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CLAIBORNE STRIKES AGAIN AT OBS

After selling Frank Fletcher the session-topping Empire Maker--Trip filly for \$485,000 on Tuesday, the Hancock family's Claiborne Farm came back yesterday to top the OBS March Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training with an \$800,000 War Front--Henna (Horse Chestnut {SAf}) colt. Fletcher, sitting in the pavilion with bloodstock agent and advisor Donato Lanni, was once again the winner bidder. Stonestreet's John Moynihan was among the underbidders. Robert and Mary Harris's Harris Training Center consigned both of the



Hip 342 Joe DiOrio

Claiborne horses. The sale topper, offered as [hip 342](#), was produced by a half-sister to successful young sire Pomeroy (Boundary) and breezed an eighth in :10 at the under-track preview. He was bred by Cherry Valley Farm, the breeding operation of Claiborne president Seth Hancock.

"I bought this horse to win the GI Arkansas Derby," said the Arkansas-based Fletcher. "I didn't think this one would be that expensive, but it just kept going. I love coming to Ocala, and I've been buying here for many years. Donato picked this horse out. He tells me the ones I want." **OBS March cont. p3**

KINGDOM SIDELINED WITH STRESS FX

A nuclear scan has revealed that reigning **Animal Kingdom** (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) has the start of a stress fracture in his hind end that will not require surgical treatment, but will force him to the sidelines for the next few months. The 4-year-old underwent the scan Tuesday at the Palm Beach Equine Medical Center where the beginning of a stress fracture of the ilium was detected. Dr. Dean Richardson of the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center confirmed the diagnosis. The injury is expected to heal with 30 days of stall rest and an additional 60 days of hand-walking. The injury is unrelated to the one that sidelined him following the 2011 GI Belmont S. "The horse will stay in his stall for a month and be grazed every day, after which time he'll be transferred to Team Valor's barn at Fair Hill Training Center, where for the next couple of months he will have limited activity," commented Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin. "Then he will return to full training. Team Valor's interest is to run the horse for another year. We will make a decision about whether we want to do that by September, so that if the horse is going to be retired, he'll have plenty of chance to be promoted by the start of breeding season. Graham Motion and I think we should have a good enough idea by September of whether or not he is the same horse in his training. If he is, we prefer to run him another year and target the Dubai World Cup." He continued, "If not, we will then begin talking with farms at home and abroad. We have received interest from multiple parties in Japan and the United States, as well as a serious breeder in England, but we have told all of them that we would not talk about it until the fall." Animal Kingdom made a victorious return to the races in a Feb. 18 allowance over the Gulfstream turf, a race which was to serve as a prep for the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 31. However, he emerged from a Mar. 10 breeze with soreness and was ruled out of a trip to the desert prior to Wednesday's news.



Animal Kingdom Horsephotos



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CUMULATIVE	2012	2011
Catalogued	362	490
No. Offered	244	321
No. Sold	179	237
RNAs	65	84
% RNA	26.6%	26.2%
No. Over \$400K	9	4
High Price	\$800,000	\$925,000
Gross	\$24,819,000	\$24,711,000
Average (% change)	\$138,656 (+33%)	\$104,266
Median (% change)	\$105,000 (+50%)	\$70,000

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Fort Erie First to Lose Slots

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation has announced that, effective Apr. 30, 2012, slot parlors at three U.S.-Canadian border racetracks will cease their operations. "Fewer Americans are crossing the border to play slot machines at border sites," commented Rod Phillips, OLG President and CEO. "A decade ago, border casinos returned a net profit of \$800 million a year. Today, that profit is less than \$100 million and falling."



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Future Production on LUCK Halted

In a statement issued late Wednesday, David Milch and Michael Mann, the co-producers of the series LUCK, in conjunction with Home Box Office (HBO), announced that all future production on the show has been ceased. The news comes in the aftermath of the accidental death of a horse Tuesday on the Santa Anita backstretch which was to be used in the filming of an upcoming episode.

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TDN Q&A With Dennis Drazin

With the May 12 start of the 2012 meet, Monmouth Park will begin a new, exciting and interesting era. When Morris Bailey opted out of his option to lease the track after running it for the 2011 meet, the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association stepped in to fill the void. The horsemen's group has signed off on a 35-year lease to operate the historic Jersey Shore racetrack.

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Dennis Drazin
Equi-Photo

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TOP FIVE COLTS**

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>342</u>	<u>War Front</u>	Henna	800,000
		<i>B-Cherry Valley Farm (KY)</i>	
		Consigned by Harris Training Center, agent II	
		Purchased by Frank Fletcher Racing Operations	
<u>323</u>	<u>Tiz Wonderful</u>	Foolish Kiss	525,000
		(\$82,000 yrl '11 OBSAUG)	
		<i>B-Hickstead Farm (FL)</i>	
		Consigned by Paul Sharp, agent IV	
		Purchased by Stonestreet Stables	
<u>350</u>	<u>Leroideasanimaux (Brz)</u>	Humoristic	490,000
		(\$70,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT)	
		<i>B-Mrs Arturo Peralta-Ramos (KY)</i>	
		Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent IX	
		Purchased by Deuce Greathouse, agent	
<u>298</u>	<u>Read the Footnotes</u>	Dixie Talent	475,000
		(\$27,000 yrl '11 OBSWIN)	
		<i>B-Shirl Penney (NY)</i>	
		Consigned by Southern Chase Farm Inc (Greg & Karen Dodd), agent	
		Purchased by Toyomitsu Hirai	
<u>212</u>	<u>Arch</u>	Winner's Edge	375,000
		(\$75,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV; \$140,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Highfield Farm (KY)</i>	
		Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, agent	
		Purchased by Steve Young, agent	

TOP FIVE FILLIES

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>188</u>	<u>Street Sense</u>	Unlimited Pleasure	475,000
		<i>B-Ocala Stud (FL)</i>	
		Consigned by Ocala Stud	
		Purchased by Repole Stables, Todd Pletcher, agent	
<u>190</u>	<u>Tale of the Cat</u>	Valarchos Destiny	385,000
		(\$80,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Destinaire Farm (KY)</i>	
		Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, agent II	
		Purchased by Lane's End Bloodstock	
<u>213</u>	<u>Indian Charlie</u>	Winter Forest	370,000
		(\$100,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Stonestreet Stables (KY)</i>	
		Consigned by Old South Farm, agent	
		Purchased by Iron Horse Racing	
<u>196</u>	<u>More Than Ready</u>	Vision in Flight	340,000
		<i>B-Eico Stable (KY)</i>	
		Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent	
		Purchased by Gainesway & Jon Kelly	
<u>337</u>	<u>Macho Uno</u>	Half Heaven	240,000
		(\$60,000 yrl '11 KEESEP)	
		<i>B-Dixiana Farm (KY)</i>	
		Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent III	
		Purchased by Repole Stables, Todd Pletcher, agent	

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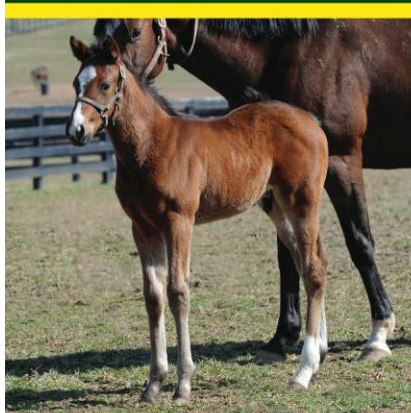


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Fletcher said the he wasn't sure he would train the horse. The auto dealership owner currently has about eight or 10 horses in training with Bob Baffert in California and Tom Howard in Arkansas. Fletcher bought the top two horses at OBS April last year, including the \$825,000 Macho Rocket (Macho Uno), who won on debut back in November. Unfortunately, the colt suffered a suspensory injury in January and has been retired.

"I'm going to bring him down to Florida and get some mares and breed to him," said Fletcher. "He's worthless to anyone but me, but his workouts were always [bullets] and the one race he ran in he won. Donato picked him out too, but he didn't tell me his leg was going to fall off!"

Fletcher said there was good reason for his ramped up buying in recent years. "I'm getting older," he said. "That's the simple truth."

Lanni, who purchased Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint winner Secret Circle (Eddington) here last year, explained the appeal of his latest acquisitions. "The filly Frank bought [Tuesday] was a Claiborne-bred, the colt he bought today is a Claiborne-bred," he said. "They've bred a lot of nice horses over the years. War Front's a good stallion who produces racehorses, it's a good female family, and he ticked all the boxes. You hope they don't bring that much money. I was trying to get Frank on a plane before the sale."

Session two might have taken a different direction if Fletcher had left earlier in the day. "I was going to get on a plane, and had told Donato, 'If I'm not here you can bid up to \$475,000,'" Fletcher said. "We would have never seen this horse. If I had left 30 minutes ago, it would have saved me a lot of money!"




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Average (% change)	\$149,762 (+22.9%)	\$121,847
Median (% change)	\$110,000 (+27/9%)	\$86,000

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CORRECTION: Frank Fletcher, who purchased Tuesday's session-topping Empire Maker filly at the OBS March sale, is based in Arkansas, not Oklahoma. We regret the error.



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Family Brings Claiborne to Juvenile Sales...

For all its history as perhaps Kentucky's most famous nursery, Claiborne is a relative upstart as a 2-year-old seller. The idea came four years ago when Walker Hancock, son of farm president Seth Hancock, was an incoming freshman at the University of Florida at Gainesville. Taking advantage of the close proximity to the Harrises' training center in Williston, Claiborne sent a few horses there to be broken and prepared for the juvenile sales.



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"It's about 25 minutes from Robbie Harris's place, and it gave Walker something to do," Seth Hancock said yesterday morning. "He's been able to go over and watch the horses train, and it's been a good learning experience for him. Robbie's been good to my son. Walker goes over every two or three weeks, and Robbie shows him around. He shows him about bucked shins or a splint or this or that. He's always worked on the farm, but he's never been around a training center or racetrack environment, so it's been good for him."

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Before this sale, the previous high-water mark for the Claiborne/Harris partnership was Congenial (Pulpit), who sold for \$150,000 at March last year.

Asked about the decision to sell Ado, the Empire Maker filly, Hancock explained, "She was always a nice filly, and we always liked her. In fact, we were the ones that named her, and we were probably going to keep her. But we decided, with the way Empire Maker was going with the champion last year, that we'd take a crack at selling her. We were real pleased."

