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EMPIRE MAKER FILLY TOPS OBS OPENER

A hugely successful opening session of the OBS March Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training saw average and median soar 50.3% and 75.4%, respectively, with a daughter of Empire Maker topping the session at \$485,000. Frank Fletcher Racing Operations landed the winning blow for [hip 180](#), a daughter of MGSW Trip (Lord at War {Arg}) and the very last horse through the ring Tuesday.



Robert & Mary Harris
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Named Ado, she was consigned by Robert and Mary Harris's Harris Training Center on behalf of breeder Claiborne Farm. From the Claiborne-curated

family of MGSW Zensational, the filly is a half-sister to SW Passport (Pulpit).

Handling bidding duties was bloodstock agent Donato Lanni, who stood along the wall in the pavilion on his cell phone. "She's by Empire Maker, it's a Claiborne family-- she probably has the best pedigree in the sale," Lanni said afterward. "It's hard to come by pedigree at the 2-year-old sales, and she worked nicely in [:10 1/5](#). It looks like she's got some class to her, and she just checked every box. She's good-looking; she looks like a two-turn, Classic filly."

Frank Fletcher is no stranger to OBS. The Oklahoma-based car dealership owner has been active in the market here in recent years, and last season he came away with the two highest-priced horses at OBS April, the \$825,000 Macho Rocket (Macho Uno) and the \$625,000 Senor Hambone (Hard Spun) ([Click here for In Sharper Focus on Fletcher from last April](#)). Both horses are in training with Bob Baffert in California. The latter hasn't started, while Macho Rocket made a favorable impression winning on debut at Hollywood Park in November in his lone career start.

Lanni said he wasn't sure who would train the Empire Maker filly. Tom Howard, who trains for Fletcher in Arkansas, was on hand and helped pick out the filly.

"She's just a good individual; she's got a good momma and daddy," said Howard, who explained that Lanni short lists the horses before they team up to target certain individuals.

Fletcher also purchased [hip 168](#), a filly by Medaglia d'Oro--Tango Prospect (Allen's Prospect), for \$170,000. The filly was consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock.


The husband-and-wife team of Robert and Mary Harris have consigned for Claiborne before, but yesterday's transaction was the biggest registered by the pairing. "They gave us the opportunity to sell her, and we feel honored to do that," said Robert Harris. "They shipped her to us in July, and we've had her since then. When they sort out their yearlings in the summer, they send us some." **Cont. p3**



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Catalogued	180	244
No. Offered	124	170
No. Sold	91	119
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No. \$250K+	9	7
High Price	\$485,000	\$400,000
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The promising start of the juvenile sales season that began last week at Barretts continued during yesterday's opening session of the OBS March Sale, with average and median both boasting significant gains.

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Just another day in the hammock



Hal Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm produced a pair of pinhooking successes yesterday, topped by a \$400,000 son of Tapit that had been acquired for just \$75,000 as a yearling.

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Hal Hatch

Lucas Marquardt

He said jump...

Bill Oppenheim gives his thoughts on the Cheltenham festival, and the success of so many Sadler's Wells-line stallions among the jumping set.

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Adios Charlie to Ocala Stud



Last year's GII Jerome S. hero Adios Charlie (Indian Charlie--Teak Totem, by Northern Afleet) has been retired and will embark on his breeding career at Ocala Stud Farm.

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>180</u>	f	Empire Maker	Trip	485,000
		B-Claiborne Farm (KY) Consigned by Harris Training Center LLC, Agent II Purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing Operations		
<u>58</u>	c	Montbrook	My Golden Quest	470,000
		B-Centaur Farms (FL) Consigned by Ocala Stud, agent Purchased by Toyomitsu Hirai		
<u>126</u>	c	A.P. Indy	Sharp Susan	425,000
		(\$60,000 yrl '11 KEESEP) B-Paul Fleming Thoroughbreds (KY) Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent Purchased by Mark Casse, agent		
<u>165</u>	c	Tapit	Swigert	400,000
		(\$75,000 yrl '11 KEESEP) B-Summer Wind Farm (KY) Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I Purchased by Colts Neck Stables		

<u>156</u>	c	Mineshaft	Stormy Renee	345,000
		(\$110,000 yrl '11 KEESEP) B-Green Hills Farm (KY) Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III Purchased by D Wayne Lukas		
<u>10</u>	c	Stormy Atlantic	Knock Off	330,000
		(\$42,000 yrl '11 KEESEP) B-William M Backer (PA) Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent I Purchased by Mike McCarty		
<u>44</u>	c	Bluegrass Cat	Mesmerizing Lady	300,000
		(\$49,000 yrl '11 OBSAUG) B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY) Consigned by Derby Dreams, agent Purchased by Bob Baffert, agent		
<u>146</u>	c	Majestic Warrior	Sparkling Forest	300,000
		(\$25,000 yrl '11 FTMSEP) B-Barbara Reid & Dan Ryan (PA) Consigned by All In Sales (Tony Bowling), agent Purchased by Demi O'Byrne, agent		
<u>135</u>	f	Arch	Sir Harriett	280,000
		(\$40,000 RNA wnl '10 KEENOV) B-Haymarket Farm (KY) Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent III Purchased by Stonestreet Stables		

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3 individual 3YO Stakes winners over the last 3 weekends!

03/10	Slamit	won Spring Stakes-L.R.
03/03	Millionreasonswhy	won Wide Country Stakes-L.R.
02/25	The Lumber Guy	won Miracle Wood Stakes-L.R.

2 potential 3YO Stakes winners won in the same period!

02/29	Zaharias	won on debut at Laurel Park by 5¾ lengths.
03/01	Whobetterthanus	won on debut at Oaklawn Park by 4 lengths.

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Harris added, "She's a really nice filly. She kind of sold herself. She did it on the racetrack, she did it on the farm, she did everything it takes to make these sales. She acted like a good one, and the market received her well. She worked in :10 1/5 and she walked well. She's a good mover; she's got a good stride."

Harris and Claiborne return today with [hip 342](#), a well-regarded colt by War Front out of a half-sister to the good young sire Pomeroy. "He's been very popular," said Harris. "That sire's young and his numbers are very good, and the feedback we've been getting from buyers is that he's a very good-looking War Front. He's very athletic, and we'll wait and see what happens." The War Front colt breezed an eighth in [:10](#). -LM

Japan Strikes Again...

Japanese interests continued to show their strong support for the American 2-year-old in training sales Tuesday in Ocala. A Florida-bred colt by Montbrook got things rolling early in the session, bringing \$470,000 from Toyomitsu Hirai's Eishin Farm. The dark bay motored through a quarter in a co-bullet :20 4/5 ([video](#)) last Thursday.

"He's very nice--big and strong--and [worked in a] good time," Katsuhiko Hirai offered after signing the ticket on behalf of his father out back. "We hope that he can become a champion in Japan."

