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## TIMELY DELIVERY

After a pair of juveniles by established sires Distorted Humor and Tapit made seven figures earlier during Monday's Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale, it was one of the later offerings that



**Hip 149** *Fasig-Tipton Photo*

wound up topping the day. Consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables, [Hip 149](#), hailing from the first crop of champion Big Brown (Boundary), had been the subject of constant inspection all week, ultimately was purchased by Coolmore and partners for \$1.3 million. Demi O'Byrne, standing to the right of the auctioneers' stand, fended off John Moynihan to secure the package. The blaze-faced bay went in [:10 1/5](#) during Friday's under-tack show.

"He's a very good-looking horse, and he breezed well," said O'Byrne. "He had a lovely action."

Hip 149, a son of Cool Ghoul (Silver Ghost), is a Pennsylvania-bred half-brother to Dagnabit (Freud), a multiple stakes winner in New York. He will race for Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith, but it's not certain whether he'll stay on these shores, or head to Ireland.

"We'll take him back to Kentucky for a few weeks and make a decision later," O'Byrne added. "He's the kind of horse that can go anywhere."



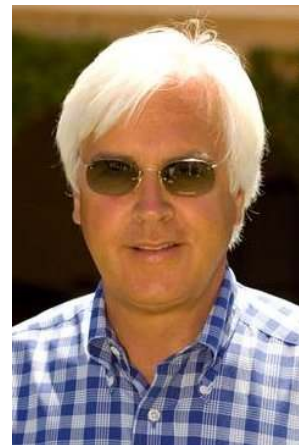
**Dunne (left) and O'Byrne**

*F-T Photo*

Asked if Big Brown--a grandson of Danzig--had a good chance to make it as a sire, O'Byrne replied, "I hope so. He certainly has a good chance with this horse." **Cont. p3**

## BAFFERT SUFFERS HEART ATTACK IN DUBAI

Hall of Fame conditioner Bob Baffert gave his friends and family a scare when, in the early morning hours Monday in Dubai, he developed chest pains and was rushed to a local hospital. The 59-year-old suffered a heart attack, but was feeling better and resting comfortably by Monday evening, according to several reports. Baffert is in Dubai to saddle two runners on Saturday's World Cup card. "He had two blocked arteries," Bernie Schiappa, a friend of Baffert's and co-owner of GI Dubai World Cup hopeful Game On Dude (Awesome Again), told *Daily Racing Form*. "The main one was 100% blocked, the other 90%.



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He had two stents put in one artery, one stent in the other." Stents are artificial tubes that can be inserted into constricted vessels to facilitate blood flow.

Peachtree Stable owner John Fort, reached by phone yesterday by the *TDN*, said he had been in contact with the trainer. "I think they put a couple of stents in there, and he said he feels great," said Fort. "He said he'd be out of the hospital in a few days." **Cont. p15**

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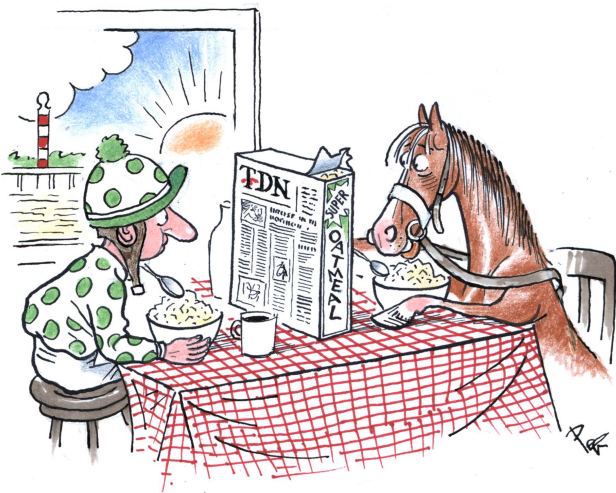
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Hip 149 F-T Photo

"We bought him to pinhook, but if he didn't bring the price that we wanted, we would have raced him," IEAH President Michael Iavarone explained minutes after watching the juvenile catapult to the top of the sale's leader board. "Chris Brothers found him for us and he recommended we pinhook, but I said, 'If he doesn't bring a lot of money, he's so beautiful, let's race him.'"

Iavarone added that the colt was well past his reserve price of \$750,000.

The New Yorker admitted it was extra gratifying to see IEAH's most successful runner have success in the sales ring.

"Obviously, we're really happy for Big Brown to have the sales topper from his first crop of 2-year-olds," Iavarone continued. "Of course it is sentimental to sell a son of Big Brown, but that is the best part of the whole thing. I think at the end of the day, we had our good fun with Big Brown, and we need to share the wealth with everyone else. We've done really well with him." **Cont. p5**



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<u>149</u>	c	<b>Big Brown</b>	Cool Ghoul	1,300,000
(\$220,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG) <i>B-Landsdon Robbins &amp; Tom Hansen (PA)</i> Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent IV Purchased by Dr Dermot O'Byrne				
<u>96</u>	c	<b>Distorted Humor</b>	Secret Thyme	1,200,000
(\$180,000 yrl '11KEESEP) <i>B-Brushwood Stable (PA)</i> Consigned by Lynne Boutte, agent Purchased by John Ferguson				
<u>51</u>	c	<b>Tapit</b>	Liberty Flag	1,000,000
(\$70,000 RNA '11 KEESEP) <i>B-Caldara Farm (KY)</i> Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds, Agent III Purchased by Sallusto/Albina-Black Rock LLC				
<u>40</u>	c	<b>Bernardini</b>	Jolie Boutique	875,000
(\$325,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG) <i>B-Sally J Anderson &amp; Darley (FL)</i> Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by John Ferguson				
<u>56</u>	c	<b>Hard Spun</b>	Lucky Lavendar Gal	870,000
(\$150,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV; \$200,000 yrl '11 EASSEP; \$220,000 RNA '11 FTSAUG ) <i>B-Blue Mountain Breeders (KY)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent VI Purchased by John Ferguson				
<u>123</u>	c	<b>Street Boss</b>	Varnish	825,000
(\$77,000 yrl '11 FTSJUL) <i>B-C Kidder, N Cole &amp; N Robenalt (KY)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent IX Purchased by Steven Young, agent				
<u>97</u>	c	<b>Malibu Moon</b>	Seek to Soar	725,000
(\$140,000 yrl '11 FTSAUG) <i>B-Phillips Racing Partnership (KY)</i> Consigned by Pike Racing, agent Purchased by John Ferguson				
<u>67</u>	c	<b>Lion Heart</b>	Obligation North	625,000
(\$25,000 wnlg '10 KEENOV; \$115,000 yrl '11 KEESEP) <i>B-Reata Thoroughbred racing (FL)</i> Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent LXXI Purchased by Mark Casse, agent				
<u>91</u>	f	<b>Bernardini</b>	Runnin Ute	550,000
(\$80,000 RNA yrl '11 KEESEP) <i>B-Bloodstock Holdings (KY)</i> Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent Purchased by Todd A Pletcher, agent				
<u>93</u>	c	<b>Tale of the Cat</b>	Saratoga Drive	550,000
<i>B-Marvin Delfiner (KY)</i> Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XIII Purchased by F Thomas Conway				

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**Big Brown Colt Tops F-T Florida, cont. from p3**

It was the second year in a row that IEAH has had a successful pinhook at Fasig's Florida sale. Last year, the group came in with Union Rags (Dixie Union), a \$145,000 Saratoga yearling purchase, and sold the now early Kentucky Derby favorite for \$390,000.

Yesterday's sale topper was consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables. "This is the first crop of 2-year-olds we've sold with Ciaran and he's done a tremendous job for us," Iavarone added.

It was no surprise to Dunne that the youngster was so popular yesterday.

"I wish I had been smart enough to recognize him when he was at Saratoga, but Chris did and we were lucky enough that he sent him to us," Dunne commented. "He was a dream--he is just a wonderful horse. We've been saying it since we've been breaking him. I talked to Boyd Browning through the winter--all winter long we were touting him. He just makes us look a whole lot smarter than we actually are. I can't say enough good things about the horse. Hopefully, for [Coolmore's] Demi [O'Byrne] and for Mr. [Michael] Tabor, he goes on and he makes them gush the way he makes us gush."

Dunne admitted the colt did have one reason to give some potential buyers pause.

"The horse got hurt as a yearling and he had some residual scar tissue," the Irishman explained. "It was there, and it was there for all the world to see. When he first walked out, your initial reaction was 'Oh my God.' But obviously, some of the best horsemen in the world, some of the best veterinarians in the world, left no stone unturned. Everyone remembered him from

Saratoga and, with the technology we have today, several of the veterinarians had scans and ultrasounds from Saratoga that they compared with the ones from here, and everybody was happy.

"I would promise you that Demi O'Byrne knew before he ever breezed that he was the horse that he wanted," Dunne continued. "And that is the good old days of buying 2-year-olds; Demi watched him train, he watched him at the end of the shank and then he showed up on breeze day. He wasn't the fastest horse here, but we thought he was the best horse, and thankfully someone with the money to pay for him did, too."



**Hip 149 Breezes**

*F-T Photo*

**Godolphin Digs Deep for Distorted Humor Colt...**

Team Godolphin was active from start to finish of Monday's Fasig-Tipton Florida sale, ultimately buying four juveniles, but Sheikh Mohammed's operation made its biggest splash of the day when going to \$1.2 million for a son of Distorted Humor.

"Sheikh Mohammed was determined to have him," said David Loder, part of Godolphin's buying team who signed the ticket in the name of John Ferguson. "We saw him in the under-tack show and we obviously gave him positive news from the way he trained all week. I must say that we were surprised that he fetched that much, but everyone in the room seemed to want him, including us. And you know what Sheikh Mohammed is like--he is very determined."



**Hip 96**

*F-T Photo*

The chestnut ([hip 96](#)) was consigned to the sale by Reddick-based Lynne Boutte on behalf of Barry K. Schwartz, who paid \$180,000 for him at last year's Keeneland September sale. "We have quite a few horses in training for Barry and it was just an opportunity--he said pick a few horses and let's try to pinhook them," Boutte, who was celebrating her biggest success in the sales ring, said Monday. "We discussed it with him and he was serious. It's been incredible experience."