Harris hadn't previously broken horses for Claiborne, but was the beneficiary of a sterling recommendation from a Hall of Fame trainer. "Dick Mandella gave me a big thumbs up on him, and I met him and liked him," said Hancock. "I thought he'd be the kind of guy that wasn't so big that he wouldn't have the time to mentor Walker a little bit, and he's done a wonderful job with that, as well as a wonderful job with the horses."

Walker is now a senior and will graduate presently with a degree in Equine Science. He'll work at the racetrack this summer, most likely with Al Stall, Jr. before returning to Claiborne in Paris, Kentucky. -LM

Sharp Eye: Tiz Wonderful Colt Brings \$525,000...

A spectacular-looking colt from the first crop of Tiz Wonderful (Tiznow) brought the sale's second-highest price, selling to Stonestreet Stable's John Moynihan for \$525,000. Bloodstock agent Bob Feld, acting on behalf of Kevin Plank's Sagamore Farm, was the direct underbidder. Paul Sharp consigned the youngster as [hip 323](#) and sent him out to a [:10](#) breeze.

Moynihan knows the sire well. He bought Tiz Wonderful as a juvenile for \$475,000 at the 2006 FTFFEB sale on behalf of the late Jess Jackson and Barbara Banke's Stonestreet Stable. Later that year, the colt became a top Derby prospect after winning the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. and GIII Iroquois S., but his racing career was derailed by injury.



John Moynihan

"He's a beautiful colt," Moynihan said of his latest purchase. "He's a lot like [Tiz Wonderful]. He has a lot of his sire's attributes. He's a big two-turn horse, and he worked fast. He worked

beautiful and came back beautiful. He's got a wonderful mind. Barbara said it was like going to a high school basketball game and seeing your kid dunk for the first time."

Moynihan said Stonestreet now has four Tiz Wonderful juveniles. "The ones we have in training are doing exceptionally well," he said. "We're extremely high on him. We still own part of him with Spendthrift."


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Consignor Paul Sharp, who operates his own training center in Williston, Florida, had purchased the Florida-bred colt for \$82,000 at last year's OBS August Yearling Sale. The colt was on Sharp's radar after he saw him in a pasture earlier in the year while scouting yearlings. Sharp purchased him for a partnership that included I C Thoroughbreds and Robert Hopkins. Breeder Hickstead Farm also stayed in on the horse.

"We've been talking about this horse since Christmas," said Sharp. "He's been showing me the promise of a great horse, and a great horseman liked him. He had all the parts. I hate to sound cliché, but he was everything you could want."

The colt looked like a 4-year-old standing in the rear walking ring, where several people snapped photos on their cell phones. Sharp said he measures in at 16.2 1/4 hands at present. The horseman said he wasn't worried about getting the big colt ready for an early 2-year-old auction. "For me, size is secondary to how they handle themselves," he said. "I saw him in the pasture moving around [as a yearling], and was impressed. We look for athleticism in horses no matter the size." -LM



Animal House...

There were still more fireworks to come shortly after the sale topper left the pavilion buzzing. [Hip 350](#), a flashy colt by Leroidesanimaux (Brz) out of Humoristic (Sefapiano), MGSW, \$526,862, was knocked down to bloodstock agent Deuce Greathouse for \$490,000. The long-striding chestnut was clocked in :21 1/5 during his quarter-mile breeze at the under-tack show ([video](#)). He will race for a partnership that is still being sorted out by Greathouse.

“He’s a big, two-turn looking horse,” said Greathouse, who did his bidding inside alongside his father David Greathouse of Glencrest Farm. “We were waiting for him. He was at the end of the sale, so you’re hoping that you’ve got a shot to buy him. We’ve got a group of two of three different partners that we’re going to take a shot on him with. We’re hoping to get lucky.” Greathouse continued, “He went very steady during his breeze. He looked like a two-turn horse that had a high-cruising speed. He’s out of a mare that could run, which is important to us. He’s a good-looking, smooth colt.”

Following a strong showing at Barretts courtesy of a \$330,000 Indygo Shiner colt, yesterday’s sale represented another home run for Pete Bradley, who picked out the Leroidesanimaux colt for \$70,000 as a FTKOCT yearling. He was consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX.

“He’s an exceptional horse,” said Bradley after thanking the Greathouses for their purchase. “When you lead one in there that does everything right, people are going to find it.”

What attracted Bradley to the Kentucky-bred as a youngster?

“He always had great balance and a great frame,” Bradley replied. “You hope that good walk translates into a horse that could use himself over the racetrack. He had as nice of a stride that you’d want to see.” -SS

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Leading Buyers by Average - 3 or more purchased

Buyer	#	Average (\$)
Frank Fletcher Racing Operations	4	413,750
Deuce Greathouse, agent	3	245,000
Lane’s End Bloodstock	7	239,286
Iron Horse Racing*	3	226,667
Colts Neck Stables	3	225,000
Repole Stable	5	209,000
WinStar Farm*	4	152,500
Dale Romans, agent	3	140,000

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Taking It to the Street...

Mike Repole made his presence in Ocala felt early during Wednesday's second session, extending to \$475,000 for a Street Sense filly. [Hip 188](#) worked a quarter in :21 3/5 ([video](#)) during the breeze show. The



Mike Repole
Horsephotos

New York native went to \$380,000 for a colt by the Darley resident at last year's sale. He hasn't made it to the races yet.

"I already paid a lot of money last year for two other Street Senses that couldn't run, so I figured that maybe I'd get one out of three," Repole offered while sitting next to his team of regular advisors. "It's not what I liked about her--it's what Todd Pletcher, Ed Rosen, and Jim Martin liked about her. I just

write the checks. Street Sense is starting to get some nice horses now."

Pletcher will train.

"She's a big scopey two-turn filly," he commented. "She worked well and galloped out *great*. We have a lot of confidence buying from Ocala Stud. She checked all the boxes."

The bay filly, bred in Florida by Ocala Stud, is out of the stakes-placed Valid Appeal mare Unlimited Pleasure. She has already produced Jardin (Montbrook), GSW & GISP, \$168,836; and Beacon Shine (Montbrook), GSW, \$106,530.

"She sold very well," consignor J. Michael O'Farrell Jr. said. "She seemed to be a *very* nice filly--high quality. She moved great on the track and had a lot of presence about her. Very classy."

He continued, "You never know how high they're going to go, but I felt like that she was going to sell well. All the right people were looking at her. With those kind of horses, they sell themselves. She got everybody's attention even when they were just walking by."

Ocala Stud has been involved with her family dating all the way back to the fourth dam. Her second dam, Cricket Box (Notebook), produced GI Super Derby hero Outofthebox (Montbrook).

"That family has been extremely good to us," O'Farrell confirmed. "But they've been extremely good to other people as well. It's a running family."

Ocala Stud broke and trained Street Sense, the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and 2007 GI Kentucky Derby hero.

"We followed his career very closely--he was a very talented horse," O'Farrell replied when asked why he chose to breed to Street Sense. "I bred a Valid Appeal mare to him because I felt like that would put a little bit more quickness into the family, a little more early maturing, and it worked." -SS

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A New Yorker in Japan...

It is safe to say there is a very sad breeder in New York right now. That's because the sale's highest-priced Empire-bred, a colt by Read the Footnotes--Dixie Talent (Dixie Union), is heading to Japan after Toyomitsu Hirai went to \$475,000 for the striking chestnut. In Florida, however, breeders awards weren't too forward on the minds of Greg and Karen Dodd, who were all smiles after registering a career score with [hip 298](#). The husband-and-wife team sold him under their Southern Chase Farm banner. "All the right people were on the horse, and he was just a real nice horse," said Karen Dodd. "He was a nice, natural horse when we bought him and he's only gotten better. He got bigger and prettier. He's a real good doer. He's got a great mind."



Consignor Greg Dodd & hip 298
Lucas Marquardt

The Dodds are best known for selling champion sprinter Lost in the Fog (Lost Soldier) as a juvenile, and came across their latest star in the same manner--by scoping out the rear walking ring at OBS. The couple noticed the Read the Footnotes colt at the 2011 OBS Winter Mixed Sale and purchased him for just \$27,000.

"We had been training in the morning and were late getting to the sale and had just walked up," said Dodd. "My husband was talking with somebody, and I kept noticing this horse walking around. He just kept pulling me in. I finally interrupted my husband and said, 'We need to go look at this horse.'"

In lieu of vetting and scoping, the Dodds ask the horse's consignor, their friend Kenny Lejuene, about the colt, and Lejuene assured them that he stood behind the horse. "So we just went in there and bought him," she said. -LM

What the trainers said about our Eclipse winners...

"Cape Blanco was an extremely talented and versatile racehorse with great tactical speed and an unbelievable will to win. Remember he was unbeaten in three starts over seven furlongs as a juvenile and we were delighted with his three Grade 1 wins in America last year. The Galileo's all tend to have good temperaments but Cape Blanco was probably the most laid back individual I've ever come across so all the travelling seemed to take very little out of him."



AIDAN O'BRIEN

"From the day Uncle Mo came to us at Saratoga he was like wow! I don't think I've ever seen a better 2-year-old never mind trained one. He's got some tremendous mechanics and an unbelievable stride, if you see some still shots of him when he's really in full reach he covers so much ground."



TODD PLETCHER

"Lookin At Lucky is a really great athlete - one of the best horses I've ever had. If the last few years have taught us anything, it's that soundness is of paramount importance. I wish that all horses were as sound as him."



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New York State of Mind...

The \$475,000 Read the Footnotes colt that's headed to Japan wasn't the only New York-bred to shine in the Florida sun during the two-day OBS March sale.

Trainer Todd Pletcher signed for a \$220,000 Ready's Image colt ([hip 91](#)) and a \$150,000 Bustin Stones filly ([hip 18](#)). Bloodstock agent Steve Young struck early during the opening session to acquire a Sharp Humor filly for \$120,000 ([hip 2](#)). Klaravich Stables went to \$220,000 for a Majestic Warrior filly ([hip 297](#)). Kentucky horsemen Dale Romans and Eddie Kenneally-- both with strings at Aqueduct for the first time this winter--showed their support for Empire bred, too. Romans bought a son of Sharp Humor for \$195,000 ([hip 234](#)) and Kenneally paid \$170,000 for an attractive full-sister to GISW Rightly So (Read the Footnotes) ([hip 318](#)).



Steve Young *Horsephotos*

"The only negative about it is that I wish it was for the whole country, and not just New York," Young said of the sky-rocketing

purses in the Big Apple. "She was a very quick New York-bred and they nominated her to those early sprint stakes at Finger Lakes. She stands on her own merit. If she comes out of here good mentally, she'll run pretty early. She's going to Todd Pletcher."

