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SOVEREIGN AWARD NOMS ANNOUNCED

The nominees for the 37th annual Sovereign Awards Ceremony, celebrating Canada's top performers in 2011, were announced yesterday by The Jockey Club of Canada. The award ceremony will be held Thursday, Apr. 5 at Woodbine and corresonds with the track's 2012 opening. Accomplished females dominate the categories, including the race for champion 3-year-olds fillies, which finds the 2011 Queen's Plate heroine **Inglorious** (Hennessy), whose trio of victories last season also included the Woodbine Oaks, up against **Marketing Mix** (Medagalia d'Oro). The latter won the Wonder Where S. at Woodbine in July before crossing the border to annex a pair of grassy graded events in the U.S. Marketing Mix was also nominated in the champion turf female category, where **Miss Keller (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) hopes to repeat after winning the GI E.P. Taylor S. in October. Both will be up against it in a category also featuring **Never Retreat** (Smart Strike), however, with that rival winning five graded events in 2011, including a pair of Woodbine Grade II's and the GI First Lady S. at Keeneland. The 2-year-old filly **Tu Endie Wei** (Johar) won all three of her Canadian starts--all in stakes company--but faces a stiff challenge from **Northern Passion** (First Samurai), winner of the GIII Natalma S. over the likes of Dayatthespa (City Zip) and Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy). Among the males, **Pender Harbor** will try to parlay a pair of Classic victories--in the Prince of Wales S. and Breeders' S.--into a Sovereign Award as champion 3-year-old male. Tickets for the Sovereign Awards are$250 each (tables of 10 are $2500), and must be reserved in advance by contacting The Jockey Club of Canada at 416-675-7756 or email: jockeyclub@bellnet.ca. **Cont. p3&4**

Inglorious
Michael Burns Photo

Miss Keller (Ire)
Adam Coglianese

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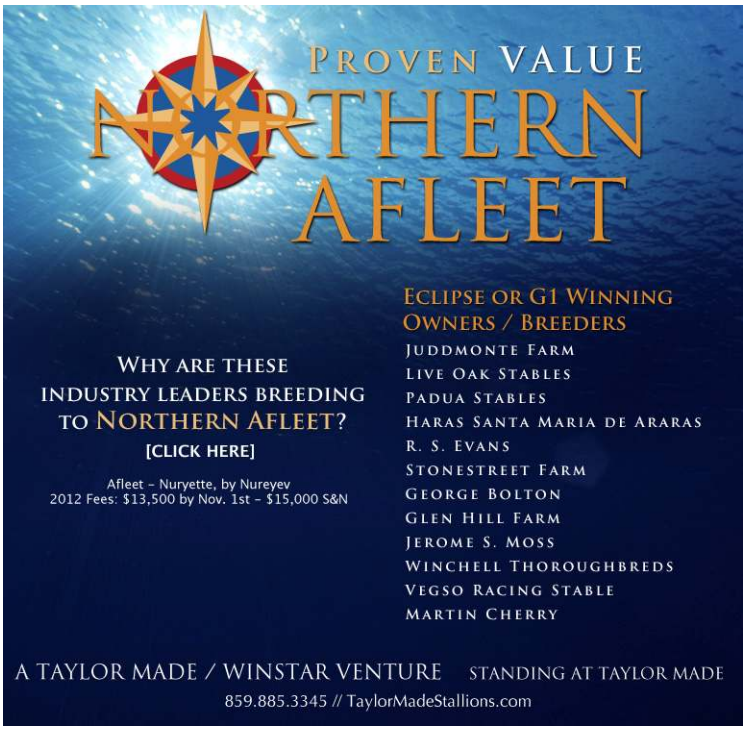
New Grade III Stakes *(upgraded from listed)*

BC Premier's H., 3yo/up
Bold Venture S., 3yo/up
Mazarine S., 2yo, f
Ontario Fashion S., 3yo/up, f/m
Ontario Derby, 3yo



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It's a Date: Blind Luck to Bernardini

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Bill Oppenheim Talks Leader Board

Bill Oppenheim takes a look at who ranked among the leaders of the 2011 season. Oppenheim examines two criteria: the leading sires of new A Runners in 2011 and the leading sires (total) of 2011 ABC Runners.

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Breeding News

BLIND LUCK TO BERNARDINI

Champion **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vision--Lucky One, by Best Of Luck), heroine of the 2010 GI Kentucky Oaks, will be bred to Darley's Bernardini, owner Dr. Mark Dedomenico told *TDN*.

"It was the best cross that we could find," Dedomenico said of the leading young sire, who is already responsible for a quartet of Grade/Group 1 winners, including Stay Thirsty and To Honor and Serve.

Blind Luck
Adam Coglianese

Dedomenico bought out partners John Carver, Peter Abruzzo, and trainer Jerry Hollendorfer when the chestnut brought $2.5 million at last year's Keeneland November sale.

"She brought a lot of joy to my life," he said of the six-time Grade I winner. "I just thought, 'I'm going to take care of what was good to me.' And she sure was good to me."

Blind Luck registered wins at the highest level at two, three and four, including the GI Alabama S. over Havre de Grace (Saint Liam) at Saratoga. She also defeated the recently crowned Horse of the Year in heart-stopping fashion in last year's GII Delaware H.

In addition to her 10 graded stakes trophies, Blind Luck also finished a troubled third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita and was runner-up in the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic at Churchill Downs.

"It's absolutely unbelievable if you think about what she accomplished," Dedomenico reflected. "Every race she gave it everything she had. You're not going to find a horse like that very often."

Blind Luck heads to the breeding shed with a record of 22-12-7-2 and earnings of $3,279,520. -*SS*

2011 SOVEREIGN AWARD FINALISTS

Category	Finalists
2-Year-Old Filly	**Hard Not to Like** (Hard Spun)
	Northern Passion (First Samurai)
	Tu Endie Wei (Johar)
2-Year-Old Male	**Excaper** (Exchange Rate)
	Maritimer (Stormy Atlantic)
	Prospective (Malibu Moon)
3-Year-Old Filly	**Inglorious** (Hennessy)
	Marketing Mix (Medaglia d'Oro)
	Smart Sting (Smart Strike)
3-Year-Old Male	**Freedoms Traveller** (Peacenfreedom)
	Moonshine Mullin (Albert the Great)
	Pender Harbour (Philanthropist)
Older Female	**Ariana D** (Rock Slide)
	Embur's Song (Unbridled's Song)
	Stars to Shine (Tale of the Cat)
Older Male	**Don Cavallo** (El Prado {Ire})
	Fifty Proof (Whiskey Wisdom)
	James Street (El Prado {Ire})
Turf Female	**Marketing Mix**
	Miss Keller (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire})
	Never Retreat (Smart Strike)
Turf Male	**Musketier (Ger)** (Acatenagno {Ger})
	Pender Harbour
	Stormy Lord (Stormy Atlantic)
Female Sprinter	**Atlantic Hurricane** (Halo's Image)
	Classic Alley Kat (Katahaula County)
	Embur's Song
Male Sprinter	**Essence Hit Man** (Speightstown)
	Gypsy Ring (Where's the Ring)
	Signature Red (Bernstein)
Broodmare	**Embur Sunshine** (Bold Ruckus)
	Noble Strike (Smart Strike)
	Rahy's Hope (Rahy)

Note: three finalists for Horse of the Year honors will be announced at the awards ceremony

NEWS TODAY

FIVE NEW '12 GRADED RACES IN CANADA

After holding its annual review, The Jockey Club of Canada's Graded Stakes Committee announced yesterday that it will contest 42 graded stakes in 2012, up from 37 last season. Five listed stakes have received an upgrade to Grade III status: the Mazarine S. for 2-year-old fillies at Woodbine and the BC Premier's H. for 3-year-olds and up at Hastings have regained their Grade III status, while the new Grade III races for 2012 include the Bold Venture S., a sprint race for 3-year-olds and up; the Ontario Fashion S., a sprint race for fillies and mares 3-year-olds and up; and the Ontario Derby, for 3-year-olds. All three races are run at Woodbine for $150,000 each. Canada's five Grade I races are unchanged for 2012, while three races have been bumped up to Grade II status. The Summer S. for 2-year-olds on the turf; the Natalma S. for 2-year-old fillies on the turf; and the Hendrie S. for fillies and mares push the total number of Grade II races in Canada to 13 in 2012. The Canadian Graded Stakes Committee evaluates and reviews the country's graded stakes annually and determines whether races should be upgraded, downgraded or remain the same, based on a number of criteria including the performance of the races based on the NARC and BRIS ratings for the previous years. To be eligible for consideration for graded status in Canada, races must carry the following minimum purses: $250,000 for Grade I; $150,000 for Grade II and $100,000 for Grade III.

