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Royal Delta
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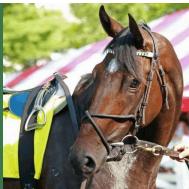
Went the Day Well Likely Will Go Straight to Derby...

Team Valor International and Mark Ford's **Went the Day Well** (Proud Citizen) put himself right into the thick of the G1 Kentucky Derby picture with a game score in Saturday's GIII Vinery Racing Spiral S. at Turfway Park, a race won a year ago by his stablemate and eventual Derby hero Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). After initially favoring another race between the Spiral and the Derby May 5, Barry Irwin said the progressive colt, who is conditioned by Graham Motion, will instead likely train up to the 1 1/4-mile Classic. "His Ragozin Sheet figure came back a fast 6 1/4, so I think the most prudent course of action is to do exactly what we did last year with Animal Kingdom," Irwin said yesterday. "This colt was slightly ahead of where Animal Kingdom was last year prior to the Spiral, then he surpassed him in the Spiral itself--Animal Kingdom ran an 8 3/4. After making two moves to reach contention, Went the Day Well kicked clear in midstretch, then in the final 75 yards, he really leveled off. I am hoping that the stamina he showed in the final bit of the race, when he dropped down and leveled off, is what we will see in spades on Derby Day. He definitely will relish every yard of the mile and a quarter and he looks a formidable colt, especially if there is a fast pace in the Derby." **Cont. p3**



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Went the Day Well was making his first start outside of maiden company in the Spiral, but put himself in a good spot on the graded earnings list with a 3 1/2-length win over Holiday Promise (Harlan's Holiday) in the \$500,000 event. The New York-bred currently has \$282,000 in graded earnings, good for 12th on Churchill's updated list. There are at least two horses in front of him--the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero **Wrote (Ire)** (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the filly **On Fire Baby** (Smoke Glacken)--whose connections have yet to commit to a run in the Derby. Of course, upsets in any of the remaining big-money stakes--including the \$1 million GI Florida Derby and \$1 million GII Louisiana Derby this weekend; the \$1 million GI Wood Memorial S. and \$750,000 GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 7; or the \$1 million GI Arkansas Derby and GI Blue Grass S. Apr. 14, could greatly alter the graded earnings picture. -LM



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Matz is certainly one who has experienced the ups and downs of life, both personally and

professionally. The former Olympian, who carried the American flag in the closing ceremonies of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, won the 2006 GI Kentucky Derby with Barbaro (Dynaformer), only to watch the colt suffer an devastating injury in the GI Preakness S. two weeks later. What followed was a rollercoaster seven months of promising news, cruel setbacks, and ultimately, despair.

Though not nearly as dramatic, last summer, Matz went through another rough stretch when Barbaro's owners, Roy and Gretchen Jackson, decided to part ways and pulled 11 horses from his care. It was a tough blow for a stable that isn't very big, and Matz was candid about his dismissal. "It's something we had to move on from," he said. **Cont. p4**

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"It did hurt an awful lot--I didn't know why I was let go," Matz continued. "But I wish them the best of luck, and I'm sure they wish the same for me."

Matz learned of the Jackson's decision in July, around the same time he debuted a horse for owner/breeder Phyllis Wyeth named Union Rags. There's no salve like a promising young horse, and if the healing began with Union Rags's debut win going five panels at Delaware July 21, it accelerated greatly when the big bay splashed home by over seven lengths in the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 15.



Union Rags
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"I just have to look at it that I was lucky enough they [the Jacksons] gave me a horse like Barbaro to train, and lucky

enough that Mrs. Wyeth gave me a horse like this to train," Matz said.

Remembering back to last summer, Matz said he wasn't surprised Union Rags turned into a nice horse. He was surprised, however, at the speed at which he came to hand.

"As big as he is, we weren't even sure we'd get to the races [as a 2-year-old]," he said. "We always thought the longer the distances, the better he'd be. But he came around so quickly. He worked good at the sales [Wyeth, after selling him as a yearling, bought him back for \$390,000 as a juvenile], and when we got him back to the farm at Fair Hill, he just did everything you'd want a horse to do. We were working him, and he worked with other 2-year-olds and older horses, and when he was up to five-eighths, I said to Peter [Brette, assistant trainer] that there was no reason not to give him some experience. There was a race at Delaware Park going five-eighths, and he was ready for that. He wasn't ready for much more, but we thought it would give him a world of experience. I'm not noted for having sprint horses [laughed], and even with me training him he won that race, so he must be a good horse."

Since then, Union Rags has won the GI Champagne S., finished a head back of Hansen (Tapit) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and, in his seasonal debut, aired impressively in the GII Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream Feb. 26. With a win Saturday, Union Rags will virtually assure himself favoritism in the Run for the Roses May 5.

If the pressure of the Derby trail is getting to Matz, you wouldn't know it. He continues to train the way he always has, and since the Fountain of Youth, has brought along Union Rags at a relaxed pace. The colt's two works following the FOY were modest--he worked four furlongs in :50 3/5 Mar. 10 (48/51) and five furlongs in 1:04 1/5 Mar. 17 (22/22), before the screws were turned tighter last time with a four-furlong move in :49 flat Mar. 24 (13/41).

"We just tried to do what the horse needs," Matz explained. "I don't think you have to do fast works all the time, and even when he worked the slow five-eighths, he galloped out seven-eighths in 1:30, so he did a lot of good things. He's doing what we asked him. He's a delight to train and he'll do what you ask him to, and I don't see any reason that every week you have to have a race."

Looking forward, Matz said he's begun to map out a strategy to get to Kentucky Derby day. "We put a lot of thought into it, and this winter down here in Florida is making me nervous--it's been so nice," he said. "And the winter up north's been so good, I'm afraid we're going to get killed this spring. He'll stay down here for two weeks after the Florida Derby, and he'll have a maintenance work then. Then we'll make a decision when we come up north. I don't want to get to Churchill and have a rainy spring. There's a possibility we'd go to Keeneland and then Churchill, but I haven't thought that far."

