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THREE CHIMNEYS RACING ENJOYS THE RIDE

When **Pasar Silbano (Ire)** (Elnadim) crossed the wire first in Sunday's GIII La Habra S. at Santa Anita, it continued a remarkable run of success for the relatively young Three Chimneys Racing partnership. Formed a year and a half ago, the partnership brings together people interested in enjoying the thrill of top-level racing, while minimizing the risks of individual horse ownership. "Essentially, the partnership involves friends and associates and contacts of Three Chim-



La Habra Winner's Circle
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neys," explained bloodstock agent Lincoln Collins, who acts as director for the operation. "The idea was, we all knew a number of people who liked to race. But it is so expensive and so difficult as an individual to get a horse at a very high level that we thought a group of like-minded individuals who put in a significant amount of money, but not a king's ransom, would be able to get together and enjoy some high-class racehorses." **Cont. p2**

CHURCHILL CUTS STAKES PROGRAM

Churchill Downs yesterday released its 2009 spring stakes schedule, offering 29 races worth a total of \$7.575 million in purses, down from \$8.1 million in 2008. Two races--the Opening Verse H. and the Mamzelle S.--were eliminated from the schedule, and 10 were the subject of purse cuts. The GIII Bashford Manor S., Edgewood S., GIII Kentucky Juvenile S., GIII Locust Grove H., GIII Louisville H., GIII Regret S. and the newly named GIII Eight Belles S. (formerly the La Troienne) will all be worth \$100,000-added, down from \$150,000 last year. The purses for the the \$100,000-added GIII Aristides S., \$150,000-added GIII Northern Dancer S. and the \$175,000-added GII Firecracker H. have all been decreased \$25,000. "Our Spring Meet stakes schedule offers something for horses in all age and gender divisions, and we continue our focus of high quality, big event days with multiple stakes surrounding the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks and Stephen Foster H.," said Ben Huffman, Churchill Downs racing secretary. "Declines in wagering caused by economic conditions and unexpected limits on distribution of our simulcast signal in 2008 provided challenges as we put this schedule together. But we are satisfied with the finished product, and look forward to working with our horsemen to continue to present compelling, high quality stakes events to fans of Churchill Downs racing throughout North America."

SAUDI PRINCE BUYS SA CLASSIC WINNER

Medici (Chi) (Sir Cat), who won the G1 Clasico St. Leger for breeder Haras Jockey at Hipodromo Chile in December, has been purchased by Emmanuel de Seroux of California-based Narvick International on behalf of prominent Saudi Arabian owner Prince Sultan bin Mohammed bin Saud al Kabeer. The colt has been transferred to Dubai and will target the G2 UAE Derby on World Cup night Mar. 29. "The horse arrived in Dubai well and will be aimed at the UAE Derby, should he acclimate well," said de Seroux. Medici will race under the tutelage of trainer Jerry Barton, who has made a successful start at the 2009 Dubai International Racing Carnival after saddling the speedy Big City Man (Northern Afleet) to victory in the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint Jan. 22. Medici captured three of eight starts in his native Chile, topped by his dominant 7-1/2 length romp in the Dec. 13 St. Leger, a 2200-meter dirt race, which is the middle leg of the Chilean Triple Crown.



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LA HABRA S.-GIII, \$100,000, SAX, 2-1, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 3/5, fm.
1--@PASAR SILBANO (IRE), 122, f, 3, by Elnadim
 1st Dam: Give A Whistle (Ire), by Mujadil
 2nd Dam: Repique, by Sharpen Up (GB)
 3rd Dam: Repetitious (Ire), by Northfields
 (€25,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL). O-Three Chimneys Racing LLC; B-Denis Reddan (IRE); T-J M Cassidy; J-Mike E Smith; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Ire, 8-5-0-1, \$252,977. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**
Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.

Three Chimneys Racing currently has two separate partnerships involving approximately 45 investors and nine horses. Each investor pays a one-time fee to enter into the partnership and has an equal share in the entire group of horses owned by the partnership.



Lincoln Collins

According to Collins, the partners are a mix of veteran horse owners and people new to the business.

"I would say it is a cross-section of people who have never had any ownership interest in horses before, down to people who have had horses for years,"

he said. "Some of them are established. Some of them are new people, the sort of people who had expressed an interest in getting involved in the past, but hadn't found the right vehicle."

All nine horses currently owned by Three Chimneys Racing are fillies with European backgrounds.

Explaining the preference for fillies, Collins said, "It is only because fillies tend to have more of a residual value, just as a group. While this is more of a sporting racing proposition, we want to have at least some value at the end of the thing."

Collins, owner of Kern Thoroughbreds, uses his strong links to European racing and his past success in bringing European runners to the U.S. to the advantage of the partnerships.

"Kern Thoroughbreds, which is my organization, has a long-standing association with Lillingston Bloodstock in England," Collins explained. "Alastair Donald, who works for Lillingston Bloodstock, spends almost literally all of his time scouting racehorses in England or in Europe in general. He will send us horses on a pretty regular basis that he thinks might fit various divisions in the U.S. Joe Miller, who works for me here, has a close relationship with Alastair, and they will discuss the horses back and forth. When we've got ones that we're really interested in, I will look into the thing very carefully. Ultimately, someone has to make the decision about which ones to push the button on, so Robert Clay and I will make the final decision."

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CAPE VERDI S.-G3, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eva's Request (Ire)	Soviet Star	Durcan	125
2	Front House (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Shea	128
3	Peace Royale (Ger)	Sholokhov (Ire)	Pedroza	127
4	Clifton Dancer (GB)	Fraam (GB)	Buick	125
5	Inca Noble (Arg)	Ride the Rails	Murtagh	125
6	Deem (Ire)	Dalakhani (Ire)	Jara	125
7	Olympic Glory (Brz)	Choctaw Ridge	Mullen	125
8	Jalmira (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	O'Shea	125
9	Akua'ba (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Manning	125
10	My Central (Ity)	Central Park (Ire)	Latham	125
11	Happy Spirit (SAf)	Silvano (Ger)	Moore	128

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-G3, \$200,000, 4/up, 1800m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Supaseus (GB)	Spinning World	Moore	125
2	Happy Boy (Brz)	Ski Champ	Ajtebi	125
3	Don Renato (Chi)	Edgy Diplomat	Kinane	125
4	Military Power (GB)	Dubai Destination	Rosales	125
5	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Not For Sale (Arg)	Murtagh	125
6	My Indy (Arg)	Indygo Shiner	Dettori	125
7	Fleurie (GB)	Pivotal (GB)	Burke	125
8	Gloria de Campeao (Brz)	Impression (Arg)	Leme	125
9	Glen Nevis	Gulch	Mullen	125



Three Chimneys cont.

It's a formula that has worked well for Collins over the years.

"Kern Thoroughbreds have a lot of experience through the years of buying horses in Europe," he explained. "We bought Golden Apples for Gary Tanaka; we bought a considerable number of graded-stakes winners over there before we set up the Three Chimneys partnerships. So we feel very comfortable with trying to identify horses that we think will adapt well to American racing conditions."

In the short time it has been running, Three Chimneys Racing has already been represented by three graded stakes winners and two graded-stakes-placed horses,



Diamond Diva Benoit Photo

with purse earnings over \$900,000. The weekend that ended with Pasar Silbano's win in the La Habra, began with **Russian Rosie (Ire)** (Traditionally) winning a Gulfstream allowance. The group's biggest score to date came when **Diamond Diva (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) won last year's GII CashCall Mile. Three Chim-

neys Racing has also been represented by **Missit (Ire)** (Orpen), winner of last year's GII Providencia S., and **Rosa Grace (GB)** (Lomitas {GB}), second in last year's GII Lake Placid S.

CASHCALL MILE INVITATIONAL S.-GII, \$750,000, HOL, 7-5, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34, fm.
1--DIAMOND DIVA (GB), 119, f, 4, by Dansili (GB)
1st Dam: Vivianna (GB), by Indian Ridge (Ire)
2nd Dam: Kundalini, by El Gran Senor
3rd Dam: Hatton Gardens (Ire), by Auction Ring
 (230,000gns HRA '07 TATDEC). O-Three Chimneys Racing LLC; B-Glebe Stud & Mrs F Woodd (GB); T-James Cassidy; J-D Flores; \$425,000. Lifetime Record: MSP-Eng & GISP-US, 16-6-5-2, \$721,192. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**.
Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.

With the exception of Diamond Diva, who was purchased for 230,000gns at the 2007 Tattersalls December sale, the partnership's horses were all purchased privately.

"We try to identify the horses that we would like to buy and go and get them rather than waiting for them to be offered to us," Collins said. "But obviously, once in a while, there is a horse in the sale like Diamond Diva that you really want to buy."

