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TRIPLE ATTACK FOR PLETCHER IN JCGC

Armed with a cavalry of top class horses looking to punch their tickets to this fall's Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita, trainer Todd Pletcher will use this weekend's



Palace Malice
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GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont to help fine tune his championship day team. Heading the 'Win and You're In' event for the Classic is GI Belmont S. winner **Palace Malice** (Curlin), campaigned by Dogwood Stables. Also representing Pletcher on

Belmont's Super Saturday card is Goldmark Farm's **Cross Traffic** (Unbridled's Song), winner of the Aug. 3 GI Whitney H. and Stud TNT's **Vitoria Olimpica (Brz)** (Northern Fleet), a Group 1 winner in Brazil before taking the Alydar S. at Saratoga Aug. 22.

Likely to be the most highly supported of the three Pletcher runners, Palace Malice has given his trainer every reason to believe that the sophomore can handle his initial foray against older horses with aplomb.

"You have to have a very good 3-year-old to beat older horses, particularly in this running of the Jockey Club Gold Cup which looks to be a very strong field, but based on the way he has been running and his maturity level and physical development, we feel he should stack up very well," affirmed Pletcher.

Runner up in the slop at Gulfstream Park in January, the \$200,000 Keeneland April juvenile purchase encountered some poor luck when a close-up third in the Feb. 23 GII Risen Star S. before never really getting a chance to run when seventh after being buried along the inside in the Mar. 30 GII Louisiana Derby. Tried on the Polytrack for the first time in the GI Bluegrass S. at Keeneland Apr. 13, Palace Malice was second--beaten only a quarter of a length--by Java's War (War Front).
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A ROYAL RUMBLE

The GI Beldame Invitational promises to be one of the most intriguing races on Belmont's Super Saturday card, courtesy of two-time champion **Royal Delta** (Empire Maker) and this season's current leading sophomore filly **Princess of Sylmar** (Majestic Warrior). While six-time Grade I-winning Royal Delta will try and cement her domination in the older mare division by defending her title in the nine-furlong test, Princess of Sylmar will try to add to her already sparkling 2013 resume by taking on her elders for the first time.



Princess of Sylmar with Mike Smith and Ed Stancio
Reid Palmer

"I don't think she really has anything left to prove at this point," said Princess of Sylmar's trainer Todd Pletcher. "The year that she has had has been unbelievable."

So far this term, the King of Prussia Stable runner has taken five stakes, including three at the Grade I level. Victorious at whopping 38-1 odds in the May 3 Kentucky Oaks, the chestnut ran off to a six-length score in the July 20 Coaching Club American Oaks before completing the rare trifecta in the Aug. 17 Alabama S. at Saratoga.

"Winning the Kentucky Oaks, Coaching Club American Oaks and Alabama consecutively is pretty hard for any filly to do," said Pletcher. Cont. p4

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Triple Attack for Pletcher in JCGC (cont. from p1)

Caught up in a suicidal speed duel while sporting blinkers for the first time in the GI Kentucky Derby May 4, he faded to 12th over the muddy Churchill Downs strip. Let go at 13-1 odds for the Belmont, he prompted an honest opening pace in the 1 1/2-mile Classic and proved best to collect his second career victory over GI Preakness S. winner Oxbow (Awesome Again) with Derby champ Orb (Malibu Moon), who was back in third. Given a short breather following that effort, Palace Malice returned to take the nine-furlong July 27 GII Jim Dandy S. over the D. Wayne Lukas-trained Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song). However, once again the racing gods frowned upon him in the Aug. 24 GI Travers S. and Palace Malice had to settle for fourth, beaten only a length by Will Take Charge, after encountering more adversity. Will Take Charge came back to win last weekend's GII Pennsylvania Derby at Parx.

"He is a remarkable horse in that he launched his campaign at Gulfstream in January, and raced at Fair Grounds, Keeneland, Churchill Downs, Belmont and Saratoga and through all of that, he competed in two of the Triple Crown races and in the Jim Dandy and the Travers, but he has physically flourished even with that level of activity," said Pletcher. "He's bigger and stronger, and to me, he looks like he has put on weight since the Travers. He trains very well, seems to love the action and seems to be getting better and better. It is rare to see a horse with those type of races on his resume to continue to flourish physically. He's been terrific. He just takes everything in stride and he's an easy horse to train. He'll do anything you ask him to do in the mornings and he's a real pleasure to have him in the barn."

Sent off at 2-1 for the Travers, Palace Malice stumbled at the start and things didn't seem to get easier for him as he was caught wide turning for home.

"To be honest, I was shocked that he got as close as he did once he got off to the start that he did," said Pletcher. "He seemed to be standing pretty well, was ready to go and the ground just left him. Unfortunately for him, it took him out of his game plan, which is to allow him to settle in a stalking position like we were able to get in the Belmont and the Jim Dandy. And then you throw on top of that a :48 4/5 half [mile], in addition to a wide trip around the second turn. I was surprised he was able to make up as much ground as he did. It was just was one of those things."

Hall of Famer Mike Smith, who was aboard the colt for the colt's Belmont and Jim Dandy victories, was once again in tow for the Travers.

"Mike had a decision to make when he stumbled at the start, he has to decide whether to try and make up that ground quickly or sit back and wait," explained Pletcher. "He chose to wait, which I think was the right move. Unfortunately, we just didn't get the pace up in front of us that we needed to catch the front runners. It was a huge effort on his part to get beat only 3/4 of a length."

Employing a vastly different route into Saturday's Jockey Club Gold Cup, 4-year-old Cross Traffic didn't make his career debut until January of this year, winning at Gulfstream before adding another at the Hallandale oval Mar. 10. Trying stakes competition for the first time in the one-mile GIII Westchester S. at Belmont Apr. 27, the grey was handed a head defeat by the classy Flat Out (Flatter) before losing another heartbreaker to Sahara Sky (Pleasant Tap) in the GI Metropolitan H. May 27. Stretching out to nine panels for the first time in the Aug. 3 GI



Cross Traffic
Christina Bossinakis

Whitney Invitational H., Cross Traffic came home a 3/4-length winner over Successful Dan (Successful Appeal).

"We decided to pass on the [Aug. 31 GI] Woodward with Cross Traffic and that was sort of a difficult decision, because he was training very well," admitted Pletcher. "We were hoping to get to the Breeders' Cup Classic in the best possible way we could, and we felt passing the Woodward and waiting for the Jockey Club Gold Cup would, hopefully, put us in the best position to do that. Based on that decision, we have had some solid training, having not run since Aug. 3."

Attempting to stretch out to 10 furlongs for the first time this Saturday, Cross Traffic posted a five-furlong preparatory move in 1:00 2/5 over the Belmont training track Sept. 21. The regular workmate of Feb. 9 GI Donn H. and Mar. 30 GII New Orleans H. winner Graydar (Unbridled's Song), Cross Traffic will be accompanied by John Velazquez this weekend. His grey stablemate is expected to contest the GII Kelso H. on the Super Saturday undercard.

"They are two big scopey, strong sons of Unbridled's Song that have a lot in common in a lot of ways, yet are coming up to these races from differing paths," said Pletcher of the workmates. "And with Graydar coming back from a lengthy layoff, it seemed like both horses would benefit from training with each other and they made very good work mates leading up to this."

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Thrown into Gold Cup consideration late in the game, Vitoria Olimpica (Northern Afleet) won his latest start in the nine-furlong Alydar S. at the Spa Aug. 22. A Group 1 winner in his native Brazil, the striking chestnut was sixth in his U.S. bow after setting the pace going a mile on the turf at the Spa July 24.

