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SIGNS OF HOPE AS KEEJAN ENDS

Whether you consider it the last real auction of 2011 or the first of 2012, the Keeneland January Sale, which concluded its four-day run yesterday in Lexington, gave market players plenty of reason for optimism going forward. There were positive indicators after the



Tom Thornbury LM photo

Keeneland September Yearling Sale and the Kentucky November Sale that the market had stabilized, and was perhaps on an upswing. The one caveat, however, was the effect a pair of dispersals had on the Keeneland November Sale. The marathon auction was fueled by exceptionally strong demand for horses selling from the dispersals of Ned Evans's Spring Hill Farm and Saud bin Khaled's Palides

Investments, the latter of which included the \$8.5-million GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic heroine Royal Delta (Empire Maker). But if there was any reason to doubt a marketplace finding its equilibrium, the January Sale answered those doubts with gains in nearly all sectors. The auction's gross--which surpassed last year's five-day run at the end of selling Tuesday--was up just over 50% from 2011. The average of \$37,878 was up 53.1%, and the median of \$15,000 was up 100%. Buy-backs were down substantially, with 19.7% of the horses failing to find new homes, compared to 27.3% last season. "Going into January, I would not have expected the results we've had," admitted Keeneland's associate director of sales Tom Thornbury. "Going in, I had a few people ask if they thought January would be strong as November, and I said that they had to remember that we had those two dispersals. January, on the other hand, is a very mixed bag, and you saw that during this sale. On the same day you saw no-bids, a mare brought \$1.4 million. But, as far as Januarys go, this sale was still very, very encouraging. It outran last year's January Sale by gross receipts in the first two days--that's incredible. And it's been up on all scores throughout the whole sale. Here on the last day, there was still very strong demand for very nice individuals, especially babies. All in all, we're thrilled, and breeders should be very encouraged as to the future of the market." **Cont. p4**

FIREWORKS AT MAGIC MILLIONS

Right from the start of the second session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast sale, the anticipation and the energy at the Magic Millions sales complex in Bundall Thursday was palpable, and turned out to be fully



Day 2 Session Topper,
Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt

justified as Coolmore walked away with the day's highest-priced lot, a Fastnet Rock (Aus) colt who brought A\$960,000. By the time [lot 265](#) was led into the ring, the session had already seen six head bring in excess of A\$300,000. Bidding for the handsome bay quickly escalated and hit

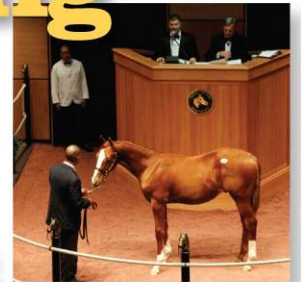
the A\$500,000 mark in a blink of the eye as several suitors pursued the colt. They included John Messara and his Arrowfield team, situated at the back corner of the dining area; Sydney-based trainer Gai Waterhouse, who was seated nearby; and the Coolmore battalion, marshalled by Demi O'Byrne and James Bester, assumed its customary place at the far left of the podium nearest the doorway. With an audible buzz throughout the early bidding, things turned remarkably quiet as the selling progressed. Past the A\$800,000 mark, bidding rose by A\$25,000 increments before temporarily stalling at A\$950,000. **Cont. p3**

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In addition to our in-depth onsite coverage from the Keeneland January Sale and the Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale, we also have a Q&A with Robin Bruss, CEO of Cape Thoroughbred Sales. *TDN's* Marie Kizenko got the scoop on the upcoming Cape Premier Yearling Sale to be held Jan. 26-27.

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TDN Columnist Bill Oppenheim stays on the APEX beat, this time discussing a Southern Hemisphere version of the popular ratings.

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The globe-trotting **Musir (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) easily handled **Master of Hounds** (Kingmambo) by three lengths during Round 1 of Meydan's G3 Al Maktoum Challenge Thursday.

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Kentucky Derby winner **Animal Kingdom** (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) stretches his legs at Palm Meadows Thursday

Adam Coglianese

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Magic Millions cont.

When auctioneer Steve Davis emphatically urged Coolmore to up the ante, the number he understood was A\$10,000, pushing the figure to A\$960,000. "It's alright, it's an auction," quipped Davis, addressing the modest volley. But in the end, it turned out that it was all that as needed as the Jerry's Plains stud won the battle.

"He probably brought a little more than we thought, but Fastnet Rock is going so well at the moment, and that's the sire people want right now," said Coolmore's Tom Magnier. "We are trying to find good Fastnets, and he was a horse that Demi and James loved. The lads just the loved the quality of the horse."

As for some of the colt's attributes, Magnier added, "He is typical of Fastnet Rock. He has loads of quality and he is a great mover. He ticked all the boxes for us. We came here to buy the good Fastnet Rocks, and he's one of them."

An Aug. 31 foal, the bay—who was offered by his breeder Ian Smith's Edinburgh Park—is out of multiple winner Rose of Cimmaron (Aus) (Bite the Bullet). She is a full-sister to GSW Mica's Pride (Aus), who in turn is responsible for Group 2 scorer Varenna Miss (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) and listed winner Silently (Aus) (Anabaa).

"The family is alright with Fastnet Rock, and they do well with him, so [O'Byrne and Bester] were very keen to get him," Magnier added.

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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST YEARLINGS

TOP 5 COLTS

Hip #	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
265	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Rose of Cimmaron (Aus) <i>B-I K Smith</i> Consigned by Edinburgh Park Purchased by Demi O'Byrne & James Bester Bloodstock	960,000
210	More Than Ready	Presenting (Aus) <i>B-G Harvey</i> Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Segenhoe Stud	470,000
354	Northern Meteor (Aus)	Tactfully (Aus) <i>B-G Walsh, L Maxsted, M Andrew, S Tuxen</i> Consigned by Attunga Stud, agent Purchased by George Moore Bloodstock	420,000
350	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Sweet Ransom (Aus) <i>B-Newhaven Park Stud</i> Consigned by Newhaven Park, agent Purchased by Magic Millions, agent	380,000
261	Bernardini	Rock on Madonna (Aus) <i>B-Mill Park, Robert & Helen Dinham</i> Consigned by Mill Park, agent Purchased by Hong Kong Jockey Club	360,000

TOP 5 FILLIES

Hip #	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
342	More Than Ready	Sugar Babe (NZ) <i>B-Strawberry Hill Stud</i> Consigned by Strawberry Hill Stud Purchased by Gai Waterhouse & James Harron Bloodstock	600,000
226	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Quack (Aus) <i>B-GP & J A Nolan</i> Consigned by Rosari Farm Purchased by Bahen Bloodstock & Malua Racing	460,000
281	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Satin Robes (Aus) <i>B-D Ho</i> Consigned by Widden Stud, agent Purchased by Boomer Bloodstock	450,000
331	Shamardal	Starfish (Aus) <i>B-Wood Nook Farm Pty Ltd</i> Consigned by Amarina Farm, agent Purchased by Segenhoe Stud	420,000
224	Choisir (Aus)	Pushing Daisies (Aus) <i>B- Mill Park</i> Consigned by Mill Park, agent Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock Agency	350,000

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**KEENELAND JANUARY
- Top 10 Yearlings -**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
749	c	Unbridled's Song <i>B-Barry & Judith Becker (KY)</i> Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, Inc., agent Purchased by Fox Hill Farm	Ideal Image	490,000
562	f	Empire Maker <i>B-Forging Oaks (KY)</i> Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by T Hyde	Ticker Tape (GB)	400,000
8	f	Tapit <i>B-Nordic Thoroughbreds (KY)</i> Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent for Nordic Thoroughbreds Purchased by John D Gunther	Lady On Holiday	250,000
354	c	Elusive Quality (\$175,000 i/u '10 FTKNOV) <i>B-Clearsky Farms (KY)</i> Consigned by Paragon Farms LLC, Agent I Purchased by Florida Bloodstock Investments	Grace Anatomy	250,000
484	f	Unbridled's Song <i>B-Mueller Farms & Taylor Made Stallions (KY)</i> Consigned by Bluegrass Thor. Services (J. Stuart), Agent XL Purchased by Frankfort Park	Queen of Money	225,000
699	c	Curlin <i>B-Eldon Farm Equine LLC (KY)</i> Consigned by Gainesway, Agent for Eldon Farm Racing Inc. Purchased by Crooked Prince Bloodstock	Dyna's Lassie	225,000
635	c	Malibu Moon <i>B-Willow Oaks Stable (KY)</i> Consigned by Bluegrass Thor. Services (J. Stuart), Agent XL Purchased by Front Range Farm	Berry Blessed	220,000
246	f	Bernardini <i>B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXIX Purchased by Black Cherry Farm	Arabis	210,000
30	f	Pulpit <i>B-Padua Stables (KY)</i> Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent Purchased by Bluegrass Hall	Lovely Regina	200,000
368	c	Pioneerof the Nile <i>B-Richard L & Katherine H Elam (KY)</i> Consigned by St. George Sales, Agent XIV Purchased by Vinery Bloodstock & Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Holy Bubbette	200,000

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'Top' of the Market...

The top price paid at Keeneland January came Monday, when representatives of Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm went to \$1.4 million for **Topliner** (Gulch), the dam of GI Matriarch S. winner Star Billing (Dynaformer) and a half-sister to the Grade I winners Starrer (Dynaformer) and Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush). Successful owner and breeder George Krikorian, who races Star Billing, sold the mare in foal to Medaglia d'Oro through John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Sales. Another Grade I producer, **Spice Island** (Tabasco Cat), earned runner-up honors at \$775,000. The dam of GI Florida Derby hero and GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Ice Box (Pulpit) sold in foal to Tapit. Meg Levy's Bluewater Sales consigned her. Tuesday's session brought the sale's third- and fourth-highest prices, the \$600,000 **Magnificent Honour** (A.P. Indy), who went to Blandford Bloodstock for \$600,000. Paramount Sales sold the full-sister to Rags to Riches in foal to Giant's Causeway. Capping off the foursome that cleared the half-million mark was MGSW & MGISP **Cozi Rosie** (Pleasantly Perfect), knocked down to Japan's Shadai Farm for \$525,000. The Jerry and Ann Moss homebred was offered as a racing or breeding prospect by Lane's End.