Young was impressed with the quality at the OBS March Sale.

"I think there are good horses here of all breeds," Young said. "Obviously with the money that's up there now, it's going to get tougher [to buy New York-breds] each year. I'm sure there will be a lot more of them and a lot better ones on the way too."

Purses continue to soar on the NYRA circuit. It was recently announced that average daily purses, including stakes and overnight races, will rise 44% to \$620,000 for the upcoming Belmont spring meet and increase 39% to \$930,000 for the prestigious Saratoga stand.

"There are some nice horses here, period," New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association President and trainer Rick Violette commented while taking a look at the stock yesterday. "It was a pretty tough sale in trying to buy. New York-breds have a bit of an added claim here now. They're not falling through the cracks like they used to--significant purses will do that."

The long road to adding slot machines at Aqueduct certainly seems like it was worth the wait.

"It's been 10 years in the making--it's terrific," Violette added. "To be honest, we're already kind of playing defense so that we can keep that infusion of money for as long as we can." -SS

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Gainesway/Kelly Team to Buy MTR Miss...

Gainesway and Jon and Sarah Kelly kicked off a fledgling partnership yesterday with the purchase of a More Than Ready filly for \$340,000. Out of the SW & MGSP Vision in Flight (Montbrook), the filly is a half-sister to SP Smarty Jill (Smarty Jones). She was consigned by Shari and Barry Eisaman's Eisaman Equine as [hip 196](#). The Eisamans bred her under their Eico Stable banner.

Gainesway's Michael Hernon stood alongside bloodstock agent Debbie Easter during the bidding, and it was Easter who signed the ticket.

"She breezed real well and she's a beautiful filly," said Easter. "She's got a nice pedigree, too, and hopefully we can have a little luck at the racetrack and they'll have a broodmare at the end of the day."

Hernon explained how the partnership came together. "Back in September, Jon and Sarah Kelly purchased a very nice Tapit colt from us at Keeneland for \$650,000, and at that point [Gainesway head] Antony Beck struck up a conversation with they Kellys about the possibility of having a horse together in the future," said Hernon. "Debbie Easter does some work with us and also for the Kellys, and it all came together here. We really liked this filly, who was bought in equal halves."

Hernon said it will be a one-horse partnership for the time being. -LM



Solid Score for Mighty White Stallion...

Alfredo Ronso's Mighty White Stallion consignment sold only one horse at OBS March, but made it count yesterday with a \$200,000 colt by Tapit--Woods Bay (Mr. Greeley). Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, who landed the sale topper, purchased the Ontario-bred colt, who was produced by a daughter of Canadian champion juvenile filly Fantasy Lake (Salt Lake). Mighty White Stallion offered the horse as [hip 215](#). "We bought him as a short yearling at Keeneland January [after he had RNA'd for \$10,000]," said Ronso. "He is a good-minded colt. We didn't press him too hard, and he was very green, but he still worked very good at the breeze show [[in :10 2/5](#)]." Ronso is a native of Venezuela, where for the past two decades his family has bred and sold horses under the La Mulera Corp. banner. "I decided to move here three years ago to pinhook and do some racing, as well," said Ronso. Last year was his first selling in Florida. Graduates of his 2011 consignment include Made to Love Her (Stevie Wonderboy), who won the Moccasin S. at Hollywood in November and was the runner-up in the GII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita in January. He acquired the filly as a \$22,000 OBSAUG yearling and sold her to Davant Latham for \$30,000 here at OBS March. Mighty White Stallion returns to OBS for next month's April Sale with an eight-horse draft. "I have a nice really nice Flashy Bull filly that I scratched out of this sale," said Ronso, who is based out of the Nelson Jones Training Center near Ocala. "We also have a nice Bernstein." Mighty White Stallion also stands a stallion, the Smart Strike graded stakes winner Pleasant Strike, who La Mulera Corp. purchased as a stallion prospect for \$125,000 at the 2010 Keeneland November Sale. He stands in Ocala for \$4,000. -LM

Lieblongs Hang on to Dixie Union Colt...

Alex and JoAnn Lieblong couldn't quite part ways with their Dixie Union colt, and bought him back for \$650,000. The \$185,000 KEEJAN yearling purchase, consigned by Harris Training Center LLC, Agent III, as [hip 291](#), breezed an eighth in :10 1/5 ([video](#)) at the under-tack show. "I already own him," Lieblong revealed after signing the ticket. "I couldn't afford him if I had to buy him again." OBS reported the transaction as an RNA. Was he close to finding a new home when the bidding stopped yesterday? "We were getting there," he replied. "We'll give him a little time off and he'll go with [trainer] Steve Hobby, who right now is at Oaklawn. I tried to buy Union Rags, and I'd hate to let go of another Dixie Union." The 61-year-old continued, "He's a now horse--he was a now horse in January. He didn't back up one inch. It's a gamble, but we'll see. I might try and pick up a partner on him." The owner of Lieblong and Associates, an investment firm in Little Rock, Arkansas, also purchased [hip 247](#), a colt by Pure Prize from Nick de Meric's consignment for \$210,000. The Lieblongs campaign two-time GI Sword Dancer hero Telling (A.P. Indy) and also own the multiple graded stakes winner Duke of Mischieff (Graeme Hall) in partnership. -SS

Out Like a Lion at March...

By nearly every metric, the 2012 renewal of the OBS March Sale was a smashing success. Last year's yearling and bloodstock sales evidenced a market gaining strength, and early indicators for this season's juvenile sales were good after Barretts March enjoyed gains. But few would have expected the record \$105,000 median the March Sale posted, an increase of 50% from last year's \$75,000. The average of \$138,656 was also up considerably, jumping 33% from last year's figure of \$104,266. The buyback rate was a solid 25.4%, compared to 26.2% last year. "It was a wonderful horse sale," enthused OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski. "We're delighted. What makes a good horse sale is good horses, and people here to buy them, and congratulations to the consignors for stepping up and bringing a quality group of horses. A number of times through the week, we heard buyers say this was as solid a group of horses as they've see in a while. But I think people were also needing and wanting horses. There was a desire for them. I think certainly there is a sense that the economy is better." For full results, visit www.obssales.com.



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OBS MARCH -- WEDNESDAY

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Dam</u>	<u>Price(\$)</u>
190	filly	Tale of the Cat	Valarchos Destiny	385,000
Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent II Purchased by Lane's End Bloodstock				
Hal Hatch's Halcyon Hammock Farm enjoyed a big day during OBS's opening session Tuesday and continued the theme Wednesday. Hatch was able to secure this filly at Keeneland September for just \$80,000 and turned a nifty profit here.				
213	filly	Indian Charlie	Winter Forest	370,000
Consigned by Old South Farm, agent Purchased by Iron Horse Racing				
Old South Farm's Albert Davis plucked this filly out of last year's Keeneland September sale for \$100,000, then watched as she blitzed a furlong in :9 4/5 last Friday and proved popular in the sale's ring yesterday.				
217	colt	City Zip	Yesshesarocket	170,000
Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent I Purchased by Michael Machowsky, agent				
Pinhooker Nick de Meric was able to secure this colt for \$45,000 at last year's FTKOCT sale. Helped by a :10.1 work Friday, the bay provided a strong ROI yesterday.				

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244 filly **War Front** **Ballyclare** **135,000**
 Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent III
 Purchased by John C. Kimmel, agent for Summit Thoroughbreds
 Sarazen Stable was able to acquire this filly for just \$16,000 as a KEENOV weanling in 2010. She more than rewarded their faith in her at OBS yesterday.

248 colt **Forestry** **Belvedere Miss** **270,000**
 Consigned by Hoby and Layna Kight, agent
 Purchased by Lane's End Bloodstock
 Hoby and Layna Kight were able to obtain this youngster for \$82,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale and, with a :10 flat breeze last week, he impressed bidders at OBS.

297 filly **Majestic Warrior** **Dixie Lyrics** **220,000**
 Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent
 Purchased by Klaravich Stables
 Becky Thomas has enjoyed a strong start to the juvenile sales season and this filly continued the trend. Thomas signed the ticket at \$75,000 to acquire the youngster out of last year's Fasig-Tipton New York-bred sale.

361 colt **Scat Daddy** **Issues** **200,000**
 Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm, agent
 Purchased by Mersad Metanovic Bloodstock
 Jim Crupi's Crupi's New Castle Farm was able to land this youngster for just \$30,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale and the colt's return trip through the sale's ring proved the investment a shrewd one.

FORT ERIE TO LOSE SLOTS

As part of their broader plan to modernize the lottery and gaming sector in the province, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) has announced that it is closing the slot machine operations at three racetracks in U.S.-Canadian border communities, including one at Fort Erie Racetrack, effective Apr. 30, 2012. "While this



was a difficult decision to make, it was necessary," OLG President and CEO Rod Phillips said in a release. "Fewer Americans are crossing the border to play slot machines at border sites. A decade ago, border casinos returned a net profit of \$800 million a year. Today, that profit is less than \$100 million and falling. With OLG's plan to modernize the

province's lottery and gaming sector, we will create some 2300 net new industry jobs and about 4000 service-sector jobs. Gaming will be more convenient for customers, profitable for Ontario taxpayers and safer with the expansion of our gold standard approach to Responsible Gaming." The Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association (OHRIA) has condemned the announcement in a release of its own. "This is a sad day for hundreds of families in these communities who found out today that they are being forced out of work by the government," said Sue Leslie, President of OHRIA. "Closing these slots will undoubtedly hurt horse racing in Windsor, Fort Erie and Sarnia, which in turn will cause even more economic pain for these communities." She continued, "Finance Minister Dwight Duncan's decision to close the slots in Windsor and Fort Erie particularly doesn't make sense in light of the government's stated job creation efforts. Fort Erie's 115 year old racetrack is the town's largest employer and Windsor already has Ontario's highest unemployment rate (10.7%) before the decision was made to force more than two hundred people out of work. We appreciate the government is facing difficult economic realities. However, the government should recognize the significant private sector investment made in breeding, training and farm operations, along with related infrastructure, all of which have huge economic spinoffs to all levels of government. It is important that the government and Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association (OHRIA) work together on a transformation plan to ensure a strong core industry that allows for economic growth and job maintenance for the thousands of individuals who earn their livelihood in horse racing and breeding." The OLG assured that it would continue "reasonable financial contributions" to the affected municipalities and intends to make payments to the operators of the affected racetracks through March 2013, providing live horse racing continues at the facilities.

