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KY GAMING BILL INTRODUCED

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear and state senator Damon Thayer yesterday introduced a bill in the Senate that, if approved, would put the issue of expanded gaming before Kentucky voters in November. Calling it "the best way to keep hundreds of millions of dollars here at home" during a Tuesday morning press conference, Beshear and Thayer announced their intentions to authorize a referendum to amend the state's constitution to allow for gaming.



Gov. Steve Beshear
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"We've been debating this issue in Frankfort for more than 15 years," said Beshear. "The citizens of our state are clamoring to have their voices heard. Two recent polls show

more than 80% of Kentuckians want to cast a ballot on gaming. Are we going to listen to them or not?"

The amendment would authorize casinos at up to five racetracks in Kentucky and two stand-alone facilities located at least 60 miles from the nearest racetrack. Because it involves amending the state constitution, both chambers of the Kentucky legislature would have to approve the bill by a 60% margin.

Bashear and Thayer said that revenue from the gaming facilities would be spent on "job creation, education, human services, health care, veterans programs, local governments, public safety and support of the horse industry." A press release cited one recent economic study estimating that, under one scenario, expanding gaming at racetracks would bring in one-time license fees of \$266 million and \$377 million in taxes annually into the state's general fund. The revenue would be welcome in a state facing tough budget cuts.

Said Thayer, "The time has come to let the people decide on the issue of expanded gambling. This issue has been lingering in Kentucky for nearly two decades, a majority of Kentuckians wish to vote on it, and the time has come to give them that opportunity."

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NOW I KNOW INJURED, RETIRED

GIII Delta Princess S. heroine **Now I Know** (Pure Prize --Now U Know, by Maria's Mon) emerged from her second-place finish in last Saturday's Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn with a fracture in her left front knee and has been retired. Bred and owned by trainer Don Von Hemel and Wayne Stockseth, the grey filly streaked through her first six career starts, including the GIII Delta Princess S. in her 2011 finale and the Dixie Belle S. Jan. 14.



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The injury is not considered life-threatening, and she will undergo surgery in Oklahoma City. "We didn't want to take the chance of cheapening her up," said Von Hemel. "She's already done more than most horses ever do." Now I Know, who also captured the Oklahoma Lassie S. at Remington Park, bankrolled \$461,721 for her connections. Breeding plans have not been finalized.

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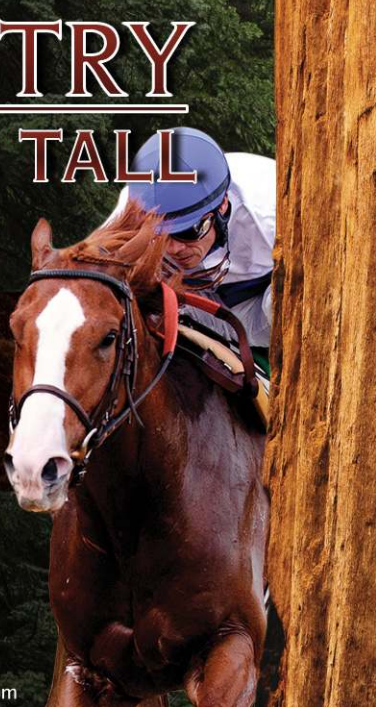
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From the Desk of Bill Oppenheim: The Old Guard Departs

TDN columnist Bill Oppenheim stays on the APEX beat this week, with plenty of insightful charts to help tell the story.

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Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint hero Secret Circle (Eddington) arrives at Oaklawn Park Tuesday. He is slated to run in Monday's Gill Southwest S. *Oaklawn Park photo*

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Kentucky Gaming Bill cont.

Sponsors of the bill include three Republicans, Sen. Thayer; Sen. Carroll Gibson and Sen. Tom Buford; and five Democrats, Sen. R.J. Palmer; Sen. Perry Clark; Sen. Denise Harper Angel; Sen. Gerald Neal and Sen. Joey Pendleton.

“You continue to hear all kinds of arguments for and against allowing expanding gaming in this state,” Beshear said. “What you don’t hear, however, is one argument about why the people of Kentucky shouldn’t have a right to vote on it. That’s because there really isn’t a legitimate argument against that. The time for a vote is now.”

PREVIEWS

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9	Do It All	Distorted Humor	De Sousa	bin Suroor
10	Snaafy	Kingmambo	Smith	al Muhairi
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NEWS TODAY

CONTEST LAUNCHED TO NAME RACHEL’S FIRST FOAL

Any good ideas for names on Horses of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d’Oro) and Curlin’s super foal? Owners Barbara Banke and Harold McCormick are open to suggestions.

“We cannot think of a better time than Valentine’s Day to further share this experience with the fans by welcoming name suggestions for our precious bay colt with a bright white star, striking resemblance to his mother and grand spirit,” Banke said. “We are looking for a very special name for our special colt that reflects the vision and celebrates the memory of Jess [Jackson].”

Fans can submit their suggestion at www.stonestreetfarms.com or by email at VisitRachelA@Stonestreetfarms.com by Feb. 19. If a suggested name is chosen, Stonestreet will host the winning fan and a guest for an overnight stay in the guesthouse at Stonestreet with a private tour of the farm and visit with Rachel Alexandra and her colt.



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ONTARIO SLOTS REVENUE IN DANGER?

As the possibility of expanded gaming in Kentucky grew nearer yesterday, revenue received by racetracks generated by VLTs in Ontario, Canada came under fire. On Monday, Ontario's Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said it was time the province look at the up to \$345



Dwight Duncan
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million tracks get annually from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG)'s slots at racetracks program, particularly in light of a \$16 billion budget shortfall exasperated by a struggling economy. Duncan called the money a "subsidy," and said his government should weigh whether the money would be better spend elsewhere.

"We are considering if government should be in a specific line of business or service delivery," said Duncan during

an address to the Economic Club of Toronto Monday. "If not, then we will get out of that business."

A fact sheet on the Finance Department's website stated, "With 17 locations, Ontario has more racetracks and provides more public funding than any other place in North America. The cost of the current horseracing subsidy would pay for over 27,800 hip or knee replacement surgeries or provide over 9 million hours of home care."

Sue Leslie, president of the Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association (OHRIA), countered the slots program is not a subsidy. "It is a successful revenue-sharing partnership between the government of Ontario, the Ontario horse racing industry and the municipalities that host OLG slots at racetracks," she said.

The OHRIA sponsored an economic impact report released in November, 2011, and Leslie said the report underscores the importance of the racing and breeding industry to the province. Among the findings were:

- The industry helps employ an estimated 60,000 Ontarians and pays a total of \$1.5 billion of wages and salaries each year in Ontario;
- The industry is the second-largest sub-sector of the agricultural economy with a contribution in excess of wheat, eggs, poultry and hogs, combined in 2010;
- Over the last decade, annual expenditures by the horse racing industry has increased by 67% to \$2 billion in 2010 from \$1.2 billion in 2000;
- Approximately 80% of this expenditure occurs in Ontario's rural agriculture communities;
- Government revenue from Ontario's horse racing revenue has increased by 27% over the last 10 years, with the province of Ontario receiving \$261 million a year from the industry, not including OLG profits from slot machines. **Cont. p5**

Majestic 1st juveniles...

"He is a really, really nice horse - one of my better ones at this stage. The MAJESTIC WARRIOR'S that I have are all nice horses and I couldn't be happier with them. They should be early and they go really well."

Eddie Woods on the colt ex Meadow Slipper, a \$200,000 yearling for Hidden Brook/Paul Pompa Jr.



"I love the filly. I feel really good about her. She is very nice and I would put her in the very top echelon of my 2-year-olds. I have had her in company and she just rolls right by the rest. I'm a fan, I have two others by Majestic Warrior that I think are athletes and I will be breeding to him this year."

Becky Thomas on the Dixie Lyrics filly which cost \$75,000 at the FT NY Sale.



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Ontario Slots cont.

