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FASTNET ROCK TOPS KARAKA AT NZ\$1.75m

At last year's NZB Premier Yearling Sale, Te Akau Stud's David Ellis paid a sale-topping NZ\$875,000 for a Red Ransom son of Nureyev's Girl (Aus) (Nureyev) later



Ellis (right) and the sale-topping Fastnet Rock colt nzb.co.nz

named Bolshoi Ruler (Aus). It would take exactly twice that amount to secure the mare's latest yearling, but Ellis once again got the job done, purchasing [lot 353 \(video\)](#), a colt by Fastnet Rock (Aus) out of the 12-year-old

Classic producer, for NZ\$1.75 million (US\$1,445,698). Ellis had to outlast a determined push from Coolmore connections and from Black Caviar (Aus)'s trainer Peter Moody.

The colt is a three-parts sibling to King's Rose (NZ) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), heroine of the 2010 G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas and whom Ellis had a hand in developing. Sir Patrick Hogan's Cambridge Stud consigned the youngster, who became the Premier Sale's first seven-figure yearling since 2010. It was also the sixth time Ellis went past the seven-figure mark for a Karaka yearling, and he admitted afterwards he had to extend a bit further than anticipated.

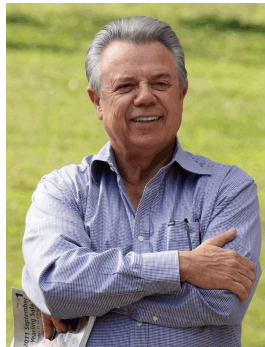
"I did expect a high price for this colt, and I thought I would get him for about NZ\$1.5 million, but the others went beyond that," he said. "I wanted to secure him for the New Zealand racing and breeding industry--it is essential that we retain horses like this in New Zealand. He is an outstanding individual, and the fact that he's by such a great sire out of a Nureyev mare gives him the potential to win Group 1 races."

Ellis operates the racing and breeding syndicate Te Akau Stud, and said the newest addition to the stable has already proven popular.

"He is already 90% sold, with the remaining 10% to be sold this week, and I don't anticipate that will be very difficult to do," said Ellis. "He will be trained by Jason Bridgman with a racing campaign intended to maximize his stud potential. If he's as good as his sister, we will be very happy." **Cont. p4**

LEON HORSES MOVED TO BROWN

Ben Leon Jr., who previously had horses solely with trainer Todd Pletcher, is moving some of his stock to the care of other conditioners, including Chad Brown.



Ben Leon Jr.
Keeneland Photo

According to Brown Tuesday, the Saratoga native learned he would be receiving three members of the Besilu team a week prior to the actual transfer of Leon's horses to his Palm Meadows barn. Those transferred from Pletcher to Brown are **Katz My Song** (Unbridled's Song); **Dance Quietly** (A.P. Indy); and unraced **Mister Lucky Cat** (Storm Cat), a \$650,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase in 2009. Katz My Song, who graduated at second asking at the Spa last August, has hit the

board in his last three starts, including a runner-up effort behind fellow Pletcher runner Soaring Stocks (Trippi), winner of the Sunshine Millions Sprint last weekend. Campaigned by her breeder Ned Evans, Dance Quietly, winner of last January's Busanda S., hit the board in a pair of stakes starts last spring before closing out the season with a 10th in the Aug. 13 GIII Monmouth Oaks. The 4-year-old was subsequently purchased by Leon for \$2 million at the Keeneland November sale. **Cont. p3**

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Despite a stronger-feeling second session and its first seven-figure horse in two years, the Premier Sale saw year-over-year numbers decline by double digits. With 350 yearlings sold for NZ\$54,137,000, the average of NZ\$154,677 dipped 11.5%. Similarly, the median of NZ\$120,000 was down 14.3%, while the not-sold rate of 27.5% was up from last year's comparable figure of 20.6%.

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From the Desk of Bill Oppenheim

Oppenheim unearths some of the best value sires in Europe and the U.S., and some of his picks may surprise you. Giant's Causeway's full-brother Freud, who stands in New York, has earned national attention in the last two years with Grade I winners Franny Freud and Giant Ryan to his credit, but can you name the Danzig half-brother to Selkirk who Oppenheim touts at a fee of just \$1,500?

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Royal Ascot Races Renamed

Ascot Racecourse has announced that the June 23 G1 Golden Jubilee S.--formerly the Cork & Orrery S.--has been renamed the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. to mark the milestone of The Queen's 60-year reign. The Berkshire venue will also celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the inception of the G1 Prince of Wales's S. by renaming this year's renewal as the "150th Anniversary of the Prince of Wales's S." on the second day of the meet, June 20.

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Today's Insights

Endorsement (Distorted Humor), hero of the 2010 GIII Sunland Derby, makes his second start off the bench in an optional claimer at Gulfstream Wednesday.

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Leon Horses Moved cont.

"This is the first time I have ever worked for Mr. Leon --in any capacity," Brown told *TDN* yesterday. "I'm not really sure how it came about, to be honest with you. It's not really something I would even speculate on. I appreciate the opportunity to work for Mr. Leon. My only concern is about training the horses, that's really all."

With Todd Pletcher and his father J.J. included among his bloodstock advisors, Leon purchased four yearlings for \$6,260,000 in 2009. Last year, the Cuban-born horseman spent just over \$30.5 million for 22 horses, including \$8.5-million purchase **Royal Delta** (Empire Maker), winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic and the GI TVG Alabama S. Shortly after announcing that the champion sophomore filly would remain under the care of Bill Mott, Leon had \$4.2-million purchase Mr. Besilu (A.P. Indy) moved from the Pletcher string to his farm in Ocala, Florida. In addition, Summer Flirt (Bernardini) and Unbridled Ocean (Unbridled's Song), secured for \$875,000 at Keeneland September in 2009, have been transferred to Mott. Leon did not respond to the *TDN's* request for comment yesterday.