2011 SOVEREIGN AWARD FINALISTS

Category	Finalists
Breeder	Adena Springs
	Arosa Farms
	Gardiner Farms Ltd.
Owner *(tie for 3rd)*	Bear Stables Ltd.
	Donver Stable
	Melnyk Racing Stables Inc.
	Glen Todd and Patrick Kinsella
Trainer	Roger Attfield
	Reade Baker
	Mark Casse
Apprentice Jockey	Ryan Pacheco
	Betty-Jo Williams
	Scott Williams
Jockey	Luis Contreras
	Patrick Husbands
	Emma-Jayne Wilson

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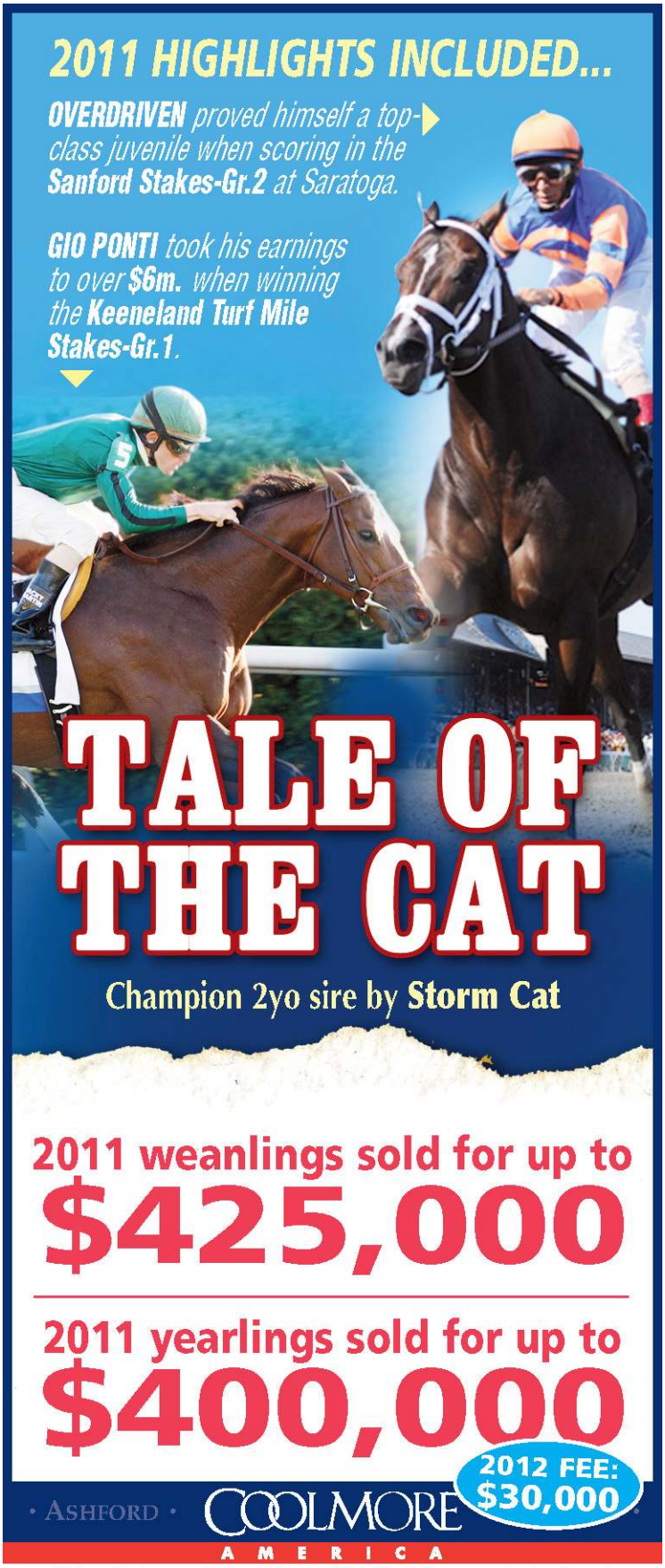

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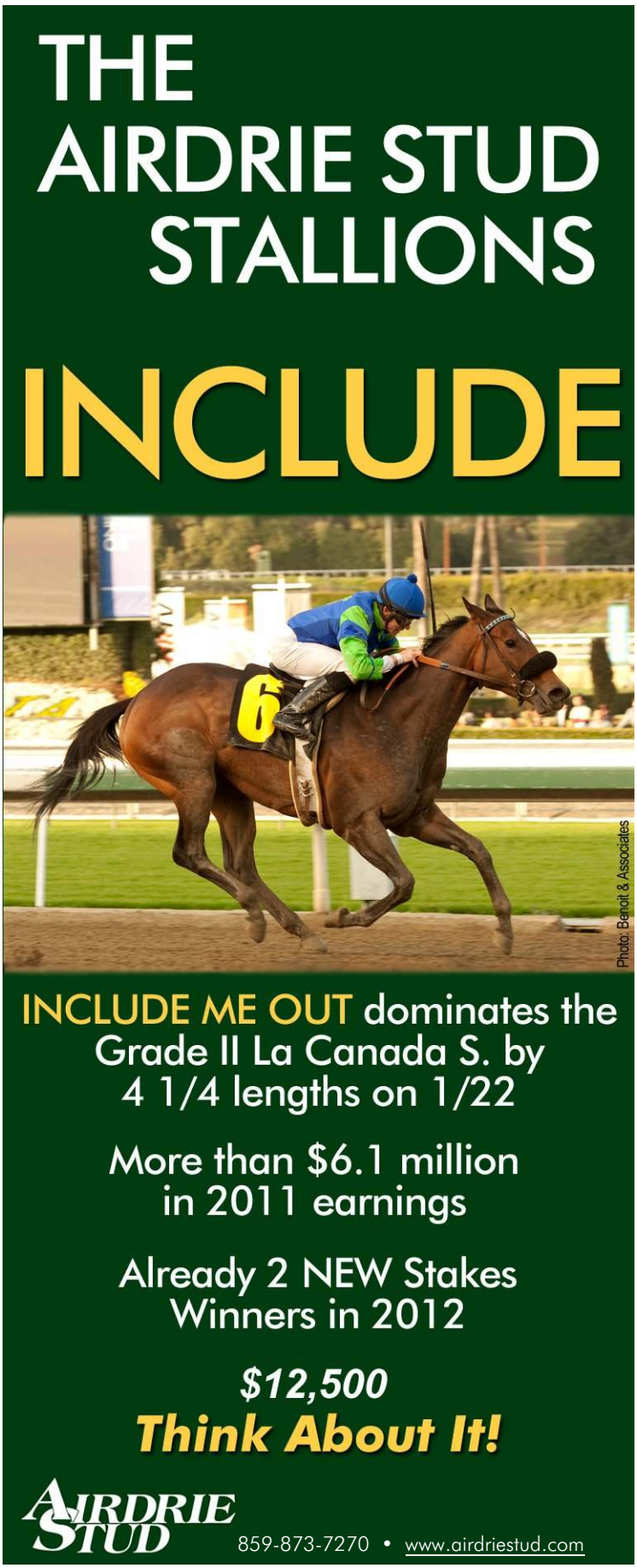
STALLION'S FIRST FOAL

AFLEET EXPRESS (Afleet Alex), winner of the 2010 GI Travers S., was represented by his first foal last week, a filly out of Heaven Knows (Purge). The filly is owned by Dr. Nancy Cole and Dr. Charles J. Kidder and she is boarded at Corner Woods Farm.

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

PRINCE IS DUBAI-BOUND

Trainer Gerard Butler was yesterday on hand to provide an update on the recent Wolverhampton conditions scorer **Prince Alzain** (Street Sense), who is set for a spell at the Dubai Carnival. Having upset the 1-4 favorite and highly regarded Earle Mack colorbearer **Harvard N Yale** (Smart Strike) in an extended mile contest on the Polytrack on Boxing Day, Asaad Al Banwan's colt is set to tackle the Feb. 9 G3 UAE 2000 Guineas at Meydan. "The plan is he goes to Dubai on the 29th and runs in the UAE Guineas and, if he progresses he will run Mar. 10 in a Listed race for 3-year-olds over 1900meters, which is a prep for the Mar. 31 G2 UAE Derby," Butler explained. "He's got a few hurdles to jump, but I think he is very progressive and is looking that way at the moment. The waters run very deep there, but I'm sure he'll give a very good account of himself."



WRITERS UP

Three Weekend Stakes Winners for Jones...

