."

Empire Maker was sold to Japan in 2010, but continues to prove popular in the U.S. He was represented on the racetrack last season by likely sophomore filly champion Royal Delta and in the sales ring by the \$1.35-million Fasig-Tipton February topper.

"A lot of times these horses move away and suddenly they get runners," McDonald said. "Empire Maker has always had runners. What is unusual is that, many times when they move away, people don't pay the kind of premium for those stallions any more. But in Empire Maker's case, he's just too good. It might have been one of the most negative things to happen to our breeding business in the last couple of years seeing that horse leave the country."

In addition to Ticker Tape, Forging Oaks campaigned graded stakes winner Passified (GB) (Compton Place {GB}). Peyton, who founded the automotive parts supplier company Louisville Forge and Gearworks, began dispersing his bloodstock in September. Eaton will sell an additional three lots from the dispersal in January and the remainder of the farm's stock in September.

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McDonald Stays Busy...

Just four hips after selling a \$400,000 Empire Maker filly, Reiley McDonald was back in action on the other side of the auction, buying the mare **Touching Beauty**



Touching Beauty LM Photo

(Tapit) for an undisclosed client for \$450,000.

"She's a beautiful mare," McDonald said. "And she could run. She is by the right horse and she is in foal to the right horse." Consigned by Gainesway, the 5-year-old mare ([hip 568](#)) won the 2010 GIII Comely S. and was second in the 2009

GII Matron S. McDonald, who did his bidding while on the phone in a back row of the sales pavilion, admitted he thought he would have to go higher to secure the bay mare. "Frankly, I thought she was a bargain," he said. "I really thought if you compared her to what sold in November, she was 50 cents on the dollar."

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Gainesway Mares Prove Popular...

Gainesway handled the sale of both **Art Princess** (Officer) (\$400,000) and **Touching Beauty** (Tapit) (\$450,000) within the space of an hour yesterday and the farm's Michael Herson said he was pleased with both sales. "Art Princess is a quality mare with a big pedigree," he said. "She was very appealing to many and she sold well." Of Touching Beauty he added, "She is a very elegant mare, a young graded stakes winner by Tapit. She was a quality offering. We think that is a fair price." In addition to the two mares over \$400,000, Gainesway also sold Zealous Cat (Storm Cat) for \$350,000 and Parisian Affair (Mr. Greeley) for \$300,000. "As normal, quality sells," Herson said of the January market. "It's always in fashion. I think the market is good, it's solid. I think we saw a turnaround in September and that was carried into November. My feeling is that bloodstock is a good commodity to be trading in." Gainesway sold 27 for an average of \$121,833 and a gross of \$3,289,500.

Art Princess to Northern Farm...

Art Princess (Officer) will be joining the broodmare band at Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm after selling for \$400,000 yesterday. The 6-year-old mare ([hip 623](#)), in foal to Tapit, is a half-sister to multiple Grade I winner Zazu (Tapit). She was second in the G2 Cherry Hinton S. Naohiro Hosoda, who signed the ticket on sale-topping Topliner (Thunder Gulch) on behalf of Yoshida Monday, handled bidding on Art Princess from behind the sales pavilion. "She's in foal to a hot sire in Tapit," Hosoda explained. "Mr. Yoshida really likes Tapit. He has Testa Matta (Tapit), who is a Group 1 winner in Japan and also he has [champion] Stardom Bound (Tapit) at the farm."

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- 1562** Meezaan (IRE) '07 h. by *Medicean* (GB)
- 1568** Rafeeq '09 c. by *Haafhd* (GB)
- 1577** Waafir '09 c. by *Invasor* (ARG)
- 1579** Al Faatik '09 c. by *Invasor* (ARG)
- 1580** Al Fursaan '09 c. by *Dubarwi* (IRE)

Racing Prospects:

- 1572** Sinaan '09 g. by *Malibu Moon*
- 1586** Eben Alsafa '09 g. by *Pulpit*

Stallion Prospect:

- 1582** Alyarf '06 h. by *Dixie Union*

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Big Day for SF Bloodstock...

SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan was a busy man yesterday at January, purchasing a trio of accomplished mares for a total of \$800,000. That led all buyers during the sale's second session. Heading the group was [hip 696](#), the 6-year-old Grade I winner **Dr. Zic** (Milwaukee Brew--Royal Corona, by Holy Bull), who sold as a racing or broodmare prospect for \$375,000 out of Four Star Sales' consignment. The mare traces back to the family of Storm Bird. "She was a genuine Grade I winner," said Ryan. "She's not overly big, but she's a great mover and is a nice type. She'll be retired, though I don't know who we'll breed her to. We'll breed her to a stretchy horse, possibly Medaglia d'Oro, or someone like that."

Earlier in the day, Ryan went to \$225,000 for [hip 428](#), the 11-year-old mare **Merry Me In Spring** (Wekiva Springs--Merry Deputy, by Silver Deputy). The gray mare, a stakes winner of nearly \$135,000, got a big update since the catalogue after her second foal, So Brilliant (Medaglia d'Oro), won the GIII Hollywood Preview S. at Hollywood Park Nov. 24. "She's a very, very good-looking mare," said Ryan. "He was a very good-looking weanling who grew up into a very handsome horse, and he has the potential to be a Group 1 winner as a 3-year-old. I thought \$225,000 was a very fair price for everybody." Kitty Taylor's Warrendale Sales consigned Merry Me In Spring.

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No. Sold	487	392
RNAs	132	168
% RNAs	21.3%	30%
No. Over \$500K	4	4
High Price	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Gross	\$30,115,300	\$19,600,200
Average (% change)	\$61,838 (+23.7%)	\$50,001
Median (% change)	\$30,000 (+50%)	\$20,000



SF Bloodstock cont.

SF Bloodstock's third purchase, the \$200,000 **Letithappencaptain** (Captain Bodgit--Dual Crown, by Dayjur), was another who received a timely update after the catalogue went to press. The 12-year-old's third foal Ultimate Eagle (Mizzen Mast) won the GI Hollywood Derby in November, capping off a 3-year-old season that also included a win in the GII Oak Tree Derby. Paramount Sales consigned Letithappencaptain as [hip 408](#).

"She's a Group 1 producer in foal to Bellamy Road," Ryan said, pointing out that her 2009 Bellamy Road colt, named Bellamy Brother, brought \$130,000 as a yearling.

Letithappencaptain was bought to be bred to WinStar's new stallion Sidney's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), the brilliant six-time graded winner whose victories included the GI Santa Anita Derby. Sidney's Candy will stand the 2012 season for a fee of \$15,000.

Ryan said that, despite his successes Tuesday, it was tough sledding for buyers for much of the day. "We were well outbid on several mares," he said. "It's a very competitive market. But it's good to see. There are a lot of people who are happy here. It's rare when there are happy buyers and happy sellers at the same sale." -LM

With Dr. Zic Sale, An Emotional Send Off..