2012 ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

DATE	RACE	TRACK
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
Apr. 14	GI Toyota Blue Grass S. GII Arkansas Derby	Keeneland Oaklawn
Apr. 21	GII Jerome H. GIII Coolmore Lexington S.	Aqueduct Keeneland
May 5	GI KENTUCKY DERBY	Churchill

GIANT OAK

Giant's Causeway – Crafty Oak, by Crafty Prospector



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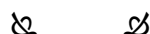
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Premier Suffers Declines in Average, Median...

Despite a stronger-feeling second session and its first seven-figure horse in two years, the Premier Sale saw year-over-year numbers decline by double digits. With 350 yearlings sold for NZ\$54,137,000 (US\$44,725,477), the average of NZ\$154,677 (US\$127,778) dipped 11.5%. Similarly, the median of NZ\$120,000 (US\$99,132) was down 14.3%, while the not-sold rate of 27.5% was up from last year's comparable figure of 20.6%. Still, sale officials observed stiff competition between buyers for the top horses on the grounds, and were encouraged by strong international participation, particularly from Australia and Southeast Asia.

Australian buyers Gai Waterhouse & James Harron, John Chalmers, Bart Cummings, Duncan Ramage, Hawkes Racing and John O'Shea all filled spots on the top 10 leading buyers' list and contributed to an Aussie layout of some NZ\$26.6 million. New Zealand agents Mulcaster Bloodstock, buying for Australian clients, and Michael Wallace, buying with Michael Freedman for Singapore, were among the few active local buyers in the top 20, and contributed to a total domestic spend of NZ\$13.6 million.

"We were very pleased to see the market strengthen from [Monday], with a number of the better-pedigreed horses coming through the ring today," said New Zealand Bloodstock Co-Managing Director Petrea Vela. "We have been thrilled with the buyer turnout at Karaka, and there was plenty of good competition on the appealing lots. It's disappointing not to have been able to get the clearance rate up a bit higher, but hopefully, over the course of the next couple of days, there'll be more sales completed from this session."


**NZB PREMIER YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS**

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (NZ\$)
353	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Nureyev's Girl (Aus)	1,750,000
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by Mr DC Ellis		
284	c	High Chaparral (Ire)	La Souvenir (NZ)	800,000
		Consigned by Windsor Park Stud Purchased by Mr P So		
314	f	Stravinsky	Marquise (NZ)	675,000
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by Michael Wallace Bloodstock		
281	f	Zabeel (NZ)	La Quinta Gold (Aus)	600,000
		Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by Mr GC Beemsterboer		
475	f	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Suitely (Aus)	570,000
		Consigned by Curraghmore Stud Purchased by Mr A Penfold, agent		
374	f	O'Reilly (NZ)	Petit Verdot (NZ)	550,000
		Consigned by Trelawney Stud Ltd Purchased by Mulcaster Bloodstock		
279	c	O'Reilly (NZ)	Lafleur (NZ)	460,000
		Consigned by Pencarrow Stud Purchased by John O'Shea Racing		

2011 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED...

OVERDRIVEN proved himself a top-class juvenile when scoring in the **Sanford Stakes-Gr.2** at Saratoga.

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Market Leaders...

Like he did last year, Te Akau Stud's David Ellis purchased both session toppers at the Premier Sale, and just as he had over the six previous years, wound up as the auction's leading buyer by gross. He purchased 27



David Ellis teakaustud.co.nz

yearlings for NZ\$6,262,500 at an average of NZ\$231,944. Ellis increased his spend significantly from last year, when he bought 25 Premier Sale yearlings for NZ\$4,433,500. "I think it has been a very successful sale, with terrific competition on the real athletes," Ellis commented. "We found it difficult to buy the good horses and think it has been a very successful two days. To achieve that in a recession reflects very highly on the New Zealand industry. New Zealand Bloodstock, in my opinion, can

take great heart that even in very difficult economic times, horses have still sold well to a huge international buying bench."

For the 31st year in a row, Sir Patrick Hogan's Cambridge Stud was the leading vendor at Karaka by aggregate, with 43 yearlings sold for NZ\$10,820,000--an average of NZ\$251,628. Mark and Shelley Treweek's Lyndhurst Farm, with 12 entries in the Premier Sale, was the leading vendor by average, with nine sold for NZ\$2,385,000 and an average of NZ\$265,000.

Led by the NZ\$1.75 million topper, Fastnet Rock (Aus) was the leading sire by average. Eight yearlings by the son of Danehill averaged NZ\$422,500. The leading New Zealand-based sire was Zabeel (NZ), with 21 sold for an average of NZ\$233,810 and a top price of NZ\$600,000, paid by Ger Beemsterboer of The Netherlands for Tuesday's La Quinta Gold (Aus) filly.

NZB PREMIER YEARLING SALE
Tuesday, Jan. 31

CUMULATIVE	2012	2011
Catalogued	516	503
Offered	483	472
No. Sold	350	375
RNA	133	97
%RNA	27.5%	20.6%
Highest Price (NZ\$)	1,750,000	875,000
Gross (NZ\$)	54,137,000	65,574,000
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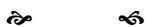
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Beemsterboer has already enjoyed success in New Zealand with his Group 1-winning Fastnet Rock (Aus) filly Planet Rock (Aus), acquired for NZ\$290,000 at the 2010 Premier Sale. Planet Rock, co-owned by Sarah Green, won the G1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas in November.