\$1.4 million Topliner
L Marquardt photo

KEENELAND JANUARY

- Top Six Mares -

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
<u>198</u>	Topliner <i>(10, Thunder Gulch--To the Hunt, by Relaunch)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida	i/f Medaglia d'Oro	1,400,000
<u>153</u>	Spice Island <i>(12, Tabasco Cat--Crown of Sheba, by Alysheba)</i> Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent XXXIX Purchased by Hunter Valley Farm, agent	i/f Tapit	775,000
<u>417</u>	Magnificent Honour <i>(10, A.P. Indy--Better Than Honour, by Deputy Minister)</i> Consigned by Paramount Sales, Agent XXXV Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock	i/f Giant's Causeway	600,000
<u>675</u>	Cozi Rosie <i>(5, Pleasantly Perfect--Felidia {Ire}, by Golden Fleece)</i> Consigned by Lane's End, Agent Purchased by Shadai Farm	B'Mare Prospect	525,000
<u>568</u>	Touching Beauty <i>(5, Tapit--Victory Road, by Ikari)</i> Consigned by Gainesway, Agent X Purchased by Eaton Sales, agent	i/f Unbridled's Song	450,000
<u>623</u>	Art Princess <i>(6, Officer--Rhumb Line, by Mr. Greeley)</i> Consigned by Gainesway, Agent VIII Purchased by Katsumi Yoshida	i/f Tapit	400,000

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Diamond G On Point...

As the rain came down harder and the dropping temperatures threatened to make driving conditions a bit hairy, Diamond G Ranch farm manager Don Waits got out of Lexington as quickly as he could yesterday. But not without first landing the day's co-highest-priced mare, Rendezvous Point



Rendezvous Point steps out into the rain at KEEJAN
Lucas Marquardt

Kingmambo), a half-sister to Five Star Day (Carson City) who went for \$90,000. Mill Ridge Sales consigned the mare, in foal on a May 25 cover to the streaking sophomore sire Discreet Cat, as [hip 1298](#). The 11-year-old Rendezvous Point is also a half to the dam of GSW High Finance (Talk Is Money) and was produced by a sister to Marquetry.

"She's a nice, pretty mare, and we're glad to have her for our broodmare band," said Waits. "We're buying mares for the stallions we stand at Diamond G--we've got about eight now."

Located on the outskirts of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Randy Gammill's Diamond G Ranch stands four stallions, including new addition Affirmatif (Unbridled's Song), as well as Lucky Lionel, Evansville Slew and Tactical Cat.

Keeneland January Coverage by Lucas Marquardt

Waits picked up two other mares at January. On Monday, he secured the stakes-placed 8-year-old **Won More Penny** (In Excess {Ire}--Dad's Penelope, by Saros {GB}) ([hip 225](#)), selling open, for \$8,000 from Taylor Made Sales. Then, on Wednesday, Waits went to \$47,000 for the Allied Bloodstock-consigned 4-year-old **Blue Catch** (Flatter--Nabbed, by Red Ransom) ([hip 1022](#)), an unraced full-sister to SW & GSP Catch a Thief. Waits said the plan was to race Blue Catch in Oklahoma before adding her to the broodmare band.

"Mr. Gammill tries to buy the best possible pedigree for the best possible price," said Waits from the road. "We thought we got some good buys."

Waits said Diamond G does a little bit of everything in the business. "We race a few, we breed to sell, we have stallions," he said.

Gammill got his start with claiming horses before founding Diamond G, situated on 160 acres, in 1999. The farm added its first stallion, Lucky Lionel, in 2003. Waits, a native Kentuckian, moved to Oklahoma to manage Diamond G Ranch in 2007.

"Things seems to be looking up in Oklahoma," said Waits. "The racing's been good, and now the breeding industry is looking up."

**WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ...
AT THE SALES**

Keeneland Associate Director of Sales Tom Thornbury:

"I think buyers are tired of not spending their money. They've saved their money and waited for things to recover, and their returns in other investments still aren't good. There's no return as great as the return on a good horse can be. That appreciation can't be found in any other market, be it art, real estate, commodities, whatever. It can be stratospheric, and hope springs eternal in this business. All buyers are optimists. All they need is some encouragement. The market was so strong in November that it gave them confidence."



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Monday, January 9 - Thursday, January 12**

CUMULATIVE:	2012	2011
Catalogued	1,594	1,827
No. Offered	1,250	1,406
No. Sold	1,003	1,021
RNAs	247	385
% RNAs	19.8%	27.4%
No. Over \$300K	20	11
High Price	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Gross	\$37,991,900	\$25,250,350
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Well Defended...

Sharing top honors for a mare yesterday was **La Defense** (Wild Again--Captivant, by Deputy Minister), who was knocked down to McMahan & Hill LLC for \$90,000. Offered by Jody and Michelle Huckabay's Elm



La Defense
Lucas Marquardt

Tree Farm was [hip 1198](#), the 14-year-old sold in foal to Coolmore's young sire Munnings (Speightstown). La Defense was a winner on the track and is a half-sibling to five stakes horses, including GSW Noisette (Broad Brush) and MSW & GSP Roi Maudit (Elusive Quality).

La Defense has been good to nearly everyone who's had a connection to her. Her first foal, Quelle Surprise (Slew Gin Gizz), was a homebred stakes winner of over \$140,000 for Haras Santa Maria de Araras SA, who had also bred La Defense. Another two of her foals proved good yearling-to-juvenile pinhooks for Eisaman Equine (\$35,000 to \$80,000) and the McKathan Bros. (\$45,000 to \$110,000), respectively, before she provided one of the most eye-catching pinhooking successes of 2011. Her 2009 foal, the colt Macho Rocket, was acquired for \$22,000 as a yearling by Tristan de Meric, who then resold the gray to Frank Fletcher Racing for \$825,000 at OBS April last year. Macho Rocket made a favorable impression on debut at Hollywood Nov. 27, leading every step and winning by a half-length for trainer Bob Baffert.



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<u>SESSION TOTALS:</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Catalogued	404	378
No. Offered	313	285
No. Sold	253	230
RNAs	60	55
% RNAs	19.2%	19.3%
No. Over \$50K	14	4
High Price	\$90,000 (2)	\$110,000
Gross	\$3,620,700	\$1,876,500
Average (% change)	\$14,311 (+75.4%)	\$8,159
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La Defense herself was sent through the ring at the 2010 OBS Winter Sale, where the Huckabays acquired her for \$32,000 while in foal to Master Command. They sold that resulting foal for \$20,000, then hit paydirt at the Keeneland November sale two months ago when they sold her 2011 Colonel John (Tiznow) weanling for \$150,000.

"Michelle and I actually bought her to breed to Colonel John," said Huckabay of WinStar's Grade I winner. "We had bought a share in Colonel John, and we didn't have a mare at the time to breed to him, and were kind of up against it. That's the reason she was purchased. On paper, she matched up well. Physically, she's a Quarter Horse type, while he's a long, lengthy horse--a real Tiznow. We thought they would complement each other, and the resulting foal certainly did great in November. She was getting a little bit of age on her, so we decided to enter her here, and obviously with the updates, it was a nice score. She certainly outsold her reserve. But I think there's still juice in the lemon and, hopefully, everybody will come out smelling good."

The people that bought her are bloodstock agents Mike McMahon and Jamie Hill, whose bloodstock agency is located in Versailles. The former said La Defense was purchased on behalf of Sally Anderson's River Mist Farm in Ocala. "We like the mare a lot, liked the covering, and it looks like that Macho Uno colt [Macho Rocket] can really run," said McMahon. "But we also loved that Colonel John colt. I'd have to check my notes, but we might have been the underbidder on him at November. I've seen all the mare's foals--she gets great-looking babies. She's got a lot of positives. I don't know who we'll go back to--I bought her for a client and we haven't had a chance to talk about it--but possibly Macho Uno."

Awesome Again Tops Day 4 As Youngsters Sell Well...

[Hip 1408](#), an Awesome Again half-brother to the Grade I performer Mystery Girl (Stormy Atlantic), brought \$72,000 from Fred W. Hertrich III, the top price paid for a short yearling yesterday. A product of the 13-year-old A B C Amanda (Alphabet Soup), the Mar. 24-foaled colt was consigned by Hidden Brook. Doug Branham bred the horse in Kentucky.

Short yearlings have been a driving force at Keeneland January in recent years, and with sale officials saying repeatedly that many weanling-to-juvenile had yet to fill their orders, figured to do well once again. That proved to be the case. A total of 16 youngsters brought \$150,000 or more, compared to nine last year. Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm purchased January's top-priced short yearling, going to \$490,000 for a striking colt by Unbridled's Song--Ideal Image (Hennessy). The colt, consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, is a three-parts brother to MGISW Sassy Image (Broken Vow). A filly by Empire Maker out of Grade I winner Ticker Tape (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) brought \$400,000 to the bid of Tim Hyde. Consigned by Eaton Sales, she was the sale's second-dearest short yearling.

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ... AT THE SALES

Elm Tree Farm's Jody Huckabay:

"We didn't have any huge licks, but we brought in some horses that certainly exceeded our expectations. We thought it was a good sale, and certainly if you had good short yearlings who passed the vet and looked athletic, they gave you a fair price. Mares, the same thing. If they had a good physical and there was some pedigree, there were people there to give you a fair return on your investment. I think there was fair trade. It's supply and demand. Our supply is decreasing, and we're being rewarded for that. I think it's starting to turn around--I really do."

Bloodstock agent Doug Cauthen:

"Supply and demand have been balanced out. The market system works if you let it. A lot of the mares at the bottom part of the market have been sold off. But there's certainly an imbalance now between supply and quality lots. There's a lot of demand for those, and the good ones have been expensive. I think everyone's trying to keep their standards up--I know I am. And there are only so many of those in any given sale."



Doug Cauthen cont.

“The New York situation [slot revenue at Aqueduct] has certainly moved some people up, and I think there’s a lot of potential in Kentucky in that area, as well. I feel like with instant racing at Kentucky Downs and, hopefully, Ellis Park soon, I feel we’re moving in the right direction. And I think expanded gaming has a good shot to get on the ballot [in Kentucky], which is needed--we have to be competitively equal.”

Walt Robertson, Keeneland Vice President of Sales:

“It was super--not-solds under 20%, gross was up 50%, people bought babies, people bought mares. There was an active market clear through.”

Geoffrey Russell, Keeneland Director of Sales:

On the strength of the middle market

“Coming in, we thought the middle market was pretty strong--it had improved in September and November. September was good, and it rolled into November and gave people confidence.”

On the effect of the major dispersals at November

“What the dispersals did [in November] and what the Overbrook dispersals did in 2009 was to give people a way to evaluate horses. I think that’s the most important thing--buyers are able to work out what a horse is worth and consignors are able to know what reserve to put on them. I think November was successful even without the dispersals--I think it was a very strong market without them. They just put the cherry on top.”

On domestic spending

“The story of sales in 2011 has to be the return of the domestic market. In September, all the million-dollar yearlings were bought by domestics. In November, the top end was dominated by domestics.”

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



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Edinburgh Park Star Rocks Gold Coast...

Ian Smith may not have a sprawling operation or a large group of broodmares, but he certainly makes the most of what he's got. The master of Edinburgh Stud brought only seven horses to the Gold Coast this year, but he hit paydirt when [lot 265](#) brought a robust sum of A\$960,000 from Team Coolmore.