Governor Brereton Jones and his wife Libby didn't make it down to Fair Grounds this past weekend, stuck at home with a touch of the flu. "But I sure wish I had," said Jones, who nonetheless got the sort of chicken soup for the soul that promising young sophomores can uniquely provide. Jones and his family's Airdrie Stud had a huge Saturday in New Orleans, winning both of the 3-year-old stakes on the card with a pair of homebreds. First, the filly **Believe You Can** (Proud Citizen) asserted to beat Summer Applause (Harlan's Holiday) by 1 1/2 lengths in the $120,000 Silverbulletday S. Then the colt **Mr. Bowling** (Istan) won the $175,000 Lecomte S., gamely defeating Z Dager (Mizzen Mast) by a head. Larry Jones trains the horses, both of whom are by Airdrie stallions. "We couldn't have been any more excited had we been there, but it would have been a special day for sure," Jones added.

Brereton & Libby Jones
Airdrie photo

If Airdrie needed any more reason to celebrate, the Kentucky nursery got it Sunday at Santa Anita, when the 4-year-old filly **Include Me Out** (Include), bred by Jones, got a first stakes win in the GII La Canada S. A $150,000 FTKJUL graduate, the filly is owned by Jay Em Ess Stable and trained by Ron Ellis. "That was a big thrill for us, as well," said Jones.

Airdrie has a long history of supporting its young stallions, and all three winners represent families that have been good to Jones over the years. Mr. Bowling, for instance, is a grandson of the Grade III winner Madam Bear (Dreadnaught), whom Jones had purchased privately from Jim Bowling and partners shortly before Bowling's passing. Jones bred the Grade I-winning filly Tarlow (Stormin Fever) out of Madam Bear, while another of her daughters produced the Jones-bred MGSW Yankee Fortune (Yankee Gentleman). Madam Bear's daughter Goldilock's Bear (Irish Tower) produced Mr. Bowling, a $14,000 KEESEP buyback who hails from the first crop of Airdrie's Istan, a fast graded stakes-winning son of Gone West from the immediate family of Mill Reef.

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MR. BOWLING

Goldilock's Bear
- **MR. BOWLING**
  - Who'sbeeninmybed
- **MADAM BEAR**
  - **TARLOW**
    - Madam Ann
      - **YANKEE FORTUNE**
    - Sailor Pluto
      - **GO GO SHOOT**
      - **Songofthesailor**
- Sister Bear
  - **MADAM BEAR**
  - **Rainbow Bear**

THE AIRDRIE STUD STALLIONS

PROUD CITIZEN

1/21: 3yo Kentucky Oaks prospect BELIEVE YOU CAN takes the $125,000 Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds

1/21: Champion VAMO A GALUPIAR wins the Megahertz S. at Santa Anita

1/13: 3yo Kentucky Derby hopeful MARK VALESKI runs a 6 1/2 Ragozin in his Sophomore Debut

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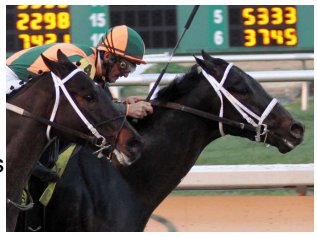
Jones named the colt after his friend Bowling, an executive at Philip Morris who died in 1997 of pancreatic cancer. Bowling, a World War II vet, rose to the level of senior vice president at Philip Morris, and also helped lead the tobacco company's programs in support of the visual and performing arts.



Mr. Bowling
Lou Hodges photo

Folks paying especially close attention at the recent Keeneland January Sale might have been tipped off to Jones's feelings on Mr. Bowling after Jones bought back a sibling he'd previous sold as a weanling. Jones paid $10,000 for Mr. Bowling's unraced 4-year-old half-sister Who'sbeeninmybed (The Daddy), whom he had sold for $18,000 as a weanling in 2008.

"I saw her in the sale, and thought it made sense," he said. "And we picked her up at what I thought was a very reasonable price."

Jones said he'd probably send Who'sbeeninmybed to Istan in her first year in the breeding shed, meaning the resulting offspring will be bred like Mr. Bowling.

Jones expects Mr. Bowling to continue on through the graded GI Kentucky Derby preps at Fair Grounds this spring and, hopefully, earn he himself a spot in starting gate on the first Saturday in May. "Larry Jones is a pretty good judge of horseflesh, and Larry feels like he has a pretty good future," said Jones. "We intend to focus on the Derby, and we'll see if he's that good. Those kind that are real game and are improving with each start at this time of the year, if you don't get Derby fever, you're not very focused on the horse industry."

Similarly, Jones hopes Believe You Can will give him a chance to win a second GI Kentucky Oaks in four years with a daughter of Proud Citizen. The son of Gone West was represented by the Jones homebred Proud Spell, eventual divisional champion, in the 2008 Oaks.

Jones came into Believe You Can's family after buying her second dam, Taegu (Halo), privately from a friend off the track. She was a modest performer, winning once in six starts for trainer Hal Wiggins in 1999, but Jones saw potential in the half-sister to GSW Chorwon (Cozzene).

"She was by Halo, and there are a lot of good crosses you can make with Halo mares," he explained. "She was out of a No Robbery mare, and it was a pedigree that just made sense to me."

BELIEVE YOU CAN

El Fasto
- **BELIEVE YOU CAN**
- Taegu
  - **CLASSIC ELEGANCE**
    - **Unbridled Endeavor**
    - First Degree
  - **Nomo Robbery**
    - **CHORWON**
    - **YUKON ROBBERY**
    - **KUMHWA**
    - **Ansong**
    - Seoul
      - **RUSH BAY**
      - **Miss Inclined**

THE AIRDRIE STUD STALLIONS

ISTAN

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First-crop 3yo MR. BOWLING takes the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds on 1/21

...and his impressive allowance winner Atigun is slated to start next in the GIII Southwest S.

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Writer's Up cont.

Taegu's first foal, El Fasto (El Prado {Ire}), didn't make the races (more about her in a bit), but her second foal was the very good juvenile Classic Elegance (Carson City), who Jones bred and sold to Bob and Beverly Lewis for $650,000 as a 2003 KEESEP yearling. Classic Elegance won the GII Schuylerville S. and GIII Debutante S. a year later. In 2005, Jones sold Taegu's next live foal, a colt named First Degree by Airdrie's young stallion Forest Camp, for $1 million at September, and in 2006 offered Taegu herself at Keeneland November. In foal to A.P. Indy, she RNA'd for $975,000, but then was sold privately to Greg Goodman's Mt. Brilliant Farm. (That worked out well for everyone: Goodman sold the resulting foal for $1.5 million.)

Include Me Out
Benoit Photo

Now, back to Taegu's first foal, El Fasto, who didn't make the races. "I couldn't sell her because she had fractured her pelvis, and so she was never broken," Jones said. "She wasn't unraced because she couldn't run--she was unraced because she was injured."

Jones kept and bred her, and if El Fasto did have innate talent, she passed it on to Believe You Can, her third foal to start.

"Of course we love Proud Citizen, particularly after getting Proud Spell from his first crop, and this is a nice filly," Jones said of Believe You Can.

El Fasto is currently in foal to Canadian Frontier, and not surprisingly is booked back to Proud Citizen.

Jones's involvement with Include Me Out's family goes back even further than the those two horses. He purchased her third dam Join the Waves (Sailor) from Bwamazon Farm at Keeneland, and from the family has bred the Grade I winner Sweet Talker (Stormin Fever) and her MGSW brother Silver Medallion (Badge of Silver), as well as GSW Tiffany Diamond (Tiffany Ice).

"The reason I bought her, quite frankly, is because she was out of a mare named *Nato II (*Court Martial), who was a foundation mare for Bwamazon Farm," Jones explained. "Nato II was a 1953 model, which tells you how long ago this was. I was able to get Join the Waves for a very reasonable price. I don't remember what it was, but it was quite inexpensive."

INCLUDE ME OUT

Don't Trick Her
- **CHECK THE LABEL**
- **INCLUDE ME OUT**
- **ON THE MENU**

Lucy Sims
- **TIFFANY DIAMOND**

Another Vegetarian
- **SWEET TALKER**
- **SILVER MEDALLION**

Join the Waves
- **VISUAL EMOTION**

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Writers' Up cont. from p8

Join the Waves's 11-year-old granddaughter Don't Trick Her (Mazel Trick), a half to Tiffany Diamond and to the dam of Sweet Talker and Silver Medallion, didn't make the races either, but has been outstanding in the breeding shed for Jones. Her first foal to make the races was SW On The Menu (Canadian Frontier). Her next, Check The Label (Stormin Fever), won four graded races, including the 2010 GI Garden City S. Include Me Out is now her third stakes winner from as many starters. Don't Trick Her's last two foals, meanwhile, have starred in the sales ring. The unraced 3-year-old colt Look Busy (Include) sold to Silverton Hill for $340,000 as a yearling--the top price paid for an Include yearling in 2010. And her 2-year-old filly Wooden Nickel (Divine Park) brought $180,000 as a weanling before reselling to Starlight Stables for $220,000 at Keeneland last September.