The son of the stakes-placed mare My Golden Quest (Coronado's Quest) was offered by Ocala Stud as agent on behalf of breeder Vernon Heath's Centaur Farm as [hip 58](#). Heath also owned and bred the colt's second dam, Golden Par (Gold Meridian), MSW, \$318,636. She produced the graded-stakes placed Texas stallion My Golden Song (Unbridled's Song).

"We had a lot of people looking at him," consignor J. Michael O'Farrell Jr. said back at his barn. "He obviously worked very well. His breeze and gallop-out were good. He's a beautiful horse. Moves great--good mind. He had a quality look about him. He's class on the track and in the barn. He's a ready-made horse--he could run next week."

Did the juvenile exceed expectations in the ring?

"We knew a lot of people liked him, but you never know what they're going to bring," O'Farrell replied. "I knew he could sell well, but you never know. Would I have told you before the sale that he was going to bring that, no, but does it surprise me, not really."

Heath, the co-founder of the Rosemount Engineering Company which produces specialized instruments for the jet, space and aeronautical industries, is best known for campaigning the ill-fated multiple Grade I heroine Exogenous (Unbridled). The gray tragically flipped on her way to the track prior to the 2001 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Belmont Park and was later euthanized. The 83-year-old is currently scaling back his operation, according to O'Farrell.

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"He's had a racing stable for 20 something years, and had a lot of nice horses over the years," O'Farrell explained. "He's getting up in age. He didn't want to sell, but as a family, they felt that it was the best thing to do."

Montbrook currently stands at Ocala Stud for \$7,500.

"Mr. Heath has owned five shares in Montbrook for a good number of years," O'Farrell said. "He's been a partner of mine in Trippi, High Cotton and In Summation. We've had a good relationship with Vernon Heath for many years. He's done extremely well in the business." -SS

Pedigree Power on Display...

You'd be pretty hard-pressed to find a stronger page in the OBS March catalogue than [hip 126](#), and the bidders clearly took note. The son of A.P. Indy out of the multiple graded stakes winner and Grade I stakes placed Sharp Susan (Touch Gold)--herself a half-sister to GISWs Spring at Last (Silver Deputy) and Sharp Lisa (Dixieland Band)--brought \$425,000 from trainer Mark Casse, as agent. Hall of Fame conditioner D. Wayne Lukas, doing his bidding over the phone, apparently got disconnected late in the action and was the direct underbidder.

While declining to reveal who he was shopping for, Casse has been extremely active at the sales the past few years on behalf of GI Kentucky Derby-winning owner John Oxley. The two men punched their tickets to the Triple Crown trail with last weekend's GI Tampa Bay Derby hero Prospective (Malibu Moon), a \$250,000 FTSAUG acquisition.

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"I thought he had the strongest pedigree in the sale," said Casse, who did his bidding from his regular spot in OBS General Manager Tom Ventura's office. "For an A.P. Indy to go in :10 flat--that's quite impressive."

Casse believes that the size of the well-bred Apr. 5 foal may have scared away some of the other heavy hitters yesterday.

"He wasn't probably big enough for some of the 'Bob Bafferts' out there," he said. "We really liked his pedigree and the way that he moved on the track. This horse has good-enough size and we always like to buy something that we think is going to have some sire potential, too. He may be just shy of 16 hands when the dust clears and that's plenty big."

It doesn't look like Casse will be the leading buyer at OBS March for the second straight year. He purchased six head for \$1,755,000 in 2011, but doesn't plan on being nearly as active this time around.

"That's the first horse that I bid on," he revealed. "We bought a lot of yearlings, so we're being selective with what we buy at two. There are very few horses that actually fit our criteria of what we're looking for here. You're not going to see me bid on a whole lot more."

The dark bay, bred in Kentucky by Paul Fleming Thoroughbreds, represented another nice pinhooking score for Randy Hartley and Dean De Renzo. The duo picked up Sharp Susan's first foal for \$60,000 as a Keeneland September yearling.

"You have a horse with that kind of pedigree--a stallion's pedigree--a great horse and I think a great buy," De Renzo said. "We're pleased--they got a really great horse. He's going to a fantastic trainer--we'll see this horse in the Derby. That's for sure."

Hartley De Renzo also sold a colt by Bernstein for \$200,000 ([hip 8](#)) earlier in the session.

"I think the market has been great," De Renzo confirmed. "It's been solid for really good horses. I think the buyers have gotten very astute at finding those diamonds and they don't mind buying them at that point." -SS

WinStar Nabs Three...

WinStar Farm President and CEO Elliott Walden was on hand at OBS March and came away with a trio of juveniles for Kenny Troutt's operation. They were led by the Niall Brennan-consigned [hip 114](#), a colt by freshman sire War Pass who went for \$235,000. The colt, bred by Will Farish and sold by Lane's End for \$80,000 at Keeneland September, was produced by the Grade I winner Runup the Colors (A.P. Indy). The 18-year-old mare is the dam of a pair of graded horses in Tafaseel (Belong to Me) and Ice Road (Unbridled's Song). It's also the family of Horse of the Year Mineshaft (A.P. Indy).

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"He looks very athletic," said Walden. "I've seen him a few times at Niall's this winner. He's out of an Alabama winner, so he's got enough pedigree to feel like, if he does his job, we could stand him at the farm." Walden said no decision had been made as to who would train the horse.

WinStar was supporting the home team when it came away with [hip 42](#), a colt by the farm's Harlan's Holiday, for \$150,000. Wavertree Stables consigned the son of Menekineko (Kingmambo).

Elliott also saw fit to go to \$100,000 for [hip 25](#), a colt from the first crop of WinStar's GII Illinois Derby hero Cowtown Cat (Distorted Humor). Consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock, the gray was produced by Leggy Super Model (Vigors) and is a half to three stakes horses, including GSW Rizzi Girl (Rizzi) and stakes winner and multiple graded stakes placed Papi Chullo (Comeonmom). He worked an eighth in [:10 2/5](#).

"He's a very nice horse, and we're very excited about Cowtown Cat and what he could do this year with his 2-year-olds," commented Walden, who said that WinStar stayed in for a half-share on the Journeyman Bloodstock stallion.

Overall, Walden said he thought the trade at OBS was solid. "For instance, I had the War Pass colt pegged at \$200,000, so it was right around where he should have been," he said. "It's a good horse sale without being crazy." -LM

A Closer Look at the Numbers...

Tuesday's well-attended OBS March opening session registered across-the-board gains, with the average rising 50.3% to \$130,516 and the median soaring 75.4% to \$100,000. For the day, 91 horses found new homes for a total of \$11,877,000. The buyback rate was 26.6%; it was 30% during the 2011 opener. Forty six horses sold for \$100,000 or more, compared with 30 a year ago. "We're pleasantly pleased; we won't say surprised," OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski commented. "We're all hoping that the market gets stronger and continues to get stronger. It seems to be syncing and moving in the right direction. The trend that started at Barretts certainly followed through here, and probably stronger." Wojciechowski continued, "Four horses today brought \$400,000 or more; we had four the entire sale bring that amount last year. I think that the average and the median reflect the depth of the horses, and the RNA rate reflects the depth of the buyers."