But first thing's first. Matz will try to win the Florida Derby with Union Rags, just as he did six years ago with Barbaro. And from there, who knows? "They are both big strong horses who can go a distance, and they both have lovely dispositions," Matz said when asked to compare the two. "This one has a ways to go to match what Barbaro did, but we sure hope to get the same results."



Prospective Works at Churchill Downs...

John C. Oxley's **Prospective** (Malibu Moon), a game winner of the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 10, breezed five furlongs in 1:03 at Churchill Downs Tuesday. Under regular exercise rider Melanie Giddings, the dark bay recorded fractions of :14.20, :27, :39.20, :51.60 and galloped out six furlongs in 1:16.40. "The work went very well," Mark Casse's assistant Norman Casse commented. "We're excited that he's become much more professional in his works. He was on the bridle the whole way and galloped out very nicely. He seems to be maturing physically and mentally at the right time." Prospective will prep for the GI Kentucky Derby in either the GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct Apr. 7 or the GI Blue Grass S. at Keeneland Apr. 14.



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Mark Valeski Works; Rosie Confident...

Despite impressive six-furlong wins in a Delaware maiden special Sept. 27 and in optional claiming company at Fair Grounds Jan. 13, Brereton Jones's homebred **Mark Valeski** (Proud Citizen) had some big question marks stretching to two turns and facing the likes of El Padrino (Pulpit) in the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds Feb. 25. He acquitted himself exceptionally well, however, running that rival to a nose in a thrilling renewal of the 1 1/16-mile race. With El Padrino staying home for the GI Florida Derby and facing a field largely comprised of maiden and allowance winners, Mark Valeski now finds himself in the role of likely favorite for the GII Louisiana Derby Sunday, and to that end, the Larry Jones-trained colt breezed a bullet five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 at Fair Grounds yesterday. The move left Rosie Napravnik, who was aboard for the first time in the Risen Star and gets the call again in the Louisiana Derby, feeling confident about her chances. "He worked fabulous this morning," she enthused. "It was the bullet work, and while it wasn't as fast as it was last week [when he worked five furlongs in :59 2/5], I don't think it needed to be. He's feeling great. He probably felt as good this morning in his breeze as he has since I sat on him for the first time. Larry Jones has been high on the horse from even before the Risen Star. From my standpoint, I had been impressed with his sprint races, and obviously there were questions whether he'd go long or fitting into stakes company the first time. But he's done *nothing* but impress me every time I sit on the horse. He exudes class, and I really think he's the real deal. I have tons of confidence going into the Louisiana Derby."

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Regally Ready on a Recovery Mission in Al Quoz...

G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint hero **Regally Ready** (More Than Ready) wants a mulligan, and he'll get that do-over chance in Saturday's G1 Al Quoz Sprint up the 1000-meter straight course at Meydan. Trainer Steve Asmussen, who gave eventual World Cup winner Curlin (Smart Strike) a local prep race, took a similar path with Regally Ready, but things didn't pan out exactly how connections may have liked. The 5-year-old



Regally Ready
Andrew Watkins

showed a bit of interest early on in a Mar. 10 conditions test over the Al Quoz course and distance, but had run his race by the quarter pole and drifted back to finish 13th of 16. "We can't say this is the reason why or this is the reason why," explained Devron Leingang, a Toronto-based assistant to Asmussen. "We are just hoping that the flight took a little something off of him or the course was a little bit softer, but no excuses. He's a little stronger now than before." Regally Ready, the joint highest-rated horse (117) in the Al Quoz alongside its 2010 champion **Joy and Fun (NZ)** (Cullen {Aus}), drew post position three for Saturday's test. Frankie Dettori had the call last time around, but his regular rider Corey Nakatani will be in for the ride on raceday. Joy and Fun was given a bit of a lung-opener yesterday morning, finishing off 600 meters in :42.4 with a final furlong in :11.8. Like Joy and Fun, **Eagle Regiment (Aus)** (El Moxie) represents Hong Kong and has longshot claims this weekend.

A 1000-meter specialist, he upset every major Hong Kong sprinter in the Centenary Sprint Cup in January--also contested over a straight five-furlong course--but was unable to handle the six furlongs of the Chairman's Sprint Prize Feb. 5 and was ninth to Joy and Fun. Trained by Manfred Man, Eagle Regiment is bred on the same cross responsible for legendary Hong Kong sprinter Silent Witness (Aus).

On the 'Worktab'...

While there is no formal worktab from Meydan, per se, several of this weekend's competitors recorded some 'fast work' Tuesday. Tuning up for the main event, Japan's **Smart Falcon (Jpn)** (Gold Allure {Jpn}) galloped 1200 meters on the Tapeta, covering his final three-eighths of a mile in :36.7 with a final 200 meters in a sharp :11.6. The 7-year-old claimed the scalp of last year's World Cup runner-up **Transcend (Jpn)** (Wild Rush) in the JBC Classic in November. Stablemates **Bold Silvano (SAf)** (Sivano {Ger}) and **Mahbooba (Aus)** (Galileo {Ire}) breezed towards a start in the G1 Sheema Classic, with Mahbooba being credited with 1200 meters in 1:18.9 (final 600 meters in :37, final 200 meters :12.2). Bold Silvano was given a time of 1:19.6 (:37.9, :12.6). Fellow Mike de Kock trainee **Musir (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) clocked 800 meters down the straight in a smart :47.2, with a final eighth of a mile in :11.8 and he will take plenty of play in the G1 Duty Free S. **Sepoy (Aus)** (Elusive Quality) hinted that he is ready for the G1 Golden Shaheen, finishing off a 1000-meter piece of work in less than :22 seconds for the final two furlongs. **Better Be the One (Aus)** (More Than Ready), third to compatriot **Rocket Man (Aus)** (Viscount {Aus}) in last year's G1 Golden Shaheen, prepped for this year's G1 Al Quoz Sprint with a leisurely 600 meters in :40.7, getting the final furlong in :12.1. The former American galloper **Unusual Suspect** (Unusual Heat) was given a stamina-building workout over 2000 meters, with the final mile of that being clocked in 1:49.3.

