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ASTROLOGY COLT TOPS BOOK 4 OPENER

Book 4 of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale got off to a good start Tuesday with increases in gross, average and median from last year.

[Hip 2625](#), an Astrology colt bred by Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm and consigned by Mr. and Mrs. T.



Hip 2625 | Louise Reinagel

Wayne Sweezy's Timber Town, caused mid-day fireworks when sold to Stonestreet Stables and George Bolton for a session-topping \$425,000. Pope and the Sweezys were also responsible for the second highest-priced yearling of the session [hip 2519](#), a Medgalia d'Oro colt out of MGSW &

MGISP Indian Vale who brought \$260,000 from Repole Stable and J.J. Crupi.

A total of 292 yearlings sold for \$14,192,700 during the opening session of Book 4, while last year's equivalent saw 289 yearlings sell for \$13,467,500. The average of \$48,605 marked a 4.3% increase from last year's average of \$46,600 and the median held steady at \$35,000. The buy-back rate decreased from 30.6% to 27.23% this term.

Cumulative numbers were also up with 1,796 yearlings sold for \$259,763,200 over eight sessions compared to 2014 when 1,302 yearlings sold for \$259,419,000 over nine sessions. The average is up 4.65% going from \$138,209 to \$144,634 and median increased 18.75% going from \$80,000 to \$95,000.

The second and final session of Book 4 gets underway tomorrow at 10 a.m. The sale continues to run through Saturday. **KEESEP Coverage cont. p3**

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From the desk of...

BILL OPPENHEIM



MIDDLE MARKET UP

When all the cajoling, chirping, and yipping had died down Monday night at the end of Book 3, the needle hadn't moved at all. Last year (8 sessions) 1,588 yearlings sold in Books 1-3 for a total of \$245,951,500, an average of \$154,881 per horse. This year (7 sessions) 1,504 yearlings sold in the first three books totaled \$245,570,500, an average of \$163,278 per horse. Five percent fewer horses sold for almost the exact same amount of money, and the average rose by five percent. The Book 1-3 gross in 2015 was \$381,000 lower than in 2014, or roughly \$250 per horse sold this year; in other words, the difference in gross was less than negligible. **Cont. p5**

POSTPONED TO SIT OUT ARC

This year's G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. winner **Postponed (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will not run in the Oct. 4 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The news was revealed by trainer Roger Varian, who will next week take over the training of the horse after his owner, Sheikh

Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, pulled all his horses, including Postponed, from trainer Luca Cumani last week. On Sept. 13, Cumani had saddled Postponed to win the G2 Prix Foy at Longchamp.



Postponed | Racing Post

"The [Sheikh Obaid] horses are due to arrive next week and I can confirm Postponed will not run in the Arc," said Varian. "I can't really comment any further than that at this stage. The horses have not even joined us yet, so I'm not going to start making plans for them."

The 4-year-old Postponed holds an entry in the G1 Champion S. on British Champions Day at Ascot Oct. 17.

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Travel Playlist | Fotowon

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Erupt Possible for the Arc

The Niarchos Family's G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner **Erupt (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who suffered his first defeat when fourth in the G2 Prix Niel at Longchamp Sept. 13, could still take on the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Oct. 4, according to Racing Manager Alan Cooper.

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLINGS

CUMULATIVE	2015 (sess. 8)	2014 (sess. 9)
• Catalogued	2734	2781
• No. Offered	2468	2452
• No. Sold	1796	1877
• RNAs	672	575
• % RNAs	27.23%	23.5%
• High Price	\$2,100,000	\$2,200,000 (2)
• Gross	\$259,763,200	\$259,419,000
• Average (% change)	\$144,634 (+4.65%)	\$138,209
• Median (% change)	\$95,000 (+ 18.75%)	\$80,000

SESSION TOTALS	2015 (sess. 8)	2014 (sess. 9)
• Catalogued	400	398
• No. Offered	366	348
• No. Sold	292	289
• RNAs	74	59
• % RNAs	20.2%	16.9%
• High Price	\$425,000	\$350,000
• Gross	\$14,192,700	\$13,467,500
• Average (% change)	\$48,605 (+4.3%)	\$46,600
• Median (% change)	\$35,000 (0%)	\$35,000



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**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>2625</u>	colt	<u>Astrology</u>	Priceless Design <i>B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY)</i>	425,000
Consigned by Timber Town (Mr. & Mrs. T. Wayne Sweezy), Agent I Purchased by Stonestreet Stables & George Bolton				
<u>2519</u>	colt	<u>Medaglia d'Oro</u>	Indian Vale <i>B-Whisper Hill Farm (KY)</i>	260,000
Consigned by Timber Town (Mr. & Mrs. T. Wayne Sweezy), Agent I Purchased by Repole Stable/J. J. Crupi, agent				
<u>2667</u>	colt	<u>Malibu Moon</u>	Sea Jewel <i>B-Adena Springs (KY)</i>	200,000
Consigned by Adena Springs Purchased by Calumet Farm				
<u>2568</u>	filly	<u>Warrior's Reward</u>	Look Upon <i>B-Jay Adcock & Lon Baronne (LA)</i>	195,000
Consigned by Greenfield Farm (B. D. Gibbs Farm LLC), Agent IV Purchased by Key Palm Racing LLC				
<u>2656</u>	colt	<u>Uncle Mo</u>	Rylee's Song <i>B-Zell Family Trust (KY)</i>	190,000
Consigned by Dromoland Farm Inc. (Gerry Dilger), Agent IX Purchased by Klaravich Stable				

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Stars Align for Tuesday's Topper...

A colt from the first crop of Astrology (A.P. Indy) topped returns at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale Tuesday--the first session of Book 4--bringing

\$425,000 from Stonestreet Stables and George Bolton.

Stonestreet and Bolton, of course, campaigned Astrology to a win in the 2010 GIII Iroquois S. at Churchill Downs and also a third-place finish in 2011 GI Preakness S. He stood the 2015 season at Taylor Made in Nicholasville, Ky, for \$7,500.

"[Stonestreet advisor] John [Moynihan] thought he was one of the best physicals in the sale and he just happened to be by a stallion that we own," Bolton said by phone

from his California base. "The horse had gotten some buzz and we knew he was going to be expensive."

He added, "It's very exciting to have The Factor and Astrology as stallions. They're both throwing nice-looking individuals."



George Bolton | ownerview.com

From the extended family of MGISW General Challenge (General Meeting), the striking dark bay was consigned by Timber Town, Agent I, as [Hip 2625](#), on behalf of breeder Many Pope's Whisper Hill Farm. Pope acquired the mare Priceless Design (More Than Ready) for \$300,000 as a yearling at the 2009 FTSAUG sale. The maiden of four career starts produced a filly by Tizway earlier this spring and was bred back to Astrology. Tuesday's topper is her first foal.

-@SteveSherackTDN

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OMISSION: Hip 2321, a son of The Factor consigned by Blandford Stud, was the fourth-highest lot during Monday's session of the KEESEP Yearling Sale. We regret the omission.