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Big Afternoon for Halcyon Hammock...

Hal Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm has enjoyed a steady stream of pinhooking successes in recent years, and came up with a pair yesterday. They included the



Hal Hatch *Lucas Marquardt*

sale's fourth-highest-priced juvenile, a colt by Tapit out of Swigert (Fusaichi Pegasus), who went to Richard Santulli's Colts Neck Stables for \$400,000. The winning bid was made over the phone. Catalogued as [hip 165](#), the gray was produced by a half-sister to successful sire Mutakddim (Seeking the Gold) and to the dam of Grade I winner Frost Giant (Giant's Causeway) and the promising 3-year-old Heavy Breathing

(Giant's Causeway). Hatch acquired the colt, named Swig It, for \$75,000 at Keeneland September and sent him out to a [:10 1/5](#) breeze at the under-tack show.

"I was fortunate enough to buy this horse as a May foal at Keeneland, and he's grown a lot," said Hatch, who was registering a career score. "He was a little behind other horses in the sale, and I was able to get him.

"He was just immature, and I think the people that bought him today were able to see the same thing I did. That really, what they're getting, isn't a fully baked cake. There's definitely room for improvement; he can't do anything but improve. Every horseman here could see that he's developing. And of course, Tapit is an outstanding sire, and is just hitting them out of the park right now."

Hatch said that physically the colt takes more after his damsire than the Gainesway stallion. "He's got a lot of Fusaichi Pegasus in him," he said.

The Florida-based horseman got off the mark quickly yesterday. He also sold [hip 10](#), a Stormy Atlantic half-brother to multiple stakes winner Art Fan (Lear Fan), to Mike McCarty for \$330,000. That was a significant advance on the \$42,000 that Hatch laid out for the colt at last year's Keeneland September sale. The colt, also a half to SP Hunting Print (Lear Fan), breezed an eighth in [:10](#) at the first breeze show.

"He met expectations," smiled Hatch back at the barn after the sale. "As a yearling, he was a little gangly, he progressed wonderfully all the way along. He grew and put on weight. But he always walked nice, and he's got a huge stride. He just turned into a really nice horse."

The 43-year-old Hatch was quick to credit his various partners. "The clients that I have have been a huge support to me," he said. **Cont. p8**

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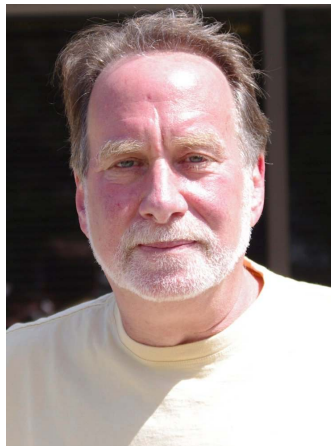
“Without them, I can’t do anything, and I’m really thankful and appreciate the people that have confidence in me,” Hatch added.

Halcyon Hammock is based in Ocala. “I’ve been at the farm for 20 years,” said Hatch. “I bought that farm after selling a good horse. I was a kid who basically grew up here [at the sales grounds]. It’s been fun. I love what I do, I love the horses, and it’s a privilege to be associated with the type of owners and trainers who attend this sale. It’s a dream.”

The 64-year-old Mike McCarty, who bought the Stormy Atlantic colt, was born and currently resides in Austin, Texas. He is the owner of McCarty Corp., a construction company started by his father as a sheet metal company and developed into a general contracting company. Fellow Texan Steve Asmussen trains for McCarty and signed for the Stormy Atlantic, as well as for [hip 93](#), a Johannesburg--Quiet City (Carson City) colt from Old South Farm that went for \$230,000. Hip 93 worked the sales co-fastest eighth in [:9 4/5](#). McCarty and Asmussen teamed together on the Grade II winner Private Vow (Broken Vow), a \$180,000 Keeneland April graduate. -LM

Siegel Signs First Ticket...

Richard Siegel didn’t spend the most money yesterday at OBS March, but he may have gotten the most enjoyment out of signing a ticket. The Roswell, Georgia-based businessman was all smiles after buying



Richard Siegel
Lucas Marquardt

his first-ever horse Tuesday, a New York-bred Indygo Shiner filly for \$50,000 from the consignment of Becky Thomas’s Sequel Bloodstock. The filly, [hip 85](#), was produced by a half-sister to the talented Empire-bred You Go West Girl (Mr. Greeley), a multiple stakes winner of \$637,043. “My hand was actually shaking when I signed the ticket,” he laughed. “It was a lot of fun.” Siegel has dabbled in racing partnerships in California, but was buying under his own name for the first time. “I met

Sean Gerson [who operates Gerson Racing] and he got me interested in buying a share in a horse,” said Siegel, who publishes *Hospitality Upgrade*, an industry magazine for the hotel business. “I own part of a 3-year-old out in California named Currahee (A.P. Warrior) who just made his first start and finished third in a maiden special [at Santa Anita Feb. 4], and was only beaten a length. The runner-up that day [Mile High Magic, by Roman Ruler] came back and won by five lengths, so we’re excited.”

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Izzy Rules	Peace Rules	Las Flores S.-G3	106
Seniors Pride	Sweetsouthernsaint	Bryan G. S.	105
Hardened Wildcat	Hard Spun	Fred "Cappy" Capossela S.	104
Alternation	Distorted Humor	Razorback H.-G3	103
Bold Affair	Two Punch	Conniver S.	103
On Fire Baby	Smoke Glacken	Honeybee S.-G3	103
Trinniberg	Teuflesberg	Swale S.-G3	103
Creative Cause	Giant's Causeway	San Felipe S.-G2	102
Mucho Macho Man	Macho Uno	Gulfstream Park H.-G2	101
Agave Kiss	Lion Heart	Cicada S.-G3	99
Howe Great	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Palm Beach S.-G3	99
Lady of Shamrock	Scat Daddy	China Doll S.	98
Our Choice	Desert God	Mt. Cristo Rey H.	98
Zagora (Fr)	Green Tune	Hillsborough S.-G3	98
Dayatthespa	City Zip	Herecomesthebride S.-G3	96
Crafty Unicorn	Friend's Lake	OBS Champ. S. (Colts & Geldings Div.)	95
Icon Ike	Yes It's True	Black Gold S.	95
Prospective	Malibu Moon	Tampa Bay Derby-G2	95
Who is Camille	Dixie Union	OBS Sprint S. (Filly Div.)	93
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Siegel is one of four owners in on Currahee, a \$95,000 grad of this sale a year ago, and was hooked enough to come back to OBS and purchase a horse in the name of his stable, Siegel Sez LLC. He said Gerson will partner with him, however, and reported that the filly will be headed to New York. A trainer hasn’t been chosen. Though he’s new to the game, Siegel says he understands the need for the sport to attract new owners. “This whole thing is so exciting--it’s all about the dream,” he said. “This filly’s never run yet, we don’t know what’s going to happen with her, but we can dream, right?” -LM