*In other news from Meydan Tuesday morning, **Barbecue Eddie** (Stormy Atlantic) has been scratched from the G2 Godolphin Mile.

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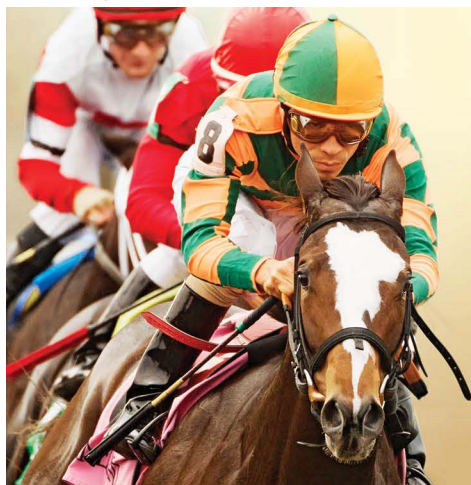
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RAGS TO RICHES: CITY ZIP

Three years ago, in discussing the changing of the guard from the star sires of yesteryear to those of today, we ran a little contest asking *TDN* readers to pick the sires for the last two spots in the new North American and European Top 30. The winners then were Elusive Quality and City Zip. How things have progressed for City Zip, the younger of the two, and even now just 14 years old: having ranked in the top 35 on the North American General Sire List each of the last three years (21st in 2010, 28th in 2011), after last weekend's racing he ranks fourth on the 2012 North American General Sire list. He's had nine black-type horses already this year, including, just this month, a new Grade III winner and five horses which were second in black-type races, two in Grade I's and two in Grade II's. He now has three graded stakes winners from his 2009, crop, now 3-year-olds; the workingman's \$20,000 stallion is in danger of busting out into the big time. City Zip has long been a favorite of this column, of course, because of a combination of high APEX ratings and low five-figure stud fees which ensure he is a "mortal lock" for any list of "value" stallions. His A Runner Index has never been lower than his current rating of 2.54 (ranks = 37th, tied with Street Cry), and his ABC Runner Index stands at 1.97 (31st)-- just under 16% of his runners. He is in the top 10 by 2-year-old ABC Index (2.97, ranking seventh), and his 2.00 rating for 3-year-old ABC Runners ranks him equal 33rd in that category. Whereas after his first crop he looked like a classic sprint stallion whose runners were better earlier (2008 age indices after first crop of 5-year-olds in 2008: 3.25 - 2.34 - 1.47 - 0.46), with each year his rating for 5-year-olds+ has improved; at the end of 2011, both his 4-year-old ABC rating (1.65) and his 5-year-old+ ABC rating (2.13) were at their highest points ever. None of this was on the cards when City Zip was sold by his breeder, Adena Springs, for just \$9,000 as a 'short' yearling at the 1999 Keeneland January Sale. Florida pinhooker Carl Bowling bought him, then bought him back for \$80,000 at the 2000 OBS February Sale. Ironically, a *Blood-Horse* story about City Zip (Sept. 9, 2000) quoted Bowling as having vowed to race him "and give everyone a chance to look and see what they missed." Sure enough, City Zip belied his original purchase price almost 100 times over, earning \$818,225 from 23 starts (11 at two, 12 at three) in two seasons of racing for trainer Linda Rice and owners Bowling and Charles Thompson.