Lot 265

Trackside Photography

"I knew he was a very good horse and I knew there were some serious buyers on the horse, so we were lucky to

get some momentum in the ring and off we went," said Smith. "It was fantastic."

While numerous operations enjoyed varying degrees of traffic through their barns during the preceding week, Smith was keenly aware that he had something special in Stable M in the days leading up to his sale.

"There was a buzz around the colt at the sales, and each day, it was just building momentum as all the vets and buyers went through them all," Smith said.

"Everyone was coming to him. We got the result we wanted."

He added, "He was a complete horse, and you couldn't fault him. He had beautiful balance and is by the hottest sire in the country. He is the first foal out of a very good mare with a fantastic pedigree. Anyone looking for a serious yearling, which could flow onto the racetrack and, hopefully, go into the barn as a stallion, would want him."

As a young man, Smith was introduced to the game as young punter before securing a few of his own to race. After playing in the ownership ranks, the Australian secured Edinburgh Park in the early '90s and, eight years ago, launched his commercial operation.



Ian Smith & Tom Magnier
Magic Millions

"As a 16-year-old, I liked to have a bet," Smith chuckled. "I was lucky enough that the first horse I raced

became a Group 3 winner, and it sort of developed from there. I went from having a bet and having some fun to buying a horse to a full-blown commercial establishment."

Edinburgh is divided into two separate tracts. The original property spans 300 acres and is located in Taree, while the second is comprised of 30 acres in nearby Wingham. According to Smith, the smaller farm is used primarily for yearling preparation and weanlings, in addition to the education of the younger horses, while the larger farm is dedicated to mares and raising the older horses. According to Smith, the operation currently boards only 25 mares, but has made the most of the limited numbers.

While Edinburgh Stud has a handful of horses on the racetrack, Smith is abundantly clear about what the operation's main focus is.

"I'm a breeder, I do race some, but I like to sell quality horses," he stated.



MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST
Thursday, January 12, 2012

<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Catalogued	360	385
No. Offered	325	356
No. Sold	262	275
RNAs	63	81
% RNA	19.3%	22.8%
Highest Price	A\$960,000	A\$850,000
Gross	A\$33,530,000	A\$34,980,500
Average (% change)	A\$127,977 (+0.6%)	A\$127,202
Median (% change)	A\$100,000 (+11.1%)	A\$90,000

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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST
Thursday, January 12, 2012

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Catalogued	180	190
No. Offered	159	181
No. Sold	138	144
RNAs	21	37
% RNA	13.2%	20.4%
Highest Price	A\$960,000	A\$850,000
Gross	A\$18,780,000	A\$18,321,000
Average (% change)	A\$136,087 (+7%)	A\$127,229

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Among the operation's biggest commercial scores prior to yesterday's sale was Group 3 winner and Group-1 placed Sister Madly (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), who brought A\$1 million last June at the Magic Millions National Broodmare sale. Edinburgh Park also bred that filly's half-brother, Silent Witness (Aus), a two-time Horse of the Year and champion sprinter in Hong Kong.

"I always come to the sales with maybe five to 10 yearlings," confirmed Smith. "Starting off you have the lesser lots, but you kick them along. Silent Witness definitely helped us, and we are producing quality horses every year."

As for his overall sense of the market through the first two days of the sale, Smith added, "I think the middle market might be missing, some people might be reluctant to go hard and they seem to be sitting back a bit to see if the horses place in the market. There seems to be a lot of horses being sold after they come out of the ring. People just seem to be a little pickier about what they want to buy, but the right horse will make serious money."

Rocking it at Magic Millions...

Just like a flawless gem, Coolmore's Fastnet Rock (Aus) (Danehill) continues to appreciate in value as his offspring continue to dominate on the track, as well as in the sales ring. The highly prolific stallion, who covered an impressive 364 mares in both hemispheres last year, has already sired eight Group 1 winners (four this year), including the Mark Kavanagh-trained



Fastnet Rock (Aus)
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Atlantic Jewel (Aus).

"He's ideal for here, because he gets sprinters, he gets colts and fillies, and they train on as well," explained Coolmore Stud Manager Peter O'Brien. "He produces great quality and all types of horses."

While perennial leader Redoute's Choice (Aus) currently leads the stallion rankings for the Australian 2011-2012 season, the Fastnet Rock seems to be poised to make a race of it after having already garnered his 10th individual stakes winner of the current season. Among the favorites for this Saturday's BMW Magic Millions 2YO Classic is B.J. McLachlan S. heroine Driefontein (Aus), who could further bolster her sire's total earnings.

Seeking to expand his influence, Coolmore shuttled the stallion to Coolmore Ireland for the past two Northern Hemisphere seasons, and his reception there has been tremendous. He currently has his second crop of foals in Europe this year. Servicing a limited book of mares in Ireland this year, the young stallion has a list of 30 mares waiting to be bred to him.

"He got some excellent mares in the Northern Hemisphere," confirmed Magnier. "We sent a lot of our own mares to him, and so did [Coolmore trainer] Aidan [O'Brien]. He's stepping up to be the next Danehill."

Magic Millions Coverage by Christina Bossinakis

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SATURDAY'S HIP HAPPENINGS

Lot 560, colt, [More Than Ready \(Aus\)](#)--Danni Martine (Aus), by Danzero (Aus)

Consigned by Southern Cross Breeders

Bred to be a good one, this Sept. 25 foal is the second foal out of G1 STC Coolmore Classic heroine Danni Martine. The 12-year-old mare, who is a half-sister to MGSP Rory's Ratio (Aus) (Rory's Jester {Aus}), is already responsible for the winning On Your Mark (Aus), a full brother to this colt.

Lot 564, colt, [Encosta de Lago \(Aus\)](#)--Dashkova, by Fasliyev

Consigned by Coolmore Stud, (as agent)

This Sept. 9 foal boasts nice black-type, including his half-brother, Indian Ocean (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), a winner at the Group 2 level. This colt's 11-year-old dam is a half-sister to Group 3 scorer Lorne Dancer (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

Lot 567, colt, [Fastnet Rock \(Aus\)](#)--De Lago Lass (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus)

Consigned by Millbrook, (as agent)

By a Coolmore resident that can be counted on to get some play in the ring, this bay is out of unraced De Lago Lass, a full-sister to G2 Queensland Guineas winner Rothesay (Aus). The Oct. 2 foal is from the family of Group 1 scorer Canny Lass (Aus) in addition to champions Canny Lad (Aus) and Sepoy (Aus).

Hip Happenings cont.

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Magic Millions Hip Happenings cont.

Lot 613, filly, Danehill Dancer (Ire)--

Face of the Earth (Aus), by Strategic (Aus)

Consigned by Coolmore Stud, (as agent)

This filly is out of multiple winner and listed placed Face of the Earth, a half-sister to Group 3 winner and G1 placed Face Value (Red Ransom). The dam has already had two foals to race, including the well-regarded Diamond Earth (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}). She won a pair of Inglis Bonus races in her two latest starts, including a five-furlong test at Warick Farm Dec. 17. "She's probably the best-moving horse you'd ever see," said Coolmore Stud Manager Peter O'Brien. "She's beautifully balanced and looks like a real 2-year-old. Her sister Diamond Earth is one of the best 2-year-olds in the country at the moment."

Lot 626, filly, Snitzel (Aus)-Flidais (Aus), by Timber Country

Consigned by Arrowfield Stud, (as agent)

This chestnut lass is out of Flidias, who placed at the Group 3 level during her stint on the track. The 13-year-old mare is already responsible for the winning Rush (Aus) (Charge Forward {Aus}), who has placed in group company in Singapore.

DOWN UNDER with Christina Bossinakis

DIARIES FROM DOWN UNDER

Thursday morning dawned sunny and beautiful, yet again, but noticeably cooler than Wednesday. I was busy patting myself on the back for my choice of wardrobe thus far (a light summer dress today) until I actually arrived at the sale's grounds. The wind had picked up considerably over yesterday, and while making things more comfortable for all, it gave me a few close calls as I almost reenacted the legendary scene of Marilyn Monroe, clad in white, straddling over a blowing grate. You get the picture.

Despite too little sleep (I'm seeing a pattern here), I had some time to reflect on my first visit to a Gold Coast sale. I must say, I really like the whole ringside dining concept, which is quite unique to Magic Millions. I totally understand most sales companies couldn't replicate this setup, but it really creates a relaxed and comfortable experience. One can sit back, have a beverage, maybe some lunch and, if one so desires, they prop up a laptop and get some work done. I'm just saying.

I also got a real kick out of the auctioneers over here, who are as mobile and animated as one can ever imagine. In fact, I have to give a shout-out to the guys over here, especially Steve Davis, who creates such an air of excitement and intensity, whether patrons are bidding A\$600,000 or A\$6,000.

It's really something to see. He might not be for the faint of heart, but he gets the job done with a flair. One thing that really stood out to me is the board, which at any given moment shows the last three lots to go through the ring, and also lists horses that were passed in (RNAs). Not only do I appreciate the transparency, but it also seems to get everybody up to speed at a lightning pace, which seems to facilitate post-ring sales. Additionally, auctioneers announce the winning buyers after most sales, which, in my opinion, further engages the crowd. As for the layout of the facility, including the ring and barn area, it's very convenient if you need to jog back to take a quick peek at a horse or speak to a seller. Sales, regardless of venue, can make for a very long day, so every convenience counts.

After dinner, everyone converged on Moo Moos, the regular post-dinner spot during the Gold Coast sales (think Siro's in Saratoga), and it was there that I was introduced to Peter Moody (I love the fact that you are just as likely to meet a racing personality at the bar as at the track). He tried to play off that he was leery of the press (or maybe it was just me?), but I quickly figured out that, under that tough exterior, he really is a good-humored and entertaining guy. And why not? He has a full racing string, is enjoying plenty of success and has one of the best (if not the best) racemare in the world in Black Caviar. Not much to be unhappy about, I would think. The night finally wore down, or maybe it was because all the surrounding establishments finally closed, but we ended up heading back to get some rest before starting all over again tomorrow. Will let you know what is on tap.

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Thursday, Meydan, Dubai

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ETISALAT-G3, \$200,000, Meydan, 1-12, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m (AWT), 1:35.85, stn.

1--**MUSIR (AUS)**, 123, h, 5, by Redoute's Choice (Aus)

1st Dam: Dizzy de Lago (Aus) (SP-Aus),
by Encosta de Lago (Aus)

2nd Dam: Spring Reel (GB), by Mill Reef

3rd Dam: The Dancer (Fr), by Green Dancer

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum;

T-Mike de Kock; J-Christophe Soumillon; \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo Colt-SAF, Hwt. 3yo

Colt-UAE, G1SW-SA, G1SP-HK, GSP-Eng, GSW-

Tur, 13-7-3-2, \$2,271,902. **Werk Nick Rating:**

A + + . Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Master of Hounds**, 123, c, 4, Kingmambo--Silk and Scarlet (GB), by Sadler's Wells. O-Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum; B-Silk and Scarlet Syndicate; T-Mike de Kock; \$40,000.