“Since he arrived from Brazil, he has trained like a very good horse,” said Pletcher. “We had a decision to make before we ran him in this country the first time whether or not to run him on the turf, like he had been doing in Brazil, or run him on the dirt because he trained so well on it. We decided to go ahead and run him on the grass, because I didn’t want him to go 1 1/8 miles on the dirt first time out. He’s definitely a horse that wants to go two turns. He ran very well on the turf, and came back and trained even better on the dirt, so we decided to run him back in the Alydar S. He beat some very nice horses. It’s a big step for any horse, making only his third start in the U.S. but I spoke to Mr. [Goncalo] Torrealba and he said he would love to take a chance if the horse is doing well, and since the horse is well, we’d like to give him the opportunity.”



Graydar
Lou Hodges

While a good effort from Palace Malice, Cross Traffic or Vitoria Olimpica in Saturday’s Gold Cup would cement a ticket into the Breeders’ Cup Classic Nov. 2, Pletcher indicated things were still a little more up in the air with Graydar.

“This weekend will tell us a lot about where we want to go with some of these horses, particularly Graydar,” said Pletcher. “He’s proven he can be very effective at a mile, but he’s also been very good at a mile and an eighth. We’ll have to see how well he runs in the Kelso,

how much he gets out of it and how he trains afterward. If we feel like one start since March will be enough to have him ready to go in the Classic or whether the [GI Breeders’ Cup] Dirt Mile will be a better option.”

A Royal Rumble (cont. from p1)

“We have a lot of respect for Royal Delta and think she’ll be the one to beat,” Pletcher continued. “We just felt this race was the right program for our filly and we had a decision to make between the [8 1/2-furlong GI] Cotillion [S. at Parx Sept. 21] and this race. I felt a little uncomfortable backing up to a mile and a sixteenth, giving the field a lot of weight and running over a surface that can be a little peculiar. We felt staying home and trying our luck against some of the best older mares was the right time to try it.”

While admitting that facing a mare of the caliber of Royal Delta—who will be looking for her third consecutive GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff victory this November—will be tough, Pletcher believes his filly is up to the task.

BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Cluster of Stars	Greeley's Galaxy	Gallant Bloom H.-G2	111
Ben's Cat	Parker's Storm Cat	Laurel Dash S.	106
Immortal Eyes	Greatness	Frank J. De Francis Mem. Dash S.	105
Will Take Charge	Unbridled's Song	Pennsylvania Derby-G2	105
Treacherous	Ghostzapper	New Mexico State Fair H.	102
Shanghai Bobby	Harlan's Holiday	Aljamin S.	101
Wild Crush	Stephanotis	Alberta Breeders' H.	101
Madame Giry	Castledale (IRE)	Jameela S.	100
Power of Titus	Secret Romeo	Michigan Sire S.	99
Readtheprospectus	Read the Footnotes	Spite The Devil S.	99
Blueskiesrainbows	English Channel	Ralph M. Hinds H.	98
Close Hatches	First Defence	Cotillion S.-G1	98
Avare	Johannesburg	Pomona Derby	97
Big Screen	Speightstown	Who's To Pay S.	97
Geeky Gorgeous	Devil His Due	New Jersey Breeders H.	97
Phil's Dream	Philanthropist	Overskate S.	97
City of Weston	Holy Bull	Gallant Bob S.-G3	96
My Pal Chrisy	Alex's Pal	Musical Romance S.	96
Roman Invader	Roman Ruler	Parlo S.	96
Vegas No Show	Hard Spun	Ricci Tavi S.	96
Conkate	Exchange Rate	Bangles and Beads S.	95
Leigh Court	Grand Slam	La Lorgnette S.	95
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“[Royal Delta] is a phenomenal mare and she has such a high-cruising speed and she is able to carry that over a distance of ground,” conceded Pletcher. “We have a lot of respect for her, we have been fortunate enough to beat her twice [in 2012] with Love and Pride [GI Personal Ensign H.] and Awesome Maria [GIII Sabin S.]. We hope that Princess of Sylmar can give her a run for her money. But we have tremendous respect for how good she is.” Prior to her CCA Oaks victory, Princess of Sylmar’s connections indicated the filly would make her final start of the season in the Beldame and bypass the Breeders’ Cup, in hopes of returning for a 4-year-old campaign. Would an impressive performance Saturday alter that plan?

“Everything is always open to discussion, but what [King of Prussia’s] Ed Stanco and I had talked about prior to the CCA Oaks was that she would probably have a few more starts and we would put her away for the rest of the year and give her a little vacation, with the idea that she’d come back as a 4-year-old,” said Pletcher. “She continues to do so well, and knock on wood, continues to be in great physical shape, that there is always the possibility that every option is open. But we’ll just have to address that after the Beldame.”

And would a loss in the Beldame potentially open the door to somebody else clinching the 3-year-old filly championship?

“I would like to think that her body of work would be looked at as pretty overwhelming with what she’s accomplished so far this year,” affirmed Pletcher. “That’s one of those things that won’t be a consideration whether or not she runs again this year.”



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Lot 30 KENHOPE

(Rating 112 / 1600m)

F.10 Kendargent x Bedford Hope (Chato)



This daughter of Kendargent lost her maiden status at two. Guy Pariente's filly then lined up against the colts in the Prix Thomas Bryon (**Gr.3**) where she finished 2nd. She was successful on her reappearance in the Prix Polly Girl (B) before winning the Prix de la Grotte (**Gr.3**) in impressive style. She took her performances to a whole new level in the Coronation Stakes (**Gr.1**) at Royal Ascot where she put up a superb performance to finish 2nd behind Sky Lantern. At Deauville this summer, she finished 3rd in the Prix Rothschild (**Gr.1**). Kenhope's last run was a very good 4th in the Matron Stakes (**Gr.1**) on 7 September this year.

Lot 7 LADY DUTCH

(Rating 92 / 1200m)

F.11 Dutch Art x Monjouet (Montjeu)



This protégée of Bruno Grizzetti is a 'brand new' filly who has already shown great talent on the track. By the speedy Dutch Art, she has finished in front on each of her three only starts in Italy, most notably winning the Premio Vittorio Crespi (**L.**) in great style over 1200m.

Lot 48 LIMARIO

(Rating 110 / 2000-2200m)

C.10 Areion x Limaga (Lagunas)



From the training establishment of Roland Dzubasz this son of Areion was awarded the title of best German two year old last year thanks to a nice victory in the Preis des Winterfavoriten (**Gr.3**) at Düsseldorf. This year, the full brother to Australian Group 3 winner Le Roi showed all his class to run out the impressive winner of the GP des Audi Zentrums Hannover (**Gr.3**) over 2000 m on 18 August at Hanover finishing ahead of 2013 **Gr.1** Preis von Europa winner Vif Monsieur among others.

Lot 36 CHALNETTA

(Rating 111 / 2400m)

F.10 Oratorio x Aifa (Johann Quatz)



This three year old filly trained by Christophe Ferland revealed the extent of her talent from a young age and has progressed well ever since. At the end of May in Bordeaux she won the Derby du Midi (**L.**) and proved head and shoulders superior to her rivals which included colts on the day. On her first start at **Group 2** level she finished second in the Prix de Malleret at Saint-Cloud before finishing second again in the Prix de Pomone, not beaten far by the excellent André Fabre trained La Pomme d'Amour.