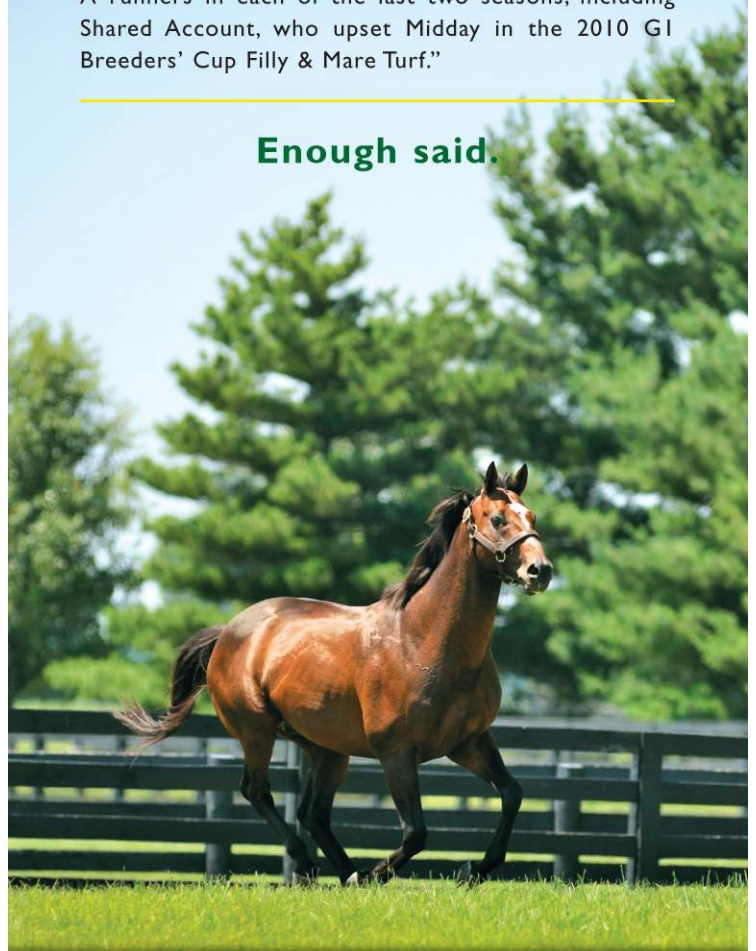


PLEASANTLY PERFECT

From Bill Oppenheim, TDN of Feb. 1

"Only one of the seven **SUPER-GREAT-VALUE** U.S. stallions we've picked out even stands in Kentucky. He is **PLEASANTLY PERFECT**, a member of the sire class of 2006, which looks like being among the most important of the century so far. **PLEASANTLY PERFECT**, who by the way earned \$7.7 million and defeated Medaglia d'Oro in both the GI Breeders' Cup Classic and GI Dubai World Cup, has been proving a pretty useful sire himself, with at 2.94 A Runner Index, a 1.98 ABC Index (almost 16% of runners), and eight A runners in each of the last two seasons, including Shared Account, who upset Middy in the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf."

Enough said.



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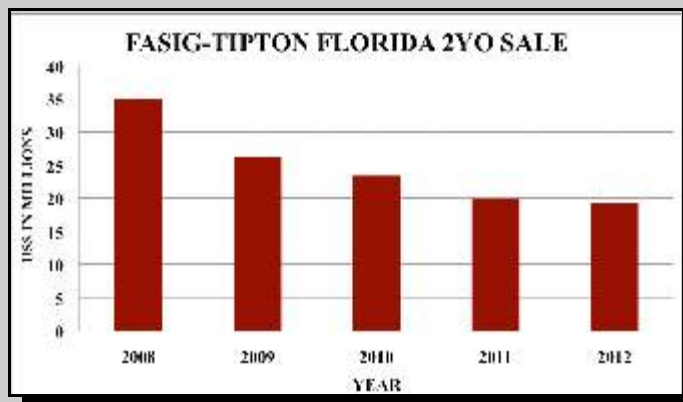
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They didn't leave him in the barn, that's for sure: he ran three times in Kentucky in the spring, finishing second over 4 1/2 furlongs at Keeneland, breaking his maiden over five furlongs at Churchill in the slop (Beyer 95), and just getting nailed in the last few jumps when second in the GIII Kentucky Breeders' Cup S. (5 1/2 furlongs, Beyer 93). He then ran third to Yonaguska in the Flash S. at Belmont over five furlongs, then rebounded to win the GIII Tremont S., over 5 1/2 furlongs (Beyer 95), before moving up to Saratoga at the end of July. There he went three-for-three, winning the GII Sanford S. (6 furlongs), the GII Saratoga Special (6 1/2 furlongs), and dead-heating with Yonaguska in the GI Hopeful S. (7 furlongs, Beyer 86). He stepped up to a mile to win the GI Futurity, back at Belmont, by a nose over Burning Roma, but was disqualified to second for bumping. But he was then twice seventh stepped up the a mile and a sixteenth, in the GI Champagne (behind A.P. Valentine) and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile (behind Macho Uno and Point Given) at Churchill Downs. Still, it was an extensive, 11-race campaign, in which he was never out of the first three in his first nine starts, having passed the post first in five graded stakes. He didn't hang around long in the barn then either: City Zip was back to run second to Yonaguska in the seven-furlong GII Hutcheson S. Jan. 27, followed by a third behind Songandaprayer (Unbridled Song's first crop) in the then-GI Fountain of Youth, but after a distant seventh behind subsequent GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos in the GI Florida Derby, he reverted to sprinting. After a fourth in the GIII Bay Shore S. (7f), he won four of five six-furlong sprints between May and September, including the GII Amsterdam at Saratoga--immediately after which he was again third at seven furlongs, in the GI King's Bishop. In all five of those six-furlong races he ran Beyers between 100-104. He closed out his 12-race 3-year-old campaign with two runs over a mile on the turf, a third in the GII Kelso, and ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, having set the pace. He won nine of 23 career starts over his two seasons of racing, and was in the first three 18 times. He was only once out of the first three (and that was a fourth) in 16 starts at under a mile. City Zip was syndicated and retired to Gus Schoenborn Jr.'s Contemporary Stallions, in New York, for \$7,500 for the 2002 season. He stood there for three seasons, so had not yet had runners when he was bought and was re-syndicated to stand the 2005 season at Lane's End in Kentucky for \$15,000. A few years before, Lane's End had raided the New York stallion ranks to bring Belong to Me down to Kentucky, but that was after he had a successful first crop. In City Zip's case it was more a matter of reflected glory: by then he was the older half-brother to the mighty Ghostzapper, from Awesome Again's first crop.

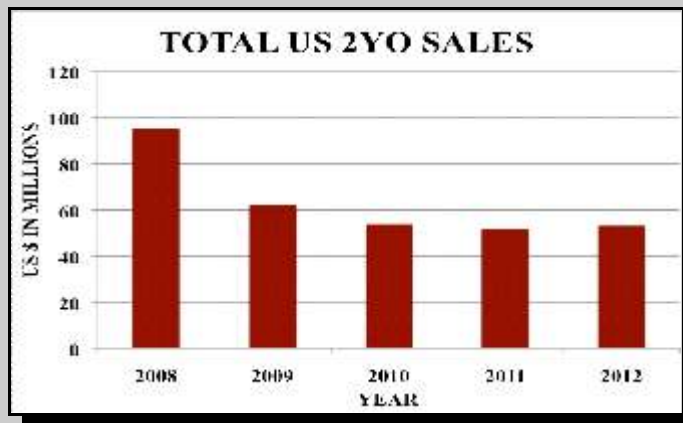
Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"Sure, Fasig Florida was a great sale – for what, six or ten horses? Sixty horses sold, 36% of the catalogue, in America's premier sale of Two-Year-Olds? 167 horses catalogued: 83 withdrawn, 84 went through the ring – almost 50% scratched. The number catalogued was down 30%, the number sold down 26%, so the 31% rise in average needs to be viewed in that perspective. I believe everybody who says it was a cracking sale, and, really, there must have been a lot of money left on the table. In the Two-Year-Old sales to date, 16% fewer have sold for a 23% rise in average and a 4% rise in gross, compared to 2011."
 – Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	167	84	60	49.7%	71.4%	35.9%	\$19,215,000	\$32 0,250
2011	240	143	81	40.4%	56.6%	33.8%	\$19,832,000	\$24 4,840
2010	237	145	91	38.8%	62.8%	38.4%	\$23,430,000	\$25 7,473
2009	272	172	111	36.8%	64.5%	40.8%	\$26,151,000	\$23 5,595
2008	270	171	102	36.7%	59.6%	37.8%	\$35,100,000	\$34 4,118