"Eliminating the OLG slots at racetrack program would substantially reduce jobs in rural Ontario and take \$138 million of funding from the municipalities that host OLG slots at racetracks," said Leslie. "We are hopeful the government of Ontario will recognize the damage that would be done to both the rural and municipal Ontario economy if they were to change or reduce the OLG slots revenue sharing program."

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

King's Rose Points to Queen Anne...

New Zealand's 2011 Filly of the Year **King's Rose (NZ)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), winner of that country's 2010 G1 1000 Guineas, will reportedly accompany Peter Moody stablemate **Black Caviar (Aus)** (Bel Esprit {Aus}) to the Royal Ascot meeting, according to *racingsports.com.au*. Runner-up in the Nov. 5 G1 Emirates H. at Flemington last time, she will point to the June 19 G1 Queen Anne S. at the Berkshire venue and will retire in Europe. Before returning home to Cambridge Stud in New Zealand, Dr Gene Tsoi's bay will visit Coolmore stallion Galileo (Ire) to be covered on Southern Hemisphere time. "Everything's coming together well," Dr Tsoi's racing manager Marcus Corban told *racingsports*. "[Trainer] Peter [Moody] is really happy with the way she's coming up. The [Mar. 10 G1] Newmarket [H. at Flemington] should set her up nicely for the two races [Mar. 24 G1 Coolmore Classic and Apr. 7 G1 Queen of the Turf S.] in Sydney. It should work out well [for King's Rose and Black Caviar]. They'll be good for each other when they get to England. What lies ahead is very exciting." King's Rose's yearling half-brother by Fastnet Rock (Aus) sold for NZ\$1.75-million to top the sheets at Karaka's recent Premier Yearling Sale.

2012 ROAD TO THE CLASSICS

DATE	RACE	TRACK
Feb. 18	GIII El Camino Real Derby	Golden Gate
Feb. 20	GIII Southwest S.	Oaklawn
Feb. 25	GII Risen Star S.	Fair Grounds
	Borderland Derby	Sunland Park
	Turf Paradise Derby	Turf Paradise
Feb. 26	GII Fountain of Youth S.	Gulfstream
Mar. 3	GIII Gotham S.	Aqueduct
	John Battaglia Memorial S.	Turfway
Mar. 10	GII San Felipe S.	Santa Anita
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay
Mar. 17	GII Rebel S.	Oaklawn
Mar. 24	GIII Vinery Racing Spiral S.	Turfway
	Rushaway S.	Turfway

“ I am going to the Palm Meadows Select Sale with him. He is an absolutely gorgeous standout colt and could be just as good a racehorse as he will be a sale horse. I wouldn't be surprised to see him run in the Classics next year. That's how much I like him. ”



David Scanlon on the colt ex Darling Monique which cost \$110,000 at FTK JUL.

“ He moves really well and will go to the FT Florida Select Sale. This one moves better than most horses and has a great attitude. ”



Ciaran Dunne on the colt out of On A Lark that made \$160,000 as a weanling.

“ They don't make them any prettier than this horse. He is more of a sprinter type than the On A Lark colt but he will go to the same sale. He's as good looking a horse as has ever been on the end of a shank. ”

Ciaran Dunne on the colt ex Counter Cat that cost \$137,000 as a yearling.

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FROM THE DESK OF...
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THE OLD GUARD DEPARTS

One of the spin-offs from the annual APEX calculations is that we collect a file in which each horse that ever becomes an A Runner is counted once, as what we designate a 'Unique A Runner.' Since we began collecting the data in 1985 there have been 34,722 Unique A Runners, according to our latest calculations--around 1,300 new A Runners a year, in the seven countries in which we count them (U.S., Canada, U.K., Ireland, France, Germany, and Japan).

When we look at the current sires which were assigned APEX ratings at the end of 2011 (meaning they had 10 or more 3-year-olds last year, foals of 2008), these 1,071 stallions had sired 353,092 foals of racing age (in their careers, not just in the last seven years), of which 12,107 had become A Runners. That works out to 3.43% A Runners from foals, so that's the average for the 1,071 sires: 3.43% A Runners from 'named foals of racing age,' is how we define it.

When we look at the leading sires of the last seven years by A Runner Index, it's striking how the top of the list is still dominated by the diminishing number of sires who got started when the average foal crop was closer to 50 than 100--before about 1996, I would say.

Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer), whose first foals were born in 1986, was the exception. He sired 2,245 named foals in 23 crops of racing age through 2011, an average of 97.6 foals per crop. It is a measure of his greatness that he generated averages which were just as good as those--and better than most--being accomplished by top sires with half the number of foals he sired.

But, Sadler's Wells aside, the numbers being put up by top sires today demonstrate without question that, as the number of foals per crop has increased, the rate of success has decreased.

Of the 1,071 sires assigned APEX ratings at the end of 2011, only 114 of them--just 10.6%--are pre-Big Book Era sires, which sired their first foals in 1995 or earlier. Yet they occupy 12 of the top 25 spots by percentage of Unique A Runners from named foals of racing age. We really don't need any more proof than that. Either the top sires of today are only three-quarters as good as the top sires of the previous generation, or today's sires have been significantly compromised by a drop in the average level of mare bred to them--or both.

I'm not sure whether the top sires today are or aren't as good as the last group--maybe they're not--but for sure they are bred to a lot more mares of lesser quality than yesterday's top sires. The top three sires by percentage of Unique A Runners, of the 829 with 100+ named foals of racing age, are in fact pre-Big Book Era sires who are now dead or retired, but did have at least 10 3-year-olds last year.

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Number one, you will not be surprised to hear, is **A.P. Indy** (Seattle Slew) (first foals 1994). Eight times leading sire by the seven-year rolling A Runner Index, he had sired, through the end of 2011, a very impressive 13.23% Unique A Runners from foals. That's 152 Unique A Runners from 1,149 career foals (71.8 foals per crop). It's ironic that, as good as he is, he's really been an all-American sire, and we'll discover in the next few years if, like Sadler's Wells has done through El Prado, he finally crosses the oceans.

Storm Cat (Storm Bird) and Sadler's Wells were retired within days of each other in May 2008. Neither had 10 foals in 2009, so, for both these greats, it's their last appearances among these lists, and the last opportunity we have to compare the top sires of today with their predecessors of the recent past. Storm Cat sired 170 Unique A Runners from 1,449 named foals (72.4 per crop), for 11.73% Unique A Runners. Sadler's Wells, who was 14 times champion sire in Britain and Ireland, sired a world-record 242 Unique A Runners from his 2,245 named foals--10.78%.

Just to be able to say here's a top-class target to shoot for, something by which we can measure their successors, let's do this: if you combine A.P. Indy, Storm Cat, and Sadler's Wells, among them they sired 564 Unique A Runners from 4,843 named foals. That's 11.52%, so I think it would be fair to say 11.5% is the standard established by the preceding generation of top sires.

WHERE WE ARE NOW

It's a different world now. Only one sire (with 100+ named foals) even has as high as 10% Unique A Runners. This is **Distorted Humor** (Forty Niner), whose 91 Unique A Runners from 880 foals (88.0 per crop) translates to 10.34%. This places him at the top of 833 sires with first foals 1996-2008, with the single exception of F2008 sire **Cacique** (Danehill), who had four Unique A Runners from 33 named foals in his only crop before he became infertile. He does have 12.12% Unique A Runners, but we're not actually going to count him. If they ever do get him back on line, though, you can see how good he was going to be.