Lot 57 EMPOLI

(Rating 113 / 2200-2400m)

C.10 Halling x Estefania (Acatenango)



This three year old colt from the family of triple **Group 1** winner Elle Danzig has been successfully campaigned in Germany since the beginning of the year over distances between 2200 and 2400m. Trained by Peter Schiergen, the son of Halling finished second in the Oppenheim Union-Rennen (**Gr.2**) at Cologne in mid June and then also finished second to the good Seismos in the Rheinland-Pokal (**Gr.1**) at Munich. On his most recent start on 1 September, he finished an excellent fourth in the Grosser Preis Von Baden (**Gr.1**) only beaten two lengths by Group 1 winners Novellist, Seismos and Méandre. Last Sunday at Cologne, Empoli showed a great turn of foot in the Gr.1 Preis von Europa and finished 2nd, just beaten a head by the smart Meandre. But after a lengthy stewards' enquiry, both horses were controversially disqualified and Empoli was given the 4th place.

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NEWS TODAY

KRISTALE DOUBTFUL FOR CHEVELEY PARK

Lucky Kristale (GB) (Lucky Story) looks likely to miss Saturday's G1 Cheveley Park S. at Newmarket after scoping dirty, trainer George Margaron announced yesterday. Graham Lodge Partnership's G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. and G2 Lowther S. winner was set to tackle top-level company for the first time in the six-furlong feature, but she is giving the wrong signals at home. "She worked on Monday morning and then we scoped and blood tested her afterwards and the results were not what I would have liked," her conditioner told *PA Sport*. "She'd been a bit quiet, which is unlike her as she's usually a bit of a fizzy filly. If she'd been quiet for a few days and returned those tests I might have thought she was just getting over something, but I think she might be just starting to come down with it. There's a lot of it going around in the town. I would say, in my mind, she's very doubtful for Newmarket at the moment. We will probably give her a little breeze on Wednesday morning, do the tests again and take a decision from there."

STYLE VENDOME TO AL SHAQAB

Style Vendome (Fr) (Anabaa--Place Vendome {Fr}, by Dr Fong), hero of this term's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains while carrying the colors of Andre de Ganay, will be the first stallion to stand under the new name of Al Shaqab Racing, based at Haras de Bouquetot in Normandy, according to *the JDG*. Trained by Nicolas Clement, he won five races from eight starts, including the G3 Prix Djebel, and more than €760,000 in purses. Sheikh Joaan Al Thani purchased the gray privately in early June. Bred in France by Guy Pariente, he was a €92,000 ARQAUG yearling purchase. A stud fee has not yet been released.

However, I deeply resent his comment, "Stop catering to a group of insiders who have continued to devalue the breed by operating a self-seving program built on restricted races." One of the reasons some states support horse racing and have approved subsidies from casinos to horse racing is to support the state's farms--both horse and hay--as well as to support track workers, veterinarians, and farm workers. In short, some states want to help their agricultural communities and preserve greenspace. Thus, the tracks run restricted state-bred horse races and bettor money helps support local breeders who supply the product for the sport.

Secondly, some horses running in restricted races have been bred to stallions that cost tens to hundreds of thousands in stud fees, i.e., Giants Causeway, Distorted Humor, etc. Not all of the foals from these high-priced sires end up in stakes races. In fact, very few do. You may remember that NY-bred Funnycide won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness--certainly not an inferior state -bred.

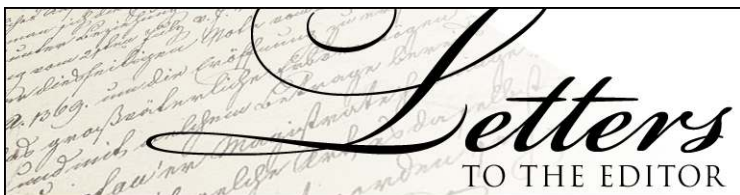
State-bred restricted races provide a place where those horses that cannot compete at a higher level can participate. In fact, I know life-long bettors, who bet everyday, who do not like to bet on the big stakes races because they are more knowledgeable about the local horses they have been following and feel they can better handicap their races. As horses age, especially geldings, they can continue to compete at a less arduous level and be successful.

As the wife of a passionate horse racing fan who does not have deep pockets, we have been able to enjoy breeding a small number of state-breds whose sires' stud fees cost ten thousand or less. Who are you to criticize and try to deny us this outlet?

Let the marketplace decide. If a sire's or mare's foals do not provide some profit, who will keep breeding them? That's the advantage of capitalism.

Carol Swenson
Lake Grove, NY

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To the Editor:

Although I appreciate some of the suggestions made by Richard Land's letter "Message to NYRA or Its Private Successors" ([TDN, 9/24/13](#)), I take umbrage at some of his criticisms.

I can appreciate his suggestions to improve the handle are to lower the take-out rate and reduce or eliminate the charges for programs and parking at the track. I also understand that most of the handle comes from simulcast venues and OTBs. I agree that safeguarding the integrity of the sport and health of the horses should be ensured through federal or national horseracing commission laws that are enforced with stiff penalties for violators.

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Brian Cornell:

I generally agree that the marketing efforts of NYRA are a little misguided. I thought the \$15,000 bet thing was silly and I doubt it had any impact on attendance or handle except for the 15k. However, Mr. Land is somewhat harsh in my view. The Saratoga experience is exceptional and NYRA works hard to make it user friendly despite the crowds. The golf, tennis, restaurants and lakes make it even better. I attend the races daily and own horses. Some days are a little long with perhaps too many races. Having a liberal policy towards backstretch access is a big plus for real fans and bettors. I have a group of friends who love that experience equating it to shagging flies with Yaz or Teddy Ballgame or Ellsburry as they get up close and personal with jocks and trainers, virtually all who are friendly and gracious. NYRA should pay people like Cordero, Velasquez, Castellano and many others for their ambassador like efforts in the morning and at the races. I do believe that cutting some costs of concessions and reducing handle would be helpful, but a day at Saratoga even buying a reserved seat is very cheap compared to going to a Red Sox or Patriots game. Better rewards for bettors would also be helpful. I have some confidence and hope that the new NYRA team will propose lots of new things. The new pick 5 being great. Of course, the NY state government will have to be open to changes which has not always been their modus operandi. Things aren't so bad. But like most ventures improvements could be made.

Brian Cornell
Hingham, MA

Barry Irwin:

In response to Richard Land's suggestions to NYRA, I agree with virtually all of what he wrote in his Letter to the Editor, with one notable exception.

Those sportsmen and women that breed and race Thoroughbreds are as much a part of a successful equation as the horseplayers, because without them and their investment and their participation, there is nothing for the horseplayers to wager on.

So it behooves NYRA to go that extra mile to make their experience so wonderful and their races so prestigious as to attract the top owners and their top horses.

Investment in creating an atmosphere that attracts the most prominent owners in the sport is just as important as the other items Mr. Land mentioned. So while correcting problems such as over pricing of beverages and charging for parking and admission, one should not forget to increase the budget for an improved owner experience.

Barry Irwin
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RISING TIDE

It's a great expression, isn't it-- "a rising tide lifts all boats"--and that pretty much describes Keeneland's super-energized 2013 edition of its September Yearling Sale, which ended last Saturday after a two-week run; 12 days of selling, four in Week 1 (Book 1), and eight in Week 2 (Books 2-5). When the numbers were all tallied, a total of 2,744 yearlings had been sold (70% of those catalogued, same as last year), which was 9% more than last year, for \$280,491,300, and an average of \$102,220--the first time since 2007 the sale's average had topped \$100,000. The gross was up over \$60-million (28%) from last year, and the average rose 17%, from \$87,354.

Once it was clear that Book 1 was going to average well above last year's combined Books 1-2 average of \$202,829--and that was certainly clear beyond reasonable doubt after Thursday's third session of Book 1 averaged \$310,296--the momentum just continued, all the way through at least the end of Book 4 a week later. This year's second Thursday--the second day of Book 4--averaged \$31,060; not until Book 5 did the average drop below \$30,000 (Book 5 averaged \$16,278). Week 2 (see the Weekly Sales Ticker, top graph and table) had 478 more yearlings catalogued (19%) than last year, and 18% more sold. Just as last year, over 72% of those catalogued sold, though there was a slight shift, with 2.4% fewer withdrawals and 2.7% fewer sold of those sent through the ring--82.0% this year, versus 84.7% last year. The week's gross was up 46%--over \$40-million--and, given the 18% more sold, the average for the week rose by 24%, from \$46,711 to \$57,828.