<u>Hip</u> 2321	<u>Sex</u> colt	<u>Sire</u> The Factor	<u>Dam</u> Tina's Goal	<u>Price (\$)</u> 425,000
B-Mr. & Mrs. M. Banahan, R Gray & Dr. D. & Dr. T. Varner (KY)				
Consigned by Blandford Stud (Padraig Campion), agent				
Purchased by Crupi's New Castle				

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>2568</u>	filly	<u>Warrior's Reward</u>	Look Upon	195,000

B-Jay Adcock & Lon Baronne (LA)

Consigned by Greenfield Farm (B.D. Gibbs Farm LLC), Agent IV

Purchased by Key Palm Racing, LLC

Scooped up by Minshall Farms for \$45,000 as a KEENOV weanling, this daughter of Warrior's Reward turned a nice profit for her connections during Tuesday's first Book 4 session at the KEESEP Yearling Sale. The Mar. 5 foal is a half-sister to GI Princess Rooney H. runner-up Keep the Peace (Touch Gold) and stakes winner Shine Upon (Congaree). The stakes-placed mare Look Upon was bred to First Samurai this spring.

<u>2688</u>	filly	<u>Majestic Warrior</u>	Smoke Rise	170,000
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B-Double O Bloodstock (KY)

Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, Agent II

Purchased by Ben McElroy Equine, agent

After purchasing this daughter of Majestic Warrior for \$40,000 as a weanling during last year's KEENOV sale, the team at Canaan Creek Stables were rewarded for that investment Tuesday. She is the first foal from the Buddha mare Smoke Rise, a maiden special weight winner at Emerald Downs. The Majestic Warrior filly's fourth dam Allegedly (Sir Ivor) is an unraced half-sister to champion Alleged.

Bill Oppenheim cont. from p1

You'll recall that in Book 1 last week, the gross dropped by a little under \$7.8-million, or 5%, from 2014; the number sold was down by 7%, and the average edged up by 1%. Taken together, Books 2-3 were stronger, though there was a blip Sunday, which was the first day of Book 3. On Sunday the median dropped by 21% from the corresponding session last year (\$70,000 to \$55,000), though the Monday session (day two of Book 3) was actually up 25% on average from the corresponding 2014 session.

In fact, very unusually, the average on the second day of Book 3 this year (Monday, \$77,906) was over \$4,000 higher than the first day (Sunday, \$73,752), and the gross was almost \$1.4-million higher.

Notwithstanding that little wrinkle, Book 2 and 3 combined--'the middle market', shall we say?--gained in gross and average from 2014. The number of horses catalogued in Book 2-3 this year (1,609) was virtually the same as last year

(1,617), but the number sold was down 5%, from 1,115 to 1,061, meaning the clearance rate from the catalogues (subtracting withdrawals and not-solds) was down three points, from 68.9% last year to 65.9% this year. But

gross revenues increased by \$7.4-million, or 7%, from \$103,798,500 last year to \$111,209,500 this year; and the Book 2-3 average was up 12%, from \$93,092 in 2014, to \$104,815 this year. If Book 1 is a catalogue of \$300,000 yearlings, Books 2-3 are catalogues of more than a thousand \$100,000 yearlings.

The importance of the Books 2-3 'middle' market is demonstrated by this statistic: if you look at the first three books combined, 71% of those yearlings sold in Books 2-3 and contributed 45% of the revenues. The more select Book 1 supplied 55% of the revenues from just 29% of the horses, but the really significant number there is that Books 2-3 constitute 45% of the first \$245-million of yearlings sold. That's a very important constituent of the yearling marketplace, certainly in the number of yearlings sold (1,061 in Books 2-3) as well as providing \$111-million in revenues. So the fact that this sector of the market is up 7% in gross, though the number sold did fall by 5%, is good news for breeders. But breeders and stallion owners alike also know that single-digit increases in gross while the number and percentage sold actually fall are not going to justify across-the-board increases in stud fees. Of course, the stud fees will go up on the likes of Scat Daddy and Curlin, but it's hard to imagine breeders looking at these numbers and signing up to many increases. **Cont. p6**



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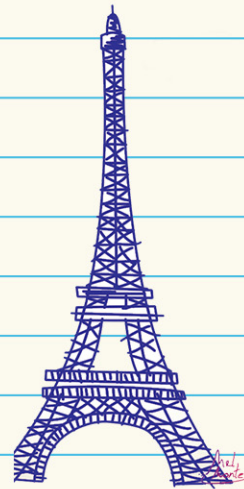
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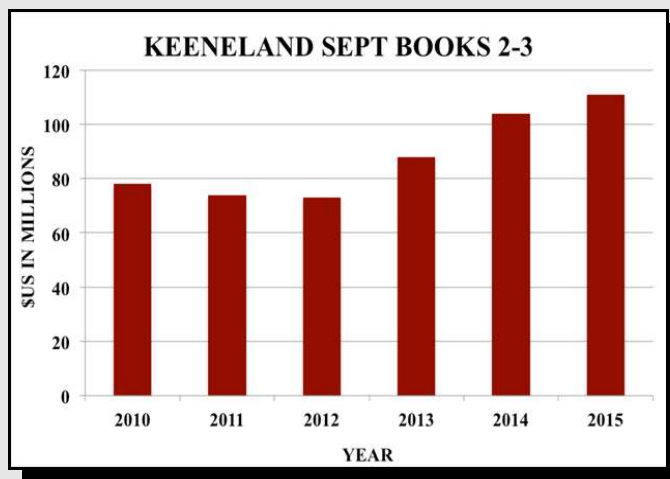
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SIRE	# SOLD	AVG PRICE
Arch	30	152,833
Awesome Again	11	79,182
Bellamy Road	9	57,667
Bernardini	34	265,059
Blame	27	134,648
Bodemeister	44	189,545
Broken Vow	20	107,400
Candy Ride (ARG)	33	157,091
City Zip	17	111,882
Congrats	20	66,000
Creative Cause	10	96,900
Curlin	8	309,625
Distorted Humor	31	315,806
Elusive Quality	19	103,632
Exchange Rate	22	104,636
First Samurai	9	115,000
Flatter	21	163,810
Gemologist	15	89,467
Ghostzapper	30	163,700
Giant's Causeway	28	172,393
Gio Ponti	13	34,923
Hansen	14	82,143
Hard Spun	30	159,800
Harlan's Holiday	48	169,188
Into Mischief	29	128,759
Kitten's Joy	24	145,458
Lemon Drop Kid	27	144,556
Lonhro (AUS)	13	109,154
Lookin At Lucky	10	86,900
Macho Uno	10	76,700
Majesticperfection	13	86,000
Malibu Moon	37	193,378
Medaglia d'Oro	33	343,788
Midnight Lute	19	99,895
Mineshaft	21	115,143
Mizzen Mast	15	90,267
More Than Ready	26	181,192
Paddy O'Prado	9	48,444
Pioneerof the Nile	30	193,300
Quality Road	21	152,762
Scat Daddy	31	179,903
Shackleford	21	101,905
Sidney's Candy	16	72,125
Sky Mesa	9	60,778
Smart Strike	22	255,455
Speightstown	28	231,536
Stay Thirsty	15	99,800
Street Cry (IRE)	14	228,286
Super Saver	16	107,938
Tale of the Cat	9	77,222
Tapit	32	526,875
Tapizar	23	113,130
The Factor	34	145,176
Tiznow	26	185,192
Tizway	16	66,875
To Honor and Serve	23	70,043
Trappe Shot	15	64,400
Unbridled's Song	29	255,172
Uncle Mo	27	142,704
Union Rags	36	136,222
War Front	21	600,714
Warrior's Reward	11	66,545