A number of freshman sires made their yearling sales debut at Karaka. Leading the group by average was G1 Golden Slipper S. Sebring (Aus) (More Than Ready), with six yearlings sold for an average of NZ\$155,000. Australia's champion juvenile colt now stands at Widden Stud for a fee of A\$38,500. The leading shuttle stallion was Coolmore's Henrythenavigator (Kingmambo), who saw four yearlings sell for an average of NZ\$121,250. The multiple Group 1 winner and GI Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up stood the 2011 season in Australia for a fee of A\$27,500.

Selling continues today at Karaka with the first of three sessions of the Select Sale. Selling begins daily at 11 a.m. local time and can be viewed live at <http://www.nzb.co.nz/>.

So You Think Kin Brings NZ\$800k...

Yearlings by High Chaparral (Ire) provided the second and third-highest prices during Monday's opening session of the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale, but the star of the group always figured to come



Lot 284, by High Chaparral (Ire)
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early in Tuesday's second session when a close relative to So You Think (NZ) went through the ring on the account of Windsor Park Stud. Living up to the hype, [lot 284 \(video\)](#), like So You Think a son of High Chaparral and produced by a half-sister to the two-time

G1 Cox Plate hero, brought a bid of NZ\$800,000 from leading Hong Kong bloodstock agent Willie Leung, for his Hong Kong client Mr. P So.

"I had two clients looking for top stayers, and I think this lot and yesterday's High Chaparral that I bought were the best High Chaparrals in the sale," said Leung, who on Monday snapped up a High Chaparral colt out of Creil (NZ) (Frenchpark {GB}) for NZ\$650,000. "I am very lucky to have two clients looking for that type of horse, and that I was able to get them what they wanted." Leung said there was good reason why Hong Kong buyers were busy at Karaka. "Overall, the quality of the sale was good, and this year there were more horses suitable for Hong Kong, which is why there are more Hong Kong buyers here at the sale this year," he said.



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Yesterday's NZ\$800,000 High Chaparral colt was out of La Souvenir (NZ) (Nuclear Freeze), a winning 7-year-old half to So You Think, and was bred by Windsor Park's marketing manager Mike Moran and his wife Helen in partnership with Chris and Carol Chamberlain.

High Chaparral was easily the best-represented sire at Karaka. A total of 48 yearlings by the Coolmore sire sold for an average of NZ\$199,635. In addition to the second-highest-price on Tuesday, he was represented by [lot 431](#), a colt out of Sharp Point (Point Given) who went to Gai Waterhouse/James Harron Bloodstock for NZ\$425,000. (The same pairing landed a High Chaparral {Ire}--Diamond Like {Aus} filly Monday for NZ\$650,000.) Sharp Point traces to the blue hen Slight Dangerous (Roberto), dam of the Group 1 winners Warning (GB), Commander in Chief (GB) and Yaskmak.

STALLION'S FIRST FOAL

WARRIOR'S REWARD (Medaglia d'Oro--For All You Do, by Seeking The Gold), winner of the 2010 GI Carter H., sired his first reported foal on Jan. 18 when a filly out of Sweet Politics (Political Folly) was born at Cobra Farms in Lexington, Ky.

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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HIDDEN GEMS

One of the great things about having a file of 1,071 sires (all of whom had 10 or more 3-year-olds of 2011) to comb through is you are sure to turn up a few hidden treasures, those 'sleepers' who don't hit the headlines, but whose numbers say they deserve more attention--



Awesome Feather
Adam Coglianese

and more mares. Today I'd like to talk about 10 sires--three in Europe and seven in North America--with really good numbers, but none of whom stand for more than \$10,000. It really should be 11, but Florida's Journeyman Stud's **Awesome of Course** didn't have a crop of 10 foals until 2009; with six foals of 2008, he didn't qualify for APEX

ratings. Awesome Feather, from his third small crop, the champion two-year-old filly of 2009 and a Grade I winner in an abbreviated campaign last year, took her undefeated run to 9-for-9 on Saturday; and his crop of 10 2-year-olds of 2011 includes three black-type winners and the earners of over \$780,000. So he should have APEX ratings at the end of 2012, and then he'll make this list properly.

You could even say there should be 15 on the list, because there are four sires in Ontario--three with their first 3-year-olds 2011--who have comparable numbers to the 10 I am eventually going to get around to talking about. But, as I mentioned in an earlier column, the evidence suggests the level of purse money is now so high in Ontario (Canada is combined with the U.S. to collect earnings and calculate ratings, because it's too small on its own; but the average earnings per runner in Ontario could be as much as 50% more than the average for all runners in North America used for these calculations) that these earnings-based figures should be qualified to a certain extent. Nonetheless, these are obviously very good young sires, however much their ratings might be discounted.



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If only I were a troubadour, I would write the Ballad of **Big Bad Bob**. What a story. All right, he was a decent enough racehorse for John Dunlop. He won the last four of his six starts as a 2-year-old, culminating with the



Big Bad Bob
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one-mile Autumn S. (Listed, RPR 111). He made six starts at three, running second to eventual G1 Epsom Derby winner Kris Kin in the G3 Dee S. at Chester before running last of eight in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot in his only start at 12 furlongs (too far, set the pace, eased). Then he got good: Employing his

usual front-running tactics, he won a 10 1/2-furlong conditions race at Haydock by 11 lengths, then the Listed Prix Ridgway at Deauville and the G3 Furstenburg-Rennen at Baden-Baden, both at 10 furlongs. He ran a RPR 121 in the Haydock race, but I tend to go for their best RPR in a black-type race, which was 118 in Baden-Baden.