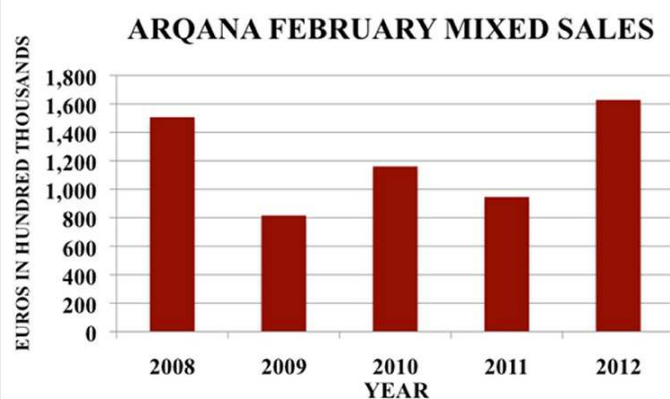
Another one with an asterisk ranks second among F1996 and later stallions. This is **Where's The Ring** (Seeking the Gold), who's sired 9.43% Unique A Runners (15 of 159 foals) in Ontario, where, as we've indicated before, the level of prize money is so high it's making a lot of Ontario stallions look really good. Anecdotally, we know they're good, but probably not as good as these figures look, so it's probably more useful if we consider them as the top sires within a region which looks really good for prize-money right now, but do not spend much time assuming they really rate among the big boys. Especially with the prospect of even higher purses in New York, we will have to work out a way to adjust for these disproportionately high-earnings regions, but for the moment we'll stick into interpreting the bare numbers, as with the Ontario sires.

Weekly Sales Ticker

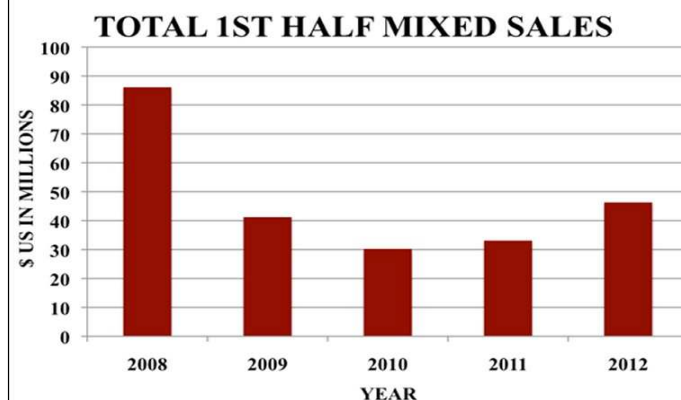
by Bill Oppenheim

"Arqana's February Mixed Sale, boosted by a small dispersal of jumping stock, would have been up over last year anyway. The gross at the first-half calendar year mixed sales is up 40% over last year, and the average is up by 50% - in both categories the highest figures since early 2008, before The Crash. It's been a massive clear-out, too; even with these big gains over 2011, the number catalogued in these sales is down 37% from 2008, the number sold down 32%, and the gross has still dropped by 47%. Mind you, this time last year we were saying the gross had dropped by 62%."

- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	315	261	204	17.1%	78.2%	64.8%	€1,627,500	€7,978
2011	268	244	166	9.0%	68.0%	61.9%	€946,000	€5,699
2010	239	218	129	8.8%	59.2%	54.0%	€1,128,500	€8,748
2009	245	212	144	13.5%	67.9%	58.8%	€815,500	€5,663
2008	238	213	120	10.5%	56.3%	50.4%	€1,507,155	€12,560



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	2,883	2,333	1,786	19.1%	76.6%	61.9%	\$46,301,233	\$25,925
2011	3,297	2,655	1,916	19.5%	72.2%	58.1%	\$33,079,718	\$17,265
2010	3,268	2,668	1,821	18.4%	68.3%	55.7%	\$30,079,718	\$16,561
2009	3,773	2,835	2,125	24.9%	75.3%	56.6%	\$41,194,346	\$19,295
2008	4,568	3,426	2,608	25.0%	76.1%	57.1%	\$86,074,385	\$33,004

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

Two Big-Book Era sires who have always had previous-era book sizes are Germany's F1997 **Monsun** (Königsstuhl {Ger}) (9.27% Unique A Runners, average foal crop 47.3) and California's F1999 **Unusual Heat** (Nureyev) (9.18%, average foal crop 46.5).

The next nine Big-Book Era sires, after Distorted Humor and the three just mentioned, are: **Tapit** (Pulpit) (8.95% Unique A Runners); **Smart Strike** (Mr. Prospector) (8.63%); Japan's **Deep Impact** (Sunday Silence) (8.37%, just two crops); **Giant's Causeway** (Storm Cat) (8.22%); Japan's other top sire of the moment, **King Kamehameha** (Kingmambo) (7.67%); **Galileo** (Sadler's Wells) (7.53%); **Dubawi** (Dubai Millennium {GB}) (7.44%); **Unbridled's Song** (Unbridled) (7.39%); and **Pulpit** (A.P. Indy) (7.31%).

If we take those nine sires plus Distorted Humor as a sort of practical 'Top 10' of modern Big-Book Era sires, they have sired 596 Unique A Runners among them, from 7,271 named foals of racing age--almost exactly 8.20%. That's what we should look for in a contemporary top 10 sire: 8.20% Unique A Runners from foals.

I've always found it very useful to look at 'sire crops,' in other words all the sires that had their first foals the same year.

You're looking at a smaller group, maybe 100 sires, rather than a thousand at a time, and you can certainly get an idea where a stallion rates among his true contemporaries--sires that had the same shot, at least in terms of the same number of crops. We've combined the first two years (1996-1997), and here are listings of all sires, by year of first foals, with 4.50% and higher Unique A Runners to foals. In these tables, sires which stand or stood in Ontario are listed in red.

First Foals 1996-1997: **Monsun** (9.27%), stands out here, though he is really a more traditional sire in terms of average crop size. **Not For Love** (Mr. Prospector) (7.58%), the perennial top sire on the eastern seaboard, is the only other active sire from these two crops higher than 7%.

First Foals 1998: **Smart Strike** (8.63%), **Unbridled's Song** (7.39%), and **Pivotal** (Polar Falcon) (6.98%) are the standouts: **Maria's Mon** (Wavering Monarch) (5.84%) comes next. It's interesting that these top three really dominated this sire crop all the way back to when they were first assigned APEX ratings, when their first 3-year-olds were running. Often you know pretty much right away that a horse is a good sire, and usually (freshman sire statistics excepted) those first indicators are reliable. They definitely were in the case of this crop.

EVEN THE SCORE

Unbridled's Song – Ashtabula, by Raby



photo by Matt Goin

CHECK THE SCORE

**Grade I sire Even The Score...
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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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First Foals 1999: California phenomenon **Unusual Heat** (9.18%) would have been 100-1 to be sitting at the top of this group when they all got started, but the combination of starting as virtually a private stallion plus opportunities for Cal-breds expanding in California worked in his favor. But nothing would have mattered if he hadn't been a really good sire. **Pulpit** (7.31%) is proving quite influential because of **Tapit**, and he's still a good sire of racehorses, too. **Whiskey Wisdom** (Wild Again) (7.29%) was helped by early crops in Ontario before being sent to Manitoba. **Danehill Dancer** (6.81%) (Danehill) leads these with 1,249 foals and 85 Unique A Runners. **Smoke Glacken** (Two Punch) (6.02%) has been a real solid citizen and shouldn't be overlooked by anybody in the market now for a \$10,000 stallion.

First Foals 2000: This always looked a deep group, yet **Distorted Humor** (10.34%) has really separated himself even from this deep a group with that sort of percentage. **Awesome Again** (Deputy Minister) (6.96%), himself a really good sire, is a distant second. **Wild Rush** (Wild Again) (6.48%) started to get good like the day after he was sold to Japan. **Stormy Atlantic** (Storm Cat) (6.02%) and **Northern Afleet** (Afleet) (5.99%) have proven to be ultra-consistent mid-range sires. Not even in the group's top five by percentage of Unique A Runners are highly respected sires like **Indian Charlie** (In Excess {Ire}) (5.87%), **Elusive Quality** (Gone West) (5.21%), **Arch** (Kris S.) (4.94%), **Tale of the Cat** (Storm Cat) (4.82%), etc.

First Foals 2001: Evidently not that strong a group, headed by **Victory Gallop** (Cryptoclearance) (6.91%); **Malibu Moon** (A.P. Indy) (5.66%), who keeps improving as he gets better mares; and **Forestry** (Storm Cat) (5.55%), who could maybe be more consistent about when he gets his good horses.