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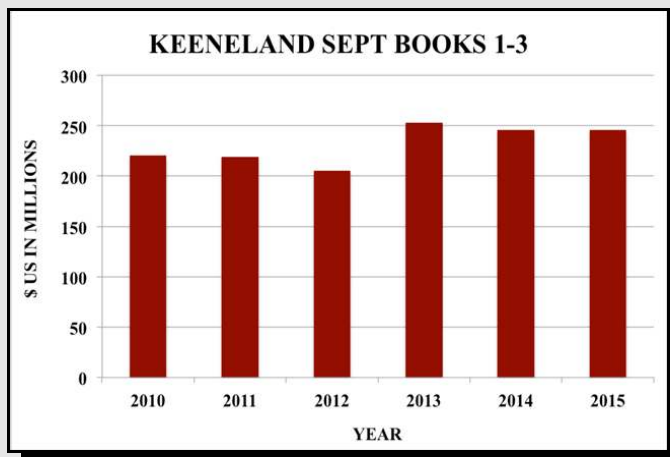
by Bill Oppenheim

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER BOOKS 2-3 COMBINED

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	1,610	1,461	1,061	9.3%	72.6%	65.9%	\$111,309,500	\$104,910
2014	1,617	1,453	1,115	10.1%	76.7%	69.0%	\$103,798,500	\$93,093
2013	1,644	1,466	1,165	10.8%	79.5%	70.9%	\$88,026,000	\$75,559
2012	1,632	1,456	1,188	10.8%	81.6%	72.8%	\$72,886,000	\$61,352
2011	1,666	1,504	1,170	9.7%	77.8%	70.2%	\$73,996,700	\$63,245
2010	1,483	1,325	994	10.7%	75.0%	67.0%	\$78,298,700	\$78,771



KEENELAND SEPTEMBER BOOKS 1-3

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	2,334	2,102	1,504	9.9%	71.6%	64.4%	\$245,570,500	\$163,278
2014	2,381	2,104	1,588	11.6%	75.5%	66.7%	\$245,951,500	\$154,881
2013	2,521	2,237	1,711	11.3%	76.5%	67.9%	\$253,257,000	\$148,017
2012	2,679	2,374	1,843	11.4%	77.6%	68.8%	\$205,739,000	\$111,633
2011	2,812	2,536	1,923	9.8%	75.8%	68.4%	\$219,213,200	\$113,995
2010	2,996	2,680	1,935	10.5%	72.2%	64.6%	\$220,286,200	\$113,843

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Oppenheim cont.

The Instatistics table that ran yesterday ([click here](#)) shows that, for all yearlings sold this year in North America through Book 3, Gainesway's **Tapit** (41, avg. \$620,297) leads Claiborne's **War Front** (24, avg \$574,375) by year-to-date yearling average so far. But there is also something to be said for taking a snapshot of what happened in the previous seven days-- Keeneland Books 1-3. At Keeneland alone, War Front had 21 sell in Books 1-3, for an average of \$600,714; Tapit had 32 sell, for an average of \$526,875. Whichever way you look at it, Tapit and War Front are out on their own as North America's top two commercial sires.

Taking only sires which had eight or more sell in Keeneland Books 1-3: Darley's **Medaglia d'Oro** has been a consistent top sire, both commercially and on the racetrack the past several years, and has been number three on average through the first three books, with 33 averaging \$343,788. WinStar's **Distorted Humor** (31 avg \$315,806) is as strong as ever, and Hill 'n' Dale's new recruit **Curlin**, with his \$975,000 Book 3 filly, had eight average \$309,625 through Monday.

Four other sires averaged in the 200's during Keeneland's first seven days: Darley's **Bernardini** (\$265,059); Lane's End's deceased **Smart Strike** (\$255,455); WinStar's **Speightstown** (\$231,536); and Darley's deceased **Street Cry** (\$228,286). Spendthrift's **Malibu Moon** had 37 average \$193,378 in the first three books, inches ahead of WinStar's **Pioneerof the Nile**, who had 30 average \$193,300.

WinStar's **Bodemeister** led first-year sires through Keeneland's first seven days, with 44 yearlings averaging \$189,545. Lane's End's **The Factor** has achieved 'market darling' status, between Saratoga and Keeneland, and in Books 1-3 he had 34 yearlings average \$145,176, edging out Lane's End barn-mate **Union Rags**, who had 36 average \$136,222. Gainesway's **Tapizar** also cracked the six-figure barrier among first-year sires with eight or more sold; he had 23 average \$113,130. The judges say he is throwing a big, strong, likable type.

A few other notable Books 1-3 averages: Ashford's **Scat Daddy**, having a breakthrough year--31, averaged \$179,903. Claiborne's **Flatter**--21, averaged \$163,810; Ashford's leading freshman sire, **Uncle Mo**--27, averaged \$142,714. Top commercial sires with first 3-year-olds, again with 8+ sold in the first three books: Lane's End's **Quality Road** (21, averaged \$152,762) and Claiborne's **Blame** (27, averaged \$134,648). And Spendthrift's seriously up-and-coming **Into Mischief**, from his first big crop: 29, averaged \$128,759.

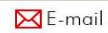
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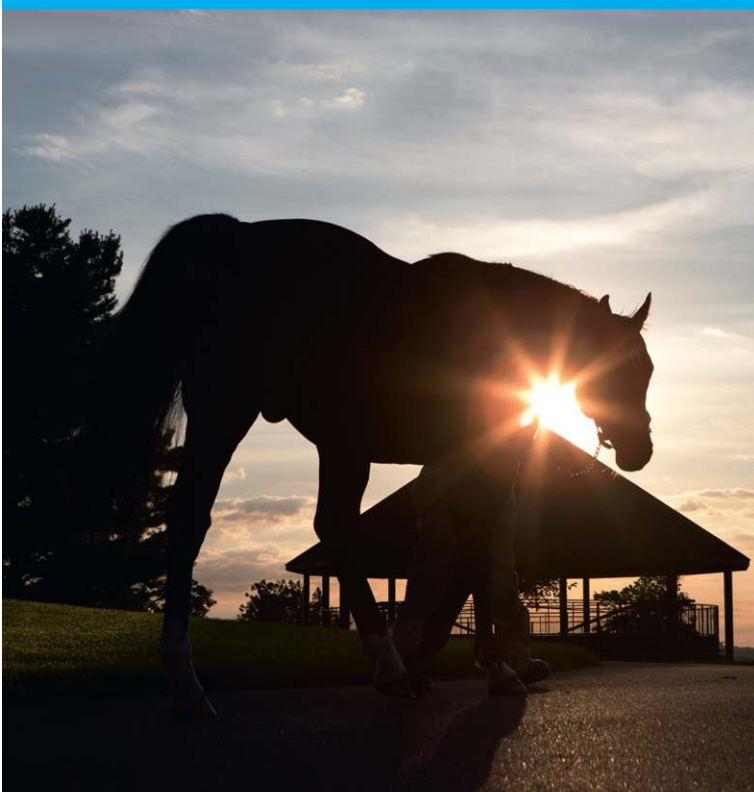


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TAYLOR MADE BUYS INTO TOP STANDARDBRED

Taylor Made Stallions has joined Fred Hertrich's All American Harnessbreds and the Standardbred powerhouse Blue Chip Farms in the ownership group of undefeated 2-year-old pacer Travel Playlist.

Both Blue Chip's Tom Grossman and Hertrich are heavily involved in Thoroughbred racing as well as harness horses.



Taylor Made now owns a piece of Travel Playlist | Fotowon

Taylor Made has a long history in Standardbred racing, but it had been years since the farm raced a trotter or pacer, said Duncan Taylor. "My dad (Joe Taylor) was in the Standardbred business, as was my granddad, and

when we were young we always went to the Harrisburg sale," said Taylor, who recalled having Kerry Way, a filly bred by John Gaines who won the Hambletonian in 1966, at Taylor Made Farm.

Joe Taylor was the longtime farm manager for the Gaines family and raised both Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds.