Collins thinks the focus on European fillies makes Three Chimneys Racing different, but adds that the partnership is just focusing on its strengths.

"I'm not sure that there are any other partnerships out there that concentrate on fillies and buy the vast majority of their horses in Europe," he commented.

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"There may be. I think the concentration on fillies is somewhat unique. A lot of these things are not a sort of magic. You just do your due diligence and kind of concentrate on the areas where you feel you have particular expertise and try to do the best thing for the partners."

The fee paid by investors in Three Chimneys Racing encompasses the life of the partnership.

"It's a one-time amount," Collins confirmed. "And that covers everything. There aren't any calls for additional money. Three Chimneys charges no management fees. Three Chimneys will sell all the horses and, when they sell, will get their percentage from the auction sale. Kern Thoroughbreds gets a commission when we buy the horses. There is a buying commission and a selling commission, but no management fees."

Both partnerships are scheduled to end in 2010, and all the horses will be dispersed. But Collins stresses the object of the partnership is to enjoy participating in racing high-class horses, rather than making money.

"Obviously, everyone loves to make money, but this is a frustrating game from the point of view of making money," he said. "I think you have to build in a psychic satisfaction of owning a nice horse. I would never suggest to anybody that they would own a racehorse simply to make a profit. You hope it will happen, but it's a tough thing to achieve. You've got to be a sportsman to own a racehorse." -*Jessica Martini*



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Shafted Looking to Play Upsetter's Role...

With a pair of proven Grade I horses in GI Hollywood Futurity winner **Pioneer of the Nile** (Empire Maker) and runner-up **I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even) signed on for Saturday's GI Robert B. Lewis S., trainer Mark Casse has set realistic goals for Woodford Racing's **Shafted** (Mineshaft) as he makes his graded-stakes debut. "I think he'll stack up nicely," Casse said yesterday. "But you never know until you try. I really think he wants a little more ground than this, and I will be looking for him to come running. It obviously would be nice to win it, but I think the farther they go the more he'll like it. We are just looking for a good, solid run to get him to the next step." A debut winner going an extended mile at Woodbine Oct. 16 ([video](#)), the chestnut was a troubled sixth to the highly regarded Patena (Seeking the Gold) in the Dec. 6 Display S. at his home track before shipping to Southern California. Shafted made a favorable impression in his first local appearance, overcoming a slow start to score by 2 1/2 widening lengths Jan. 2 ([video](#)). The son of dual Grade I winner Twist Afleet (Afleet) has breezed three times since his allowance score, including a half-mile in :47 1/5 at Santa Anita Feb. 1.



Mark Casse
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"I asked [jockey] Joel [Rosario] to cluck to him and he came his last quarter in :22 4/5, then shut down right after the wire," Casse commented. "I was impressed by his turn of foot. He's not a big robust horse, but he has a real efficient stride, he's a nice-moving horse and the nice thing about him is that he's push-button." Casse and his charge also have something in common. "He really likes California. So do I," he said while touring Santa Monica by bicycle Tuesday afternoon.

News cont.

TREAT GENTLY DQ'D IN VERMEILLE Juddmonte homebred **Treat Gently** (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), third behind Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) in last season's G1 Prix Vermeille, has been disqualified by France Galop and placed behind Stonerside Stable's **Michita** (Dynaformer). Treat Gently was demoted on a drug technicality, specifically testosterone, although trainer Andre Fabre was not fined an excessive amount as the hormone was judged to have occurred naturally. "I think the decision was unbelievably unjust, as the filly had a tumour on an ovary which has since been removed. That's why Andre Fabre was not fined by the officials," Juddmonte's racing manager Teddy Grimthorpe told *Racing Post*. The bay filly came home fourth in her most recent start in the G1 Prix de L'Opera at Longchamp Oct. 5.

DERBY ITALIANO DOWNGRADED The Derby Italiano, which has enjoyed Group 1 billing since the introduction of the European Pattern in 1993, has lost its status and will be staged as a Group 2 event for the first time this year. The Rome Classic is set for May 9 at the Capanelle. While the downgrade comes as no surprise, the race is expected to retain its standing as Italy's most valuable race over the seven events which have maintained their Group 1 rank. Other notable changes to the pattern include the upgrade of the Darley-sponsored Aug. 23 Prix Jean-Romanet from Group 2 to Group 1; and of the Apr. 10 Prix Imprudence, a trial for England's G1 1000 Guineas, from Listed to Group 3 level. The German program undergoes only one modification, which is the transfer of the G2 Diana Trial from Cologne to Hoppegarten.



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THE REWARDS OF CONSISTENCY

If you have a horse in training, more likely than not it makes a difference to you if the horse is paying its way or not. One advantage of earnings-based sire rating methods like APEX is that you at least have some figures against which you can measure costs; not necessarily the capital cost of getting the horse, but the running costs once you have it. In North America in 2008, the top eight percent of runners--in APEX terms, ABC Runners--earned \$53,492 or more. Let's call it \$53,500. Maybe horses who earn less also make people money, especially outside of the major circuits; all the better. But the point is, really in any place but Britain and Germany, a horse that's in the top eight percent of runners is at least paying its way. If more than that pay their way, great. The business would prosper if it was 20 percent or 50 percent--and why shouldn't it be? But at least if we take eight percent as a standard, you can get a pretty good idea of which sires are getting runners that are paying their way, and which aren't.

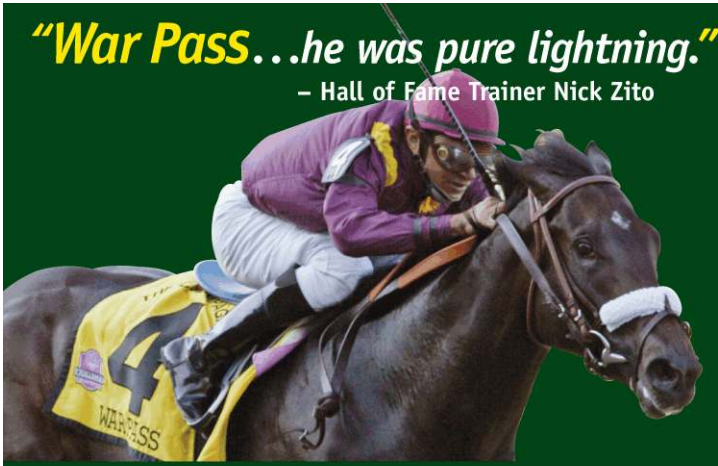
This week we've compiled three tables (*tables follow the column*) which show the leading sires by number of ABC Runners: quality--at least some quality--in quantity. First up is a table of 32 third-crop sires of 2008 (first four-year-olds 2008) with 12 or more ABC Runners (in other words, conceivably the same horse could have been an A, B, or C Runner in each of the three years this 'sire crop' has had runners). This table includes cumulative results 2006-2008, but there is also a column ('ABC 2008') which shows the number of 'unique' ABC runners the sire had in 2008.

The two leaders on this list are the two leading F2004 sires in Europe, Rock of Gibraltar and Invincible Spirit, representing the Danehill (Coolmore) and Green Desert (Maktoum) branches of Danzig, respectively. Rock of Gibraltar, who inherited much of Danehill's book when that great sire died suddenly at the age of 17 in 2003, had much the better shot, and has had more year-starters (384 to 336) than Invincible Spirit; he had 32 'unique' ABC runners in 2008, and had a total of 61 cumulative (can be counted each year they qualify) ABC Runners through the end of 2008. Invincible Spirit tied for second with 25 unique ABC runners last year, and is clearly second cumulatively, with 54. How closely matched these two are is shown by their ABC Runner Indexes: Invincible Spirit 2.01, Rock of Gibraltar 1.99. In A Runner terms only, Rock of Gibraltar's A Runner Index is 2.73, with Invincible Spirit at 2.53. Where they do differ is in their age profiles.

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Invincible Spirit is a superior sire of two-year-old ABC runners; his 3.34 index ranks him world number six (yeah, I mean Northern Hemisphere number six). But he drops off some for three- and four-year-olds, with 1.62 ratings for both ages. Rock of Gibraltar has a more even age profile at this point. One advantage Invincible Spirit definitely has over the 'Rock' is that he spent the 2007 season in Ireland, when Rock of Gibraltar was having his 'gap year' in Japan; no European foals of 2008 for Rock of Gibraltar.