Believe You Can
Lou Hodges photo

"Don't Trick Her throws really racey-looking, well-made foals," said Jones, who said the mare is booked back to Include for 2012. She's currently in foal to Malibu Moon.

"The family's been great to Airdrie and its stallions," said Jones. "What was a foundation family for Bwamazon became a foundation family for Airdrie, and time marches on." *-L Marquardt*

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MULTIPLE GI WINNER ON DIRT EARNED $1.5M

"...Giant Oak was HUGE in the Donn!"
Gulfstream Announcer Larry Collmus
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Thoroughbred Times, Donn Hcp. Report

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LEADER BOARDS

The APEX stallion ratings cover a seven-year period, so at the end of 2011 the figures describe sires' performances during the seven years 2005-2011. But it's also interesting to know who's hot now. Or, at least, who were the best sires just in 2011? Today we look at two criteria: the leading sires of new A Runners in 2011 and the leading sires, total, of 2011 ABC Runners--not just the new ones, all of them. In both cases there is a cluster of stallions at the top among North American and European sires, indicating more compression among the top sires than used to be the case. There are more sires clustered together at the very top, and they are not as far ahead of their contemporaries as they used to be.

As I've said often, I'm sure the doubling of book sizes is the reason for this, as sires aren't bred to as good a book of mares, on average, as when they were siring foal crops of 40 or 50.

There are about as many listed and graded/group winners in the population as there are A Runners, so it's worth keeping in mind analysis of statistics regarding A Runners is about the same as analyzing the winners of listed races and above. From that perspective, it's interesting to see that six different North American or European stallions sired 11 or 12 new A Runners each in 2012 to lead the pack. This isn't total A Runners sired during the year, mind, just the new ones (and by North American and European sires. We'll get to Japan in a minute). Not surprisingly, the leaders included three Coolmore sires: Montjeu (12), Galileo (11), and Giant's Causeway (11). The two top older North American Mr. Prospector-line sires are there: Lane's End's Smart Strike (12), a foal of 1992; and WinStar's Distorted Humor (11), a foal of 1993. Rounding out the top six--pretty exalted company, I'm sure you'll agree--is none other than the pride and joy of Ramsey Farm, leading 2011 third-crop sire and leading North American Sire of 2-year-olds, Kitten's Joy, also the sire of 12 new A Runners in 2011. Wow. He is banging on the door of the Big Time. One more year like that, and they'll have to let him in.

Two Juddmonte sires, Empire Maker (sold to Japan for 2011) and Dansili, had nine new A Runners each, along with Claiborne's Arch, having probably his best year yet in that regard. Five sires had eight new A Runners each: Gainesway's Tapit; Tribal Rule, a California-based son of Storm Cat; Spendthrift's Malibu Moon; Airdrie's recently deceased Indian Charlie; and Coolmore's Danehill Dancer.

2ND-CROP SIRE & MG1W
AFTER MARKET
Storm Cat – Tranquility Lake, by Rahy

A Leading Freshman Sire last Year,
AFTER MARKET
shows off some of his 3yo girls this year:

Jan. 21 - LADY OF FIFTY wins the $100K California Oaks by 3 1/4 lengths, her Third Consecutive Stakes in Wire-to-Wire fashion.

Jan. 19 - MARKET SQUARE, a Lane's End Homebred & Sales Grad, takes a Maiden Special Weight at the Fair Grounds in her First Start.

Jan. 22 - CHA CHA LATTE wins at Santa Anita for the Second Time.

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LEADING SIRES of 2011 ABC RUNNERS
(NA & EU SIRES)

SIRE	1ST FLS	A's	B's	C's	2011 ABC's
GALILEO	2003	19	6	21	46
DISTORTED HUMOR	2000	13	16	17	46
SPEIGHTSTOWN	2006	11	9	26	46
MALIBU MOON	2001	12	11	20	43
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2002	16	11	15	42
TAPIT	2006	14	13	11	38
MONTJEU	2002	21	5	8	34
DUBAWI	2007	10	11	12	33
SMART STRIKE	1998	17	4	11	32
DANSILI	2002	16	3	13	32
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	2006	15	5	12	32
INDIAN CHARLIE	2000	12	7	12	31
DANEHILL DANCER	1999	11	9	11	31
EMPIRE MAKER	2005	11	9	11	31
GHOSTZAPPER	2007	9	9	13	31
SHAMARDAL	2007	12	3	15	30
CANDY RIDE	2006	9	9	12	30
PIVOTAL	1998	7	7	16	30

(JAPANESE SIRES)

KING KAMEHAMEHA	2006	36	18	29	83
KUROFUNE	2003	11	24	21	56
SYMBOLI KRIS S	2005	12	7	32	51
MANHATTAN CAFÉ	2004	19	6	24	49
DEEP IMPACT	2008	18	13	17	48
FUJI KISEKI	1996	16	11	20	47
AGNES TACHYON	2003	13	5	28	46
NEO UNIVERSE	2006	12	10	24	46
SAKURA BAKUSHIN O	1996	9	17	19	45
JUNGLE POCKET	2004	9	12	23	44

LEADING F2007 SIRES of 2011 ABC RUNNERS
(1st Foals 4yo's of 2011) (NA & EU)

SIRE	1ST FLS	A's	B's	C's	ABC's
DUBAWI	2007	10	11	12	33
GHOSTZAPPER	2007	9	9	13	31
SHAMARDAL	2007	12	3	15	30
WILDCAT HEIR	2007	5	8	15	28
ROMAN RULER	2007	4	4	14	22
KITTEN'S JOY	2007	13	5	2	20
FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	2007	6	3	11	20

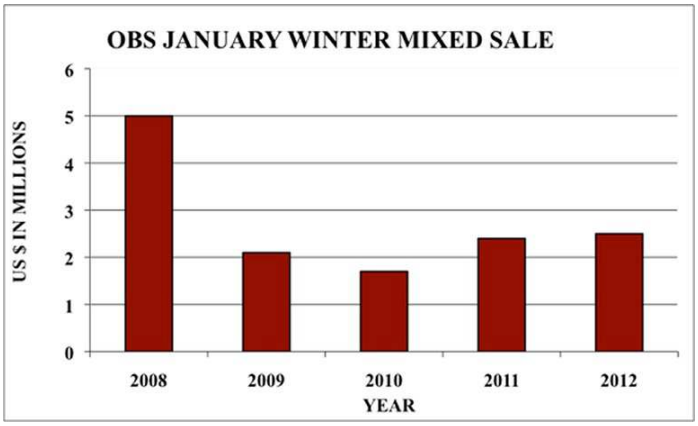
LEADING F2008 SIRES of 2011 ABC RUNNERS
(1st Foals 3yo's of 2011) (NA & EU)

SIRE	1ST FLS	A's	B's	C's	ABC's
HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	2008	5	10	11	26
OLD FORESTER	2008	6	7	6	19
BERNARDINI	2008	6	4	9	19
HURRICANE RUN	2008	7	6	5	18
WAR FRONT	2008	6	3	7	16
HENNY HUGHES	2008	4	1	10	15

Weekly Sales Ticker

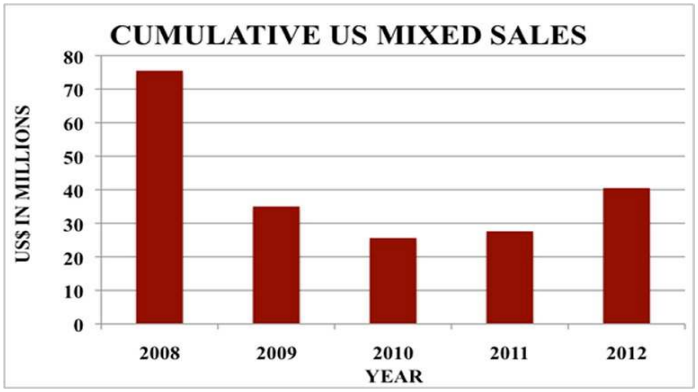
by Bill Oppenheim

"The good gains at OBS are maybe important only because they validate the sustained momentum exhibited in the marketplace since the last half of 2011. The January and February mixed sales are the smallest sector of the overall North American and European auction market; nevertheless they reflect the prevailing tone of optimism, which Two-Year-Old consignors no doubt hope will prove to be infectious in the months to come. The big yearling sale in Cape Town is about to get underway." – Bill Oppenheim



OBS JANUARY WINTER MIXED SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	382	335	238	12.3%	71.0%	62.3%	$2,475,300	$10,400
2011	522	451	309	13.6%	68.5%	59.2%	$2,376,000	$7,689
2010	469	425	288	9.4%	67.8%	61.4%	$1,656,000	$5,750
2009	612	484	343	20.9%	70.9%	56.0%	$2,129,100	$6,207
2008	968	736	490	24.0%	66.6%	50.6%	$5,038,600	$10,283



TOTAL CUMULATIVE US MIXED SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	1,976	1,585	1,241	19.8%	78.3%	62.8%	$40,467,200	$32,609
2011	2,349	1,857	1,330	20.9%	71.6%	56.6%	$27,626,350	$20,772
2010	2,222	1,770	1,270	20.3%	71.8%	57.2%	$25,551,100	$20,119
2009	2,991	2,196	1,681	26.6%	76.5%	56.2%	$34,953,100	$20,793
2008	3,516	2,493	1,983	29.1%	79.5%	56.4%	$75,484,600	$38,066

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Oppenheim Cont.