First Foals 2002: **Giant's Causeway** (8.22%) has proven his mettle by siring quality in quantity, not so easy to do. **Lemon Drop Kid** (Kingmambo) (7.16%) has seemed on the verge of stardom for years now, and though he hasn't managed that leap he is still a super-consistent money-making sire. **Montjeu** (Sadler's Wells) (7.14%) is probably the world's top 'Derby' sire. **War Chant** (Danzig) (6.42%) doesn't get the big crops any more but is now a little underrated. **Dansili** (Danehill) (6.16%) had a tremendous year in 2011 and, like Montjeu, is one of Europe's top five sires. **Successful Appeal** (Valid Appeal) (6.13%) is a notoriously picky breeder but a very good sire, especially for 2-year-olds. This is another deep group, as you can see.

First Foals 2003: **Galileo** (7.53%) is the standout here, though even he gets his share of duds, in spite of being the world's number one sire. **City Zip** (Carson City) (7.16%) has proven a remarkably consistent sire, especially for speed and precocity. **Freud** (Storm Cat) (6.82%) has been a complete standout in New York. **Tiznow** (Cee's Tizzy) (6.13%) gets his share of really good horses, maybe better than the bare percentage suggests.

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Trajectory (Gone West) (5.83%) has done consistently well in Ontario, and **Exchange Rate** (Danzig)'s (5.76%) first Kentucky 2-year-olds looked very promising last year, after his move up from Florida.

First Foals 2004: **Street Cry** (Machiavellian) (6.63%) dominates this group; **Rock of Gibraltar** (Danehill) (5.92%) is the only other sire around the 6% mark, but plenty of the others from this group are proving pretty useful.

First Foals 2005: **Mineshaft** (A.P. Indy) (7.28%) and **Oasis Dream** (Green Desert) (6.77%) have done best among this sire crop. **Sky Mesa** (Pulpit) (5.96%) is maybe still a little under the radar, and of course **Empire Maker** (Unbridled) (5.73%) got that one-way ticket to Japan.

First Foals 2006: I have to take my hat off to **Where's The Ring** (9.43%). He's obviously pretty good in Ontario, so let's hope some of his runners can make their marks in open company. This is my most highly touted sire group, including **Tapit** (8.95%), **Speightstown** (Gone West) (7.18%), **Medaglia d'Oro** (El Prado {Ire}) (7.14%), and **Candy Ride** (Ride the Rails) (5.80%). It also includes leading Japanese sire **King Kamehameha** (7.67%) and the significantly underrated **Pleasantly Perfect** (Pleasant Colony) (6.76%).

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First Foals 2007: Still a work in progress, but Dubawi (7.44%) is the clear leader by this measurement, ahead of the Ontario sire, **Mobil** (Langfuhr) (6.78%) and Japanese sire **Zenno Rob Roy** (Sunday Silence) (6.61%). **Wildcat Heir** (Forest Wildcat) (5.51%) comes next, followed by quite a few big names, including **Kitten's Joy** (El Prado {Ire}) (5.42%), **Leroidesanimaux** (Candy Stripe {Arg}) (5.33%), **Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway) (5.26%), and, of course, **Big Bad Bob** (Bob Back) (5.08%).

First Foals 2008: Well, it looks like a bumper sire crop in Ontario, anyway, with three of the seven sires with 4.50% or higher Unique A Runners from foals so far: **Philanthropist** (Kris S.) (9.09%), **Old Forester** (Forestry) (6.11%), and **Strut the Stage** (Theatrical {Ire}) (4.65%). Dansili's sub-fertile full brother Cacique (12.12%) leads the group, but with just 33 foals. Japan's Deep Impact (8.37%) is definitely delivering the goods. The leading Kentucky sires are **War Front** (Danzig) (5.71%) and **Bernardini** (A.P. Indy) (4.59%). I expect the figures for both to continue to improve.

For an alphabetic listing of sires (F1996-F2008) with percentage of unique A Runners from Foals, [click here](#).

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Smuggler (Unbridled)	Round Pond (Awesome Again)
Adieu (El Corredor)	Folklore (Tiznow)
Sweet Symphony (A.P. Indy)	First Samurai (Giant's Causeway)
Wild Fit (Wild Wonder)	Discreet Cat (Forestry)
Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat)	After Market (Storm Cat)
Bernardini (A.P. Indy)	Scat Daddy (Johannesburg)
Circular Quay (Thunder Gulch)	Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire})
Nobiz Like Shobiz (Albert the Great)	Lady Joanne (Orientate)
Any Given Saturday (Distorted Humor)	Curlin (Smart Strike)
Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat)	Cry and Catch Me (Street Cry {Ire})
Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie)	Colonel John (Tiznow)
Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat)	Monba (Maria's Mon)
Music Note (A.P. Indy)	Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire})
Zaftig (Gone West)	Big Brown (Boundary)
Mani Bhavan (Storm Boot)	Capt. Candyman Can (Candy Ride {Arg})
Rail Trip (Jump Start)	Zensational (Unbridled's Song)
Hot Dixie Chick (Dixie Union)	Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike)
Sidney's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg})	Crisp (El Corredor)
Majesticperfection (Harlan's Holiday)	Twirling Candy (Candy Ride {Arg})
Boys At Tosconova (Officer)	A Z Warrior (Bernardini)
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February 15, 1974...Future Triple Crown champion **Seattle Slew** was foaled at White Horse Acres in Lexington, Kentucky.

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February 16, 1999...Jockey Julie Krone became the first female jockey to win 3,500 races, taking the third race at the Fair Grounds.

February 17, 1985...Jockey **Laffit Pincay Jr.** rode his 6,000th career winner aboard Doria's Delight in the fifth race at Santa Anita.