Duncan Taylor said he was offered a piece of Travel Playlist by agent Ernie Martinez. "He called me about this horse and said if you're interested, Blue Chip will take a piece, as will Fred Hertrich, a customer of ours who is also in the Standardbred business. I asked a childhood friend, Steve Stewart from Hunterton Farms (a Standardbred nursery in Paris, Ky.) what he thought, and he said he didn't see any holes in it."

The last harness horse the family owned, Taylor said, had been Eilean Donan, who they raced in partnership with Stewart. He was one of the favorites in the 2004 Hambletonian, but broke stride coming away from the gate.

Travel Playlist is scheduled to race Saturday night at Yonkers, said Taylor, "but we won't make it up there. We'll watch it at the Red Mile or TVG. I'd like to watch the race."

Hertrich added, "I am excited to be involved with long time friends and business partners Taylor Made and Blue Chip Farms in a horse with the ability of Travel Playlist." Following Travel Playlist's retirement from the racetrack at the end of 2016, the new team will retain the right to manage his stallion career.

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Midshipman's daughter Lady Shipman has posted the three highest Beyers of any three-year-old filly this year.

	Sire	Beyer
Lady Shipman	Midshipman	104
Lady Shipman	Midshipman	104
Lady Shipman	Midshipman	102
Super Majesty	Super Saver	101
Cavorting	Bernardini	100
Cavorting	Bernardini	100
Ben's Duchess	Munnings	100

After Munnings, he has the highest percentage of Black Type winners to foals among second-crop sires.

Find out more about **Midshipman** in the **Darley Buyers' Guide**

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TEAM VALOR PURCHASES BRAZILIAN CHAMP

Team Valor has purchased the undefeated Brazilian champion **Juno (Brz)** (Setembro Chove {Brz}), who most recently captured Brazil's G1 Barao de Piracicaba Sept. 7.

In addition to that, the chestnut also has wins in an Apr. 4 maiden, the G3 Presidente Guilherme Ellis May 3, the G2 Presidente Jose Antonio Pamplona de Andrade May 30 and the G1 Immensity June 27 to her credit. That string of victories earned her champion juvenile filly honors in Brazil.

Juno will be shipped to Florida next month and begin her initial training with Bill Recio at the Classic Mile.

"No trainer has been selected for the filly yet," Team Valor's Barry Irwin said. "We want to see how she is doing next year before making that decision. Most likely she will be trained either in California or along the Eastern Seaboard by somebody who has done well with Southern Hemisphere horses."

Team Valor plans to breed the sophomore to their G1 Kentucky Derby hero Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) upon the completion of her racing career.

"Most of the mares we have bought for Animal Kingdom so far have produced successful runners when bred to stallions from the same Blushing Groom sire line as Animal Kingdom," Irwin said. "I was intrigued by the possibility of getting a few foals that are inbred to Blushing Groom to give Animal Kingdom a wider spectrum of racing prospects to represent him."

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SKY KINGDOM RETIRED TO DARBY DAN

Two-time GIII Tokyo City Cup S. winner **Sky Kingdom** (Empire Maker--Sky Beam, by Kingmambo) has been retired from racing and will stand the 2016 season at Darby Dan Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, for a fee of \$5,000 stands and nurses. The 6-year-old will be part of the Darby Dan Share the Upside program and is now available for inspection.

"Sky Kingdom is a track record-setter and multiple graded stakes winner, and he possesses a tremendous blend of classic looks and pedigree," said Robert Hammond, Darby Dan Vice Chairman. "He's one of the top physicals I've seen by Empire Maker, who's quickly emerging as a sire of sires, and Sky Kingdom is from the direct female family of A.P. Indy. He represents a great opportunity for breeders through our Share The Upside program, and we invite people to come out and see him."

Trained by Bob Baffert for Westrock Stables LLC, Sky Kingdom retired with a record of 21-6-2-4 and earnings of \$532,122. Capturing his first black-type win in the 2013 Tokyo City Cup, the bay set a new track record for 1 1/16 miles at Los Alamitos when winning the American Flag S. in 1:42.32 in July of last year. He romped by 5 3/4 lengths in this term's Tokyo City Cup Mar. 28 and was last seen finishing third in Del Mar's GIII Cougar II H. July 24.

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ERUPT A 'DEFINITE POSSIBLE' FOR ARC

The Niarchos Family's G1 Grand Prix de Paris winner **Erupt (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who suffered his first defeat when fourth in the G2 Prix Niel at Longchamp Sept. 13, could still take on the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Oct.



Erupt | Scoop Dyga

4, according to Racing Manager Alan Cooper, who explained the 3-year-old needed the race off a two-month layoff and didn't handle the soft going.

"Erupt needed the race at Longchamp the other day," Cooper said. "With hindsight we think he

blew up, as he was blowing for a particularly long time afterwards. With that in mind, I think there's plenty to work on and we'll decide next week whether to go for the Arc this year or not. It's a definite possible at this stage."

Cooper added, "He didn't handle the heavy ground in the Prix Niel, which is contrary to what we had imagined beforehand. That will obviously be a factor in deciding whether he runs in the Arc or not. I believe the weather is set fair, but one never knows."

Cooper also revealed that the Niarchos Family's **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein) is on course to defend his title in the G1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Keeneland. The 4-year-old finished sixth on his belated seasonal debut in the G1 Jacques le Marois Aug. 16, and was third in the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp Sept. 13.

"His run in the Moulin was a very nice step forward from Deauville and I believe he has come out of the race in good shape," Cooper said. "The plan now is to head straight to Keeneland for the Breeders' Cup Mile and he obviously goes there a fresh horse. Keeneland is a tighter track than Santa Anita, but he is a very adaptable and nimble horse and [jockey] Stephane Pasquier knows him inside-out."

Cooper reported **Bocca Baciata (Ire)** (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), trained in Ireland by Jessica Harrington for the Niarchos Family and third in the G2 Blandford S. when last seen Sept. 13, could head to Woodbine for her next outing.

"It's possible she could go to Canada next month for the E.P. Taylor S.," said Cooper. "There are a few options to weigh up, but that is a possibility."

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Frosted	Tapit	Pennsylvania Derby-G2	105
Recepta	Speightstown	Noble Damsel S.-G3	103
Encryption	Exchange Rate	Bayern S.	99
Toews On Ice	Archarcharch	Barretts Juvenile S.	99
Wild Legend	Gold Legend	Alberta Breeders' H.	99
Mr Speaker	Pulpit	Commonwealth Cup S.-G2	98
I'm a Chatterbox	Munnings	Cotillion S.-G1	97
One Go All Go	Fairbanks	Commonwealth Derby-G2	95
Trouble Kid	Harlan's Holiday	Gallant Bob S.-G3	95
Do the Roar	Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)	Treasure Coast S.	94
Kilohana	Deal Breaker	Red Diamond Express H.	94
Super Majesty	Super Saver	Dogwood S.-G3	94
Needmore Flattery	Flatter	Scarlet and Gray H.	93
Old Harbor	Raffle's Majesty	John Hettinger S.	93
Pants On Fire	Jump Start	Wild and Wonderful S.	93
Hot City Girl	City Zip	Charles Town Oaks S.-G3	92
Kalamos	Empire Maker	Old Friends S.	92
Kiss Moon	Malibu Moon	Fasig-Tipton Ladies Turf S.	92
Lucky Lindy	Harlan's Holiday	Ontario Derby-G3	92
Amaranth	Mr. Greeley	Asparagus S.	91
Brady's Tomboy	Crafty Shaw	Fall Classic Distaff H.	91
Goodoldhockeygame	Old Forester	Overskate S.	91
Walk of Stars	Street Sense	Pink Ribbon S.	91

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ELSWORTH TO BE PATIENT WITH QUEEN

Trainer David Elsworth is in no rush to make a plan for G1 Juddmonte International upsetter **Arabian Queen (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) after the 3-year-old filly disappointed when sixth in the Sept. 13 G1 Prix Vermeille at Longchamp. Prior to that first trip abroad, Arabian



David Elsworth | Racing Post

Queen had handed G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Coral-Eclipse winner Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) his first defeat in the International.