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**Godolphin gets Distorted Humor colt cont.**

Asked what made her pick the Distorted Humor colt to pinhook, Boutte said, "We have about 65 in training, and early on some just show that they might mature a lot faster, and he showed that he would. It doesn't always work, but it did this time."

The sale topper is out of Secret Thyme (Storm Cat), a 3/4-sister to Grade I winner Forest Secrets (Forest Wildcat). He worked a furlong last Friday in :10.1.

"He had the most tremendous action when he breezed, and Sheikh Mohammed watched the video and thought the same," Loder commented. "He had real proper action, and he seemed to have a really good mind on him. He looks like he'll make a real nice 2-year-old."

"I am delighted for Lynne Boutte," Loder added. "She brought three really lovely horses here, prepared them beautifully and I am really pleased for her that she has done so well."

Godolphin also purchased a colt by Bernardini for \$875,000, a Hard Spun colt for \$870,000 and a Malibu Moon colt for \$725,000.

"Sheikh Mohammed is keen to try to win some races at Royal Ascot this year with the 2-year-olds," the Englishman continued. "Most of the ones that we bought today look like they should fit that bill--of course the Bernardini might need a bit more time. The boss is always keen to win, he loves the 2-year-olds and 2-year-old racing, and there is no point in going to a fight without a pistol."

Loder admitted he was finding plenty of company while bidding yesterday.

"I think it is very competitive," he said. "I think there is a very good atmosphere. Every horse coming up here, there seems to be plenty of people in for them."

**The Rock Gets a Piece...**

Agent Nick Sallusto, bidding on behalf of Steve Marshall's Black Rock Stables, had the final answer at \$1 million for [hip 51](#), a son of Tapit--Liberty Flag (Kingmambo) consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds. The bay colt breezed in :10 3/5 at Friday's breeze show.

"He really stood out to me," said Sallusto, who was seated beside Hanzly Albina in the pavilion. "Physically, he was the best individual in the sale, and he performed well. He had a wonderful attitude and a great mind, and he had a tremendous amount of presence. That's very important to me."

Sallusto was previously involved with IEAH Stables when that operation purchased a pair of Tapit fillies, including the \$5.7 million spent for Stardom Bound




**L to R: Stephens, Albina and Sallusto**

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following her unbeaten season in 2008; and the private purchase of Laragh (Tapit), who developed into a Grade I winner for IEAH and partners. He was expecting a big price tag for this bay colt.

"When you're bidding on what you think is the best 2-year-old around, you always run the risk of having to pay that much," Sallusto noted. "Honestly, we were hoping to get him for \$600-800,000, but, obviously, we were prepared to go higher."

Having been involved with Stardom Bound and

Laragh--both daughters of Tapit--Sallusto has a particular fondness for the Gainesway inmate.

"I'm a big believer in the stallion, and that was a huge factor," Sallusto confirmed. "I've been a fan of Tapit from the start."

Sallusto said no decision had been made yet as to who would train the colt. Marshall, who is based in California and runs Western Energy Production, acquired a majority interest in Silver Medallion (Badge of Silver) 12 months ago. That runner

captured the GIII Ft. Lauderdale S. at Gulfstream earlier this season for trainer Todd Pletcher.



**Back to the Well...**

A year ago, John Stephens brought a filly by Tapit acquired inexpensively as a yearling and watched her sell for \$750,000 to John Ferguson. This time around,



**Stephens** F-T  
Photo

Stephens went just that one bit better. When a colt by Tapit RNA'd for \$70,000 at KEESEP, Stephens stepped in and secured the colt privately for \$75,000 on behalf of Clear Sky Farm.

"I am elated," Stephens exclaimed. "He was just one of those horses that got better and better every day."

Asked if he was especially partial to Tapit, Stephens smiled and said, "I think he's everyone's favorite sire."

[Hip 51](#) is out of Liberty Flag, a winning 3/4-sister to stakes winner Gold Streamer (Forty Niner) that was purchased by Caldara

Farm for \$160,000 at KEENOV in 2008. She was in foal to Malibu Moon the time, and the subsequent yearling colt sold for \$225,000 as a yearling at KEESEP to Gainesway. The mare's Tiznow foal died last year, and she was bred back to Candy Ride (Arg).

**A Bernardini and a Hard Spun for Godolphin...**

David Loder, standing alongside Charlie Boden just behind the auctioneer's stand, made only one bid on [hip 40](#), but it was the only one that counted, and the bay colt by Darley stallion Bernardini will join Team Godolphin for \$875,000. Donato Lanni, bidding not far from Loder, was the underbidder.

"He is a beautiful horse," Loder explained after signing the ticket. "He's a big horse and he galloped very well all week and breezed particularly well. He had a nice stride on him. And he had a good gallop-out time. So all the pieces of the jigsaw would appear to be in place. Sheikh Mohammed had a look at the video and liked the horse very much, and said to go ahead."



**Loder** F-T  
Photo

Loder signed the ticket in the name of John Ferguson, who was at the breeze show Friday and at the sales grounds Saturday, but returned to Dubai yesterday.

Of the \$875,000 price tag, which topped early returns at Fasig yesterday, Loder said, "He was a difficult horse to value. We were happy with the price-- we thought he might go to seven figures, but he's come in under there." **cont. p8**



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“Sheikh Mohammed will decide obviously [where he goes],” Loder continued. “I can’t tell you anything more than that at the moment. Obviously, he’s got more important things going on in Dubai this week. He’s busy, but he is watching the videos and sending through his instructions.”

Not long afterwards, Loder was back in action to secure a son of another Darley stallion. This time it was [hip 56](#), a colt by Hard Spun out of Lucky Lavender Gal (Carson City). The juvenile is a half-brother to stakes winner Lavender Lass (Skip Trial) and to graded stakes placed Lavender’s Lad (Gate Dancer). He was consigned by Eddie Woods.

“The thing about this horse is that he looks like he should go in Europe, and he looks like he should be a proper 2-year-old,” Loder said. “He was with one of the very best consignors, who has had endless success--so he ticked a lot of boxes.”

Of the colt’s price, Loder added, “He went for a little bit more than we thought he would, but Sheikh Mohammed was determined. He liked the horse and he wanted him.”

### A Pinhooking Score for Hartley/De Renzo...

Randy Hartley and Dean De Renzo paid \$325,000 for the son of Bernardini at last year’s F-T Saratoga sale and De Renzo admitted he was thrilled to see the colt bring \$875,000 in his return through the ring yesterday. “I think he is an awesome horse and that is what the market showed,” De Renzo said.

Asked what he had liked about the colt last summer, De Renzo said, “He was a very well-balanced horse and he walked really well. But he was really smart as a yearling, and that helps us get to this point.” De Renzo did admit there were nerves involved in spending that much on a pinhooking prospect.

“It does make me nervous,” he said. “I have to admit it does. We’ve [paid that much] before, but every time that we have, we’ve been rewarded for it. So it has been the right move for us. We like that part of the market.” Of yesterday’s price, he added, “Everybody wants to hit the million-dollar mark, but as long as he goes on to become a great racehorse, then [buyers] just keep coming back--so for us, long-term that is the best thing.”



Hip 40 F-T Photo

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### Good Day for Woods and Bradley...

Pinhookers Eddie Woods and Pete Bradley have enjoyed a strong spring and the impressive results continued yesterday at Fasig-Tipton. The partnership spent \$200,000 for the son of Hard Spun--Lucky Lavender Gal at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall sale and watched the colt sell to Godolphin for \$870,000 yesterday. "He was always a super horse," said Woods. "He was always a horse that we loved and he came with us--which they all don't do."

Of the price, Woods added, "He brought more than I thought he would, but that's probably just being conservative on my part. It takes two guys, and they made the dance go."

The success only got sweeter later in the session when a son of first-crop sire Street Boss sold for \$825,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent Steve Young. Bradley Thoroughbreds had purchased the youngster for just \$77,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale.

"We look for a frame and an athlete first, and this guy had that," Bradley said. "He was very correct and very athletic."

Bradley admitted he was surprised they were able to buy the colt last year.

"When we bought him, I turned to Eddie and I said, 'That is the least expensive horse we will buy all year.'"

He continued, "I was appalled that we even had a chance to buy him, quite frankly. We probably had twice the money to spend on him that we did, and I didn't think that we would get him. There were a couple of people who came up and said they liked him, but for some reason just didn't bid on him. He was an exceptional horse from the day we got him. Some of the July horses will grow up and surprise you with how good they get, but he was no surprise. He was exceptional from day one."

Among the successes for the Bradley and Woods' partnership this spring was an Indygo Shiner colt who turned from a \$37,000 July yearling into a \$330,000 Barretts March 2-Year-Old. Bradley was quick to give credit to Woods and partner Angela Mellerick for the run of success.

"My name is signed on the line for buying these horses, but it is a team effort," Bradley said. "Eddie and Angela have patience, a good eye and they are excellent horsepeople. They are as much the strength as me on this deal. Hats off to them for what they do. They have to sweat with these horses every day from July or September."

Of the building string of successes, Bradley said, "When things go right, it makes you more nervous than when they go wrong. When things are going right, you just keep hoping that they continue to go right. This year, it has."

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**Picking Up Another Prospect...**

After [hip 67](#), a son of Lion Heart out of Obligation North (Valley Crossing) shared Friday's fastest time of :10 flat, he was assured of getting plenty of attention from buyers, and so it proved. Trainer Mark Casse--conveniently bidding next to the press box--prevailed with a final salvo of \$625,000 on behalf of an undisclosed owner.

"He was my favorite horse here," said Casse. "You never know with the 2-year-old in training sales." He added with a chuckle, "I honestly thought he'd bring more, but that's not to say that I would have paid more."

It was the first of two purchases on the day for Casse, who also signed the ticket on the day's final offering, a \$435,000 son of Tale of the Cat--Ellie's Moment (Kris S.) from the Scanlon Training Center draft.

Hip 67 is out of a winning half-sister to the talented sprinter Weigelia (Safely's Mark), who bankrolled over \$1 million while counting the Gili Carry Back S. and Gili Kenny Noe Jr. H. among his 13 career wins. Bred in Florida by Reata Thoroughbred Racing, this youngster was secured for \$25,000 as a weanling at KEENOV by Baccari Bloodstock. That operation in turn sold him for \$115,000 as a yearling at KEESEP to Kuehne Racing, the nom de course of Dallas-based attorney and philanthropist Ernest W. Kuehne. Consignor Eddie Woods, who had a big day at the sale, offered the colt on Kuehne's behalf.