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TOP 50 SIREs by PERCENTAGE of UNIQUE A RUNNERS from FOALS (100+ Foals)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	RTOT	ATOT	AI7	CAREER Foals	Uniq A's	Pct A's Foals
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994	U-	1124	98	4.36	1149	152	13.23
STORM CAT	1983	STORM BIRD	1989	U-	933	53	2.84	1449	170	11.73
SADLER'S WELLS	1981	NORTHERN DANCER	1986	E-	1263	84	3.33	2245	242	10.78
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	1548	82	2.65	880	91	10.34
SEEKING THE GOLD	1985	MR. PROSPECTOR	1991	U-	711	35	2.46	964	92	9.54
WHERE'S THE RING	1999	SEEKING THE GOLD	2006	ON	252	13	2.58	159	15	9.43
BOLD EXECUTIVE	1984	BOLD RUCKUS	1990	U-	844	54	3.2	740	69	9.32
MONSUN	1990	KONIGSSTUHL	1997	GE	758	51	3.36	615	57	9.27
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	NUREYEV	1999	CA	776	50	3.22	512	47	9.18
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	2006	KY	582	36	3.09	380	34	8.95
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	1526	91	2.98	1008	87	8.63
KINGMAMBO	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1995	U-	868	51	2.94	912	78	8.55
DYNAFORMER	1985	ROBERTO	1991	KY	1246	65	2.61	1206	101	8.37
DEEP IMPACT	2002	SUNDAY SILENCE	2008	JP	291	21	3.61	227	19	8.37
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	1809	105	2.9	1143	94	8.22
RAINBOW QUEST	1981	BLUSHING GROOM	1987	E-	502	14	1.39	1100	89	8.09
SILVER DEPUTY	1985	DEPUTY MINISTER	1990	U-	1035	44	2.13	1072	84	7.84
THEATRICAL	1982	NUREYEV	1989	U-	540	20	1.85	1047	82	7.83
KING KAMEHAMEHA	2001	KINGMAMBO	2006	JP	1115	60	2.69	574	44	7.67
DIXIELAND BAND	1980	NORTHERN DANCER	1986	U-	749	14	0.93	1338	102	7.62
NOT FOR LOVE	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1997	MD	1292	51	1.97	792	60	7.58
GALILEO	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	2003	IR	1242	90	3.62	956	72	7.53
RAHY	1985	BLUSHING GROOM	1991	U-	935	50	2.67	1144	86	7.52
DUBAWI	2002	DUBAI MILLENNIUM	2007	GB	361	24	3.32	309	23	7.44
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	KY	1289	68	2.64	1069	79	7.39
PULPIT	1994	A.P. INDY	1999	KY	1112	52	2.34	725	53	7.31
WHISKEY WISDOM	1993	WILD AGAIN	1999	MB	432	23	2.66	329	24	7.29
MINESHAFT	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	KY	492	28	2.85	357	26	7.28
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	KY	570	42	3.68	390	28	7.18
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	1056	62	2.94	656	47	7.16
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	KY	906	46	2.54	503	36	7.16
MONTJEU	1996	SADLER'S WELLS	2002	IR	1347	83	3.08	854	61	7.14
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	KY	562	40	3.56	448	32	7.14
SKY CLASSIC	1987	NIJINSKY II	1994	KY	722	21	1.45	739	52	7.04
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	1310	64	2.44	1060	74	6.98
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	DEPUTY MINISTER	2000	KY	1043	57	2.73	776	54	6.96
VICTORY GALLOP	1995	CRYPTOCLEARANCE	2001	U-	1305	41	1.57	608	42	6.91
FREUD	1998	STORM CAT	2003	NY	630	26	2.06	352	24	6.82
DANEHILL DANCER	1993	DANEHILL	1999	IR	1691	94	2.78	1249	85	6.81
EL PRADO	1989	SADLER'S WELLS	1994	U-	1027	46	2.24	1001	68	6.79
MOBIL	2000	LANGFUHR	2007	ON	146	9	3.08	118	8	6.78
OASIS DREAM	2000	GREEN DESERT	2005	GB	845	47	2.78	606	41	6.77
PLEASANTLY PERFECT	1998	PLEASANT COLONY	2006	KY	272	16	2.94	207	14	6.76
MANHATTAN CAFE	1998	SUNDAY SILENCE	2004	JP	1478	58	1.96	662	44	6.65
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004	KY	768	39	2.54	588	39	6.63
ZENNO ROB ROY	2000	SUNDAY SILENCE	2007	JP	444	22	2.48	257	17	6.61
GONE WEST	1984	MR. PROSPECTOR	1989	U-	912	21	1.15	1277	84	6.58
GULCH	1984	MR. PROSPECTOR	1990	U-	974	30	1.54	1099	72	6.55
WILD RUSH	1994	WILD AGAIN	2000	JP	1289	57	2.21	679	44	6.48
BIG SHUFFLE	1984	SUPER CONCORDE	1991	E-	979	27	1.38	904	58	6.42
WAR CHANT	1997	DANZIG	2002	KY	771	35	2.27	452	29	6.42
DESERT GOD	1991	FAPPIANO	1994	NM	254	17	3.35	218	14	6.42

PERCENTAGE OF A RUNNERS

LEADING SIREs with 1ST FOALS 1996-1997

(100+ Foals of Racing Age)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX	2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
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FRENCH DEPUTY	1992	DEPUTY MINISTER	1997	JP	1628	39	1.20	955	52	5.45
MONTBROOK	1990	BUCKAROO	1996	FL	910	24	1.32	772	42	5.44
HERNANDO	1990	NINISKI	1997	GB	640	22	1.72	620	33	5.32
CHEROKEE RUN	1990	RUNAWAY GROOM	1997	U-	1109	34	1.53	817	43	5.26
SEA WALL	1991	STORM BIRD	1997	SK	121	3	1.24	148	7	4.73
FUJI KISEKI	1992	SUNDAY SILENCE	1996	JP	2285	79	1.73	1509	71	4.71
MR. GREELEY	1992	GONE WEST	1997	U-	1452	46	1.58	1252	57	4.55

LEADING SIREs with 1ST FOALS 1998

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SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX	2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
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SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	1526	91	2.98	1008	87	8.63
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	KY	1289	68	2.64	1069	79	7.39
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	1310	64	2.44	1060	74	6.98
MARIA'S MON	1993	WAVERING MONARCH	1998	U-	1452	58	2.00	976	57	5.84
ANABAA	1992	DANZIG	1998	E-	997	39	1.96	753	41	5.44
PETIONVILLE	1992	SEEKING THE GOLD	1998	PA	1053	23	1.09	627	34	5.42
MUTAKDDIM	1991	SEEKING THE GOLD	1998	U-	1353	38	1.40	725	37	5.10
FOREST WILDCAT	1991	STORM CAT	1998	U-	1312	41	1.56	911	44	4.83
HALLING	1991	DIESIS	1998	GB	696	28	2.01	630	30	4.76
HENNESSY	1993	STORM CAT	1998	U-	1140	39	1.71	914	43	4.70
LIT DE JUSTICE	1990	EL GRAN SENOR	1998	CA	590	10	0.85	404	19	4.70

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DANEHILL DANCER	1993	DANEHILL	1999	IR	1691	94	2.78	1249	85	6.81
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	TWO PUNCH	1999	KY	1206	34	1.41	714	43	6.02
VALID EXPECTATIONS	1993	VALID APPEAL	1999	TX	907	17	0.94	574	32	5.57
LANGFUHR	1992	DANZIG	1999	KY	1552	59	1.90	994	54	5.43
WEST ACRE	1995	FORTY NINER	1999	FL	423	11	1.30	319	17	5.33
SINGSPIEL	1992	IN THE WINGS	1999	E-	1139	48	2.11	968	48	4.96
ALPHABET SOUP	1991	COZZENE	1999	NY	1111	24	1.08	764	35	4.58

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WILD RUSH	1994	WILD AGAIN	2000	JP	1289	57	2.21	679	44	6.48
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	1671	71	2.12	1080	65	6.02
NORTHERN AFLEET	1993	AFLEET	2000	KY	1241	39	1.57	685	41	5.99
INDIAN CHARLIE	1995	IN EXCESS	2000	U-	1046	42	2.01	732	43	5.87
RAFFIE'S MAJESTY	1995	CORMORANT	2000	NY	251	9	1.79	150	8	5.33
ELUSIVE QUALITY	1993	GONE WEST	2000	KY	1346	45	1.67	960	50	5.21
KIRIDASHI	1992	BOLD RUCKUS	2000	AB	391	18	2.30	323	16	4.95
ARCH	1995	KRIS S.	2000	KY	826	28	1.69	607	30	4.94
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	1735	51	1.47	1182	57	4.82
PEINTRE CELEBRE	1994	NUREYEV	2000	IR	822	32	1.95	708	33	4.66
GRAND SLAM	1995	GONE WEST	2000	KY	1878	38	1.01	1205	55	4.56

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VICTORY GALLOP	1995	CRYPTOCLEARANCE	2001	U-	1305	41	1.57	608	42	6.91
MALIBU MOON	1997	A.P. INDY	2001	KY	1369	62	2.26	813	46	5.66
FORESTRY	1996	STORM CAT	2001	KY	1147	38	1.66	757	42	5.55
STORMIN FEVER	1994	STORM CAT	2001	CA	983	24	1.22	550	25	4.55

