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Broodmare Sale
April 14-16, 2009

SAMANTHA MISS SELLS FOR RECORD A\$3.85M

Bonny filly **Samantha Miss (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}--Milliyet {NZ}, by Zabeel {NZ}) proved to be a scene stealer on a sparkling Sydney autumn day at the Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale, with John Singleton's bloodstock manager Duncan Grimley ultimately signing for the three-time Group 1 winner for A\$3.85 million (conversion rate for 4/16/09 - A\$1.000 = US\$.7199). The elegant bay sa-



Samantha Miss (Aus) www.inglis.com.au

shayed around the ring as though she had not a care in the world. The action began anonymously in the aisle at A\$1 million, with 10 bid spotters poised to respond to the select crowd that had gathered. Bidding increased in A\$200,000 increments until it reach A\$2.6 million, when only two foes remained--Grimley, on the phone, sitting behind the auctioneers box with Byron Rogers; and Tony Bott, believed to be acting on behalf of Hong Kong clients, in a more customary position underneath the giant Moreton Bay fig tree and on a cell phone. From that point, the pair engaged in a prolonged battle until Grimley ultimately landed the final blow.

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INGLIS EASTER BROODMARE SALE

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009

CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
Catalogued	596	1092
No. Offered	500	966
No. Sold	374	788
RNAs	126	178
% RNA	25.2%	18.4%
High Price	A\$3,850,000	A\$2,000,000
Gross	A\$21,935,000	A\$89,823,400
Average (% change)	A\$58,649 (-48.5%)	A\$113,989

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IN CONTROL

Poilin Good's **"TDN Rising Star"** **Delegator (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) leapt to the head of the betting for the May 2 G1 2000 Guineas with a hugely impressive display in yesterday's G3 banshahousestables.com Craven S. at Newmarket. Settled last in the seven-strong field, the 4-6 favorite swept by every rival inside the final quarter mile en route to a majestic 2 3/4-length win from **Sans Frontieres (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). Jockey Jamie Spencer commented, "I was delighted with how he handled the 'dip' and the fast ground, but when he hits the front he pulls himself up. If he'd had another horse to chase, he would have scooted clear." **Cont. p5**

A WALK IN THE PARK

She was making her turf debut in yesterday's GIII Appalachian S. at Keeneland, and **Afternoon Stroll (Stroll)** took to the lawn like Britney Spears to the tabloids. The dark bay came into her grass debut with two wins and two seconds from her six starts, but the Keeneland crowd paid no heed and let her go at 50-1. It was a mistake. Quickly into stride, the Blazing Meadows colorbearer tracked **More of the Best (Langfuhr)** through a half in :47.66. The longshot grabbed the advantage at the quarter pole, and had her work cut out for her down the lane. **Hot Cha Cha (Cactus Ridge)** came at her on the outside and briefly took the lead at midstretch, but Afternoon Stroll battled back to get the nod. **Cont. p5**



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Easter Broodmare Finale cont.

Samantha Miss, who sold in the same sale ring for A\$1.5 million in 2006, will be retired immediately. Grimley indicated that the four-year-old would likely be sent to Vinery stallion More Than Ready later this spring. The bay, who is expected to immediately join MG1SW Fashions Afield (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) at Singleton's Strawberry Hills Stud, will either remain the sole property of Singleton or be owned in partnership with his Magic Millions co-owner Gerry Harvey.

Trainer Kris Lees was among an emotional throng of connections watching the filly with a lightning-shaped star on her forehead begin a new era.

"It has been a great ride with her, and well, who knows, hopefully, we can get her back, but we will see what happens...three Group 1 wins in the space of 12 months was something special," Lees said. "I think she sold very well for the climate we are in. [Owner] Ron Croghan doesn't show much emotion, but I think it got to him a little toward the end. It was an honour to train such a terrific filly."

Brian Croghan, sitting with extended family as spokesman for his brother Ron Croghan, added, "We are all nearly crying."

Explaining the reason for his brother offering the prize filly at auction, Croghan remarked, "It is a shortage of money, that is the main reason; Ron has just overspent and we want to get some money back. We wouldn't have sold her otherwise."

**INGLIS EASTER BROODMARE SALE
THURSDAY'S TOP LOTS**

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Price (A\$)</u>
677	Samantha Miss (Aus) <i>(4, Redoute's Choice {Aus}--Milliyet {NZ}, by Zabeel {NZ})</i>	b'mare prospect	3,850,000
Consigned by Widden Stud, Widden Valley Purchased by Magic Millions Sales Party Ltd, agent			
682	Interfere (Aus) <i>(6, Royal Academy--Bletchwyn {Aus}, by Beltchingly {Aus})</i>	b'mare prospect	325,000
Consigned by E. Boas, Sydney Purchased by S. Brem, NSW			
468	Soaressa (Aus) <i>(6, Twining--Wedgetale Eagle, by Lure)</i>	b'mare prospect	170,000
Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds, agent Purchased by Hancock Quality Bloodstock SA			

I Am Sam...

Samantha Miss capped off a profitable week for consignor Widden Stud, who sold Divine Madonna (Aus) (Hurricane Sky) for A\$2.7-million last year, and Devil Moon (Aus) (King Cugat), who realized a A\$775,000 final bid during Tuesday's select session.

Given the current world market, Widden Stud's Antony Thompson was pleased with the price realized by the multiple Group 1 winner Samantha Miss. During her racing career, the filly won seven of 12 starts for earnings of over A\$1.77 million. She captured the G1 Flight S. and G1 VRC Oaks double during her sophomore season, after having defeated G1 Golden Slipper champion Sebring (Aus) in the G1 Champagne S. as a two-year-old.

"That's in line with expectations and an amount you would expect a horse of her caliber to make," said Thompson of yesterday's pricetag. "She's a once-in-a-lifetime mare and this cements Widden's reputation for selling the best race fillies that come on the market."

From the buyer's perspective, Duncan Grimley discovered that the overall market was stronger than expected.

"It was probably a little bit more than I thought, but you don't get too many chances at a filly like her," said Grimley. "She was a A\$1.5-million yearling who won three Group 1 races, so from that point of view, what more can you ask for? I think she is probably worth A\$2.5 to A\$3 million--I would have thought A\$5 million on last years' market. The market here has been outstanding. We have all come in expecting the worst, and we are selling 80 percent of the horses and people are happy; I think we might have dodged a bullet."

With a media throng in attendance, Grimley was asked the inevitable question--did he have much more fire power in his arsenal? **Cont. p3**



**INGLIS EASTER BROODMARE SALE
(Session 3, Select)**

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009

<u>*SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Catalogued	147	272
No. Offered	124	241
No. Sold	85	184
RNAs	39	57
% RNA	31.4%	24%
High Price	A\$3,850,000	A\$560,000
Gross	A\$7,298,500	A\$13,011,750
Average (% change)	A\$85,864 (+21.4%)	A\$70,716

*Session figures include supplementary entries.