Casse is currently on the Kentucky Derby trail with Prospective (Malibu Moon), who carried John Oxley's colors to victory in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 10.

"He is doing great," said Casse. "He's going to breeze tomorrow. We're deciding between the [GI] Wood Memorial [Apr. 7] or the [GI] Blue Grass [Apr. 17]. A lot will depend on the weather. If it looks like several days of bad weather in New York, then we'll stay in Kentucky, because he's at Churchill now. Of course, it's just a short ride to Keeneland and he'd be back in his own stall quicker, but if he runs poorly, then you don't know whether it was because of the Polytrack, or whether he's not quite a Derby horse."

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**Word on the Street...**

The first crop of multiple Grade I winner Street Boss (Street Cry {Ire}) did very well at the yearling sales in 2011, when he had 60 youngsters sell for an average of \$50,576. The Darley stallion had seven of 11 juveniles sell at the first two sales this season for an average of \$113,571.

That number will certainly jump up after yesterday's Fasig-Tipton session. Early in the day, [hip 6](#) sold to EQB for \$430,000, and [hip 123](#) nearly doubled that when selling for \$825,000 to bloodstock agent Steve Young.

Young, wearing a Trappe Shot baseball cap while standing in the back walking ring, said he was bidding on behalf of an undisclosed client. The bay colt, who went in :10 1/5 at Friday's breeze show, is out of Varnish (Cox's Ridge). That makes him a half-brother to Swingforthefences (Boston Harbor), who captured the Iowa Derby in 2004, and also ran third that year in both the GII Pennsylvania Derby and GIII Tampa Bay Derby.

"He had trained awful good all week, and previewed as good or better than he had been training," said Young. "He's by a first-crop sire whose babies look the part, and he's got the body and bottom line that suggests he'll run long."

Young was aware that he'd have to pay a premium for the colt.

"The way the sale has been going, I knew he'd be right up there," he said. "It's not so much a question of a small catalogue, but, like at any sale, the good horses have multiple people on them."

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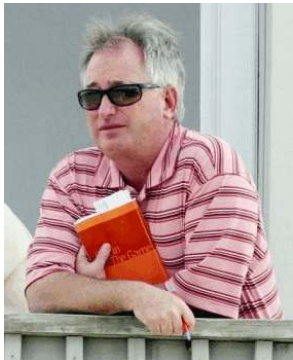


**Emphasis on Select...**

There were a total of 167 head catalogued for the sale this year and, with the typical attrition rate of a juvenile sale, just 84 went through the ring. Of those, 60 sold for a total of \$19,215,000. The average was \$320,250, and the median was \$227,500. Last year, 87 horses sold for an average of \$237,759, with a median price of \$200,000. There were 56 RNAs in 2011.

Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning was pleased with the results, while acknowledging the high number of outs.

"There were multiple bidders on virtually every horse that was sold," said Browning. "The 2-year-old business has been, and continues to be, a high-risk, high-reward enterprise. You either have multiple bidders or no bidders. When you had multiple bidders, the results were probably much better than they expected, or would have hoped so three months ago. It's the nature of the marketplace."



**Browning** Horsephotos

In 2011, the Florida Sale kicked off the juvenile auction season during the first week of March, but Fasig-Tipton pushed it back further on the calendar this year to follow Barretts and OBS March.

"To this day, I don't know how to reduce the number of outs at a 2-year-old sale," said Browning. "The movement of the sale was designed to give the horses a little time to mature, to reflect the current changes to the racing calendar, and to instill bidder and buyer confidence in the marketplace. I feel good about that. It's always difficult to say 30 minutes after the sale, we need to get input from everyone, but my initial reaction was that the date change was positive, and I think that's reflected in the results. The reality is that, when you line up a certain number of horses at a 2-year-old in training sale, and you put them under the scrutiny of training, the clock, the videotape, the veterinarians, and pedigree analysis, there are going to be a few horses that don't jump through the hoops. The other reality is that in the marketplace right now, you have a high percentage of buyers that want horses to "tick or check all the boxes." If there are four boxes and the horse only checks three of them, they don't say, 'Well, we're going to give you 75% of what we thought the horse was worth,' they're just not going to bid on the horse, and that's the reality, for better or for worse, of the marketplace."

With this smaller foal crop--a trend that will continue for the next few years--auction houses' hands may be tied in regards to beefing up catalogue numbers.

"We would have liked to have had a few more horses in the catalogue this year," Browning acknowledged.

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"I think anyone that was in this tent today would have said that there were buyers here for additional horses. Now I hope that a few people left here thinking they should bring more horses here next year. Or people that didn't come, I hope that they are thinking that they should have things in this market next year. I can promise that our team will work really hard between now and late December/early January to put the best possible catalogue together and, frankly, as many good horses as you can find. We are a commission-based operation. You'll never sell every horse, but you want to sell as many quality horses as you can. We are going to try to recruit as many quality horses as we can to our South Florida venue in 2013."



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"This is the premier sale. This is where they come to buy what they perceive to be the best horses. We need more horses to put in front of them. As they've proven today, if we put them in front of them, they will buy them. But I am sure, from the buyer's perspective, there are a lot of guys who waited all day and did not buy anything, not because they didn't try, but because they ran out of opportunities."



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**FASIG-TIPTON FLORIDA**

<b>Hip</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Sire</b>	<b>Dam</b>	<b>Price (\$)</b>
<u>13</u>	f	<u>Malibu Moon</u>	Frio Town	400,000

*B-Bryant H Prentice III (Ky)*

*Consigned by Wavertree Stables Inc (Ciaran Dunne), agent I  
Purchased by Swifty Farms*

Scooped up for \$80,000 as a KEESEP yearling by Red Wing Enterprises, this dark bay returned five times that initial investment in her second trip through the sales ring.

<u>20</u>	c	Lion Heart	Grandestofall	195,000
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*B-Doug Branham (Ky)*

*Consigned by Cary Frommer, agent  
Purchased by Barry Berkelhammer, agent*

This \$13,000 KEENOV weanling was knocked down to Cary Frommer for \$20,000 as a Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall yearling and gave the Aiken-based horsewoman a nice payday here.

<u>38</u>	f	<u>Exchange Rate</u>	Inspirational	300,000
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*B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (Ky)*

*Consigned by Stephens T'breeds, agent for Vision Racing and Sales LLC  
Purchased by D Wayne Lukas*

This grey filly went to Vision Racing and Sales for \$89,000 at FTKJUL and caught the eye of Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who trained her sire, this time around.

<u>65</u>	f	<u>Malibu Moon</u>	More Than Pretty	490,000
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*B-Spendthrift Farm (Ky)*

*Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent XXVIII  
Purchased by Stonestreet Stables*

It's not hard to figure out why this \$90,000 Keeneland September Grady Equine buy returned so much the second time around--the bay worked a co-fastest furlong in [:10 flat](#) at Friday's under-tack show.

<u>91</u>	f	<u>Bernardini</u>	Runnin Ute	550,000
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*B-Bloodstock Holdings (Ky)*

*Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), agent  
Purchased by Todd A Pletcher, agent*

Sequel Bloodstock's Becky Thomas purchased this April foal privately shortly after she RNA'd for \$80,000 at Keeneland September. Named I Got This One, the bay rewarded Thomas handsomely this time around.

<u>118</u>	c	<u>Stormy Atlantic</u>	Tortuga Lady	200,000
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*B-Greenwich Cattle Company (Ky)*

*Consigned by Niall Brennan, agent XIX  
Purchased by Fox Hill Farm, Tom McGreevy, agent*

This \$50,000 FTKOCT yearling, purchased by Michael Sucher, got a nice update before stepping into the ring Monday. His half-sister Princess Arabella (Any Given Saturday), a 'TDN Rising Star', kept her pristine record intact with an eight-length romp in Sunday's Sunland Park Oaks.

132 c **Congrats** Ariel Rose 300,000

*B-Rustlewood Farm (Fl)*

*Consigned by Secure Investments  
Purchased by Sallusto & Albina, agents*

To call this pinhook a "secure investment" doesn't really do it justice. Just a \$40,000 OBS August yearling, this Florida-bred proved a real home run here in his native state.

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**Baffert Runners Breeze Over the Tapeta...**

While trainer Bob Baffert was recuperating in the hospital yesterday, his Wold Cup hopefuls where putting in their final serious work over the Tapeta at Meydan. **Game On Dude** (Awesome Again), one of the favorites for the G1 Dubai World Cup, breezed 800 meters in :48.51. The gelding won last year's GI Santa Anita H. and GI Goodwood S. and was runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. He comes to Dubai off a strong 5 1/4-length tally in the GII San Antonio S. in his seasonal bow at Santa Anita Feb. 5. Also working was **TDN Rising Star** **The Factor** (War Front), who worked 600 meters in advance of the G1 Golden Shaheen. The 4-year-old covered the distance in :36.80. Former assistant trainer to Bob Baffert, Tim Yakteen, oversaw the Monday training. "Both of them are ready," Yakteen said. "Bob wanted them to get a feel and stretch their legs a bit. All thumbs up."

**Royal Delta Gallops...**

GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic heroine **Royal Delta** (Empire Maker) continued to look good yesterday morning as she bids to become the first female to win the G1 Dubai World Cup. The champion 3-year-old filly, who could make back a good bit of the \$8.5 million Besilu Stables paid for her at Keeneland November with a victory in the \$10 million centerpiece, galloped about 1 1/4 miles on the all-weather. Leana Willaford, an assistant to trainer Bill Mott, was in the saddle. "She was very happy," Willaford reported. "She gets over this track very well--she just cruises over it." In her only attempt over a synthetic track, Royal Delta won a first-level allowance at Keeneland last April before going on to win the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. in her next outing. In her first start for Ben Leon's Besilu, she finished a well-beaten second, beaten eight lengths by Awesome Maria (Maria's Mon), in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Sabin S. at Gulfstream Feb. 25.