There are two factors which could have contributed to a 'natural' rise in second-week figures: the combination of 200 fewer horses catalogued in Week 1 (meaning they theoretically moved back to the beginning of Week 2), and the concentration of the foal crop among 30 or so sires which now routinely have three-figure foal crops and 30-40+ yearlings in the sale, and which then resulted in plenty of viable yearlings by some pretty good sires all the way back into at least Book 4. Whatever the explanations, though, there don't need to be many qualifiers: it was a blockbuster sale, and there was nobody--including plenty of the buyers--who wasn't thrilled to see the tangible recovery and the smiles on the faces of even the most hardened cynics among the consignors.

Interestingly, the fact that the average crested the \$100,000 barrier for the first time since 2007 provides us with a good measure of what has actually happened to the 'commercial' foal crop since then. At the 2007 September Sale, a total of 3,799 yearlings grossed \$385,018,600, and averaged \$101,347. **Cont. p8**

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This year, a total of 2,744 yearlings grossed \$280,491,300, and averaged \$102,220. Here's what's happened: 1,000 fewer yearlings sold for \$100-million less than in 2007--a drop of 28% in the number sold, and 27% in the gross. Some of that has come from the very top ranges of the market, but more of it has come off the bottom. The September Sale has returned to a \$100,000 average--essentially, with 28% fewer horses.

THE NEW SIRE CORPS

While Galileo was the leading sire on average at Keeneland September (why not?), the most interesting lists to look at, now that the sale is over, are TDN's Instatistics lists, which cover all the 2013 yearling sales to date. It's interesting during the sale to look at the sire lists just for the sale, but so far about 75% of the yearlings sold in North America have been at Keeneland September, so now let's concentrate on the averages for North American sires to date. Here we see the new world order for North American commercial sires. Number one is Gainesway's Tapit (46, averaged \$412,870), ahead of Three Chimneys' late Dynaformer, who had just eight sell, which averaged \$403,750; but he's the only one of 14 sires which have averaged over \$200,000 to have fewer than 14 sold. Claiborne's War Front is third (second among active sires), with 43 sold, for an average of \$385,279. But his were from his fifth crop, when he was still standing for \$15,000, whereas Tapit's were from his seventh crop, when he was already up to \$80,000. Darley's Medaglia D'Oro was just behind War Front, with 31 averaging \$380,774, though, in his second season at Darley in 2011, he was already a \$100,000 stallion. WinStar's venerable Distorted Humor rounded out the top five, with 30 yearlings averaging \$368,633.

No sires younger than War Front and Darley's Bernardini, both with first foals 2008 (so these yearlings from their fifth crops) cracked the \$200,000 average barrier. After Distorted Humor came: Darley's Street Cry (14--\$339,286); WinStar's Tiznow, who I thought had a big sale and now has 44 sold, for an average of \$317,432; Lane's End's Smart Strike (32 yearlings from his 14th crop averaged \$271,563); Darley's aforementioned Bernardini (21--\$267,000); and, rounding out the top ten, Airdrie's late Indian Charlie, having his best year commercially with his final crop of yearlings, of which 39 have sold for an average of \$252,313. Also over \$200,000: Spendthrift's still upwardly-mobile 17-year-old, Malibu Moon (leading sire by number offered--90--and number sold--68, which have averaged \$221,147); Taylor Made's late Unbridled's Song (42, averaged \$212,857); Ashford's three-time Champion Sire, Giant's Causeway (55--\$202,974); and Claiborne's late Pulpit (19, averaged \$202,632).

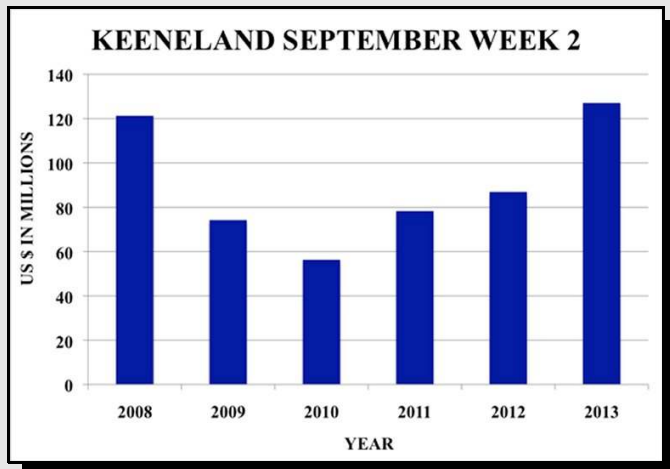
Though no sires with first foals 2009-2012 averaged over \$200,000, five sires with their first crops of yearlings selling have averaged over \$100,000.

TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER

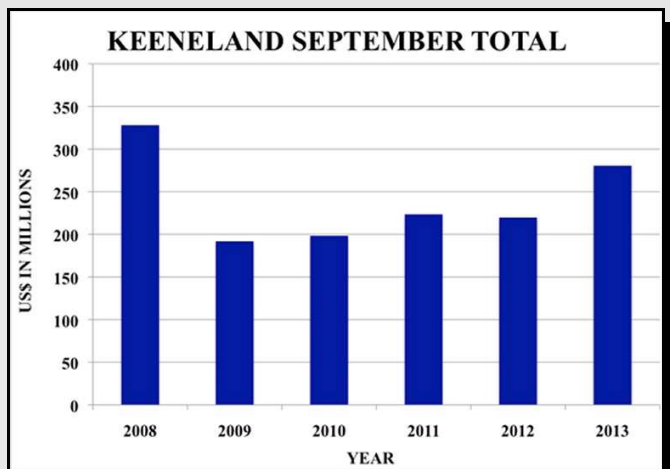
by Bill Oppenheim



"The day before the sale started, I saw Paramount Sales' Gabriel (Spider) Duignan (pronounced Dyg-nan, I have now finally learned) at Barn 49 ('the nosebleed section', though one of Keeneland's really bright ideas was a corps of golf carts, driven by well-mannered, pleasant bright young things, to ferry people around) and asked him what he thought. "I'm uncharacteristically optimistic", he replied. Wow; I should have asked him how optimistic? The gross was up by \$60-million (28%); whatever the reasons, American breeders are back in business."
 - Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	3,033	2,679	2,198	11.7%	82.0%	72.5%	\$127,106,300	\$57,828
2012	2,557	2,196	1,861	14.1%	84.7%	72.8%	\$86,928,500	\$46,711
2011	3,173	2,657	2,168	16.3%	81.6%	68.3%	\$78,271,300	\$36,103
2010	3,344	2,818	2,118	15.7%	75.2%	68.3%	\$56,270,400	\$26,568
2009	3,977	3,287	2,456	17.3%	74.7%	61.8%	\$74,199,700	\$30,212
2008	4,258	3,632	2,768	14.7%	76.2%	65.0%	\$121,272,400	\$43,812



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	3,908	3,427	2,744	12.3%	80.1%	70.2%	\$280,491,300	\$102,220
2012	3,604	3,114	2,516	13.6%	80.8%	69.8%	\$219,781,500	\$87,354
2011	4,319	3,689	2,921	14.6%	79.2%	67.6%	\$223,487,800	\$76,511
2010	4,857	4,173	3,059	14.1%	73.3%	63.0%	\$198,257,900	\$64,811
2009	5,189	4,360	3,159	16.0%	72.5%	60.9%	\$191,859,200	\$60,734
2008	5,555	4,795	3,605	13.7%	75.2%	64.9%	\$327,999,100	\$90,984

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Oppenheim cont.