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	708	475	333	32.9%	70.1%	47.0%	\$53,336,000	\$160,168
2011	866	555	397	35.9%	71.5%	45.8%	\$51,567,000	\$129,892
2010	872	590	392	32.3%	66.4%	45.0%	\$53,825,000	\$137,309
2009	1,119	765	462	31.6%	60.4%	41.3%	\$62,310,700	\$134,872
2008	1,093	773	497	29.3%	64.3%	45.5%	\$95,506,000	\$192,165

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

Under the tutelage of the incomparable Bobby Frankel, Ghostzapper had closed out his 3-year-old campaign in 2003 by running a Beyer 116 when demolishing older horses in the GI Vosburgh S. Ghostzapper went four-for-four as a 4-year-old, including the GIII Iselin H., in the slop, in a Beyer 128, and a three-length win in the 2004 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, in a Beyer 124. After winning the GI Met Mile in his only start at five (Beyer 122), Ghostzapper retired in 2006 for \$200,000, the highest starting fee for a stallion since the early '80s. Now they both stand for \$20,000, and if City Zip keeps going the way he's started 2012, he could be standing for more than his formerly more celebrated half-brother in 2013. City Zip's first crop raced in 2005--and keep in mind, his first three crops were New York-breds; his first Kentucky crop was foaled in 2006. He was third on the 2005 Freshman Sire List (bloodhorse.com), behind only Tiznow and El Corredor; Broken Vow, Point Given, Trippi, Exchange Rate, Aptitude, Freud, and Songandaprayer were other prominent sires with first foals 2003. Of those, by the way, Trippi went to South Africa and Aptitude has stayed in Argentina, where he was shuttling. The only one which stands for a really big stud fee is Tiznow, who is another really interesting story--he's maybe going to be responsible for an unlikely revival of the In Reality sire line, which goes back to Man o'War and is one of the very, very few non-Phalaris sire lines still extant. That's a discussion for another time, though.

By the end of 2006, when F2003 sires were assigned their first year-end APEX ratings, City Zip had notched up a 3.02 A Runner Index, 2.59 for B Runners, and a scintillating 3.79 ABC Index for 2-year-olds. As described above, his APEX ratings have remained consistently high. Up till now, he's only ever sired one Grade I winner, though: Bustin Stones, who won the GI Carter H in 2008. His 3-year-old filly Dayatthespa's win in the GIII Herecomesthebride S. made her City Zip's 12th graded stakes winner, of which now five are Grade II winners. Interestingly, he's a terrific grass sire: all seven of his \$500,000-plus earners are black-type winners on the lawn, including City Style, who is also Group 1-placed on the Tapeta in Dubai this winter. Of his 12 graded stakes winners, seven are on the grass, three on dirt, and two on all-weather. Not only is he proving an all-surface sire, they are starting to go further, too: both City Style's Group 1 placing and Dayatthespa's Grade III win this month were over nine furlongs, and last weekend the 5-year-old City Zip horse Hailstone (a half-brother to 2011 GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Court Vision, no less) ran second to Newsdad over 12 furlongs in Gulfstream's GII Pan American H. on the grass! City Zip's first Kentucky crop were 5-year-olds of 2011. Maybe it's no accident that his older horses are now running for a longer time and over longer distances.

But the number one rule of stallion analysis is: find the horses on their way up and follow them until they hit the ceiling--which most of them don't. He may be 14 years old, but City Zip may also be the next horse to jump the line from 'useful' to 'leading' sire.

SIRE NOTES: Widely reported--first runner, first winner for 2008 G1 Epsom Derby champion New Approach (Galileo) in the first 2-year-old race of the year in Ireland, at The Curragh on Sunday. Dawn Approach is trained by Jim Bolger, who also bought and conditioned New Approach. Perfect start. Candidate for hottest sire on the planet: Fastnet Rock (Daneshill) in Australia. His oldest crop are just 5-year-olds of 2011-12, yet he's sired 10 group winners already this year and is \$2.6 million in front of Redoute's Choice at this point for the Australian Sires' Championship. His latest star is 3-year-old Foxwedge, who upset Black Caviar's regular victim, Hay List, in the G1 William Reid S. at Moonee Valley last Friday night.

INDUSTRY NOTES: The Interstate Horseracing Improvement Act, sponsored by Senator Udall and Congressman Whitfield. Yes, the time has come. I have sent my name in to be added as a signatory, and I urge you to do the same. Let's do something positive to stop the bleeding, or should I say hemorrhaging.