LEADING SIRES with 1ST FOALS 2002

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SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX 2005- 2011 CAREER Uniq Pct A's					
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GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	1809	105	2.90	1143	94	8.22
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	1056	62	2.94	656	47	7.16
MONTJEU	1996	SADLER'S WELLS	2002	IR	1347	83	3.08	854	61	7.14
WAR CHANT	1997	DANZIG	2002	KY	771	35	2.27	452	29	6.42
DANSILI	1996	DANEHILL	2002	GB	1238	69	2.79	795	49	6.16
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	VALID APPEAL	2002	KY	730	29	1.99	424	26	6.13
BERNSTEIN	1997	STORM CAT	2002	U-	934	41	2.19	538	32	5.95
YES IT'S TRUE	1996	IS IT TRUE	2002	KY	1356	40	1.47	673	40	5.94
PRECISE END	1997	END SWEEP	2002	JP	874	24	1.37	443	25	5.64
DIXIE UNION	1997	DIXIELAND BAND	2002	U-	1035	36	1.74	632	35	5.54
FUSAICHI PEGASUS	1997	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	KY	1501	44	1.47	899	49	5.45
MORE THAN READY	1997	SOUTHERN HALO	2002	KY	1487	38	1.28	815	44	5.40
CAPE CANAVERAL	1996	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	AB	648	16	1.23	346	18	5.20
CATIENUS	1994	STORM CAT	2002	NY	976	24	1.23	472	23	4.87
STEPHEN GOT EVEN	1996	A.P. INDY	2002	KY	988	24	1.21	521	25	4.80
AREION	1995	BIG SHUFFLE	2002	GE	358	11	1.54	150	7	4.67

LEADING SIRES with 1ST FOALS 2003
(100+ Foals of Racing Age)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX		2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
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GALILEO	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	2003	IR	1242	90	3.62	956	72	7.53	
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	KY	906	46	2.54	503	36	7.16	
FREUD	1998	STORM CAT	2003	NY	630	26	2.06	352	24	6.82	
TIZNOW	1997	CEE'S TIZZY	2003	KY	1011	51	2.52	685	42	6.13	
TRAJECTORY	1997	GONE WEST	2003	ON	522	21	2.01	309	18	5.83	
EXCHANGE RATE	1997	DANZIG	2003	KY	712	31	2.18	434	25	5.76	
AGNES TACHYON	1998	SUNDAY SILENCE	2003	J-	1822	58	1.59	859	49	5.70	
TRIPPI	1997	END SWEEP	2003	U-	1075	31	1.44	569	31	5.45	
STAY GOLD	1994	SUNDAY SILENCE	2003	JP	1400	36	1.29	532	29	5.45	
BROKEN VOW	1997	UNBRIDLED	2003	KY	1182	41	1.73	693	36	5.19	
KUROFUNO	1998	FRENCH DEPUTY	2003	JP	1789	42	1.17	738	37	5.01	
FIVE STAR DAY	1996	CARSON CITY	2003	KY	724	21	1.45	454	22	4.85	

LEADING SIRES with 1ST FOALS 2004
(100+ Foals of Racing Age)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX		2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
					Rnrs	A's	A Index	Foals	A's	Foals	
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIARELLIAN	2004	KY	768	39	2.54	588	39	6.63	
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	DANEHILL	2004	IR	1112	46	2.07	777	46	5.92	
RED BULLET	1997	UNBRIDLED	2004	U-	340	14	2.06	194	11	5.67	
INCLUDE	1997	BROAD BRUSH	2004	KY	821	25	1.52	477	26	5.45	
GRAEME HALL	1997	DEHERE	2004	FL	557	17	1.53	291	15	5.15	
JUMP START	1999	A.P. INDY	2004	PA	742	25	1.68	450	23	5.11	
E DUBAI	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	2004	PA	725	28	1.93	470	23	4.89	
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	1997	GREEN DESERT	2004	IR	987	35	1.77	657	32	4.87	
SLICKLY	1996	LINAMIX	2004	FR	483	20	2.07	331	16	4.83	
ORIENTATE	1998	MT. LIVERMORE	2004	KY	945	26	1.38	583	27	4.63	
JUNGLE POCKET	1998	TONY BIN	2004	JP	1141	37	1.62	550	25	4.55	

LEADING SIRES with 1ST FOALS 2005
(100+ Foals of Racing Age)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX		2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
					Rnrs	A's	A Index	Foals	A's	Foals	
MINESHAFT	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	KY	492	28	2.85	357	26	7.28	
OASIS DREAM	2000	GREEN DESERT	2005	GB	845	47	2.78	606	41	6.77	
SKY MESA	2000	PULPIT	2005	KY	601	26	2.16	386	23	5.96	
EMPIRE MAKER	2000	UNBRIDLED	2005	JP	612	29	2.37	489	28	5.73	
D'WILDCAT	1998	FOREST WILDCAT	2005	FL	372	19	2.55	251	14	5.58	
SYMBOLI KRIS S	1999	KRIS S.	2005	JP	1323	41	1.55	622	33	5.31	
DALAKHANI	2000	DARSHAAN	2005	IR	440	24	2.73	390	19	4.87	
YANKEE GENTLEMAN	1999	STORM CAT	2005	LA	460	16	1.74	314	15	4.78	
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	1999	HARLAN	2005	KY	689	23	1.67	441	21	4.76	
GREATNESS	1999	MR. PROSPECTOR	2005	FL	268	11	2.05	170	8	4.71	
REPENT	1999	LOUIS QUATORZE	2005	FL	582	22	1.89	383	18	4.70	

LEADING SIRES with 1ST FOALS 2006

(80+ Foals of Racing Age)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX		2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
					Rnrs	A's	A Index	Foals	A's	Fpa;s	
WHERE'S THE RING	1999	SEEKING THE GOLD	2006	ON	252	13	2.58	159	15	9.43	
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	2006	KY	582	36	3.09	380	34	8.95	
KING KAMEHAMEHA	2001	KINGMAMBO	2006	JP	1115	60	2.69	574	44	7.67	
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	KY	570	42	3.68	390	28	7.18	
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	KY	562	40	3.56	448	32	7.14	
PLEASANTLY PERFECT	1998	PLEASANT COLONY	2006	KY	272	16	2.94	207	14	6.76	
BOWMAN'S BAND	1998	DIXIELAND BAND	2006	U-	234	11	2.35	189	11	5.82	
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDE THE RAILS	2006	KY	440	31	3.52	379	22	5.80	
EXCEED AND EXCEL	2000	DANEHILL	2006	GB	540	17	1.57	401	21	5.24	
SMARTY JONES	2001	ELUSIVE QUALITY	2006	PA	368	16	2.17	309	16	5.18	

LEADING SIRES with 1ST FOALS 2007

(50+ Foals of Racing Age)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX		2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
					Rnrs	A's	A Index	Foals	A's	Foals	
DUBAWI	2002	DUBAI MILLENNIUM	2007	GB	361	24	3.32	309	23	7.44	
MOBIL	2000	LANGFUHR	2007	ON	146	9	3.08	118	8	6.78	
ZENNO ROB ROY	2000	SUNDAY SILENCE	2007	JP	444	22	2.48	257	17	6.61	
WILDCAT HEIR	2000	FOREST WILDCAT	2007	FL	366	10	1.37	272	15	5.51	
KITTEN'S JOY	2001	EL PRADO	2007	KY	348	17	2.44	295	16	5.42	
LEROIDESANIMAUX	2000	CANDY STRIPES	2007	FL	160	10	3.13	169	9	5.33	
SHAMARDAL	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2007	IR	363	20	2.75	342	18	5.26	
BIG BAD BOB	2000	BOB BACK	2007	IR	74	3	2.03	59	3	5.08	
PROUD ACCOLADE	2002	YES IT'S TRUE	2007	U-	122	5	2.05	119	6	5.04	
AFLEET ALEX	2002	NORTHERN AFLEET	2007	KY	341	17	2.49	306	15	4.90	
AZAMOUR	2001	NIGHT SHIFT	2007	IR	200	9	2.25	184	9	4.89	
GHOSTZAPPER	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	2007	KY	240	11	2.29	259	12	4.63	

LEADING SIRES with 1ST FOALS 2008

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1ST FLS	ST	APEX		2005-	2011	CAREER	Uniq	Pct A's
					Rnrs	A's	A Index	Foals	A's	Foals	
CACIQUE	2001	DANEHILL	2008	E-	26	4	7.69	33	4	12.12	
PHILANTHROPIST	2001	KRIS S.	2008	ON	57	7	6.14	66	6	9.09	
DEEP IMPACT	2002	SUNDAY SILENCE	2008	JP	291	21	3.61	227	19	8.37	
OLD FORESTER	2001	FORESTRY	2008	ON	118	8	3.39	131	8	6.11	
WAR FRONT	2002	DANZIG	2008	KY	119	9	3.78	140	8	5.71	
STRUT THE STAGE	1998	THEATRICAL	2008	ON	28	3	5.36	43	2	4.65	
BERNARDINI	2003	A.P. INDY	2008	KY	177	11	3.11	218	10	4.59	

KENTUCKY

Kentucky Horse Park Sets Up Exhibits for Kids:

Edited Press Release

The Kentucky Horse Park is launching a new exhibit to help engage school-age children in discovering the wonder of horses. The new attraction is a joint project between the public and private sectors. The Kids' Barn will feature interactive exhibits, while the park's education department staff will host daily hands-on activities with the park's resident horses. "Children have a tremendous curiosity and natural affinity for horses, and since one of the most important missions of the Kentucky Horse Park is to raise awareness of--and interest in--horses, our new Kids' Barn will be a wonderful expression of our dedication to that goal," said John Nicholson, executive director of the park. "It will expand their knowledge and appreciation of horses and the horse industry in a fun and memorable way, through lots of hands-on interactions and other learning experiences."