NEWS TODAY

AVIOLI RESIGNS FROM STRONACH GROUP

The Stronach Group revealed Wednesday that Greg Avioli, president and CEO of its Entertainment Division, has resigned his position, effective Apr. 1. Previously president and CEO of the Breeders' Cup Limited, Avioli became part of the MI Developments Incorporated team 12 months ago. He was instrumental in the transition of the company's racing and gaming assets to the privately held Stronach Group. Those assets included Santa



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 "It was a pleasure working with Frank Stronach and the entire Stronach Group team over the past year to reorganize this impressive group of racing and gaming properties," Avioli said in a statement. "With the transition to the new ownership structure now complete and each of the business units fully licensed and operational, I just felt it was the right time to move on to new business ventures outside the company."
 Frank Stronach, chairman of The Stronach Group, added, "Greg has been a valuable part of our team during this transitional period. We very much appreciate his contributions to The Stronach Group and wish him the best in his future endeavors."



FUTURE PRODUCTION OF 'LUCK' HALTED


One day after a horse who was scheduled to appear in a scene in LUCK was euthanized prior to filming the episode of the show Tuesday at Santa Anita, co-producers David Milch and Michael Mann in conjunction with representatives of HBO, announced that no future production of the show will take place. The horse, a thoroughbred trained by horse wrangler Matt Chew, was being walked back to her barn after being examined by a veterinarian prior to the filming, which was to take place later that morning. She reared up on the dirt horse path, lost her footing, flipped over backwards and hit her head. It wasn't immediately clear what spooked the horse. "It wasn't during the filming, and wasn't in a race shot," a spokesman said. "The guy who was walking the horse had been around horses since 1984. He was not a green hand. There are 48 horses used in the filming of LUCK, and each horse used in the show undergoes a rigorous pre-race examination, just as a racehorse would on raceday. This was no different than any other horse having an unfortunate accident."

HBO issued the following statement late Wednesday:

"Safety is always of paramount concern. We maintained the highest safety standards throughout production, higher in fact than any protocols existing in horseracing anywhere with many fewer incidents than occur in racing or than befall horses normally in barns at night or pastures. While we maintained the highest safety standards possible, accidents unfortunately happen and it is impossible to guarantee they won't in the future. Accordingly, we have reached this difficult decision. We are immensely proud of this series, the writing, the acting, the filmmaking, the celebration of the culture of horses, and everyone involved in its creation."


Milch and Mann were also quoted in the release, saying: "The two of us loved this series, loved the cast, crew and writers. This has been a tremendous collaboration and one that we plan to continue in the future."

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RICHARD DUO READY FOR REBEL

Among those who benefitted from the decision to split the Feb. 20 GIII Southwest S. was Chris Richard, the trainer of GI Arkansas Derby hopefuls **Pee H Dee** (Tale of the Cat) and **Ring It Up** (Toccet). Campaigned by James McIngvale, the colts came home fourth in their respective divisions of the race. But according to Richard, Pee H Dee--who finished eight lengths behind Secret Circle (Eddington), who won the faster division of the one-mile race in 1:37--will likely be the better-backed of the two in Saturday's GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn. The pair worked in company, covering a half-mile in :47 3/5 at Oaklawn Monday. The move was the fastest of 12 workers at that distance, including Rebel hopefuls Adirondack King (Lawyer Ron), Reckless Jerry (Cactus Ridge) and Sabercat (Bluegrass Cat).

"They've had some good, strong works and both are doing as good as they could be," confirmed Richard. "Last week [Mar. 5], Pee H Dee had a good five-eighths in :58 1/5 and went out six furlongs in 1:12 3/5. He's just a little bit ahead of Ring It Up at this point."

Pee H Dee, third at 37-1 in his dirt debut in the Dec. 10 Springboard Mile at Remington Park, returned to score by a neck in a one-mile allowance at Oaklawn Jan. 16. Although winless in three starts at Oaklawn, Ring It Up was only beaten a 1/4-length by Rebel hopeful Atigun (Istan) in a \$50,000 optional claimer at the Hot Springs oval Jan. 15.

"Pee H Dee is just a little bit more seasoned and deserves the chance to stretch out," said Richard. "Ring It Up is still learning and needs to show a little more maturity and act a little more like a pro. There's still more time, though, and there is very little separation between them."

Lukas Soph Also Rebel Bound...

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas offers his assault on Saturday's Rebel in the form of **Optimizer** (English Channel), who blew out three furlongs in :36 1/5 at Oaklawn Tuesday morning. The Bluegrass Hall runner, who was third in last fall's GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland, was sixth in the Jan. 16 Smarty Jones S. prior to a troubled ninth in the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 26. Since the Smarty Jones, Optimizer has been working well over the local track, including a brisk four-furlong move in :47 2/5 Mar. 6.



PREVIEWS

Saturday, Randwick, Australia, post time: 1:20 a.m. EDT

TURNPOINT ROYAL RANDWICK GUINEAS-G1, A\$500,000

(\$523,379), 3yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	11	Manawanui (Aus)	Oratorio (Ire)	Berry	Leemon
2	3	Induna (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Reith	Snowden
3	10	King Saul (Aus)	Flying Pegasus (Aus)	Rodd	Andrews
4	1	Doctor Doom (Aus)	Domesday (Aus)	Quinn	Walter
5	13	Galah (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowden
6	7	Strike the Stars (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Bowman	A Cummings
7	16	Darci Be Good (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Robl	Murray
8	17	Wild and Proud (Aus)	Snowland (Aus)	Cassidy	Waterhouse
9	5	Isopach (Aus)	Magic Albert (Aus)	Shinn	Thompson
10	15	Free Wheeling (Aus)	Ad Valorem	Avdulla	Snowden
11	8	Ambidexter (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Parr	Snowden
12	9	Said Com (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Dunn	Waller
13	12	Rekindled Alliance (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Brown	Messara
14	2	Ocean Park (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	Williams	Hennessy
15	8	Laser Hawk (Aus)	Artie Schiller	N Rawiller	Waterhouse
16	4	Moment of Change (Aus)	Brlly a Moment (Aus)	Nolen	Moody
17	14	Mosheen (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Nikolic	Smerdon

All carry 125 pounds, bar Mosheen, 120.

Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand

WELLFIELD NEW ZEALAND OAKS-G1, NZ\$300,000 (\$243,620), 3yo,

f, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Planet Rock (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Browne	P/D Williams
2	2	Artistic (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	No Rider	Ritchie
3	1	Capital Diamond (NZ)	Lucky Unicorn (NZ)	No Rider	Latta
4	9	Zurella (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	No Rider	Ritchie
5	17	Quintessential (NZ)	Fast 'n' Famous (Aus)	Allpress	Sargent
6	12	Chicharita (NZ)	Towkay (Aus)	No Rider	Mrny/Clrkn
7	6	Joy's Choice (NZ)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Innes	Rogersons
8	7	Splitsecond (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	McDonald	James
9	16	Poste Restante (NZ)	Postponed	Tinsley	Mathews
10	5	Savasong (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	Hutchings	Rogersons
11	15	Melody Celebre (NZ)	Castledale (Ire)	No Rider	Saunders
12	8	Tilda (NZ)	Ustinov (Aus)	Myers	McVn/Brwn
13	18	Asavant (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Harris	J/K Parsons
14	4	Jungle Pago (NZ)	Darci Brahma (NZ)	Parkes	Auret
15	14	Lady Platinum (NZ)	Savabeel (Aus)	No Rider	Latta
16	13	Mahattan Mam (Aus)	Dehere	Spratt	Collett
17	10	Myminkcoat (NZ)	Coats Choice (Aus)	No Rider	Vile
18	11	Boosting Eleanor (Aus)	Rock of Gbrltr (Ire)	Scr	Scr

All carry 125 pounds.

Friday night, Randwick, Australia, post time: 10:40 p.m. EDT

HYLAND RACE COLOURS SKYLINE S.-G3, A\$125,000 (\$130,918),

2yo, c/g, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	12	Raceway (Aus)	More Than Ready	Bowman	Waterhouse
2	2	Shelford (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	N Rawiller	O'Shea
3	8	Ashokan (Aus)	More Than Ready	Cassidy	O'Shea
4	10	Lyric (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowden
5	11	Collect (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Brown	Moses
6	4	Lord Duveen (Aus)	More Than Ready	Robl	Connors
7	6	Limes (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Parr	Snowden
8	1	Honorius (Aus)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Berry	Payne
9	9	Strength (Aus)	Casino Prince (Aus)	Rodd	Thompson
10	7	Fiveandhalfstar (Aus)	Hotel Grand (Aus)	Nolen	A Cummings
11	5	Diamond Costa (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Nikolic	A Cummings
12	3	Hard Marker (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Shinn	A Cummings

All carry 122 pounds.

Friday night, Randwick, Australia, post time: 11:20 p.m. EDT

LES JOHNSON MEMORIAL SWEET EMBRACE S.-G3, A\$125,000

(\$130,918), 2yo, f, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Dear Demi (Aus)	Dehere	Robl	Connors
2	4	Jade Marauder (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Bowman	Waller
3	5	Kuchinskaya (Aus)	Red Dazzler (Aus)	N Rawiller	Waterhouse
4	10	Agueda (Aus)	Gnrl Nediym (Aus)	Shinn	A Cummings
5	16	Meidung (Aus)	Bernardini	Scr	Scr
6	7	Flying Snitzel (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Williams	Ryan
7	6	Kyria (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Avdulla	Begg
8	15	Report (Aus)	Canny Lad (Aus)	Nikolic	Connors
9	11	Valerio (Aus)	Strategic (Aus)	Berry	Waterhouse
10	14	Brave Soul (Aus)	More Than Ready	Quinn	Pride
11	13	Varanasi (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Cassidy	Thompson
12	9	Bethlehem (Aus)	More Than Ready	Reith	Websters
13	1	Calamba (Aus)	Bernardini	Nolen	A Cummings
14	12	Red Hot Chillies (Aus)	Red Ransom	Dunn	Begg
15	3	Roll the Bones (Aus)	Red Ransom	Brown	Thompson
16	8	She's a Fox (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Rodd	A Cummings

All carry 122 pounds.