# TDN DUBAI RACING COVERAGE

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## Saturday, Meydan Racecourse

**DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1**, \$5,000,000, NH4yo+&SH 3yo+, 2410mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Songcraft (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	bin Suroor	De Sousa	124
2	Bold Silvano (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	de Kock	Soumillon	125
3	Beaten Up (GB)	Beat Hollow (GB)	Haggas	Murtagh	124
4	Mahbooba (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	de Kock	Shea	121
5	Cavalryman (GB)	Halling	bin Suroor	Dettori	125
6	Treasure Beach (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	O'Brien	Spencer	124
7	Jakkalberry (Ire)	St'rming Hme (GB)	Botti	Moore	125
8	Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)	Even Top (Ire)	Barande-Barne	Peslier	125
9	St Nicholas Abbey (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	O'Brien	O'Brien	125
10	Shimraan (Fr)	Rainbow Quest	Al Zarooni	Barzalona	125

## Saturday, Meydan Racecourse

**DUBAI DUTY FREE-G1**, \$5,000,000, NH4yo+&SH 3yo+, 1800mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Green Destiny (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	H Brown	Schofeld	
2	Await the Dawn	Giant's Causeway	O'Brien	O'Brien	
3	Rajsaman (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Al Raihe	Ffrench	
4	Ambitious Dragon (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Millard	Whyte	
5	Musir (Aus)	Red'te's Choice (Aus)	de Kock	Shea	
6	Delegator (GB)	Dansili (GB)	bin Suroor	Dettori	
7	Dark Shadow (Jpn)	Dance in the Dark (Jpn)	Hori	Fukunaga	
8	California Memory (K)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Cruz	Chadwick	
9	Xtension (Ire)	Xaar (GB)	Moore	Lloyd	
10	Mutahadee (Ire)	Encosta deLago (Aus)	de Kock	Soumillon	
11	Cityscape (GB)	Selkirk	Charlton	Doyle	
12	Presvis (GB)	Sakhee	Cumani	Moore	
13	City Style	City Zip	Al Zarooni	Barzalona	
14	Rio de la Plata (K)	Rahy	bin Suroor	De Sousa	
15	Wigmore Hall (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Bell	Spencer	
16	Dubawi Gold (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Hannon	Murtagh	
Reserve:					
17	Albaasil (Ire)	Dansili (GB)	Watson	N/A	

All carry 125lbs

## Saturday, Meydan Racecourse

**DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN-G1**, \$2,000,000, NH4yo+&SH 3yo+, 1200m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rocket Man (Aus)	Viscount (Aus)	Shaw	Coetzee	
2	Happy Dubai (Ire)	Indian Ridge (Ire)	Al Raihe	Murtagh	
3	Giant Ryan	Freud	Parboo	Martinez	
4	Russian Rock (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Al Muhairi	W Smith	
5	Krypton Factor (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Nass	Fallon	
6	Hitchens (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Barron	DeSousa	
7	The Factor (K)	War Front	Baffert	Bejarano	
8	Iver Bridge Lad (GB)	Avonbridge (GB)	Ryan	O'Connell	
9	Sepoy (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Snowden	McEvoy	
10	Inxile (Ire)	Fayruz (GB)	Nicholls	Nicholls	
11	Soul (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	bin Suroor	Dettori	
12	Lucky Nine (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fownes	Prebble	

All carry 125lbs, except Sepoy with 124lbs

## Saturday, Meydan Racecourse

**AL QUOZ SPRINT-G1**, \$1,000,000, NH&SH 3yo+, 1000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Monsieur Joe (Ire)	Choisir (Aus)	Cowell	125
2	Addictive Dream (Ire)	Kheleyf	Nicholls	125
3	Regally Ready (K)	More Than Ready	Asmussen	125
4	A Shin Virgo (Jpn)	Falbrav (Ire)	Kozaki	121
5	Nocturnal Affair (SAf)	Victory Moon (SAf)	Marnane	125
6	Joy and Fun (NZ)	Cullen (Aus)	Cruz	125
7	Invincible Ash (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Halford	121
8	August Rush (SAf)	Var	H Brown	125
9	War Artist (Aus)	Orpen	de Kock	125
10	Ortensia (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Messara	121
11	Eagle Regiment (Aus)	El Moxie	Man Ka Leung	125
12	Prohibit (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Cowell	125
13	Better Be the One (Aus)	More Than Ready	Freedman	125
14	Secret Asset (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	J Chpple-Hym	125
15	Sole Power (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Lynam	125
16	Margot Did (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Bell	121

## Saturday, Meydan Racecourse

**UAE DERBY-G2**, \$2,000,000, NH&SH 3yo+, 1900mT (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lucky Chappy (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Motion	Garcia	121
2	Burano (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Meehan	Fallon	121
3	Maritimer (Can)	Stormy Atlantic	Brown	Schofield	121
4	Balada Sale (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Bary	Lemaire	126
5	Genten	Bernardini	Yahagi	Williams	121
6	Mickdaam (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Kock	Soumillon	121
7	Daddy Long Legs	Scat Daddy	O'Brien	O'Donoghue	121
8	Yang Tse Kiang (Fr)	Kahyasi (Ire)	Chotard	Jarnet	121
9	Kinglet	Kingmambo	Al Zarooni	Dettori	121
10	Falls of Lora (Ire)	Street Cry (Ire)	Al Zarooni	Barzalona	117
11	Entifaadha (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Haggas	Hills	121
12	Red Duke	Hard Spun	Quinn	Queally	121
13	Wrote (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	O'Brien	Moore	121
14	Helmet (Aus)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Snowden	McEvoy	131
Reserves:					
15	Mehdi (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Meehan	n/a	121
16	Surfer	Distorted Humor	Seemar	n/a	121
17	Counterglow (Ire)	Echo of Light (GB)	Al Zarooni	n/a	121

## Saturday, Meydan Racecourse

**GODOLPHIN MILE-G2**, \$1,000,000, NH4yo+&SH 3yo+, 1600m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Richard's Kid	Lemon Drop Kid	Seemar	Mullen	125
2	Barbecue Eddie	Stormy Atlantic	Watson	Dobbs	125
3	Sandagiyr (Fr)	Dr Fong	bin Suroor	Barzalona	125
4	African Story (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	bin Suroor	Dettori	125
5	First City (GB)	Diktat (GB)	Al Raihe	Ffrench	121
6	Shamalgan (Fr)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Nakkachdji	Benoist	125
7	Derbaas	Seeking the Gold	Al Raihe	R Hills	125
8	Western Aristocrat	Mr Greeley	Nosedata	Moore	125
9	Red Jazz	Johannesburg	C Hills	M Hills	125
10	Dux Scholar (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Brown	Schofield	125
11	Do It All	Distorted Humor	bin Suroor	De Sousa	125
12	Snaafy	Kingmambo	Al Muhairi	W Smith	125
13	Viscount Nelson	Giant's Causeway	de Kock	K Shea	125
14	Haatheq	Seeking the Gold	Al Raihe	T O'Shea	125

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**Saturday, Meydan Racecourse**

**DUBAI GOLD CUP-G3, \$1,000,000, NH4yo+&SH 3yo+, 3200mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Makani Bisty (Jpn)	Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn)	Yahagi	Komaki	125
2	Barbican (GB)	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Bailey	Moore	120
3	Unusual Suspect	Unusual Heat	Kent	Nakatani	125
4	Averroes (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Oertel	Cosgrove	125
5	Joshua Tree (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	M Botti	Murtagh	125
6	Irish Flame (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	de Kock	Shea	125
7	Bronze Cannon	Lemon Drop Kid	H Brown	Ulubaev	125
8	Mikhail Glinka (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	H Brown	Schofield	125
9	Grant Vent (Ire)	Scirocco (Ger)	bin Suroor	Barzalona	120
10	Opinion Poll (Ire)	Halling	Al Zarooni	Dettoni	125
11	Fox Hunt (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Al Zarooni	DeSousa	125
12	Zanzamar (SAf)	Fort Wood	de Kock	Hills	124
13	Kasbah Bliss (Fr)	Kahyasi (Ire)	Doumen	Mosse	125

**Sunday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT**

**LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Fire Alarm	Fusaichi Pegasus	Mena	Calhoun	122
2	Windsurfer (K)	Speightstown	Velazquez	Pletcher	122
3	Finnegans Wake	Powerscourt (GB)	Lanerie	Romans	122
4	Flashy Sunrise (K)	Flashy Bull	Maragh	Stewart	122
5	Cigar Street (K)	Street Sense	Bridgmohan	Margolis	122
6	Shared Property (K)	Scat Daddy	Goncalves	Amoss	122
7	Mr. Bowling (K)	Istan	Albarado	Jones	122
8	Mark Valeski (K)	Proud Citizen	Napravnik	Jones	122
9	Arm Force (K)	Tiznow	Leparoux	Harty	122
10	Comisky's Humor (K)	Sharp Humor	Eramia	Faucheux	122
11	Z Dager (K)	Mizzen Mast	Sellers	Asmussen	122
12	Rousing Sermon	Lucky Pulpit	Smith	Hollendorfer	122
13	Hero of Order (K)	Sharp Humor	Martin Jr.	Dorochenko	122
14	Afford	Street Sense	Graham	Geier	122

**Sunday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:51 p.m. EDT**

**NEW ORLEANS H.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Nehro (K)	Mineshaft	Bridgmohan	Asmussen	116
2	Mission Impazible (K)	Unbridled's Song	Castellano	Pletcher	122
3	Nates Mineshaft	Mineshaft	Campbell	Smith	118
4	Toby's Corner	Bellamy Road	Castro	Motion	117
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9	Mister Marti Gras	Belong to Me	Borel	Pessin	114
10	Joinem	Johar	Graham	Carroll	116
11	Papaw Bodie (K)	Strong Hope	Napravnik	Maker	116

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**Sepoy, Helmet in Fine Fettle...**

Australian trainer Peter Snowden brings a pair of exciting horses to Dubai on behalf of owner Sheikh Mohammed, and is confident **Sepoy (Aus)** (Elusive Quality) and **Helmet (Aus)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) will do the home team proud. "I couldn't be happier with the way they have settled in since their arrival from Australia," said Snowden, who himself arrived Monday. Sepoy, last season's G1 Golden Slipper winner, will take on some of the world's best older sprinters in the G1 Golden Shaheen, while three-time Group 1 winner Helmet, hero of the G1 Caulfield Guineas last September, will try to rebound from three straight losses in the G2 UAE Derby over 1900 meters. Snowden said both horses have spent "as much time as possible" on the all-weather surface at Meydan since arriving in Dubai. "It's what they're going to be racing on so they've got to get used to it," Snowden said. "So far, everything has gone according to plan, and they will be having their final piece of fast work [this] morning." Snowden, the long-time foreman for trainer John Hawkes in Sydney, took over the role as the trainer when Sheik Mohammed began his Darley Stud operation in Australia about six years ago. "This is the first time I've traveled horses overseas in my own name, and it's a great honour to have runners for His Highness Sheik Mohammed at the world's richest racemeeting," he said. Sepoy and Helmet will join the Sheikh's Dubai stables after Saturday and contest races at the Royal Ascot meeting in June.