In his final race at three, a Group 2 in Frankfurt on soft ground, Big Bad Bob set the pace as usual, but ran out of gas on the soft going. He was very much a good-ground horse.

He won only once in his 10 subsequent starts at four and five and retired the winner of eight of his 22 races, two to five, to Islanmore Stud in Ireland, where he was bred, pretty much exclusively, to mares owned by Mrs. Cristina Patino, owner and breeder of Big Bad Bob, and, of course, his niece, five-time Group 1 winner Snow Fairy. His first foals were born in 2007 and Equineline information provided to us as part of the APEX runs credits him with 59 foals of racing age in his first three crops.

It wasn't long before the progeny of Big Bad Bob began to show up on the radar; by the time we ran the midyear 2010 figures his runners were beginning to make names for themselves; Mrs. Patino's were always two or three words, nearly every word starting with the letter 'B'. By the end of 2011, with his oldest 4-year-olds about to turn five, he had sired 24 winners--of which 13, more than half--were either A,B, or C runners (12), or had run RPR's of 93+ (11). He has sired two Group 3 winners (Berg Bahn and Bible Belt) and two more listed winners (Bob le Beau, Bible Black--you get the idea), seven black-type horses in all; and his 2.36 ABC Index means 18.8% of his year-starters become ABC Runners. He is actually the number one European sire with first foals 2007 by ABC Index (2.36), ahead of Shamardal (2.07), Dubawi (2.04), Azamour (1.63), Footstepsinthsand (1.58), etc. -- though admittedly he has far fewer foals and runners than the more fashionable and better-known ones. Still, that's how over-achievers start to show up on the radar.

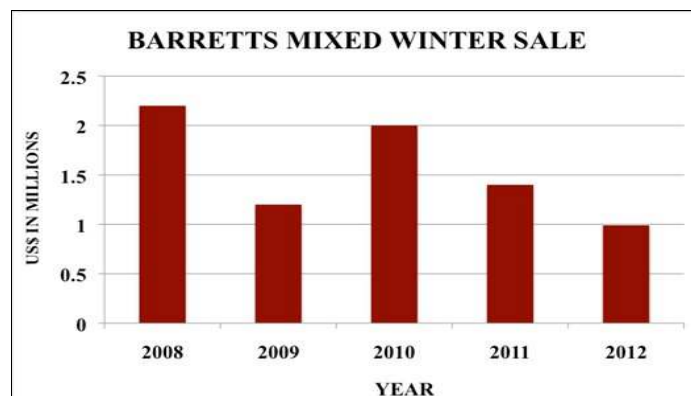
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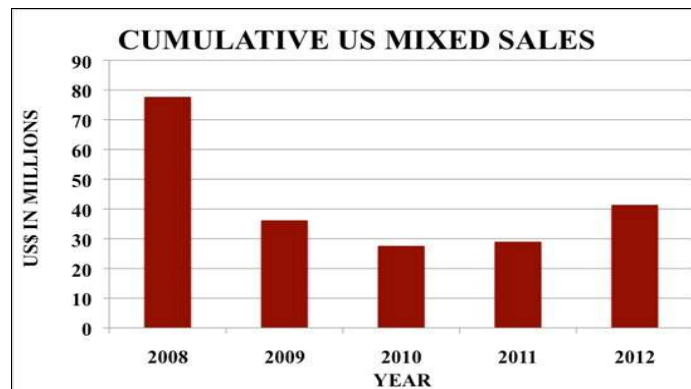
by Bill Oppenheim

"To be realistic, the winter mixed sales are probably the weakest tier of the overall North American & European auction market. We learn something from these figures about the bottom of the market. The number catalogued has fallen 44% since the last mixed sale boom period of winter 2008, including an 18% drop this year. The gross has dropped by 47%, but is up 43% from last year. Compared to 2009 -- after the crash -- this year's gross is up by 15% from then, and the average is up by 54% as the numbers have plummeted. The market now has, how can I say this, a better bottom."

– Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	294	243	162	17.3%	66.7%	55.1%	\$982,500	\$6,065
2011	408	347	256	15.0%	73.8%	62.7%	\$1,361,600	\$5,319
2010	518	447	275	13.7%	61.5%	53.1%	\$2,013,000	\$7,320
2009	315	272	202	13.7%	74.3%	64.1%	\$1,232,400	\$6,288
2008	524	489	354	6.7%	72.4%	67.6%	\$2,225,900	\$9,544



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	2,270	1,828	1,403	19.5%	76.8%	61.8%	\$41,449,700	\$29,544
2011	2,757	2,204	1,586	20.1%	72.0%	57.5%	\$28,987,950	\$18,277
2010	2,740	2,217	1,545	19.1%	69.7%	56.4%	\$27,564,100	\$17,841
2009	3,306	2,468	1,883	25.3%	76.3%	57.0%	\$36,185,500	\$19,217
2008	4,040	2,982	2,337	26.2%	78.4%	57.8%	\$77,710,500	\$33,252



Big Bad Bob's first two crops, totaling 37 named foals, include so far 11 ABC Runners/RPR 93+ runners --nearly 30% of his foals; and it's the quantity of his useful and better horses, albeit on a small scale, which is impressive. 'Bob' has only six 2-year-olds this year, but is back up to 20 yearlings of 2012, and he covered over 100 mares last year, at €6,000, in his first year after having moved to the Irish National Stud, though still in Mrs. Patino's ownership. He'll cover over 100 this year as well, and so he should.