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I Am Sam cont.

"I didn't know I had that much!" laughed Grimley, who confessed that he was leaning toward a quiet night at home instead of celebrating in Inglis' VIP Newmarket room.

Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said Singleton had been a long-time significant investor whose enthusiasm for the "Sport of Kings" swept people along.

"I am so pleased that Samantha Miss will have every opportunity now as a broodmare, and I am delighted that John Singleton has purchased her," Webster said.

Commenting on the fact that Magic Millions announced it would sell the filly five days before Inglis confirmed she would be a supplement to its catalogue, Webster said, "All I can say is we were talking to Mr. Croghan and his brother Brian for some time, and Mr. Croghan has had a relationship with Inglis for 50 years. Magic Millions never received an entry form, to my knowledge, and we did. They put out an announcement and they probably jumped the gun a little bit, but it wasn't going to stop us, just because they put out an announcement.

"We appreciate John Singleton buying the filly, good on him, he invests a lot of money in the industry and he has a lot of fun, and a lot of people have a lot of fun along with him."

Perugino Mare Tops Inglis General Session

A grey mare by Perugino realized top price of A\$36,000 at Thursday's general session of Inglis' Australian Easter Broodmare Sale in Sydney. Offered by A. Robinson, [lot 628](#), out of Misty Jude (Aus) (St Jude {Aus}), was purchased by Brooklyn Park Stud. Believed to be in foal to Strategic (Aus), the multiple winner and earner of A\$169,100 is a granddaughter of GSP Misty Power (Aus). Summing up this year's sale, Inglis Managing Director Mark Webster said, "The results achieved at this sale for well-credentialed mares, particularly stakes fillies off the track, should give those looking to sell ahead of the breeding season the confidence to put them on the market." For complete results of the Australian Easter Broodmare Sale, visit www.inglis.com.au. Selling resumes at Newmarket with the three-day Australian Weanling Sale, which will be conducted June 25, 26 and 28.

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Mark Webster, Inglis

"It has been fairly solid since midafternoon on the first day, averaging A\$54,000--it's down about 36 percent if you take out the Swettenham dispersal of last year, which I think is only fair. I think you can see from around the grounds that the good race fillies coming off the track, if they have a bit of black type, they are selling really well, whereas we are struggling with mares that have had four or five foals and one or two winners; they are really hard to move at the moment."

Longchamp on Sunday

Already **Group 1**-placed last year, **MAGADAN** recorded a facile success on his seasonal debut in the **Prix Lord Seymour-L.R.**

“He is in some good races leading up to the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud [Gr.1] and then, if all goes well, will be bidding for more top middle distance prizes later in the year.”

James Underwood's European Racing & Breeding Digest, 14/04/09.

Milan on Monday

Gr.2 Italian Derby entrant **ACERO** won a 3YO conditions event by **7 lengths** on only his second start.

“He has room for improvement and could develop into a Stakes horse.”

EBN, 14/04/09.

Newmarket on Wednesday

REDWOOD won the **Feilden Stakes-L.R.** for Khalid Abdulla to remain unbeaten.

“I think he'll run in the Dante”

Trainer Barry Hills, attheraces.com

Longchamp yesterday

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Triple Threats

Rachel Alexandra Sharp for Oaks...

Getting ready for the May 1 GI Kentucky Oaks, division leader **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro) breezed



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five furlongs in a bullet :59.40 at Churchill Downs Thursday. "As usual, she went a little bit faster than I really wanted, but she does it so easy," Wiggins said. "The main thing we want to do now is just keep her fresh and keep her ready." Jockey Calvin Borel, aboard for the move, added, "I've never asked her--it's just crazy. I've been on her all the time and I've never asked her. She's just unbelievable, and she just gets better and better and better and better. I don't know how good she can be." The filly is scheduled for an easy workout Monday, Apr. 27 as her final prep for the Oaks.

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Mafaaz Off Derby Trail...

Kentucky Derby Challenge winner **Mafaaz (GB)** (Medicean {GB}) will skip the May 2 GI Kentucky Derby, it was announced yesterday. The Shadwell-owned colt was eighth when making his U.S. bow in the Apr. 11 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. "[Shadwell President] Rick Nichols spoke with Sheikh Hamdan and said he has elected not to run Mafaaz in the Kentucky Derby," the three-year-old's new trainer Kieran McLaughlin said. "We have sent him to the farm [in Lexington] for a week or two, and then he'll come to New York. We'll get him here and get him into our program, and then look for a grass race for him."

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READY'S IMAGE TO SHUTTLE DOWN UNDER

Ready's Image (More Than Ready--Clever Phrase, by Clever Trick), who stood his first season at Walmac Farm in 2009, will shuttle to the new Lincoln/Walmac Associated Farms in New South Wales, Australia, for the Southern Hemisphere season. Now four, the dark bay was three-for-six for owner Jim Scatuorchio and trainer Todd Pletcher as a juvenile, winning the GII Sanford S. and Tremont S. and running second in the GI Hopeful S. He also captured the Adjudicating S. as a sophomore, and retired to Walmac with a record of 10-4-1-1 and earnings of \$310,542. Lincoln Farm is run by Nick Posa, a longtime associate of Walmac. "I'm delighted to be standing Ready's Image as the first stallion for the Lincoln/Walmac Farm Association," Posa said. "The shuttle sires that have worked from America like More Than Ready and Dehere have been both fast and precocious over short trips, and Ready's Image was exactly that, winning the same race [the Sanford] that these two proven sires did. Ready's Image is a great-looking horse, and he is free of the Danzig and Danehill starins that have done so well with More Than Ready. I am sure he will be well received by breeders and trainers alike."



☆ RESULTS ☆

Thursday, Newmarket, Britain

BANSHAHOUSESTABLES.COM CRAVEN S.-G3, £65,000, Newmarket, 4-16, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:36.56, gd/fm.

1--#**@DELEGATOR (GB)**, 124, c, 3, by Dansili (GB)
 1st Dam: Indian Love Bird (GB), by Efisio (GB)
 2nd Dam: Indian Love Song (Ire), by Be My Guest
 3rd Dam: Indian Bird (GB), by Relko (GB)

O/B-Mrs Poilin Good; T-Brian Meehan; J-Jamie Spencer; £36,901. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, £41,363. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**.

Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Sans Frontieres (Ire)**, 124, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--Llia (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB). (450,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). O-Sir Robert Ogden; B-The Lavington Stud; T-Jeremy Nosedá; £13,988.

3--**Pure Poetry (Ire)**, 124, c, 3, Tagula (Ire)--Express Logic (GB), by Air Express (Ire). (€27,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; 40,000gns yrl '07 TATDEC). O-Mrs Julie Wood; B-R Collins & Jerry Kennedy; T-Richard Hannon; £7,001.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, SHD. Odds: 4-6, 12-1, 9-1. Also Ran: Alyarf, Glass Harmonium (Ire), Close Alliance, Imperial Guest (GB). Scratched: City Style.