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EASTERN U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

LANGHORNE S., \$75,000, PRX, 3-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, ft.
1--WINNING IMAGE, 118, m, 5, Southern Image--Harvest Girl (SW, \$275,325), by Apollo. O-Martin Scafidi; B-Dreamfields Inc & Don Brady (KY); T-Michael Charles Aro; J-Jose C Caraballo; \$43,400. Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-3, \$183,005.
2--Island Bound, 116, m, 5, Speightstown--Indy Mood for Luv, by A.P. Indy. (\$90,000 RNA w/Ing '07 KEENOV; \$95,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP). O-Robert T Manfuso. \$14,800.
3--High Quality, 120, m, 5, Elusive Quality--Golden Sphinx, by Storm Cat. (\$330,000 yrl '08 KEESEP). O-Farnsworth Stables LLC. \$8,365.
 Margins: HF, 3, 1HF. Odds: 2.40, 4.40, 1.40.

Winning Image registered her first career black-type win in the Cornucopia S. going six panels here at Parx Nov. 24--an effort that earned her a 101 BRIS fig--and



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she just missed doubling up when a neck back of the classy Nicole H. (Mr. Greeley) in the Interborough S. at Aqueduct on New Year's Day. She was much less of a threat to that foe next out, finishing nearly 17 lengths adrift in the Correction S. at the Big A Feb. 4, but after a brief freshening was firing bullets coming into this. The fleetest from flagfall, she sprinted out to lead through uncontested splits of :22 3/5 and :45 2/5, turned back a challenge from High Quality two furlongs out and found the wire in advance of the closing Island Bound. Jockey

Jose Caraballo was aboard for the win.

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Newsdad	Arch	Pan American S.-G2	107
Eightfastcatch	Not for Love	Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S.	104
Twelve Twenty Two	Kafwain	Harry Henson H.	104
Went the Day Well	Proud Citizen	Vinery Racing Spiral S.-G3	103
Imco Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit	Bill Thomas Memorial S.	102
Daddy Nose Best	Scat Daddy	Sunland Derby-G3	101
Derive	Cozzene	Coyote H.	101
Hogy	Offlee Wild	Hansel S.	101
Risky Rachel	Limehouse	Broadway S.	101
Bourbon Bay	Sligo Bay (Ire)	San Luis Rey S.-G2	100
Rose's Desert	Desert God	La Coneja S.	100
Vamo a Galupiar (Chi)	Proud Citizen	Santa Ana S.-G2	98
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Flashy Dresser	Flashy Bull	Rushaway S.	96
Aquitania	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	Lynclar S.	94
City Sage	City Place	Hot Springs S.	94
Princess Arabella	Any Given Saturday	Sunland Park Oaks	94
Inspired	Unbridled's Song	Happy Ticket S.	93
Speedacious	Yankee Gentleman	Happy Ticket S.	93
Chips All in	North Light (Ire)	Pasadena S.	92
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8th-PRX, \$59,870, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:16 3/5, ft.

THE CAMDEN COMET (g, 3, Not For Love--Amber Comet {SP, \$186,711}, by Americo's Bullet), a full to Comet Of Love, MSW, \$262,455, won easily facing statebreds at Penn National in a six-furlong sprint Dec. 9. An even but non-threatening seventh in the Dancing Count S. at Laurel Jan. 28, he bounced back to take a first-level allowance for Keystone-breds over course and distance Feb. 27 and was returning to open company here as the even-money choice. In a tricky spot between rivals in the opening three-eighths, he shed his inside challenger and took a narrow lead approaching the quarter pole, then kept finding more to hand the persistent Bristol Dancer (Speightstown) a 3/4-length defeat. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$98,880. Click for the [brisnet.com](http://www.brisnet.com) chart or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

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7th-PRX, \$57,450, Msw, 3,4,5yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft. JAKE N ELWOOD (c, 3, During--Kid Silver, by Silver Ghost) completed the exacta under a horse named Union Rags (Dixie Union) as a 26-1 chance on debut at Delaware last July, beaten just 1 3/4 lengths and well ahead of fourth-placed Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen). At 4-5 after a lengthy absence, he came up a head short at this level and distance here Mar. 6, but bettors were confident today was his day, and the 1-5 choice proved them right. Away alertly but content to take back a bit when Rovin Man (Flashy Bull) raced up to take command, Jake N Elwood moved to challenge leaving the turn and simply outclasses his rivals en route to a nine-length romp. Rovin Man was second best. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$60,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales](#). O-J A G Racing & Jettany Thoroughbred Corp. B-Xanthus Farms Inc (PA). T-Michael P Petro.



First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, March 28

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 193/13/2

7-GP, Msw, 7f, + Saturday Blues, \$37K KEE APR 2yo, 12-1

ECCLESIASTIC (Pulpit), Regal Heir, \$5K, 73/7/0

3-PEN, Msw, 1m, Holy Snip, 20-1

EL NINO (Storm Cat), Martin Stbls, \$5K, 38/5/0

4-GP, Aoc, 5fT, Good Harbour, 5-1

PATRIOT ACT (A.P. Indy), Questroyal, \$6K, 60/6/0

6-AQU, Msw, 6f, + Patriottown, 10-1

STREET SENSE (Street Cry (IRE)), Darley, \$75K, 210/25/3

7-GP, Msw, 7f, Ice Cream Silence, 8-1

SUNRIVER (Saint Ballado), Empire Stud, \$15K, 114/7/1

8-AQU, Alw, 1m, Hot Splash, 7-2

UTOPIA (JPN) (Forty Niner), McMahon, \$8K, 151/13/0

8-AQU, Alw, 1m, Sally's Dream, \$20K SAR AUG yrl, 12-1

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FAIR GROUNDS

MARK VALESKI (Proud Citizen), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/14