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 17	G1 Santa Margarita S.	SA
	GII Rebel S.	OP
	GII Inside Information S.	GP
	GIII Azeri S.	OP
	GIII Excelsior S.	AQU
Mar. 18	GII Honey Fox S.	GP
	GII San Luis Rey S.	SA
Mar. 24	GII Pan American S.	GP
	GIII Vinery Racing Spiral S.	TP
	GIII Bourbonette S.	TP
Mar. 25	GIII Tokyo City Cup	SA
	GII Santa Ana S.	SA
	GIII Sunland Derby	SUN



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OBS MARCH - TUESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>25</u>	c	Cowtown Cat	Leggy Super Model	100,000

B-Phillip & Karen Mathews (Ky)

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent

Purchased by WinStar Farm

Monarch Farms signed the ticket on this colt at OBS last August for \$20,000 and turned a nice profit less than a year later. **Story pX**

52	c	Tale of the Cat	Miss Utada	200,000
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B-Norman Cheng (Ky)

Consigned by Bo Hunt, agent

Purchased by Iron Horse Racing, David M Clark

This lad caught the eye of Bo Hunt at Keeneland last September, and the Ocala horseman gave \$65,000 to possess the May 13 foal. Back in the sales ring yesterday, the bay realized a handsome return here.

44	c	Bluegrass Cat	Mesmerizing Lady	300,000
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B-Whisper Hill Farm (Ky)

Consigned by Derby Dreams, agent

Purchased by Bob Baffert, agent

Purchased for \$49,000 out of the OBS August yearling sale in 2011, the bay brought a hefty reward on that investment here.

90	f	Tapit	Queen Amira (GB)	220,000
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B-Ocala Stud & Ebert Vans (Fl)

Consigned by Ocala Stud

Purchased by Tom McGreevy, agent for Fox Hill Farm

Ocala Stud's visit to the Keeneland November sale in 2009 proved fortunate as they plucked Queen Amira (GB)--with this foal in utero--from the Taylor Made consignment for \$85,000. Two years hence, the grey more than doubled the initial investment.

114	c	War Pass	Runup the Colors	235,000
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B-W S Farish (Ky)

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent I

Purchased by WinStar Farm

An \$80,000 investment at last year's Keeneland September sale translated into a significant profit yesterday for connections. **See story px**

116	f	City Zip	Sago	240,000
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B-James A & Janeane Everatt, & J Arika Everatt - Meeuse (ON)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VI

Purchased by Lane's End Bloodstock

Western Canadian-based Donver Stable headed East for last fall's Canadian Society yearling sale in Toronto and included among purchases was this bay, who brought Cdn\$35,340. The Ontario-bred made some noise south of the border Tuesday, bringing an impressive increase over that original investment.

135	f	Arch	Sir Harriett	280,000
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B-Haymarket Farm (Ky)

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent III

Purchased by Stonestreet Stables

Haymarket Farm paid a bargain-basement \$17,000 for Sir Harriett--carrying this foal--at Keeneland's November sale in 2009 and paid for the purchase many times over with yesterday's sale.

146	c	Majestic Warrior	Sparkling Forest	300,000
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B-Barbara Reid & Dan Ryan (PA)

Consigned by All In Sales (Tony Bowling), agent

Purchased by Demi O'Byrne, agent

Tony Bowling nabbed this colt for \$25,000 out of Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic Yearling Sale at Timonium last September and was generously rewarded for that faith here.

156	c	Mineshaft	Stormy Renee	345,000
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B-Green Hills Farm (Ky)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III

Purchased by D Wayne Lukas

Cory Wagner enjoyed success earlier in the month when partnering on the Empire Maker filly that topped the Barretts March sale in Pomona with a \$435,000 final bid. With the good times continuing in Florida, Wagner's \$110,000 Keeneland September investment for this dark bay translated into a profit at three times the initial investment.

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OBS MARCH - WEDNESDAY

196 , f,	More Than Ready --	Vision in Flight , by Montbrook
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Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent

Bred in Florida by Eico Stable, the breeding arm of Shari and Barry Eisaman's operation, this filly is a daughter of a stakes winner of over \$285,000 and is a half-sister to the stakes-placed Smarty Jill (Smarty Jones). She breezed an eighth in :10 1/5. "We bred and foaled her, and she was just born beautiful," enthused Shari Eisaman. "She's done everything right. She's one of the best horses I've ever had; she's that kind of nice."

208 , f,	Pomeroy --	Willie Brook , by Montbrook
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Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XLV

Consignor Eddie Woods has had success with juveniles by Pomeroy--he sold the sire's sale-topping Winston for \$625,000 last year at Barretts March--and has another nice offering by the Vinery stallion here. The \$55,000 FTKJUL yearling breezed in a bullet :20 4/5. "She worked quick and is a nice, racy filly," said Woods. "And she's got a little bit of scope to her."

Cont. p10



Wednesday's Hip Happenings cont.

213, f, Indian Charlie--Winter Forest, by Forestry

Consigned by Old South Farm, agent

This is the second foal from a full-sister to SW Ever Elusive and a half to SW Saratoga Summer. Old South Farm's Albert Davis paid \$100,000 for her at KEESEP last fall, and sent her out to a :9 4/5 breeze at the under-tack show--co-fastest of the sale. "She's a powerhouse," Davis said succinctly of his charge.

217, c, City Zip--Yesshesarocket, by Yes It's True

Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent I

Lane's End's City Zip is having another nice year, with horses like Grade II winner Reneesgotzip and Sunday's GIII Herecomesthebride S. heroine Dayatthespa flying his flag. This colt breezed an eighth in :10 1/5. "He's a cracking colt," said consignor Nick de Meric. "City Zip had another nice stakes winner over the weekend, and this is a super-good colt. He's a nimble, balanced, athletic colt. He looks like speed and acts like speed, but I don't see him hitting a wall at seven furlongs. I think he'll train on. And he might also go on turf at some point."

234, c, Sharp Humor--Anotherbusride, by Delineator

Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), Agent III

This New York-bred colt, produced by a full-sister to Grade I winner Tali'sluckybusride and GSW Sprung (Grand Slam), breezed an eighth in :10. He's passed through the ring twice before, bringing \$50,000 as a KEENOV weanling and \$110,000 as a KEESEP yearling. "Physically, he is as good as any horse on the grounds and he had a breeze to match," said consignor Ciaran Dunne. "He is a New York-bred and will put the theory to the test. If slots are going to ride to everyone's rescue, I am going to be at the front of the line with this guy."

244, f, War Front--Ballyclare, by Mr. Greeley

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent III

War Front rocketed to prominence as the sire of horses like GISW The Factor, and this \$16,000 KEENOV weanling was scooped up prior to his ascendance. The bay, produced by a daughter of GSW Special Broad (Broad Brush), breezed an eighth in :10 2/5. "She's lovely; she's your typical War Front in color, size and stature," said consignor Niall Brennan. "She's a lovely mover and had a very good breeze. She's been popular."