Runner-up to Wingwalker (GB) on the July Course here in August, Delegator went one better a fortnight later before a minor setback denied him a stepping stone to the G1 Dewhurst S. According to connections, that lack of seasoning was the major factor in the homebred's fifth-place finish there, but he was close enough to the main action at the end to confirm their lofty opinion of him. "He's always been an amazing horse, and I was shellshocked when he got beat in the Dewhurst, but inexperience caught him out," jockey Jamie Spencer remarked. Hammered down in the betting with all the boxes ticked and Godolphin's City Style (City Zip) missing, the bay settled any nerves with a dramatic burst of acceleration from rear. He took control with a furlong remaining and was clearly best at the line. "He was always going to need one more run before the Guineas and I just wanted to see him come down the hill and back up, as he was a little bit green in the Dewhurst," trainer Brian Meehan commented. "He was just a bit short going into that race, but that was then and this is now and Jamie [Spencer] and the team have always given me great confidence in him. He was fresh and really enjoyed himself going to post. We'll give him some work next week to keep him sharp and clear; there is a bit to work on and a few kilos to burn off." Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the **GIII DOUBLEDODGARE S.** at Keeneland
 For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Thursday, Keeneland

APPALACHIAN S.-GIII, \$100,000, KEE, 4-16, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37 3/5, fm.

1--**@AFTERNOON STROLL**, 117, f, 3, by Stroll

1st Dam: Gertie, by Danzatore
 2nd Dam: Granny Ruth, by Key to the Mint
 3rd Dam: Best of My Love, by Best Turn

O-Blazing Meadows Farms LLC & Rick Claypool; B-Ricky Claypool (KY); T-Timothy E Hamm; J-Jamie Theriot; \$62,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$161,300. **Werk Nick Rating: B**. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Hot Cha Cha**, 119, f, 3, [Cactus Ridge](#)--Reduced Sentence, by Broad Brush. O/B-Nelson McMakin (KY); T-Philip A Sims; \$20,000.

3--**Fast Tigress**, 119, f, 3, Hold That Tiger--Fleeting Fable, by Afleet. O-Sam Kassin & Eli Gindi; B-Sam Kassin (KY); T-John C Kimmel; \$10,000.

Margins: NO, 1, 3/4. Odds: 50.30, 6.70, 12.20. Also Ran: Our Dahlia, Abbott Hall, More of the Best, Obsequious, Habaya, Simplify. Scratched: Complicity, Walloon, April Pride (GB).

Afternoon Stroll broke her maiden on the Presque Isle Downs synthetic last July, and two starts later annexed the Aug. 30 Bassinet S. on conventional dirt at River Downs. A late-closing fourth after finding herself uncharacteristically far back early in the Sept. 27 Presque Isle Downs Debutante S., she was then sidelined for nearly six months. Afternoon Stroll made her return in a Turfway allowance Mar. 18, once again filling out the superfecta. She was on her game for her second start of the season, outfinishing Hot Cha Cha to earn her first graded win by the narrowest of margins. "She had a very nice work here, five-eighths [in 1:00.80 on the grass Apr. 9], and it looked like she handled the turf that morning," said jockey Jamie Theriot. "I called on her, and she was full of run today, really gunning down the lane." Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).



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WEATHERBYS EARL OF SEFTON S.-G3, £65,000, Newmarket, 4-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.83, gd/fm. 1--#@TAZEEZ, 124, g, 5, by [Silver Hawk](#)

1st Dam: Soiree Russe, by Nureyev

2nd Dam: Private View, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: Untitled (Ire), by Vaguely Noble (Ire) (€200,000 yrl '05 GOFORB). O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Clovelly Farms; T-John Gosden; J-Richard Hills; £36,901. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, £160,553. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Steele Tango**, 124, c, 4, Okawango--Waltzing Around (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire). (\$12,000 wnlg '05 KEENOV; \$12,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; 30,000gns 2yo '07 TATAPR). O-The Thirty Acre Racing Partnership; B-Tom Zwiesler; T-Roger Teal; £13,988.

3--**Twice Over (GB)**, 124, c, 4, Observatory--Double Crossed (GB), by Caerleon. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Henry Cecil; £7,001. Margins: 3HF, 2, 3 1/4. Odds: 9-4, 12-1, 4-6. Also Ran: Barshiba (Ire), Logic Way, Emerald Wilderness (Ire), Nomoretaxes (Brz). Scratched: Bushman (GB), Lady Deauville (Fr), Virtual (GB).

Restricted to competitive handicaps after breaking his maiden last term, Tazeez had beaten Steele Tango over 10 furlongs on the July Course in August and, after two reversals at Sandown and Newbury, returned to this venue to capture the Cambridgeshire at 25-1 in October. Making his return here, the bay relished the generous early fractions before tugging his way to the front after halfway. Chased by Twice Over thereafter, Tazeez refused to relent and had gone beyond recall as Steele Tango closed late. "We went flat out from start to finish and he picked up the bridle and away we went," jockey Richard Hills said. "With the pace I was going, I knew it was going to take a really good one to beat me." Twice Over's connections were deflated, and Khalid Abdullah's Racing Manager Teddy Grimthorpe told *PA Sport*, "I am disappointed, but the ground was slightly firm for him and he might want further."

Click for the [Racing Post chart](#).

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DOUBLEDODGARE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Tejida	Rahy	Matz	5-1
2	Awesome Ashley	Unbridled's Song	Pletcher	6-1
3	Sefroua	Kingmambo	Motion	6-1
4	Serenading	A.P. Indy	Carroll	9-2
5	Drop a Line	Lemon Drop Kid	Motion	8-1
6	Miss Isella	Silver Charm	Wilkes	4-1
7	Crown of Diamonds	Distorted Humor	Harty	15-1
8	Indescribable	Pleasant Tap	Mott	5-2

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2	Zappa	Afternoon Deelites	Quinonez	114
3	Researcher	Two Smart	Carmouche	116
4	No Advantage	Posse	Whitacre	114
5	Ah Day	Malibu Moon	Acosta	120
6	Commentator	Distorted Humor	Velazquez	123
7	Ea	Dynaformer	Castellano	116
8	Magnum (Arg)	El Compinche (Arg)	Flores	120
9	Delaware River	Quiet American	Nicol	114
10	Mast Track	Mizzen Mast	Leparoux	114



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TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP FINAL
Tattersalls' Craven Breeze-Up Sale failed to match last year's record-breaking figures, concluding in Newmarket last night with a decline in figures that mirrored the major juvenile sales in the U.S. this year. The 8,561,000gns turnover was down 28 percent on last year, while the 74,443gns average declined by 27 percent and the 60,000gns median was off 14 percent. The clearance rate was 71 percent. Tattersalls do not make public the horses sold privately after they leave the ring, but announced there had been 20 such transactions at the two-day sale, bringing in a total of 752,500gns. At the sale's conclusion, Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony reflected, "We are all fully aware that 2009 is likely to be testing, but in the context of the current challenging economic conditions we would have to be satisfied with the results at this year's Craven Breeze-Up. Last year's sale took everyone by surprise, producing what could only be described as outlandish figures that would have been almost impossible to match even without the dramatic economic downturn. To have the sale return to the levels of 2007 and 2006, and well in advance of 2005 levels, is no mean achievement, and proof that the Craven Breeze-Up continues to attract the leading owners from throughout the world. We've welcomed buyers from throughout Europe and further afield; Japanese buyers have been active at the top end of the market, and we were delighted to have the Hong Kong Jockey Club making a major contribution at this sale for the first time."