**Guineas Trial Planned for Ektihaam...**

☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Ektihaam (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) was the subject of a positive bulletin from trainer Roger Varian yesterday as he is geared towards a 2000 Guineas trial. Unbeaten after his first two starts, Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's colt was last of nine in the G1 Dewhurst S. when last seen at Newmarket in October. "I perhaps threw him in at the deep end too soon, as he wasn't quite man enough and battle-hardened for the Dewhurst, but he's done well through the winter," Varian said. "He has strengthened up and is moving well and we are very fond of him--he's still a horse we like and haven't lost faith in. We haven't made any firm plans, but he might come out in a trial in the middle of April, as he would want a run before we contemplate the Guineas."

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



### Craven Test for Forgotten Hero...

Saturday's impressive Lingfield maiden winner **Forgotten Hero (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) is set to run in the G3 Craven S. at Newmarket, connections announced yesterday. Following the six-length success of the colt ([video](#)), who is part-owned by Manchester United Football Club Manager Sir Alex Ferguson, in the mile Polytrack contest trainer Charlie Hills is looking at the Apr. 19 Guineas trial. "He's still a big baby and needs to learn to race properly, and you will probably see him again in the Craven S. at Newmarket," Hills commented. "Although he's by High Chaparral, he shows plenty of speed, and there is speed on his dam's side. Eventually it's likely he will step up in trip, but at the moment we would like to keep him to a mile."

## NEWS TODAY

### Baffert Suffers Heart Attack in Dubai...cont. from p1

Peachtree's John Fort added that he'd received a video on his cell phone taken by Baffert from his hospital bed. The video, which also later was posted on *DRF.com*, shows Baffert surrounded by Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed, Darley's John Ferguson and a collection of doctors and associates. "When you have Sheikh Mo come visit you...there's my doctor, there's John Fergie...this is when you know you are well taken care of," Baffert quipped.

Added Fort, "If he was going to have a heart problem, he couldn't have picked a better place. Hopefully, when he gets back, he'll do what we all have to do--eat a little less and get a little more exercise." In Dubai with Baffert is his wife Jill and his 7-year-old son Bode. In addition to Game On Dude, Baffert will be represented on World Cup night by G1 Golden Shaheen S. hopeful The Factor (War Front).

Word of Baffert's condition spread quickly throughout the racing world yesterday morning. At the Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale, announcer Terence Collier offered an update just prior to the auction's start, and several well-wishers posted messages on Facebook and Twitter. Out in California, Santa Anita's new CEO, Mark Verge, offered words of encouragement. "We're all very concerned about Bob's health, and we're glad to hear that his condition is stable and his outlook is good," said Verge. "On the other hand, and I'm sure Bob would appreciate this, we're also very glad to learn that Bob's got a heart! We understand his signature white mane is intact and we're hoping he can get back to cracking jokes and being the most-recognized guy in our sport as soon as possible. We understand his doctors have given him a very favorable prognosis, and we wish him good luck with both The Factor and Game On Dude, who will be running in a couple of the biggest races of the year over the weekend. We look forward to getting Bob back here at Santa Anita as soon as possible, and we wish both him and Jill and their entire family all the best during this difficult time."

### INDUSTRY REACTS TO NY TIMES STORY

Following the first installment of a four-part series on breakdowns in Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing entitled "Mangled Horses, Maimed Jockeys" which ran on the front page of Sunday's *New York Times*, members of the Thoroughbred industry weighed in Monday in response to the evocative expose.

### U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), who is the sponsor of the Interstate Horse Racing Improvement Act (outlined below\*), issued the following statement:

"The findings uncovered in The New York Times investigation about horseracing in the United States, and New Mexico in particular, paint a very disturbing picture of the industry.

"The sport of horseracing which, at its best, showcases the majestic beauty of this animal and the athleticism of jockeys, has reached an alarming level of corruption and exploitation. The consequence of inconsistent state-level regulation is an epidemic of animal doping that has led to countless euthanizations of helpless horses and the injury and death of their riders.

"The Times exposé has shined a glaring light on the need for national standards in a sport that reaps gambling profits, but has lacked proper oversight for decades.

"I urge our leaders in Congress to advance the bipartisan legislation Congressman Ed Whitfield and I have introduced in both chambers to renew the sport of horseracing and set minimum, nationwide standards for medication and doping. The Interstate Horseracing Improvement Act would kick cheaters out of the sport. The horseracing industry has promised voluntary reforms for decades, but as we've painfully observed, our legislation is the only viable way to address doping problems plaguing the sport.

"Now is the time to end the unscrupulous practices of those trainers and track veterinarians in horseracing who abuse these magnificent animals and endanger jockeys for gambling profits." **cont. p16**



In today:

**[Guest Post: Shack, Brown and Spun Speed](#)**  
*WinStar Farm Bloodstock Analyst Brian Ludwick discusses the effectiveness of early speed in the Kentucky Derby with a focus on recent examples.*



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**\*Interstate Horseracing Improvement Act of 2011 - Amends the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 to prohibit:** (1) entering a horse in a race that is subject to an interstate off-track wager if the person knows the horse is under the influence of a performance-enhancing drug; or (2) knowingly providing a horse with such a drug if the horse, while under the influence of such drug, will participate in a race that is subject to an interstate off-track wager. Prohibits a host racing association from conducting a race that is the subject of an interstate off-track wager unless it has in place a policy that: (1) bans providing a performance-enhancing drug to a horse that will participate in such race while under the influence of the drug, (2) bans the racing of a horse that is under the influence, and (3) requires that an accredited third party conformity assessment body test the first-place horse and one additional randomly selected horse for any such drug and report any test results demonstrating that a horse may have participated while under the influence to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and any host racing commission that entered into an agreement to enforce this Act's provisions. Sets forth penalties for violations, including: (1) civil penalties and suspension of a person providing a horse with such drug, and (2) suspension of a horse that is provided with such a drug or that is raced in violation of this Act. Provides for enforcement of this Act through private civil actions and by the FTC, including through an agreement with a host state's racing commission.

**Statement issued from Dr. John Mitchell, 2012 AAEP president:**

"There should be no higher priority for the racing community than the health and safety of its equine and human athletes. Reducing equine injuries must be the primary focus of all who care for the horse - from racetrack management and regulators to the veterinarians and horsemen who work daily in the barns.

"The racing community has a fundamental obligation to provide the best of care and oversight for our horses, and there are efforts to fulfill this mission. Examples of programs that have been recently developed for improved care of equine athletes include creation and refinement of the injury database, certification of tracks through the Safety and Integrity Alliance, the establishment of aftercare programs for retired racehorses, and the dedication of millions of research dollars to equine health and safety.

"As the New York Times article points out, there is much work to be done. Nationwide adoption of best practices for pre-race inspection and post-race observation along with uniform medication, testing, security and enforcement policies by all racing jurisdictions are essential safety and integrity elements for all to embrace. Commitment to these principles is critical to the very existence of the sport and most importantly, the safety of its horses and human athletes. What is good for the horse is good for racing. The AAEP's mission is to promote the health and welfare of all horses, and as doctors of veterinary medicine, we offer our continued support and expertise to the racing community."

**NYRA issued a statement yesterday in direct response to the NY Times story that claimed: "Even some of America's most prestigious tracks, including Belmont Park, Santa Anita Park and Saratoga Race Course, had incident rates higher than the national average last year, records show."**


"Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park have historically been among the safest race tracks in the country, both for morning workouts and afternoon racing. This contributes to their status as the best thoroughbred meets in the country, drawing the best horses, jockeys, trainers, owners, and fans.

"On Mar. 22, The Jockey Club released an updated North American fatality rate for thoroughbreds that includes three years worth of data collected in the Equine Injury Database™, the North American database for racing injuries.

The database can be viewed online here: <http://www.jockeyclub.com/initiatives.asp?section=2>.


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**Horse Racing: Is the King Dead?** *The sport of kings in under siege and it seems the king is dead; we've been fooled by a paper cutout of the king while a slew of self-interested, short-sighted, sometimes incompetent factions are running the place. Bill Crager, Buttonwood Farm*

**Canterbury Park horses, jockeys fare better than most in NY Times report** *Canterbury spokesman Jeff Maday says maintaining the track's surface is important in preventing injuries. Elizabeth Dunbar, Minnesota Public Radio*



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“For the racing industry as a whole, the prevalence of fatal injury per 1,000 starts was 1.98 for 2009, 1.88 for 2010 and 1.88 for 2011. At Saratoga, the prevalence of fatal injury per 1,000 starts was 0.98 for 2009, 1.52 for 2010, and 0.93 for 2011. These are among the lowest rates of any race track in the entire industry, and demonstrate how safe the Saratoga surface is. Additionally, the prevalence of fatal injury at Belmont has also been below the industry average each of the three reported years, at 1.95, 1.74, and 1.79, respectively.

“To compile their "incident rates," the New York Times used data from result charts that bettors use to evaluate horses. The Times searched the data for terms indicating that a horse encountered a physical problem: broke down, vanned off, injured, lame, euthanized, died, collapsed, bleeding or went wrong. However, there can be many reasons why a horse might be vanned off that have nothing to do with an injury occurring to a horse. Vanning a horse off is often a preventative measure. For example, if a jockey thinks that a horse has taken a bad step, they may pull the horse up and it could be vanned off for precautionary reasons. In a scenario like this, it is common that the horse is not found to have any physical problems. A situation like this would be included in the New York Times analysis despite the fact that there is not an actual injury to a horse or jockey.