Claiborne's Blame (Arch), most famous for bringing Zenyatta's 19-race win skein to a halt in the 2010 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, actually ranks 15th among all sires by average and ends up the wide-margin leading F2012 (first foals 2012) sire by average; 36 yearlings from his first crop have averaged \$192,193. When the median is close to the average--in his case it was actually \$192,500, a few dollars higher than his average--it invariably means the sire is throwing uniform stock, usually uniformly good-looking; note, on the table, that Blame's 16 weanlings last year had a significantly higher median than average--very unusual. In the commercial market, who doesn't like Blame? Nobody; everybody likes Blame.

Four other first-year sires were grouped closely together by average, with the second spot going to Taylor Made's Eskendereya (Giant's Causeway), who's had 45 yearlings sell, for an average of \$127,755. Lane's End's Quality Road (Elusive Quality) is third on average, with 54 yearlings averaging \$119,926. Win Star's Super Saver (Maria's Mon), the 2010 GI Kentucky Derby winner, has found favor with buyers, with 58 yearlings averaging \$106,776, just ahead of Ashford's two-time Champion, Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike), who's had 42 yearlings average \$105,857). Darley's Desert Party (Street Cry), who (let me get this right for once) now stands at Sequel Stallions in New York, has had 26 yearlings average an impressive \$91,846, off a \$10,000 starting stud fee. Also over \$70,000 in average are: Airdrie's Majesticperfection (Harlan's Holiday; 33 have averaged \$78,121); Spendthrift's Warrior's Reward (Medaglia D'Oro; 51 have averaged \$72,185); and Darby Dan's Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat; 29 yearlings have averaged \$71,517). Warrior's Reward and Tale of Ekati both entered stud for \$15,000 in 2011; Majesticperfection debuted for \$10,000.

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LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SIRES OF YEARLINGS WITH AVERAGE \$100K+

Rank by Average Price	2013 Yearling Sales						2012 Yearling Sales			
	Ring	Sold	Average	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly	Sold	Average	Median	
1	TAPIT	59	46	412,870	342,500	1,550,000	1,000,000	59	260,515	260,000
2	DYNAFORMER	9	8	403,750	265,000	600,000	1,225,000	20	243,800	167,500
3	WAR FRONT	52	43	385,279	300,000	2,500,000	650,000	32	230,724	204,550
4	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	47	31	380,774	250,000	1,700,000	1,500,000	33	299,310	200,000
5	DISTORTED HUMOR	47	30	368,633	280,000	925,000	1,000,000	30	320,400	287,500
6	STREET CRY (IRE)	16	14	339,286	280,000	750,000	570,000	19	330,000	200,000
7	TIZNOW	56	44	317,432	245,000	610,000	1,750,000	40	181,800	145,000
8	SMART STRIKE	44	32	271,563	235,000	1,000,000	775,000	34	238,284	170,000
9	BERNARDINI	30	21	267,000	200,000	650,000	1,300,000	41	249,976	170,000
10	INDIAN CHARLIE	56	39	252,313	145,000	750,000	2,200,000	33	143,576	90,000
11	MALIBU MOON	90	68	221,147	177,500	500,000	1,350,000	75	151,013	130,000
12	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	55	42	212,857	182,500	1,100,000	460,000	42	184,905	140,000
13	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	71	55	202,974	166,588	675,000	435,000	50	151,418	100,000
14	PULPIT	28	19	202,632	160,000	375,000	450,000	21	145,000	100,000
15	BLAME	43	36	192,193	192,500	550,000	285,000	0	--	--
16	SPEIGHTSTOWN	47	34	186,618	172,500	500,000	360,000	31	146,661	110,000
17	ARCH	48	40	141,550	115,000	435,000	275,000	36	150,474	115,000
18	LEMON DROP KID	52	41	133,171	100,000	440,000	290,000	52	99,320	66,000
19	ACT OF WAR	1	1	130,000	130,000	0	130,000	0	--	--
20	MORE THAN READY	59	44	128,347	100,000	300,000	310,000	35	110,823	90,000
21	ESKENDEREYA	54	45	127,755	100,000	540,000	240,000	0	--	--
22	KITTEN'S JOY	46	32	125,063	95,000	350,000	290,000	42	63,055	50,000
23	ELUSIVE QUALITY	38	29	122,738	115,000	300,000	200,000	48	105,702	75,000
24	CANDY RIDE (ARG)	72	59	121,051	70,000	700,000	400,000	55	83,991	50,000
25	QUALITY ROAD	64	54	119,926	80,000	500,000	435,000	0	--	--
26	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	71	53	114,736	95,000	320,000	380,000	64	89,881	75,000
27	STREET SENSE	49	36	112,083	80,000	250,000	375,000	46	102,151	95,000
28	PIONEER OF THE NILE	31	29	107,379	90,000	300,000	200,000	51	78,261	60,000
29	SUPER SAVER	70	58	106,776	85,000	360,000	320,000	0	--	--
30	LOOKIN AT LUCKY	50	42	105,857	82,500	490,000	320,000	0	--	--
31	TALE OF THE CAT	53	38	103,553	88,500	300,000	320,000	42	75,837	46,075
32	AWESOME AGAIN	37	27	102,648	97,000	250,000	230,000	29	89,316	45,000
33	MINESHAFT	42	27	102,444	65,000	400,000	150,000	41	62,427	40,000
34	STORMY ATLANTIC	41	28	101,089	72,000	330,000	240,000	36	77,296	67,500

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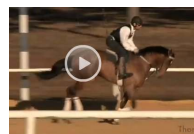
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1	BLAME	43	36	192,193	192,500	550,000	285,000	16	132,727	150,000
2	ESKENDEREYA	54	45	127,755	100,000	540,000	240,000	9	67,000	35,000
3	QUALITY ROAD	64	54	119,926	80,000	500,000	435,000	18	120,000	85,000
4	SUPER SAVER	70	58	106,776	85,000	360,000	320,000	30	49,317	40,000
5	LOOKIN AT LUCKY	50	42	105,857	82,500	490,000	320,000	15	88,667	60,000
6	DESERT PARTY	33	26	91,846	73,500	200,000	460,000	17	31,088	26,000
7	MAJESTICPERFECTION	42	33	78,121	55,000	285,000	230,000	21	46,952	30,000
8	WARRIOR'S REWARD	60	51	72,185	52,000	220,000	310,000	28	30,525	25,500
9	TALE OF EKATI	31	29	71,517	47,000	170,000	400,000	15	31,467	25,000
10	MIDSHIPMAN	35	29	54,845	50,000	120,000	140,000	12	29,917	25,000
11	MUNNINGS	53	45	53,827	50,000	170,000	100,000	31	32,474	27,000
12	CONCORD POINT	17	16	53,313	35,000	250,000	95,000	10	16,170	14,250
13	KANTHAROS	21	20	49,800	37,500	300,000	45,000	10	18,300	16,000
14	DISCREETLY MINE	53	38	48,408	39,000	125,000	130,000	16	28,125	30,000
15	BULLSBAY	1	1	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0	--	--
16	AFLEET EXPRESS	13	11	39,791	28,000	190,000	70,000	9	22,244	20,000
17	HOLD ME BACK	35	27	38,667	30,000	110,000	90,000	11	12,109	9,500
18	HARLEM ROCKER	2	2	37,500	37,500	35,000	40,000	2	2,850	2,850
19	SMOOTH AIR	2	2	32,500	32,500	15,000	50,000	0	--	--
20	SUMMER BIRD	32	27	30,352	26,000	72,000	70,000	19	32,553	28,000
21	LINE OF DAVID	25	21	30,042	22,000	150,000	50,000	14	14,157	8,000

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Yesterday's Results:

7th-PRX, \$47,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5, ft. + OUR LESMIS (f, 2, [Yes It's True--Our Cozzette {SW}, by Cozzene](#)), sent off at 4-1, burst from the gate and immediately took control. The bay was approached by her rivals in mid-stretch, but she immediately put them away to graduate d by three lengths. Raging Smoke (More Smoke) was the runner-up. The winner is a half to Our Fantene (Touch Gold), MSW, \$146,273. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,600. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Two Hands LLC & Lynch Racing LLC. B-Gunsmith Stables (PA). T-Cathal Lynch.