In the Red...

Dubai-based businessman Jim Hay, bidding through his trainer Tom Tate, bought last night's session topper, a full sister to last season's G2 Rockfel S. winner Lahaleeb (Ire) (Redback {GB}), for 210,000gns. Tate's fellow Yorkshire trainer Bryan Smart was underbidder on the Redback filly, who had cost €62,000 as a foal. "She was a very good individual, and she could also be a nice long-term broodmare prospect," said Tate.



Tattersalls Topping Redback Filly *tattersalls.com*

Norman and Janet Williamson's Co Meath-based Oak Tree Farm accounted for three of the evening's six-figure lots, most notably a 200,000gns U.S.-bred Kingambo colt out of a half-sister to Group 1-placed Intensive Command (Dust Commander). An \$85,000 RNA at Keeneland in September, he was bought last night by locally based agent Hugo Lascelles. "I can't say who he's for, but he'll be staying in training in England," said Lascelles, after outbidding agent Oliver St Lawrence and French trainer Richard Gibson. "His sire is the best around, and this was an exceptional-looking colt who breezed very well." **Cont. p7**



**TATTERSALLS CRAVEN BREEZE-UP SALE
THURSDAY, APR. 16, 2009**

SESSION TOTALS	2009	2008
No. Catalogued	90	94
No. Offered	78	75
No. Sold	53	52
RNAs	25	23
% RNA	32.1%	30.7%
High Price	210,000	540,000
Gross	3,824,000gns	5,407,000gns
Average (% change)	72,151gns (-30.6%)	103,981gns
Median (% change)	70,000gns (+3.7%)	67,500gns
CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
No. Catalogued	183	194
No. Offered	163	158
No. Sold	115	116
RNAs	48	42
% RNA	29.4%	26.6%
High Price	260,000	540,000
Gross	8,561,000gns	11,884,000gns
Average (% change)	74,443gns (-27.3%)	102,448gns
Median (% change)	60,000gns (-14.3%)	70,000gns

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Sheikh Mohammed and his main advisor John Ferguson were again at the sale, but were preferring to use different agents and trainers to do their buying. There were again many tight-lipped purchasers, including the Sheikh's former racing manager Anthony Stroud, who spent 160,000gns on a Dalakhani (Ire) colt from Kingmambo's family, consigned from Paddy Twomey's Hawthorn Villa Stud.

Trainer Brian Meehan, who won yesterday's G3 Craven S. with Delegator (GB) (Dansili), gained a



Footstepsinthesand colt
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175,000gns addition to his Manton stable in a first-crop Footstepsinthesand (Ire) colt consigned by Jamie Railton. Agent Hugo Merry outbid the BBA Ireland's Eamonn Reilly to get the colt for Meehan. "He's for a long-standing owner with Brian, who doesn't want to be named," said Merry, adding, "I see Footstepsinthesand is one of the

favourites to be leading first-season sire with Cashmans, and this was a big scopey type of colt. He's not precocious, but will hopefully be high-class later in the year." The youngster showed a handsome profit on his 20,000gns TATOCT yearling price tag.

THURSDAY'S TOP FIVE LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
<u>147</u>	f	Redback (GB) (€62,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; £25,000 yrl '08 DONAUG)	Flames (GB)	210,000
Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud Purchased by Tom Tate				
<u>135</u>	c	Kingmambo	Speed of Thought	200,000
Consigned by Oak Tree Farm Purchased by Hugo Lascelles Bloodstock				
<u>129</u>	c	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Innocence (GB)	175,000
(20,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT) Consigned by Jamie Railton, Agent Purchased by Hugo Merry Bloodstock				
<u>120</u>	c	Dalakhani (Ire)	Mia Mambo	160,000
Consigned by Hawthorn Villa Stud Purchased by Anthony Stroud Bloodstock				
<u>152</u>	c	Mr. Greeley	Kathy K D	140,000
(\$140,000 yrl '08 KEESEP) Consigned by Oak Tree Farm Purchased by Richard Frisby Bloodstock				



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Medaglia d'Oro	29	18	4 6	6	1 2	3	16 26	1 2
Speightstown	23	21	3 3	6	0 0	0	19 20	0 0
Lion Heart	21	18	1 1	5	1 1	2	14 17	0 0
Candy Ride (Arg)	19	14	5 7	6	3 4	3	13 16	2 2
Chapel Royal	11	11	1 1	1	0 0	0	11 11	0 0
Tapit	11	7	2 3	3	2 3	3	7 9	1 2
Congaree	9	6	1 1	3	1 1	2	6 7	0 0
Cuvee	9	8	0 0	2	0 0	0	7 7	0 0
Peace Rules	9	8	0 0	0	0 0	0	8 9	0 0
Pleasantly Perfect	8	6	0 0	2	0 0	0	5 6	0 0

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Owner of JERANIMO

(c, 3, Congaree--Jera, by Jeblar)
Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent
Purchased by Rick Taylor, agent
\$70,000 2yo '08 BESMAY

Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$66,800

Entered in Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S.

Last year, B. J. Wright thought he might have a Kentucky Derby starter when his Polonius (Broken Vow) went postward in the GI Santa Anita Derby. The bay colt was ninth behind Colonel John in that race, and there was no trip to Louisville. But the Kentucky native is dreaming of roses with another dark horse this year as his Jeranimo (Congaree) is scheduled to start in Saturday's GII Coolmore Lexington S. at Keeneland. Wright described the Lexington as a "win and you're in [the Derby] race" for Jeranimo.

Wright, who owns a water purification business in Pasadena, has a long history of involvement in race horse ownership.



Jeranimo *Benoit*

"I got into racing about 50 years ago with some friends of mine," the 71-year-old recalled. "We all threw in \$300 and bought a horse that never won. I was a fan up until then and then I wanted to get in. We bought the one horse and we bought another and we had some winners. Then I

claimed a horse who died in the stretch and that cost me \$10,000. That was June 3, 1968. I stayed out of racing for a few years after that."