Johannesburg tied Invincible Spirit for second with 25 'unique' ABC Runners in 2008, and is a clear third cumulatively, with 46; but his ABC Index isn't very high (1.22), as he has a massive 471 year-starters, about 25 percent more than even Rock of Gibraltar. Orientate (42), Officer (41), and Include (40) are the only other F2004 sires with 40 or more cumulative ABC runners. But, illustrating that this number doesn't tell the whole story, other highly regarded F2004 sires with fewer than 40 include World Top 12 sire Street Cry (38, 2.78), as well as other sires with 2.50+ A Runner indexes E Dubai (32, 2.53 A Index), Pure Prize (28, 3.26), Sakhee (19, 3.10), and California hotpot Tribal Rule (17, 2.52). Interestingly, we do see the first appearance of three Japanese sires on this list: Manhattan Cafe (30 ABC Runners, 20 in 2008), Jungle Pocket (28, of which 17 in 2008), and Tanino Gimlet (22, of which 15 in 2008).



Oppenheim cont.

The Japanese prize-money system is hugely weighted to four-year-olds and up: note how all three sires have far higher indexes for their four-year-olds than for their two- and three-year-olds. Jungle Pocket (2.80 A Index) is 1.06 – 1.23 – 3.12, while Manhattan Cafe (1.02 A Index) is 0.53 – 0.59 – 2.52, and Tanino Gimlet (1.09 A Index) is 0.49 – 0.94 – 1.47. Tanino Gimlet, by the way, had the one-three in a one-mile Japanese Group 3 on Saturday (see Sunday's *TDN*, p7). Interestingly, all three are by former top Shadai stallions: Manhattan Cafe is by Sunday Silence; Jungle Pocket by Tony Bin; and Tanino Gimlet by Brian's Time.

The Sophomore Class...

Second-crop sires are making their first year-end appearances in the APEX charts and, like the freshman sire lists the year before, the results can be full of misleading clues. You have to look at them with the knowledge that it's all liable to look a lot different in 12 months. Nonetheless, this is the data we've got, so we need to see what we can make of it. There are 27 on this list, each with 10 or more 2007-08 ABC Runners.

One thing that does seem to happen a lot with these first appearances of second-crop sires is that you can get sires which have some very good horses and register very high A indexes, but don't seem to have the B and C Runners yet to give them the consistency. This is especially liable to happen with more 'staying' sires, since second-crop sires have two crops of two-year-olds racing, but only one crop of three-year-olds. Thus, Nayef (1.98 A Index), who sired Group 1 winners Tamayuz and Lady Marian in his first crop of three-year-olds, has only 11 cumulative ABC runners (nine in 2008, eight of those three-year-olds), and a 1.09 ABC Runner Index. Even Dalakhani, with his chart-topping 3.67 A Index and sire of six three-year-old group winners, two of them Classic winners, has just an okay 1.83 ABC index, considering. He has 16 cumulative ABC runners (equal ninth on this list); of his 13 ABC runners in 2008, all were three-year-olds. Horses like Dalakhani and Nayef figure to move up these lists once they've had two crops of three-year-olds instead of just one.

The top F2005 sire of ABC Runners is once again European, Oasis Dream, who, like Invincible Spirit from the F2004 sire crop, is by Green Desert. He actually broke the record for two-year-old winners, with 38 last year, so it's not surprising he tops this list in cumulative ABC runners (25); 2008 ABC runners (21); and two-year-old 2008 ABC runners (eight). Having said that, he has had over 200 year-starters already, and neither his A Runner Index (1.42) or ABC Index (1.48) is particularly high. Not surprisingly he does score 2.19 for two-year-olds, so it will be interesting to see whether he can follow Invincible Spirit and climb the class ladder a little more. He did have one of the three top two-year-olds in Europe last year in G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner Naaqoos.



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Three American sires are among four others with 20 or more cumulative ABC runners: the Airdrie duo of Harlan's Holiday (22, of which 15 in 2008) and Proud Citizen (21, 16) and back-from-the-dead Sky Mesa (20, including seven 2008 two-year-old ABC runners). Harlan's Holiday (2.20 A Index, 1.73 ABC) has been more consistent than Proud Citizen (1.43 A, 1.50 ABC), but he's been more consistent than most sires so far, and the fact is both are poised to step forward in 2009. Sky Mesa (2.01 A, 1.68 ABC) was a write-off this time last year, which just goes to show why freshman sire figures can be totally misleading. Speaking of which, the two runaway 2007 freshman sires did not have such great sophomore seasons: Acclamation (21) was the only other sophomore sire to have more than 20 cumulative ABC runners, and still has an impressive (2.75) two-year-old index, but has certainly 'come back to the pack' with a 1.55 ABC Index. Posse (13) even more so--he had only six ABC runners in 2008, all three-year-olds, and finished the year with a 1.22 ABC Index.

Macho Uno (2.91 A Index, 1.33 ABC, 11 ABC runners) is another sire who has proven he can get top horses but still has to fill in the gaps, while the same is true, even more so, for a group of four sires who look like the more three-year-olds the better, as far as their ratings are concerned.



Oppenheim cont.

The one who doesn't altogether look that way now is Empire Maker (2.38 A, 1.59 ABC, 16 ABC runners), but he does keep hinting that something really big is about to happen with his name on it. Mineshaft had nine ABC runners last year, all three-year-olds, and recorded a 2.14 three-year-old index, up from 1.35 for two-year-olds. The same pattern applied to Aldebaran, who's been booted out to Japan, but had a 2.27 three-year-old index, compared to 0.81 for two-year-olds; and High Chaparral, who improved from 0.61 for two-year-olds to 1.63 for three-year-olds. These are the sires you expect to see improve further once they have a crop of four-year-olds (and two crops of three-year-olds) racing. Keep an eye on new Kentucky import Repent in that regard, too.

Van Nistelrooy and Vindication each have 18 ABC runners and similar ABC indexes (1.28 and 1.24 respectively). But Van Nistelrooy came with no expectations, has a 1.42 A Index, and is respected; Vindication has just a 0.55 A Index, so does have to be rated as disappointing thus far. The real 'outlier' (I gather there's a book about this out now) is the Florida sire D'Wildcat, who has benefitted from the Ontario program, but nonetheless has 'boxcar' numbers. And we see the first appearance of a Japanese sire, Symboli Kris S. He has an incomprehensible 291 year-starters (Hawk Wing is next, with 228) and only an 0.52 A Index; but he had 14 three-year-old ABC runners last year, and his age ratings read: 0.13 two-year-olds, 1.15 three-year-olds. In Japanese terms, this could be a horse going places.

Leading 2008 ABC Sires...

If you really want to see who are the most prolific sires of horses that are paying their way, it's instructive to look at the third table, which is leading sires of 'unique' 2008 ABC runners. The ultra-prolific Giant's Causeway, fourth and second on the North American General Sire List the last two years, was the overall leader, with 44 ABC runners in 2008. In a three-way tie for second, with 41 each, were Galileo, who only had his first five-year-olds in 2008; Pivotal; and the former surprise package Stormy Atlantic, who so successfully 'stood the raise' from Florida. A.P. Indy and barnmate Langfuhr come next, with 40 each, followed by Distorted Humor; emerging under-18 Top 12 sire Lemon Drop Kid; and the 'Derby' sire, Montjeu, with 39 each. A total of 32 sires had 27 or more unique ABC runners each in 2008, and most of the big 'household names' are among them. Japan gets three on the list: young star Agnes Tachyon (34, like Galileo, with just his first five-year-olds last year); and two older sons of Sunday Silence (also sire of Agnes Tachyon) with typically massive numbers of runners, Fuji Kiseki (33) and Dance in the Dark (27). Korea also has an entrant: Menifee (33), far and away the best horse transferred to stud there; he has an eye-popping 2.11 cumulative ABC Runner Index.


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Table 4: North American Sires in Europe...

There's one other table we wanted to run this week, unrelated to the other three, which are all to do with numbers of ABC runners. This fourth table is the top 30 North American sires with 30 or more year-starters in Europe 2002-2008. The top sire on this list, Sahm (7.50) is one of those stories, like Archer's Bay and Chester House, where almost nobody knew what was going on until the horse in question had died, and it was too late. Sahm was a beautifully bred son of Mr. Prospector out of the great Salsabil, and was bred and raced by Sheikh Hamdan. Trained by John Dunlop in England, he won his first two starts at two, then finished second in the G3 Vintage S. at Goodwood, but was disqualified to last for interference. He closed out his two-year-old campaign by finishing seventh, but beaten only two lengths, by Desert King in the 1996 G1 National S. at the Curragh. He then went off the radar, missing his entire three-year-old campaign, and resurfaced at four in New York for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. He ran seven times for three wins, including the G2 Knickerbocker H., and four seconds, including the G2 Kelso H. Retired to Shadwell in Kentucky, he attracted little interest until a horse called Mustameet, trained by Kevin Prendergast in Ireland for Sheikh Hamdan, kept winning Listed and Group 3 races.