When the Grade I-winning mare **Dr. Zic** (Milwaukee Brew) ([hip 696](#)) sold yesterday at January to SF Bloodstock for \$375,000, it marked the end of an emotional run for her connections. The 6-year-old was purchased as a juvenile-in-training at the 2008 OBS June Sale for just \$40,000 by bloodstock agent Murette Farrell. "I bought her on spec, then had a panic attack because I didn't have \$40,000!" laughed Farrell, who nonetheless quickly



Dr. Zic *Equi-Sport*

managed to assemble a group of partners. They included Roger and Beth McDaniel, Jim Tom and Joan Scott. The filly's name at the time of the sale was Hot'n Didley Squat, a moniker her new owners thought could perhaps be improved upon. Beth McDaniel, suffering from an exceptionally rare form of cancer, and her husband suggested the name Dr. Zic as a small thanks to John Zic, her doctor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The others agreed, and in a short while, Dr. Zic (the man) received an 8x10 photo of his namesake. **Cont. p11**



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Dr. Zic cont.

Dr. Zic (the horse), meanwhile, evolved into a first-class animal. She had a stop-start beginning to her career, but at four, put it all together in the 2010 GI Vinery Madison S. at Keeneland, defeating Dubai Majesty (Essence of Dubai) and Informed Decision (Monarchos) by daylight. She finished third in her title defense last season, and in total, won five starts and earned over \$365,000.

Sadly, Beth McDaniel recently lost her battle with Sezary Syndrome, a type of lymphoma that affects only an estimated 70 people a year.

"It's sad, but I'm really glad that Tom [Ryan] got her and that she's staying in the U.S.," said Farrell. -LM

New Operation Stonereath Adds Anchorage...

When it was owned by Darrell and Lendy Brown, Stonereath Farm was home to some of the bluest blood in the stud book, including Broodmare of the Year Best In Show, who founded a line that includes her GI Kentucky Oaks-winning daughter Blush With Pride, granddaughter and fellow Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour and recent Classic winner Rags to Riches.



Christoph Berglar
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The Stonereath property was sold last year to the German-based businessman Dr. Christoph Berglar and his family, and while the farm--now called Stonereath Stud--has just 10 mares on it now, it's poised to build on the farm's storied history and become a serious player in the industry in the years to come.

Stonereath welcomed its newest broodmare into the fold yesterday, securing the 5-year-old mare **Anchorage** (Tapit) for \$350,000. In foal on an early cover to Giant's Causeway, the chestnut was consigned by Paramount Sales as [hip 614](#).

"We were lucky to get her--she was the pick of the day for us," said Peter Berglar, the 26-year-old son of Christoph and the manager of Stonereath. "She's in foal to a champion sire, it's a great family, and she's by Tapit."

Anchorage was produced by Cross Your Heart (Miswaki), a half-sister to the successful sire Broken Vow. She has enjoyed success in the sales ring before, having sold to Demi O'Byrne for \$540,000 at the 2009 Barretts March Sale.

It was Stonereath's second significant purchase at January. On Monday, it purchased a short yearling colt by Arch for \$230,000. The colt, a half to MGSW Danzon (Royal Academy), was acquired for a partnership and will likely be resold later this year.

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At the Keeneland November Sale two months ago, Stonereath purchased no fewer than seven horses for a total of \$1,315,000, including six weanlings. Some of the purchases will be pinhooked, while Stonereath will keep and race some others, with an eye of ultimately adding nicely bred fillies to its broodmare band. Included among Stonereath's November purchases was a \$390,000 Tapit filly, a \$325,000 Bernardini filly, and a \$260,000 Hard Spun filly.

"The focus is to build up a small commercial operation with high quality," Peter Berglar explained during a break in the action yesterday.

Stonereath, which sits on 255 acres, will eventually be home to 20 or 25 mares, including some boarders. "That way, at our peak, we wouldn't have more than 60 or so horses on the land," said Peter. **Cont. p12**



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Stonereath cont.

The Berglar family, under the name Union-Gestut, has been involved in the racing industry in Europe for over two decades now, and has bred and/or raced German champions Theophanu (The Minstrel), Moonlady (Ger), Midnight Angel (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), Night Lagoon (Ger) (Lagunas {Ger}), and Almerita (Ger) (Medicean {Ger}).

The family decided to concentrate its breeding operations in Lexington, and in May of 2011, closed on the Stonereath property.

Five months later, a number of its mares previously based Europe were shipped over.

"It'll be interesting to see how the European pedigrees work here, but those European lines have done very well," said Peter. "Just look at [Kentucky Derby winner] Animal Kingdom, who is out of a German mare. If you have a good-looking, sound horse, there will always be a market for it."



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Peter said the farm will continue to shop at January, but said the bullseye was small. "It's hard to find the ones you like for the right price," he said. "It's a strong market for the right ones, and you don't want to overpay for them."

While relatively young, Peter brings strong credentials to Stonereath. When he finished his military service in Germany, he did an apprenticeship on a farm there. He moved on to work at Gestut Schlenderhan, home to leading sire Monsun (Ger), then worked at Ballylinch Stud in Ireland and at Eliza Park in Victoria, Australia.

He said his love of racing was inherited from his father, a successful businessman in Germany. "Racing is just a small part of what he does, but he loves the business," said Peter. "He loves planning the matings, the whole thing. He bought his first yearling in 1991, and she was his first broodmare, and it's gone from there. He got bitten, and somehow I did, too." -LM

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Mueller Babies In Demand...

A pair of short yearlings bred or co-bred by Mueller Farms' David Mueller helped drive the market for young horses yesterday at January. They included a U S Ranger half-brother to ♀ "TDN Rising Star" ♀ Stopshoppingmaria (More Than Ready) ([hip 522](#)) who brought a bid of \$160,000 from Walnut Hill Stables; and an Unbridled's Song filly out of GSW Queen of Money (Corporate Report) ([hip 484](#)) who made \$225,000 from Frankfort Park. John Stuart's Bluegrass Thoroughbred Services sold both horses, both of whom will likely appear later this season at the yearling sales.

"We'll pinhook that one," confirmed Brendan Gallagher, president of Frankfort Park who sat up front with a group of associates during the bidding. "We breed, but we also buy a few foals each year along with the ones we have at home. I'd say we're nearly done now [buying foals]. We bought seven in November and two here."

He added of the Unbridled's Song's appeal, "We thought she was the nicest filly in the sale, and it looks like she'll be able to run."

Stuart agreed. "She was a lovely mover," he said. "It was a good price, but you're talking about an Unbridled's Song."

The filly was bred on a foal share between Mueller and Taylor Made, which stands Unbridled's Song for a fee of \$85,000 in 2012, stands and nurses. The filly is a half-sister to SW & GSP Quiet Cash (Real Quiet), SW Pocketfullofpesos (In Excess {Ire}) and SP Miss Skagit State (In Excess {Ire}).

Gallagher headed a partnership that purchased Old Frankfort Stud from Jim Plemmons for \$3.65 million in 2006 and renamed the property Frankfort Park. At the time, the group included major European pinhookers John and Willie Browne.