Registration Open for Road to the Roses Challenge:

Edited Press Release

Registration is now open at RoadToTheRoses.com for Churchill Downs's "Road to the Roses" Kentucky Derby Fantasy Challenge. Back for the 14th consecutive year, the free online contest allows horse racing fans to manage a stable of contenders during the 10-week build-up to the Kentucky Derby. Participants are challenged to build a fantasy stable of 15 horses nominated to the Triple Crown, plus two trainers and two jockeys. Points will be earned in a series of designated Kentucky Derby prep races. The grand prize winner will receive a trip for two to the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks in 2013, including airfare, accommodations and more.

Dinner and Bourbon Tasting to Benefit Old Friends:

Edited Press Release

The 4th annual Old Friends Along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail dinner and Bourbon-tasting is slated to be held at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel in downtown Louisville Feb. 25. The event is a benefit for Old Friends, the Thoroughbred retirement facility in Central Kentucky. Tickets are \$100 per person. The benefit will be highlighted by a four-course Bourbon-themed feast as well as live and silent auctions of exclusive equine artwork, autographed Bourbon items, racing memorabilia, fine jewelry, accessories and more. "We are so very grateful to both the Seelbach and the Kentucky Distillers Association for their support," Old Friends President and Founder Michael Blowen said. "This is one of the most exciting evenings on our fund-raising calendar and we hope everyone will come out and join us."

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Hymn Book	Arch	Donn H.-G1	113
Snow Top Mountain	Najran	Suwannee River S.-G3	105
Get Stormy	Stormy Atlantic	Gulfstream Park Turf H.-G1	103
Stormy's Majesty	Stormy Atlantic	Mr G.J.G. S.	103
Great Mills	War Front	Champion Energy Services S.	100
Action Andy	Gators N Bears	Super S.	99
Thunder Moccasin	A. P. Warrior	Hutcheson S.-G2	99
Singlet	Real Quiet	Dearly Precious S.	98
Joyful Victory	Tapit	Tiffany Lass S.	97
Whisked Away	Victory Gallop	Likely Exchange S.	97
Amie's Dini	Bandini	Martha Washington S.	96
Pretension	Bluegrass Cat	Sweet Envoy S.	94
Twelve Twenty Two	Kafwain	El Dario S.	94
Indigo River (Ire)	Kodiac	Sweet Life S.	93
Slim Shadey (GB)	Val Royal (Fr)	San Marcos S.-G2	92
Beautiful But Blue	El Corredor	Windswept Wings S.	90
Sabrina's Dance	Werblin	Madcap Escapade S.	87
Vamoose	Petionville	Curribot S.	84

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Jack's In the Deck (Love of Money)

2-Year-Old Female

Plum (Pure Prize)

3-Year-Old Male

Poseidon's Warrior (Speightstown)

3-Year-Old Female

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ROOKIES

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 15

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

HALF OURS (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$15K, 121/23/2

8-CT, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Half a Notion, \$38K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1

HIGH COTTON (Dixie Union), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 82/15/1

8-GP, Msw, 1m, Megamove, \$50K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

8-CT, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Almost a Valentine, 12-1

POLITICAL FORCE (Unbridled's Song), Claiborne, \$15K, 122/19/0

6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Clout, \$12K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

PURIM (Dynaformer), Richland Hills, \$10K, 124/11/0

6-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Purincat, 2-1

SAINT ANDDAN (A.P. Indy), Journeyman, \$5K, 79/19/1

8-GP, Msw, 1m, Jamie's Boy, \$33K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1

SIMON PURE (Silver Deputy), Hartley DeRenzo, \$5K, 86/11/1

8-GP, Msw, 1m, Whining, \$3K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1

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IRELAND

GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE STARTS TODAY

Hot on the heels of Arqana's February sale, the European bandwagon rolls into Co. Kildare where Goffs stages its two-day February Mixed Sale today. Notable graduates to have made a recent impact include **Rosie's Posy (Ire)** (Suave Dancer), the dam of the 2011 GI Gamely S. and GI Yellow Ribbon S. victress Dubawi Heights (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who sold for €24,000 here in 2003. The sale is also a source of National Hunt success with Jennie Dun (Ire) (Mandalus {GB}), the dam of last term's G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase hero **Sizing Europe (Ire)** (Pistolet Bleu {Ire}), selling for just Ir£2,400 at the 1998 renewal.

The success of the auction house's Orby and November sales has led to increased demand for places here. This year's 524-lot book redresses last term's downsizing, with a near 28% increase in numbers, and is back to the levels catalogued in 2010 and 2009.

The catalogue features yearlings and 2-year-olds--which sell on Day One--and breeding stock, targeting both flat and jumps audiences with good-quality stock. Drafts include selections from big hitters like The Aga Khan's Studs, Ballylinch Stud, Darley, Derrinstown Stud, Rathbarry Stud and The Castlebridge Consignment.

GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE
Wednesday's Outs
 12, 21, 26, 37, 70, 92, 104, 111, 115,
 148, 168, 176, 221, 257, 262, 271

Breeder-trainer Jim Bolger enjoyed a banner November sale at the Kill venue, and his Glebe House Stables consigns a potential Day Two highlight in hip **415, Teo's Sister (Ire)**

(Galileo {Ire}), who, as the name suggests, is a winning full-sister to the unbeaten MG1SW European Champion and Darley sire Teofilo (Ire). The G1 National S. and G1 Dewhurst S. victor, whose first crop are sophomores this semester, is himself represented by a Tinnakill House yearling filly. Offered as hip **254**, she is out of an unraced full-sister to the 1998 G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 St Leger runner-up High and Low (GB) (Rainbow Quest) and hails from the family of the MG1SW American Post (GB) (Bering {GB}).



Teo's Sister
Goffs photo

Another notable offering is Swordlestown Little's hip **170**, a yearling half-sister to last year's G2 Railway S. hero Lilbourne Lad (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), from the first crop of Coolmore sire Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}).

Selling gets underway at 10 a.m. and full results can be viewed at www.goffs.com.