Oppenheim cont.

Last year, Sahn had two-time A Runner Red Moloney (trained by Prendergast) racing for him on the flat in Ireland (he was subsequently sold for 150,000gns to go hurdling, and won his first two hurdle races), as well as the Goffs' Fillies' Million third Samba School. In America, he had no less than Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly Turf winner Maram. So that's the Sahn story.

The legendary Danzig (5.15) of course continues to sire top horses until the bitter end, and the next three slots belong to horses who have always done well in Europe, and continue to do so: Mr. Greeley (4.65), Smart Strike (4.55--you possibly didn't know he was always good, though from small representation, in Europe); and Arch (3.91). The other North American sire who has been a real star in Europe is Kingmambo (3.66), who's had no fewer than 37 A Runners, from a massive 506 year-starters (over 70 a year) in Europe, just since 2002.



**THEY GET THE NOD:
NEW UNDER-18 NUMBERS 29 & 30**

Last week we posed the question: who is the new World Under-18 Top 30? We had nine nominations, but rather quickly discovered, thanks to Helen Richards Elser, that we actually had two open spots. I am so used to touting Not For Love as the top North American sire standing outside Kentucky that I plumb overlooked the fact that he is now 19, a foal of 1990. So that nice Ms. Elser was immediately awarded dinner for catching the mistake.

Fortunately for *TDN's* pocketbook, she also is one of the four award-winning nominators for the two open spots, which have now been awarded to Elusive Quality and City Zip. They were clear winners from a field of nine nominees, on two counts: each had two nominations, which I thought put them in the lead to start with. Then we submitted the names, without saying how many nominations each had got, to our panel of judges, *TDN* whiz kid Lucas Marquardt (well, he looks like a kid to me), with myself as backup in case a referee was needed. No need. Entirely independently, Lucas picked the same two which had two nominations each: Elusive Quality and City Zip. End of story: game, set, match; we have a winner(s).

Elusive Quality gets the nod, not because his APEX figures are great; they're just those of an above-average sire (1.51 A Index, 1.42 ABC).

But, though APEX ratings tell us lots of things about a sire, they don't tell you the difference between an earner of \$110,000 in a season and a 'household name' superstar. Elusive Quality does those, as GI Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Raven's Pass demonstrate. He's number 29 on our new Under-18 World Top 30.

The final spot goes to City Zip, Ghostzapper's half-brother who has been a model of consistency. He had great numbers from his New York crops, but it's one thing to do it in New York, with its \$50-million supplement program, and another to come to the big time (ironic, isn't it? Kentucky's the big time, New York an outpost) and do it. While it's no certainty that his impressive first crop of Kentucky two-year-olds will train on (one already hasn't: unbeaten Run Away and Hide was forced into retirement, and is standing his first season at Darby Dan), City Zip's first Kentucky crop included (just) 59 two-year-olds of 2008, of which 32 started and 18 won, including no fewer than five 2008 two-year-old stakes winners. He ranked number 17 on the 2008 Two-Year-Old Sire List. The speedy 2008 four-year-old Bustin' Stones didn't hurt his cause either.

The other nominees, all of whom no doubt would be included if we published a world under-18 Top 40, were, in alphabetical order: Bernstein, Broken Vow, Grand Slam, Mizzen Mast, Mr. Greeley, Put It Back, and Smoke Glacken. By consensus the very consistent Smoke Glacken was acclaimed first runner-up; so careful, guys, they're waiting in the wings if any of you slip up in 2009.

Our thanks to all contest participants, and a special commendation to Kate Pasinati of Coolmore Australia, whose case for Mr. Greeley was so convincing our own Sue Finley was prepared to declare him the outright winner after reading her piece. Unfortunately for Kate, Sue and Mr. Greeley, her argument didn't prevail this time. Maybe we should buy you dinner, Kate, for turning in the best paper--in fact, of course we will. I'm very generous with *TDN's* money, aren't I?

We do have a few dinners to buy; originally I thought it was going to be for one nominator, but as it turns out, it's four. Maybe it'll be a nice lunch instead. The winners are:

- Mike Levy, KY – Elusive Quality
- Helen Richards Elser, SC – Elusive Quality
- Michael Riordan, CA – City Zip
- Jeff Collett, FL – City Zip
- Kate Pasinati, Australia – best paper.

Many thanks again to all participants!

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APEX TOPPERS

F2004 Sires (1st 4yo's 2008) Ranked by Number of ABC Runners 2006-2008

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	STANDS	TOT RNR	ABC 2008	ABC LIFE	ABC INDEX	2YO	3YO	4YO
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	DANEHILL	IR	384	32	61	1.99	2.18	2.03	2.38
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	1997	GREEN DESERT	IR	336	25	54	2.01	3.34	1.62	1.62
JOHANNESBURG	1999	HENNESSY	KY	471	25	46	1.22	1.50	1.27	1.28
ORIENTATE	1998	MT. LIVERMORE	KY	335	22	42	1.57	1.15	1.72	1.88
OFFICER	1999	BERTRANDO	KY	288	17	41	1.78	2.39	1.80	1.54
INCLUDE	1997	BROAD BRUSH	KY	292	19	40	1.71	1.52	1.77	1.69
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	KY	270	20	38	1.76	2.07	1.67	1.98
JUMP START	1999	A.P. INDY	KY	294	21	36	1.53	1.53	1.59	1.85
MIZZEN MAST	1998	COZZENE	KY	307	22	36	1.47	0.91	1.64	1.62
E DUBAI	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	KY	217	16	32	1.84	1.98	1.88	2.01
MANHATTAN CAFE	1998	SUNDAY SILENCE	JP	443	20	30	0.85	0.53	0.59	2.52
KYLLACHY	1998	PIVOTAL	GB	346	15	29	1.05	1.50	0.94	1.35
JUNGLE POCKET	1998	TONY BIN	JP	250	17	28	1.4	1.06	1.23	3.12
PURE PRIZE	1998	STORM CAT	KY	184	14	28	1.9	2.89	1.48	1.99
YONAGUSKA	1998	CHEROKEE RUN	KY	370	15	28	0.95	0.95	0.89	1.32
GRAEME HALL	1997	DEHERE	FL	190	15	27	1.78	2.73	1.77	1.15
TANINO GIMLET	1999	BRIAN'S TIME	JP	321	15	22	0.86	0.49	0.94	1.47
TOBOUGG	1998	BARATHEA	GB	318	8	20	0.79	1.20	0.68	0.88
ANABAA BLUE	1998	ANABAA	FR	196	9	19	1.21	0.89	0.96	1.71
CAME HOME	1999	GONE WEST	JP	229	11	19	1.04	1.20	1.07	0.94
NOVERRE	1998	RAHY	India	263	8	19	0.9	1.37	0.56	1.80
RED BULLET	1997	UNBRIDLED	FL	141	11	19	1.68	2.15	1.66	1.39
SAKHEE	1997	BAHRI	GB	129	9	19	1.84	0.40	2.41	2.53
THREE WONDERS	1997	STORM CAT	Dead	245	8	17	0.87	1.36	0.67	0.95
TRIBAL RULE	1996	STORM CAT	CA	139	10	17	1.53	1.13	1.69	1.94
FATH	1997	DANZIG	IR	154	7	15	1.22	2.49	0.60	1.21
SLICKLY	1996	LINAMIX	FR	163	11	15	1.15	0.65	1.13	2.11
SNOW RIDGE	1998	TABASCO CAT	PA	173	8	14	1.01	0.91	0.99	1.39
BUDDHA	1999	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	PA	346	6	13	0.47	0.37	0.45	0.61
THUNDERELLO	1999	MONTBROOK	CA	145	8	13	1.12	1.32	0.62	2.01
ACT ONE	1999	IN THE WINGS	GB	120	7	12	1.25	0.98	1.08	2.16
GOLAN	1998	SPECTRUM	IR	128	6	12	1.17	2.10	0.93	0.97