It's a completely different story in Japan, where Yoshida family sires and sons of Sunday Silence nearly sweep the board. The leading sire of new A Runners anywhere, though, is King Kamehameha, by Kingmambo and not by Sunday Silence (however, he already has 15 A Runners out of Sunday Silence mares, with his oldest foals just 5-year-olds in 2011). King Kamehameha had an astonishing 22 new A Runners last year--10 of them as 3-year-olds, the other 12 as 4-year-olds. The other four Japanese sires with 10 or more new A Runners in 2011 are all by Sunday Silence. Deep Impact, with 16 new 2011 A Runners, is already the number two sire in Japan, in that respect, with just his first 3-year-olds, and of course you've seen the statistic that Deep Impact is number four overall by 2005-2011 (in his case, 2010-2011) A Runner Index (3.61). Older Sunday Silence sons Manhattan Cafe (11), Stay Gold (10), and Fuji Kiseki (10) also had 10 or more new A Runners in Japan last year.

Kitten's Joy (12) naturally led F2007 sires, with their first 4-year-olds last year, toppling even the previously unassailable Darley (UK) sire, Dubawi, who had eight new 2011 A Runners, and still leads all F2007 sires with a 3.32 A Runner Index (ranks 10th among Northern Hemisphere sires with 200+ year-starters).

Adena Springs' Ghostzapper continued his rebound with seven new A Runners, the same as Darley's (Ire) Shamardal. Gainesway's Afleet Alex and Coolmore's Footstepsinthesand had five new A Runners each.

Coolmore's Hurricane Run was the leading F2008 sire (first 3-year-olds) of new A Runners, with seven, followed by the Ontario sire, Old Forester, with six. Although, as we discussed last week, ratings for Canadian sires are largely untested outside Canada. WinStar's new acquisition Bellamy Road, Claiborne's red-hot son of Danzig, War Front; and Coolmore's Holy Roman Emperor, 2011 Leading European sire of 2-Year-Olds, had five new A Runners each. Five F2008 sires had four new A Runners each: Darley's (KY) Bernardini and Henny Hughes; Juddmonte's Cacique, an unfortunately very sub-fertile full brother to the same firm's Dansili; Ontario's Philanthropist; and Darley UK's Shirocco. It will be interesting to see how this group progresses in 2012.

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EVEN THE SCORE
Unbridled's Song – Ashtabula, by Raby

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Grade I sire Even The Score... improving his mares

	CI	AEI	DIFF.
EVEN THE SCORE	1.28	1.32	+.04
Unbridled's Song	2.46	2.07	-.39
Songandaprayer	1.75	1.27	-.48
Rockport Harbor	1.54	1.13	-.41

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Leading Sires of 2011 ABC Runners

You can see from the attached table of earnings thresholds how much in earnings (all converted to US$) it took for a horse to be classified as an A, B, or C Runner in each of the years covered. In North America, in 2011, for example, a horse had to earn at least $53,400 to be classified as a C Runner, and at least $113,114 to be classified as an A Runner. These are the horses, more or less, that we'd like to be able to call 'break-even or better'--at least in relation to their training costs. So it's pretty important to know which sires are best at doing that.

King Kamehameha had 83 ABC Runners in 2011, of which 36 were A Runners, including his 22 new A Runners mentioned above. These seem like otherworldly figures, and they are in relation to North American and European sires, but it does tell us pretty comprehensively this is one very good sire. If Deep Impact is as good as or better than King Kamehameha, my guess is we'd better be reserving two spots for Japan in the next Northern Hemisphere World Top 12 list.

In the North American/European context, there is again a cluster at the top, with six sires having between 38-46 ABC Runners in 2011. Three sires tied for the top spot, with 46 ABC Runners each: Coolmore's Galileo and two WinStar stallions, Distorted Humor and Speightstown.

That's some performance, by a sire with his first 5-year-olds to tie as the top sire of ABC Runners, so it's another huge thumbs-up for Speightstown, whose 3.68 A Runner Index ranks him second only to A.P. Indy in that star category. Spendthrift's Malibu Moon had 43 ABC Runners last year. Coolmore's Giant's Causeway had 42, while Gainesway's Tapit, another F2006 sire with just his first 5-year-olds racing in 2011, had 38 ABC Runners last year.

The table of the 18 sires with 30 or more ABC Runners (NA & EU sires) also shows the number of A, B, and C Runners for each sire last year. You can see there that Montjeu had a total of 21 A Runners last year (12 of them new, per above), ahead of Galileo (19), Smart Strike (17), and Giant's Causeway and Dansili, with 16 each.

Three F2007 sires with their first 4-year-olds 2011 figure among the 18 NA/EU sires with 30 or more 2011 ABC Runners. Darley's Dubawi (33) and Shamardal (30), and Adena Springs' Ghostzapper (31), with Florida's Journeyman Stud's Wildcat Heir (28) a close-up fourth. Coolmore's Holy Roman Emperor (26) is a comfortable leader among F2008 sires, which had their first 3-year-olds last year, ahead of Canada's Old Forester and Darley's Bernardini (19 each); and another Coolmore sire, Hurricane Run, with 18 ABC Runners last year.

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LEADING SIRES OF NEW A RUNNERS 2011
(NA & EU SIRES)

SIRE	1ST FLS	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+	TOTAL
KITTEN'S JOY	2007	3	9	0	n/a	12
MONTJEU	2002	1	6	3	2	12
SMART STRIKE	1998	2	5	4	1	12
GALILEO	2003	2	6	3	0	11
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2002	1	5	4	1	11
DISTORTED HUMOR	2000	0	5	5	1	11
EMPIRE MAKER	2005	2	2	3	2	9
DANSILI	2002	4	4	1	0	9
ARCH	2000	1	5	2	1	9
TAPIT	2006	1	5	2	0	8
TRIBAL RULE	2004	3	4	1	0	8
MALIBU MOON	2001	2	5	1	0	8
INDIAN CHARLIE	2000	2	5	0	1	8
DANEHILL DANCER	1999	0	6	2	0	8
(JAPANESE SIRES)						
KING KAMEHAMEHA	2006	0	10	12	0	22
DEEP IMPACT	2008	3	13	n/a	n/a	16
MANHATTAN CAFÉ	2004	0	6	4	1	11
STAY GOLD	2003	1	6	2	1	10
FUJI KISEKI	1996	0	3	4	3	10

LEADING F2007 SIRES OF NEW 2011 A RUNNERS
(1st Foals 4yo's of 2011)

SIRE	1ST FLS	2YO	3YO	4YO	TOTAL
KITTEN'S JOY	2007	3	9	0	12
DUBAWI	2007	0	7	1	8
GHOSTZAPPER	2007	1	4	2	7
SHAMARDAL	2007	2	0	5	7
AFLEET ALEX	2007	0	3	2	5
FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	2007	0	3	2	5

LEADING F2008 SIRES OF NEW 2011 A RUNNERS
(1st Foals 3yo's of 2011)

SIRE	1ST FLS	2YO	3YO	TOTAL
HURRICANE RUN	2008	0	7	7
OLD FORESTER	2008	2	4	6
BELLAMY ROAD	2008	1	4	5
HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	2008	4	1	5
WAR FRONT	2008	2	3	5
BERNARDINI	2008	0	4	4
CACIQUE	2008	0	4	4
HENNY HUGHES	2008	2	2	4
PHILANTHROPIST	2008	1	3	4
SHIROCCO	2008	0	4	4