The U S Ranger colt was purchased by representatives of Peter O'Callaghan's Woods Edge Farm. O'Callaghan and his team have garnered respect in recent years for their weanling-to-yearling pinhooking savvy. Whitechurch Farm's David Hanley and Bluegrass Hall's Eddie Kane were also reportedly in on the bidding for the colt.

Mueller was in the news last summer when Stopshoppingmaria broke onto the scene for owner Mike Repole and trainer Todd Pletcher. The dark bay earned a big 101 Beyer figure winning her maiden by nearly 10 lengths in her second start at Saratoga in August, then finished second to pro-tem champion My Miss Aurelia (Smart Strike) in the G1 Frizette S. at Belmont. In the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, she led before being caught by Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy) and finished second.



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Both Stopshoppingmaria and the U S Ranger colt were produced by the 21-year-old Skybox (Spend a Buck), also the dam of SWs Sand Ridge (Known Fact) and Dootside (Dixieland Band).

Stuart said he was particularly excited about the sale of the U S Ranger colt, given his sire, whose first foals are yearlings in 2012, stands for a modest \$5,000 at WinStar Farm this year. He previously stood at Ben Walden's now-defunct stallion operation at Pauls Mill.

"I bought U S Ranger with Ben Walden, and we really bred some good mares to him in his first two years at stud," said Stuart. "When you go breed a mare like [Skybox] to a horse who now stands for \$5,000, you believe in the horse. I sold one [a weanling] in November for \$180,000. He sires just great-looking foals, and he's beautifully bred. This was a May foal, and a lot of smart guys were on him."

Stuart said the colt was a bit atypical of the U S Rangers he's seen. "This horse actually didn't have as big a body as a lot of them," he said. "He was a little lighter, but very athletic and a pretty special little horse."

David Mueller, now retired in Naples, Florida, built up Comair into a wildly successful regional airline before selling it to Delta a decade ago. He had a farm in Northern Kentucky for years, but keeps his few remaining mares at Stuart's farm in Lexington. "He's basically winding down in the business," said Stuart. "But we've got a couple old gals left." **Cont. p14**



Mueller Babies cont.

Those gals include Queen of Money (Corporate Report), who has been a strong producer for Mueller since he purchased her in foal to Aldebaran for \$125,000 at the 2004 Keeneland November Sale. He sold that resulting foal for \$220,000 as a FTKJUL yearling in 2006, a year before selling a Distorted Humor colt out of her for \$875,000 at FTSAUG.

Mueller's had similar success with Skybox, whom he acquired for \$225,000 in 2000. Yearlings out of the mare subsequently brought \$950,000, \$310,000 and \$260,000. Stopshoppingmaria was a relatively modest \$50,000 sale.

"David's got a lucky touch," said Stuart. "A whole lifetime of lucky touches." -LM



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"Like every other thing in the horse business, [the yearling market] is supply and demand. There are only so many good foals and all the good horsemen are getting on the same foals and they are all bringing a lot of money." *Reiley McDonald, Eaton Sales*

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"We've had a lot of all-shows," quipped Anderson Farm's David Anderson when asked about his successful one-horse consignment at Keeneland January. Successful, because the lone horse Anderson offered, a Street Sense short yearling out of GSP Rare Opportunity (Danzig Connection), brought \$195,000 yesterday. Scott and Evan Dilworth made the winning bid for the bay, who sold as [hip 487](#). "Street Sense had a really good week with five or six winners, and this colt is a great mover that caught a lot of peoples' attention," said Anderson. "I was very happy with the result." The colt is a three-parts sibling to GII Stonerside Beaumont S. heroine Street Sounds (Street Cry {Ire}) and a half to SW & GSP Silver Highlight (Silver Charm).

The colt is the latest in line of hugely profitable transactions from the 20-year-old Rare Opportunity, whom Anderson Farms and partner Rod Ferguson acquired as an unraced juvenile for a scant \$5,400 at the 1994 Keeneland January Sale. Rare Opportunity made only three lifetime starts, but showed plenty of ability. She won her lone juvenile effort at Woodbine, then aired by six lengths in her 3-year-old debut at Keeneland, earning a 101 BRIS figure. In her third and final start, she finished third to Serena's Song (Rahy) in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. in 1995. If her \$55,000 in earnings paid for her original cost and training expenses, she far outpaced that figure in the breeding shed. Her first foal, Catvantageous (Tabasco Cat), sold for \$300,000 as a yearling. Three years later, her son Astral Plane (Tabasco Cat) made \$250,000 at auction. Street Sounds, a Keeneland September yearling in 2005, sold to Hidden Creek Farm for \$400,000, and in 2008, John Ferguson paid \$350,000 for the colt Bursary (Elusive Quality).

"She just throws racehorses," said Anderson. "She doesn't really stamp her foals--they're kind of all over the place. This one was quite correct for one of her foals, and looks like a nice horse. He seemed to have a lot of Street Cry (Ire) to him, and she's obviously had a lot of success with that cross."

Keeping with the Street Cry theme, the mare's currently in foal to his Grade I-winning son Street Boss, and is booked back to Street Boss, who stands alongside his sire at Darley. -LM



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Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
428	Merry Me in Spring	Warrior's Reward	200,000

Consigned by Warrendale Sales, Agent I
Purchased by SF Bloodstock

Louisville attorney Charles Middleton picked up Merry Me in Spring, in foal to Medaglia d'Oro, for \$57,000 out of the 2008 Keeneland November sale. Her Medaglia d'Oro colt sold for \$190,000 as a weanling at Keeneland the following November and went on to become graded stakes winner So Brilliant. The mare's Songandaprayer colt brought \$92,000 at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale. Middleton and partners Bob and Rae Horton were further rewarded for their initial investment yesterday.

736	Guarda	Harlan's Holiday	110,000
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Consigned by Mulholland Springs
Purchased by Raut, LLC

Trainer Geoff Mulcahy put in an \$15,000 claim for Guarda at Turfway Park last February. Put in foal to Harlan's Holiday, the mare proved the claim was a shrewd one yesterday.

767	Just Louise	raceing/b'mare prospect	270,000
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Consigned by Gainesway, Agent for Eldon Farm Racing Inc
Purchased by Fox Hill Farm

Eldon Farm purchased Just Louise as a 2009 Keeneland September yearling for \$75,000. The mare won the 2010 GIII Debutante S. and over \$98,000 on the racetrack and proved popular in her return through the Keeneland sales ring.



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Australia's sprint sensation **Black Caviar (Aus)** (Bel Esprit {Aus}), herself unbeaten in 16 career starts, was rated four pounds inferior to Frankel at 132, which she achieved with an impressive weight-carrying performance in the Mar. 12 G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington. Adding international flavor at the head of affairs, France's **Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)** (Even Top {Ire}) was rewarded with a podium position on 128--courtesy of his success in the Oct. 15 G1 Champion S. at Ascot--as was the German distaffer **Danedream (Ger)** (Lomitas {GB}) for her spectacular five-length score in the Oct. 2 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp.