270, c, War Pass--Charmed Gift, by A.P. Indy

Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent II

This is a half-brother to recent Gulfstream track-record-setter Endorsement (Distorted Humor), both being sons of the MGSP Charmed Gift. He worked a good-looking eighth in :10 1/5. "He's a super-moving colt," said consignor Nick de Meric. "He's got a big reach on him and gets over the ground well. He's been popular at the barn, and with good reason."

297, f, Majestic Warrior--Dixie Lyrics, by Dixie Union

Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent

A registered New York-bred, this filly was produced by a half-sister to MSW Leo's Last Hurrah (Leo Castelli). She breezed an eighth in :10 2/5 and had an eye-catching gallop out at the second under-tack preview. "She's a great mover," said consignor Becky Thomas. "She's been very popular and has the New York program going for her."

323, c, Tiz Wonderful--Foolish Kiss, by Kissin Kris

Consigned by Paul Sharp, Agent IV

Produced by the stakes-placed Foolish Kiss, this colt was an \$82,000 OBSAUG yearling, and put up a :10 breeze at the under-tack show. "He's a very captivating horse that you can't turn away from," said consignor Paul Sharp. "He keeps drawing you in--everybody just wants to look at him. He's one of those kind of horses. Everything's in the right place, and he's efficient when he moves on the racetrack, and he's very talented. He's a big, strong horse."

329, f, Ready's Image--Golden Mirage (Ire), by Green Desert

Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent VII

There's been a good buzz about the Ready's Image juveniles, and this \$80,000 FTKJUL yearling could help the cause. She breezed an eighth in :10. "All the Ready's Images were fast, and this filly especially so since she breezed late in the day and into a headwind, while some of them were breezing with a tailwind," said consignor Ciaran Dunne. "And her gallop out was really strong. She should be a real factor in some of the early races."

337, f, Macho Uno--Half Heaven, by Regal Classic

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent III


A \$60,000 KEESEP yearling, this filly breezed an eighth in :10 at the under-tack show. "I've had several people say that she could be the prettiest filly on the grounds," said consignor Niall Brennan. "She's a really nice filly. She's average sized. She's typical of the Macho Unos. She's beautifully balanced, and is a great mover on the track."

350, c, Leroidesanimaux (Brz)--Humoristic, by Sefapiano

Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX


Leroidesanimaux has gotten off to a fast start at stud, with GI Kentucky Derby hero Animal Kingdom and Grade II winners Always a Princess and Sarah's Secret to his credit. This colt, a \$70,000 FTKOCT yearling, worked a quarter in :21 1/5, and consignor Eddie Woods is bullish on his prospects. "He's a really nice horse, as good a horse as we ever get," he offered.

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A Pennsylvania man will be barred from owning or caring for animals during his probation term after being convicted on cruelty charges for starving a herd of 21 young thoroughbred horses. Magisterial District Judge Mark Beauchat sentenced James Houseman III to 3 1/2 years probation on 14 counts of animal cruelty and ordered him to forfeit seven horses that were in his possession at the time he was charged, but for which he was not convicted, according to prosecutors.
Amy Worden, Philly.com



FROM THE DESK OF...
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THE LE'PERS

You hardly need any more reminding about horse racing's troubles, especially in the U.S., after reading some of the mail over the last couple of weeks. Ever since horse racing lost its monopoly over legalized gambling 60 years ago, its share of the gambling and entertainment market has gone down, down, down. Of course, that's neither surprising, nor, just on the face of it, necessarily alarming. Of course, as more legal gambling products (like betting on soccer, and lotteries) have emerged over the decades, there's no question horse racing's share of the betting market would decline. What concerns everybody is the decline sometimes seems pretty terminal.

If horse racing is in trouble, what about jump racing? It should be dead already. At least flat racing takes place in many countries, in some of which it is thriving, even though its share of the betting market continues to decline. But jump racing? The U.K., Ireland, France; that's about it. Sure, there are a few jump races outside of Europe, and a well-established (if not particularly pari-mutuel) circuit on America's East Coast, but as far as any kind of major circuit goes, it's Britain, Ireland, France, end of story.

Well, it's not dead yet, not by a long way. Yesterday was opening day of the four-day Cheltenham festival, which takes place, yes, at Cheltenham, about 40 miles west of Oxford. Last year 223,748 souls made the pilgrimage over the four days, an average of just under 56,000 a day. By comparison, Royal Ascot's five-day meet, in June, averaged a little under 59,000. The difference at Cheltenham is the Irish. It is estimated that 10,000 Irish men, women, and children cross the Irish Sea to invade Gloucestershire every March. It's the 'craic,' that peculiarly Irish combination of good, clean fun and absurdist fatalism--well, it's untranslatable, really. I made a field trip to the first two days of Cheltenham two years ago, and all I can tell you is, it's great craic, for real.

The truth is, Ireland is the cradle of the modern Thoroughbred, flat and jumping. Sadler's Wells is the greatest sire to have stood in Ireland--and in all of Europe--hands down, in the last 25 years. If you think his influence on flat pedigrees is impressive, wait'll you see the results of yesterday's opening day at Chletenham. It's almost unbelievable. Durability and toughness are obviously required for the jumping game; 7-, 8-, 9-year-olds are quite commonly just peaking in jump racing. On Friday, the 12-year-old French-bred Kauto Star (he does not descend from Sadler's Wells; his sire is Village Star, a grandson of Mill Reef [by Moulin] who won the 1988 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud) bids for his 17th Grade 1 win and third win in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. **Cont. p11**

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– Jay Brunner, Halcyon Farm

≡ Filly out of **PICTUREMEWITHROSES**



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– Marshall Wilsher, Manager, Marion Hills Farm

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His earnings so far, with 23 wins from 40 starts, are over £2,375,000. Not bad for a “le’per” (translation: “leaper”, but pronounced, in a sort of joke about how flat racing views jump racing, “leper”).

So, yesterday’s news about the Sadler’s Wells line’s influence in jump racing. First race: top two-mile novice hurdlers. The winner, Cinders and Ashes, bred by Juddmonte Farms, is by Beat Hollow, recently bought from Juddmonte by Ireland’s Ballylinch Stud, to replace King’s Theatre (by Sadler’s Wells), who died last year. Shrewd move by Ballylinch supremo John O’Connor, especially as King’s Theatre had a win, a second, and a third on yesterday’s card. Second to Cinders and Ashes in the Supreme Novices Hurdle was Darlan, from the second crop by Milan, by Sadler’s Wells. He won the 2001 G1 English St. Leger, and was second to Fantastic Light in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Turf.