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The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

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Maiden Claiming Races - **purses of $18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of $40,000**

APEX EARNINGS THRESHOLDS 2005-2011 (US$)

A RUNNERS **top 2%**

	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN
2011	113,114	74,070	91,784	61,095	424,320
2010	105,458	76,283	90,413	52,730	398,758
2009	107,370	87,814	98,113	58,465	506,275
2008	111,303	96,887	98,810	64,348	455,511
2007	112,280	92,433	92,582	57,554	382,477
2006	106,919	87,316	84,833	58,042	413,515
2005	105,200	88,632	84,341	52,705	478,824
2011-2005	**8%**	**-16%**	**9%**	**16%**	**-11%**

Pct change since 2005

B RUNNERS **next 2%**

	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN
2011	78,578	40,998	65,450	35,712	274,450
2010	74,103	43,106	61,877	30,950	256,982
2009	76,728	48,816	67,102	34,162	336,355
2008	79,300	52,610	71,736	35,547	324,139
2007	79,000	53,392	66,728	32,678	265,438
2006	75,770	55,316	59,353	33,838	288,980
2005	73,221	52,082	56,375	29,709	319,073
2011-2005	**7%**	**-21%**	**12%**	**20%**	**-14%**

C RUNNERS **next 4%**

	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN
2011	53,400	22,250	44,914	19,986	161,191
2010	51,070	23,868	43,266	17,421	149,815
2009	51,880	26,424	46,396	20,039	215,288
2008	53,492	30,067	48,126	20,854	192,817
2007	53,360	30,053	46,207	18,589	174,822
2006	50,800	30,831	41,160	18,257	181,137
2005	49,926	30,941	38,313	17,152	198,534
2011-2005	**7%**	**-28%**	**17%**	**17%**	**-19%**

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NYRA RESPONDS TO REPORT FROM NY STATE COMPTROLLER The New York Racing Association yesterday responded to criticism leveled at the organization by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli. In a statement released yesterday, DiNapoli accused NYRA of failing to implement cost-saving measures his office recommended to the association a year ago and of using revenue from VLTs to mask its financial shortfall. The State Comptroller's report read, "We found that NYRA officials made some progress in addressing the recommendations we made in the two prior audit reports. However, much more needs to be done. For example, of our nine report recommendations, four were not implemented, and five were only partially implemented. We are concerned with the limited responsiveness to our prior audit report recommendations, particularly because NYRA may have less incentive to be attentive to cost-savings initiatives as its financial condition improves with the influx of VLT revenues." *(to view the complete statement, click here).*

In response to those findings, NYRA issued a release, stating, "NYRA has and will continue to maintain financial discipline. To implement all of the recommendations made in the 2010 audit reports inside of a year would have required more money and resources than NYRA could prudently spend at that time, but we fully understand the importance of this process and remain committed to completing it."

The NYRA release continued, "In the statement, the comptroller's office references that the audit found that NYRA expects a $19.7 million loss from racing operations in 2012. This figure is misleading. It should be noted that the 2012 budget was not within the scope of nor was it referenced in the audit, and was never discussed with NYRA management. Furthermore, NYRA's 2012 budget contemplates approximately $19-million of net income, not a net loss. Additionally, operating income solely from current racing operations, and without giving effect to Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) proceeds for operations and capital expenditures, is projected to be $1.4 million. The comptroller's statement expresses concern regarding how NYRA will use the money from VLTs. As a reminder, the use of VLT proceeds is regulated by statute and primarily allocated to purse money and capital expenditures. NYRA conducts a rigorous annual budget review and approval process and NYRA's budget is reviewed by the Franchise Oversight Board. Furthermore, NYRA's financial results and internal controls are routinely audited. NYRA is committed to the highest standards of corporate governance, integrity and management."

The State issued Tuesday's release as a follow up to a pair of 2010 status reports, which included recomendations to be under taken by NYRA.

ARLINGTON ANNOUNCES NEW ST. LEGER Arlington Park released its 2012 stakes schedule yesterday, which includes a new turf race worth $400,000. The International Festival of Racing, to be held Aug. 18, features the 30th GI Arlington Million and tops a lineup that includes 26 stakes races worth $5.8 million. In addition to the Million, the Festival features the GI Beverly D. S. and GI Secretariat S., as well as the newly created $400,000 Arlington St. Leger for 3-year-olds and up going a mile and eleven-sixteenths (1m 5 1/2f). The Secretariat receives a $100,000 boost to its purse for 2012. "The International Festival of Racing has always been a great event, but now with the celebration of the 30th running of the Million, the addition of the Arlington St. Leger, and the purse increase of the Secretariat, the Festival is set to go to a whole new level," said Arlington Park General ManagerTony Petrillo. "We are extremely proud to be able to launch a new race with the Arlington St. Leger," he continued. "This is an historic race in Great Britain, the third leg of the English Triple Crown. We are honored to be able to name our race after that laCssic. It strengthens our relationships with the international racing community and we are sure this race will be very popular with the American racing fans." Arlington will conduct 90 days of racing beginning Friday, May 4 and running through Sunday, Sept. 30. The stakes schedule now goes to the Illinois racing board for approval.

SCI FI KIN TOPS BARRETTS JANUARY SALE **Sci Fi Kin** (Siphon {Brz}), a 13-year-old mare in foal to Unusual Heat, brought top price of $60,000 at Monday's Barretts January Mixed Sale in Pomona, California. Consigned by Harris Farms, agent, as hip 47, the chestnut mare is the dam of graded stakes winner Pretty Unusual (Unusual Heat) and multiple stakes-placed Jax El (Unusual Heat). Ron Stolich made the winning bid. In all, 162 head grossed $982,500. The average of $6,065 was up 14.2% from a year ago, while the median rose 20% to $3,000.

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No. Offered	243	347
No. Sold	162	256
RNAs	81	91
% RNAs	33.3%	26.2%
Gross	$982,500	$1,359,400
Average (% change)	$6,065 (+14.2%)	$5,310
Median (% change)	$3,000 (+20%)	$2,500

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Yesterday's Results:
1st-PRX, $49,630, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13, my.
+HARRIET (f, 3, Hard Spun--Call Me Fleet, by Afleet), looked the part in her morning works and was the prohibitive choice on debut, leaving the gate at 4-5 odds. Ridden just a bit to keep tabs on the early leaders, she sat behind the front rank heading into the turn and was angled out for clear running over the muddy track. She set her sights on a pair of dueling rivals nearing the quarter pole and, after taking control soon after, edged away with big, loping strides to win by four lengths. Cimbria (War Front) held for second. Harriet is a half-sister to Warrior Queen (Quiet American), Co-Hwt. 3yo Filly-Ire at 5-6f, Hwt. 3yo Filly-Eng at 5-7f, SW-Ire & GSP-Eng, who went on to produce the good MGSW A.P. Warrior (A.P. Indy). She is also a half to Tiger's Rock (Giant's Causeway), MSW, $130,985; and Rapid Ransom (Red Ransom), GSP. Sales history: $70,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; $150,000 2yo '11 KEEAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $27,000.
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FLORIDA

Sign Ups Available for Horsemen's Dinner:
Horsemen are encouraged to sign up for the winter racing season dinner to be held Feb. 7 at Christine Lee's Restaurant at Gulfstream Park. This year's guest of honor will be Kenny Noe. Post time for the event will be 7 p.m. and includes a cocktail hour and four-course dinner. The cost is $45 per person, which includes food, tax and tip. There will be a cash bar all evening. Seating is limited to the first 50 pre-paid guests. RSVP by Feb 4 to Bill and Mary Hirsch at 954-454-9375.

Kenny Noe

CANADA

CTHS Ontario Announces Executive Committee:
The Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society Board of Director has announced results of elections for its Executive Committee. R. Glenn Sikura is the committee's president; Peter Berringer is first vice president; and Frank Di Giulio Jr. is second vice president. National directors are: Bernard McCormack, Yvonne Schwabe and Sikura.