His hiatus from racing lasted some 30 years, but Wright began buying again in 2000. He currently has 14 horses in training--12, including Jeranimo and Polonius, with trainer Mike Pender, and two with Marcelo Polanco. He also has a small breeding operation.

"I've got another 18 at the farm--broodmares and babies," Wright said. "And I've got four broodmares in Kentucky in foal to some good sires--Congaree, E Dubai, Flower Alley and Grindstone. But any success I've had in racing has not been with homebreds. Breeding is pretty much hit-and-miss."

Wright has enjoyed success buying at auction. He said that he goes after both yearlings and two-year-olds, but admits there are distinct advantages to buying juveniles.

"I think, with two-year-olds in training, you know a lot more," he explained. "You're paying a premium, and they have to stay sound, but you know what you're getting. Plus, they've gotten a lot of the training out of the way. You're stepping in and saving probably \$20,000 in training fees."

Graded stakes winner Polonius, who is currently on the sidelines, but expected back for a fall campaign, was a \$150,000 BESMAR juvenile purchase in 2007. Wright acquired Jeranimo for \$70,000 at last year's BESMAY sale.

Asked what he liked about Jeranimo as a two-year-old, Wright said, "I think the first thing that impressed me about Jeranimo was his pedigree. Then from the pedigree, we moved to the way he moved in his breezes and we liked that. And then we took a close look at him and we thought he looked like the kind of horse that was going to stay sound and he had a good way of going. So I decided I would bid on him and it worked out for us."

Wright admitted that, while he was successful with Jeranimo, there was another horse at last year's Barretts May sale that also caught his eye.

"I missed I Want Revenge [Stephen Got Even]," he confirmed. "We really liked him, but we decided not to bid on him. Does that give you an idea of how intelligent we are?"

I Want Revenge, at the top of many people's Derby list after winning the GI Wood Memorial S., RNA'd for \$96,000 at the May auction.

Wright is willing to cull his current racing stable of 14 runners down a few horses, and he insists his focus is on quality over quantity.

"My plan is to concentrate more on my racing operation," he said. "You're in the business for a while and you do learn. Then you've got to be lucky. I think that 14 might be a few horses too many. It's hard to have quality with 14. We want to continue to upgrade the quality of our racing stock."

It sounds like Wright is thoroughly enjoying the prospect of having a Kentucky Derby starter, but don't try to tell him racing is a hobby.

"Don't ever use the word hobby in relation to me," he said emphatically. "And don't ever use the word game. Always use the word business. This is an absolute business. This is the most difficult business I have ever been associated with."

If it is so hard, why does he stick with it?

"Because I am determined to lick it," he confirmed. "I am determined that I am going to make a profit."

The profits could start flowing Saturday if Wright's \$70,000 juvenile purchase runs big at Keeneland. *-Jessica Martini*

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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$46,060, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

INDIAN WAY (f, 4, [Indian Charlie--Ghazo, by Ghazi](#)), a half-sister to Yankee Master (Yankee Victor), SW, \$226,707, earned a 100 Beyer Speed Figure while annexing her maiden victory by five lengths at Hollywood last May for trainer Eoin Harty. Transferred to Anthony Dutrow, she finished a well-beaten third behind champion Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) in the GI Prioress S. July 5. The \$280,000 KEENOV weanling was given the rest of the year off, resurfacing with an easy five-length allowance victory at the Big A Mar. 22. Hammered down to 1-5 against this overmatched group, Indian Way was pressed through an opening quarter in :21.80, but still drew off to win for fun, scoring under wraps by 8 3/4 lengths. Halo Hollie (Halo's Image) was second. Lifetime Record: GISP, 5-3-0-2, \$114,760. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O-Mercedes Stables LLC. B-Brereton C Jones & Fred Trainor (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

★ **KEENELAND** ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-KEE, \$54,000, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:49 3/5, ft.

VENETIAN CAUSEWAY (f, 4, [Giant's Causeway--Alleged World, by Spinning World](#)), a \$150,000 KEESEP yearling and \$550,000 FTFEB two-year-old, closed from far back to place third over this course in her debut last April, then raced on grass in her next six starts. The chestnut graduated at Belmont in September before closing out her sophomore campaign with a seventh-place finish in the Pebbles S. Oct. 13. She was last seen finishing a close sixth in a Gulfstream allowance Jan. 29. Favored at 2-1 in her return to Polytrack, Venetian Causeway turned in a strong late rally after trailing for three-quarters to take it by 1 3/4 lengths over Syriana's Song (Indian Charlie). Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$91,741. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Stewart L Armstrong. B-Kiki L Courtelis (KY). T-Claude R McGaughey III.

6th-KEE, \$50,000, Msw, 3yo, f, a7f (AWT), 1:26 4/5, ft.

ARTISAN (f, 3, [Smarty Jones--Alchemilla](#) {SW, \$208,756}, by Deputy Minister) offered little in her first two starts at Gulfstream Feb. 1 and Mar. 8, losing by a combined margin of 37 lengths. Let go at 22-1 in her Polytrack debut here, she raced toward the back of the pack after getting bumped at the start. Eighth through a half mile in :45.48 as 9-5 favorite Waccamaw (War Chant) showed the way, Artisan began to hit her best stride in the stretch and got up to reel in the pacesetter by a nostril. Saudi Princess (Unbridled's Song) finished 11th. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$31,880. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).


O-Helen C Alexander, Helen K Groves & Dorothy A Matz LLC. B-Alexander, Groves & Matz LLC (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

1st-KEE, \$48,200, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :51 1/5, ft.

+ **WESTERN SMOKE** (c, 2, [Smoke Glacken--Echo Harbor, by Boston Harbor](#)) showed only three moves on the tab, including a three-furlong breeze in :38 at Keeneland Apr. 11, but wasn't much of a secret here, going off as the 8-5 favorite. Gunned to the lead by Shaun Bridgmohan, he rattled off fractions of :22.53 and :45.18, and ran off with a 5 1/4-length victory. Mickejoe (Bernstein) completed the exacta at odds of 18-1. Rep (Successful Appeal) tired to finish fourth after chasing the early pace. The victor was a \$50,000 FTKJUL RNA. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,180. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O-J Kirk Robison. B-Hopewell Investments LLC (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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8th-KEE, \$66K, Alw, f/m, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT
GI Santa Anita Oaks heroine **ARIEGE** ([Doneraile Court](#)) makes her first start for the Stronach Stable, after selling for \$1.8 million at FTKNOV. Third in last term's GI Garden City S. in September, she closed out her tenure for IEAH Stables and partners with a fifth-place finish in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. Oct. 11. The dark bay remains with trainer Bobby Frankel. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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Keeneland Report cont.

★ **NEW "TDN Rising Star"** ★

5th-KEE, \$48,800, Msw, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :51 1/5, ft.