Second race: the Arkle, two-mile novice chasers. Here the winner was the imperious French-bred Sprinter Sacre, by Network, a Group 2 winner over 11 furlongs in Germany by Monsun. Second and third by King’s Theatre. Third race: three-mile handicap chase. Winner: Alfie Sherrin, by Kayf Tara, 2000 G1 Ascot Gold Cup winner, by Sadler’s Wells. Fourth race: the two-mile Champion Hurdle. Last year’s winner, Hurricane Fly, by Montjeu (by Sadler’s Wells) could only finish third. Winner: Rock On Ruby, by Oscar, second to Peintre Celebre in the 1997 G1 French Derby, and by--you guessed it--Sadler’s Wells. Second: Overturn, a winner of 11 races and over £667,000 on the flat and over jumps; he’s by Barathea, G1 Breeders’ Cup Mile winner by Sadler’s Wells. Third, last year’s winner, by Montjeu; fourth, 2010 winner Binocular, by Enrique, a Classic-placed son of Barathea. Sadler’s Wells 1-2-3-4. Just nosed out for fourth, by the way, was the previously unbeaten (over jumps) Zarkandar, a half-brother to the great Zarkava from Azamour’s first crop.

Fifth race: a 3 7/8-mile cross-country chase, with banks, hedges, that sort of thing. Winner: Balthazar King, by King’s Theatre. Sixth race: a 2 1/2-mile Mares’ Hurdle, won for the fourth year in a row by Quevega, a French-bred mare by another grandson of Mill Reef, Robin des Champs (by Garde Royale). The distant second, Kentford Grey Lady, is by Silver Patriarch, a son of Saddler’s Hall (by Sadler’s Wells). Seventh race: 2 1/2-mile Chase for Novices. Winner: Hunt Ball, by Winged Love, a son of In The Wings (by Sadler’s Wells); second was White Star Line, by Saddler’s Hall.

So. Seven races, for five winners and 12 of the 21 top-three placings, including a 1-2-3-4 in the day’s top race, the Champion Hurdle. For class in quantity, there’s never been anything quite like Sadler’s Wells, and his dominance in the jumping world, where qualities such as soundness and endurance are absolute requirements, is mighty impressive. He sure was The Greatest.

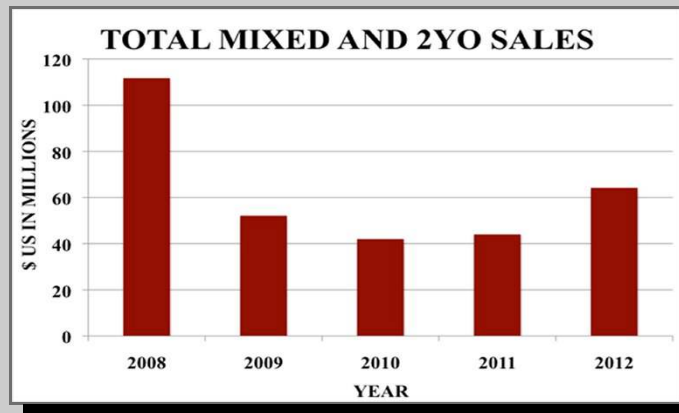
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Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

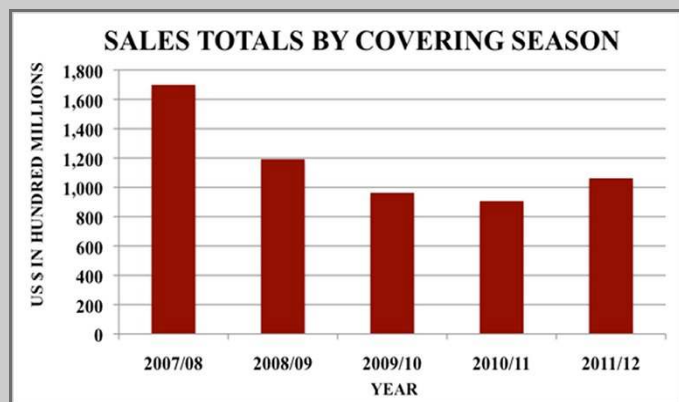
“If we go back to the 2011 yearling sales, and say that was the beginning of the recovery, the bottom table and graph show the results of the sales we cover since then: with exactly 18,000 head sold at the major 2011 yearling and mixed sales, and this calendar year’s mixed and 2-year-old sales to date, the combined gross is up 17%, and the average up 23%, over comparable 2010-2011 sales. Of course, it’s still a long way off the 2007-2008 top. This year’s combined sales are up 46% in gross and 43% in average over last year’s, with the clearance rates from the catalogues higher even than 2007-2008.”

– Bill Oppenheim



TOTAL MIXED AND 2YO SALE MARCH 12, 2012

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	3,974	3,242	2,418	18.4%	74.6%	60.8%	\$64,249,537	\$26,571
2011	4,135	3,304	2,367	20.1%	71.6%	57.2%	\$43,974,898	\$18,578
2010	4,255	3,431	2,274	19.4%	66.3%	53.4%	\$41,924,011	\$18,436
2009	4,738	3,557	2,580	24.9%	72.5%	54.5%	\$52,068,313	\$20,182
2008	6,258	4,682	3,371	25.2%	72.0%	53.9%	\$111,731,709	\$33,145



TOTAL 2011 SECOND-HALF (YEARLING + MIXED) SALES PLUS 2012 MIXED & 2YO SALES TO DATE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011/12	27,948	23,494	18,000	15.9%	76.6%	64.4%	\$1,061,541,223	\$58,975
2010/11	30,932	25,784	18,856	16.6%	73.1%	61.0%	\$906,089,813	\$48,053
2009/10	31,211	25,638	18,835	17.9%	73.5%	60.3%	\$963,493,615	\$51,154
2008/09	35,523	28,585	20,080	19.5%	70.2%	56.5%	\$1,191,940,049	\$59,360
2007/08	38,089	31,789	23,524	16.5	74.0%	61.8%	\$1,698,821,406	\$72,217

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



NEWS TODAY

Earlier this week, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation--which owns and operates the slot machines at the province's racetracks--recommended that gaming subsidies to the tracks should be halted by March 2013. The following is a statement issued by Nick Eaves, President and CEO of Woodbine Entertainment Group.

"The announcement by the government to cancel the Slots at Racetracks Program has immediate implications and raises serious concerns about the future of the horse racing and breeding industry in Ontario. At the same time, Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG) also recognizes the longer term opportunities being presented by OLG's modernization strategy.

"Given the success of our long-term partnership, WEG is committed to immediately commencing work with the government and the OLG to develop a mutually beneficial long-term plan. A plan that will best serve the customer, the government's revenue objectives and our Company's mandate to maximize financial performance in order to achieve the highest quality of horse racing. WEG has long held the position that Woodbine is the logical location for a casino in the Greater Toronto Area. Clearly there is significant gaming customer interest at Woodbine Racetrack, with over 6 million visitors annually. Similarly, Mohawk, with its 1 million visitors annually, provides a unique opportunity being located in Milton, which has been the fastest growing municipality in Canada for the last 10 year."

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In Today's TDN FORUM...

RE: Bill Finley's review of LUCK

I thought Maureen Ryan in her recent Huffington Post review was spot on when she referenced 'human weakness' which is relevant in every aspect of this industry: Perhaps the best thing that can be said about "Luck" is that it is very Milch-ian. You don't come to his shows to encounter worlds you've seen before; you come to be immersed in his obsessions and to experience his compassionate yet unsparing examinations of human weakness."