3--**Secrecy (GB)**, 123, g, 6, King's Best--Wink (GB), by Salse. (80,000gns yr1 '07 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Whetton Manor Stud; T-Saeed bin Suroor; \$20,000.

Margins: 3, 1, HF.

Also Ran: Mendip, Derbaas, Dance and Dance (Ire),

Kavango (Ire), Escape Route, Le Drakkar (Aus),

Fanunalter (GB), Snaafy, Xin Xu Lin (Brz). Click for the

[Racing Post chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

Musir earned juvenile champion status in South Africa following his victory in the 2009 G1 Golden Horseshoe at Durban's Greyville track, and left his mark at this venue's 2010 Carnival with scores in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas and G2 UAE Derby. Put on the shelf for the rest of that season, he was winless in his first five starts of last semester--including thirds in the G1 Champions Mile at Sha Tin and the G2 Hungerford S. at Newbury--before closing 2011 with a successful first foray to Turkey for the G2 International Topkapi Trophy at Veliefendi last time Sept. 4. The homebred bay was reined back to sit just behind the leaders after an alert break in this seasonal bow. Looming large off the home turn, he pounced to lead just inside the two pole, and surged clear thereafter to outclass his rivals and register a facile win. Master of Hounds ran on nicely from the rear to complete the owner-trainer exacta. "We thought both would run well, but I do not think we would have predicted a 1-2," trainer Mike de Kock explained. "Musir has been a great servant in recent years and is getting stronger and tougher with age."



Trakus Twitter Fact: JMaster of Hounds had fastest final 400m (23.21) and 200m (11.75) splits when 2nd in the G3 Maktoum Challenge - R1. @trakusracing

He continued, "I do genuinely believe he is a better turf horse, and the [G1] Dubai Duty Free is his big target, so he will switch to the grass now. We hope Master of Hounds is a Dubai World Cup horse, so that is a good start with him. He was badly drawn and needs further, so we are very pleased. He will continue in the second round of the [A1] Maktoum Challenge [Feb. 9]."

NEWS TODAY

Sarafina Sold...

His Highness The Aga Khan's MG1SW **Sarafina (Fr)** (Refuse to Bend {Ire}) has been sold in a private deal, according to *Racing Post*, but details of the 5-year-old's new connections have not been disclosed. The homebred bay registered three wins at the highest level, bagging the 2010 G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Prix de Diane, and last term's G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. She was a last-out fourth when the 2-1 favorite for the Nov. 5 GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill Downs. "Sarafina has been sold," Gilltown Stud manager Pat Downes told the trade daily. "The Aga Khan received an offer that he could not turn down. We can't say [who the new owners are] at the present time, the buyers preferred that their identities were not publicised."

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

January 14, 1932...Jockey **Eddie Arcaro** rode his first career winner at Agua Caliente.

January 14, 1953...Pimlico's **Preakness S.**, originally slated for May 16, was put back to May 23, allowing a three-week layover after the Kentucky Derby for the first time.

January 14, 1989...Jockey **Kent Desormeaux** scored his 1,000th career win in the 10th race at Laurel Racecourse, aboard Eesee's Taw, in the Francis Scott Key H.

January 15, 1932...Australian champion **Phar Lap** arrived in San Francisco. He was shipped by steamship to the U.S., en route to Agua Caliente in Mexico, where he was to make his North American racing debut in the March 20 Agua Caliente H., then the continent's richest race.

January 15, 1969...**Barbara Jo Rubin** was named to ride in a race at Tropical Park. Thirteen male riders subsequently boycotted the race rather than compete against a female, and were fined \$100 each.

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Return of the Empire...

OI Memorial Stable and C.E. Glasscock's **Soaring Empire** (Empire Maker) seeks to defend his title in Saturday's GIII Hal's Hope S. The dark bay makes his first start since annexing Monmouth's Majestic Light S. July 31. "We're looking for a good race from him," trainer Cam Gambolati said. "It's not an easy race, with Jackson Bend (Hear No Evil) in there, but we hope he runs a good race." The 5-year-old fired a best-of-40 four-furlong bullet in :47 at Gulfstream Park Jan. 6. "He went well on Friday," Gambolati



Soaring Empire
Adam Coglianese

commented. "He's quiet on the racetrack. We breeze him in company so he has a target. He gets a lot out of his works. He usually runs good off a layoff too." Soaring Empire will be auditioning for a possible start in the prestigious GI Donn H. Feb. 11. "Ideally, if he runs good we'd like to run in the Donn," Gambolati said. "He's matured now so two turns should suit him, sitting back and making one run. But, we hope he stays together and we'll take it race by race."

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:03 p.m. EST

SANTA YNEZ S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f

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1	Made to Love Her	Stevie Wonderboy	Bejarano	Kasparoff	118
2	Reneesgotzip	City Zip	Nakatani	Miller	118
3	Rowdy Gal	Pure Prize	Rosario	Sadler	118
4	Painted Woman	Forest Wildcat	Smith	Asmussen	118
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6	Candrea	Trippi	Garcia	Baffert	118

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NEWS TODAY

STRONACH TO SPONSOR ECLIPSE AWARDS

Edited Press Release

The Stronach Group has agreed to join *Daily Racing Form* and Breeders' Cup as a presenting sponsor of the Eclipse Awards, the National Thoroughbred Racing



Frank Stronach
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Association announced Thursday. The two-year agreement, effective immediately, also includes that the 2013 Eclipse Awards will be held at Gulfstream Park. The 41st annual Eclipse Awards ceremony will be held at the Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills, California, Monday. "We are delighted to reach this agreement that will take the Eclipse Awards to new and exciting heights," NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop

commented. "The partnership was structured to be multi-faceted and, while it's too early to get into specifics, it is expected to have many ancillary benefits for both The Stronach Group and the industry as a whole going forward." Stronach Entertainment Group CEO Greg Avioli continued, "Our commitment is to provide a first-class customer experience for racing fans and horsemen year-round at our racing properties. We are excited to sponsor the Eclipse Awards, which has always exemplified the best in the sport of racing. We especially look forward to hosting the 2013 Eclipse Awards at Gulfstream Park, which will be a first for the racing industry."

Eclipse Awards Broadcasted Live...

The 41st annual Eclipse Awards, presented by *Daily Racing Form*, The Stronach Group and Breeders' Cup, will be broadcasted live on *HRTV*, *Racetrack Television Network* and *DRF.com*, Monday, Jan. 16. The program will air from 8:00-10:30 p.m. "RTN and Roberts Communications Network are honored to work with the Eclipse Awards partners and to bring this broadcast to viewers around the world," RTN President Todd Roberts commented. John Hartig, CEO of *Daily Racing Form*, added, "DRF is extremely pleased to be streaming the Eclipse Awards and contributing DRF's exclusive coverage and analysis, creating a terrific viewing experience for Thoroughbred racing fans and our industry partners."

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Cape Thoroughbred Sales will be conducting the Cape Premier Yearling Sale Jan. 26-27 in advance of the R2.5-million G1 J & B Met S. at nearby Kenilworth Racecourse Jan. 28. The TDN's Marie Kizenko posed a few questions to Robin Bruss, the auction company's CEO.

Quarantine restrictions have complicated the export of South African horses. What are the current problems, and are there hopes of easing the restrictions?

Quarantine issues are frustrating because protocol negotiation is inexorably slow, and although we are confident that African Horse Sickness (AHS) (which affects 0.1% of the population of horses and only in summer/autumn) poses little risk to the outside horse world, we feel unfairly disadvantaged in not having freedom to race and trade internationally as easily as other countries do. It has held back our market and isolated us.



Robin Bruss

One positive of this is that South African racing is a melting

pot of locally bred horses competing against blue-blooded yearling imports from South America and Australasia, and therefore the standard of competition has remained strong. Another positive is that the bloodlines are independently developed giving us a unique product dissimilar to so many countries that shuttle stallions and whose catalogues all start to look the same. Our champion sire Jet Master is as good a sire than can be found anywhere. The negative is that our market has progressed on local values rather than international and our horses accordingly trade for less than they would normally do internationally.

Our horses pose no danger--we have never exported African Horse Sickness--but only the intrepid or adventurous, such as Barry Irwin's Team Valor, will endure the lengthy export protocol with the knowledge that it provides two good things: quality and value along with its dollop of frustration and need for patience!

In the case of imports into the U.S., the protocol was set in 1958 and requires no pre-travel quarantine, but rather 60-days post-arrival quarantine in New York. Since scientific advance has progressed a very long way since 1958, it is very overdue for this protocol to be updated. AHS has a 10-day incubation period, and the PCR Assay Test for it takes four hours to run and obtain the result, so it should be quick. But the 60-day quarantine is what's currently legislated, and that requires political intervention in order to change it.

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We hope that the American bloodstock industry will support our efforts to have this change made in 2012. Direct shipments with say, a 14-day quarantine period, will permit a tremendous trade in bloodstock, the shuttling of stallions, the upgrading of broodmares by South African breeders, and the export sales of some of our good, sound, tough, hardy colts and fillies to come and race in U.S.

South African-breds have made their presence felt at the Dubai Racing Carnival, but quarantine protocol was tightened. South African President Jacob Zuma visted the U.A.E. late last year in hopes of easing equine traffic between the two countries. Was there any resolution?

President Zuma's recent visit to the UAE resulted in Sheikh Mohammed agreeing to consider permitting South African horses to come directly to Dubai--a seven-hour flight--rather than the current scenario of 21 days in Cape Town, 90 days on the island of Mauritius (four hours by air outside of Africa), and 30 days in Europe before being allowed into UAE. The Dubai lab recently accepted our PCR Assay test, and we hope that will make a big difference. South Africans love racing in Dubai--our horses adapt exceptionally well to the conditions, and we have an excellent record of success.

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Off and running at Kenilworth...



Eclipse Award-winning writer Bill Finley put together an in-depth look at racing in South Africa for the TDN Magazine in 2010. [Click here](#) for another look

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According to a report by the National Horseracing Authority of South Africa, there are approximately 3,200 foals registered each year in South Africa. Given the difficulties imposed by the quarantine restrictions and the relatively small number exported, horses bred in South Africa have performed exceptionally well on the international stage. To what can this be attributed? Are there significant differences in how horses are raised, broken and trained in South Africa?