"I thought she underperformed [in the Vermeille], and that is the only concrete

thing I can say," said Elsworth. "People can blame the ground and it was slower than ideal, but I was not totally happy with her as it was her first trip away and she didn't eat well or drink as much as ideal."

He added, "We have not got any firm plans. She is entered in the [G1 Fillies and Mares S.] on Champions Day [Oct. 17], and we will see how she is between now and then."



DAMIEN OLIVER TO RIDE SNOW SKY

Jockey Damien Oliver has been booked to ride G2 Hardwicke S. winner **Snow Sky (GB)** (Nayef) in the G1 Caulfield Cup Oct. 17, according to *racings.com*. Khalid Abdullah's 4-year-old will have to carry top weight in the A\$3 million prize, but Oliver nonetheless expressed confidence.

"He was a very impressive winner at Royal Ascot winning the Hardwicke S., and that's usually a high-class race," Oliver told *racings.com*. "I was actually over there for the running of that race this year and there were some very good horses in the race and it was quite a tactical race. He looks a pretty impressive type of horse and it's a very exciting opportunity."

Under the guidance of Sir Michael Stoute, Snow Sky also won this year's G2 Yorkshire Cup prior to his Royal Ascot score, and was last seen finishing sixth in the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. July 25.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY...

September 23, 1978...Spectacular Bid dominated by 15 lengths in his graded S. debut, the GIII World's Playground S. at Atlantic City.

September 25, 1866...Jerome Park, named for its founder, Leonard W. Jerome, opened in the Bronx, New York.

September 26, 1942...The Jockey Club stewards revoked jockey **Eddie Arcaro's** license for one year after a display of "rough riding" aboard odds-on favorite Occupation in the Cowdin S. September 19. In the race, Arcaro deliberately drove his horse into another, Breezing Home, knocking jockey Vincent Nodarse into the infield. Nodarse and his mount had crowded Arcaro at the start, almost causing him to be unseated.

September 27, 1894...Aqueduct Racetrack opened its doors. The building was torn down in 1955 and the new Aqueduct was reopened September 14, 1959.

September 27, 1947...Armed, then the world's leading money-winning Thoroughbred, met 1946 Triple Crown winner **Assault** in the first \$100,000 winner-take-all match race, held at Belmont Park. Armed won easily over a less-than 100 percent Assault.

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TWO JOCKEYS, ONE WHIP, NO CLEAR ANSWERS AT PARX *By T.D. Thornton*

A bizarre incident at Parx racetrack Monday, in which one jockey apparently urged his horse to a second-place finish after taking possession of a rival's whip during the stretch run, did not result in a disqualification. However, the riders involved will be summoned to a stewards' hearing to determine whether the alleged exchange was the result of an unauthorized snatching, a willful handing over, or an accident.

The incident, first reported in the *Paulick Report*, occurred in the fourth race, a 1 1/16 miles route for \$15,000 NW4L claimers.

Just inside the three-sixteenths pole, a bearing-out Interchange (Fairbanks), ridden by Angel Castillo, brushed with the tiring Distant Thoughts (Lemon Drop Kid), ridden by Pierre Hernandez-Ortega, causing Castillo to drop his whip. As the pair approached the final furlong racing fourth and fifth, respectively, Castillo, according to the Equibase chart, "reached over and grabbed



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Hernandez-Ortega's whip out of his hands."

Interchange rallied to finish second at 7-2 odds, beaten three-quarters of a length. Distant Thoughts, the 8-5 favorite, faded to sixth.

"That incident was [reviewed by] the stewards," Walter Remmert, the acting executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission, told *TDN*. "They were aware of it during the running of the race. When they made the race official, they determined it not to be a disqualification event for the horse, but then left it to be a [potential] regulatory violation by the jockeys."

Remmert said hearing notifications would be delivered to both jockeys by Wednesday, and that the hearing would occur within 10 days. He cited Pennsylvania racing rule 163.236 ("Striking and touching during race") as being specifically applicable, but added that the stewards will also need to determine if the whip transfer was an act of force or a complicit exchange.

"If it was a 'taking' it would be a violation for one person," Remmert said. "If it was a 'giving' it would be a violation for both."

Monday's on-track oddity is the second rules-related incident in five months at Parx involving both Castillo and Hernandez-Ortega.

On May 12, Castillo was abruptly removed from his mounts and escorted off the Parx property after a search of the jockeys' quarters turned up an illegal electrical stimulating device that was allegedly concealed within a riding glove bearing the initials "A.C."

On May 28, after Castillo's attorney presented evidence to clear his client at a stewards' hearing, Castillo was exonerated, and the PHRC instead charged Hernandez-Ortega with possession of the "buzzer." According to Remmert, Hernandez-Ortega is currently riding pending an appeal; his hearing has twice been postponed and is now scheduled for October.

Jim Marini, who has been Castillo's jockey agent since 2012 (but also previously represented Hernandez-Ortega), said that his rider's explanation was that the two "got tangled." He added that given the recent history between the jockeys, it's unlikely one would have willfully handed a whip to the other during the running of a race.

"[Castillo] doesn't understand why Pierre is still riding," Marini said. "But they have to ride against each other every day, so it is what it is. I wouldn't say they're adversaries. I don't think there's much communication or talk between them at all at this point. It's a tough situation."

Attempts to reach Hernandez-Ortega or his agent were unsuccessful.

Mike Farro, the husband and assistant trainer to Patricia Farro, the conditioner of Distant Thoughts, said that after the race, Hernandez-Ortega told him he had lost his whip, but that the jockey was not initially aware Castillo had ended up with it.

"They shouldn't let it slide," Mike Farro said. "Something should be done. You just can't do that. As far as my horse goes, I'm not happy about it, but our horse wasn't going to finish anywhere. He was stopping anyway. But if he was in contention, I'd be very upset."

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Eastern U.S.

Tuesday's Results:
3rd-PID, \$32,080, Msw, 9-22, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11.73, ft.
+ COSMIC GIRL (f, 2, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--Stellar Jayne {MGISW, \$1,534,964}, by Wild Rush) posted an extensive series of preparations for this career debut at Arlington and was sent postward as part of a favored two-horse entry at odds of 3-2. Biding her time at the back of the pack in the early stages, the dark bay moved seven-wide in tandem with entymate Bali Strait (Hard Spun) through a half-mile in :46.52. Cosmic Girl was kept under steady encouragement in the lane and powered home to a half-length score. Bali Strait held second to complete the commonly owned and trained exacta. The winner is a daughter of three-time GI winner Stellar Jayne--herself a half to MGISW Starrer (Dynaformer). Stellar Jayne produced a colt by Bernardini last year, a filly by Tapit this year and was bred back to Hard Spun. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton](#).
 O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.

Central U.S.