“The low breakdown rates that both Saratoga and Belmont Park have had over the last three years, as reported in the official Jockey Club Equine Injury Database, demonstrate that they are both among the safest racing environments in the country. All of the NYRA tracks have been certified by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association’s Safety and Integrity Alliance.

## 20 LATE NOMS TO TRIPLE CROWN


A total of 20 3-year-olds were made eligible to compete in the 2012 Triple Crown--GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S. and GI Belmont Stakes--during the late nomination period that ended Saturday, Mar. 24. This year’s total of 418 nominees is the largest since the record 460 in 2007 and 2008. There were 412 3-year-olds nominated in 2009 and 372 in 2010. Also, the 20 late nominations is the largest number since 25 were added after the early period in 1993.

A payment of \$6,000 was required during the late nomination phase to make a horse eligible for Triple Crown. Included among late nominations were Shivananda Parbhoo’s **Trinniberg** (Teuflesberg), winner of the GIII Swale S.; J. Kirk and Judy Robison’s **Isn’t He Clever** (Smarty Jones), runner-up in Sunday’s GIII Sunland Derby and winner of the Borderland Derby; Starlight Stable’s **Heavy Breathing** (Giant’s Causeway), third in Saturday’s GII Vinery Racing Spiral S.

Also among late nominations are winner of Turfway’s Rushaway S. Fred Seitz’s **Flashy Dresser** (Flashy Bull) ; Magic City Thoroughbred Partners’ GIII Tampa Bay Derby runner-up **Golden Ticket** (Speightstown) and Stephen R. Brown’s **Jake Mo** (Giacomo), runner-up to Castaway (Street Sense) in a division of Oaklawn Park’s GIII Southwest S. One final supplemental stage will be available Wednesday, May 2 at a cost of \$200,000, or 10% of the \$2 million-guaranteed purse. Preference will be given in the Derby to horses made eligible during the early and late nomination phases over supplemental nominees.

## RACETRACK ROUND-UP

### Fort: Princess Arabella Straight to Ky Oaks...

Peachtree Stable’s John Fort said yesterday that **“TDN Rising Star”**  **Princess Arabella** (Any Given Saturday), who remained unbeaten in three starts with a facile win in Sunday’s \$200,000 Sunland Oaks, is being pointed toward GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill May 4 and will in all likelihood train up to the race. Peachtree and trainer Bob Baffert, who conditions Princess Arabella, successfully used the Sunland Oaks as a springboard to last year’s Kentucky Oaks with Plum Pretty (Medaglia d’Oro), who won the Classic as a 6-1 shot.



John Fort after last year’s GI Kentucky Oaks  
[www.kentuckyderby.com](http://www.kentuckyderby.com)

One concern for connections is that Princess Arabella, whose previous wins came on debut against maiden company on New Year’s Day and against allowance company in February, has no graded earnings. That means that, in the case of an overflow field, she could be excluded from the Oaks.

“I thought about it, and I knew that was the situation going into [the Sunland Oaks], that we really wouldn’t have the chance to run again, and I just decided to take my chances,” said Fort. “When we came to Sunland last year, we felt like Plum Pretty needed to prove herself. She had finished second or third in a couple of races to fillies like Zazu (Tapit) and Turbulent Descent (Congrats), and I felt like we needed a race where she could step up and get her confidence up. As it turned out, it worked out perfectly. She won by 25 lengths and went on to win the Oaks.

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### Princess Arabella to Oaks cont.

"At this stage, I feel like Princess Arabella has shown a lot more ability than Plum Pretty had shown. So I was really thinking, if I'm going into the Kentucky Oaks with a racehorse that's as talented as any I've been around, do I want to give her a hard race in a race like the GI Santa Anita Oaks, or do I want to just take an easy progression from six and seven furlongs that wouldn't be too hard on her? In that case, we could go to Kentucky with a really fresh horse. I went with the 'whoosh' strategy--I'll just go up with a very fresh, very talented horse, and maybe she can just overwhelm them. Whenever Bob gets back--obviously he's had a little setback in Dubai--we'll talk things over and try to get to Churchill Downs as early as we can and we'll train right up to the race."

Princess Arabella is scheduled to ship back to Baffert's base at Santa Anita today. The conditioner will have to wait a bit to join her--he's under doctor's orders to remain in Dubai for the eight to 10 days after suffering a heart attack on Sunday. Fort said the filly exited the day better than her trainer. "It was a very easy race for her," he said. "She never got out of that big gallop of hers. She's the only horse I've ever seen who can gallop a mile in 1:36 and change." -LM

## A LOOK AT LUCK

### LUCK REVIEW: EPISODE 9

By Bill Finley

For the longest time, Luck had no one you wanted to root for. Everyone was either a scoundrel, thief, drug addict or a degenerate. Luck still has more than its fair share of rogues. (It is the racetrack, after all). Along the way, though, we were given hints that maybe a couple of these characters actually did have a heart under those rough exteriors. OK, so maybe Turo Escalante and Ace Bernstein aren't exactly warm and fuzzy, but they're not one dimensional creeps, either.

Season One and, presumably Luck itself, ended Sunday night with Escalante juggling the duties of getting ready for the Western Derby with Ace's horse Pint Of Plain and impending fatherhood. He learns something about himself, that he actually wants more out of life than training his horses and cashing bets and that he wants a family. But Jo's pregnancy is touch and go after she was kicked in the area of her stomach by a horse and just as the Western Derby is about to be run she loses the baby.

Escalante, who arrives at the hospital room with flowers only to receive the bad news, is sweet and kind to his girlfriend. And he is clearly hurting inside. He has just won a \$1million horse race, only to discover that there are far more important things in life.

Ace's showdown with Mike, DeRossi and Cohen is about to come to a head. Ace's grandson shows up, apparently tricked into coming to the Western Derby by

Mike. Ace believes Mike's intention is to kill the grandson and Ace, all in a day's work.

In the end, Ace wins, at least this round. The grandson escapes unscathed and Ace and Gus outwit a couple of hitmen hired by Mike to kill Ace. A hired gun goes into a restaurant bathroom thinking Ace is in there alone only to be confronted by Gus, who snaps his neck like it's a twig.

Of course Ace tries to protect his grandson, but there's a side to him that genuinely cares about the kid. It turns out that the younger Bernstein has had a rough life. His father died when he was young and his mother wasn't much of a mother. It seems like he's a lost soul who has always needed someone to look after and care for him. Ace seems like an unlikely fit for that role but as the show is about to end he apologizes to the kid for not having a bigger role in his life and promises that's going to change. Go, Ace.

The Western Derby brings together Pint Of Plain and Gettin' Up Morning for what promises to be an epic showdown. In true Affirmed-Alydar fashion, the two battle every step of the way in the stretch and cross the wire together. The photo finish camera gives the decision to Pint Of Plain, but it could have gone either way. Both horses were winners and have bright futures.

The win brings still more good news for the four gamblers, who score out earlier in the day when Mon Gateau successfully survives another class jump and wins the South Bay Handicap with Rosie in the irons. When Pint Of Plain also wins they have the Pick Three, Pick Four, the Pick Everything and win \$417,000.

Marcus understands that this is still the racetrack and says of their good fortune, "I would suspect in the long run we all go broke." Spoken like a true gambler.

Leon, still battling his weight, is off to racing's Siberia, Portland Meadows. Yes, David Israel is definitely dead. Renzo's mother arrives on the scene. Claire is still Claire. The goat goes missing, which seemed to be a bad omen for Pint Of Plain, but wanders back to Escalante's barn after the race. Life is good for Jerry. He's got a hot girlfriend, he's flush with cash and he hasn't been to the poker room in a while. (I just wish he'd run a comb through his hair).

Episode Nine had many of the elements that were missing from Episodes 1 through 8. There was tension, in both the threats to Ace and, yes, the Western Derby showdown. There was violence, always good when you are trying to attract viewers, a little sex, and some important character developments. This one was far less slow than its predecessors, which is what you would expect from the final episode of a season.

While it lasted, Luck was fun to have around and must-watching for anyone who likes horse racing. I will miss the show. But it's fair to say that it was not a success, and not because it shut down over the horse deaths. It was a failure because very few people were watching it. The question is, why?



## Look at Luck cont.

That can be better answered by the 99.8 percent of Americans who either never watched Luck or lost interest after the first episode or two. I suspect Luck's major flaw was, simply, horse racing. As much as this was a show about people and life's travails, it was a horse racing show and it tried to sell a subject that the vast majority of people have no interest in. If they made a series about bass fishing, I wouldn't have watched.

But Luck didn't do itself any favors. It made the viewer work too hard and, sorry, that's not what Americans want to do when it comes to their television watching. Especially in the beginning, you couldn't understand half the things the actors had to say. Too many had bad cases of the mumbles. When you did understand them you weren't necessarily sure what they were talking about. There was too much ambiguity. I'm still not exactly sure exactly what Ace did and what his feud with Mike and company was all about. And is Ace a gangster, merely a ruthless businessman or some combination of both? Don't know. Why, exactly, does Mike want to kill Ace? Again, don't know.

I am certain that the non-racing fans didn't understand half of the racing stuff. It also, as I have mentioned before, took too long to develop the story. And a little more good old sex and violence certainly would have helped.

The pluses were many. Some of the acting, especially from Dustin Hoffman, was brilliant. Gary Stevens was a pleasant surprise. He was terrific and let's hope he can land another role somewhere else. The thing Luck did best was to capture the magnificence of the horse. These are truly wonderful creatures and when a horse like Pint Of Plain can turn a tough hombre like Ace Bernstein into putty you begin to understand the powers these creatures have over us.

In the end, Luck had an imperfect marriage with the horse racing world and many didn't like what was a fairly honest portrayal of the sport. Now the marriage is over, with racing and with the public as a whole. As in any divorce, there's plenty of blame to go around. As in any divorce, there's every reason to be sad.



## BANNING DRUGS

The mission statement of TOBA is "to improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of owners and breeders." TOBA made a gallant stand in trying to stop the scourge of our sport...drugs...but it now appears that it cannot hold the line.