1st-PID, \$34,850, Msw, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11, ft. CACTUS KRIS (f, 2, [Cactus Ridge--Highest Ground, by Lemon Drop Kid](#)) was second on debut here at 5 1/2 furlongs July 11, came back to be third at this distance July 29, and ran second by just a head when extended to a mile Aug. 21. Hammered down to 3-5 favoritism for this attempt, the chestnut trailed the field through the early stages. Cactus Kris swung out to the center of the track exiting the bend and ran down Jerry Love (Not For Love), who had begun to draw away from the field. Running on Lasix for the first time, Cactus Kris beat that rival to the wire by a neck. Sales history: \$2,000 wIng '11 KEENOV; \$30,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$38,500. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Anne Walsh. B-James Paliafito & Tom Keegan (KY). T-Ryan Walsh.

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Frac Daddy (Scat Daddy), 5f(tr), 1:00.50, 1/10
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Teen Pauline (Tapit), 4f(tr), :49.53, 6/41
War Dancer (War Front), 5f(tr), 1:00.50, 1/10

Kentucky

Fasig-Tipton October Catalogue Available Online:

The Fasig-Tipton October Sale Catalogue is now available online at www.fasigtipton.com. The sale, which will be held from Monday Oct. 21-23 at Newton Paddock in Lexington, has 1,130 yearlings catalogued. "The 2013 yearling market has been very encouraging thus far and the October Sale will have a wide selection of attractive offerings for buyers," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "And after several years of good results in the sales ring and at the racetrack, the quality of yearlings entered for the sale improves each year. On the catalogue cover there are three Grade I stakes-winning graduates from the past 12 months, demonstrating that October grads can take to you to the very top. Additionally, there have been over 100 recent stakes-winning grads that cost up to \$40,000."

Bucky the Bugler Retires:

George "Bucky" Sallee, Keeneland's Bugler for over 40 years, has retired. Sallee, a Lexington native, began playing the trumpet as a child and majored in music at the University of Kentucky before he began playing at Keeneland in the 1960s. "Bucky is a Keeneland icon," said Keeneland President and CEO Bill Thomason. "He is a favorite among fans of all ages, having generously shared his time and musical talent with so many people during his storied career. Bucky is a very special member of the Keeneland family, and a wonderful ambassador for racing."

"Being a part of the Keeneland family has opened a lot of doors for me during my career," Sallee said. "I've watched race fans literally grow up from kids to adults with their own children. It's been a lot of fun."

Bucky will be replaced by Steve Buttleman, who has performed at Churchill Downs, Belmont Park and Oaklawn Park. "I am honored to become Keeneland's new bugler," Buttleman said. "I have the utmost respect for Bucky and everything he has given to Keeneland, the Lexington community, and the Thoroughbred industry. I look forward to carrying on Bucky's traditions and his role as an ambassador for racing."

Central U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

10th-IND, \$37,801, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58 1/5, ft.

EXQUISITE LADY (f, 3, [Posse--Lady Riss {MSW, \\$325,390}](#), by [Unreal Zeal](#)) was runner-up when unveiled in a six-furlong state-bred maiden special weight over the synthetic at Arlington Park Sept. 15. Bet down to even-money favoritism for this off-the-turf event, the dark bay broke on top and kept daylight between herself and the field throughout. Runner-up Unbridled Blossom (Unbridled Spring) closed the seven-length gap Exquisite Lady had on the field in the stretch to 2 3/4 lengths at the wire. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$28,801. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#).

O/B-Dana Waier Thoroughbreds LLC (IL). T-Rusty Hellman.



Central Report cont.

8th-IND, \$35,001, Msw, 2yo, f, 5f (off turf), :58 2/5, ft. E BUILT THIS CITY (f, 2, [City Zip](#)--E Looe, by Lure) ran third in her career bow going 4 1/2 furlongs over the Keeneland synthetic Apr. 18 and returned to take fourth to Gill Schuylerville heroine Bahnah (Elusive Quality) on the dirt at Churchill Downs June 6. She fired a best-of-eight bullet at Keeneland Sept. 18, breezing four furlongs in :48 1/5. Chosen as the 8-5 chalk in this off-the-turf test, the chestnut bobbed at the break, but quickly recovered to duel for the lead. E Built This City gained control quickly and drew off to prove much the best. She crossed the wire 6 3/4 lengths ahead of runner-up Judsonsprettygirl (Thunderello). Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$28,451. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)

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- BAILERO (ARG)** (Roy), 3/0/0
3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Tha Real McCoy, 8-1
- DUNKIRK** (Unbridled's Song), Ashford, \$10K, 126/9/1
3-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Hopehard, \$17K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- KODIAK KOWBOY** (Posse), WinStar, \$7K, 52/7/0
3-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Kowboy King, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 9-5
- MASSIVE DRAMA** (Kafwain), 3/0/0
5-IND, Stk, 6f, Aziperform, 8-1
- MIKIMOTO'S MOJO** (Hold That Tiger), Maple Valley, \$2K, 3/0/0
3-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Mojo's Pristina, 5-1
- OLD FASHIONED** (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$8K, 81/5/1
7-LRL, Msw, 6f, +Cutty Shark, \$70K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1
- STAR CAT** (Storm Cat), Breakway Farm, \$3K, 12/2/0
7-IND, Stk, 6f, Rolo Cat, 12-1
- 5-IND, Stk, 6f, Purrrpurrr, 8-1
- UNBRIDLED EXPRESS** (Unbridled's Song), Hidden Springs, \$1K, 5/1/0
5-IND, Stk, 6f, Express Model, 2-1
- ZENSATIONAL** (Unbridled's Song), Hill N Dale, \$15K, 82/5/0
4-DEL, Str, 6f, Sensational Value, 6-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

SANTA ANITA

Paynter (Awesome Again), 4f, :48.20, 10/17
 Socialbug (Curlin), 5f, :58.20, 2/14

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Sept. 25

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

- ARTEMUS SUNRISE** (Tale of the Cat), 8/1/0
7-IND, Stk, 6f, Renn Lake, 8-1
- FIRST DEFENCE** (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte, \$20K, 113/30/2
2-WO, Msw, 7f, +Summer On the Lawn, 2-1
- HEART OF THE STORM** (Storm Cat), 35/6/0
3-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Stormbee, 10-1
- 1-KD, Msw, 6fT, +Artistic License, 15-1
- MAGNA GRADUATE** (Honor Grades), Darby Dan, \$5K, 111/24/1
1-KD, Msw, 6fT, +Parc Celeste, 20-1
- MIDNIGHT LUTE** (Real Quiet), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 196/45/7
9-KD, Msw, 6fT, +Midnight Beauty, \$8K OBS OPN 2yo, 20-1
- SALUTE THE SARGE** (Forest Wildcat), Walmac, \$8K, 79/29/2
1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Salute Me Back, 8-1