Japan's Triple Crown hero **Orfevre (Jpn)** (Stay Gold {Jpn}) added the Dec. 25 G1 Arima Kinen to his portfolio, a taking performance which earned him a rating of 123. That mark was one pound behind the 124 allocated to the recently-retired GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero **Drosselmeyer** (Distorted Humor), the highest-rated North American representative at joint-14th in the rankings. Other international stars to earn lofty recognition include Singapore's **Rocket Man (Aus)** (Viscount {Aus}), who was rated joint-11th on 125; Hong Kong's **Ambitious Dragon (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}), who was joint-23rd on 122; and South Africa's **J J The Jet Plane (SAf)** (Jet Master {SAf}), also on 122. For the full list of the 2011 World Thoroughbred Rankings, please click [here](#).



World Thoroughbred Rankings 2011 - Top 10		
Rank	Rating	Horse (Sire)
1	136	Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire})
2	132	Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus})
3	128	Cirrus des Aigles (Fr) (Even Top {Ire})
	128	Danedream (Ger) (Lomitas {GB})
5	127	Canford Cliffs (Ire) (Tagula {Ire})
	127	Rewilding (GB) (Tiger Hill {Ire})
7	126	Dream Ahead (Diktat {GB})
	126	Excelebration (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus})
	126	Nathaniel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})
	126	So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral {Ire})

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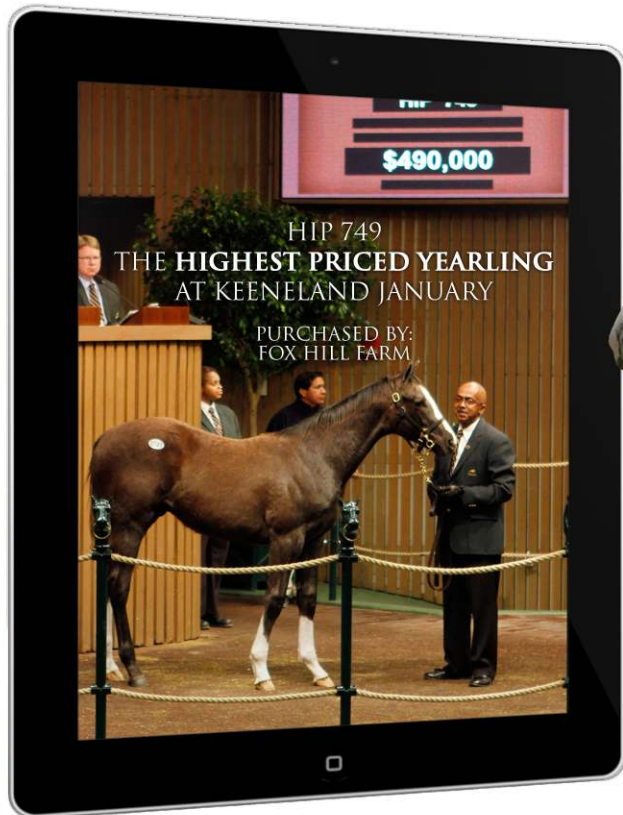


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Florida State Senate Panel OKs Gambling Bill

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

O'Prado Again off Derby Trail...

Donegal Racing's **O'Prado Again** (El Prado {Ire}), winner of Aqueduct's Gil Renssen S. last time Nov. 26., has been knocked off the GI Kentucky Derby trail with a condylar fracture in his right foreleg, reports the *Courier-Journal*. The grey suffered the injury during a workout at Gulfstream Park on Saturday. "The horse is fine; it's just bad timing," trainer Dale Romans told the publication. "It was a big blow to our Derby dreams, but it wasn't catastrophic. We'll get him back in one piece, and he'll go on and have a good career." Romans told the *Courier-Journal* that O'Prado Again will have surgery in Ocala, and could return to the track in about two months.

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Top jockey Garret Gomez is expected to miss 4-6 weeks after fracturing his heel during an incident before Sunday's GIII Daytona H. at Santa Anita. "[Dr. Jae H. Chon of the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in Los Angeles] said the fracture could heal on its own, but it would heal quicker if there was a plate in there," Gomez's agent Tony Matos told *Daily Racing Form*. "He will have the surgery on Thursday and be out from four to six weeks."

BLACK-TYPE FIELDS

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 12:35 p.m. EST
AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R1-G3, \$200,000, NH4yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Mendip	Harlan's Holiday	Dettori	bin Suroor	123
2	Derbaas	Seeking The Gold	Hills	Raihe	123
3	Dance And Dance (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Spencer	Vaughan	123
4	Musir (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)	Soumillon	de Kock	123
5	Le Drakkar (Aus)	Anabaa	Ajtebi	Huzaim	123
6	Escape Route	Elusive Quality	Mullen	Seemar	123
7	Xin Xu Lin (Brz)	Wondertross	Barzalona	Zarooni	123
8	Kavango (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Cosgrave	Shafya	123
9	Secrecy (GB)	King's Best	Suroor	Fallon	123
10	Fanunalter (GB)	Falbrav (Ire)	Moore	Botti	123
11	Snaafy	Kingmambo	O'Shea	Muhairi	123
12	Master of Hounds	Kingmambo	Shea	de Kock	123

DOWN UNDER
 with Christina Bossinakis

ACTION ALL DAY LONG ON THE GOLD COAST

Probably at about 10 p.m. Monday night, I found myself pondering, 'Why on earth did Magic Millions schedule the barrier draw (held on the beach at Surfer's Paradise for the first time) at the painfully early time of 8 a.m.?' The thought was very likely due to my yearning for a little more sleep after a pretty late night (as they say, when in Rome..), but let me tell you, I got my answer the moment I rolled out of the hotel shortly after 7:30 a.m. I was told it was already 29 degrees (high 80s) by the time the event kicked off, and more than a few people were showing significant signs of the heat by the time the barrier actually commenced. The day's temperature maxed out in the vicinity of 34 degrees. That said, I'm guessing nobody, especially those smack in the middle of winter in the Northern Hemisphere, is feeling too bad for me at the moment. **Cont. p19**



Thoroughbreds on the beach
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Down Under cont.

The whole set up was really quite impressive. A large marquee tent (they are just everywhere!) was set up directly in front of the beach and offered plenty of coffee, refreshments and light breakfast fare. On the beach itself, Magic Millions arranged a cordoned off chute, which featured a pair of Thoroughbreds--ridden by jockeys Timothy Bell and Hughe Bowman--given a short breeze up the beach in front of a mixture of passers by and Magic Millions guests. Quite honestly, I have never seen anything like that before and highly doubt I will see anything like it again, certainly not in the U.S. In any case, the spectators--many of them beachgoers--certainly got a kick out of it.