+ **MISSION IMPAZIBLE**, c, 2, by [Unbridled's Song](#)

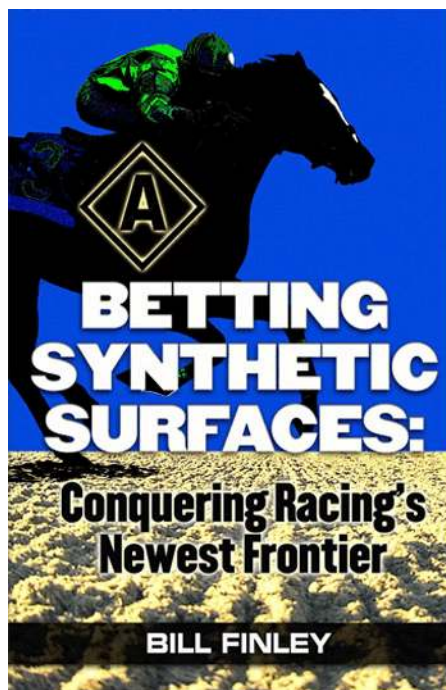
1st Dam: La Paz (MSW, \$175,431), by Hold Your Peace

2nd Dam: Classy Craft, by Crafty Drone

3rd Dam: Classy Stamp, by Outing Class

Mission Impazible, a half-brother to Forest Camp (Deputy Minister), GSW, \$339,984; and Spanish Empire (Pleasant Colony), GSW, \$276,714, showed a pair of very sharp moves over the Keeneland Polytrack, including a best-of-103 four-furlong workout in :47 Apr. 4. Favored at even-money, he was scrubbed on early by Johnny Velazquez to race in fourth as Grand Times (Greatness) set an uncontested pace. Left with plenty to do as Grand Times led by three lengths in the stretch, the \$200,000 KEESEP yearling purchase began to roll in the lane as he raced greenly, and finished with a flourish once straightened to reel in the pacesetter by a length. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,180. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Twin Creeks Racing Stable. B-Summer Wind Farm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.



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Yesterday's Results:

8th-GPX, \$39,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.

1--**PIOUS ASHLEY**, 122, f, 4, [Include](#)--[Witness Post](#), by [Gone West](#). (\$50,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$150,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$160,000 HRA '08 KEENOV).

O-Farnsworth Stables LLC; B-Breton C Jones (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson. Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-1, \$121,832. *1/2 to Hello Liberty (Forest Camp), GSW & GISP, \$284,239.

2--**Matchless Orinda**, 122, f, 4, Sky Mesa--[Perfectly Stunning](#), by Silver Deputy. (\$140,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '07 FTFEB).

3--**Tenacious Gator**, 124, m, 5, Cimarron Secret--[Ate a Gator](#), by Vicksburg.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3 3/4, 13. Odds: 2.60, 0.50, 4.20.

Pious Ashley, a \$16,000 optional-claiming winner in her first start for Marty Wolfson at Calder last November, completed the exacta behind ★ **"TDN Rising Stars"** ★ One Caroline (Unbridled's Song) and Keep the Peace (Touch Gold) at Gulfstream Jan. 15 and Feb. 21. She was last seen finishing fifth in the GII Inside Information S. Mar. 15. Sent off as the second choice, Pious Ashley rallied from last of five to catch Matchless Orinda, who enjoyed a four-length lead in the stretch. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

5th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 5fT, :54 4/5, fm. **BOBBY B. GOODE** (c, 3, [Songandaprayer](#)--[Huntin'with Hunter](#), by Jade Hunter) improved when switched to the grass last out at Gulfstream Park Mar. 14, closing from fifth to complete the exacta. On the engine this time, the 5-2 chance zipped through fractions of :21.28 and :43.52, and had 1 1/4 lengths to spare on 20-1 Pashito the Che (Flatter) at the wire. The winner RNA'd for \$120,000 as a KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$39,510. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Mark H Stanley. B-Arlene M Powell (FL). T-Dale L Romans.

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		1/4-mile works		
Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:20 2/5	461 608	colt colt	Scrimshaw Pico Central (Brz)	Preciosa Sez Who's Gold
		3/8-mile works		
Time	Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam
:33 1/5	604	colt	City Place	Sendmesomeroes

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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-SAX, \$51,680, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm.

SILENT STALK (f, 3, **Petionville--Forest Cat, by Storm Cat**) took five starts to break her maiden, but wasted little time putting wins back to back. On the board in her first four outings, all on the synthetic, she tried turf for the first time at Santa Anita Mar. 14 and battled her way to a half-length score. The 5-2 second choice to repeat, the bay went right to the front and enjoyed a clear lead as she dashed off an opening half in :44.64. Silent Stalk was joined by Gold Goddess (Gold Case) in the stretch, but held on grimly to eke out the nose decision. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-2, \$81,800. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Fanticola & Scardino. B-Everest Stables Inc (KY). T-Julio C Canani.

2nd-SAX, \$46,424, Msw, 2yo, 2f (AWT), :21 1/5, ft.

UNCLE RUDY (c, 2, **Freespool--Peaceable Mood, by Relaunch**), sent off at 5-1 following a runner-up effort at Santa Anita Apr. 2, outdueled 4-5 favorite Happy Hedger (Songandaprayer) to take it by a head. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$37,440. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Ricardo Mendez & Jose L Murillo. B-Jose Luis Murillo & Todd Sheehan (CA). T-Silverio Martinez.

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3rd-AQU (Opt Clm) **Indian Way** (Indian Charlie), third in last year's GI Prioress S., wins for fun.

5th-KEE (Msw) **Mission Impazible** (Unbridled's Song) becomes a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆.

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First-crop starters to watch: Friday, Apr. 17

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

PROUD ACCOLADE (Yes It's True), Padua, \$5K, 61/0/0
4-KEE, Msw, 4 1/2f, +Proud Zoe, \$72K OBS FEB 2yo, 3-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Apr. 17

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

CONGAREE (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/26/3
7-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Catalina Way, 15-1

ROAR OF THE TIGER (Storm Cat), Hartley, 168/21/0
5-WO, Msw, 5f, +Danciger, 8-1

SCRIMSHAW (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 94/20/1
5-WO, Msw, 5f, +Rendono Quattro, \$28K CAN SEP yrl, 12-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

+ **Militarist**, c, 3, [War Chant](#). See "Britain."

IN FRANCE:

Strike Ballot, c, 3, [Smart Strike](#). See "France."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 17:

08-08 \$1,000,000 **Arlington Million-I, AP**,
3yo/up, 10fT (500 EB)

08-08 \$750,000 **Beverly D.-I, AP**, 3yo/up, f/m, 9.5fT
(300 EB)

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, APRIL 18:

04-25 \$300,000 **San Francisco Mile-II, GG**, 3yo/up, 8fT
(50)

04-29 \$100,000a **Westchester H.-III, Bel**, 3yo/up, 8f
(100)

05-02 \$200,000 **Nassau County-III, Bel**, 3yo, f, 7f (100)

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LOOK HERE TO EPSOM Julian Richmond-Watson's **Look Here (GB)** (Hernando {Fr}) is set to return in Epsom's G1 Coronation Cup, trainer Ralph Beckett announced yesterday. Last year's G1 Epsom Oaks heroine, who was last seen when third in the G1 St Leger at Doncaster in September, is to be targeted at the June 5 contest over the course and distance of her finest hour. "Look Here is training well and we are on target for Epsom--she wintered well so I am very happy with her," her conditioner said. "We felt at the time that she did not stay in the St Leger and we are working on that basis. A mile and a half in the Coronation Cup should be ideal for her, as she loves the track."