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Ireland

TAMAYUZ COLT TOPS FAIRYHOUSE OPENER

Tattersalls Ireland's September Yearling Sale got underway yesterday, with a son of Tamayuz (GB) topping the bill when sold to the Ukrainian-based owner Konstantin Zgar for €110,000. The Castlebridge Consignment's hip [128](#), the session's sole lot to breach the six-figure barrier, is a grandson of the multiple listed scorer Mamma's Too (GB) (Skyliner {GB}). He shares that second dam with this year's Gill San Francisco Mile winner Tigah (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}). Snapped up bloodstock agent Ananios Antoniadis, the chestnut will race in the colors of Zgar and be trained in Poland. "When we looked at the horses yesterday, we said that this was the one we wanted--he is a real 2-year-old type," Antoniadis said after outlasting Ross Doyle. "He will be trained in Poland, but if he is good, may head to France or England. He is a very nice, racy horse." Earlier, the same buyer snapped up a daughter of Morristown Lattin Stud's freshman sire Approve (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB}) for €32,000. From the Castlebridge Consignment, hip [11](#) is a out of a 3/4-sister to the 2004 G2 Ribblesdale S. and G2 Lancashire Oaks runner-up Sahool (GB) (Unfuwain) from the family of the MG1SP Maraahel (Ire) (Alzao). Zgar also took home Gortskagh House Stud's hip [215](#), a son of Dark Angel (Ire) and the group-placed Think (Fr) (Marchand de Sable) after outdoing trainers Ger Lyons and Johnny Murtagh at €44,000. Further overseas influence was felt as the Swiss faction secured an in-demand Elnadim colt from Airlie Stud for €42,000. Hip [235](#) is a full-brother to Fabrino (Ire), a money-spinner for Miroslav Weiss and it was the trainer who had the final say in a duel with Amanda Skiffington. One that got away for the prevalent buyer was hip [280](#), a son of Mount Nelson (GB), who raised the tension nearing the end of the session before selling to David Marnane for €85,000. Also from the Castlebridge Consignment, he is a half-brother to the accomplished black-type scorer Deauville Vision (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), whose full-sibling Good Evans (GB) has won decent handicaps. Marnane said, "He is a lovely, quality colt. I like the sire and had to go a bit more than I had planned to. Let's hope he is lucky, I haven't got an owner for him at present."



Ireland report cont.

Bouncing Into the Limelight...


Progeny of Tally-Ho Stud's Zebedee (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) proved popular during the early skirmishes of the first session and the freshman sire's first offering, Cooneen Stud's hip [81](#), leapt to the top of the sheets when knocked down to Ed Sackville. Acting on behalf of George Baker Racing, the agent outlasted Armando Duarte to secure the son of the 2005 Listed Empress S. third Playful (GB) (Piccolo {GB}) for €42,000. With neither parent tested beyond a six-furlong trip, the April-foaled chestnut is certainly bred to be sharp. "He's a real 2-year-old type, and I have several owners in mind for him," confirmed the trainer's wife Candida Baker. It was Peter and Ross Doyle who snapped up a bargain when purchasing Zebedee for just 70,000 guineas at the 2009 Tattersalls October Sale and the prolific father-and-son combination were among the admirers yesterday as the 2010 G2 Flying Childers S. victor continued to attract interest. Stonestown Stud's hip [83](#), a colt from the family of the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris runner-up Solid Illusion (Cozzene), drew a €35,000 winning bid from Doyle Jr, who usurped Tom Whitehead for the March-foaled bay. He is bound for Richard Hannon and will eventually carry Middleham Park Racing's light-blue silks. "This is a lovely, big and strong good-walking individual," said Doyle. "We are big supporters of the stallion as we bought him as a yearling."

Fine and Dandy...

Ballyhane Stud's Dandy Man (Ire) (Mozart {Ire}) has enjoyed a profitable first season on the track following the exploits of Weatherbys Super Sprint winner Peniaphobia (Ire) and G2 Coventry S., G2 Vintage S. and G2 Gimcrack S. placegetter Parbold (Ire) among a plethora of winners. He made an early dent here. Ed Sackville made his first successful foray of the day when going to €40,000 for Newtownbarry House Stud's hip [57](#), a grey colt out of a half-sister to the 2011 G2 Railway S. runner-up Tough As Nails (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), himself a €3,000 bargain here three years ago. "The last grey horse I bought was [G1 Moyglare Stud S., G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. victress] Sky Lantern, let's hope this one is as good," commented Sackville, who was acting on behalf of trainer Tom Dascombe. "We had to dig deep, but the stallion has been doing well and this sale has always been lucky for me. He looks a real 2-year-old type." Dandy Man was also responsible for hip [256](#), Hallstown Stables' April-foaled colt whose dam is a sister to the graded stakes scorer Lord Smith (GB) (Greensmith), who sold to Willie Browne for €43,000. Selling continues at 10am today. Full results are available on www.tattersalls.ie.

TOP THREE LOTS AT FAIRYHOUSE

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
128	c	Tamayuz (GB) <i>B-S Holt & A C Beggan & R J Beggan</i>	Sandy Lady (Ire)	110,000
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Lily Corporation				
280	c	Mount Nelson (GB) <i>B-Ruskerne Ltd</i>	Alexia Reveuse (Ire)	85,000
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by David Marnane Racing				
215	c	Dark Angel (Ire) <i>B-John Foley</i>	Think (Fr)	44,000
Consigned by Gortskagh House Stud Purchased by Lily Corporation				



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TATTERSALLS IRELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE

SESSION TOTALS	2013	2012
Catalogued	294	257
No. Offered	275	244
No. Sold	238	210
RNAs	37	34
% RNAs	15.5%	13.9%
Gross	€3,333,300	€2,624,600
Average (% change)	€14,005 (+12.1%)	€12,498
Median (% change)	€12,000 (+20%)	€10,000

APPOINTMENTS

Sarah McNicholas

- Appointed as Chief Executive of the Irish Equine Centre.
- "I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to join the Irish Equine Centre, which does an outstanding job in protecting the health of the Irish equine population. Bloodstock and horse racing have always been a big part of my life and I look forward to working both with the team at the Irish Equine Centre and the wider industry, to ensure that the Centre continues to be at the forefront of vital on-going research and disease prevention."
- A graduate of Trinity College Dublin and Brunel University, Middlesex, Sarah has a background in investment banking in the city of London, with many years' experience advising clients in the technology and biotechnology sectors.



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Britain

Yesterday's Result:

Lingfield, 15.00, Mdn, £4,500, 2yo, 1m (AWT),
1:39.03, stn.

ALEX VINO (IRE) (c, 2, [High Chaparral {Ire}](#)--Rare Ransom {GB} {GSP-Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), a first-up third at Newmarket last time Aug. 23, broke sharply to lead in this second go. Setting a modest pace until kicking further ahead on the home turn, the 9-4 second favorite was headed was overhauled by Dursey Island (Elusive Quality) passing the eighth pole, but rallied gamely under a drive to deny that rival by a short head on the line. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £3,741. [VIDEO](#), [courtesy attheraces.com](#).

O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Hesmonds Stud Ltd; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

DUBAWI GOLD STALLION CAREER ON HOLD

Andrew Tinkler's **Dubawi Gold (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}--Savannah Belle {GB}, by Green Desert) is to be rested from duties at Whitsbury Manor Stud after suffering a recurrence of a past injury. The G1 English and Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up and G2 Celebration Mile winner is back at Brook Stud in Newmarket. "He's had a problem behind with his joint and that flared up again," Dwayne Woods, part-owner of that establishment, told the *Racing Post*. "So we've taken the decision to give him some time and he won't be covering next year. He will have next year off, we will give him all the time he needs to recuperate and we will make a decision on his future at some point. At this moment, I just can't say what will happen, the injury he has is quite serious and we're just working on that at this point." Dubawi Gold had finished his career with a third placing in last year's G1 Lockinge S. due to suffering an infection in his fetlock joint.