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EDT

SANTA MARGARITA INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Miss Mittagong (K)	Pleasantly Perfect	Gutierrez	Cecil	118
2	Love Theway Youare (K)	Arch	Rosario	Cho	118
3	Kayce Ace	Tiznow	Espinoza	Harty	118
4	Ellaftiz	Tiznow	Garcia	Baffert	120
5	Include Me Out	Include	Talamo	Ellis	118
6	Awesomemundo (K)	Awesome Again	Smith	Baffert	118

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:35 p.m. EDT

INSIDE INFORMATION S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Belle of the Hall (K)	Graeme Hall	Trujillo	Albertrani	117
2	Persuading (K)	Broken Vow	Castanon	Romans	117
3	Catch a Thief (K)	Flatter	Leparoux	Hills	117
4	Funny Sunny (K)	Sharp Humor	Desormeaux	Hess Jr	117
5	Musical Romance	Concorde's Tune	Leyva	Kaplan	123
6	R Holiday Mood	Trippi	Velazquez	Pletcher	119
7	Much Rejoicing (K)	Distorted Humor	Lezcano	Toner	117
8	Hot Summer (K)	Malibu Moon	Saez	Fawkes	119
9	Groupie Doll	Bowman's Band	Maragh	Bradley	119
10	Magical Feeling	Empire Maker	Alvarado Jr	Iwinski	121
11	Her Smile	Include	Castellano	Brown	119

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT

EXCELSIOR S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Redding Colliery (K)	Mineshaft	Garcia	McLaughlin	119
2	Birdrun (K)	Birdstone	Alvarado	Mott	123
3	Inherit the Gold	Gold Token	Castro	Hooper	119
4	San Pablo	Jump Start	Velasquez	Pletcher	119
5	Marilyn's Guy	Yonaguska	Lopez	Dutrow	119
6	Norman Asbjornson	Real Quiet	Acosta	Grove	119

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:50 p.m. EDT

NEW ORLEANS LADIES S., \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sterling Madame	Unbridled Energy	Graham	Amoss	119
2	Havre de Grace	Saint Liam	Dominguez	Jones	117
3	Annabel Lee	J Town	Jacinto	Schwartz	117
4	Distorted Love	Distorted Humor	Eramia	Pitts	117
5	Juanita	Mineshaft	Napravnik	Maker	117



RESULTS

Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO DIANA - STUD TNT-G1, R183,540 (\$101,684), 3-11, Gavea, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 2:00.53, sf.

1--**OLD TUNE (BRZ), 123, f, 3, by Wild Event**

1st Dam: Chanson Pour Julia (Brz), by Irish Fighter

2nd Dam: Cats Night (Brz), by Slap Jack

3rd Dam: Celina Igi (Brz), by Pass the Word

O/B-Haras Internacional; T-V Nahid; J-M Cardoso.

Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**

(1SW). [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Unique Zuca (Brz), 123, f, 3, Northern Afleet--Linda Rafaela (Brz), by Bin Ajwaad. O-Stud Gold Horse; B-Stud TNT.**

3--**La Defense (Brz), 123, f, 3, Nedawi (GB)--Dear Celina (Brz), by Roi Normand. O-Stud Azul e Blanco; B-Fazenda Mondesir.**

Margins: HF, 1, HF. Odds: 13-10, 72-1, 81-1.

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Sunday, Gavea, Brazil

GRANDE PREMIO FRANCISCO EDUARDO DE PAULA MACHADO - STUD TNT-G1, R142,980 (\$79,214), 3-11, Gavea, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:00.20, sf.

1--**PLENTY OF KICKS (BRZ), 123, c, 3, by Crimson Tide (Ire)**

1st Dam: Pleni Turbo (Brz), by Choctaw Ridge

2nd Dam: Plenitud (Brz), by *Karabas

3rd Dam: Irish Girl (Brz), by Blackamoor (Arg)

O/B-Stud Sao Francisco Da Serra; T-J C Sampaio;

J-J Ricardo. Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-1. *Full to Palais

des Festivals (Brz), SW-Brz. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + .**

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2--**Poker Face (Brz), 123, c, 3, Wild Event--Power**

Sound (Brz), by Shudanz. O/B-Stud Quintella.

3--**Invictus (Brz), 123, c, 3, Sulamani (Ire)--Get Back**

(Brz), by Fast Gold. O/B-Beverly Hills Stud.

Margins: NK, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 4-5, 59-10, 99-10.

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With the May 12 start of the 2012 meet, Monmouth Park will begin a new, exciting and interesting era. When Morris Bailey opted out of his option to lease the track after running it for the 2011 meet, the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association stepped in to fill the void. The horsemen's group has signed off on a 35-year lease to operate the historic Jersey Shore racetrack.

Initially, it appeared that the horsemen had taken over the track simply because no one else had come forward to save it from certain extinction. Perhaps they could keep things afloat for a year or two until someone else took it over or until racetrack gaming finally came to New Jersey.

But the horsemen have something all together different in mind. Not only are they saying they are in this for the long run, but they have announced bold plans to undertake a \$100 million project that would totally transform the racetrack. They are calling for the track to be complemented by a year-round attraction that would include an indoor water park, a restaurant and a Jersey Shore-style boardwalk that would include retail stores.

The track will be run by Darby Development Company, which has hired Elite Consulting to handle the day-to-day operations. Elite Consulting will be run by long-time Monmouth executive Bob Kulina and Dennis Drazin. The principals behind Darby Development are Drazin and his brothers, Brian and Ronald.

But it is Dennis Drazin who is the driving force behind the new Monmouth. Drazin, an attorney based in Red Bank, N.J., has been among the leading figures in New Jersey racing for years, but usually as the face of the horsemen's organization. He is the former president of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and was also chairman of the New Jersey Racing Commission. Drazin recently resigned from the Racing Commission to avoid conflict-of-interest problems related to his operation of Monmouth Park.

On behalf of the TDN, Bill Finley sat down with Drazin to get his views on the future of Monmouth Park and New Jersey racing and to find out what the plans are for one of the sport's most beloved racetracks.

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TDN: First, let's get the particulars, like will there be a Haskell this year, what will purses be, etc.

DD: There will be a Haskell and it will still be run for \$1 million. The primary meet will operate for 51 days and the purses for that will average \$400,000 a day. At the secondary meet, the purses will be about \$200,000 a day. (There will be 65 total days of racing at Monmouth, plus 10 days of racing at the Meadowlands, which will also be operated by the horsemen's group). The purses will be just about what they were last year. The horsemen approached us and asked about three-day weeks versus four-day weeks and said they'd like to see us have some four-day-a-week schedules. So, we're going to do that on Thursdays, with a 4 p.m. first post and a last post of 7 p.m. On the Thursdays, we're going to have concerts afterwards.



Dennis Drazin
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TDN: The state of New Jersey wanted out at both Monmouth and the Meadowlands because both tracks were losing money year after year. Can Monmouth be profitable? And if there are going to be losses, where does your group come up with the money to cover them?

DD: This needs to be answered in both the short and long term.

In 2004, the legislature and the administration gave the industry the power to build 15 OTWs and no one went out and did it. They whacked things up and gave the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority nine, Freehold four and Atlantic City (Race Course) two.

The problem was, why would Pennsylvania people (which own Freehold and Atlantic City) want to build something in South Jersey that's going to take a toll on the Garden State money that went across the river to Pennsylvania and bring it back to New Jersey? It just never happened.

With the Authority, some thought, 'let's develop account wagering,' some people thought, 'why take people away from tracks by building OTWs?' Finally, they built the OTW in Woodbrige and it's handling 90-some odd million year. They realized it was the right thing to do but then we fell into a situation where there were economic problems. People questioned whether or not state money should be used to build these out, so it just didn't happen.

If they had built all 15 OTWs way back then we wouldn't be talking about needing purse subsidies, you wouldn't hear all the complaints you are currently hearing. We need to get these built and not only in the north. We need to get them built in the south and if the people who have the right to do don't get it done, they need to lose the licenses so we can do it.

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We've also traded one of our OTW licenses to (Meadowlands operator) Jeff Gural so that we have the exclusive right to put wagering machines in at bars and restaurants. These are the sort of things that will make us profitable in the long-term.

As for the short term and how we will make ends meet, there are different sources of funding that are part of our deal. The Authority projected that it would have lost \$8 million this year had it run Monmouth. As part of our deal with the state, we get a \$4 million grant, which does not have to be paid back. That was to induce us to take over this year instead of waiting until next year. We'll get the \$4 million as a grant and then a loan of \$5 million, so we will have a \$9 million cushion to operate with this year. Technically, the loan comes from the Authority. We don't think we need all that money because we think we have found some savings.

The grant is a one-time thing, but we get additional loan of \$2 million in 2013 and another \$2 million in 2014. So we have three years of advances to get us to point where we have revenues coming in from the OTWs. We also think we can build the account wagering business and we'd like to explore Instant Racing, though it appears that Jeff is not as keen on that as we are.

TDN: Obviously things would be a lot easier for everyone if there was gaming at the Jersey racetracks. Do you see this happening? If it does happen, most see them coming to the Meadowlands and not to Monmouth. How would that impact Thoroughbred racing?

DD: Here's how I see it, though Jeff may have a different version of things: I am very hopeful that slots will come to New Jersey, but that it will take a minimum of five years for that to happen. I don't think they're just going to hand them to Jeff. I think there would have to be a public bidding process. Jeff has the edge in getting them because he has a stake there and an investment, which gives him a leg up on everyone else. If Jeff gets slots at the Meadowlands, he has an agreement in writing with the Sports Authority that the Thoroughbreds would receive half of the purse money generated from slots. Jeff would not be obligated to share his operator end. But the purse money, would be shared 50-50.

TDN: Do you ever see slots at Monmouth?

DD: I have been working on this since the late 90s. There have been times where I thought we had the support of a governor and we had the support of the senate and we couldn't get it passed in the Assembly. Now it's kind of the reverse. We have an Assembly that probably would pass it and you can't get it posted in the Senate. Senate President Steve Sweeney has said he's not going to post a bill, which means it's not going to happen. The governor has always kind of sat back and said you can't waste any political capital on something that I know is dead for starters.

The Governor has made it pretty clear that he wants to give Atlantic City a chance to succeed and if it doesn't after five years then he will likely be feeling differently. I saw an article where the Governor said that if in five years Atlantic City doesn't make it then he thinks Jeff Gural has earned the right to have slots at the Meadowlands. That is a pretty significant statement coming from a governor who has always before said no slots. He's saying, 'thank you Jeff, you stepped up to the plate when we needed you, so we are going to reward you by giving you the first shot if this happens.'