YOUMZAIN EPSOM-BOUND Jaber Abdullah's **Youmzain (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}) is due to stage his European return in the June 5 G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom. Runner-up to Soldier of Fortune (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) 12 months ago, the Mick Channon-trained six-year-old was fourth in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad Al Sheba on his last start Mar. 28. The owner's Racing Manager Bruce Raymond said yesterday, "Youmzain is a very probable runner in the Coronation Cup--that will be his main target for the early part of the season. He is a good horse running fresh, so he is likely to go there next. We have no plans to run him beforehand. He came back from Dubai fine and I think his preparation out there was very good. The race itself was a bit of a scrummage. His form is superb and he is extremely consistent, but he is one of those horses that is nearly always the bridesmaid. Hopefully, this can be his year."

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

CONNAUGHT ACCESS FLOORING ABERNANT S.-

Listed, £45,000, Newmarket, 4-16, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:10.30, gd/fm.

- 1--**TAX FREE (IRE), 130, g, 7, Tagula (Ire)--Grandel (GB), by Owington (GB).** (€16,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV; 12,000gns yrl '03 DONSEP). O-Ian Hewitson; B-Denis & Mrs Teresa Bergin; T-David Nicholls; J-Francis Norton; £25,547. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, Ire & Eng, 30-13-3-6, £389,140. *1/2 to Inxile (Ire) (Fayruz {GB}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$108,123.
 - 2--**Equiano (Fr), 130, c, 4, Acclamation (GB)--Entente Cordiale (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire).** (€26,000 wnlg '05 DEADEC). £9,684.
 - 3--**Knot in Wood (Ire), 130, g, 7, Shinko Forest (Ire)--Notley Park (Ire), by Wolfhound.** (10,000gns yrl '03 DONSEP). £4,847.
- Margins: HF, 1, SHD. Odds: 8-1, 3-1, 8-1.

ABERNANT S.-Listed cont.

Also Ran: Exclamation (GB), Orpsie Boy (Ire), Prohibit (GB), Edge Closer (GB), Hatta Fort (GB), Matsunosuke (GB), Mac Gille Eoin (GB), Spirit of Sharjah (Ire), Zidane (GB). Scratched: Redford (Ire), Angus Newz (GB).

Despite having collected three group and three listed contests, Tax Free has often been underrated, but the veteran found the limelight again here when delivering a sprinting tour-de-force to claim a notable scalp in Equiano. Signing off early last season with wins in the Listed Naas S. and G3 Sapphire S. at The Curragh, the bay showed no signs of rustiness under Frannie Norton and, after shadowing Equiano, gained an edge by half-way. Maintaining the pressure on last year's G1 King's Stand S. hero, he had enough in reserve to earn a deserved hard-fought score. "Dandy [Nicholls] said to just let him go and enjoy it, so I rolled on and he's really tough and hard," Norton commented. "He stuck to his guns and put his head out. They pulled up with him after June last year and let him mature and develop and he has now. He's got heart and talent and does everything correctly."

Newmarket, 17.20, Hcp, £15,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:02.69, gd/fm.

PERPETUALLY (IRE) (c, 3, Singspiel {Ire}--Set in Motion, by Mr. Prospector), successful in a York maiden in his only prior start July 27, raced in third after the opening exchanges of this return. Ridden along approaching the final quarter mile, the 4-1 chance was driven out in the closing stages to deny Imposing (GB) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}) by a short head on the line. The winner is a half to Divine Task (Irish River {Fr}), GSW-UAE. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, £16,190.

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Gainsborough Stud Management Ltd; T-Mark Johnston.

Newmarket, 13.50, Mdn, £10,000, unraced 3yo, 1mT, 1:41.39, gd/fm.

+ **MILITARIST (c, 3, War Chant--Season's Greetings {Ire} {SW & MGSP-Fr}, by Ezzoud {Ire})** raced prominently after an alert exit from the gate in this first go. Sent into a slight lead with 2 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 11-8 chalk was ridden out inside the final furlong to score by 3/4-of-a-length from Harbinger (GB) (Dansili {GB}). "We didn't go very quick early on, but we really made a race of it from four [furlongs] out," commented winning rider Jimmy Fortune. "He's a nice type of horse and could make up into a decent handicapper." Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £6,476.

O-H R H Princess Haya Of Jordan; B-Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-John Gosden.

Britain Report cont.



Britain cont.

Newmarket, 14.25, Mdn, £8,000, 2yo, f, 5fT, :59.72, gd/fm.

+ **ITS ALRIGHT (IRE) (f, 2, [King's Best](#)--Lightwood Lady {Ire}, by Anabaa)**, was handily placed just behind the leaders in fifth from flagfall in this opening show. Pushed along at halfway, the 7-1 chance quickened smartly approaching the final eighth and was ridden out up the hill to defeat Mijas Playa (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths. "She's been doing some nice work at home, rides well and is very mature for this stage in her career," explained jockey Jimmy Quinn. "She jumped solid, relaxed nice and picked up good. [Trainer] Alan [Bailey] likes to stop off at Chester and I think that's where she'll go next." Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,181. O-Allan McNamee; B-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd; T-Alan Bailey.

Newmarket, 16.45, Mdn, £8,000, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:25.77, gd/fm.

RESORT (GB) (f, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Gay Gallanta {G1SW-Eng, \$209,799}, by Woodman), a debut fifth at the town's July course June 27, raced on the front end from the break in this second appearance. Roused into the outright lead with 1 1/2 furlongs to go, the 9-4 second choice came under a power drive up the hill to hold market rival Balaagha (Mr. Greeley) by a pixel in the bobber. The homebred is a half to Gallant (GB) (Rainbow Quest), GSP, \$236,245; and Byron (GB) (Green Desert), MGSW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$285,034. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £5,181. O/B-Cheveley Park Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

First Winner for Freshman Sire

Ripon, 14.00, Mdn, £6,500, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.98, gd/fm.

HERE NOW AND WHY (IRE) (c, 2, Pastoral Pursuits {GB}--Why Now {GB}, by Dansili {GB}) went off as the 2-5 lock returning from a promising debut second at Leicester Apr. 2. Making a sharp exit to take an immediate lead here, he was pushed along to maintain control approaching the final eighth and kept on well under late cajoling to best Saucy Girl (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) by an easy two lengths. With the victory, the colt becomes the first winner for his freshman sire (by Bahamian Bounty {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, £4,979.