South Africa has a very strict medication policy--Lasix and Bute for example, are prohibited. Most of our racing is on turf, although there is a sand track and a dirt track. As we have sunshine for almost the whole year, tracks are firm, and soundness is imperative. Horses have been bred for toughness and soundness for generations. With relatively low yearling values, our horses are not pushed early nor unduly fattened for sale. It has led both environmentally and genetically to a tough and durable breed, and it's become apparent that these traits are very much in demand in other countries.

The G1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate, won last Saturday by Gimmethegreenlight (Aus) (More Than Ready), is part of the Breeders' Cup Challenge "Win and You're In" for the GI BC Mile this year at Santa Anita. How many South African stallions are currently nominated to the Breeders' Cup, and how did this initiative come about?

It started when South African golfing icon, Gary Player, attended the 2010 Breeders Cup to see Zenyatta run her last race. He initiated the idea that South African horses should become involved if this was to be a truly world championship. Josh Christian of the Breeders' Cup has been in South Africa and found instant support, and all the major stallions are subscribed. It's important to us that South Africa finds its way to greater participation internationally, and the Breeders' Cup is a great showcase. It's been more than a decade since the owners of Spook Express (SAf) (Comic Blush) put up \$200,000 to supplement in the 2001 GI BC F/M Turf and ran second to the French mare Banks Hill (GB) (Danehill). By qualifying the stallions, this avenue will now be open. If we can solve the pesky flight and quarantine issues, then I envisage Breeders Cup as a wonderful target for our top horses. [Click here](#) to see a list of international stallions nominated to the Breeders' Cup

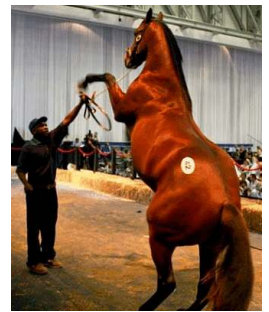


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What led to the formation of Cape Thoroughbred Sales? How do you think the 2011 sale was received, both by buyers and consignors?

The structure of Keeneland was the inspiration for CTS, a commercial company, run by a Board of the top commercial breeders in the country, but with company shares held in trust for the industry. In this way, profits can be ploughed back into projects that stimulate the commercial market. Yearling sales have been held since 1905 and from 1975 to the present; the Thoroughbred Breeders Association has run its own sales. A consortium of the major commercial breeders felt that a cooperative system was an inefficient structure in the modern era, and that a commercial entity with a reach into financial structuring and greater growth initiatives would be more effective.

In addition, the plan of centralising sales in the beautiful city of Cape Town, in the Western Cape where 80% of yearlings are bred, made greater practical sense. The inaugural Cape Premier Yearling Sale 2011 was run by a task team under the banner of the TBA. This year, the breeders consortium set up CTS to operate the sale for its account and the key members of the task team, which I headed up, were recruited to operate the new company and Cape Premier Yearling Sale 2012.



The first sale was a resounding success, stunning in its originality and lauded by so many of the internationals who attended, including Charlie Gordon-Watson, Anthony Stroud, and Grant Pritchard-Gordon, and of course Barry Irwin, who was a big buyer, and who has found enduring success in South Africa and internationally with South African-bred horses.

Sellers loved the convenience, the atmosphere and the prices. Buyers loved the venue, Cape Town, the parties and the value for money. South African sales are more than business--we try to embrace music and song, parties, gorgeous women, and the fun of the chase and the challenge that is an auction sale.

As dollars and pounds sterling stretch far in our exchange rate, even a small buyer feels like a millionaire! (The median price last year was \$32,500; the top price \$305,000, which is R2.5 million in local currency).



Cape Town Convention Centre, site of the Cape Premier Yearling Sale



How many yearlings are typically offered at auction in South Africa? In general, are horses campaigned by their breeders, or sold at some point?

We received a massive entry, which was a resounding endorsement by Cape breeders, and have accordingly split the sale into two books. Book 1 (Jan. 26-27) is the Select Sale, which comprises the top 350 yearlings in the country. This sale will be held in the Cape Town International Convention Centre in the city centre. As an indoor sale, it's logistically challenging, taking five empty halls, and in 48 hours creating a 350-stall facility complete with sales ring and auditorium. It is, however, a wonderfully convenient venue for buyers, surrounded by major hotels and the beauty of the city of Cape Town.

Book 2, comprising 400 yearlings, is being held Mar. 2-5 at Kenilworth Racecourse. Portable stalls will be placed in the leafy picnic area adjacent to the parade ring, and the sales auditorium will be in an 'A' Frame air-conditioned tent with glass doors. It's located in the city suburbs, and also greatly convenient to buyers. This sale is being held under the aegis of the TBA, who have given their blessing in exchange for a commission split.

I would say that these are the top two sales in South Africa. Around 1,700 yearlings are offered for sale at the various venues in any given year.

Auction sales have always been part of the culture of South African breeding and so, unlike South America, there are few breeding farms which conduct large racing teams.

The U.S. has seen a growing trend in syndicates/partnerships as racehorse owners, including Team Valor and Peachtree Stable, which respectively won the Kentucky Derby and Oaks in 2011. Has this also been the case in South Africa?

No, there are only 70 sets of silks registered to syndicates, compared to 3,500 owners. I think the reason is that training costs in South Africa are very low--for example, they range from US\$500-1,500 per month, with the average around \$1,000. This is substantially below the costs in other major racing countries. Racing is very affordable to individual owners in South Africa. Our racing is beamed by satellite to over 50 countries and the races are on web streaming, so it's possible to follow your horse long distance, whether in California or Cape Town!

LEADING SOUTH AFRICAN-BRED RUNNERS PURCHASED AT PUBLIC AUCTION

SAF-Bred	Sire	Runs	Wins	Earnings (R)	Price (R)
Jay Peg	Camden Park	20	11	40,154,089	130,000
J J the Jet Plane	Jet Master	24	14	18,314,021	70,000
River Jetez	Jet Master	34	11	17,242,755	230,000
Irridescence	Caesour	19	8	11,442,750	600,000
Pocket Power	Jet Master	43	20	9,946,033	190,000
Mother Russia	Windrush	27	13	5,054,638	160,000
Pierre Jourdan	Parade Leader	17	9	4,475,675	60,000

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Jay Peg (SAf) (Camden Park), winner of the 2008 G1 Dubai Duty Free and South Africa's leading money winner.

His first yearlings will sell at the Cape Premier Sale.

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Racing was designed as sport and entertainment, and it's easy to be focused on the business of trading and the business of betting as if that's all there is to it. Keeneland offers a purer racing product, where the sport and elegance are reminiscent of a bygone era. Cape Town aims to offer the Cape experience--epic scenery and great beauty, glorious sun-drenched beaches, panoramic mountain vistas and leafy green winelands, wrapped in a laid-back lifestyle by day and party time at night. There can be few better ways to conduct business!



Drakenstein Stud



J J the Jet Plane (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}), winner of the '10 G1 Hong Kong Sprint and '11 G2 Al Quoz Sprint

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PREVIEWS

Saturday, Gold Coast, Australia

BMW MAGIC MILLIONS 2YO CLASSIC-Cond, A\$2,000,000, 2yo, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Noogoora Burr (Aus)	Royal Academy	McMahon	Lawlor	126
2	8	Amorino (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Cassidy	Ryan	126
3	6	Sizzling (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Munce	Wood	126
4	17	Travino (Aus)	GnrI Nediym (Aus)	Waddell	McKay	126
5	5	Little Critter (Aus)	Court Command (Aus)	Byrne	McEvoy	126
6	16	Fundido (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Schofield	Waller	126
7	21	Pure Whisper (Aus)	Purrealist (Aus)	Browne	Heinrich	126
8	3	Driefontein (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Berry	Waterhse	121
9	11	Hoss Amor (Aus)	GnrI Nediym (Aus)	Avdulla	O'Shea	121
10	10	Snipzu (Aus)	Snippetson (Aus)	Colless	Birchley	121
11	13	Discreet (Aus)	Show a Heart (Aus)	Williams	Schweida	121
12	9	Alezan Thunder (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Rodd	Kavanagh	121
13	15	Lady Colours (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	Hmrsley	Hill	121
14	4	No Looking Back (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	N Rawiller	Waterhse	121
15	1	Love Laughing (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	Wood	Hall	121
16	19	Mrs Gray (Aus)	Husson Lghtng (Aus)	Brown	Hayes	121

Also Eligible

17	2	Dear Demi (Aus)	Dehere	No Rider	Connors	121
18	20	ShmrcK Slipper (Aus)	Jet Spur (Aus)	No Rider	Birchley	121
19	7	Antarctic Dream (Aus)	Southern Image	No Rider	Hill	121
20	18	Grand Business (Aus)	All Bar One (Aus)	No Rider	Hilton	126
21	14	Doubtfully (Aus)	Nt a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	No Rider	Kendrick	121

Saturday, Gold Coast, Australia

GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS GUINEAS-Cond, A\$1,000,000, 3yo, 1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	14	Biggles (Aus)	Jet Spur (Aus)	Bell	Doyle	127
2	1	Rocket to Glory (Aus)	Shovhog (Aus)	Whiteley	Mnzlmn	126
3	20	Noisy Ocean (Aus)	Shovhog (Aus)	Williams	Guy	126
4	21	Double Impact (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Wilkinson	Crompton	126
5	4	Easy Running (Aus)	Easy Rocking (Aus)	Browne	Forster	126
6	19	Aquatorial (Aus)	Oratorio (Ire)	Stewart	McRae	126
7	17	Collector (Aus)	Nothing to Lose	Wharton	Bradshaw	126
8	2	Safusa (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Ford	Pfeiffer	126
9	7	Subarc (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	N Rawiller	Waller	126
10	10	Pepper Jet (Aus)	Jet Spur (Aus)	Rodd	Birchley	126
11	18	Show a Prince (Aus)	Show a Heart (Aus)	Thompson	Birchley	126
12	9	Punch On (Aus)	Tiger Hill (Ire)	Hmrsley	Balzen	123
13	3	Playtime (Aus)	Foreplay (Aus)	Berry	Austin	121
14	13	Happy Hussy (Aus)	Hussonet	Brown	Payne	121
15	11	Lucky Morna (Aus)	Ferocity (Aus)	Munce	Wood	121
16	6	Merryanna (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Taylor	Thexton	121
19	5	State of Wealth (Aus)	Ad Valorem	McMahon	Smith	126

Also Eligible

17	15	Peppered Black (Aus)	Falvelon (Aus)	No Rider	Mfld-Smith	126
18	8	Spinhro (Aus)	Lonhro (Aus)	Gray	Stephens	126
20	16	Angel of Mercy (Aus)	Hussonet	Avdulla	Ryan	121
21	1	C'est Lorraine (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	No Rider	Grough	121

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SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE APEX

by Bill Oppenheim

Before our trip to Argentina last month, I thought it would be a good idea to try and familiarize myself with who the leading sires are. A few years ago we had experimented, with The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS) people, to create a Southern Hemisphere version of APEX, so we asked them to re-run the program and see what we discovered. We found the results made sense, which was encouraging, though we wouldn't be as confident as we would be with the 'Northern' figures (out through end 2011 later this week) as far as interpreting what they really meant. But they made enough sense we thought we'd run them.