APEX TOPPERS

F2005 Sires (1st 3yo's 2008) Ranked by Number of ABC Runners 2007-2008

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	STANDS	TOT RNR	2YO 2008	3YO 2008	ABC 2008	ABC LIFE	ABC INDEX	2YO	3YO
OASIS DREAM	2000	GREEN DESERT	GB	211	8	13	21	25	1.48	2.19	1.42
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	1999	HARLAN	KY	159	3	12	15	22	1.73	2.39	1.82
ACCLAMATION	1999	ROYAL APPLAUSE	IR	169	3	7	10	21	1.55	2.75	1.11
PROUD CITIZEN	1999	GONE WEST	KY	175	5	11	16	21	1.50	1.88	1.60
SKY MESA	2000	PULPIT	KY	149	7	12	19	20	1.68	1.96	2.06
VAN NISTELROOY	2000	STORM CAT	KY	176	0	12	12	18	1.28	1.52	1.39
VINDICATION	2000	SEATTLE SLEW	Dead	182	2	12	14	18	1.24	1.27	1.57
D'WILDCAT	1998	FOREST WILDCAT	FL	71	4	7	11	17	2.99	5.39	2.36
DALAKHANI	2000	DARSHAAN	IR	109	0	13	13	16	1.83	0.80	2.52
EMPIRE MAKER	2000	UNBRIDLED	KY	126	3	9	12	16	1.59	2.51	1.43
CHOISIR	1999	DANEHILL DANCER	IR	167	2	8	10	16	1.20	1.74	1.25
SYMBOLI KRIS S	1999	KRIS S.	JP	291	1	14	15	15	0.64	0.13	1.15
REPENT	1999	LOUIS QUATORZE	KY	138	1	11	12	14	1.27	0.82	1.98
DUBAI DESTINATION	1999	KINGMAMBO	GB	186	2	9	11	14	0.94	0.95	1.29
HOOK AND LADDER	1997	DIXIELAND BAND	NY	95	3	7	10	13	1.71	2.39	1.79
MINESHAFT	1999	A.P. INDY	KY	109	0	9	9	13	1.49	1.35	2.14
YANKEE GENTLEMAN	1999	STORM CAT	KY	112	1	10	11	13	1.45	1.10	2.01
POSSE	2000	SILVER DEPUTY	KY	133	0	6	6	13	1.22	1.88	1.18
MILWAUKEE BREW	1997	WILD AGAIN	FL	136	3	9	12	13	1.19	1.15	1.54
HOLD THAT TIGER	2000	STORM CAT	FR	221	1	10	11	13	0.74	0.55	1.02
ALDEBARAN	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	JP	99	0	10	10	12	1.52	0.81	2.27
HIGH CHAPARRAL	1999	SADLER'S WELLS	IR	135	2	10	12	12	1.11	0.61	1.63
MACHO UNO	1998	HOLY BULL	KY	103	3	5	8	11	1.33	2.15	1.22
WHYWHYWHY	2000	MR. GREELEY	KY	106	1	8	9	11	1.30	1.17	1.67
NAYEF	1998	GULCH	GB	126	1	8	9	11	1.09	0.94	1.49
HAWK WING	1999	WOODMAN	Korea	228	3	6	9	11	0.60	0.82	0.65
CAPTAIN RIO	1999	PIVOTAL	IR	222	2	8	10	10	0.56	0.30	1.07



APEX TOPPERS

Leading Sires of ABC Runners in 2008

SIRE	YR	1st	STANDS	TOT RNR	ABC 2008	ABC 2002-2008	ABC INDEX	2YO	3YO	4YO	5YO+
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	2002	KY	970	44	150	1.93	1.13	1.92	2.41	2.54
GALILEO	1998	2003	IR	500	41	89	2.23	1.78	2.32	1.91	3.10
PIVOTAL	1993	1998	GB	934	41	178	2.38	2.44	2.15	1.98	3.74
STORMY ATLANTIC	1 994	2000	KY	1 072	41	142	1.66	1.64	1.83	1.24	2.17
A.P. INDY	1 989	1994	KY	1 177	40	284	3.02	2.51	2.98	3.01	2.95
LANGFUHR	1 992	1999	KY	1 313	40	193	1.84	1.47	1.62	1.93	2.25
DISTORTED HUMOR	1 993	2000	KY	1 023	39	194	2.37	2.11	2.55	2.18	2.40
LEMON DROP KID	1996	2002	KY	579	39	109	2.35	1.90	2.53	2.22	2.16
MONTJEU	1996	2002	IR	699	39	112	2.00	1.49	1.81	2.26	3.26
DANEHILL DANCER	1 993	1999	IR	1 202	35	154	1.60	3.05	1.45	0.96	1.44
AGNES TACHYON	1998	2003	JP	765	34	83	1.36	1.17	1.23	1.84	1.08
CHESTER HOUSE	1 995	2002	Dead	n/a	34	99	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NOT FOR LOVE	1 990	1997	MD	1 192	34	204	2.14	2.03	1.98	2.03	2.74
SMART STRIKE	1 992	1998	KY	1 113	34	201	2.26	2.41	2.03	2.43	2.36
TALE OF THE CAT	1 994	2000	KY	1 314	34	176	1.67	2.09	1.71	1.55	1.48
FUJI KISEKI	1 992	1996	JP	1 517	33	172	1.42	0.63	0.91	1.88	2.70
MENIFEE	1996	2001	Korea	538	33	91	2.11	1.51	2.37	2.21	1.64
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	2000	KY	789	32	137	2.17	1.57	1.90	2.23	3.17
MALIBU MOON	1997	2001	KY	668	32	108	2.02	2.27	2.14	1.78	2.20
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	2004	IR	384	32	61	1.99	2.18	2.03	2.38	0.00
FUSAICHI PEGASUS	1997	2002	KY	771	30	102	1.65	2.14	1.71	1.13	1.86
CAPE CROSS	1994	2001	IR	829	29	104	1.57	1.51	1.44	1.47	2.30
SADLER'S WELLS	1 981	1986	Ret	1 649	29	279	2.11	1.76	2.22	1.76	1.94
SILVER DEPUTY	1 985	1990	Ret	1 194	29	198	2.07	2.06	2.19	2.20	2.07
STORM CAT	1 983	1989	Ret	1 017	29	217	2.67	3.75	2.49	2.70	1.68
ANABAA	1992	1998	FR	917	28	111	1.51	1.89	1.38	1.41	1.84
KINGMAMBO	1 990	1995	KY	1 096	28	160	1.82	1.35	1.71	1.90	2.36
BIG SHUFFLE	1 984	1991	GE	1 011	27	148	1.83	5.05	1.63	1.38	1.65
DANCE IN THE DARK	1 993	1998	JP	1 765	27	174	1.23	0.54	0.75	1.72	3.21
DANETIME	1994	2000	Dead	612	27	69	1.41	1.80	1.17	1.32	2.38
DANSILI	1996	2002	GB	658	27	99	1.88	1.78	1.84	1.97	2.49
GRAND SLAM	1 995	2000	KY	1 426	27	170	1.49	1.61	1.73	1.23	1.09



APEX TOPPERS

LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SIRES IN EUROPE 2002-2008 (30+ Year-Starters in Europe)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st	Tot Stands	Runners	#A's	A Index	EU Runners	A's	Eu A Index
SAHM	1994	MR. PROSPECTOR	2001 Dead	311	10	1.61	40	6	7.5	
DANZIG	1977	NORTHERN DANCER	1982 Dead	464	43	4.63	204	21	5.15	
MR. GREELEY	1992	GONE WEST	1997 KY	1337	44	1.65	86	8	4.65	
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998 KY	1113	78	3.5	44	4	4.55	
ARCH	1995	KRIS S.	2000 KY	595	19	1.6	64	5	3.91	
KINGMAMBO	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1995 KY	1096	66	3.01	506	37	3.66	
PLEASANT TAP	1987	PLEASANT COLONY	1994 KY	796	31	1.95	30	2	3.33	
STORM CAT	1983	STORM BIRD	1989 Ret	1017	79	3.88	236	15	3.18	
MORE THAN READY	1997	SOUTHERN HALO	2002 KY	708	23	1.62	41	2	2.44	
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994 KY	1177	117	4.97	48	2	2.08	
BLACK MINNALOUSHE	1998	STORM CAT	2003 Safr	362	15	2.07	50	2	2	
BELONG TO ME	1989	DANZIG	1995 KY	1008	43	2.13	52	2	1.92	
EL PRADO	1989	SADLER'S WELLS	1994 KY	1217	59	2.42	113	4	1.77	
HENNESSY	1993	STORM CAT	1998 Dead	1177	40	1.7	88	3	1.7	
GILDED TIME	1990	TIMELESS MOMENT	1995 AB	1158	33	1.42	59	2	1.69	
DIXIE UNION	1997	DIXIELAND BAND	2002 KY	551	22	2	30	1	1.67	
DYNAFORMER	1985	ROBERTO	1991 KY	1169	55	2.35	150	5	1.67	
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002 KY	579	36	3.11	92	3	1.63	
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000 KY	1023	63	3.08	32	1	1.56	
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	STORM CAT	2000 KY	1314	48	1.83	96	3	1.56	
LIT DE JUSTICE	1990	EL GRAN SENOR	1998 CA	711	22	1.55	33	1	1.52	
ROYAL ACADEMY	1987	NIJINSKY II	1992 Aus	1417	49	1.73	427	12	1.41	
LEAR FAN	1981	ROBERTO	1986 Dead	655	28	2.14	215	6	1.4	
THEATRICAL	1982	NUREYEV	1989 KY	731	33	2.26	253	7	1.38	
LANGFUHR	1992	DANZIG	1999 KY	1313	61	2.32	38	1	1.32	
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002 KY	970	54	2.78	386	10	1.3	
ELUSIVE QUALITY	1993	GONE WEST	2000 KY	993	30	1.51	156	4	1.28	
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004 KY	270	15	2.78	80	2	1.25	
JOHANNESBURG	1999	HENNESSY	2004 KY	471	17	1.8	163	4	1.23	
STRAVINSKY	1996	NUREYEV	2001 JP	809	28	1.73	365	9	1.23	