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Frumious	Grindstone	Palos Verdes S.-G2	111
Inherit the Gold	Gold Token	Haynesfield S.	109
Thiskyhasnolimit	Sky Mesa	Louisiana H.	103
Gantry	Pulpit	F. W. Gaudin Memorial S.	101
Midnight Transfer	Hard Spun	San Pedro S.	101
Vamo a Galupiar (Chi)	Proud Citizen	Megahertz S.	101
Absinthe Minded	Quiet American	Pippin S.	99
Inspired	Unbridled's Song	Pan Zareta S.	98
Lotta Lovin	Repent	Cincinnati Trophy S.	98
Include Me Out	Include	La Canada S.-G2	97
Mr. Vegas	Freud	Colonel E. R. Bradley H.-G3	97
Coyote Legend	Gold Legend	Star of Texas S.	96
Dayatthespa	City Zip	Sweetest Chant S.	95
Mr. Bowling	Istan	LeComte S.-G3	95
Believe You Can	Proud Citizen	Silverbulletday S.	94
Gleaming	Dehere	American Beauty S.	93
Howe Great	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Kitten's Joy S.	93
Cowgirl N Up	My Golden Song	Bara Lass S.	92
Solar Charge	Authenticate	Spirit of Texas S.	92
That's Who	Quinton's Gold	Pepsi Cola S.	91
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Taylors Irish	Drewman	Manatee S.	88

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN BRITAIN:
Royal Bajan, g, 4, Speightstown--Crown You (MSP-US), by Two Punch. Kempton Park, Britain, 1-24, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT). B-West Wind Farm. *$18,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; £125,000 2yo '10 DONAPR; 48,000gns RNA HIT '11 TATHIT.

APPOINTMENTS

TED BLACK

- Elected President of the Maryland Racing Media Association.
- Black succeeds former President Stan Salter who served at the helm of the group since May 2011.
- Effective immediately.
- Black has been a sports writer for the Gazette Newspapers since 1999 and he first began covering thoroughbred racing in 1987 on a freelance basis for the Bowie Blade-News, the Prince George's Journal and the Sentinel.
- He covered horse racing for the Bowie Blade-News, the Journal and the Sentinel from 1987-1998 and also covered baseball and horse racing for the Voice of Southern Maryland from 1991-97.
- He has been a member of the National Turf Writers Association since 1995.

INDUSTRY INFO

Saylor Steps Up for Charity *Edited Press Release*

Thoroughbred owner and breeder Paul Saylor has issued a matching gift challenge to benefit the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. From now through Feb. 29, Saylor will match any gift, up to $50,000, to the 'Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation Saylor Challenge.' The funds will be channeled to support the daily needs of more than 1,000 former racehorses currently under the TRF's care.

"I am issuing this challenge to motivate people in the racing industry and Thoroughbred lovers to donate to the TRF," said Saylor. "Thoroughbred racing as a business needs to show that caring for retired racehorses is a priority. I am pleased to be doing this work through the TRF, which I have found to be under sound management and on reasonable financial footing given the difficulties that most charities are experiencing raising money in these times."

Donors may specify that their gifts be earmarked for "Olivia's Herd," which represents the organization's horses that are most in need of special care or feeding because of age or other physical condition.

The announcement coincides with the upcoming launch of a web page dedicated to the horses which are a part of "Olivia's Herd". "Olivia's Herd" was created in memory and honor of Olivia Saylor, who died Jan. 1, 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina. Olivia, who was very involved with her family in the Thoroughbred racing business, is credited with naming Ashado, two-time champion filly raced by the Saylor family in partnership with Starlight Stables.

"We are immensely grateful to Paul for this generous demonstration of support and confidence in the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation," stated Diana Pikulski, TRF's Director of External Affairs. "Paul's actions bring needed funds and awareness for the important work of the TRF."

Gifts can be made on line by going to Make a Gift at http://www.trfinc.org, or by mailing a check to TRF, P.O. Box 3387, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866 or by calling 518-226-0028.

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CUMULATIVE	2012	2011
Catalogued	572	575
No. Sold	424	428
RNAs	100	91
% RNA	19%	18%
High Price	A$140,000	A$170,000
Gross	A$12,804,727	A$14,342,000
Average (% change)	A$30,200 (-9.9%)	A$33,509
Median (% change)	A$25,000 (-3.8%)	A$26,000

ROOKIES

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., January 25

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

ART MUSEUM (Storm Cat), 32/0/0
3-DED, Msw, 5f, Art Design, $4K TEX AUG yrl, 8-1
BOB AND JOHN (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, $13K, 135/21/1
8-AQU, Alw, 1m, Jonrah, $100K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1
DEFER (Danzig), Empire Stud, $7K, 37/5/0
8-AQU, Alw, 1m, Readytodefer, 2-1
DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, $30K, 214/25/1
8-LRL, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Flip the Switch, $5K EAS SEP yrl, 15-1
INTEREST RATE (Storm Cat), Ackel T'bred, $2K, 27/0/0
3-DED, Msw, 5f, Kiss My Interest, 20-1
ISTAN (Gone West), Airdrie, $10K, 60/8/1
9-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Jillistana, $15K EAS MAY 2yo, 30-1
LAWYER RON (Langfuhr), Stonewall, $30K, 143/17/3
9-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Class Action Suit, 15-1
PATRIOT ACT (A.P. Indy), Questroyal, $6K, 59/3/0
9-AQU, Msw, 5 1/2f, Bedda Regina, $14K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1
PURIM (Dynaformer), Richland Hills, $10K, 124/7/0
9-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Gold Megillah, $50K FTF FEB 2yo, 10-1
9-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Two Months Rent, $17K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
SORCERER'S STONE (Gulch), Judice, $2K, 54/5/0
4-DED, Alw, 5f, Miss Stone Express, 4-1
4-DED, Alw, 5f, Sorcerer's Urge, $25K RNA BSC YRL yrl, 9-2
UTOPIA (JPN) (Forty Niner), McMahon, $8K, 151/7/0
8-AQU, Alw, 1m, Saxophone Len, $40K SAR AUG yrl, 5-2
8-AQU, Alw, 1m, Thor's Mjolnor, $20K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1
WEATHER WARNING (Storm Cat), Windfields, $5K, 63/7/1
3-DED, Msw, 5f, Emma's Gift, $2K BSC YRL yrl, 6-1

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AUSTRALASIA

HUSSONET COLT TOPS INGLIS FINALE

A colt by Hussonet topped yesterday's final session of the Inglis Sydney Classic Yearling Sale in Newmarket. Hip 560, out of Monte Rosa (Aus) (Fraar), was consigned by Arrowfield Stud and sold for A$140,000 to the bid of Mauro Poletti. During this year's Classic sale, 424 yearlings sold for A$12,804,727. The average fell 9.9% to A$30,200, while the median decreased 3.8% to A$25,000. According to Inglis officials, new technology helped depress the buy-back rate to 19%. "Online bidding has been well utilised by shrewd buyers purchasing up to A$50,000, and it has been great to see so many people using our Make An Offer Service, leading to a notable increase in the clearance rates from days one and two as the sale progressed today," said Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster.

BRITAIN

Yesterday's Results:
Kempton Park, 16.00, Mdn, £3,500, 3-5yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.89, stn.
PRUSSIAN (GB) (f, 3, Dubai Destination--Russian Snows {Ire} {GSW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Ire, SP-Eng, $187,069}, by Sadler's Wells), who had finished with a flourish when runner-up on debut over a mile at Lingfield 10 days earlier, enjoyed a lead early from Miss Astragal (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}). Rolling by that rival passing the quarter pole, the 1-5 chalk sauntered to a 3 3/4-length dismissal of the pacesetter. The winner is a half-sister to Murmansk (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}, GSP-Brz). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £2,767.
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston.

5.10 Kempton, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT)
QUEEN OF DENMARK (Kingmambo) makes her belated debut at the age of four for the Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum-Mark Johnston connection in this low-key Polytrack affair. The Darley homebred is a daughter of the 1998 G1 Blue Diamond S. heroine Danelagh (Aus) (Danehill) and therefore a half-sister to the exceptional champion Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) and also that multiple Group 1 scorer's full-sibling Dizelle (Aus), winner of the G1 Australian Oaks in 2005.

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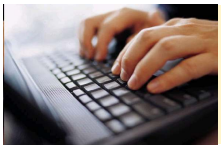

WRITERS UP

RETIRED RACEHORSE TRAINER CHALLENGE: DAY ONE

Story and photos by Sarah Andrew

"Is he sober?"

Amidst the hurry and scurry of the Maryland Horse World Expo, a big-boned, dark bay gelding stood quietly while he was groomed, politely flicking his ears forward when people opened his stall door.

Beverly Strauss, co-founder and Executive Director of MidAtlantic Rescue, looked up from her grooming, and seemed surprised before she smiled and replied, "All he gets is hay and water."

The 6-year-old gelding who was standing so quietly that an onlooker asked if he was tranquilized is named **Solidify** (Alajwad--Kali Dearest, by Dearest Doctor) and he is one of the four horses taking part in the Retired Racehorse Training Project Trainer Challenge. In December 2011, Solidify finished second in a claiming event at Finger Lakes, his 16th start of the year, and his 43rd lifetime start. After retiring from the track, he had a few weeks of downtime, and in January 2012, he was at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, charming everyone he met with his friendly face and cool demeanor.