- Rob Whiteley

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SEALY HILL, 7, Point Given--Boston Twist, by Boston Harbor

Foal born Feb. 13, a filly by Sky Mesa Will be bred to Distorted Humor.

Owned by Melnyk Racing Stables Inc.

Boarded at Winding Oaks Farm, FL.

Accomplishments: Horse of the Year-Can, Ch. 3yo Filly & Ch. Turf Mare, GSW & MGISP, \$1,747,081.

MACLEYA (GER), 10, Winged Love (Ire)--Minaccia (Ger), by Platini (Ger)

Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Azamour (Ire).

Will be bred back to Lawman (Fr).

Owned by and boarded at Cheveley Park Stud.

Accomplishments: MGSW-Fr, \$392,635.

ENTENTE CORDIALE (IRE), 14, Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)--Mirmande (GB), by Kris (GB)

Foal born Feb. 15, a colt by Oasis Dream (GB).

Will be bred back to Acclamation (GB).

Owned by/boarded at Newsells Park Stud.

Accomplishments: Dam of Equiano (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}), Hwt. Older Horse-GB at 5-7f, MG1SW-GB & MGSP-Fr, \$936,256.

OFFICIATE, 14, Deputy Minister--Tricky Squaw, by Clever Trick

Foal born Feb. 16, a filly by Smart Strike.

Will be bred back to Distorted Humor.

Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones.

Boarded at Taylor Made.

Accomplishments: Dam of Mo Cuishle (Saint Ballado), GSW, \$217,475.

BUBBLING HEIGHTS (FR), 19, Darshaan (GB)--Bubbling Danseuse, by Arctic Tern

Foal born Feb. 17, a filly by Henrythenavigator.

Will be bred back to Artie Schiller.

Owned by Larry Goichman.

Boarded at Edition Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Dadeland (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), SP-Fr; J'Ray (Distant View), MGSW, \$745,089.

TDN TODAY

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FLORIDA

Claiming Crown to Gulfstream:

Gulfstream Park will host the 2012 running of the Claiming Crown Dec. 1. Total purses for the seven races will be \$850,000. "We're ecstatic to play host to the 14th running of the Claiming Crown on opening day December 1," said Gulfstream Park President and General Manager Timothy Ritvo. "Horses competing in the claiming ranks are many of the toughest in the world. They're game and they build loyal followings within the Thoroughbred community, whether with fans, owners or trainers."

RETIRED

ADIOS CHARLIE

Adios Charlie (Indian Charlie--Teak Totem, by Northern Afleet) has been retired from racing and will stand the 2012 breeding season at J. Michael O'Farrell Jr.'s Ocala Stud Farm in Ocala, Florida. The winner of last April's GII Jerome S. will stand for \$3,500, stands and nurses. "Adios Charlie had real brilliance and could carry his speed a mile and beyond," said O'Farrell. "He's a grand-looking individual by the right sire, and Florida breeders in particular should be familiar with his successful female family. We've had a lot of luck here with brilliant horses that could carry their speed, like Montbrook, Notebook and others." Adios Charlie, who broke his maiden by 6 3/4 lengths at Gulfstream, also finished runner-up in , GII Peter Pan S. and GII Dwyer S. He retires with three wins and three seconds from seven starts and earnings of \$251,090. The \$400,000 OBS March two-year-old in training purchase, Adios Charlie is out of SW Teak Totem, a full-sister to Grade I winner Teaks North, and half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Wooden Phone (Pick Up the Phone).

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FAIR GROUNDS

Astrology (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/18

SANTA ANITA

May Day Rose (Rockport Harbor), 6f, 1:13.00, 2/7

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First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, March 14

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

AFTER MARKET (Storm Cat), Lane's End, \$30K, 165/22/1

7-AQU, Alw, 6f, Mark It Man, \$9K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1

DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 215/32/1

9-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Medieval Cat, \$85K FTK JUL yrl, 8-1

ENGLISH CHANNEL (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/19/0

9-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Parranda, \$13K OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

9-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Channel Lady, \$25K KEE NOV wnl, 5-1

EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (Elusive Quality), Journeyman, \$4K, 122/21/1

4-GP, Ocl, 6f, Sassy Q, \$35K OBS APR 2yo, 12-1

HARD SPUN (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/37/7

2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Free as a Bird, 8-1

8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Hard Mystery, \$22K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

9-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Lady Clara, \$240K E '12 OBS WIN, 12-1

9-GP, Aoc, 1mT, Questing (GB), 5-2

INVASOR (ARG) (Candy Stripes), Shadwell, \$35K, 96/8/0

8-AQU, Stk, 1m, Expression, \$45K RNA FTF FEB 2yo, 10-1

2-AQU, Msw, 1 1/8m, Five Sixteen, \$225K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

LATENT HEAT (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/20/1

2-GP, Msw, 6f, +Jamaican Smoke, \$65K FTK JUL yrl, 4-1

SUNRIVER (Saint Ballado), Empire Stud, \$15K, 114/6/1

3-AQU, Msw, 1m, Johnny Beautiful, RNA NEW OCT wnl, 5-1

UTOPIA (JPN) (Forty Niner), McMahan, \$8K, 151/12/0

7-AQU, Alw, 6f, I'll Stake U, \$20K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1

3-AQU, Msw, 1m, Vicariouslyutopian, 20-1

7-AQU, Alw, 6f, No Flaws, 30-1

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EUROPE

HELLO RUBY TUESDAY

Cheltenham's opening day of the 2012 National Hunt Festival played host to the £370,00 G1 Champion Hurdle Challenge Trophy and it was The Festival Goers' **Rock On Ruby (Ire)** (Oscar {Ire}) who caused a stir when landing odds of 11-1 in the Prestbury Park feature. Lining up off a second in the Dec. 26 G1 Christmas Hurdle at Kempton, the 6-year-old bay provided champion trainer Paul Nicholls and jockey Noel Fehily with a first success in the 2 1/16-mile event. The eventual winner was settled third as dual-purpose performer **Overtun (Ire)** (Barathea {Ire}) gave an exhibition round of jumping at speed on the front end. Inching into second approaching the third last obstacle, he assumed command off the home turn and was ridden 3 3/4 lengths clear up the punishing climb once safely negotiating the final flight of hurdles. "I went down and schooled him earlier in the week and he felt amazing," explained Fehily. "I was told [by assistant trainer Harry Fry] not to worry about sending him on, but I was worried going to the last, as he was pulling up a little bit in front. He picked up again afterwards and the [good] ground probably suited him today."

FRANCE

Yesterday's Results:

Saint-Cloud, 13.15, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:14.90, vsf.
 + **SEDICIOSA (IRE)** (f, 3, Rail Link {GB}--Seditieuse {Ire}, by Night Shift) made an alert break and settled fourth for most of this first go. Coming under pressure soon after turning for home, the 17-1 outsider moved into third approaching the final eighth and kept on well for continued urging to edge Holly Polly (Ger) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}) by a neck nearing the line. Sales history: €25,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1 star, 1 win, €12,000.
 O-Maurice Lagasse; B-Pontchartrain Stud; T-Y Barberot.