Though we need to include him because of his astronomical A Runner index (7.69) from his only crop of any size, the news is not so cheery about Juddmonte's **Cacique**, who was found to be seriously sub-fertile after siring one crop of 29 named foals (according to TJCIS [The Jockey Club Information Systems] and Equineline)--3-year-olds of 2011. That crop includes no fewer than four A Runners, two bred by Juddmonte and two bought as yearlings by John Warren for Highclere syndicates. Prince Khalid owns G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Mutual Trust, who ran fifth in his U.S. debut for Bill Mott the other day; and listed winner Slumber, who ran fourth in the 2011 GI Hollywood Derby late last year.

Highclere raced Group 3 winner Census and Dominant, who won a Tattersalls sales race, ran third in a Group 2 against 'olders' and I believe was then sold to Hong Kong. A full brother to Dansili, no less, Cacique was a Group 2 winner at a mile in France and came to the U.S. as a 5-year-old, where Bobby Frankel trained him for wins in GI Manhattan (10f) and GI Man o' War (11f--both in Beyer 109), seconds to English Channel in the GI Woodford Reserve and GI United Nations H., and another second, to The Tin Man, in the GI Arlington Million. Now that we all know how good a sire he is, you can bet Juddmonte will be investigating every avenue to see if there's any way they can get him back into service. As his current crop of 3-year-olds numbers fewer than 10, this is the only time, for the immediate future, at least, that Cacique's name will show up on these lists.

You may have heard of Big Bad Bob and Cacique before, but very few will have heard of the German sire **Lord of England**, a son of Dashing Blade (Shirley Heights' sire line). He stands at the Gestut Etzean for E4,500, and, in an era when the German foal crop is shrinking even as their international reputation is peaking, his numbers offer some encouragement that there are still emerging young German sires to know about. G1 Dewhurst S. and National S. winner Dashing Blade was always one of the top sires in Germany. Lord of England descends from the famous 'L' family (Lomitas, sire of Danedream and Silvano, was just one of a number of Classic winners from this family). Lord of England himself was a Group 1 winner at 10 furlongs in Munich as a 3-year-old, and had 72 foals of racing age in his first two crops, 3-year-olds and 2-year-olds of 2011.

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Broadway's Alibi	Vindication	Forward Gal S.-G2	108
Mucho Macho Man	Macho Uno	FL Sunshine Millions Classic S.	108
It's Me Mom	Put It Back	FL Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Sprint S.	107
Algorithms	Bernardini	Holy Bull S.-G3	105
Awesome Feather	Awesome of Course	FL Sunshine Millions Distaff S.	105
Redding Colliery	Mineshaft	Evening Attire S.	105
Riley Tucker	Harlan's Holiday	King Cotton S.	101
Soaring Stocks	Trippi	FL Sunshine Millions Sprint S.	101
Derive	Cozzene	Swift S.	100
Holladay Road	Street Cry (Ire)	Crystal Water S.	100
Little Mike	Spanish Steps	Florida Sunshine Millions Turf S.	100
Home Sweet Aspen	Candy Ride (Arg)	Santa Monica S.-G1	99
Love and Pride	A.P. Indy	Affectionately S.	98
Shudacudawudya	Marino Marini	Albany S.	98
Compari	Redattore (Brz)	Sensational Star S.	97
Grand Daddy	Johannesburg	Forego S.	97
Unzip Me	City Zip	Wishing Well S.	97
Hooh Why	Cloud Hopping	FL Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf S.	96
Willa B Awesome	Awesome Gambler	Santa Ysabel S.-G3	96
Beggarthyneighbor	Half Ours	Dancing Count S.	95
Chokecherymary	Capsized	Valentine Dancer S.	95
Papaw Bodie	Strong Hope	John B. Connally Turf Cup S.-G3	93
Rare Sunset	Anziyan	Glendale H.	92

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Lord of England has sired five stakes horses in his first two crops: two Group 3 winners, a listed winner, and a Group 2-placed filly in his first crop, 3-year-olds last year; and the Group 1-placed 2-year-old Pakal, who ran second in France's G1 Criterium International. Pakal (111) has actually run the highest RPR of the five, but the four 3-year-olds of 2011 all ran RPR's of 97 or higher. The 97 was the filly, Salona, which actually came in a Group 3 win as a 2-year-old in 2010. The very useful Theo Danon won the G3 GP des Hannover (109) at 10 furlongs, then ran six lengths sixth, against olders like Byword and Cirrus des Aigles, in the ultra-competitive G2 Prix Dollar on Arc weekend. Another 3-year-old colt of 2011, Aladius (103), was a listed winner at two and three. All right, it's not an onslaught like with Big Bad Bob, but this is a German stallion. Since Monsun at least, if a German stallion is siring runners which are competitive in France--and this guy is--you can bet German breeders will be noticing, and we should be, too.



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Besides standing for no more than \$10,000, the other thing all the horses reviewed today have in common is they have APEX ABC Runner indexes of 1.98 or above (2.00 = 16% ABC Runners from runners, or roughly one out of six), with the exception of Lord of England (1.79). Not nearly so many stallions standing for four-figure fees are in Kentucky any more--they've moved out to all the 'slots states,' and in fact only one of the seven super-great-value U.S. stallions we've picked out even stands in Kentucky; Florida leads the way with three stallions, and would have four if we could count Awesome of Course.