NEHRO (Mineshaft), 4f, :50.20, 10/19

Z DAGER (Mizzen Mast), 4f, :50.20, 10/19

HOLLYWOOD PARK

GUN BOAT (Congrats), 6f, 1:11.60, 4/6

LIAISON (Indian Charlie), 6f, 1:11.20, 2/6

PAYNTER (Awesome Again), 6f, 1:11.00, 1/6

BRITAIN



GRAHAM LEE SWITCHES TO THE FLAT

Graham Lee, best known for his winning ride in the 2004 Grand National, has announced that he has given up riding in jumps races to concentrate on a career on the flat. In a rare move, the 36-year-old who has also won the Cheltenham Festival's Stayers' Hurdle in 2005 on Inglis Drever (GB), suffered a latest fall at Southwell in mid-February. "I've always had to work very hard keeping weight on me with training and it's just fallen off me since the latest fall that I took at Southwell," Lee commented yesterday. "I love riding over jumps and I always have done. I can't really face the gym to get a stone back on me, so I'm going to go Flat racing. I've been very fortunate to win a National, I was top jockey at the Cheltenham Festival in 2005 and I've won a Scottish National and a Whitbread. They were great, great days. But the great days that I've had are in the past and we live in the future. I'm so focused on what I'm going to have a go at."

FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-27, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.50, gd/sf.

1--**LILY AMERICA (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by American Post (GB)

1st Dam: Miller's Lily (Fr), by Miller's Mate (GB)

2nd Dam: Lymara (Fr), by Lyphard

3rd Dam: Maradadi (Fr), by The Marshal (Ire)

(€135,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG). O-Pandora Stud LLC & Ahmed Mouknass; B-P Lepeudry; T-Francois Rohaut; J-Stephane Pasquier; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €53,010. * Full to Liliside (Fr), MSW-Fr, \$145,350; 1/2 to The Wise Lady (Fr) (Ganges), MGSP-Fr.

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2--**Kendam (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Damdam Freeze (Fr), by Indian Rocket (GB). O/B-Guy Pariente; T-Henri-Alex Pantall; €11,000.

3--**Rock Me Baby (GB)**, 126, f, 3, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Newyearresolution, by Arch. (€12,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQOCT). O/B-Prime Equestrian Sarl; T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte; €8,250.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.30, 5.50, 2.80.

Also Ran: Psyche (Fr), Dear Lavinia, Sylvan Song, Nimohe (Fr).

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed cont.

**PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed cont.**

Off the mark at the Southern venue of Mont-de-Marsan in October, Lily America followed up at Toulouse the following month and added some Parisian fare to the menu here to book a ticket to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp May 13--in which her full-sister Liliside (Fr) was disqualified from first place two years ago. Moved up to second early here by Stephane Pasquier, the bay was joined on the front end by Kendam with a quarter mile remaining as the pacesetter Dear Lavinia (Grand Slam) began to tire and gradually asserted from a furlong out. "She is a very decent filly, but the key is to keep her fresh and happy and she needs little work," trainer Francois Rohaut said. "All I have to do is keep her in good spirits and that is why she will not run again until the Pouliches."

PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-27, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:43.30, gd/sf.

1--**#COUP DE THEATRE (FR)**, 128, c, 3, by **Gold Away (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Storma (Fr)**, by **Starborough (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Mamma Roma (Fr)**, by **Noblequest (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Malangai (Fr)**, by **Nonoalco**

O/B-Antoine Sauty de Chalon; T-Philippe van de Poele; J-Ronan Thomas; €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €46,300.

2--**Lucayan (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Turtle Bowl (Ire)--La Vitava (Ire), by Grand Lodge. (€17,000 wnlg '09 ARQDEC; €85,000 2yo '11 ARQMAY). O-Pandora Stud LLC & Ahmed Mouknass; B-J P Colomby; T-Francois Rohaut; €11,000.

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3--**Eldandy (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Spinola (Fr), by Spinning World. (220,000gns wnlg '09 TATDEC; 60,000gns RNA yrl '10 TATOCT). O-Felipe Hinojosa & Carlos Laffon-Parias; B-Yeguada Milagro & Balmerino Bloodstock; T-C Laffon-Parias; €8,250.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 9.10, 4.30, 2.00. Also Ran: Cap Sizun (Fr), Ice Stone (GB), Sisyphe (Fr), Ice Cool (Fr), Final Destination (Fr).

After breaking his maiden on the fibresand at Deauville Jan. 2, Coup de Theatre ran into a potentially high-class rival in the unbeaten Jean-Claude Rouget trainee Beauvoir (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and was 1 1/2 lengths behind in second in a 7 1/2-furlong race back on that surface last time Mar. 9. Stalking the moderate early pace here, the chestnut struck the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was in no danger thereafter. "He is an improving horse that can be ridden either handily or can be waited with," trainer Philippe van de Poele commented. "He proved he was the best horse in the race today and if he comes out of the race well we could go for the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau [at Longchamp Apr. 15] or head straight to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains [at Longchamp May 13]."

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Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, 18.40, Cond, €33,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:42.77, gd/sf.

XANADOU (IRE) (c, 3, **Peintre Celebre**--**Doohulla** {SP-Eng}, by **Stravinsky**), coming back here off a brace of wins in September and October, was sent off the 9-10 favorite and was waited with in the pack early. Swung wide at the top of the stretch, the 30,000gns TATOCT yearling led soon after and asserted to comfortably beat Argos Quercus (GB) (Elnadim) by two lengths. Xanadou is a half-brother to Clunia (Ire) (Silent Times {Ire}), Ch. 2yo Filly-Spa, SW-Spa. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 3 wins, €36,500. O-Daniel Yves-Treves; B-Yeguada Milagro; T- Jean-Claude Rouget.

Saint-Cloud, 14.20, Debutantes, €24,000, 2yo, 4 1/2fT, :52.40, gd/sf.

+ **PENNY'S PICNIC (IRE)** (c, 2, **Kheleyf--Zerky**, by **Kingmambo**), a €30,000 ARQOCT yearling, showed early dash towards the fore racing wide out on the track. Sprinting clear from the quarter pole, the 19-10 favorite held a commanding six-length advantage over Emir de la Vis (Fr) (Touch of the Blues {Fr}) at the line. The winner is out of a full sister to French G3 and multiple U.S. graded-stakes winner Penny's Gold. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000.