F1996-2005 SIRES THE NEW WORLD TOP 30 (under 18)

SIRE	YR	2009 FEE	1st	ST1	TOT	A	ABC	Crops	Foals	Uniq'	Pct
					Rnr	Index	Index			A's	
OLDER - Retired or Died											
DANZIG	1977		1982	Dead	484	43	4.63	25	1099	168	15.3
SADLER'S WELLS	1981		1986	Ret	1649	131	3.97	21	2135	225	10.5
STORM CAT	1983		1989	Ret	1017	79	3.88	18	1306	159	12.2
SEEKING THE GOLD	1985		1991	Ret	817	53	3.24	16	890	89	10

ACTIVE VETERANS 18yo+

A.P. INDY	1989	\$250,000	1994	KY	1177	117	4.97	13	952	130	13.7
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	\$20,000	1999	CA	505	39	3.86	8	367	31	8.5
MONSUN	1990	Private	1997	GE	688	50	3.63	10	448	44	9.8
KINGMAMBO	1990	Private	1995	KY	1096	66	3.01	12	799	73	9.1
NOT FOR LOVE	1990	\$25,000	1997	MD	1192	2.18	2.14	10	638	45	7.1

THE NEW WORLD TOP 30 (under 18)

Rank	SIRE	YR	FEE	1st	ST	TOT	A	ABC	Crops	Foals	Uniq'	Pct
1	GALILEO	1998	Private	2003	IR	500	4	2.23	4	453	33	7.3
2	SMART STRIKE	1992	\$125,000	1998	KY	1113	3	2.26	9	676	59	8.7
3	DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	\$150,000	2000	KY	1023	3.08	2.37	7	597	50	8.4
4	PIVOTAL	1993	\$65,000	1998	GB	934	2.89	2.38	9	707	48	6.8
5	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	\$125,000	1998	KY	1113	2.92	1.99	9	787	54	6.9
6	MONTJEU	1996	Private	2002	IR	699	3.08	2	5	581	36	6.2
7	STREET CRY	1998	\$150,000	2004	KY	270	2.78	1.76	3	249	18	7.2
8	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	\$125,000	2002	KY	970	2.78	1.93	5	700	47	6.7
9	AWESOME AGAIN	1994	\$125,000	2000	KY	789	3.04	2.17	7	515	35	6.8
10	DANSILI	1996	\$65,000	2002	GB	658	2.51	1.88	5	454	26	5.7
11	LEMON DROP KID	1996	\$50,000	2002	KY	579	3.11	2.35	5	383	30	7.8
12	DALAKHANI	2000	\$50,000	2005	IR	109	3.67	1.83	2	138	9	6.5
13	PULPIT	1994	\$80,000	1999	KY	856	2.39	2.03	8	507	34	6.7
14	FORESTRY	1996	\$40,000	2001	KY	658	2.66	1.92	6	515	28	5.4
15	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	1997	€ 50,000	2004	IR	336	2.53	2.01	3	288	14	4.9
16	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	€ 27,500	2004	IR	384	2.73	1.99	3	358	24	6.7
17	MALIBU MOON	1997	\$40,000	2001	KY	668	2.17	2.02	6	453	20	4.4
18	STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	\$45,000	2000	KY	1072	2.38	1.66	7	694	40	5.8
19	SINGSPIEL	1992	£15,000	1999	GB	876	2.34	2	8	661	31	4.7
20	LANGFUHR	1992	\$20,000	1999	KY	1313	2.32	1.84	8	689	40	5.8
21	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	\$22,500	2002	KY	329	2.58	2.09	5	239	13	5.4
22	INDIAN CHARLIE	1995	\$75,000	2000	KY	736	1.83	1.9	7	469	24	5.1
23	TALE OF THE CAT	1994	\$30,000	2000	KY	1314	1.83	1.67	7	835	44	5.3
24	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	1997	\$30,000	2002	KY	771	1.82	1.65	5	609	29	4.8
25	YES IT'S TRUE	1996	\$22,500	2002	KY	702	1.92	1.67	5	420	25	6
26	MORE THAN READY	1997	\$45,000	2002	KY	708	1.62	1.64	5	486	25	5.1
27	DANEHILL DANCER	1993	Private	1999	IR	1202	2	1.6	8	893	51	5.7
28	TIZNOW	1997	\$75,000	2003	KY	444	2.48	1.44	4	345	20	5.8
29	ELUSIVE QUALITY	1993	\$75,000	2000	KY	993	1.51	1.42	7	629	28	4.5
30	CITY ZIP	1998	\$12,500	2003	KY	375	2	1.8	4	248	28	8.1

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Blue = Career Totals counting unique foals & A Runners



Take Two
With... **ELI GINDI**
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(c, 3, Lemon Drop Kid-August Storm,
by Storm Creek)
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\$525,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR
Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$143,880

HIGH TIDE FOR GINDI

Successfully picking out a future star at any sale can prove to be a challenge for even the most knowledgeable and accomplished horsemen and women. But Eli Gindi—with the help of trainer John Kimmel—hit the mark in his very first outing in the juvenile sales’ arena with the purchase of GSW **Break Water Edison** (Lemon Drop Kid), who will try and recapture the winning thread in Feb. 28 GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park.

Gindi, who purchased his first Thoroughbred about 10 years ago, received his early education in the horse racing game from his father, Al, founder of Century 21 Department Stores in New York. Born and raised in New York, Gindi, who spent plenty of summers with his family on the Jersey Shore, tagged along with his father to nearby Monmouth Park, and it didn’t take long for him to get hooked as well.

“He just loved horses, so that’s how I got involved in it,” said Gindi. “He had a passion for it. I spent so much time at the track with him that I just fell in love with it, too.”

Following the sale of his family’s business, Gindi, who now spends much of his time in real estate development, was introduced to the breeding game through his friend and associate, Sam Kassin.

“As time went on, I wanted to start breeding better stock, so we started breeding our mares to stallions of the caliber of Giant’s Causeway,” explained Gindi.

Shifting gears in 2008, Gindi, with the help of trainer and consultant Kimmel, decided to expand his holdings in the game with a few youngsters purchased at public auction. Kimmel, acting on behalf of Gindi, purchased only two juveniles from the two-year-old in training sales last year, including a colt by Lemon Drop Kid out of MSW and GSP August Storm (Storm Creek). Purchased for \$525,000 at the OBS March Sale, the bay was named after one of Gindi’s recent real estate acquisitions, the Breakwater/Edison Hotel in South Beach, Florida. The colt debuted with a 4 3/4-length victory at Belmont July 17 before finishing a good second in the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 14. Wheeled back for the seven-furlong GI Hopeful S. Sept. 1, the colt encountered some trouble and came home fourth, beaten 4 3/4-lengths, by Eclipse Award finalist Vineyard Haven (Lido Palace {Chi}).

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“We made a mistake running him back too quick in the [Hopeful S.] at Saratoga,” explained Gindi. “We figured we’d try to steal a Grade I win with him, so we ran him back after only two weeks, and he just wasn’t at the top of his game.”

Eighth after a wide trip in the Oct. 4 GI Champagne S. at Belmont, Break Water Edison broke out his ‘A’ game in his final race of the year, the GIII Nashua S. at Aqueduct Nov. 2.



Adam Coglianese

“We gave him some time before his win in the Nashua and he came back to run the fastest Nashua in 35 years,” said Gindi. “So we just put him away to bring him back as a three-year-old.”

According to Gindi, Sheikh Mohammed’s Darley approached the owner last year with an offer to buy the colt for \$6 million, however, when the dust had settled, the colt remained in Gindi’s possession.

“We were very close to selling him,” he confirmed. “But when it didn’t happen, we were kind of happy. The truth is that I thank God we didn’t sell him.”

Stabled at Payson Park in Florida over the winter, the sophomore was shipped to Gulfstream for his most recent race, the GIII Hutcheson S. Jan. 30, but failed to make an impact while finishing sixth, beaten 11 lengths.