The Kentucky sire is Lane's End's **Pleasantly Perfect**, a member of the sire class of 2006 (first foals), which looks like being among the most important of the century so far. The 'fearsome foursome' head up the class: in no particular order, that is Tapit, Medaglia d'Oro, Speightstown, and Candy Ride. Another F2006 sire is Japan's King Kamehameha, sire of a mind-blowing 36 A Runners in 2011 and pretty definitely the best sire in Japan right now (though Deep Impact is a strong number two). Birdstone initially ranked as the North American/European F2006 number five, after having two Classic winners in his first crop in 2009, but he slipped down the ratings after both Mine That Bird (a gelding) and Summer Bird (WinStar) retired. Meanwhile, Pleasantly Perfect, who by the way earned \$7.7 million and defeated Medaglia D'Oro in both the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and G1 Dubai World Cup, has been proving a pretty useful sire himself, with a 2.94 A Runner Index, a 1.98 ABC Index (almost 16% of runners), and eight A Runners in each of the last two seasons, including Shared Account, who upset Midday in the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

Giant's Causeway had four stakes-placed full brothers, and at least two, including Sequel Stallions' **Freud**, have become leading sires in their regions. Tumblebrutus (2.53 Southern Hemisphere A Runner Index) is one of the leading sires in Chile, and Freud has ripped them up in New York. He's only once been listed as Leading Sire in New York, according to tables on bloodhorse.com, in 2008, before Posse arrived in the Empire State. Posse has been credited as the leading sire there since his arrival in 2009, but he's yet to have a runner from his New York-sired crops, whereas Freud has had the earners of over \$4 million each of the last two years. New York sires are a little bit the same as Ontario sires in that a rich supplementary program boosts their figures (and what will we be saying in a few years, when that slots money really kicks in?), but the test of any regional sire like that is whether their runners step up and win in open company. Freud has had Grade I winners in New York in each of the last two years, Franny Freud winning the GI Prioress in 2010, and of course Giant Ryan won the GI Vosburgh last year.

Freud's APEX ratings are over 2.00 in almost all categories (2.06 A Runners, 2.00 ABC), with 101 ABC Runners since his first crop raced in 2005. He was just about to ship back north when we saw him, and quite a few of his first-crop foals, at the end of his second Southern Hemisphere season at Haras La Leyenda, in Argentina, in December. He looked tremendous--a real Storm Cat bull of a horse--and they like his foals a lot, too. Expect plenty more fireworks from him, in both hemispheres.

Now we move to Florida, always a cradle of good sires, where two sons of Forest Wildcat, Vinery South's **D'wildcat** and Journeyman Stud's **Wildcat Heir**, have both proved very good. Forest Wildcat, son of Storm Cat, had already established he could sire a sire: his son Var, trained by Clive Brittain, won the 2004 G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp and is now one of the top 10 sires in South Africa, including Val de Ra winning the G1 Cape Flying Championship two weekends ago, and last weekend his top-class 3-year-old Variety Club ran second in the G1 Cape Derby. He's a Group 1 winner at a mile, but for the most part the Forest Wildcats are all about speed. D'wildcat, whose first foals raced in 2007, has a 2.55 A Runner Index, 1.98 ABC, and a massive 2.73 Index for 2-year-old ABC Runners. Wildcat Heir is 3.01 for B Runners, which ranks him second only to Ghostzapper among all sires with 200+ year-starters 2005-2011 in that category, and 2.19 for ABC Runners, with 64 ABC Runners already from just three crops. Forest Wildcat got that speed gene, all right, and he's passed it along, too.

Back in Florida after a brief stint in Pennsylvania is **Greatness**, who is now at Stonewall (FL) at only \$2,500. By the incomparable Mr. Prospector himself out of the Grade I-placed Harbour Club, by Danzig, Greatness garnered no black type himself--he won twice sprinting at Belmont Park as a 3-year-old--but he has proved ultra-consistent at stud; averaging around 35 foals per crop, his five crops to race have produced 11 A Runners (2.05), 11 B's (2.05), and 21 C's (1.96), for a total of 43 ABC Runners and a 2.01 ABC Index. That's a lot of "2's" for a \$2,500 stallion by Mr. Prospector himself.

Finally, two somewhat obscure sons of the great Danzig, **Rimrod**, at Castle Rock Farm in Pennsylvania (\$1,500) and **Vronsky** in California (Old English Rancho, \$3,500). Rimrod is no less than a half-brother to Selkirk, bred and raced by George Strawbridge. Rimrod won two listed races in England, the one-mile Stardom S. at two for father Ian Balding in his final season of training (2002), and the seven-furlong Surrey S. at Epsom for son Andrew in his first season, in 2003. Rimrod has averaged fewer than 15 foals in his three crops to race, and, really, nothing much happened until 2011, when he had six ABC Runners (four of them 4-year-olds, explaining that 5.10 rating for his first 4-year-olds), including three A Runners; two of the A Runners were 3-year-olds, making their names in Pennsylvania-bred company, but one was a 4-year-old, Vianello, trained by Peter Schiergen in Germany.



He had won a minor listed race in Germany in his third start as a 3-year-old, then won four in a row in Deauville and Paris last year to become an A Runner. All right, we are only talking about listed and PA-bred company, but this is a half-brother to Selkirk (any Sharpen Up-line mares up there to try him with?) by Danzig for \$1,500.

Vronsky was a \$1-million yearling who won three races at Santa Anita, including two races 'down the hill' as a 5-year-old, earning a little over \$135,000 in all. But he's a half-brother to E Dubai, out of Words of War, by Lord At War. He's also a half-brother to No Matter What, a Nureyev mare who won the GI Del Mar Oaks and is the dam of G1SW Rainbow View. This is also the family of Raven's Pass, so there's plenty of class in the pedigree. He's had 64 named foals of racing age in four crops, of which the best is, no doubt, Norvsky, who took his earnings to more than \$487,000 with a mild upset in the GII San Gabriel H. at Santa Anita on January 16. Vronsky is also the sire of Executive Passion, a minor black-type winner at three and four (2011), who also ran second in the grassy Morvich H. down the hill; and another California A Runner, Master Chef, last year. Norvsky is a better racehorse than his sire, anyway!