 **EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN SINGAPORE:

Riezo (Ire), g, 4, **Acclamation (GB)**--Our Juliette (Ire), by Namid (GB). Kranji, 2-12, Novice race, 1200mT, 1:12.46. B-Patrick Hayes. *Formerly Where's Romeo (Ire). **£14,000 yrl '09 DONSEP; 10,000gns 2yo '10 TATHIT.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

 **2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALES**

Sale	Date	Under Tack
Barretts March	Mar. 5	Mar. 2
OBS Selected	Mar. 13-14	Mar. 8-9
Fasig-Tipton Florida	Mar. 26	Mar. 23
Fasig-Tipton Texas	Apr. 5	Apr. 2
Keeneland April	Apr. 9	Apr. 5
OBS Spring	Apr. 23-26	Apr. 17-20
Barretts May	May 14	May 11
Fasig-Tipton Midlantic	May 21-22	May 16-17
OBS June 2YOs/HRA	June 19-20	June 15-17



AUSTRALASIA

SNITZEL COLT TOPS RECORD PERTH SESSION

A colt by Snitzel (Aus) realized a final bid of A\$240,000 (\$255,262) to lead the way during the first session of the Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale Tuesday. A total of 98 horses were reported as sold for gross receipts of A\$6,930,000, and the average of A\$70,714 was a record for any session of the Perth sale. "There was spirited bidding throughout the day and the Premier Session proved a great success with quality lots attracting strong interest," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said. "It was great to see a number of horses exceed their reserve prices by strong figures and it was pleasing to see a healthy clearance rate for the first section of the sale." Consigned by Oakland Park Stud, hip 85 is out of Diamonds and Dust (Aus) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}), an unraced half-sister to GSW Burrrito (Aus) (Marscay {Aus}) and was hammered down to local bloodstock agent Damien Wyer. He was able to see off all parties, including Melbourne-based Mark Pilkington for the colt. "He was, in our opinion, the colt of the sale," Wyer said of the top-priced lot. "He had a great walk, had good x-rays and we were keen to buy him. I purchased him for unnamed clients, but I can confirm he will be trained by Jim Taylor."



Hip 85
Magic Millions photo

The sale continues this morning and daily through Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. Full results can be found at www.magicmillions.com.au.

MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH YEARLINGS TUESDAY'S TOP FIVE LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>85</u>	c	Snitzel (Aus)	Diamonds and Dust (Aus)	240,000
Consigned by Oakland Park Stud Purchased by Damien Wyer Racing and Bloodstock				
<u>55</u>	c	Oratorio (Ire)	Zenda (NZ)	205,000
Consigned by Namerik Thoroughbreds Purchased by Dan Morton				
<u>64</u>	c	Bernardini	Born Priceless (Aus)	200,000
Consigned by Yarradale Stud Purchased by Cameron Cooke Bloodstock, agent				
<u>78</u>	f	Choisir (Aus)	Dancing Pago (Aus)	190,000
Consigned by Geisel Park Stud Purchased by Neville Parnham				
<u>25</u>	c	Oratorio (Ire)	Scuffs (Aus)	180,000
Consigned by Mungrup Stud, agent Purchased by Mt Hallowell Stud				

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

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Pornichet-la-Baule, 12.30, €27,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.00, stn.

ORCUS (FR) (c, 3, Russian Blue {Ire}--Perfidie {Ire}, by Monsun {Ger}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 7 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €70,600. O-Simon Springer; B-Haras d'Etream & Vision Bloodstock Ltd; T-Christophe Ferland. *€15,000 yrl '10 ARQAU. **Full to Vodkato (Fr), SW-Fr, \$114,617; 1/2 to Don Bosco (Fr) (Barathea {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$210,482.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Three Bards (Ire), c, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Polish Affair (Ire), by Polish Patriot. Southwell, Britain, 2-14, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Thomas G Cooke. *€80,000 yrl '10 GOFSP. **1/2 to Portella (Ger) (Protektor {Ger}), GSW-Ger, \$144,600.

Visby (Fr), f, 3, **Irish Wells (Fr)**--Vingt Six (Fr), by Octagonal (NZ). Pornichet-la-Baule, France, 2-14, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 5/16m (AWT). B-Mme Danielle de la Heronniere. *€3,000 yrl '10 ARQOCT.

Doctor Sim (Ire), c, 3, **King's Best**--Mas a Fuera (Ire), by Alzao. Pornichet-la-Baule, France, 2-14, Mdn, 3yo, c, 1 5/16m (AWT). B-P Harms. *€6,500 RNA wnlg '09 GOFNOV; €8,000 RNA yrl '10 GOFSP.

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MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH YEARLINGS Tuesday, February 14, 2012

SESSION TOTALS	2012	2011
Catalogued	130	110
No. Offered	123	102
No. Sold	98	77
RNAs	25	25
% RNA	20.3%	24.5%
Highest Price	A\$240,000	A\$200,000
Gross	A\$6,930,000	A\$3,580,000
Average (% change)	A\$70,714 (+52.1%)	A\$46,500
Median (% change)	A\$56,250 (+40.6%)	\$40,000

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, \$50,590, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 1/5, ft.

SUROOF (m, 5, Empire Maker--Amber Token, by Hennessy) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$66,311. O-Farnsworth Stables LLC. B-Dr & Mrs M L Brosnan (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow. *\$325,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$85,000 HRA '11 KEEJAN; \$47,000 RNA HRA '11 KEENOV.

AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jimmy Windows, c, 3, Proud Accolade--Video Commander, by Deputy Commander. PRX, 2-14, 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Casey Seaman (PA).

Royal Encounter, g, 4, Arch--Subeen (GB) (G1SP-Eng), by Caerleon. HOU, 2-13, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:49 1/5. B-St. George Farm LLC (KY). *\$50,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **1/2 to Stupendous Miss (Dynaformer), GSW, \$232,097.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

Lovely Lil (Tiznow), 4f (tr), :51.25, 38/41

FAIR GROUNDS

Daisy Devine (Kafwain), 5f, 1:00.20, 1/8

GULFSTREAM PARK

Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), 4f, :52.80, 21/21

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Reneesgotzip (City Zip), 6f, 1:13.80, 1/2
Nereid (Rock Hard Ten), 3f, :38.00, 8/11

OAKLAWN PARK

Absinthe Minded (Quiet American), 3f, :35.40, 1/2
Junebugred (Corinthian), 4f, :48.20, 1/8

PALM MEADOWS

Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), 6fT, 1:15.80, 1/2
Dancinginherdreams (Tapit), 3f, :38.04, 10/15
Souper Speedy (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:03.22, 4/7
Toby's Corner (Bellamy Road), 5f, 1:01.61, 2/7

PAYSON PARK

Perfect Shirl (Perfect Soul {Ire}), 5fT, :59.20, 1/10
Ron the Greek (Full Mandate), 5f, 1:03.00, 1/5

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INVASOR

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REATA'S QUIK PUNCH, 7, Two Punch--Beautiful Stranger, by Foxhound
Foal born Jan. 18, a filly by Super Saver.
Will be bred back to Girolamo.
Owned by Clyde Taylor.
Boarded at Sequel Stallions New York.
Accomplishments: MSW of \$203,716.

APICAL, 12, Belong to Me--Harvest Gold, by A.P. Indy
Foal born Jan. 26, a colt by Thunder Gulch.
Will be bred back to Haynesfield.
Owned by Last Call Racing.
Boarded at Pisgah Farm.
Accomplishments: Dam of Our Lady In Red (Pioneering), MSW, \$154,760.

HOLY WISH, 19, Lord at War (Arg)--Holy Moly, by Halo
Foal born Jan. 26, a colt by Elusive Quality.
Will be bred back to Girolamo.
Owned by Anthony Grey.
Boarded at Sequel Stallions New York.
Accomplishments: Dam of Wishful Tomcat (Tactical Cat), GSW, \$665,754; Uncle T Seven (Freud), MSW, \$420,515; Lucky Lewis (Forest Camp), MSW, \$198,486.

CHANDELLA NO. FIVE, 9, Yes It's True--Chandelle, by Crafty Prospector
Foal born Jan. 30, a filly by Majesticperfection.
Owned by and boarded at Dixiana Farm.
Accomplishments: SW.

SOLO SURVIVOR, 10, Pleasant Tap--Dactique, by D'Accord
Foal born Jan. 30, a filly by Speightstown.
Will be bred back to Congrats.
Owned by Charles & Scott Heider.
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$244,195.

PORTE BONHEUR, 7, Hennessy--Sous Entendu, by Shadeed
Foal born Feb. 1, a filly by Tiznow.
Will be bred back to Smart Strike.
Owned by Waratah Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd.
Boarded at Timber Town Stable, LLC.
Accomplishments: GSW of \$478,266.

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