Solidify & Beverly Srauss

The Retired Racehorse Training Project (RTTP) is a 501(c)3 charity. President Steuart Pittman, a three-day event rider, clinician, and trainer, is actively involved in expanding the market for retired Thoroughbred racehorses. Pittman is based at Dodon Farm in Davidsonville, MD, and travels the country teaching clinics, including 2009's successful Retired Racehorse Training Symposium.

Trainers participating in the RTTP Trainer Challenge will select a recently retired Thoroughbred, ride the horse for five weeks, and present the horse for judging at February's Pennsylvania Horse World Expo. Judges will be evaluating the work of the trainers and the preparation of the horses. At the end of the Challenge, the horses will be offered for sale (or adoption). As a lifelong rider and Thoroughbred enthusiast, I leapt at the opportunity to cover the event. I hear many misconceptions about the breed and the industries from both the sporthorse world and the racing world, and I was eager to watch these professionals tackle the challenges that people face when they work with horses off the track. ***Cont. p5***

Dierks (left), Catledge (center), Blackmer (right)

On Friday, Jan. 20, the RTTP Trainer Challenge officially began. Three trainers were selected to participate in the challenge: Kerry Blackmer of Frederick, MD; Tiffany Catledge of Middleburg, VA; and Eric Dierks of Tryon, NC.

Four horses were available for the three trainers' selections for the Challenge, with one horse as an alternate. The horses were brought from the barns to the Exhibition Hall Arena, where their athletic ability and conformation were assessed by the trainers in front of the Horse Expo crowd.

I saw a little spring in Solidify's step as Bev walked him up the hill to the arena. He looked dapper in his trace clip and his signature blue MidAtlantic Horse Rescue wool cooler. The sight of the rows of trailers and a few horses in the distance changed his laid-back expression to a keen one. He waited outside the Exhibition Hall, gamely standing his ground every time the chain-operated arena door roared open and shut, resting his chin on Bev, and mugging for peppermints. Before the Challenge began, Bev put the finishing touches on Solidify, and led him into the waiting area.

Solidify: calm, cool, and collected

First up for evaluation was **Four X The Trouble** (Domestic Dispute--Rynot, by Caveat), also known as "Tempest." Four X The Trouble was bred by Robin Coblyn in Clarksburg, MD, with both sporthorse and racehorse careers in mind. Robin carefully evaluates pedigree, because her broodmares perform double duty, producing racehorses one year and sporthorses the next. Tempest lived up to his name during his evaluation, and he was the most spirited of the bunch. His short back gave him power and agility. He displayed his athleticism for the trainers and crowd, while also showing off his good mind as he handled his strange surroundings with style.

It is difficult to imagine what these horses thought about their new surroundings. Although they were accustomed to racetrack life, the sights and smells of the Horse Expo could not possibly have been anything like what they had experienced before. Solidify showcased his adaptable nature and trainability as he trotted around the arena at liberty, calmly responding to his handlers. Steuart Pittman particularly liked his conformation, and remarked that his shoulder and withers made him look like he was built to be quite the jumper. Pittman also remarked that he may be the sleeper of the bunch because he was so laid-back in personality, but the crowd and trainers murmured with approval when Solidify broke into a lofty, powerful canter. The $4,000 claimer had a perfect "10" canter.

Four X The Trouble shows off for the trainers

Brazilian Wedding (Milwaukee Brew--Lady In Tails, by Black Tie Affair {Ire}), a 16.1h grey mare, retired off a win, also in December 2011. She came from Three Plain Bays Farm in Conowingo, MD. Like Solidify, she was extremely athletic, but in a different way; she moved more like a hunter, with graceful, sweeping strides. She was bold, feminine, and serene. Her presence and class made her quite the crowd pleaser.

Brazilian Wedding

The future is bright for the fourth horse, **High Level** (Mutakddim--Maria's Crown, by Maria's Mon). Started by trainer and Show Jumping Hall of Famer Rodney Jenkins, High Level raced until 2009, when a little heat was felt in his ankles. Owner/breeder Jim Falk of Cornwell Farm gave him time off to prevent an injury, and the ankles never gave the horse any trouble. High Level was ready to either return to the track, become a steeplechaser, or become a show horse. Falk chose to send the muscular chestnut to the Trainer Challenge, and he looked balanced and game on Friday.

High Level

To the trainers participating in the Challenge, the big picture was key. I noticed them paying particular attention to the overall look and way of going of each horse, and performing less specific evaluations of individual parts of the horses. Size of the horse was important, and Eric Dierks went for a taller horse to match his own height; Brazilian Wedding was his pick

Eric was first to pick a horse because he was the first to answer a trivia question correctly. This was his question: "Hall of Fame show jumper Idle Dice ('Jonlyle' to The Jockey Club) ran at Charles Town before Rodney Jenkins made him the top show jumper of his era. How old was he when he won his last Grand Prix?" The answer is 21.

Tiffany Catledge chose next, and selected the versatile High Level. Kerry Blackmer chose Four X The Trouble, and said that his personality and size were major contributors to her choice. Steuart Pittman could not have been happier. He loved the scope (and withers!) of Solidify, and he was looking forward to working with the "sleeper" from MidAtlantic Horse Rescue for five weeks while the other trainers worked with their selected horses.

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The enthusiasm for this project is infectious. I heard excitement in the voices of the owners/breeders in the videos on the RRTP website, the comments of the fans, and when I spoke with Steuart Pittman and Beverly Strauss. The horses are stunning athletes, and they are truly showcasing the athleticism, trainability, and adaptability of the breed. This project shows a lot of promise both for racehorse owners and for people who are learning how to train racehorses for their second careers. The Maryland Horse Breeders Association is a sponsor of the Retired Racehorse Training Project, and I hope to see many more individuals and organizations from the racing world support this effort as well.

You can read my account of Day Two of the Trainer Challenge in tomorrow's *TDN*. You can see more of my photos on the TDN Blog. Visit the Retired Racehorse Training Project's website for videos, trainer blogs, and the latest news: www.retiredracehorsetraining.org

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, $48,560, Opt. Clm. ($25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, my.
LUCY DUBAI (f, 4, E Dubai--Chattale, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 17-6-3-1, $185,220. O-B-C Stables. B-Barbara C Graham & Joseph Keelty (KY). T-Guadalupe Preciado. *$4,800 yrl '09 FTMOCT.

7th-SUN, $35,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17 2/5, ft.
HUNTING DIXIE (g, 4, Halory Hunter--Dixie Kiss {MSP}, by Chimes Band) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, $64,350. O-Pierre Jean Amestoy & Leslie A Amestoy Jr. B-Pillar Property Services Inc (NM). T-Ross A Amestoy.

8th-SUN, $33,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.
FREE RANGE (f, 4, Dixie Union--Unbridled Ashley, by Unbridled) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-1, $79,334. O-J Kirk Robison & Solitaire Stable. B-Ol Memorial Stable (KY). T-Henry Dominguez. *$110,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; $95,000 RNA 2yo '10 BESMAY.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GULFSTREAM

TRICKMEISTER (KY), 6f, 1:13.30, 1/1

OAKLAWN

OPTIMIZER (English Channel), 5f, 1:03.20, 15/25

SANTA ANITA

GET STORMY (Stormy Atlantic), 5fT, 1:03.05, 1/14
UNION RAGS (Dixie Union), 5fT, 1:00.82, 2/28

8th-HOU, $22,000, 1-23, NW3L, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft.
WILLOWY DANSEUR (g, 3, Le Grande Danseur--Willowy Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-3, $41,624. O-Karl Broberg & Sonny Southard. B-Rolling Oaks Farm (TX). T-Karl Broberg.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Souper Ex, g, 3, **Exemplify**--I'lljusthavesoup, by Alphabet Soup. HOU, 1-23, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5. B-John C Pittman (TX).
Bridal Train, f, 3, **Silver Train**--Tingwithasting (SW), by Wild Rush. HOU, 1-23, 7f, 1:26 1/5. B-Dare to Dream Stable (KY). *$2,100 yrl '10 FTKOCT; $5,000 2yo '11 TEXMAR; $5,000 RNA yrl '10 TEXDEC.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Abi Scarlet (Ire), f, 3, **Baltic King (GB)**--Petarga (GB), by Petong (GB). Southwell, Britain, 1-24, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Henry O'Callaghan. *€5,000 RNA yrl '10 GOFORB; 2,000gns 2yo '11 ASCMAY. **1/2 to Newby (GB) (Compton Place {GB}), Ch. Spr-Spn.