Those of us who think it's going to happen sooner are dreaming a little. Those of us that are looking at 'let's give it five years and after that we are going to get some support for gaming,' that's a more realistic approach. Maybe it won't take five years. Maybe it will take six or seven, but eventually, I believe we will have slots at the Meadowlands.

I never really pushed slots for Monmouth because I believed if it was going to happen, the casinos wouldn't want it to happen all over and I thought we would be better putting our eggs in the Meadowlands basket. I thought that we should work together to get it at the Meadowlands and work out a sharing arrangement. If in fact the only way to get racetracks slots in New Jersey is to have them at the Meadowlands, I would support doing it.



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TDN: We have always heard that a big issue with the horsemen was having a large amount of racing dates and, by law, you are supposed to have 141. Now, the horsemen take over the track and there will be far fewer than 141 dates. There's an inconsistency there. Please explain.

DD: When we were holding out for 141 days, we believed that was the right number of days. It started with a much, much higher number and the state was at a lower number. We negotiated to get at this particular number and everyone said okay. The truth of the matter is that, even though the law says 141, there were many times we made deals with the Authority and went back to the legislature and asked for permission to run fewer since, for one reason or another, that made sense.

Our mind-set in the late nineties up to 2004 was that probably we need to have more days and then it became a influenced by fact we needed to have a good product and so we needed to have the right blend of product and days to make racing work.

For this year, 141 equaled out to \$131,000 in purses and no stakes. We thought that would be terrible for New Jersey racing and something we would never recover from. Although maybe 50% of our membership would have taken the hit and run the days with terrible purses, it wasn't the right thing to do. As far as the membership is concerned, I am sure there are portions of our membership that would rather do 300 (thousand) a day with more racing days. But you get to a point where you have to decide what's best for your product. We made the decision and, fortunately, the horsemen in general seem to support what I recommend They trust me and have faith in my recommendations.

TDN: But why were we hearing initially that the horsemen had agreed to take over and that the meet would in fact be 141 days?

DD: It had to do with the state wanting to close the deal with Jeff on the Meadowlands. They were desperate to make the deal on the Meadowlands and they were always focused on the Meadowlands first. When Bailey walked away, the issue became how do we keep the signal going up there, how do we make sure the OTWS and account wagering doesn't shut down? Because of the legalities involved and because of the need to get everything, Monmouth and the Meadowlands, wrapped up fast, they had to go by what was in the law, that Monmouth would run 141 days. We knew it could be changed later.

TDN: Morris Bailey and Jeff Gural are very wealthy men. With that, it's easy to understand how they can afford to buy a racetrack and then talk of their plans to spend millions on future projects. A horsemen's group doesn't have anywhere near that kind of money. So, where is all this money going to come from to fund these projects?

DD: Morris Bailey will be a partner with us. Morris is not going to come back in and run a racetrack, but he will be our partner on the real estate development. You couldn't ask for a better partner.

TDN: You guys like to think big. We know that one thing you want to pull off is luring Frankel to the Meadowlands for a \$1 million grass race as a prep for the Breeders' Cup. What are the chances you can make that happen?

DD: I think it is a long shot. First of all, you have to want to have him come. Last year, they said he would not be coming to the Breeders' Cup. If he ever was going to come, it is going to be this year and I think it makes some sense to set up a prep race in the U.S. for him. From a timing standpoint, we can put it when he wants it. It would be really exciting for New Jersey racing to lure him over here for a \$1 million purse and let him prep for the Breeders' Cup. Whether his connections will want him to do that or not remains to be seen.

TDN: The attractions you are talking about building at Monmouth sound like a great idea for the summer months and, honestly, not such a great idea for the rest of the year. In what is a very summer-oriented community, can Monmouth work as a year-round attraction?

DD: A lot of theme parks are year-round adventures. You have indoor water parks, places with thriving year-round business. This concept is more than just a time-of-the-year thing.

Miniature golf has been John Forbes's brainchild. John is really excited about this and thinks it is a year-round thing and thinks people will come.

As for the boardwalk, it won't exactly be viewed as the boardwalk in a place like Asbury Park. It will feature retail space all around it. We'd like to get year-round restaurants to come in. No matter what, we are going to change the food. Hopefully, there will be a big improvement. The first thing people complain about at Monmouth is the food. Getting someone else in here will be a big plus.

We're also going to have a casino but with free play. There are a lot of things you can do legally. You can set up casino-type gaming for free play, tickets, prizes, points. You can have Texas Hold 'em tournaments. But they just can't be for money. We'll try to tie in the casino games to horses, like divide the field into red and black. If you are imaginative, there are a lot of things that you can come up with.

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TDN Q&A cont.

TDN: Are the new uses for the property separate business ventures, or are they more designed to attract people to racing?

DD: It is both. One thing we are trying to do is to be creative and find ways of making more money off the property by making it more of a destination. In addition, you are hoping to convert some of your customers into people who will play the races. Take the family that wants to go to the water park with their kids. Maybe the mom will watch them while the father goes and bets the races. We want to give them the opportunity to do that. Having people use it as a destination creates more opportunities for them to play the races.

The way they have things set up at Gulfstream encourages new fans to give it a try. My niece was there doing her shopping and now she sees horse racing. She found it exciting and wanted to make a bet. We hope to do the same sort of thing at Monmouth.

TDN: The meet opens in a little more than two months. With so little time to get things done, what changes will be in store for Monmouth 2012?

DD: It's tough to get anything done for this year because of the lateness of the date. To make improvements, you need approvals from different agencies, either the town or the Department of Community Affairs. It takes time to make plans and get things changed, so I don't expect any major changes until 2013. There will be some small cosmetic changes. A few concession stands might be changed around. For the most part, we won't be able to do much.

Bobby Kulina has been retained to stay on and you know the kind of meet he runs--first-class. He knows the right way to get a meet done. This year you're looking at pretty much the same. We'll try to get miniature golf done. I think concerts will be a big draw. I haven't lined up bands yet, but we will be doing something exciting.

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BETFAIR/HOLLYWOOD FORGE AGREEMENT

Betfair US, the Los Angeles-based subsidiary of Betfair Group Plc that also owns TVG, and Hollywood Park Racing Association announced a five-year deal that features several changes to improve the customer experience for racing fans. Among significant changes is the renaming of the Inglewood track to "Betfair Hollywood Park."

Betfair, also responsible for "Betfair Lounge" at Ascot in England, plans to make significant infrastructure investments and improvements at Hollywood, including the creation of the "Betfair Club," currently the Hollywood Lounge and located on the main floor of the Players Club; and the "Betfair Lounge," a VIP lounge currently located near the third floor box seat area. Both the Betfair Club and Betfair Lounge will offer modern surroundings, access to state-of-the-art technologies to interact with the racing product, and enhanced food and beverage options. The plan remains subject to Hollywood Park receiving assurance regarding its traditional racing dates for 2013. The upcoming meet is to run Apr. 26-July 15.

Additionally, TVG will produce the Betfair Hollywood Park simulcast signal and related TVG television programming. The network is expected to introduce advanced graphics packages on par with those used in network broadcasts of major U.S. sporting events. It is also expected that, at a later date, races from Betfair Hollywood Park will be televised in high-definition.

Included among incentives targeted toward the younger fan base, Betfair will give customers who purchase tickets to music concerts at the venue the option to redeem those tickets for wagering credits in a TVG account.

"We are deeply committed to changing U.S. horse racing for the better, and are delighted to find a partner in Hollywood Park Racing Association willing to take the bold step of trying to change every facet of the racing experience to appeal to a broader, younger audience," said Stephen Burn, CEO of Betfair US and TVG. "Horse racing is a wonderful sport, but it must embrace cultural change and utilize advancements in technology and presentation to survive and thrive, just as other sports and entertainment industries have done. We hope this is the first of many examples of using the assets of technology companies, such as Betfair, to revitalize historic venues such as Betfair Hollywood Park."

Jack Liebau, president of Hollywood Park, added, "We realize that U.S. racing, and California racing in particular, simply cannot continue on as it has. We need to look at the way we do everything in presenting our product to the public, and not be afraid to embrace change, particularly if we are going to generate a younger fan base. We believe that partnering with Betfair to modernize the product will benefit California racing."

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

4:35p HRTV 8th-GPX, \$60,350, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT
Besilu Stabes' **SUMMER FLIRT** ([Bernardini](#)), a \$410,000 KEESEP yearling, debuts for trainer Bill Mott. Out of Cuando Quiere (Affirmed), the gray filly is a half-sister to MGISW Honey Ryder (Lasting Approval). Darley homebred **Unavailable** ([Distorted Humor](#)) will look to improve on a lackluster debut while sprinting over the main Gulfstream track Feb. 8. The bay is a daughter of Argentinian champion Emotion Parade (Arg) (Parade Marshal). Also stretching out and moving to the lawn for her second start, Phipps homebred **Trophy Wife** ([Giant's Causeway](#)) has been off since running third at Saratoga Aug. 27. The dark bay filly is out of GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Pleasant Home (Seeking the Gold). Colonial Flag (Pleasant Tap), a \$475,000 KEESEP yearling, is a 3/4-sister to GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf winner Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect). The Michael Matz trainee was a troubled fifth over course and trip in her Jan. 14 unveiling. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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Belmont Charity Event to Benefit Equine Research:
Edited Press Release

The Belmont S. Charity Celebration, benefitting the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and the Backstretch Employee Service Team (B.E.S.T.), will be held at the Rubin Museum of Art in New York City Thursday, June 7. "We are proud to join with The Jockey Club to raise funds for equine research and for the dedicated backstretch workers who care for our horses," said Charles E. Hayward, president and chief executive officer of NYRA. "The Belmont S. is a signature event in the New York metropolitan area, and it is fitting to have our charity celebration in a unique venue such as the Rubin Museum of Art." Added James Gagliano, president and CEO of The Jockey Club, "The Belmont S. Charity Celebration brings well-deserved attention to the third leg of the Triple Crown and, at the same time, shines the spotlight on two important industry charities that contribute to the well-being of horses and people." The evening will feature a special performance by renowned violinist Sarah Charness. The Rubin Museum of Art is located at 150 West 17th St.. Tickets for the charity celebration are priced at \$150 per person. For additional information, contact Nancy Kelly at (212) 521-5305 or nkelly@jockeyclub.com.



Yesterday's Results:

LIMIT S., \$75,000, AQU, 3-14, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41 1/5, ft.

1--#**ZUCCHINI FLOWER**, 118, f, 3, [Flower Alley](#)--**Heathers Promise (SP)**, by **Silver Buck**. O/B-Albert Frassetto (KY); T-H Graham Motion; J-Alan Garcia; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$74,735.