Tuesday's Results:

3rd-IND, \$32,000, Msw, 9-22, 2yo, 1mT, 1:42.51, fm. +MADTAP (c, 2, [Tapit](#)--Point Chanel, by Point Given) worked at a regular interval over the main track at Churchill Downs dating back to late July and was bet down to 6-5 favoritism in this grassy career debut. The gray settled off the pace in the two path as longshot Market Ride (After Market) dictated terms through a half-mile in :49.69. Asked to quicken on the far turn, the homebred steadied multiple times at the head of the lane, dove to the inside and rallied to edge past Jimmu (A. P. Warrior) in a one-length triumph. The winner, who hails from the extended family of GISW Got Koko (Signal Tap), has a yearling full-sister. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#) O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

3rd-BEL, \$75K, Msw, 3yo&up, 6 1/2f, 2:01 p.m. ET

Godolphin Racing's **MARKING (Bernardini)** makes his belated career debut in this spot after scratching at the starting gate as the 8-5 favorite at Saratoga Aug. 21. Trained by Kieran McLaughlin, the homebred is the second foal out of Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}), who was acquired by Godolphin for \$1 million as a FTFMAR juvenile and went on to capture the GI Apple Blossom H. and GI Go for Wand H. in 2009. Marking's second dam is MSW & MGSP Holiday Runner (Meadowlake), also dam of G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen hero Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown). The bay worked a bullet four furlongs in :46.07 at the Spa two days after being scratched and has since added two more four-panel maintenance breezes in preparation for this unveiling. [Click for TJCIS PPs.](#)

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Kasseopia Points To Grey S. for New Owner:

Team Valor purchased recent Kempton maiden winner **Kasseopia (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) from owner C. L. Bacon and will point the colt toward Woodbine's GIII Grey S. Oct. 4. The juvenile earned his diploma at third asking Sept. 4 with an impressive nine-length romp at Kempton. He will remain under the care of Newmarket-based conditioner Charlie Fellowes with the end goal being the Breeders' Cup.

"Team Valor got in contact the day after his win and Kempton and have now purchased him," Fellowes said. "The plan is he is going to run in the Grey S. at Woodbine, which is a Grade III contest, and hopefully use it as a stepping-stone for the Breeders' Cup. I am going to be training him for the Canadian race, but plans are up in the air after that."

ROOKIES

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, September 23

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2012 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

AMERICAN LION (Tiznow), Darby Dan Farm, \$5K, 70/3/0
3-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, American Keepsake, \$5K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1

ARCHARCHARCH (Arch), Spendthrift Farm, \$10K, 123/10/1
5-DEL, Msw, 7 1/2f, Joe's Arch, \$45K EAS MAY 2yo, 10-1

CROWN OF THORNS (Repent), Woodford Thoroughbreds, \$4K, 21/2/0
5-DEL, Msw, 7 1/2f, Pontius P., \$21K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1

2-PID, Msw, 6f, Prince of Thorns, \$14K RNA OBS OPN 2yo, 12-1

ETCHED (Forestry), Bonita Farm, \$4K, 18/0/0
5-DEL, Msw, 7 1/2f, Mine Would Be You, 15-1

FRIESAN FIRE (A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm, \$4K, 61/4/0
5-DEL, Msw, 7 1/2f, Flaming Humor, \$35K EAS SEP yrl, 4-1

GIO PONTI (Tale of the Cat), Castleton Lyons, \$20K, 110/2/0
2-PID, Msw, 6f, +Gio Whiz, \$25K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 10-1

GIROLAMO (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$15K, 87/8/1
5-BEL, Msw, 6 1/2f, Legend of Lorelei, \$27K SAR AUG yrl, 8-1

HAYNESFIELD (Speightstown), Airdrie Stud, \$10K, 78/3/1
2-PID, Msw, 6f, +Brerry, \$140K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

HERE COMES BEN (Street Cry {Ire}), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$8K, 43/3/0
5-BEL, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Sabrina Ballerina, \$20K EAS DEC wnl, 20-1

5-BEL, Msw, 6 1/2f, Firestar, \$42K SAR AUG yrl, 12-1

HUNT CROSSING (Corinthian), 15/0/0
1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Miss Be Good, 12-1

MISREMEMBERED (Candy Ride {Arg}), Hill N Dale Farms, \$8K, 36/3/0
2-PID, Msw, 6f, +Whiskey Tree, 15-1

MIXMASTER (Medaglia d'Oro), 4/0/0
4-TDN, Msw, 1m, Mixed Colors, 8-1

PADDY O'PRADO (El Prado {Ire}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15K, 106/5/0
1-PID, Msw, 1m, Ha' Penny Bridge, \$40K OBS WIN yrl, 5-2

SIENTE EL TRUENO (City Zip), 4/0/0
5-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, Chica Mala, 20-1

TRAPPE SHOT (Tapit), Claiborne Farm, \$10K, 96/4/0
5-BEL, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Trappe Play, 12-1

WILBURN (Bernardini), Spendthrift Farm, \$7K, 106/4/0
2-PID, Msw, 6f, Wichita Willy, \$25K OBS WIN yrl, 10-1
2-DEL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Afleet Willy, \$50K OBS OPN 2yo, 8-1

First/second-crop starters to watch: Weds., Sept. 23

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2011 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

CHARITABLE MAN (Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm, \$4K, 81/16/2
1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lemon Lati, 6-1
3-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Giftofgrace, 5-1
1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lastmancharitable, 7-2
1-CT, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Lil Miss Justice, 12-1

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-PRX, \$86,900, 9-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.56, fm.

BILLY THE BULL (g, 5, Holy Bull--Sweet Sweet Molly, by A. P Jet) Lifetime Record: 18-6-1-3, \$261,205.
O-John Fanelli; B-Joseph G. Bucci (NY); T-Mario Serey Jr.

7th-IND, \$42,160, 9-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.79, fm.

ARISTOMACHES (g, 5, Wando--Part Magic {MSP}, by Clear Course) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-0, \$97,625.
O-Alese Dunn; B-Ledgerwood Farms (IN); T-Stephen D. Dunn.

2nd-PID, \$34,060, 9-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.96, ft.

LUCKY LEROY BROWN (g, 3, [Leroidesanimaux {Brz}](#)--Mucho Princess, by Macho Uno) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$62,950. O-Clyde D. Rice; B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL); T-Adam Rice. *\$15,000 Ylg '13 OBSAUG.

6th-ZIA, \$31,500, 9-22, (NW2L), 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.81, ft.

CASEY JONES WHO (g, 2, Quinton's Gold--Who's Rumor, by Hadif) Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-2-3-1, \$54,004. O/B-Sam & Sammy Stevens (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

4th-ZIA, \$31,085, (S), (NW4LX)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 9-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.64, ft.

SILVER STREAKN GAL (m, 5, Silver Season--Yoga Gal, by Regal Classic) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-4-6-8, \$154,977. O-Billy Don & Lyndon Read; B-Richard Brunacini & Kay Thurman (NM); T-Raymond E. Ervin.

4th-FL, \$20,400, (S), 9-22, (NW3BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.39, ft.

DARK DESIRE (m, 7, Chief Seattle--Country Strider, by Country Pine) Lifetime Record: 18-7-2-5, \$143,203.
O/T-Michael S. Ferraro; B-Saul & Max Kupferberg (NY).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Rap a Kuba, g, 2, Rapper S S--Kuba a Noqua (SW), by Marquetry. ZIA, 9-22, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.16.**
B-Lathrop G. Hoffman (NM).



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IN FRANCE:

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IN JAPAN:

Awardee, h, 5, Jungle Pocket (Jpn)--Heavenly Romance (Jpn) (G1SW-Jpn, \$3,527,120), by Sunday Silence. Hanshin, 9-19, Alw, 9f. Lifetime Record: 27-5-4-6, \$1,003,750. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Management; T-Mikio Matsunaga. *1/2 to Amour Briller (Smart Strike), SW-Jpn, \$1,034,771.