TJCIS thinks these figures are updated through when they ran them, in mid-November, but I'm pretty sure they're actually through the end of the last racing seasons 2010-2011 in the Southern Hemisphere--July 1 or August 1, depending on the country. So I'm pretty sure the figures cover racing of 2004-05 through 2010-11.

Anyway, not entirely surprisingly, the top four and seven of the top eight are stallions that stood in Australasia. You can tell which region they stood in by seeing where they had runners in the three columns headed 'AUST', 'S.Am.', and 'S. Afr. Rnrs'. **Shamardal** (3.90), **Lonhro** (3.77), **High Chaparral** (3.67), and **Redoute's Choice** (3.63) topped the table. **Easing Along** (3.57) comes out the top sire in South America.

Besides the Top 50, table there is another alphabetical table of 462 sires that had 170+ year-starters in the seven seasons covered ([click here to view](#)).

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**TOP 50 SH SIREs by SH APEX A RUNNER INDEX 2004-05 to 2010-11
(170+ Year-Starters)**

SIRE	YEAR	HIS SIRE	Rnrs	A Index	ABC	AUS	S. Am.	S. Afr.	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo+
					Index	Rnrs	Rnrs	Rnrs				
Shamardal	2002	Giant's Causeway	205	3.90	2.56	200	0	5	2.37	2.42	3.01	0.00
Lonhro	1998	Octagonal	571	3.77	2.63	571	0	0	2.88	2.60	2.55	2.29
High Chaparral	1999	Sadler's Wells	177	3.67	2.12	177	0	0	1.32	1.85	2.07	0.00
Redoute's Choice	1996	Danehill	1,515	3.63	2.68	1,500	0	15	2.97	3.10	2.68	2.11
Easing Along	1998	Storm Cat	336	3.57	2.19	0	334	2	2.86	2.55	2.09	0.75
Danewin	1991	Danehill	599	3.26	2.15	599	0	0	1.18	1.66	2.13	3.47
Singspiel	1992	In the Wings	217	3.23	3.51	202	2	13	2.99	3.97	3.23	4.00
Zabeel	1986	Sir Tristram	1,620	3.21	1.93	1,613	0	7	0.26	1.29	2.04	2.97
Luhuk	1991	Forty Niner	734	3.20	2.04	0	694	40	0.86	2.57	1.63	2.25
Put it Back	1998	Honour and Glory	221	3.17	2.04	0	211	10	1.84	1.74	3.03	2.35
Fastnet Rock	2001	Danehill	402	3.11	2.39	397	0	5	2.49	2.61	2.14	0.00
Encosta de Lago	1993	Fairy King	2,245	2.87	2.10	2,207	0	38	2.21	2.18	2.13	2.27
Mutakddim	1991	Seeking the Gold	789	2.85	2.44	0	765	24	2.24	2.59	2.50	2.61
Wild Event	1993	Wild Again	515	2.82	1.50	0	486	29	1.34	1.91	1.32	1.54
Charge Forward	2001	Red Ransom	200	2.75	1.50	200	0	0	2.45	1.37	0.83	0.00
Signal Tap	1991	Fappiano	182	2.75	1.24	0	173	9	1.04	1.58	1.39	0.00
Jet Master	1994	Rakeen	824	2.73	1.73	0	0	824	0.41	1.31	2.15	3.00
Potridoon	1990	Potrillazo	225	2.67	1.89	0	11	214	2.15	2.53	1.97	1.23
Bernstein	1997	Storm Cat	877	2.62	1.85	9	801	67	2.21	2.19	1.58	1.71
Flying Spur	1992	Danehill	1,791	2.60	1.91	1,763	0	28	1.74	1.83	2.15	2.30
Southern Halo	1983	Halo	907	2.59	1.90	18	868	21	1.71	1.97	2.23	2.06
Pentire	1992	Be My Guest	832	2.58	1.53	832	0	0	0.90	0.87	1.32	2.38
Tumblebrutus	2001	Storm Cat	237	2.53	1.85	0	237	0	1.91	2.26	1.19	0.00
Mossman	1995	Success Express	630	2.46	1.47	628	0	2	2.02	1.52	1.37	0.74
Not a Single Doubt	2001	Redoute's Choice	266	2.44	2.11	264	0	2	2.81	2.40	0.91	0.00
More than Ready	1997	Southern Halo	1,128	2.35	1.87	1,105	17	6	2.41	1.94	1.56	1.78
Silver Planet	1994	Fitzcarraldo	277	2.35	1.22	0	272	5	0.00	1.41	1.56	1.28
Dane Shadow	2001	Danehill	192	2.34	1.24	192	0	0	1.72	1.20	0.93	0.00
Commands	1996	Danehill	1,611	2.33	1.92	1,601	0	10	1.20	2.07	1.68	2.68
Equal Stripes	1999	Candy Stripes	193	2.33	1.75	0	181	12	1.87	1.47	2.13	0.00
O'reilly	1993	Last Tycoon	1,182	2.28	1.72	1,178	0	4	1.03	1.25	2.03	2.43
Not for Sale	1994	Parade Marshal	449	2.23	1.39	0	428	21	1.47	1.69	0.99	1.33
Thorn Park	1999	Spinning World	316	2.22	1.74	316	0	0	2.50	1.51	1.19	2.31
Choisir	1999	Danehill Dancer	816	2.21	1.62	804	0	12	1.82	1.81	1.35	1.72
Street Cry	1998	Machiavellian	504	2.18	2.13	479	9	16	2.00	1.90	2.07	2.86
Testa Rossa	1996	Perugino	1,238	2.18	2.13	1,238	0	0	2.50	2.19	2.10	2.48
Rock of Gibraltar	1999	Danehill	706	2.12	1.84	651	0	55	2.41	1.71	1.60	1.83
Anabaa	1992	Danzig	781	2.11	1.98	763	2	16	2.30	2.03	1.53	2.55
Pins	1996	Snippets	1,101	2.09	1.71	1,099	0	2	1.09	1.07	1.66	3.42
Al Maher	2001	Danehill	288	2.08	1.69	288	0	0	1.50	1.83	1.59	0.00
Red Ransom	1987	Roberto	808	2.04	1.79	788	4	16	2.59	2.05	1.69	1.43
Sir Cat	1993	Storm Cat	395	2.03	1.55	0	395	0	1.75	1.51	1.72	1.19
American Gypsy	1992	Septieme Ciel	275	2.00	1.27	0	269	6	1.51	1.59	1.54	0.32
Mujahid	1996	Danzig	201	1.99	1.62	198	0	3	1.72	1.61	0.90	2.06
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	862	1.97	1.52	789	0	73	1.87	1.57	1.38	1.26
Western Winter	1992	Gone West	811	1.97	1.51	5	0	806	1.23	1.57	2.06	1.08
Gilded Time	1990	Timeless Moment	458	1.97	1.09	337	114	7	2.10	0.92	1.13	0.95
Stratum	2002	Redoute's Choice	205	1.95	1.89	201	0	4	2.43	1.86	0.00	0.00
Blackfriars	1996	Danehill	590	1.95	1.69	577	0	13	0.94	1.50	1.77	2.64
Indian Lodge	1996	Grand Lodge	180	1.94	1.25	0	177	3	0.80	1.56	1.23	1.64

FLORIDA



Yesterday's Results:

3rd-GPX, \$50,200, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

SOARING STOCKS (c, 4, [Trippi](#)--Silk Stocks {SW}, by Medieval Man) visited the Jersey Shore for his first two career starts last summer, finishing a debut fourth June 5 before sprinting off to graduate by a half-dozen lengths July 10. Sidelined thereafter, the half-brother to Silk Broker (Pentelicus), GSP, \$156,215; and Razor (Concorde's Tune), MSW & MGSP, \$192,894, returned here Dec. 8 to run fourth behind Troilus (Speightstown), who recently added a second-level allowance for his third consecutive score. Drawn widest in a compact field here, Soaring Stocks chased his pacesetter barnmate Katz My Song (Unbridled's Song) three wide to the turn, came after that one approaching the furlong marker and edged away to score by two lengths as the 3-1 third choice. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$62,875. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).

O/B-E Paul Robsham Stables LLC (FL). T-Todd A Pletcher.

4th-GPX, \$40,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56 2/5, fm. MATCHING SKIES (f, 3, Henny Hughes--Miss Matched {GSW, \$339,799}, by Formal Gold) made four starts in the final three months of the Woodbine meet last fall, finishing runner-up Sept. 4 before faltering to be fourth at odds-on Oct. 2. A close third over the Polytrack Oct. 30 and Nov. 24, the homebred was switching to the infield for the first time as the joint second favorite at 4-1. Allowed to drift back into the latter third of this group, the dark bay was busily ridden into the stretch, found room four off the inside approaching the eighth pole and surged past More Than Speed (More Than Ready) to take it by a neck in the dying strides. Sales history: \$40,000 RNA yr '10 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$50,915. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).

O/B-John C Oxley (KY). T-Mark E Casse.

Today's Video Highlights

[3rd-GPX \(Alw\)](#) Soaring Stocks (Trippi) leads home a Pletcher 1-2.

[2nd-SAX \(Msw\)](#) Sky Kingdom (Empire Maker) in a walk.

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

6th-GPX, \$40,500, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm. KING ARTHUR (h, 5, [El Corredor](#)--Bag of Tricks, by Devil's Bag), a half-brother to the good sprinter Confide (Phone Trick), MGSW, \$230,766, was acquired for \$180,000 as a KEESEP yearling back in 2008, but only made it to the races for the first time last month, finishing a decent fourth in a six-furlong test over this main track Dec. 10. Stretching out and trying the grass here, the 6-1 shot sped to the front from his inside stall and set a solid pace inside. He responded when asked by Joe Rocco Jr. in upper stretch, pinched a winning break and came home 2 3/4 lengths ahead of Fact (A.P. Indy). Favored Badleroibrown (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) pulled his way up to force the pace into the backstretch, but couldn't sprint with the winner and was touched out of second late. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,325. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).

O-Susan Moore & M and M Thoroughbred Partners. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). T-Steve Klesaris.