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When things get out of Comptroll

"It was as inevitable as eventually finding snow on the ground in the winter. At a time when the New York Racing Association is finally enjoying a great wave of success along comes a politician to supposedly set the record straight and let us know that all is not well. In this case, it's New York Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli who recently decided to generate a few headlines for himself by alluding to the new-found revenue NYRA is now getting from the Aqueduct casino and saying the group "stands to squander significant revenue." **Bob Ehalt, espn.com**

Kentucky: Law or Referendum?

"The new legislative session in Kentucky began last month with one overriding question hovering over the world of gaming: Which road to expanded gaming is most likely to succeed? Some state lawmakers are confident that the legislative road, torpedoed repeatedly over the first term of Governor Steve Beshear, can succeed now, since Beshear trounced the main opponent to expanded gaming, state Senate President David Williams, in November's gubernatorial election." **Global Gaming Business**

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TOP 'SLEEPER SIRE'S' for 2012					FEE	TOT	A	B	C	ABC				
SIRE	YR	1ST FLS	ST	FARM	2012	RNRS	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	INDEX	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+
BIG BAD BOB	2000	2007	IR	IR NATL STUD	6000	74	2.03	1.35	3.04	2.36	2.68	2.76	2.78	n/a
CACIQUE	2001	2008	GB	JUDDM ONTE	n/a	26	7.69	0.00	1.92	2.88	0	4.57	n/a	n/a
LORD OF ENGLAND	2003	2008	GE	GE STUT ETZE AN	4500	49	2.04	2.04	1.53	1.79	2.66	1.33	n/a	n/a
PLEASANTLY PERFECT	1998	2006	KY	LANE'S END	10000	272	2.94	1.47	1.75	1.98	1.43	1.91	2.59	1.19
FREUD	1998	2003	NY	SEQUEL	10000	630	2.06	1.83	2.06	2.00	2.40	2.29	1.56	2.69
DWILDCAT	1998	2005	FL	VINERY SOUTH	8500	372	2.55	1.21	2.08	1.98	2.73	1.85	1.90	2.37
WILDCAT HEIR	2000	2007	FL	JOURNEYMAN	10000	366	1.37	3.01	2.19	2.19	1.68	2.45	2.38	n/a
GREATNESS	1999	2005	FL	STONEWALL FL	2500	268	2.05	2.05	1.96	2.01	1.54	2.02	2.19	2.45
RIM ROD	2000	2007	PA	CASTLE ROCK	1500	31	4.84	1.61	2.42	2.82	0	2.00	5.10	n/a
VRONSKY	1999	2006	CA	OLD ENGLISH R	3500	49	2.04	1.02	2.55	2.04	2.46	1.39	2.19	4.35
PHILANTHROPIST	2001	2008	ON	GARDINER	10000	67	6.14	3.51	1.75	3.29	4.28	3.69	n/a	n/a
OLD FORESTER	2001	2008	ON	WESTMEATH	10000	118	3.39	3.81	2.12	2.86	4.08	3.02	n/a	n/a
NIIGON	2001	2008	ON	COLE BROOK	4000	57	2.63	2.63	2.19	2.41	1.77	3.00	n/a	n/a
WHERE'S THE RING	1999	2006	ON	GARDINER	6000	252	2.58	2.98	2.38	2.58	3.16	2.44	2.32	3.26

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:03p HRTV 4th-GPX, \$56,500, OC/N2W, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m ENDORSEMENT (Distorted Humor), winner of the 2010 GIII Sunland Derby, was runner-up while returning from a 21-month absence at Gulfstream Dec. 10. In his second start off the layoff, he ran second despite breaking through the gate prior to the start of a one-mile optional claimer at Gulfstream Jan. 1. brisnet.com pps

4:33p HRTV 9th-GPX, \$51,500, Msw, 3yo, 1mT FILM SHOT (Distorted Humor) will look to improve on an eighth-place debut effort at Aqueduct Nov. 12 in this move to the lawn for owner/breeder Donald Adam and trainer Bill Mott. The sophomore is out of Grade I winner Film Maker (Dynaformer). John Oxley's Saturday Classic (Any Given Saturday) makes his fifth start off a third-place finish, dq'ed to fourth, over this course Dec. 22. He is a half-brother to GSW Gulch Approval (Gulch) and MGSP Approval Rating (Lemon Drop Kid). brisnet.com pps.

WESTERN U.S.

Yesterday's Results: 6th-SUN, \$24,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:41 1/5, ft. + JUSTANOLDSONG (c, 3, Unbridled's Song--Dontgetinmyway, by Machiavellian), sent off at 3-1, was shuffled back in traffic on the first turn. Forced to check on the heels of rivals, he was rank down the backstretch behind a slow pace. Angled out five wide into the stretch, the gray colt surged to the lead late to win going away by one length. Casa de Cambio (Exchange Rate) was second. Justanoldsong RNA'd for \$55,000 as a KEESEP yearling. Click for the brisnet.com chart or video replay. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,400.

O-David Wolochuk. B-Guida Racing Stable, Inc & Unbridled's Song Syndicate (KY). T-David Wolochuk.

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- ON THE WORKTAB • BELMONT PARK Justin Phillip (First Samurai), 4f (tr), :49.06, 10/43 Lovely Lil (Tiznow), 4f, :50.22, 33/43 FAIR GROUNDS Nehro (Mineshaft), 5f, 1:03.00, 14/17 GULFSTREAM PARK Trickmeister (Proud Citizen), 6f, 1:12.50, 1/1 OAKLAWN PARK Optimizer (English Channel), 6f, 1:15.20, 1/2

The brisnet.com 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$35,000 Allowance, at Laurel. For pps and a complete race analysis, click here.