Some months ago the Jacksons, Strawbridges and Hancocks went to Washington at the request of Congressman Ed Whitfield and Senator Tom Udall, and a bill was drawn up by experienced staffers and lawyers in Washington and Lexington which would free the Thoroughbred industry from the shackles of performance enhancing drugs once and for all.

Many concerned members of our industry are now behind this effort as it is becoming ever more clear that the industry isn't going to be able to police itself and that Federal legislation is the only solution available to solve the drug problem in our industry.

This is a notice to keep people informed that the bill in Washington (which stops the drugging of horses in races which are simulcast and which stops cheating trainers in their tracks) is very much alive and well. It is becoming more apparent to everyone that the way to stop the out of control drugging of racehorses is through the IHA (The Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978).

Remember, the government gave us this legislation to permit simulcasting in the first place, and all it will take is an amendment to the IHA to prohibit the rampant drug use and corruption and to put a stop to those trainers who cheat once and for all. Thoroughbred racing is already in partnership with the Federal government so there is absolutely no truth to the statement, "The last thing we need is for the government to get in our business."

If you are sick and tired of watching this industry go down the drain, standing by helplessly while wagering, attendance and handle continue to fall, and even witnessing certain organizations calling for the elimination of racing altogether, please add your signature in support of the IHIA, The Interstate Horseracing Improvement Act. We are steadily moving forward. Amending the IHA is really the only viable option...and in reality it is pretty simple. There is just nothing else that will work and there are decades of evidence demonstrating that fact.

Below is a current list of those of us who support this bill and a place for your signature. A copy of the bill itself may be found here:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr1733ih/pdf/BILLS-112hr1733ih.pdf>





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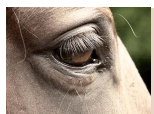
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## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Turfway Park

VINERY RACING SPIRAL S.-GIII, \$500,000, TPX, 3-24, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:51 1/5, ft.

1--#@WENT THE DAY WELL, 123, c, 3, by [Proud Citizen](#)

1st Dam: Tiz Maie's Day, by Tiznow

2nd Dam: Sweet Roberta, by Roberto

3rd Dam: Candy Bowl, by Majestic Light

(\$15,000 w/Ing '09 KEENOV; 26,000gns yrl '10

TATOCT). O-Team Valor International & Mark Ford;

B-James Patrick Delaney (NY); T-H Graham Motion;

J-John R Velazquez; \$288,300. Lifetime Record:

5-2-2-0, \$321,645. Werk Nick Rating: A.

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If nothing else, the results of last weekend's Kentucky Derby trials underlined just how difficult it can be for a young stallion to maintain support, especially in an industry made all the more competitive by the economic slump.

The victory of Daddy Nose Best in the GIII Sunland Derby represented another feather in the cap for his very promising sire Scat Daddy. Yet the next few years may not prove plain sailing for the Ashford resident, as--according to Jockey Club figures--his first crop of 112 live foals was followed by a crop of 66 in 2010 and 53 in 2011. Fortunately this slump ended last year, when his book revived to 191 mares, his popularity being restored by some eye-catching results at the 2011 2-year-old sales and by the reduction of his fee to \$10,000 (compared to \$30,000 in his initial season).

Unfortunately, this type of fluctuation can become self-perpetuating. This can be seen from the record of Proud Citizen, who enjoyed a notable graded stakes double thanks to Went The Day Well in the GIII Vinery Racing Spiral S. and Vamo A Galupiar in the GII Santa Ana S.

The well-bred son of Gone West has now completed eight seasons at Airdrie and they fall quite neatly into two 4-year cycles. The first cycle saw him attract books of 157, 136, 64 and 82 mares, and the second involved books of 145, 93, 45 and 49 mares. The simple explanation is that his first crop showed such promise in 2007 and the first part of 2008 that his popularity revived strongly in his fifth season in 2008. Now his fifth crop is being ably represented by the likes of Went The Day Well, Believe You Can, Mark Valeski, Citizen Advocate, Ize In Trouble and Miz Ida, so demand for Proud Citizen's services will no doubt soar once again, starting yet another cycle.

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# The bargain of 2011...

The Leading Freshman Sire **SCAT DADDY** stood for just **\$10,000** in 2011!

*Latest Graded Stakes winner in 2012....*

**DADDY NOSE BEST** won Sunday's \$800,000 Sunland Derby-GIII



# The bargains of 2012...

It's getting more and more difficult to find **\$10,000** stallions in Kentucky, and Ashford's three each has a good case: **Majestic Warrior** was a Grade I winner at two, by A.P. Indy from a top Steinbrenner family; **Dunkirk** was a Classic-placed saletopper by Unbridled's Song; and **Munnings** was a dual Grade II winner (and placed in six Grade I's) sprinting, by Speightstown.

Bill Oppenheim,  
TDN, 1/4/12

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**Caulfield cont.**

Proud Citizen's first crop wasted little time in establishing his potential. As early as mid-summer his English-based son River Proud was beaten only a short head in the G2 July S. and his daughter Francesca d'Gorgio was beaten only 1 1/2 lengths in the G2 Cherry Hinton S. River Proud went on to win the G3 Somerville Tattersall S., but he was beaten to the honor of being his sire's first group/graded winner by Proud Spell, winner of the GII Matron S. three weeks earlier.

River Proud died at three, but not before he had taken third place in the French 2,000Guineas, and Proud Spell also added considerably to her accomplishments. By the time she won the GI Alabama S. she had already won the Fair Ground, Kentucky and Delaware Oaks and the title of champion 3-year-old filly was hers.

Proud Citizen has another champion to his credit in Vamo A Galupiar, who shone in her native Chile before heading to the U.S., all of which bodes well for Went The Day Well. This colt showed plenty of promise in both his starts in England, notably at Leicester in October, when he failed by only a neck to hold off Thomas Chippendale, a high-priced son of the Classic-placed All My Loving. Now he is progressing very nicely in his new home and his connections are in the fortunate position of not having to worry too much about his stamina. He also seems to have inherited none of the excitability which compromised some of Proud Citizen's performances.

Proud Citizen wasn't short of speed. He cruised home more than nine lengths clear in very fast time in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden at Belmont in the June of his juvenile season, which was curtailed by a knee injury. However, he also possessed a degree of stamina. After wiring his field in the GII Lexington S., Proud Citizen belied his odds of 23-1 in the Kentucky Derby, chasing War Emblem from the start and then keeping on well for second. He also ran creditably when third in the Preakness but his effort in the Belmont S. told us nothing, as he had to be vanned off following a condylar fracture which required the insertion of four screws.

There is no shortage of stamina in the bottom half of Went The Day Well's pedigree. He is the first graded stakes winner produced by a daughter of the dual Breeders' Cup Classic winner Tiznow. As Tiznow's Grade I performers include winners of the Belmont S., Travers S. and Dubai World Cup, there shouldn't be a weak link here. Went The Day Well's dam, Tiz Maie's Day, has been a frequent visitor to the sales, including twice in England, where she failed to achieve her reserve both as a yearling and as an in-training 2-year-old. She also failed to reach her \$95,000 reserve when offered in foal to Proud Citizen in 2008, but found a buyer at \$20,000 a year later.

Tiz Maie's Day is the third daughter of Sweet Roberta to have produced a stakes winner. Rihan, her half-sister by the very speedy Dayjur, has two stakes winners to her credit, notably Duke of Venice, winner of the G3 Queen's Vase over two miles at Royal Ascot. Then there's Yaqootah, her half-sister by Gone West. Mated to the inexpensive Kodiak in Ireland, Yaqootah produced the tough and speedy Sweet Cecily.

Went The Day Well's second dam Sweet Roberta has a distinguished background. After winning her first two starts for Mrs Firestone, including the GII Selima S., this daughter of Roberto ran on strongly to finish second to the outstanding Go For Wand in the 1989 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Although Sweet Roberta didn't fulfil the promise of her juvenile career, she made \$750,000 when offered for sale as a 4-year-old.

Sweet Roberta was closely related to one of the Firestones' stars, Cure The Blues. Unbeaten in five juvenile starts, Cure The Blues was rated inferior only to Lord Avie among the 2-year-olds of 1980. Cure The Blues was by Hail To Reason's son Stop The Music out of Dr Fager's talented daughter Quick Cure. Sweet Roberta, on the other hand, was by Hail To Reason's son Roberto, out of Quick Cure's daughter Candy Bowl.

Went The Day Well's fifth dam, Speedwell, had the distinction of being a stakes-winning daughter of Bold Ruler and Imperatrice. You probably won't need me to remind you that Bold Ruler sired the legendary Secretariat from Imperatrice's daughter Somethingroyal. Incidentally, Speedwell was one of those iron-tough old-timers, about which everyone is becoming increasingly nostalgic. She raced 17 times as a juvenile and then packed a further 16 starts into her second season.


The Spiral S. winner is also by a stallion whose female line has produced a Kentucky Derby winner, as Proud Citizen's third dam, Arctic Dancer, was a sister to Northern Dancer.