Asked to explain the reasoning behind starting Break Water Edison in the seven-furlong Hutcheson as opposed to trying nine furlongs in the GII Holy Bull S. Jan. 31, Gindi said,



Breakwater/Edison Hotel

“We want him to go longer for the [GI] Florida Derby [Mar. 28], but we figured we’d start him at seven-eighths after not having run for three months; we didn’t want to try and do too much with him. That’s why we didn’t go to the Holy Bull.”

In the Hutcheson, the bay stalked the early pace in fourth through early splits of :23 3/5, :46 and 1:10 4/5, was three wide turning for home and tired in the lane.

“He was along the rail early, and he has shown in the past that he doesn’t like being there,” explained Gindi. “It was a deep, cuppy track, similar to the kind of track he ran over in the Champagne. Also, he had been away from the races for three months and had two quick works in a short period of time, and I think that might have taken something out of him. He just wasn’t the same horse.”

Despite his colt’s inauspicious seasonal debut, Gindi has not lost faith in his stable star and believes he will stretch out successfully.

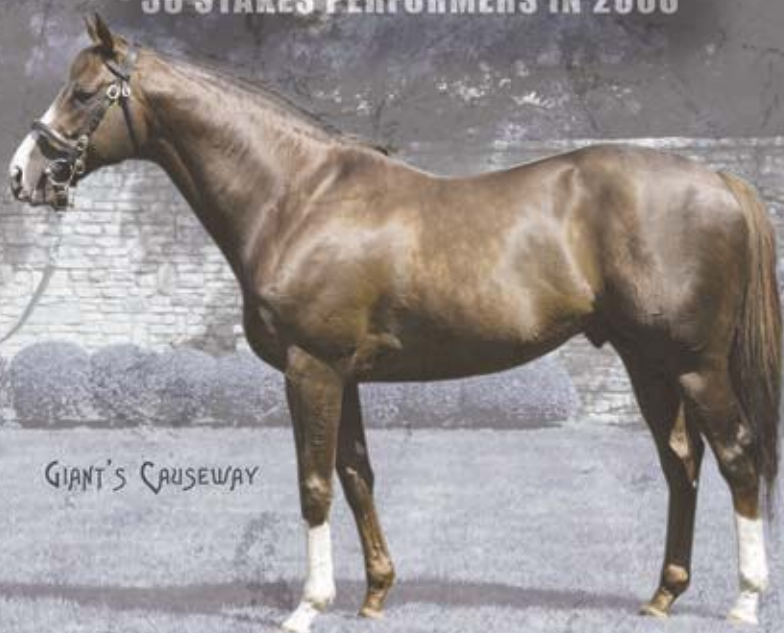
“He came out of the race OK, and I am very confident that he will redeem himself in the [GII] Fountain of Youth S. [Feb. 28],” confirmed Gindi.

Despite the highs and lows often encountered in horse racing, Gindi remains upbeat about his horses’ ability to bounce back and prove that he belongs with the best horses. However, win or lose, Gindi never wavers on the primary motivating factor that keeps him coming back for more.

“The truth is I just want to have fun and enjoy the game,” Gindi explained. “All I want to do is have a good time, and I’m hoping that maybe one day, we’ll get lucky. God willing.”--Christina Bossinakis



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MARYLAND SLOTS DRAW SIX BIDDERS Magna Entertainment Corp's Laurel Racing Association was one of six entities to submit bids for video lottery terminal licenses in Maryland Monday. While MEC's Maryland track, Laurel Park, has not yet paid the \$28.5-million licensing fee, MEC Chairman and CEO Frank Stronach said in a press release, "We are excited to pursue a VLT license for Laurel Racing, and we believe that locating the video lottery facility at Laurel Park will help preserve Maryland's Thoroughbred industry, including Laurel Park, Pimlico and the Preakness S." A constitutional amendment ratified in November approved a total of 15,000 VLTs in five locations in the state, including four counties and the city of Baltimore, but the bids received involved just 10,550 total. The MEC proposal requested 3,000 slot machines to begin with, with a final total of 4,750. Laurel is located in Anne Arundel County, the only county that drew two competing bids. Also submitting a proposal for the area was PPE Casino Resorts Maryland LLC, an offshoot of the real estate developer and entertainment operator Cordish Companies. Cordish is currently building a \$1-billion expansion to Woodbine Racetrack that will offer hotels, entertainment and shopping. It is slated to open in the spring of 2011. Cordish would place its slots at the Arundel Mills Mall. The four other potential Maryland slots operators are: Gaming Entertainment Management Corp.'s Baltimore City Entertainment Group (Baltimore city); William Rickman Jr.'s Ocean Enterprises (Worcester County); Penn National Gaming affiliate Penn Cecil Maryland Inc. (Cecil County); and Empire Rocky Gap (Allegany County/Rocky Gap State Park).

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$44,280, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10, gd.
ONE SMOKIN' LADY (f, 3, [Smoke Glacken](#)--Pieria, by **Atticus**), third in her first two tries, dead-heated for victory over this track and trip Jan. 4. Bet down to even-money here, the grey filly assumed command at the outset through the driving snow and never looked back, stretching her advantage to 5 1/2 lengths at the wire. Holdontoyourdream (Proud Citizen) was second. The winner sold twice as a yearling at Keeneland, for \$97,000 in January and \$160,000 in September.
[Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$50,640.
O-CJZ Racing Stable. B-Chadds Ford Stable (KY).
T-Robert E Reid Jr.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

IN BRITAIN:

World of Choice, g, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Palace Weekend, by Seattle Dancer. Southwell, 2-3, Hcp (Amateurs), 4yo/up, 1 3/8m (AWT). B-Catesby W Clay & Runnymede Farm Inc. *\$700,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; 6,500gns HIT '08 DONHIT. **1/2 to Palace Episode (Machiavellian), G1SW-Eng, GSP-US, \$363,059.
Ingleby Arch, g, 6, [Arch](#)--Inca Dove, by Mr. Prospector. Southwell, 2-3, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Alexander Groves Thoroughbreds. *\$39,000 yrl '04 KEESEP.

IN ITALY:

Diocleziano, c, 4, [Barkerville](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."


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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

4:31p HRTV **2nd-SA, \$52K, Alw, 3yo, f, 1mT**
BURG BERG ([Johannesburg](#)) improved off a close fourth in her debut down the hill Dec. 27 to graduate in front-running style in a similar contest Jan. 17. A homebred for John and Cheryl Toffan, the daughter of SW & MGISP Snowberg (Seattle Sleet) tries a mile here for trainer Paco Gonzalez, who hits at 29% with runners stretching out for sprints. **April Pride (GB)** ([Falbrav](#) {Ire}), a group-class runner in Britain last summer, missed by a length as the runner-up in the Blue Norther S. last out Dec. 28 over course and distance in her second U.S. try. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

Eastern Standard Time

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5:

- 02-14 \$300,000 **Santa Maria H.-I, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (AWT) (300)**
- 02-14 \$150,000 **Barbara Fritchie H.-II, Lrl, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (0)**
- 02-15 \$200,000 **La Canada-II, SA, 4yo, f, 9f (AWT) (200)**
- 02-16 \$150,000 **General George H.-II, Lrl, 3yo/up, 7f (0)**
- 02-16 \$150,000 **San Vicente-II, SA, 3yo, 7f (AWT) (150)**
- 02-16 \$150,000 **Buena Vista H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, f/m, 8ft (150)**



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FAIR GROUNDS

AUSPICIOUS (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:02.60, 2/9
 FLYING PEGASUS (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :49.20, 4/20
 GRASSHOPPER (Dixie Union), 4f, :50.00, 8/20
 RATED FIESTY (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:04.40, 9/9

HOLLYWOOD

ELYSIUM FIELDS (El Prado {Ire}), 7f, 1:26.60, 1/2
 MARSH SIDE (Gone West), 3f, :38.00, 8/11
 MODEL (Giant's Causeway), 7f, 1:27.60, 2/2
 MONTEREY JAZZ (Thunderello), 4f, :47.40, 2/13
 TIAGO (Pleasant Tap), 5f, :59.40, 4/21

PALM MEADOWS

MONBA (Maria's Mon), 4f, :49.60, 13/27

PAYSON PARK

IMPERIAL COUNCIL (Empire Maker), 5f, 1:02.80, 1/2
 POWER GAME (Dixie Union), 5f, 1:02.80, 1/2

SANTA ANITA

BLACK SEVENTEEN (Is It True), 4f, :51.40, 28/34
 DIXIE CHATTER (Dixie Union), 4f, :48.40, 1/34
 TORO BONITO (El Corredor), 4f, :51.00, 26/34
 ZAMBEZI SUN (GB) (Dansili {GB}), 5f, 1:01.20, 1/29