2--**Wicked Mizz**, 118, f, 3, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Wickedly Wise, by Tactical Cat. (\$170,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP). O-Green Lantern Stables LLC. \$15,000.

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3--**Lisa T.**, 118, f, 3, [Awesome Again](#)--Supercharger, by A.P. Indy. O-WinStar Farm LLC. \$7,500.

Margins: NO, 3 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.00, 2.10, 1.70.

Zucchini Flower was winless in three starts over the Tapeta surface at Presque Isle Downs last summer before resurfacing with a sparkling six-length triumph in her first start over conventional dirt while going one mile at Laurel Feb. 17. Four wide into the first turn in a rough start to this contest, the chestnut filly was taken in hand to stalk the pace. She reeled in Wicked Mizz down the stretch and just got her nose in front on the line. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).

5th-AQU, \$62,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, ft.

WINNIE DIXIE (f, 4, **Dixie Union--Icy Demeanor**, by **Allen's Prospect**), a debut winner at Windsor in August 2010 for trainer Paul Cole, made only one start last term, and opened her career with Kiaran McLaughlin with runner-up efforts over this track and trip Jan. 7 and Jan. 29. Half of the 4-5 favored entry, the dark bay filly had the lead in the early strides, but yielded control to Born Flirt (Speightstown). She regained the lead on the turn and held off stablemate Silent Fright (Yes It's True) down the stretch to score by 2 1/4 lengths.

Winnie Dixie is a half-sister to Your Flame In Me (Boundary, MSW & GSP, \$206,840). Sales history: \$40,000 wIng '08 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$400,000 2yo '10 FTFFEB. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).

Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$68,211.

O-Mrs Fitriani Hay. B-Woodlawn Breeding Inc & W S Farish (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

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2nd-AQU, \$65,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:55, ft.
FIVE SIXTEEN (g, 3, [Invasor {Arg}](#)--**Third Street**, by **Salt Lake**), just a neck short of Raconteur (A.P. Indy) when second over track and trip Jan. 6, was coming off a third-place effort here Feb. 11. The 5-1 shot rated off the pace while racing a ground-saving fourth. Asked for more turning into the stretch, the gelding bulled his way between rivals and held off the resurgent Suns Out Guns Out (Empire Maker) to win by a head. The winner, a \$225,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half-brother to Doc's Doll (Out of Place, SW, \$207,985). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#). Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$59,704.

O-MeB Racing Stables LLC. B-Machmer Hall (KY). T-Dominick A Schettino.

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$61,788, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :54 2/5, fm.

GOING TO KUKARO (f, 4, [Speightstown](#)--**Jeanne's Honor**, by **Honour and Glory**) was making her third straight appearance over this course and trip after narrowly beaten third and second-place efforts Jan. 16 and Feb. 17, respectively. The 4-5 favorite led from the start and came home an easy 2 1/4-length victress. Caribbean Lady (Speightstown) was second. The winner was a \$27,000 KEESEP yearling. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#). Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, \$111,898.

O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC & Morris Bailey. B-Sienna Farms LLC & WinStar Farm (FL). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

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9th-GPX, \$49,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:33 4/5, fm.

DAME MARIE (f, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--**Crystal Crossing {Ire} {SW-Eng}**, by **Royal Academy**) got up late to graduate by a neck in her debut at this course Feb. 12. The 5-1 shot rated near the back of the pack and came widest of all into the lane to surge to the lead and held sway late to score by a neck over Sweet and Lovely (Street Cry {Ire}). The \$140,000 KEESEP yearling is a 3/4-sister to Rule of Law (Kingmambo, Hwt. 3yo-Eng at 14 + f, G1SW-Eng, \$1,323,096). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$53,700.

O-Lally Stable. B-Ben Sangster (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally.



4th-GPX, \$45,438, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

EMMA'S ENCORE (f, 3, [Congrats](#)--French Opera, by Wild Again), a \$2,000 KEESEP yearling, began the year with a third-place effort against \$50,000 maiden claimers Feb. 2 before graduating by a front-running 4 3/4 lengths over track and trip Feb. 24. Last through a half-mile in :45.77, the 6-1 shot was tipped out four wide in upper stretch and finished strongly to overtake Busted Again (Sharp Humor) by 3/4 lengths. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$58,558.

O-Brenda Mercer & Peter Berglar. B-Equest Thoroughbreds Inc (FL). T-H Allen Jerkens.

2nd-GPX, \$46,600, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10, ft.

+ SHARP SALLY (f, 3, [Posse](#)--Lemon Haze, by Distant View), a \$7,000 KEENOV weanling, was let go at 6-1 in this debut. The chestnut filly chased pacesetting favorite Brilliant Katie (Gone West) through moderate fractions, split foes in upper stretch and forged past the favorite late to win going away by two lengths. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,960.

O-Preston Stables LLC. B-Mount Joy Stables Inc (KY). T-Christophe Clement.

EASTERN U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

7th-LRL, \$35,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.

PIAMENTO (g, 4, [Awesome Again](#)--Maysville {SP}, by Notebook) got his neck in front of the wire in his belated debut at Laurel Jan. 5 and was coming off a runner-up effort over track and trip Feb. 10. Sent off the 7-5 favorite, the gray gelding was away alertly, but was taken back into a stalking position. He took closer order on the turn, put a head in front in upper stretch and outbattled Hi Ho Bambino (Zavata) despite drifting out to win by a head. Sales history: \$27,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '10 ADNAPR. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#).** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$44,400.

O-Stonach Stables. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-Jose Corrales.

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CALIFORNIA

Santa Anita to Host Zenyatta 'Baby Shower':

An equine baby shower of sorts will be held this Saturday, Mar. 17 for Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) and her newly born colt by Bernardini. All those in attendance for the St. Patrick's Day program will receive a "It's a Boy" poster and will have a chance to meet "Team Zenyatta" in an autograph session. "The entire racing world is buzzing about Zenyatta's new colt, who was born in Kentucky last Thursday night," said Chris Quinn, Santa Anita's vice president of sales and marketing. "Zenyatta is easily the most popular horse of the past 25 to 30 years, and people are clamoring to see and learn more about her new baby. We want to thank Jerry and Ann Moss and the entire Zenyatta team for helping us to make this happen, and we look forward to following the progress of Zenyatta's first foal in the weeks and months ahead. I think all of us here at Santa Anita are hopeful that someday we'll get to see this precious horse race here in Southern California." Also on display Saturday at the "Great Race Place" will be a life-sized painting of Zenyatta entitled "The Queen's Dance," which was created by Jamie Corum and was first unveiled during Breeders' Cup week 2011 at Churchill Downs.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 7th Race, \$58,000 Allowance, at Santa Anita. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



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Limit S. Zucchini Flower (Flower Alley) just gets up in final jump.

9th-GPX (NW1X) Dame Marie (Smart Strike) makes it two-for-two.

2nd-GPX (Msw) Sharp Sally (Posse) wins going away.

7th-LRL (NW1X) Piamento (Awesome Again) battles to victory.



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Mar. 15
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- CORINTHIAN** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/27/2
7-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Capital Goods, \$65K FTK OCT yrl, 5-2
- ENGLISH CHANNEL** (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/19/0
9-TAM, Msw, 5f, +Call Maritza, 20-1
- HARD SPUN** (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/37/7
8-GP, Msw, 1mT, Kiss an Angel, 10-1
- LATENT HEAT** (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/20/1
9-TAM, Msw, 5f, +Shepherd's Furey, \$34K OBS OCT wnl, 15-1
- MAYBRY'S BOY** (Broad Brush), 9/1/0
7-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Sportswriter, \$60K EAS DEC 2yo, 7-2
- PURIM** (Dynaformer), Richland Hills, \$10K, 124/12/0
5-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Event Center, \$3K BSC YRL yrl, 5-2
- SCAT DADDY** (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 180/37/6
8-GP, Msw, 1mT, Daddy's Kiss, 8-1
- 8-GP, Msw, 1mT, +Negrita Tata, \$4K OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1
- SILVER WAGON** (Wagon Limit), Hurricane Hall, \$5K, 33/7/0
7-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Brooklyn Red, \$19K OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
- SPELLBINDER** (Tale of the Cat), Stonewell Farm Ocala, \$1.5K, 14/4/0
7-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Well Spelled, \$50K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1



Sunday, Deauville, post time: 3:30 p.m.

PRIX RONDE DE NUIT-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	5	Belle de Lune (Fr)	Ski Chief	Raballand	Pelletan
2	1	Tribune (Fr)	Grand Slam	Soumillon	Rouget
3	9	Uccellina (Fr)	Great Journey (Jpn)	Boudot	Fabre
4	3	Nadeaud (Fr)	Soave (Ger)	Jarnet	Guillemin
5	4	Ponte Vespucci (Fr)	Anabaa	Pasquier	de Nicolay
6	10	Star Seed (Fr)	Layman	Mendizabal	Rouget
7	7	Small Frida (Fr)	Gold Away (Ire)	Guyon	Brandt
8	6	Nimohe (Fr)	Excellent Art (GB)	Thomas	Heloury
9	2	Regina Ejina (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Benoist	Delzangles
10	8	Carnoustie (Fr)	Acclamation (GB)	Thulliez	Clement
11	11	Barbayam (GB)	Stormy River (Fr)	Peslier	F Head

All carry 126 pounds.

Sunday, Deauville, post time: 4:05 p.m.

PRIX MONTENICA-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Vanioloquio (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Lemaire	Clement
2	4	Sea Trial (Fr)	Panis	Victoire	Head-Maarek
3	5	Happy Sun Percy (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Pasquier	Doleuze
4	3	Lord Sinclair	Mizzen Mast	Thulliez	Chappet
5	8	Hurry Up George (GB)	Intikhab	Crowley	Beckett
6	6	Robert Le Diable (Fr)	Dutch Art (GB)	Boudot	Prod'homme
7	7	Paris Blue (Fr)	Anabaa	Guyon	Pelletan
8	1	Paraggi (GB)	Iffraaj (GB)	Benoist	Delzangles

All carry 128 pounds.



FINIAN'S LEAVES RIVALS IN WAKE

Michael Buckley's **Finian's Rainbow (Ire)** (Tiraaz) capped a memorable afternoon for trainer Nicky Henderson when outgaming reigning champion **Sizing Europe (Ire)** (Pistolet Bleu {Ire}) in an incident-packed renewal of Cheltenham's £320,000 G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase yesterday.