France

Yesterday's Result:

Toulouse, 16.40, Cond, €27,000, 2yo, f, 1mT,
1:36.13, sf.


CRISOLLES (FR) (f, 2, [Le Havre {Ire}](#)--Sandsnow {Ire}, by Verglas {Ire}), who graduated at La Teste de Buch last time Aug. 5, raced at the back of the five runners from the outset of this one. Angled to the outside once into the stretch run, the 7-5 chalk quickened to the fore inside the eighth pole and was pushed out late to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Mind That Girl (Ire) (Ad Valorem). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €24,700. [Click for Equidia VIDEO](#).

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance SA; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

Australasia

DREAMSCAPE COLT TOPS GOLD COAST SALE

A colt by Dreamscape (Aus) topped the opening session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Horses in Training Sale. Hall of Fame trainer John Hawkes went to A\$310,000 to secure the youngster from the draft of Glenlogan Park. Consigned as [Lot 55](#), he set a record time for a Gold Coast breeze up earlier in the month when he zipped through his 200-metre sectional in :9.85 seconds. Produced by the Rory's Jester (Aus) mare Jesta Sweetie (Aus), he will be raced by a group of well-known owners and breeders from Queensland. "He's just a natural athlete," Hawkes said. "He's a lovely balanced individual. Let's just hope he can run that quick over 1000 or 1200 metres as he was over 200 metres." The topper was one of six 2-year-olds to sell for six figures yesterday. An All American (Aus) colt ([Lot 81](#)) also brought A\$155,000; and a son of Flying Spur (Aus) ([Lot 85](#)) realized A\$140,000. During the session, 52 head grossed A\$2,358,000 with an increased average price of A\$45,346. The clearance rate wound up at a tick over 61%. "It's extra satisfying to sell a horse in a 2-year-old sale for in excess of \$300,000," Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox said. "It was a good old fashioned bidding war and the colt was bought by one of Australia's best judges in John Hawkes." Cox continued, "To see the average climb from last year's opening session is good, however the clearance rate is poor and is systematic of 2-year-old sales. There's a lot of people in town with money in their hip pockets still looking to buy and we're hopeful to see some consolidation in the market tomorrow."



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MAGIC MILLIONS GOLD COAST HORSES IN TRAINING

SESSION TOTALS	2013	2012
Catalogued	96	185
No. Offered	85	149
No. Sold	52	100
RNAs	33	49
% RNAs	39%	33%
High Price	A\$310,000	A\$170,000
Gross	A\$2,358,000	A\$4,225,750
Average	A\$45,346	A\$42,258

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Saudi Arabia

SPANISH STEPS TO SAUDI ARABIA

Spanish Steps (Unbridled--Trolley Song, by Caro {Ire}), sire of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Little Mike, has been sold to stand in Saudi Arabia. The unraced full brother to Unbridled's Song stood the past season in Indiana. The deal was brokered by Chad Schumer Bloodstock. "With the recent sad passing of Classic sire Unbridled's Song, we feel honored to have been able to secure his brother Spanish Steps, himself already proven as a Grade I sire," Schumer said. "We feel his progeny will be well suited to racing conditions in Saudi Arabia and look forward to watching the next stage of his career."

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-IND, \$38,001, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 4/5, ft.

CALL ME GEORGE (c, 3, Point Given--Sassy Chimes {MSW, \$113,580}, by Chimes Band) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$50,807. O-Jack Smith III Thoroughbreds & Rob Auerbach. B-Margaux Farm Inc & Barry Irwin (KY). T-Thomas Amoss. *\$4,500 yrl '11 KEEJAN.

7th-IND, \$38,000, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:44 1/5, ft.

TORNADA (f, 3, High Fly--Painter, by Tinnors Way) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$57,800. O/B-Zachary Short (IN). T-Ricky Short. *1/2 to Lovely Leeann (Black Moonshine), SW, \$148,673.

12th-ZIA, \$35,085, 9-23, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1R9MX, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 4/5, ft.

MR. WIZARD (g, 4, Premeditation--Miss Einstein {SW, \$105,205}, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-4-6-6, \$152,263. O-W & M Carson & Leach Racing LLC. B-Mike & Suzanne Carson (NM). T-Dallas Barton. *Full to Double Smart, MSW, \$347,698; Beau Wizer, SW, \$217,019; and half to Lady Genius (Quinton's Gold), MSW, \$130,641.

7th-ZIA, \$28,600, 9-23, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.

CLONE (g, 3, Fusaichi Pegasus--Skyladsky {SP}, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-3-1, \$84,050. O/B-Richard Lueck (KY). T-Gary Cross.

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CHURCHILL DOWNS

Hogy (Offlee Wild), 5f, 1:00.80, 8/24

KEENELAND

Turallure (Wando), 5f, 1:00.20, 4/9

3rd-MNR, \$22,200, 9-23, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:12 4/5, ft.

CONTYDEN (g, 4, Windsor Castle--Sea of Lace, by Seacliff) Lifetime Record: 21-2-0-1, \$29,084. O/T-John Ford. B-Gregory Martin (WV).

2nd-FLX, \$22,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 1m40y, 1:43 3/5, ft.

ROBERT'S BREACH (g, 4, Shaniko--For Peter's Sake, by Scatmandu) Lifetime Record: 24-6-1-0, \$87,555. O-Joseph Cabrera. B-Taylor Made Stallions, Inc (NY). T-Jose Cabrera. *\$12,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTMMAY.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Wisdom of Crowds, g, 2, Strong Contender--First Move, by Coronado's Quest. ZIA, 9-23, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Kirk & Judy Robison (NM).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

BRITAIN, Beverley, 15.40, 9-24, £11,500, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:00.35, gd/fm.

ROCKY GROUND (IRE) (c, 3, Acclamation {GB}--Keriyka {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, £13,996. O-Clipper Logistics & Cheveley Parks Stud; B-Mark Hanly & James Hanly; T-Roger Varian. *€46,000 wnlg '10 GOFNOV; £105,000 yrl '11 DONAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Running Wolf (Ire), g, 2, Amadeus Wolf (GB)--Monet's Lady (Ire), by Daylami (Ire). Carlisle, Britain, 9-24, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 200ydsT. B-Ben Browne. *€9,000 yrl '12 TATIRE.

Bones (Fr), c, 2, Desert Style (Ire)--Centdixhuit, by Vindication. Vic-Fezensac, France, 9-23, Mdn, 2yo, 6f 165ydsT. B-Mlle Sarah Lhermite.

Our Channel, c, 2, English Channel--Raw Gold (MGSW-US, \$509,006), by Rahy. Beverley, Britain, 9-24, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 100ydsT. B-Bluegrass Hall LLC. *\$30,000 yrl '12 KEESEP; £33,000 2yo '13 GOFMAR. **1/2 to Kadira (Kafwain), MSW & GSP-US, \$176,525.

Stellarta (GB), f, 2, Sakhee's Secret (GB)--Torgau (Ire) (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$134,599), by Zieten. Beverley, Britain, 9-24, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud & Pigeon House Stud. *5,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT.

Solonder (Fr), g, 2, Solon (Ger)--Schlenderana (Fr), by Monsun (Ger). Nantes, France, 9-24, Mdn, 2yo, 1mT. B-Jean-Louis Lucas.

Squire Osbaldeston (Ire), c, 3, Mr. Greeley--Kushnarenkovo (GB) (GSP-Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Lingfield, Britain, 9-24, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Kushnarenkovo Syndicate. *46,000gns wnlg '10 TATDEC; 100,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT.

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