The attention then turned to a temporary stage set up for the barrier draw and the proceedings began with TV racing personality Anthony Mithen, who was emceeding the event, and the face of the 2012 Magic Millions Carnival, actress and model Brooklyn Decker. Things quickly got underway and probably the most significant result of the draw for Saturday's \$2-million Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Classic was that trainer Gai Waterhouses's duo of Driefontein and No Looking Back drew the three and four hole, respectively, no doubt to the delight of their connections. The draw for the baby race concluded with the appropriately named Sizzling (would have only been more appropriate for me if he had been named 'melting'), before the sophomore's had their turn ahead of this weekend's \$1-million 3YO Guineas. All wrapped up shortly after 9a.m., I had a chance to chat a little with Mithen, who mentioned he had a small draft of six horses lined up for this week's sale. Selling under the name Rosemont Stud, his youngsters seem to be by some fashionable sires, so we'll have to keep a lookout for him this week.



Anthony Mithen (aka Mitho) and Christina Bossinakis at Tuesday's barrier draw at Surfers Paradise
Murray Smith

My evening itinerary featured the R.W. Williams Magic Millions Launch party held at the Arts Centre Gold Coast and I was not disappointed. When I initially arrived (40 minutes late and feeling horribly about it), the venue was absolutely jammed packed. After several oysters (I won't deny it, I absolutely love them), the crowd was treated to some good country music (Australian style), a diverse offering of food and great company. Among the folks that I had the opportunity to chat with was Highgrove's Ron Gilbert (you remember Ron from Australia, right?), Tom Magnier of Coolmore (a seriously upright kind of guy, I tell you) and last but not least, John Messara. I just had to approach the man who is responsible for the individual that saved my life the other day, trainer Paul Messara. As an added bonus, I had the opportunity to meet Christine Messara, the mother of the aforementioned savior (not to mention a seriously classy woman), and his beautiful wife, Alice. I have to say, there was a lot of talk about my brush with the errant yearling from the other day, and we got a lot of mileage--not to mention a great deal of entertainment--out of the story. After brief discussion with the patriarch of Arrowfield, I discovered that John Messara was born in Alexandria, Egypt--as was my father--and of Cretan (yes, I'm referring to the Greek island of CRETE) descent, as was my father as well. It turns out, my father and John's father both went to the same [French] private school over there. Very cool. I have to tell you, a lot of Greeks were born in Egypt, but I really got a kick out of this connection. Who knows, maybe John Messara and I are distantly related. Maybe that's a stretch, but it makes you realize how small of a world we live in. Really.

So I have to come clean, I was severely reprimanded, and deservedly so, by Coolmore's Clem Murphy last night (no, it wasn't for the amount of cocktails I consumed). The aforementioned debate between stud manager Peter O'Brien and Clem was actually about rugby and NOT soccer. It actually involved Leinster and Munster (thanks Peter for having a hand in enlightening me). I realize now, how on earth could I have been so wrong? Australians (and in this case, the Irish) are so dedicated to their footy (yes, that is RUGBY), it is just shocking I got it wrong. Maybe my third glass of wine had something to do with it, but I digress. In any case, my most sincere apologies to my Irish friends.

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Down Under cont.

Also during last night's party, Magic Millions newest managing director, Vin Cox, stepped up to address the crowd (well done, Vin). But it was the announcement that A\$35 million would be allotted to the development of the Gold Coast Racecourse for structural improvements which was probably the biggest news last night. It was very well received by the crowd, indeed, and seems to be yet another step in the right direction for horse racing in Queensland. Overall, it was a good night, was very well attended and really served as a good gateway to Wednesday's opening day of the sale. Let it begin.

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HIP HAPPENINGS - THURSDAY

Lot 188, colt, Redoute's Choice--Penny Gem (NZ) (Pentire {GB})

Consigned by Willow Park Stud

Likely to set off fireworks straight out of the stalls is this Nov. 8 foal share with Arrowfield. The bay is out of Penny Gem, who was a Group 1 winner in her native New Zealand, and is a half-sister to listed winner My Fairy Gem (Viscount {Aus}).



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Lot 210, colt, More Than Ready--Presenting (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus)

Consigned by Baramul Stud, Widden Valley, NSW

Never to be counted out in the Southern Hemisphere sales' arena, More Than Ready is responsible for this first foal out of Presenting. A listed winner and earner of A\$142,850, the 10-year-old mare is a 1/2-sister to Group 2 winner Light Up The World (Rory's Jester {Aus}). "More Than Ready is a sire that just about every trainer in the country would love to have a horse by him," offered Paul Thompson, Baramul stud manager. "The More Than Ready's have won Golden Slippers and the Magic Millions and he is from a fantastic family, so everyone really likes that horse."

Lot 265, colt, Fastnet Rock--Rose of Cimmaron (Aus), by Bite the Bullet

Consigned by Edinburgh Park, Taree, NSW

Stacked with plenty of U.S. speed on the bottom of his page, this Aug. 31 foal is out of the winning mare Rose of Cimmaron, a winning full-sister to Group 3 winner Mica's Pride (Aus) (Bite the Bullet) and listed scorer Amah Rock (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Lot 281, filly, Fastnet Rock--Satin Robes (Aus), by Ne Coupez Pas

Consigned by Widden Stud

One of the talking lots of the day, this Aug. 21 filly is a daughter of listed winner and Group 3 placed Satin Robes. **Cont. p21**

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Lot 331, filly, Shamardal--Starfish (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus)

Consigned by Amarina Farm (As Agent), Denman, NSW

Set to enter the ring late in the session, this Aug. 15 foal is out of listed placed Starfish (Redoute's Choice), who is herself a daughter of G1 MVRC Australia S. heroine Stella Cadente (Aus) (Centaine {Aus}). The bay filly hails from the extended family of G1 Golden Slipper winner Bint Marscay (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}).

Lot 345, colt, Encosta de Lago (Aus)--Sun Song (Aus), by Desert Sun (Aus)

Consigned by Coolmore Stud (As Agent), Jerry's Plains, NSW

Pedigrees don't get much better than this colt's page. By leading sire Encosta de Lago, the Oct. 27 foal is out of Sun Song, a daughter of a half-sister to one of the best mares to emerge from the land down under, Sunline (NZ) (Desert Sun). A three-time Horse of the Year in Australia and a four-time earner of the title in New Zealand, that mare accounted for in excess of A\$11-million in earnings. "He is just full of quality and a great mover," said Coolmore Stud Manager Peter O'Brien. "He is very correct and balanced and most of the good judges love him. Also, he is related to Sunline, who is the best mare to race here in my lifetime."



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Lot 352, colt, Redoute's Choice (Aus)--Sydney's Dream (Aus) by Bletchingly (Aus)

Consigned by Glastonbury Farms, (As Agent), Scone, NSW

The subject of a lot of talk on the Magic Millions sales' grounds in the days leading up to the sale, this Sept. foal is out of the Group 1-winning mare Sydney's Dream, who is responsible for fellow Group 1 winner and Golden Slipper runner-up Charge Forward (Aus) (Red Random). The Bletchingly mare is a half-sister to Group 3 scorer Marskin (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}).