Saint-Cloud, 14.20, Mdn, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:15.50, vsf.
 + **KEMALISTE (FR)** (c, 3, Shirocco {Ger}--Anacapri {Fr}, by Anabaa), a half to Akiem (Ire) (Kutub {Ire}, G1SP-Ger), raced in second after the initial exchanges of this opening show. Sent to the front before halfway, the 12-5 favorite was urged further clear inside the final quarter mile and ran on strongly in the closing stages to easily account for The Wave (Fr) (Green Tune) by three lengths. Kemaliste is a half to Akiem (Ire) (Kutub {Ire}), G1SP-Ger. Lifetime Record: 1 star, 1 win, €12,000.
 O-Ecurie Sarikaya; B-Alain Decrion & Sunland Holdings; T-Yann-Marie Porzier.

AUSTRALASIA

MORE THAN READY COLT TOPS ADELAIDE

SALE A son of More Than Ready topped yesterday's Session One of the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale at Morphettville when selling for A\$135,000 (US\$142,305).

Consigned by Baramul Stud, the colt was purchased by Magic Millions on behalf of a Victorian-based client. Out of Zali (Aus) (Danehill), his second dam is MG1SW Skating (Aus) (Talaq).



Hip 105
 Magic Millions photo

During yesterday's session, 226 horses sold for A\$5,331,000. The average was A\$34,843. "There was a strong buying bench on hand and they were particularly strong on the quality lots when they were offered," said Magic Millions Director Vin Cox. "It was nice to see buyers from Singapore, Malaysia, Macau and New Zealand, as well as from many states around Australia. Those buyers are well and truly aware of the value that is on offer at this auction and they return each and every year. Hopefully we are able to sell some more of the passed in lots and push that clearance rate higher than the current 74% figure." The sale continues this morning at 11 a.m.

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MAGIC MILLION ADELAIDE SALE TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<u>105</u>	colt	<u>More Than Ready</u>	Zali (Aus)	135,000
Consigned by Baramul Stud Purchased by Magic Millions, agent				
<u>068</u>	filly	Snitzel (Aus)	Starts with a Kiss (Aus)	130,000
Consigned by Mill Park, agent Purchased by Mark Kavanagh Racing				
<u>132</u>	colt	O'Reilly (NZ)	Bold Moment (Aus)	105,000
Consigned by Mill Park, agent Purchased by Kym Hann				
<u>060</u>	filly	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Skye Gold (Aus)	100,000
Consigned by Rosden Park, agent Purchased by Aqanita Racing				





BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

BENSALEM S., \$75,000, PRX, 3-13, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15 3/5, ft.

1--#**FORDANGSHORE, 116, g, 5, Forest Danger--Shorewalk Drive, by Formal Gold.** (\$68,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$130,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR). O-Michael J Trombetta & Ted Julio; B-McKee Stables Inc (KY); T-Michael J Trombetta; J-Kendrick Carmouche; \$43,400. Lifetime Record: 13-6-3-0, \$195,370.

AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

2--**Rod's Five Star, 120, g, 4, Five Star Day--Lady Silverrod, by Marquetry.** O-Silver Rod Stables Inc. \$14,800.

3--**Golddigger's Boy, 122, h, 5, Jump Start--Golddigger Beware, by Prenup.** O-William J Hartwell. \$8,365. Margins: 2 3/4, 2, 1HF. Odds: 3.00, 6.30, 2.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-WRD, \$26,400, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

STICKCROSSMOUNTAIN (g, 5, National Saint--Luci's Reality, by Cutlass Reality) Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-1, \$90,355. O-H and H Ranch. B-Joyce Tackett & John D Wartchow (OK). T-Veronica Griggs.

8th-HOU, \$22,500, 3-12, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:44, gd.

CHARLIE'S PHANTASY (g, 4, Chief Three Sox--Window to the Soul, by Naevus) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$51,950. O-Pharme Racing, Ltd. B-Pharme Racing Ltd (TX). T-Danny Pish.

9th-WRD, \$21,200, 3-12, NW3L, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, gd.
OKIE TUFF (g, 4, Lion Heart--Dulcet, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$33,783. O-Clint Donaho. B-Corbett Farm (MD). T-Scott Young. \$1,700 yrl '09 KEESEP.

9th-MNR, \$20,200, 3-12, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 2/5, my.

MO'MILLIONS (g, 5, Horse Chestnut {SAf}--Plenty of Sugar {GSW & GISP, \$781,764}, by Ascot Knight) Lifetime Record: 20-2-5-1, \$49,583. O-Carleton, Patricia, Brede, Thom and Hale, Kimberly. B-Arrow Course (KY). T-Brian Cain. *1/2 to Sermon Of Love (Pulpit), MSW, \$284,101; Sugar Mom (Monarchos), SW, \$102,030.

7th-MNR, \$20,200, 3-12, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, my.

AMAZING LIGHT (f, 3, Colony Light--Truly Special, by Feu d'Enfer) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$26,272. O-Royal Oak Farm. B-Mr & Mrs Jerry Johnson (WV). T-Jennifer A Johnson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Major Fashion, f, 4, Major Henry--Majestics Tricks, by Tricky Fun. WRD, 3-13, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07 3/5. B-Elizabeth L Heinrich (OK).

Ebony Run, m, 5, El Corredor--Lifting the Veil (SP), by Quiet American. PRX, 3-13, 1m, 1:39 1/5. B-Gulf Coast Farms, LLC (KY). *\$75,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 15.35, 3-13, €33,000, 4yo/up, 1 7/8mT, 3:29.60, vsf.

DA CAPO (IRE) (g, 6, Peintre Celebre--Specificity {SW-Eng & SP-Fr}, by Alleged) Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 4 wins, 5 places, €56,950. O-Peter-Holm Lassen & Pia Brandt; B-NP Bloodstock Ltd; T-Pia Brandt. *€12,000 HIT '11 ARQNOV. **Full to Pride (Fr), Hwt. Older Mare at 9.5f-11f-Eng (x2), Hwt. Older Mare at 9.5f-11f & Hwt. Older Mare at 11-14f-Fr, G1SW-Eng, Fr & HK, \$1,932,249.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Half a Billion (Ire), g, 3, Acclamation (GB)--Amankila (Ire), by Revoque (Ire). Southwell, Britain, 3-13, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Mount Coote Stud. *£16,000 yrl '10 DONAUG.

Zarakhova (GB), f, 3, Lando (Ger)--Spring of Pearls (Ire) (SP-US), by Big Shuffle. Toulouse, France, 3-12, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Eric Puerari & Oceanic Bloodstock. *€4,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQOCT.

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Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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No. Offered	206	202
No. Sold	153	168
RNAs	53	34
% RNA	25.7%	16.8%
Highest Price	A\$135,000	A\$210,000
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