Moanin, c, 3, Henny Hughes--Giggly, by Distorted Humor. Hanshin, 9-21, Alw, 7f. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$220,833. O-Yukio Baba; B-Empire Equines LLC; T-Sei Ishizaka. *\$90,000 yrl '13 FTNAUG; \$335,000 2yo '14 OBSMAR.

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Richie Richie (Ire), c, 2, Teofilo (Ire)--Nick's Nikita (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire, 11-13f & 14f+, GSW-Ire, \$272,769), by Pivotal (GB). Hanshin, 9-21, Novice Race, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$65,000. O-La Mere Inc; B-N Hartery; T-Yasuo Tomomichi. *58,000gns wnl '13 TATDEC.

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Tuesday's Result:

1st-LIN, £5,200, Mdn, 9-22, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.03.

ALTARSHEED (IRE) (c, 2, Lilbourne Lad {Ire}--Lilakiya {Ire}, by Dr Fong), third on debut at Haydock Aug. 7 and again last time Sept. 3, broke well and asserted for the lead after the initial exchanges of this one. In command thereafter, the 5-4 favorite was stoked up when pressed by Cabinet Room (Exchange Rate) on the home turn and surged clear of that rival under urging in the short straight to prevail by an impressive six lengths. He becomes the 18th winner for his freshman sire (by Acclamation {GB}). Sales history: €50,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; 100,000gns Ylg '14 TAOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$6,699. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-L Montgomery (IRE); T-Richard Hannon.



KODIAC COLT ON TOP AT TATTS IRELAND

Kodiak (GB) (Danehill), the half-brother to Invincible Spirit (Ire) who is the sire of such standouts this season as Besharah (Ire), Kodi Bear (Ire) and Bear Cheek (Ire), once again had his name in the headlines when siring the top-priced lot during Tuesday's opening session of the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale. That colt, [lot 164](#), was purchased by agent Amanda Skiffington for €130,000 from Tally-Ho Stud, which stands Kodiak. The March foal is out of Fee Eria (Fr) (Always Fair {GB}), a half-sister to GI Hollywood Derby winner Super Quercus (Fr) (Hero's Honor).

Skiffington, who signed the ticket on behalf of owner Kevin Bailey and trainer Hugo Palmer, said, "He is a lovely horse and by a hot sire. I have been lucky at this sale before and bought They Seek Him There and Galileo Gold here last year."



Amanda Skiffington | Tattersalls

Kodiak was also the sire of a colt picked up by Con Marnane for €82,000 late in the session ([lot 234](#) from Knockatrina House) as well as the day's most expensive filly, [lot 9](#), who cost trainer Eddie Lynam €68,000 from Tally-Ho.

Overall trade was buoyant, with gains across the board. A total of 205 yearlings changed hands Tuesday for €5,075,500, compared to 196 sold last year for €3,827,500. It was the first time the aggregate has breached €5 million since 2007. The average climbed 27% to €24,759, while the median was up 33% to €20,000. Neither the average nor the median at this sale has exceeded €20,000 since 2007. The buyback rate dropped two points to 5.9%.

First-season sire Harbour Watch (Ire) got his name on the board Tuesday when a colt by the G2 Richmond S. winner and one-time G1 2000 Guineas favorite was knocked down to agent Stephen Hill and trainer Joseph Tuite, working on behalf of Tony Byrne, for €120,000. That team had to see off an almost-equally determined Ger Lyons for the bay.

"Tony saw the horse yesterday and really loved him," said Tuite. "He is by a sire yet to have runners, but he is a gorgeous horse with a smashing walk. He'll go to be broken in and will come to me in November."

[Lot 119](#) is the first foal out of the listed-placed Dam Beautiful (GB) (Sleeping Indian {Ire}), who produced a Lope De Vega (Ire) colt this year. The second dam, Nellie Melba (GB) (Hurricane Sky {Aus}), has produced the stakes-placed Major Crispies (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) in addition to Dam Beautiful, and she has a yearling filly by another exciting young sire in Dream Ahead. The Harbour Watch colt was consigned by Grove Stud.

The third and final lot of the day to cross the six-figure threshold was [lot 177](#), a son of Footstepsinthesand (GB) from Coole House Farm. That colt was picked up by Peter and Ross Doyle for €110,000 and will go to trainer Richard Hannon. The bay is the fourth foal from the unraced Fotini (Ire) (King's Best), a half-sister to the G2 Italian 2000 Guineas scorer Spirit of Desert (Ire) (Desert Prince {Ire}). The third dam produced three stakes winners, including the G1 Gran Premio d'Italia victor Posidonas (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}).



Ross Doyle | Tattersalls

"He's just a gorgeous individual," said Ross Doyle. "Every time we went to see him, we liked him more. He was very well prepared by Coole House Farm."

French agent Bertrand le Metayar went to €80,000 to secure one of his own--that is, a French-bred colt by Wootton Basset (GB)--when securing [lot 133](#). The April foal is a grandson of Style Of Life (The Minstrel), who is herself the dam of Grey Swallow (Ire), an Irish champion juvenile and dual Classic winner who also took the GI Manhattan H. stateside.

"He has the walk and attitude," said le Metayar of the colt from Clonbonny Stud. "He is a big, striking individual. He has a very good pedigree and will probably be broken in and will then go to be trained in the UK."

About an hour later, another colt matched that €80,000 price tag when Emma Armstrong of Highfield Farm won the bidding battle for [lot 151](#), a son of Avonbridge (GB) from Grove Stud who is from the family of triple Grade I winner Wandesta (GB) (Nashwan). The colt was bought by Grove Stud for 13,000gns as a foal.

"He is a good-looking horse and has a great walk," said Armstrong. "He will come back to us for a couple of months and get some Lancashire air and then go to Richard Fahey."

Session two of Part I of the September Yearling Sale takes place Wednesday, with Part II wrapping up proceedings Thursday.



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Cosmic Girl (Street Cry {Ire}) wins at first asking at Presque Isle Downs.

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TATTERSALLS IRELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PART ONE -- TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
164	c	Kodiac (GB) <i>B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE)</i> Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud Purchased by Amanda Skiffington	Fee Eria (Fr)	130,000
119	c	Harbour Watch (Ire) <i>B-Unknown (FR)</i> Consigned by Grove Stud Purchased by Hillen & Tuite	Dam Beautiful (GB)	120,000
177	c	Footstepsinthesand (GB) <i>B-Domenico Fonzo (IRE)</i> Consigned by Coole House Farm (Agent) Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle	Fotini (Ire)	110,000


He faces a cast of 16, which includes stablemates **Immortal Bridge (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus})**, a half to 2013 GI Vanity H. victress **Byrama (GB) (Byron {GB})**; and **Hudson Canyon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, who is a sibling of three stakes performers out of the 2001 G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine **Airwave (GB) (Air Express {Ire})**. Further cast members in this intriguing affair include Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's **Almanaara (Ire) (Shamardal)**, a once-raced half to 2007 G1 Middle Park S. winner **Dark Angel (Ire) (Acclamation {GB})** and one of two from the Dermot Weld stable; and Jim Bolger's Godolphin colorbearer **Tribal Beat (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire})**, who is a half to the 2013 G1 Prix de Diane fourth and MG1SP Tasaday (Nayef).