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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 14	GII San Fernando S.	SA
	GIII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
Jan. 15	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
Jan. 16	GII San Gabriel S.	SA
Jan. 21	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
Jan. 22	GII La Canada S.	SA
Jan. 28	GI Santa Monica S.	SA
	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
	GIII John B. Connolly Turf Cup	HOU
Jan. 29	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GIII Holy Bull S.	GP
	Feb. 4	GII Strub S.
Feb. 4	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GII Arcadia S.	SA
	GIII Sam F. Davis S.	TAM
	GIII Endeavour S.	TAM
	GIII Withers S.	AQU
Feb. 5	GII San Antonio S.	SA

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From Start to Finish...

with Darley Flying Start's Sophie Ignarski



The Darley Flying Start Program, established in 2003 to develop potential leaders in the Thoroughbred industry, will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2013. The TDN has asked one of the trainees for 2011-2013, Sophie Ignarski, to blog about her experience, from packing up to join her class at Ireland's Kildangan Stud Aug. 15, until her graduation July 6, 2013.

As we embarked upon the closing week of the Newmarket phase of the program, most trainees were preparing to travel home for the Christmas break to countries near and far including China, Japan, USA, Ireland, and France. Before departing, we had a few final engagements to attend, including visits to Juddmonte and Cheveley Park, lectures on international horse transport and racecourse management and a somewhat feared (but inevitable) house inspection. It was, however, an eleventh-hour visit to Sir Mark Prescott's yard that provided a late contender for 'best Newmarket visit', during which the legendary trainer guided us around his incredible custom-designed facilities and spoke about his own approach to training and horsemanship; a seemingly unique combination. The famous raconteur held a rapt audience as he recalled some amusing stories from his career (some perhaps too colorful for inclusion in this blog!), and the conclusion of our two-hour visit came all too soon.



From Start to Finish cont.

Fuelled and revived from a few weeks' rest, the group reunited at the next location of our two-year program; Lexington, Kentucky. With some spare time to fill before the official start of the course, a few trainees ventured to the bright lights of Louisville to see in the New Year, whereas others stayed closer to home to catch the Louisville vs. Kentucky basketball game (the Wildcats gaining a few more devoted fans along the way). The addition of a timely lecture with Kentucky State policeman Sergeant Chad Carroll ensured that all trainees were driving on the 'right' side of the road from the outset, with any mishaps hopefully prevented!

Prior to our arrival in the USA, those trainees better acquainted with life and work in Kentucky had already begun to set the scene for the rest of us, with descriptions of illustrious horses, fantastic racing and immaculate stud farms. The first few days brought that scene to life, with visits to Jonabell, Gainsborough, Raceland and Stonerside farms providing a glimpse into the operations where we will be based during our rotations in the next few months. Our schedule incorporates a variety of farm placements, from time spent in the breeding shed to foaling duty, weanling inspections and the chance to accompany vets from Hagyard Equine Medical Center; it certainly promises to be an all-encompassing exposure to the fundamentals of horse breeding. We're grateful for the warm welcome extended to us by the Darley staff here in Lexington and look forward to working with them during these rotations.



Flying Starters with Gilbert Farrell at Raceland Farm

A visit to Darley's rehabilitation center managed by Johnny Burke was next on the agenda. Johnny's detailed explanation of each of the horses at the center gave us a great insight into the variety of musculoskeletal problems that remain ubiquitous in the trained Thoroughbred, as well as the meticulous care and observation that is often required to overcome them. It was also a firm reminder of the major advances that have occurred in the fields of veterinary diagnosis and treatment, with advanced imaging techniques, stem-cell therapies and state of the art medications helping to achieve a more favourable prognosis; certainly the case for many of the horses undergoing their recuperation at the center.



Ian Thompson and Johnny Burke

In preparation for the Keeneland's January sale, we were fortunate to be able to view Darley's resident stallions at Jonabell farm with Charlie Boden. For several of us this was our first exposure to dirt-bred stallions and it was interesting to be able observe some of the physical and conformational differences between these horses and their European counterparts that we met earlier in the program. This was a topic that was expanded upon during a later visit to Fasig-Tipton conducted by Dan Pride and Reed Ringler, who led a quick-fire interactive session covering many current issues within American racing including the use of medications and the online gambling legislation changes; a great introduction to the US industry for all of us.

In addition to Keeneland January, where we will be attending with vets, agents and Darley nominations staff, we will begin the much-anticipated farriery course at the Kentucky Horseshoeing School. Concurrently, we will also be starting a Nutrition module at the University of Kentucky, soon to be followed by our farm rotations; there is much to look forward to here in Lexington.

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OBITUARIES

LEWIS CENICOLA, 66

Lewis Cenicola, a trainer and jockey who was best known for being the exercise rider for the great John Henry, lost his battle with cancer Jan. 8 at the age of 66 at his home in Arcadia, California. A well-liked racetrack character, Cenicola rode for more than 10 years before becoming a trainer.

He won two graded stakes as a conditioner--the 1998 GIII San Simeon H. with Caballo de Oro and the 1992 GIII Silver Screen H. with Natural Nine. "He was a very good horseman and I really liked him," said Ron McAnally, who trained John Henry to Horse of the Year titles in 1981 and 1984. "He did some things with John Henry that I don't think anyone else would have had the patience to do. He'd let him stand and look when he was on the track, and when John got



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ready to move, he would let him go." He continued, "Cenicola was very instrumental in John Henry's success, let me put it that way." Cenicola is survived by his wife Donna. A funeral service is scheduled for Thursday at 1 p.m. at Saint Rita of Cascia in Sierra Madre, followed by a reception at the Santa Anita Golf Course beginning at 2:30 p.m. Donna Cenicola asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Leigh Gray's [Winner's Circle Ranch](#), 150 Sawpit Ln., Bradbury, CA, 91008, which is dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of injured horses.

TDN TODAY

Around the World. 4 pages

APPOINTMENTS

DEAN ROETHEMEIER

- Appointed to nominations staff at Darley's Jonabell Farm in Lexington, Ky.
- Previously member of marketing team Dalham Hall in Newmarket, England.
- 2008 graduate of Darley Flying Start program.
- "I'm extremely excited to be joining our nominations team at Darley in America," said Roethemeier. "Our stallion roster at Jonabell is world-class and I look forward to meeting many of our clients at the January Sale at Keeneland and working closely with them to help them plan their matings to ultimately achieve the kind of successes we all hope for."