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Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- CUVEE** (Carson City), Gainesway, \$10K, 205/24/2
 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Rock Hall Honey, \$9K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/36/4
 4-TP, Aoc, 6f, Hongkong Superstar, \$260K KEE SEP yrl
- 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Purrfect Bluff, \$100K ESM AY 2yo, 3-1
- PERFECT SOUL (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 158/7/0
 8-TP, Alw, 1m, Almost Perfect, \$3K KEE SEP yrl
- READ THE FOOTNOTES** (Smoke Glacken), Sequel NY, \$9K, 108/13/1
 7-GP, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Tailbytherail, 6-1
- 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Pleasant Ballerina, \$30K OBS AUG yrl, 9-2
- SAARLAND** (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 148/7/0
 6-AQU, Msw, 6f, Saarlight, 6-1
- TAPIT** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/27/3
 4-TP, Aoc, 6f, Whiskey Tap
- THE CLIFF'S EDGE** (Gulch), Vinery, \$2K, 124/14/0
 2-SA, Alw, 1mT, Dave's Revenge, \$45K KEE SEP yrl

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Albertus Maximus	Albert the Great	Hutcheson S.-G2	104
Capt. Candyman Can	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gulfstream Park Turf H.-G1	104
Kip Deville	Kipling	King Cotton S.	104
Native Ruler	Elusive Quality	Forward Gal S.-G2	104
Frolic's Dream	Smoke Glacken	Holy Bull S.-G3	103
Saratoga Sinner	Harlan's Holiday	Santa Monica H.-G1	102
Ventura	Chester House	Wishing Well II H.	97
Dawn After Dawn	Successful Appeal	Correction H.	95
Distorted Passion	Distorted Humor	Dancing Count S.	94
Russell Road	Wheaton	Suwannee River S.-G3	94
Lady Carlock	Chester House	Black Gold S.	93
Turfiste	Military	Wistful S.	92
What a Pear	E Dubai	Manatee S.	92
Rising Fever (Brz)	Put It Back	La Habra S.-G3	91
Pasar Silbano (Ire)	Elnadim	SPRC Claiming Series Phase I S.	90
Super Danny	Intidab	SPRC Claiming Series Phase I S.	88
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PERUVIAN CHAMP MORENA TO U.S. Peruvian champion **Morena (Per)** (Privately Held) is expected to join trainer Michael Matz's Delaware string. Morena, Peru's champion two- and three-year-old filly on dirt, arrived in Miami Monday, and will ship north after clearing quarantine and completing an acclimation period in Ocala, Florida. Campaigned in Peru by soccer player Claudio Pizarro's Stud El Catorce, Morena won 10 of 15 starts in her native country, including a 25-length victory in the G2 Clasico Cesar Del Rio at Monterrico Nov. 29. She most recently bested two-time champion miler Sumud (Per) (Apprentice) by 10 3/4 lengths in the G3 Clasico Enrique Meiggs Jan. 25. Accompanying Morena on the trip to Miami was Peruvian Classic winner **Pechito (Arg)** (Interprete {Arg}), who will join Calder-based trainer Manuel Azpurua following his release from quarantine. The chestnut, out of a full sister to two-time Argentine Horse of the Year El Sembrador (Arg) (Octante {Arg}), annexed four wins from seven starts in Peru, topped by his victory in the G1 Clasico Ricardo Ortiz de Zevallos in October. Runner-up in both the G1 Guineas and Peruvian Derby, Pechito was a front-running, three-length winner in the 7 1/2-furlong Clasico Kevin Jan. 31 in his final start in Peru. He carries the colors of Freddy Chirinos's Stud El Castillo.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SUN, \$32,000, NW3L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft. CODIO (h, 5, **Doneraile Court**--The Church Lady, by Valid Wager) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-2-3, \$98,334. O-Stanley J Ryan. B-Fred Pace (KY). T-Greg Tracy. *\$130,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '06 BESMAR.

7th-TAM, \$20,200, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m40y, 1:43 2/5, ft. JEEPERS (m, 5, **Running Stag**--Whow {MSW, \$171,096}, by Spectacular Bid) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-0, \$45,791. O-Lambholm Stable. B-Lambholm & E Felcher (FL). T-Roy S Lerman. *1/2 to Jack Flash (Sovereign Dancer), GSP, \$261,000; and Second of June (Louis Quatorze), GSW & GISP, \$528,800.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Jackpot Who, g, 4, Hit a Jackpot--Ms. Validappeal, by Lucky Lionel. SUN, 2-3, (S), 6f, 1:10 1/5. B-Sam E Stevens (NM).

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IN CHILE:

Bolocazza (Chi), f, 3, **Muqtarib**--Cinco Estrellas, by Royal Danzig. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-2, Hcp, 1100m. O-Stud Cannibal; B-Haras Porta Pia.

El Callasi (Chi), c, 3, **Muqtarib**--Por Ti Muero, by Jaded Dancer. Club Hipico de Santiago, 2-2, Hcp, 1100m. O-Stud Los Callasi; B-Haras Porta Pia; T-Juan Carlos Pichara.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 15.00, 2-2, €13,500, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.90, hy.

DIOCLEZIANO (c, 4, Barkerville--Essie's Maid, by Linkage) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 7-5-1-0, €55,522. O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; B-Janeen Oliver; T-Riccardo Menichetti. *\$38,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Dionisia (Tejano Run), Hwt 2yo Filly-Ity, G1SW-Ity, \$738,784.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Doyle Lonnegan (GB), c, 3, Compton Place (GB)--Wedgewood Star (GB), by Bishop of Cashel (GB). Naples, Italy, 2-2, Mdn, 3yo, 5fT. B-Mrs D O Joly. *3,000gns wnlg '06 TATDEC.

Spiritual Healing (Ire), f, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Tarbela (Ire), by Grand Lodge. Southwell, Britain, 2-3, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Stephen Sullivan. *€55,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; 68,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG.

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IN CHILE:

Muratore (Chi), c, 3, Dushyantor---Manivela (Chi), by Golden Voyager. Valparaiso Sporting Club, 2-1, 3yo, Clasico Hugo P Bouchier, 6.5fT, 1:16.84. Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-3. O-Stud Filipino; B-Haras Matancilla; T-Jose Inda. *GSW & G1SP-Chi.

#Pasa Pasa (Chi), f, 3, Dushyantor---Pasion Eterna (Chi), by Golden Voyager. Valparaiso Sporting Club, 2-1, 3yo, f, Clasico Alberto Solari Magnasco, 8fT, 1:36.33. Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-1. O-Stud Carampangue; B-Haras Matancilla; T-Jose Inda.

Streets of Love (Arg), f, 3, Orpen---Hera, by Southern Halo. La Plata, 2-1, Cond, 6.5f, 1:16.82. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. O/B-Haras Arroyo de Luna; T-Horacio Torres.

Mr. Splendid (Arg), c, 3, Numerous---Splendida Fitz (Arg), by Fitzcarraldo (Arg). Maroñas, 2-1, Mdn, 7.5f, 1:31.88. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1. O-Stud Patria Blanca; B-Haras Firmamento (Arg); T-Walter Baez.

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TRAVELATOR, 9, A. P Jet--Rajadiddle, by Raja's Revenge

Foal born Jan. 20, a filly by Forestry. Owned by Cloverleaf Farms II. Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds. Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$647,672.

ISLAND QUEEN, 15, Ogygian--Regal Peace (GB), by Known Fact

Foal born Jan. 21, a colt by Hard Spun. Owned by Adrian Regan and Frankie O'Connor. Boarded at Kildare Stud. Accomplishments: Dam of Friendly Island (Crafty Friend), MGSW & MGISP-US, G1SP-UAE, \$1,369,714.

BAD KITTY, 8, Mt. Livermore--Purr Pleasure, by El Gran Senor

Foal born Jan. 22, a colt by Any Given Saturday. Owned by Colin Bryce. Boarded at Foxtale Farm. Accomplishments: SW.

BOLD PASSAGE, 7, Stormy Atlantic--Good Forbes, by Air Forbes Won

Foal born Jan. 22, a filly by Street Sense. Will be bred back to Street Sense. Owned by/boarded at Glencrest Farm LLC, KY. Accomplishments: MSW, \$185,008.

GINSENG, 14, Saros (GB)--Summer Dress, by Summer Time Guy

Foal born Jan. 23, a colt by Tiznow. Will be bred back to Repent. Owned by Cloverleaf Farms II. Boarded at Woodford Thoroughbreds. Accomplishments: SW, \$152,652.