Kauto Stone (Fr) (With the Flow), a half-brother to G1 Gold Cup contender **Kauto Star (Fr)** (Village Star {Fr}), exited at the first fence, and further carnage ensued. The pacesetter **Wishful Thinking (GB)** (Alflora {GB}) was then upended after a mistake at the fourth, crashing through the rail into spectators and photographers on the landing side of what would have been the final fence on the following circuit. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries. **Sizing Europe** was left in front and the eventual winner stalked him for most of the remainder. **Finian's Rainbow** loomed upsides his rival--as the pair were forced to bypass the final obstacle--and was driven out to secure the thriller by 1 1/4 lengths as the 9-2 second choice ([video replay](#)).

Henderson had earlier entered the record books as the Festival's winningmost trainer when usurping Cheltenham icon Fulke Walwyn's longstanding record of 40 winners with **Simonsig (GB)** (Fair Mix {Ire}) in the G1 Novices' Hurdle. He swiftly improved on the new benchmark when **Bobs Worth (Ire)** (Bob Back {Ire}) bagged the G1 RSA Chase and made it win 43 with **Finian's Rainbow's** victory. **Une Artiste (Fr)** (Alberto Giacometti {Ire}) added another score to the tally in the G3 Fred Winter Juvenile Hurdle later on the card.

"It's true to say I wouldn't have any jumpers if it wasn't for this man [Henderson]," admitted Buckley. "We've been together as owner, trainer and friends since the early '80s and I can't imagine doing it with anyone else. This is just another notch in his long career and he has scooted past the all-time record. I'm proud and pleased to be part of the day."

Henderson added, "It was a great race, and it was a pity they didn't jump the last fence. It was a tremendous race between two very good two-mile [steeple]chasers. I'm thrilled for Michael because he's put a lot into this game, he adores it and it's a special day."

Day three's highlight is the stamina-sapping £260,000 G1 Ladbrokes World Hurdle in which staying star **Big Buck's (Fr)** (Cadoudal {Fr}) bids for a fourth straight triumph.

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AUSTRALASIA

'ARTIE' FILLY TOPS MM ADELAIDE SALE

A daughter of Artie Schiller topped Wednesday's second session of the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale. Offered as [lot 311](#) by Sullivans Run, the bay filly was purchased by Oakbank-based Bill Smart for A\$61,000 (US\$63,745). Darren Weir was the underbidder.

Of the 170 lots available Wednesday, 126 sold for a total of A\$1,342,000. The average was A\$10,651, down a tick from the A\$11,713 achieved in 2011 with a slightly smaller catalogue.

"It was a solid day's selling," Magic Millions Adelaide Manager Chris Russell reported. "It's pleasing to see the South Australian buyers so strong over the past two days with their spend higher this year than in 2011. It was the same case for out international buyers--with strong interest from Singapore, Macau, New Zealand, Malaysia, as well as China.

"Bill Smart, who purchased the top lot today, is a regular at Magic Millions Sales around the country and we wish him, as well as all buyers, the best of luck with their purchases."

Complete results are available on magicmillions.com.au.

ASIA

Yesterday's Results:

DIOLITE KINEN-Listed, ¥68,000,000, Funabashi, 3-14, 4yo/up, 2400m, 2:34.70, gd.

1--**RENFORCER (JPN)**, 123, h, 6, **Symboli Kris S.--Soninke (GB)**, by **Machiavellian**. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara; J-N Yokoyama; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 21-9-6-1, ¥257,334,000 (US\$3,100,410). * 1/2 to Monroe Blond (Jpn) (Admire Vega {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$647,703; Not Alone (Jpn) (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}), SW-Jpn, \$929,554; and Northern River (Jpn), (Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$678,025.

2--**Pilani Highway (Jpn)**, 123, h, 7, Silver Deputy--Tropical Blossom, by Thunder Gulch. (\$950,000 i/u '04 KEENOV).

3--**Tosen Luce (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, Marienbard (Ire)--Fursa, by Mr. Prospector.

Margins: HF, HF, HF. Odds: 3.9, 34.5, 55.2.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-AQU, \$52,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12 4/5, ft. **DAN'S GOLD (c, 3, Forest Danger--Goldrush Lady, by Lord Carson)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$64,531.

O-Three Aces Stable & Peter Bell. B-Taylor Made Stallions Inc (NY). T-Joseph Aquilino. * \$22,000 2yo '11 OBSJUN; \$4,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$1,000 RNA yrl '10 KEEJAN.

AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

6th-HAW, \$44,640, NW1X, 3/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft. **ITZACOLD CASE (m, 5, Gold Case--Awesome Windsome, by Really Awesome)** Lifetime Record: 22-6-2-2, \$146,207. O/B/T-Tom Dorris (IL).

7th-HAW, \$40,320, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 4/5, ft.

SACRED HONOR (m, 5, Speightstown--Zeta {SW, \$126,277}, by You and I) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$67,948. O-Bluegrass VI. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Wayne M Catalano. * \$7,500 yrl '08 KEESEP.

AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

8th-CTX, \$31,100, 3-13, C, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5, ft.

SILVER HEART (m, 7, Lion Hearted--Holy Princess, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: MSW, 31-13-6-4, \$455,002. O/B-Nancy L Terhune & Ernest Frohboese (WV). T-Gary Capuano. * Full to Aspenglow, MSW & GSP, \$465,698.



MAGIC MILLIONS ADELAIDE YEARLINGS Wednesday, March 14, 2012

SESSION TOTALS	2012	2011
Catalogued	192	168
No. Offered	170	145
No. Sold	126	123
RNAs	44	22
% RNA	25.8%	15.2%
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Gross	A\$1,342,000	A\$1,440,750
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BELMONT PARK

The Factor (War Front), 5f, 1:01.00, 4/13

PALM MEADOWS

Tu Endie Wei (Johar), 5f, 1:02.66, 2/3

PAYSON PARK

Lady Cohiba (Broken Vow), 5f, 1:02.20, 1/5

Summer Front (War Front), 4f, :51.20, 7/9

SANTA ANITA

Eden's Moon (Malibu Moon), 4f, :46.80, 2/16

Hierro (Hard Spun), 4f, :51.40, 16/16



7th-CTX, \$26,400, 3-13, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53 3/5, ft.

BEANOTHERGRUMP (f, 4, Windsor Castle--Roberta Grump, by Verification) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$41,725. O-Mark E Russell. B-Robert H Lloyd (WV). T-James W Casey. *1/2 to Sweet Annuity (Oh Say), MSW, \$260,052; Shesanothergrump (Weshaam), MSW, \$231,629; Shesagrump (Luftikus), MSW, \$453,004; Natures Annuity (Valiant Nature), MSP, \$448,038; Russell Road (Wheaton), MSW, \$1,147,684.

4th-TUP, \$22,200, 3-13, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49 2/5, ft.

CALL ME LATER (g, 4, Old Topper--Classical Lady, by Bartok {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP, 21-4-4-5, \$87,310. O-TG Racing LLC & Randy Howg. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC (CA). T-Robertino Diodoro.

9th-MNR, \$20,200, 3-13, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, ft.

BANDINI THE GREAT (c, 3, Bandini--Tale of Tralee, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$24,040. O-Flamingo Run LLC. B-Abbott Properties SA (KY). T-Karen M Freer. *\$2,000 wIng '09 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sky Colors, c, 3, Carry My Colors--Persky (Arg), by Candy Stripes. AQU, 3-14, (S), 1m, 1:42. B-Juan C Fernandez (NY).

First Run, f, 4, Rock Hard Ten--Rivercat, by Storm Cat. TAM, 3-14, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5. B-George Krikorian (KY). *\$17,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP.

Zavata's Gold, g, 4, Zavata--Speck of Gold, by Golden Gear. HAW, 3-14, (S), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-LeRoy Bormet (IL).

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 15.00, 3-13, €19,800, 3yo, 1 3/16mT, 1:58.10, gd.

SHUKAL (ITY) (c, 3, Big Shuffle--Kalabash {Ire}, by Caerleon) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €26,775. O-Genets SRL; B-Valdirone SAS; T-Stefano Botti.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Vitalis Cat (Fr), f, 3, Hurricane Cat--Mia Cherie (Fr), by Exit to Nowhere. Marseille Pont de Vivaux, France, 3-14, Mdn, 3yo, 1 5/8mT. B-Mlle Carole Femenais & Rene Rostoll. *€€2,500 RNA HIT '11 ARQJUL.

+ Minstrels Gallery (Ire), g, 3, Refuse to Bend (Ire)-- Lilakiya (Ire), by Dr Fong. Southwell, Britain, 3-14, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT). B-Morecool Stud.

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PRESCRIPTION (GB), 7, Pivotal (GB)--Doctor's Glory, by Elmaamul

Foal born Feb. 5, a filly by Bahamian Bounty (GB).

Will be bred back to Teofilo (Ire).

Owned by and boarded at Cheveley Park Stud.

Accomplishments: SW-Eng & SP-Ire.

CANDA, 12, Storm Cat--East of the Moon, by Private Account

Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by Oasis Dream (GB).

Will be bred back to Dubawi (Ire).

Owned by and boarded by Cheveley Park Stud.

Accomplishments: MSP-Fr. Dam of Evasive (GB)

(Elusive Quality), GSW-Eng.

IRRESISTIBLE (GB), 12, Cadeaux Genereux (GB)--Polish Romance, by Danzig

Foal born Feb. 12, a colt by Pivotal (GB).

Will be bred back to Starspangledbanner (Aus).

Owned by and boarded at Cheveley Park Stud.

Accomplishments: SW-Eng & GSP-Ire. Dam of Infalible (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$315,205.

MIDWAY SQUALL, 21, Storm Bird--Oh So Precious, by Best Turn

Foal born Feb. 17, a filly by Grand Slam.

Will be bred back to First Dude.

Owned by Donald R Disney.

Boarded at Double Diamond Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Squall City (Carson City), SW, \$173,190; British Attitude (Broad Brush), MSP, \$183,583; Acadia Breeze (Royal Academy), SP, \$152,066; Apriority (Grand Slam), GSW & GISP, \$371,224.

ZEPA, 18, Theatrical (Ire)--Highest Trump, by Bold Bidder

Foal born Feb. 17, a filly by Rock Hard Ten.

Will bred back to Pulpit.

Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.

Boarded at Diamond A.

Accomplishments: Dam of Nothing But Fun (Dixie Union), GSW & MGISP, \$455,500.

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