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Caixa Eletronica	Arromanches	Rise Jim S.	110
Caracortado	Cat Dreams	Daytona S.-G3	105
Out of Bounds	Discreet Cat	Sham S.-G3	105
Uh Oh Bango	Top Hit	San Pasqual S.-G2	104
Action Andy	Gators N Bears	Pelican S.	101
Alpha	Bernardini	Count Fleet S.	100
Mizdirection	Mizzen Mast	Monrovia S.-G3	100
Delightful Mary	Limehouse	Ocala S.	99
R Holiday Mood	Trippi	Ocala S.	99
Singlet	Real Quiet	Xtra Heat S.	98
Orbiston Parva	Include	Sleigh Ride S.	97
Heavenly Landing	Pulpit	Marshua's River S.-G3	95
Snuggs and Kisses	Soto	Kachina H.	95
Captivating Lass	A.P. Indy	Busanda S.	94
Old Bushmill	North Light (Ire)	Dixie Poker Ace S.	93
Quiet Again	Real Quiet	Winsham Lad S.	93
Mr. Prankster	It's No Joke	Turfway Prevue S.	92

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-PRX, \$47,190, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26, ft.

VILLETTE (f, 3, Petionville--Untangled, by Unbridled) overcame the 11 hole to register an 11-1 upset at first asking going six panels over this track Nov. 26 and was adding Lasix here as the 5-2 chalk. Drawn on the fence, the chestnut was reserved just off the pace before edging to the front before the far turn. She opened up a bit on the turn, had a wide advantage leaving the midstretch marker and held off Spring Flower (Flower Alley) by 3 1/4 comfortable lengths. Villette is a full brother to Political Web, SW, \$210,290. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$55,200. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).

O-Virginiana. B-Jon Marshall (PA). T-John C Servis.

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Today's Insights  
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5:13p HRTV 8th-FGX, \$53k, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), 4yo/up, f/m, a1mT
 This event marks the return to action of Fox Hill Farms's **JOYFUL VICTORY (Tapit)**, who is scheduled to try the turf for the first time in her career. The grey was the leading 3-year-old filly early last season, with open-length victories in the Gill Honeybee S. and Gill Fantasy S. which earned her favoritism for the GI Kentucky Oaks. She could do no better than fourth on that occasion, was runner-up at odds-on in the GI Mother Goose S. in June and was last of five in the GI CCA Oaks when last seen July 23. Her pedigree doesn't exactly scream green, but there is every chance this race will be transferred to the main track with severe storms in the forecast. brisnet.com pps

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STALLION NEWS

Tiago to Miss 2012 Breeding Season:
 Frank Stronach's Adena Springs has announced that **Tiago** (Pleasant Tap--Set Them Free, by Stop The Music) will miss the 2012 breeding season after undergoing colic surgery at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital near Lexington, Ky, Jan. 6. The multiple Grade I-winning half-brother to GI Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo stood the 2011 season in New York at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, property of Adena Springs.

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:
Danon Creator, c, 3, **Half Ours**--Difficult, by Concern. Kyoto, 1-9, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$74,675. O-Danox Inc; B-Waterford Farm; T-Akira Murayama. * 1/2 to Testa Matta (Tapit), GSW & G1SP-Jpn, \$2,793,124. **Breaking from the 13th position in the field of 16, Danon Creator was guided to the inside by jockey Yasunari Iwata. He took over with 100 meters remaining and drew clear to win by 2 1/2 lengths. "He started quickly and raced from the good position," said Iwata. "It was almost a perfect trip following the favorite."
Dark Mullein, f, 3, **Sabmykaa (Jpn)**--Star Mullein, by Woodman. Nakayama, 1-8, Novice Race, 8fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$81,818. O-Shigeo Kadono; B-Winchester Farm; T-Masahiro Otake. * 1/2 to Dance Of Salome (Jpn) (Biwa Takehide {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$704,956.
Auxerrois, g, 6, **Awesome Again**--Sixtyone Margaux, (SW-US, \$147,890), by Cozzene. Kyoto, 1-9, Shinshun S., 7fT, Lifetime Record: 20-5-4-3, \$967,013. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Mike G Rutherford; T-Takayuki Yasuda. * \$325,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **Auxerrois broke well from the gate to set the pace and never looked back, scoring the victory in wire-to-wire fashion.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:
Fleet Street (Jpn), c, 3, **Street Sense**--Jenny Lind (GB), by Singspiel. Kyoto, 1-9, Maiden Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$77,922. O-H H Sheikh Mohammed; B-Darley Japan Farm; T-Katsuhiko Sumii.
Mikki Ballade (Jpn), h, 5, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Saintly Scout, by Saint Ballado. Kyoto, 1-9, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-1, \$547,662. O-Mizuki Noda; B-Shimoyashiki Farm; T-Tomokazu Takano.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, January 11
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackType Wnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CORINTHIAN (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/17/1
 3-GP, Ocl, 6f, My People, \$45K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 5-2
DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 214/22/1
 2-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Evasive Cat, \$30K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 7-5
EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (Elusive Quality), Journeyman, \$4K, 119/15/1
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Dreaming of Neno, \$11K RNA OBS OCT wnl, 8-1
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, Island Scholar, \$21K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1
HARD SPUN (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/28/3
 6-GP, Msw, 5fT, D' Pepjo, \$90K FTS AUG yrl, 15-1



Rookies cont.

HAT TRICK (JPN) (Sunday Silence), Gainseway, \$15K, 114/8/1
 5-DED, Msw, 5f, Miss Slap Shot, \$2K RNA BSC YRL yrl, 8-1
LAWYER RON (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 143/15/3
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Mordi's Miracle, \$475K RNA FTF FEB 2yo, 3-1
MR. SEKIGUCHI (Storm Cat), Hill N Dale, \$5K, 61/3/1
 6-GP, Msw, 5fT, Fiftytwoweekhigh, \$47K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1
SAINT ANDDAN (A.P. Indy), Journeyman, \$5K, 78/16/1
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Jamie's Boy, \$33K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1
SIMON PURE (Silver Deputy), Hartley DeRenzo, \$5K, 86/10/1
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, Whining, \$3K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
SPELLBINDER (Tale of the Cat), 13/2/0
 5-DED, Msw, 5f, +Lotta Zalotta, 8-1
STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$75K, 208/14/1
 2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Closerwalk, \$125K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2
 2-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Horseshoe Hill, \$125K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

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HOLLYWOOD PARK

Euroears (Langfuhr), 5f, :59.00, 1/13
 Jeranimo (Congaree), 5f, 1:00.80, 9/13
 Sway Away (Afleet Alex), 6f, 1:10.80, 1/5
 The Factor (War Front), 4f, :48.20, 9/17
 Ultimate Eagle (Mizzen Mast), 4f, :48.40, 12/17
 f, 3, Elusive Quality--Silverbulletday, 4f, :48.20, 9/17

OAKLAWN PARK

Alternation (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/17
 No Spin (Johannesburg), 5f, 1:02.00, 3/17

PALM MEADOWS

Capt. Candyman Can (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :49.60, 17/31
 Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic), 4fT, :49.29, 2/16
 Grace Hall (Empire Maker), 4f, :50.03, 20/31
 f, 3, Smart Strike--Escena, 4f, :51.20, 19/24

PAYSON PARK

Musketier (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), 4fT, :50.40, 4/5
 Royal Delta (Empire Maker), 3f, :36.00, 1/5