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APPOINTMENTS

Christopher Farrell, Avril Dunne and Jean Scally: Equilume

- Irish-based company Equilume, which developed the Equilume Light Mask, will expand its sales and marketing team in an effort to accelerate sales in the U.S. The Equilume Light Mask is a lighting device that fits under a horse's halter and shines a blue light into one eye of a mare, which will advance her breeding season, prevent long gestations and ensure reproductive activity in early foaling mares.
- Peter Brady, chief executive officer of Equilume, said, "Following a very successful sales season in the Southern Hemisphere, notably in Australia where we doubled customer numbers and had double-digit growth in unit sales, I am delighted to announce that Equilume is expanding its team to accelerate sales in the U.S. equine market. Our new sales and marketing executives, Christopher Farrell and Avril Dunne, both UCD Animal Science-Equine graduates, will focus on the Thoroughbred market in the Kentucky Bluegrass and the American Quarter Horse market in Texas, Oklahoma and California, respectively. I am also delighted to announce that Jean Scally has also joined the team to help build our brand and commercial marketing expertise as we expand our international sales."



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SESSION TOTALS	2015	2014
• Catalogued	235	232
• No. Offered	218	213
• No. Sold	205	196
• RNAs	13	17
• % RNAs	5.9%	7.9%
• High Price	€130,000	€115,000
• Gross	€5,075,500	€3,827,500
• Average (% change)	€24,759 (+27%)	€19,528
• Median (% change)	€20,000 (+33%)	€15,000

OBSERVATIONS

on today's European racing scene

3.25 Naas, Mdn, €15,500, 2yo, f, 7fT
ETCHED (IRE) (Dansili {GB}) is a daughter of the 2008 G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Irish Oaks placegetter **Gagnoa (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)**, herself kin to 2011 G1 Epsom Derby victor **Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire})**, and debuts against 13 here. One of three Aidan O'Brien trainees and the mount of Seamie Heffernan, her opponents include stablemate **Eavesdrop (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})**, who is a half to the MG1SW speedster **Kingsgate Native (Ire) (Mujadil)**.

4.00 Naas, Mdn, €15,500, 2yo, c/g, 7fT
SCHUBERT (War Front), the choice of rider Joseph O'Brien, is a \$1.3-million KEESEP yearling who heads a team of three Aidan O'Brien representatives.

FRANCE

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Tuesday's Results:

1st-MRS, €16,000, Mdn, 9-22, unraced 2yo, 9fT, 1:54.40, gd.
+ MUTAMADED (IRE) (c, 2, Arcano {Ire})--Sahaayeb {Ire}, by Indian Haven {GB}) sported headgear in this debut and was keen for the lead passing the judge first time. Settling into an easy rhythm along the back stretch, the 13-5 second choice was shaken up in early stretch and ran on strongly in the closing stages to comfortably best **Julia Beach (Ire) (Lawman {Fr})** by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000.
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 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

France cont.

4th-BDX, €16,000, Mdn, 9-22, unraced 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.85, sf.
 + **JADHABA (IRE) (f, 2, [Galileo {Ire}](#)--Naissance Royale {Ire} {MGSW-US, GSW-Can & GSP-Fr, \$740,213}, by Giant's Causeway), a €620,000 ARAUG yearling, broke in the front rank and claimed an outright lead after one furlong of this unveiling. Maintaining control thereafter, the 9-10 pick was stoked up approaching the final eighth and pushed out late to easily hold Rosay (Ire) (Raven's Pass) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winners dam was herself victorious in Woodbine's GII Nassau S., as well as the GII Lake Placid S., GII Las Palmas H. and GIII Suwannee River H. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Al Shaqab Racing; B-Ecurie des Monceaux (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.**

1st-BDX, €16,000, Mdn, 9-22, unraced 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.61, sf.
 + **TAAREEF (c, 2, [Kitten's Joy](#)--Sacred Feather {SP-US, \$187,177}, by Carson City) went off as the 19-10 chalk for this debut and was sharply into stride to race on the front end before settling in a close second. Nudged along to challenge in early stretch, the \$675,000 KEESEP yearling was sent to the front approaching the final furlong and ridden out in the closing stages to assert by a length from Zalamea (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,000. [Video, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.](#)
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Dixiana Farm LLC (KY); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.**

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HKJC, CHINA ASSOCIATION SIGN MOU

The Hong Kong Jockey Club and the China Horse Industry Association have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to build a comprehensive system for the development of the horse industry in China.

"The Club is honored to be trusted as a strategic partner of the CHIA and excited to play a supporting role in helping the CHIA achieve its objective of enhancing the horse industry's infrastructure," said The Hong Kong Jockey Club's Chief Executive Officer Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges. "We were very impressed by the holistic approach taken by the new leadership of the CHIA since March 2014. Racing is a selection process for breeding. A firm foundation built on a sound stud book, doping control, and horse welfare is critical for the long-term development of the industry's value chain, a continuous cycle from breeding through to sporting competition."

The partnership covers the HKJC's support of modernizing the China Stud Book, developing a doping control program, supporting the planning of an equine hospital in Beijing and assisting in ongoing horse care and veterinary training.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-MRS, €22,000, 9-22, 3yo, 12f 55yT, 2:33.82, gd. METRAMO (FR) (c, 3, Kouroun {Fr}--Queen Shara {Fr}, by Welkin) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €49,650. O/B-Vincenzo Gallizzi (FR); T-Yan Durepaire.

3rd-MRS, €22,000, 9-22, 3yo, 7f 165yT, 1:32.37, gd. BYBURG (GB) (f, 3, Sageburg {Ire}--By the Best {Fr}, by King's Best) Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €39,000. O-Arnaude de Seyssel, Jacques Ravier, Jean-Louis Valerien-Perrin, Thierry Ravier & Jean-Claude Ravier; B-Ecurie D (GB); T-Philippe Decouz.

3rd-BEV, £14,000, 9-22, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:02.78, gd. GREEN DOOR (IRE) (c, 4, Camacho {GB}--Inourhearts {Ire} {SW-Ire}, by Pips Pride {GB}) Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng, 22-4-4-2, \$123,579. O-Pearl Bloodstock & Mrs John Redvers; B-Mrs Sue Lenehan (IRE); T-Robert Cowell. *€12,000 Wlg '11 GOFNOV; £19,000 Ylg '12 DNPRM; 100,000gns RNA 2yo '13 TA13.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rio's Cliffs (GB) (f, 2, [Canford Cliffs \(Ire\)](#)--What's Up Pussycat (Ire) (SW-Ire, \$163,993), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). BEV, 9-22, 7f 100yT, 1:35.74. B-Ladyswood Stud (GB). *26th winner for freshman sire (by Tagula {Ire}).

Divine Carla (Fr) (f, 2, [Evasive \(GB\)](#)--Miss Nevees (Fr), by Kaldounevees (Fr). MRS, 9-22, 7f 165yT, 1:34.45. B-Mme Jacqueline Blessas & Guy Zamora (FR).

Fashionata (Ire) (f, 2, [Fast Company \(Ire\)](#)--Red Red Rose (GB), by Piccolo (GB). BEV, 9-22, 5fT, 1:04.86. B-Mrs Anne Marie Burns (IRE). *€26,000 Ylg '14 GOFSP.

Mill Point (GB) (f, 3, [Champs Elysees \(GB\)](#)--Marching West, by Gone West. LIN, 9-22, 10f (AWT), 2:05.47. B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB).

Included (GB) (f, 3, [Champs Elysees \(GB\)](#)--Cordoba (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). KEM, 9-22, 12f (AWT), 2:34.57. B-Millsec, Ltd. (GB).

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