NEW YORK



Friday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:21 p.m. EST

WE'LL SEE YA S., \$75,000, 4yo/up, f/m, [S], 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Mineralogist	Mineshaft	Cohen	Kimmel	123
2	Lovely Lil	Tiznow	Velasquez	Hushion	123
3	Opus A	Read the Footnotes	Garcia	Violette Jr	118
4a	Nicole's Miss El	Eltish	Alvarado	Conway	120
5	Lady Gracenote	Read the Footnotes	Dominguez	Contessa	120
6a	Lyndsea's Miss El	Eltish	Carr	Breed	120

Barry K. Schwartz's **Lovely Lil** lands in a soft spot for her 5-year-old debut. The homebred, who defeated her fellow state-breds in the Union Avenue S. at Saratoga last August, closed out a successful season with a 1 1/4-length tally in the GII Go for Wand H. over the main track Nov. 25. **Opus A** has run races in the past that would win this and exits a near-miss second to **Mineralogist** in the Dec. 8 Soft Moon S. [Click for brisnet.com pps.](#)

APPOINTMENTS

Tom Quigley

- *The HorsePlayer Magazine* publisher has been appointed to Santa Anita's newly created position of VIP Player Concierge.
- Quigley's main responsibility will be to serve as a liaison between Santa Anita and out-of-state players.
- "I'm extremely excited and honored to begin actively recruiting players from around the country in order to showcase the natural beauty of Santa Anita and to discuss with them the customer appreciation benefits of being a VIP Player," Quigley said.



CENTRAL U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-FGX, \$48,000, Alw, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.

1--**SPEEDACIOUS, 121, m, 5, Yankee Gentleman--Blushing Trish, by Rahy.** (\$30,000 yrl '08 TEXAUG). O-Carl R Moore Management LLC; B-Elm Tree Farm LLC (LA); T-W Bret Calhoun. Lifetime Record: MSW, 18-8-2-4, \$411,854. *1/2 to Prince Benjamin (Roar), MSP, \$249,656.

2--**Little Polka Dot, 119, m, 6, Orientate--Silky Oaks, by Regal Intention.**

3--**Cherry Forever, 114, m, 6, Mutakddim--Nimble Tread, by Citidancer.**

Margins: 4HF, 1HF, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 1.20, 12.20.

Speedacious banked just shy of a quarter-million dollars in 2011, with four wins from nine starts, including a last-out defeat of Little Polka Dot in the Louisiana Champions Day Ladies' Sprint Dec. 10. She took slightly more action on the tote here than her classy rival, and showed the way throughout, despite wanting to drift out in the run to the wire. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).**

 **Bred and Raised by Elm Tree Farm**

3rd-FGX, \$39,770, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.

LAKE VICTOR (c, 3, Langfuhr--Crescent Moon, by Seeking the Gold) led nearly every step of the way in his June 9 unveiling at Churchill June 9, just failing to last, but went missing thereafter. The bay was in need of the run when a midpack sixth in his Dec. 17 return to action, but was sent off at even money against a trio of newcomers here. Sent through to dispute the pace inside of 7-5 Drago's Best (Seeking the Best {Ire}), the duo match-raced into the stretch. Lake Victor's experience came into play soon after, as he began to get away leaving the eighth pole and had two lengths in hand at the wire. Sales history: \$155,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$210,000 2yo '11 KEEAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$35,280. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).**

O-Mike McCarty. B-Giles Tucker (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

 **Consigned by Nick de Meric** 

EQB yearling purchase at KEESEP '10 

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CALIFORNIA

Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$71,510, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42 2/5, ft.

1--**THIRTYFIRSTSTREET, 119, c, 4, Good Journey--Avian, by Sky Classic.** O-Mark Gorman, Neil Haymes & Sterling Stable; B-Doug O'Neill & Mark Gorman (CA); T-Doug F O'Neill. Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$345,200.

2--**Commander, 119, g, 4, Broken Vow--Pout, by Deputy Minister.** (\$105,000 yrl '09 KEESEP).

3--**Smart Spending, 119, g, 5, Smarty Jones--Donation, by Lord Avie.** (\$650,000 RNA wlng '07 FTKNOV; \$410,000 yrl '08 KEESEP).

Margins: 6HF, NK, 3/4. Odds: 2.90, 9.70, 0.90.

Thirtyfirststreet, victorious in last year's Lone Star Derby on the turf, missed by 3/4 of a length when third in Del Mar's GII La Jolla H. Aug. 13, then was eighth in the GII Del Mar Derby Sept. 4. Tenth in the GII Oak Tree Derby Oct. 15, he switched to the main track for a good runner-up effort in the Dec. 3 Zia Park Derby. Well backed in his first allowance try since 2010, the Cal-bred was niggled at down the backstretch, came to tackle the pacesetter in upper stretch and finished strongly to win comfortably. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).**

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DATE	RACE	TRACK
Jan. 14	California Derby	Golden Gate
Jan. 16	Smarty Jones S.	Oaklawn
Jan. 21	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
Jan. 29	GIII Holy Bull S.	Gulfstream
Feb. 4	GII Robert B. Lewis S. GIII Withers S. GIII Sam F. Davis S.	Santa Anita Aqueduct Tampa Bay
Feb. 18	GIII El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate
Feb. 20	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
Feb. 25	GII Risen Star S. Borderland Derby Turf Paradise Derby	Fair Grounds Sunland Park Turf Paradise
Feb. 26	GII Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream
Mar. 3	GIII Gotham S. John Battaglia Memorial S.	Aqueduct Turfway
Mar. 10	GII San Felipe S. GII Tampa Bay Derby	Santa Anita Tampa Bay
Mar. 17	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
Mar. 24	GIII Vinery Racing Spiral S. Rushaway S.	Turfway Turfway
Mar. 25	GIII Sunland Derby	Sunland
Mar. 31	GI Florida Derby	Gulfstream
Apr. 1	GII Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds
Apr. 7	GI Santa Anita Derby GI Wood Memorial S. GIII Illinois Derby	Santa Anita Aqueduct Hawthorne
Apr. 13	Instant Racing S.	Oaklawn

**California Report cont.**

2nd-SAX, \$55,798, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.

SKY KINGDOM (c, 3, Empire Maker--Sky Beam, by Kingmambo) was off the board in 5 1/2-furlong maidens at Del Mar Aug. 20 and Sept. 4, respectively, before getting a bit of a breather. Stretched out to a route of ground for his next, he responded with a good-looking score at Hollywood Nov. 24, and did not embarrass himself in his latest, closing from 10th to be fourth behind stable companion Liaison (Indian Charlie) in the GI CashCall Futurity in Inglewood Dec. 17. Content to sit off the pace here from third, the 3-5 chalked rolled up under a full head of steam wide on the turn, took command at will in upper stretch and cantered in from the sixteenth pole for a comprehensive 4 1/2-length victory. "It was a paid workout," Baffert said in the winner's circle. I wish he would have let him run through the lane a little bit. I don't know where, but he'll run in a stake next time," he said. Sales history: \$180,000 w/ing '09 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$125,930. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).

O-Westrock Stables LLC. B-Jim J FitzGerald (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

3rd-SAX, \$57,386, Msw, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 2/5, fm.

MADRE LUNA (f, 4, Rahy--Honeypenny {SP}, by Royal Academy) proved the beneficiary when long-time leader Shoo Gee (Forest Danger) broke down nearing the eighth pole, unseating jockey Eswan Flores. A well-beaten sixth in her Aug. 6 debut over the Del Mar Poly, the chestnut filly improved to third in her first try over this course and distance Oct. 11, but did not fare as well last time out, a sixth sprinting over the Hollywood turf Nov. 27. Never far away as Shoo Gee cut out a decent pace, she inherited the lead from her stricken rival took a bad step and went on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Jaredella (Tapit) at odds of 6-1. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$39,700. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or a [video replay](#).

O-Marsha Naify. B-Tarma Corp (KY). T-Julio C Canani.

**AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS****IN BRITAIN:**

Bravestofthebrave, g, 4, Elusive Quality. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN DUBAI:

Naqshabban, g, 4, Street Cry (Ire)--Reem Three (GB) (SP-Eng), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Meydan, 1-12, Hcp, 2410mT. B-Darley. *200,000gns HIT '11 TATHIT.

Barbecue Eddie, g, 8, Stormy Atlantic--The Green Owl, by Carson City. Meydan, 1-12, Hcp, 1400m (AWT). B-Margaret Addis. *GISP-US. **\$47,000 RNA yrl '05 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '06 OBSMAR.

INDUSTRY INFO**Feb. 1 Deadline to Name Foals:**

Owners and breeders must name foals of 2010 by Feb. 1 to avoid a \$75 late fee. The Jockey Club has announced. The Jockey Club has published a list of approximately 40,000 names released from active use available on both the Registry's website and mobile platform. "We encourage owners and breeders to take advantage of our online and mobile resources when deciding on names for their Thoroughbreds," The Jockey Club's Executive Vice President and Executive Director Matt Iuliano said. "They can inspect the list of recently released names for ideas and consult the Online Names Book to check the potential availability of names."

**First-crop starters to watch: Friday, January 13**

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

AFTER MARKET (Storm Cat), Lane's End, \$30K, 165/16/1
5-SA, Msw, 1mT, Belle Gallantey, \$30K PEG JAN 2yo, 8-1
ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 193/10/0
7-GP, Msw, 1mT, Super Saturday, \$75K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
BIT OF A STORM (Lake Austin), 1/0/0
3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Whos Your Dad, 6-1
BOB AND JOHN (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, \$13K, 135/20/1
9-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Sweet Flattery, \$11K EAS MAY 2yo, 7-2
CORINTHIAN (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/17/1
9-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Cherishd Obsession, \$39K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2
DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 214/23/1
9-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Sharilyn Jean, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
ENGLISH CHANNEL (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/12/0
7-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Irish Sea, \$17K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
5-SA, Msw, 1mT, La Malaguena, 4-1
9-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Queen of the Waves, 6-1
HARD SPUN (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/28/3
8-FG, Aoc, 6f, Seeker, 5-2
7-GP, Msw, 1mT, Common Bond, \$200K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
9-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Wish Keeper, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
ISTAN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 60/7/1
7-TP, Aoc, 1m, Texas Josh
LAWYER RON (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 143/15/3
3-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Bekat Bekat, \$5K KEE SEP yrl
MR. SEKIGUCHI (Storm Cat), Hill N Dale, \$5K, 61/3/1
7-GP, Msw, 1mT, Fiftytwoeekhigh, \$47K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1
PURIM (Dynaformer), Richland Hills, \$10K, 124/6/0
6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Purincat, 3-1
SAINT ANDDAN (A.P. Indy), Journeyman, \$5K, 78/16/1
2-SA, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Woebegon, \$125K OBS APR 2yo, 8-5
SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 179/31/5
6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Scudero, \$26K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1
SHAKESPEARE (Theatrical {Ire}), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 74/8/1
7-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Logan Street, 10-1



Rookies cont.