INDUSTRY INFO

Jockeys' Guild Concludes Two-Day Annual Assembly: The Jockeys' Guild conducted its assembly in Ft. Lauderdale and concluded the two-day meeting with a call for increased racetrack participation in insurance for riders. "The challenges of the past several months concerning track participation has really unified the Guild," said John Velazquez, chairman of the Guild. "It's become clear that some tracks have been shirking their responsibilities and riding on the backs of other tracks who are contributing. Now that the Stronach Group, NYRA and CDI have reached an agreement with the Guild, it's time for other tracks, such as those owned by PNGI, to live up to their moral obligations to jockey health and safety." The assembly also included a videotaped interview with Jacky Martin, severely injured in a Quarter Horse race last September, and a presentation from Nancy Lasala, executive director of the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. Dr. Dalton Dietrich, scientific director of the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at the University of Miami, told membership about new advancements in the treatment of spinal cord injuries. During an awards luncheon, the Guild honored Martin for outstanding achievements to the Quarter Horse industry. DeShawn Parker received the Laffit Pincay, Jr. Award for outstanding achievements for a Thoroughbred jockey and retired steward David Hicks was presented with the Eddie Arcaro Award for exceptional commitment to the Guild. Also during the meetings, Velazquez was re-elected as chairman and G.R. Carter as vice-chairman. Joel Campbell was named the Guild's new treasurer and Rodney Prescott was elected secretary. At the conclusion of the two days, Velazquez called the meetings a success. "This was a great opportunity for riders to get together and learn more about what's being done to help us, both personally and professionally. Now it's up to us to go back to our tracks and encourage more jockeys to join the Guild."

- ON THE WORKTAB • PALM MEADOWS Dancinginherdreams (Tapit), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/11 Dialed In (Mineshaft), 4f, :47.88, 1/30 Get Stormy (Stormy Atlantic), 6fT, 1:11.95, 1/1 Union Rags (Dixie Union), 5f, 1:02.74, 5/11 SANTA ANITA Ellafitz (Tiznow), 4f, :47.80, 1/7 Liaison (Indian Charlie), 4f, :48.00, 2/7



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 1

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

ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 193/11/0

9-GP, Msw, 1mT, Saturday Classic, \$180K OBS MAR 2yo, 7-2

DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 214/26/1

8-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, The Cat's All That, \$60K RNA KEE APR 2yo, 5-2

MASTER COMMAND (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made, \$15K, 180/19/1

6-CT, Alw, 4 1/2f, Piskacha, \$2K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1

SAINTLY LOOK (Saint Ballado), 20/1/0

2-TAM, Aoc, 6f, Aint She a Saint, 12-1

SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 179/32/5

9-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Scat Happy, \$250K KEE APR 2yo, 6-1

4-DED, Alw, 6 1/2f, Little Miss Muffet, \$45K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1

SPELLBINDER (Tale of the Cat), 14/4/0

4-DED, Alw, 6 1/2f, Jungle Juice, \$17K TEX APR 2yo, 3-1

SUN KING (Charismatic), Darby Dan, \$10K, 174/9/0

9-GP, Msw, 1mT, Royal Affair, \$8K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

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ROYAL ASCOT RACES RENAMED

Ascot Racecourse has announced that the June 23 G1 Golden Jubilee S.--formerly the Cork & Orrery S.--has been renamed the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. to mark the milestone of The Queen's 60-year reign. The Berkshire venue will also celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the inception of the G1 Prince of Wales's S. by renaming this year's renewal as the "150th Anniversary of the Prince of Wales's S." on the second day of the meet, June 20. "We are delighted to be commemorating the Diamond Jubilee by renaming the Golden Jubilee S.," said Ascot's Chief Executive Charles Barnett. "All being well, we will be running the race with the world's top rated sprinter, Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}), representing Australia in what is historically Europe's most international race, which would be a wonderful way to begin a new era for the Diamond Jubilee S.. We celebrated the 200th running of the [G1] Gold Cup a few years ago and this year we will be marking the 150th anniversary of Royal Ascot's most important middle distance race, the Prince of Wales's S., which has been won by the likes of Rewilding, Vision d'Etat and Manduro in recent years."

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$49,590, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.

JERSEY STORM CAT (g, 5, **Pure Prize**--Samantha Cat, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-1, \$142,020.

O-Robert Deckert Jr & Robert Deckert Sr. B-Deckert Enterprises LLP #2 (NJ). T-Patricia Farro.

5th-SUN, \$35,000, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 1/5, ft.

FUNNYOUSHOULDASK (f, 4, Reuben--Funny Girl, by El Gran Senor) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-1-1, \$76,100.

O-Terrine G Ransier. B-TNJ Farms LLC (NM). T-Bart G Hone.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

At Full Pelt, g, 3, **Captain Countdown**--Wavy's Halo, by Sunny's Halo. HOU, 1-30, (S), 7f, 1:26. B-Delwin & Seleta Lovell and Dwayne & Kelly Sackett (TX).

George's Prayer, f, 3, **Songandaprayer**--Grand Consequence (SP), by Grand Slam. HOU, 1-30, 5f, :58 1/5. B-Mike Abraham (KY). \$12,500 yrl '10 FTKOCT.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dubai Sunshine (Ire), g, 3, **Dubawi** (Ire)--Star Express (GB), by Sadler's Wells. Southwell, Britain, 1-31, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1m (AWT). B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd. *85,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.

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