SANTA ANITA

Candrea (Trippi), 4f, :49.20, 6/9
 Ellafitz (Tiznow), 3f, :36.40, 2/2
 Wine Police (Speightstown), 5f, 1:02.80, 9/10

2011 Leading North American Breeders

	Starts	Wins	Earnings
Adena Springs*	3310	449	\$14,508,811
Ken & Sarah Ramsey	1687	244	\$7,220,590
Brereton C Jones	1580	231	\$5,645,373
Eugene Melnyk	1242	224	\$5,313,697
Ocala Stud	445	95	\$4,069,944

*9th consecutive year as top North American breeder

Statistics courtesy of The Jockey Club

ITALY



FUNDING PROTEST SET FOR THURSDAY

The strike action, which has halted all racing in Italy since the turn of the year, will take a significant turn tomorrow when an organised protest takes place outside the office of Prime Minister Mario Monti. Campaigners, who claim the bloodstock industry supports 50,000 families nationwide, will call upon agriculture minister Mario Catania to increase state aid following swathing cuts which have reduced purses and racecourse funding. Italian journalist Dr. Carlo Zuccoli believes that, unless a new structure of funding can be found, the future of the sport is in doubt. He told British broadsheet *The Guardian*, "[Racing Authority] UNIRE hasn't produced a balance sheet for about 10 years and nobody has challenged that. Last year, between flat racing and trotting, UNIRE paid out €218 million in prize money and a further €135 million to racecourses, as well as servicing their own debts and administrative expenses of the sport. According to betting figures from 2011, UNIRE cannot have received more than €160 million in commission from the Italian Tote betting system, which means there was a huge overspend, unless there was additional funding coming from the government which we don't know about." He continued, "Tote betting is declining by 25 percent year on year, so the situation for this year will be even worse. The betting model, through which money comes back to racing, is broken and it is effectively bankrupt. As it stands, every race that is run is being run at a loss. Nobody in Italy has any money at the moment and the new minister has already made it clear that there will be nothing more for the sport. The only way forward is to admit that we need a new structure for funding racing and to start again with a clean slate. If we try to carry on as things are, racecourses will close and racing will not survive in Italy." Jockey Frankie Dettori has added his weight to the campaign and wore the slogan "Save Italian Racing" at last month's Hong Kong International meet. "Italian racing is in serious trouble and I want to help my country to ride out the crisis," said Dettori. "All the Italian racing people will have to work together as hard as they can."

TDN Euro is:

England: Sean Cronin (CAFE Racing)
 Tom Frary (CAFE Racing)
 Barry Sangster (CAFE Racing)
 Gavin Dobson (CAFE Racing)
France: Claude Beniada
Germany: Christa Riebel
Ireland: Dave Keena
Italy: Giorgio Barsotti



ASIA



Wednesday, Happy Valley, Hong Kong

JANUARY CUP H., HK\$2,400,000, 3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Noble Conqueror (Aus)	Danehill	Purton	Fownes	133
2	6	Mighty High (Fr)	Peintre Celebre	Doye	Moore	132
3	7	Sight Winner (NZ)	Faltaat	Angland	Size	130
4	12	Super Satin (NZ)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Doleuze	Fownes	125
5	4	Military Move (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Callan	Moore	122
6	5	Jacobee (GB)	Mark of Esteem (GB)	Beadman	Moore	120
7	10	Pure Champion (Ire)	Ftspnsnthsand (GB)	Mosse	A Cruz	120
8	9	Super Pistachio (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Cheyne	A Cruz	120
9	1	Familists (Aus)	Hussonet	Clark	Hall	117
10	3	Handsome Zulu (Aus)	Hndsme Rnsm (Aus)	Cheng	Ho	114
11	2	Packing Ok (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Lloyd	Moore	114
12	11	Ride With the Wind (GB)	Rck of Gbraltar (Ire)	DuPlessis	Size	113
Also Eligible						
13		Free Judgement	Vindication	No Rider	Woods	113
14		Happy Guys (NZ)	Keeper (Aus)	No Rider	Yiu	113

Competing in this Happy Valley centerpiece for the fifth time and looking to win it for the third consecutive season is **Noble Conqueror**. The 9-year-old, a 10-time winner at the city track, is a bona-fide fan favorite, but could be making the final start of his career this evening. "He's getting on in years and he doesn't do much at Sha Tin, so the programme doesn't cater for him--but first we'll see how he runs," trainer Caspar Fownes reported. "Noble Conqueror has truly been the best horse at Happy Valley in recent times, and the plan was to get him as fit as possible first time out for this race. I've done as much as I can and now we'll see how he goes." **Pure Champion** drops in class off a seventh in the G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup Dec. 11, where he was beaten just three lengths behind California Memory (Highest Honor {Fr}). The newly upgraded January Cup is the first domestic group race to be contested at Happy Valley in nearly a decade. [Click for HKJC.com pps.](http://www.hkjc.com)

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SOUTH AMERICA



FIRST INVASOR RUNNER A HIT AT MARONAS

Invasor's first Southern Hemisphere starter **Cayetano P.** (Invasor {Arg}) hit the ground running and provided a gratifying result for Uruguayan fans when landing a conditional maiden event by a nose from **Cafe Chapel (Uru)** (Cafetin {Arg}) on the Jose Pedro Ramirez undercard Jan. 6 at Maronas National Racecourse in Montevideo ([video](#)). The Kentucky-bred 3-year-old colt from the first crop of U.S. 2006 Horse of the Year and champion older male, Cayetano P. was purchased as a weanling for \$12,500 at the 2009 Keeneland November breeding stock sale by Daniel Montero's Haras Maria Isabel and Dr. Pablo Hernandez. They campaigned Invasor in Montevideo along with brothers Juan Luis and Luis Alberto Vio Bado before completing the sale to Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum's Shadwell Stable. Cayetano P., starting as lone Northern Hemisphere 3-year-old in a 12-horse field, defeated his Southern Hemisphere elders in the 5 1/2-furlong heat, covering the distance in 1:05.94.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 13.05, €20,000, 4yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:31.90, stn.

ILABELA (IRE) (f, 4, **Azamour {Ire}**--**Vadsa Honor {Fr}**, **SW-Fr**, by **Highest Honor {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €31,100. O-Robert Nahas & Alain Louis-Dreyfus; B-Pegasus Breeding Ltd; T-David Smaga. *€170,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Vahorimix (Linamix {Fr}), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Fr-at 7-9 1/2 furlongs, MG1SW-Fr, \$441,428; Vadalix (Linamix {Fr}), SW & GSP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Small Frida (Fr), f, 3, **Gold Away (Ire)**--Becky Moss, by Red Ransom. Deauville, France, 1-10, Mdn, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Investment AB Rustningen.

Ecoisaise (GB), f, 4, **Selkirk**--Diablerette (GB), by Green Desert. Southwell, Britain, 1-10, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Kirsten Rausing.



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