SILENT NAME (JPN) (Sunday Silence), Adena KY, \$8K, 115/6/0
 9-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Shhh, \$7K KEE JAN yrl, 6-1
SIMON PURE (Silver Deputy), Hartley DeRenzo, \$5K, 86/10/1
 8-FG, Aoc, 6f, Simon Ridge, \$20K TEX APR 2yo, 10-1
STEVIE WONDERBOY (Stephen Got Even), Airdrie, \$18K, 111/15/2
 7-TP, Aoc, 1m, My Friend Steve
 6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Whereintheworld, \$11K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1
STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$75K, 208/14/1
 9-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Toxis, 4-1

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Yesterday's Results:

22.15, Meydan, \$120,000, Hcp., NH4yo/up/SH3yo/up,
 2000mT, 2:02.61, gd.

SONGCRAFT (IRE) (g, 4, **Singspiel {Ire}**--**Baya {GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$201,022}**, by **Nureyev**) bagged both prior starts--at Clairefontaine in July and at Maisons-Laffitte in September--and maintained his unbeaten record in determined fashion here. Settled in an advanced midfield berth until angled off the rail approaching the final eighth, the homebred bay challenged soon after and was ridden out to gamely best Belgian Bill (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) by 3/4 of a length. Songcraft is a half to Birthstone (Ire) (Machiavellian), GSW-Fr. Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [video replay](#). Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$108,923.

O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-Saeed bin Suroor.

20.25, Meydan, \$50,000, Cond., NH3yo/SH4yo,
 1400m (AWT), 1:24.63, stn.

DARK MATTER (AUS) (c, 4, **Stratum {Aus}**--**Loving New {Brz}**, by **Choctaw Ridge**), second going six furlongs in a conditions heat at Kranji last time Dec. 11, raced in third along the fence after the initial strides and improved one spot before halfway here. Stoked up soon after turning for home, the bay kept on strongly under final-quarter urging to assert by a half length from Godolphin's Kinglet (Kingmambo). Godolphin's number-one choice Rassam (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) led until overhauled inside the final eighth and finished a further 3/4 of a length back in third. Dark Matter is a half to Questing New (Brz) (Romarin {Brz}), G1SW-Brz. Click for the [Racing Post chart](#) or the [video replay](#). Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, \$238,041.

O-Hippocrates Stable; B-Bellagio Lodge Pty Ltd; T-Steven Burridge.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 5th Race, \$32,000 Allowance, at Penn National. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

HANDICAP RESULTS:

19.45, Meydan, \$120,000, Hcp., NH3yo/SH4yo,
 1200mT, 1:10.62, gd.

ADDICTIVE DREAM, (g, 5, Kheylef--Nottambula {Ire}, by Thatching {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP-GB, 20-5-4-2, \$203,679. *€5,500 RNA wnl '07 GOFNOV; 26,000gns 2yo '09 TATGNS; 90,000gns HRA '11 TATHIT.

21.00, Meydan, \$110,000, Hcp., NH3yo/SH4yo,
 2410mT, 2:34.39, gd.

NAQSHABBAN (g, 4, Street Cry {Ire}--**Reem Three {GB} {SP-GB}**, by **Mark of Esteem {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$114,689. O-Godolphin; B-Darley; T-M Al Zarooni. *200,000gns HRA '11 TATHIT.

19.05, Meydan, \$110,000, Hcp., NH3yo/SH4yo,
 1400m (AWT), 1:24.66, stn.

BARBECUE EDDIE, (g, 8, Stormy Atlantic--The Green Owl, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: MGSP & GISP, 29-6-4-6, \$604,033. O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Margaret Addis; T-Doug Watson. *\$47,000 RNA yrl '05 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '06 OBSMAR.

Friday, Jebel Ali Racecourse, post time: 11:25 a.m. EST

JEBEL ALI S.-Listed, Dhs \$500,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up,
 1950m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Bur Dubai	Gold Case	Dobbs	Watson
2	2	Cairnsmore (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Sandoval	bin Huzaim
3	6	Direct Answer	Dynaformer	O'Shea	Al Jahouri
4	10	Emmrooz (GB)	Red Ransom	Buick	Selvaratnam
5	8	Espirito (Fr)	Dansili (GB)	Aida	Al Marri
6	5	Glen Nevis	Gulch	Ajtebi	Al Raihe
7	12	Ibn Al Nafis	Distorted Humor	Mullen	Seemar
8	1	Mulaqat (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Doyle	Selvaratnam
9	4	Oroveso (Brz)	Fahim (GB)	Fallon	Borges
10	9	Treble Jig	Gone West	Smith	Al Muhairi
11	11	Udabaa (Ire)	Alhaarth (Ire)	Hills	Watson
12	7	Yirga (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Ffrench	Al Raihe

All carry 123 pounds.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-AQU, \$64,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X,
 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, my.

THIS ONES FOR PHIL (g, 6, Untuttable--Heaven's Gate, by Septieme Ciel) Lifetime Record: GSW, 22-8-3-2, \$639,760. O-Paul P Pompa Jr, Jack Mandato & Cast of Characters. B-Gilbert G Campbell (FL). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr. *\$7,000 RNA wlng '06 OBSOCT. **In for the claiming price. ***1/2 to Tap Dancer (Sword Dance {Ire}), SW, \$175,087.

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7th-SAX, \$62,186, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 1:59 1/5, fm.

SLIM SHADEY (GB) (g, 4, Val Royal (Fr)--Vino Veritas, by Chief's Crown) Lifetime Record: SP-Eng, 15-2-1-0, \$126,554. O-Phil Cunningham. B-P M Cunningham (GB). T-Simon Callaghan.

3rd-GGX, \$46,816, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10 1/5, ft.

UPSTAIRS MAID (m, 5, Trapper--Alternate Verse, by Benchmark) Lifetime Record: 18-8-4-3, \$213,546. O-Gordon Jarnig & Billie Klokstad. B-Joseph P Morey Jr Revocable Trust (CA). T-Bud Klokstad.

8th-DED, \$40,000, 1-11, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:34 4/5, ft.

ANNA JANE'S CRANE (f, 4, Daring Bid--Miss Crane, by Future Storm) Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-1, \$66,834. O-Ryan B Thomas. B-SMB Corporation (LA). T-Edward Cormier.

4th-PEN, \$36,544, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41 1/5, gd.

MYSTIC HARBOR (g, 5, Wiseman's Ferry--Seasonal Change {SP, \$186,905}, by A Change for April) Lifetime Record: 32-5-3-4, \$114,438. O-Michael R Anspach. B-Michael DeSaye (PA). T-Craig S Miller. *\$7,500 yrl '08 FTMOCT.

8th-LRL, \$31,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, gd.

A FLEET SPIRIT (g, 5, Northern Afleet--Spirit of Racing {MSP}, by Garthorn) Lifetime Record: 19-6-4-2, \$98,195. O-Danny A Limongelli. B-Magalen O Bryant (KY). T-Hugh I McMahon.

8th-CTX, \$30,300, 1-11, Opt. Clm. (\$12,500), NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5, sy.

DEBIT CARD (g, 5, Concerto--Little Monday, by Gone West) Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-3, \$102,495. O-Larry E Rabold. B-Harold J Plumley (FL). T-Steven R Brown. *\$8,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ludo Bagman, g, 3, **Closing Argument**--Mighty Good, by Good and Tough. AQU, 1-12, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13. B-Thomas-Narlinger & Tony Grey (NY).

+ **Joy of the Toy**, g, 3, **Halo's Image**--Withmom'sapproval, by With Approval. GPX, 1-12, (C), 1m, 1:38 4/5. B-Happy Alter (FL).

+ **Lotta Zalotta**, f, 3, **Spellbinder**--Scarlet Sunset, by Farma Way. DED, 1-11, 5f, :59. B-April J McCurry (TX).

Quillian, g, 4, **Macho Uno**--Sly Butterfly (SW), by Pulpit. CTX, 1-11, 1 1/16m, 1:50 2/5. B-Stonerside Stable (KY). *1/2 to Wind In My Wings (Sligo Bay {Ire}), SW, \$135,183.

This Hard Land, c, 4, **Saarland**--Supah Sassy, by Gold Meridian. AQU, 1-12, (S), 1m, 1:39 3/5. B-Topsmeade LLC & Saarland Syndicate (NY). *\$28,000 wlng '08 NYBOCT.

Purchased as a two year old by McMahon and Hill Bloodstock

Terrific Indy, m, 5, **Lydgate**--Terrific Girl, by Tyrone

Terrific. DED, 1-11, (S), 5f, :59 2/5. B-E T Suire (LA).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bella Ophelia (Ire), f, 3, **Baltic King (GB)**--Banco Solo (GB), by Distant Relative (Ire). Southwell, Britain, 1-12, Mdn, 3-5yo, 5f (AWT). B-Tally-Ho Stud. *£9,000 yrl '10 DONAUG. 1/2 to Golden Danetime (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), SW-Ity, \$263,281.

Dark Castle (GB), c, 3, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--True Magic (GB), by Magic Ring (Ire). Kempton Park, Britain, 1-11, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-Hedsor Stud.

Cesco Menantie (Fr), c, 3, **Della Francesca**--Heleniade (Fr), by Entrepreneur (GB). Marseille Pont de Vivaux, France, 1-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Gerard Ferron & Jerome Chailleux. *€55,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG. ** 1/2 to Royal Menantie (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), SW-Fr, \$169,846.

Bravestofthebrave, g, 4, **Elusive Quality**--Victoria Cross (Ire) {SP}, by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Southwell, Britain, 1-12, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT). B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs. *100,000gns RNA yrl '09 TATOCT. **1/2 to Bronze Cannon (Lemon Drop Kid), MGSW-Eng, \$377,402.

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CALDER

Awesome Belle (Awesome of Course), 5f, 1:02.80, 1/5
Frolic's Revenge (Vindication), 1m, 1:45.00, 1/2

FAIR GROUNDS

Country Day (Speightstown), 4f, :48.40, 7/48
Nehro (Mineshaft), 4f, :53.00, 48/48

GULFSTREAM PARK

Royal Currier (Red Bullet), 4f, :48.85, 7/18
Trickmeister (Proud Citizen), 6f, 1:12.60, 1/2

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Sanagas (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), 4f, :47.40, 1/17

OAKLAWN PARK

Caleb's Posse (Posse), 3f, :36.80, 3/21
Hamazing Destiny (Salt Lake), 4f, :49.00, 1/55

SANTA ANITA

Dancing in Silks (Black Minnaloushe), 3ft, :37.80, 1/1
Killer Graces (Congaree), 6f, 1:12.80, 1/12
Liaison (Indian Charlie), 5f, :59.20, 3/24
M One Rifle (One Man Army), 5f, 1:00.60, 11/24