O-Comte Guillaume de Saint-Seine, Thierry Delegeue, Zied ben M'rad & Abderrahmane Laraichi; B-F Montauban; T-Didier Guillemin.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-MNR, \$33,700, 3-26, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft. **TEND (g, 7, Dynaformer--Liable {MSP, \$235,021}**, by **Seeking the Gold**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 35-12-6-7, \$507,383. O-Billy, Donna & Justin Hays. B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider (KY). T-Joe Woodard. * 1/2 to Blame (Arch), Ch. Older Male, MGISW, \$4,368,214.

6th-SUN, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. **REMUS (g, 6, Empire Maker--Wixon {Fr} {Hwt. 2yo Filly-Fr, GSW-Fr, \$164,473}**, by **Fioravanti**) Lifetime Record: 27-7-2-3, \$141,780. O-Raymond Simpson. B-Robert H Lail (KY). T-Weston Martin. \$145,000 RNA yrl '07 KEEJAN. ** 1/2 to Firefighter Rob (Gulch), SP, \$157,600.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jack's Girlfiend, f, 3, **National Saint--Easter Lady**, by Here We Come. WRD, 3-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Joyce Tackett (OK).

Jealous Ellis, f, 3, **Ocean Terrace--Diva Bride**, by Kipling. WRD, 3-27, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 3/5. B-Harmony Stable LLC (OK). \$19,000 2yo '11 OKCJUN.

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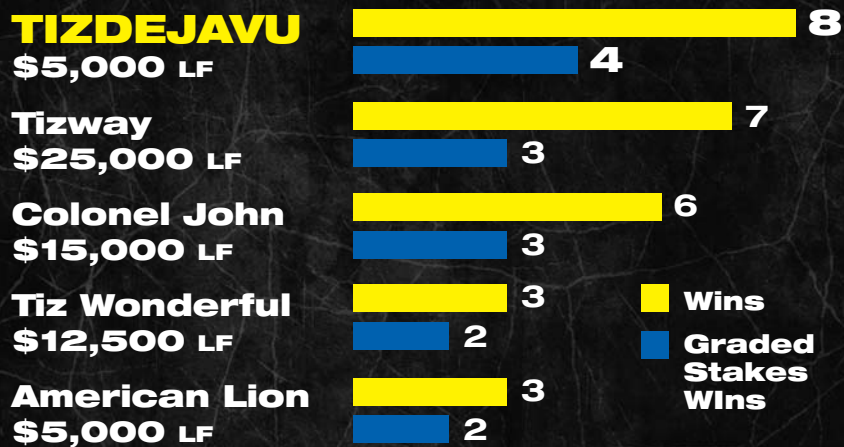
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Fusiachi Dan, g, 4, **Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn)**--Danzar, by Native Prospector. SUN, 3-27, (S), 1m, 1:38 4/5. B-Leroy L & S K Brown (NM).

Tiz Mine, g, 5, **Tiznow**--Our Majestic Cat, by Tabasco Cat. WRD, 3-27, 6f, 1:10 2/5. B-John D Gunther (KY). * \$65,000 RNA yrl '08 FTKJUL.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Saint-Cloud, 16.25, €33,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 5/16mT, 2:14.50, gd/sf.

PAGERA (FR) (f, 4, **Gentlewave {Ire}**--**Panthesilea {Fr}**, by **Kendor {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €57,300. O/B-Guy Pariente; T-Henri-Alex Pantall. * 1/2 to Validor (Fr) (American Post {GB}), MSW-Fr, \$223,806.

FRANCE, Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, 18.10, €27,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:41.03, gd/sf.

FIESOLANA (IRE) (f, 3, **Aussie Rules**--**Tidal Reach**, by **Kris S.**) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €22,432. O-Simone Brogi; B-R de Vere Hunt; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. * €35,000 2yo '11 GORMAY. ** 1/2 to Innit (Ire) (Distinctly North), GSW-US & Ity, \$445,809.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ruling Pole (Ire), c, 3, **Aussie Rules**--Queen of Poland (Fr), by Polish Precedent. Nantes, France, 3-27, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-H Malard. * €15,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQOCT.

+ **Atora Bere (Fr)**, f, 2, **Della Francesca**--Monatora (Fr), by Hector Protector. Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, France, 3-27, Unraced 2yo, 5fT. B-SNC Regnier. * €10,000 yrl '11 ARQNOV.

Lanarkshire (Ire), c, 3, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Voyage of Dreams, by Riverman. Southwell, Britain, 3-27, Mdn, 3yo, 1m (AWT). B-Victor Stud Bloodstock Ltd. * 22,000gns wnlg '09 TATDEC; 150,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.

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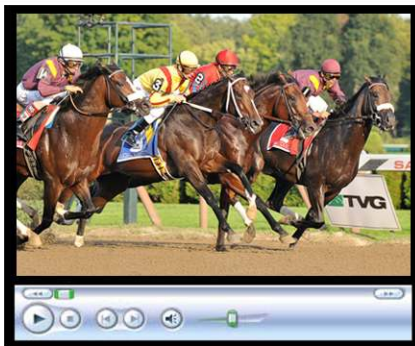
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03/14/10	Hockley	3	C	Penny's Fortune	1m (T)	SAX	US\$47,000	MSW	1	US\$580,000 2yo '09 FTFFEB US\$25,000 via '08 KEESPE			chart video
03/13/10	Corralito's Way	4	G	Montera	6f	OPX	US\$15,500	MDN [US\$10,000]	1	US\$500,000 RNA 2yo '08 FTFFEB US\$80,000 via '07 KEESPE			chart video
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