**WENT THE DAY WELL, c, 2009**

<b>Proud Citizen</b>	Gone West	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Secrettame	Gold Digger
	Drums of Freedom	Green Forest	Secretariat
		Danseuse Etoile	Tamerett
<b>Tiz Maie's Day</b> 1Fls, 1GSW	Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy	Shecky Greene
		Cee's Song	Tell Meno Lies
	Sweet Roberta GSW & GISP	Roberto	Buckpasser
		Candy Bowl	Arctic Dancer
			Relaunch
			Tizly
		Seattle Song	
		Lonely Dancer	
		Hail to Reason	
		Bramlea	
		Majestic Light	
		Quick Cure	

**EASTERN U.S.** 

**Yesterday's Results:**  
**7th-PRX, \$50,650, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5, ft.**  
**+ HONEY WONDERGIRL (f, 3, [Stevie Wonderboy](#)--Honey's Angle {SW}, by Honeyland)** showed an upbeat worktab over this oval, but was let go at 11-1 for a very high-percentage outfit, but one that hadn't won with its last 17 first time starters. Showing early interest to stalk in the two path from third, the chestnut unleashed an overpowering move to take command and open a clear advantage coming into the lane. Nobody was catching the white-faced debutante at that point, and she reported home a 3 3/4-length victoress over late-running Bren's Friend (Act of Duty). Sales history: \$23,000 yrl '10 KEEJAN; \$30,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKJUL; \$14,000 RNA yrl '10 FTMOCT; \$32,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

O-B-C Stables. B-Gary Bouchard, Scott Mallory & Brereton C Jones Inc (KY). T-Guadalupe Preciado.  
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**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, March 27**  
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- EMBLAZON** (Giant's Causeway), , , 17/1/0  
 9-WRD, Msw, 5 1/2f, Aint No Mo Blues, 7-2
- FLASHY BULL** (Holy Bull), Airdrie, \$10K, 153/24/3  
 7-PRX, Msw, 6f, Rovin Man, 9-2
- SAINT ANDDAN** (A.P. Indy), Journeyman, \$5K, 79/21/1  
 8-PRX, Alw, 6 1/2f, Karen's Saint, \$10K OBS AUG yrl, 9-2
- SCIPION** (A.P. Indy), Murmur, \$6K, 62/11/0  
 8-PRX, Alw, 6 1/2f, More Reubens, \$8K EAS SEP yrl, 5-1
- SUN KING** (Charismatic), Darby Dan, \$10K, 176/11/0  
 9-WRD, Msw, 5 1/2f, Gospel Connection, 8-1

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**Joined by agent Steve Rushing (left), Ramon Dominguez accepts the George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award from Santa Anita CEO Mark Verge (right) Sunday at the Arcadia oval.**  
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 **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN JAPAN:**  
**A Shin Wezen, h, 5, [Trippi](#)--Xtra Emblem, by Our Emblem.** Hanshin, 3-24, Hcp, 7f. Lifetime Record: SP-Jpn, 21-5-6-2, \$1,154,699. O-Eishindo Inc; B-Helen Y Painter; T-Kenji Nonaka. \*\$95,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$425,000 2yo '09 FTFFEB.

**BRITAIN** 

**Yesterday's Results:**  
**Lingfield, 15.45, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.17, stn.**  
**+ VALBCHEK (IRE) (c, 3, [Acclamation](#) {GB}--Spectacular Show {Ire}, by [Spectrum](#) {Ire}),** a 110,000gns TATOCT yearling, was hammered into 4-11 and started out taking a fierce hold of the bit reserved off the pace. Left in the lead as Aurens (Ire) (One Cool Cat) swerved and unshipped his rider with over a furlong remaining, the bay required only hand riding to assert for an easy 2 3/4-length score from Pashan Garh (GB) (Anabaa). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,386. [Click for the Racing Post chart](#) or [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)  
 O-Richard Keen & Paul Smith; B-Kildaragh Stud; T-Jeremy Nosedá.



# FRANCE



Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 2:50 p.m.

**PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed**, 55,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	6	Sylvan Song	Street Cry (Ire)	Guyon	Fabre
2	3	Psyche (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Jarnet	C Boutin
3	1	Nimohe (Fr)	Excellent Art (GB)	Thomas	Heloury
4	5	Lily America (Fr)	American Post (GB)	Pasquier	Rohaut
5	7	Kendam (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Lemaire	Pantall
6	2	Rock Me Baby (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Peslier	Thms Demeaulte
7	4	Dear Lavinia	Grand Slam	Soumillon	Rouget

All carry 126 pounds.

Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 3:20 p.m.

**PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed**, 55,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	4	Ice Cool (Fr)	Lateral (GB)	Lemaire	Hefter
2	8	Sisyphé (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Thulliez	Demercastel
3	7	Eldandy (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Peslier	Laffon-Parias
4	6	Ice Stone (GB)	Oratorio (Ire)	Jarnet	Guillemin
5	5	Lucayan (Fr)	Turtle Bowl (Ire)	Pasquier	Rohaut
6	3	Cap Sizun (Fr)	Gold Away (Ire)	Guyon	de Watrigant
7	2	Final Destination (Fr)	Way of Light	Hofer	Mario Hofer
8	1	Coup De Theatre (Fr)	Gold Away (Ire)	Thomas	Van de Poele

All carry 128 pounds.

## Arqana Breeze-Up Sale Catalogue Now Online

The catalogue for the 2012 Arqana Breeze-Up Sale, to be held at Saint-Cloud Racecourse on Saturday, May 12, is now available at [www.arqana.com](http://www.arqana.com). The breeze show will be held on Friday, May 11 beginning at 2 p.m. The catalogue features 165 2-year-olds, among which 85 are eligible for French Breeders' Premiums (51% of the catalogue).

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# AUSTRALASIA



## HALF TO SLIPPER FAV SUPPLEMENTED

Two black-type winners have been supplemented to the Super Select Session of the 2012 Inglis Australian Easter Broodmare Sale, to be conducted at Newmarket in Sydney on Apr. 17-19, including the Group 2 **Night War (Aus)** (General Nediym {Aus}), a half-sister to the G1 Blue Diamond S. heroine and G1 Golden Slipper favorite Samaready (Aus) (More Than Ready). Part-owner Peter Bell confirmed the filly, who is just three and currently trained by Simon Miller in Perth, will sell during the opening session. She will be offered through Glenn Burrows' Willow Park Stud draft. "Night War proved herself the best juvenile in the West when winning the G2 Karrakatta Plate last year," said Burrows. "Her half-sister, the unbeaten Samaready, is a Group 1-winning 2-year-old and hot favourite for the Golden Slipper, so it certainly is a privilege to be able to offer such an exciting breeding and racing prospect such as Night War under the Willow Park banner." The 6-year-old dual stakes winner and Group 1-placed **Jersey Lily (Aus)** (Catbird {Aus}) was also supplemented. For more information, visit [www.inglis.com.au](http://www.inglis.com.au).

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-MNR**, \$23,000, 3-25, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, gd.

**ACT TOO** (g, 4, **Creative Act--Two to Jig**, by **Norquestor**) Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-2, \$31,032. O-Harold W Fullerton. B-Elex D & Laura Bowman (WV). T-Bill Beamer.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Red Doctober**, c, 3, **Sharp Humor--Winning Toast**, by Forest Camp. PRX, 3-26, (C), 6f, 1:12. B-Seth Gregory (PA). \*\$17,000 yrl '10 FTMOCT.

**Pucker Up Pete**, g, 4, **Slewship--Spooky Okie** (SP), by Silver Ghost. WRD, 3-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-Richter Family Trust (OK).

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **9th Race, Langhorne S.**, at Parx.

For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).



## AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS

### IN JAPAN:

**Critical Hit (Jpn)**, c, 3, **Smart Strike**--Cream Only (SW, \$133,349), by Exchange Rate. Nakayama, 3-24, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$84,337. O-Carrot Farm; B-Shiraoi Farm; T-Hirofumi Toda. \*\$170,000 in utero '09 KEEJAN.

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**FRANCE, Fontainebleau, 14.50**, 3-26, €33,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:56.20, vsf.

**SIMBA (FR)** (c, 4, **Anabaa Blue {GB}**--**Saiga {Fr}** {**SP-Fr**}, by **Baryshnikov {Aus}**) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 16 starts, 3 wins, 10 places, €104,250. O-Ulrich Ammann & Carlos Lerner; B-Haras d'Etream; T-Carlos Lerner. \*€18,000 yrl '09 ARQOCT; €80,000 RNA HIT '11 ARQARC.

**ITALY, Rome, 15.05**, 3-25, €19,800, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.40, gd.

**ETOILE D'ARGENT (ITY)** (f, 3, **Docksider--Candy Candy {Ire}**, by **Sikeston**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, €16,150. O-Aristide Lazzoni; B-Razza Ascagnano; T-Gianluca Mosconi. \*€9,500 RNA yrl '10 ITYSEP.

**ITALY, Milan, 15.55**, 3-25, €19,800, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:09.90, gd.

**CARATTERACCIO (IRE)** (c, 4, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--**Caractere {Ire}**, by **Indian Ridge {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-3, €41,701. O-La Tesa Spa; B-Razza la Tesa; T-Soc Al Botti E-Brivio C.

**ITALY, Milan, 14.45**, 3-25, €18,000, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:19.00, gd.

**ALABAMA SONG (ITY)** (c, 4, **Ad Valorem--Tenderlit {SW & GSP-Ity}**, by **Lit de Justice**) Lifetime Record: 31-8-3-5, €69,819. O-Scuderia Razza dell'Olmo Srl; B-Ag dell'Olmo Srl; T-Soc All M S Srl di Salvioni M Rita.

**ITALY, Rome, 16.15**, 3-25, €18,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.00, gd.

**REGARDE MOI (GB)** (c, 4, **King's Best--Life At Night {Ire}**, by **Night Shift**) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 12-5-2-1, €68,595. O-Scuderia Due C Srl; B-Finanza Locale Consulting; T-Stefano Botti. \*€22,000 RNA yrl '09 ITYSEP.

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**ITALY, Pisa, 16.40**, 3-25, €18,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.10, gd.

**KILLACHY LOOSE (GB)** (f, 3, **Kyllachy {GB}**--**Vettori Loose {Ire}**, by **Vettori {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 10-3-0-4, €51,034. O/B-Scuderia Blueberry SRL; T-Soc Al Grizzetti Galoppo Srl.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Gerbole (Ire)**, f, 3, **Aussie Rules**--Guardiagrele (Ire), by Persian Heights (GB). Rome, Italy, 3-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Al Gialloblu. \*€10,000 yrl '10 ITYSEP.

**Enide (GB)**, f, 3, **Shamardal--Estefania (Ger)** (SP-Ger), by Acatenango (Ger). Dusseldorf, Germany, 3-25, Cond, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Gestut Ebbesloh. \*€40,000 HIT '10 BBAOCT.

**Pandar (GB)**, c, 3, **Zamindar**--Pagnottella (Ire) (SP-Ity), by Dansili (GB). Pisa, Italy, 3-25, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Franca Vittadini.



## EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNERS

### IN AUSTRALASIA:

**Gold Bender (Aus)**, f, 2, **Refuse To Bend (Ire)**--Antonia's Gold (Aus), by Geiger Counter. Wellington, Australia, 3-25, 2yo, 5 1/2fT. B-A Patterson.

**Suzanne (Aus)**, f, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Eisteddfod (Aus), by Carnegie (Ire). Kembla Grange, Australia, 3-25, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-Inverness Stud.