[Video, courtesy of attheraces.](#)

O/B-Mrs Sandra McCarthy; T-Kevin Ryan.

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★ FRANCE ★

THIERRY GILLET CALLS IT QUILTS

Thierry Gillet has announced his retirement from the saddle at the age of 39. Citing weight issues, the jockey who partnered Bago (Fr) (Nashwan) throughout his career, including a success in the 2004 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, signed off with a runner-up finish in the debutantes contest at Longchamp Thursday. According to the *Racing Post*, he is likely to be appointed secretary-general of the jockeys' association in France at the end of this month. Gillet told the trade daily, "It's all to do with my weight. I'm not riding enough and it upsets me. It's hard to keep fit if you're not getting the rides and I'm a perfectionist. I shall keep very much in racing. There's a meeting of the jockeys' association at the end of the month and I hope to be made secretary-general." Having begun riding in 1986, Jonathan Pease's number one jockey also partnered Act One (GB) (In the Wings {GB}) to win the 2001 G1 Criterium International and following year's G1 Prix Lupin and added more top-level successes to his tally courtesy of Execute (Fr) (Suave Dancer), Sweet Stream (Ity) (Shantou) and Full of Gold (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}).

Yesterday's Results:

Longchamp, 15.50, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:12.87, gd.

SAND RIVER (IRE) (f, 3, [High Chaparral](#) {Ire}--Special Delivery {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Danehill) ran second to subsequent G3 Prix Penelope victress Celimene (Ire) (Dr Fong) in a similar event at Compiègne on seasonal return Mar. 16 and led after the early steps of this easier one. Pushed along when threatened by Home-town (GB) (Storming Home {GB}) inside the final quarter mile, the 9-10 pick was driven out in the latter stages to bravely repel that persistent rival by 3/4-of-a-length. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €27,200.

O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche.

Longchamp, 14.20, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.34, gd.

STRIKE BALLOT (c, 3, [Smart Strike](#)--Call Account {GSP, \$155,687}, by Private Account), second at Fontainebleau last time Mar. 25, led after the initial strides of this third go. Pushed along off the home turn, the 91-10 chance kept on well under a continued drive inside the final quarter mile to hold the late lunge of Almail (Swain {Ire}) by a short neck. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €25,100.

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Criquette Head-Maarek.

France cont. p6



France cont.

Longchamp, 14.50, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, 5fT, :58.81, gd.

FAIRY SKY (FR) (f, 2, **Bernebeau {Fr}**--**Magic Exit {Fr}**, by **Exit to Nowhere**) was let go at a generous 121-10 coming back off an Apr. 4 win at Lyon La Soie. Breaking well to lead, she was stoked up at halfway and was pushed out in the closing stages to comfortably hold **Foresta (Fr)** (**Forestier {Fr}**) by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €22,100. O/T-Ronald Caget; B-Bel Becq.

Longchamp, 15.20, Mdn, €24,000, unraced 3yo, 1mT, 1:42.97, gd.

+ **ANCO MARZIO (GB)** (c, 3, **American Post {GB}**--**Atlantic Blue**, by **Nureyev**), a €175,000 DEAAUG yearling, took a keen hold in midfield through the early fractions of this racecourse bow. Making smooth headway in the straight, the well backed 16-5 chance challenged approaching the final eighth and was ridden out in the closing stages to prevail by a half-length from **Immokalee (Johannesburg)**. The winner is a half to **Atlanto (Ire)** (**Hernando {Fr}**), MGSW, \$419,201, and **Incanto Dream (GB)** (**Galileo {Ire}**), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$355,281. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. O-Enrico Ciampi & Gerard Laboureau; B-Curragh Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

★ ITALY ★

SALES COMPANIES TO MERGE

Italy's two sales companies, Societa Gestione Aste Select (SGA) and the Italian Thoroughbred Sales Company (ITS), are to merge for an initial two-year period. As a result, the Select September Yearling Sale will take place Sept. 21 and the November Sale is due to be staged Nov. 13-14.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-EVD, \$33,000, 4-15, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), C, (S), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03 4/5, ft.

KARAKORUM LARGE (g, 4, Ide--Karakorum Galore, by Distinctive Pro) Lifetime Record: 16-4-7-3, \$146,860. O-Carl R Moore Management LLC & W Calhoun. B-Ryder River Ridge Farm (LA). T-W Bret Calhoun. *\$20,000 yrl '06 TEXAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

The Best Day Ever, f, 3, **Brahms--Added Asset (GSW, \$330,024)**, by **Lord At War (Arg)**. GPX, 4-16, (C), 1 1/8mT, 1:49 1/5. B-Chip Montgomery & Patrick Davis (KY). *\$13,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$24,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

Sharpsburg Shuffle, c, 3, **Orientate--Sentenced**, by **End Sweep**. KEE, 4-16, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:11. B-Harlingen Stables Inc (FL). *\$120,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR.

+ **Rockslide Slim**, c, 3, **Rock Slide--Desert Spice (GB)**, by **Green Desert**. KEE, 4-16, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:10 3/5. B-Dr Raymond T Murphy (MD). *\$1,700 wlng '06 FTMDEC; \$28,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG.

Frivolous Buck, f, 4, **Catienus--Terminal Buck**, by **Stacked Pack**. AQU, 4-16, (S), 1mT, 1:43 1/5. B-Dr Gerardus S Jameson (NY). *1/2 to **Buck Mountain (Prosper Fager)**, MSP, \$218,001.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

+ **Manijero Cat (Arg)**, c, 2, **Easing Along--Temanika (Arg)**, by **Tempranero (Chi)**. San Isidro, 4-15, Clasico Jose B. Zubiaurre, unraced 2yo, c, 7.5fT, 1:29.09. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Haras El Alfalfar; T-Guillermo Frenkel Santillan.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

FROLIC'S DREAM (Smoke Glacken), 5f, 1:01.27, 1/2
MY PRINCESS JESS (Stormy Atlantic), 4f, :49.48, 2/4

CHURCHILL DOWNS

C.S. SILK (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, :59.80, 3/22
MACHO AGAIN (Macho Uno), 4f, :51.20, 26/33
RACHEL ALEXANDRA (Medaglia d'Oro), 5f, :59.40, 1/22
SANTANA SIX (Hold That Tiger), 4f, :48.40, 2/33
SECRET GYPSY (Sea of Secrets), 4f, :48.40, 2/33

KEENELAND

BETTER TALK NOW (Talkin Man), 6fT, 1:19, 1/1
GRASSHOPPER (Dixie Union), 3f, :36.40, 7/19
MIRO (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4fT, :53.40, 3/5
ONE CAROLINE (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:00.40, 5/20
SKYLIGHTER (Sky Mesa), 5f, 1:01.40, 17/20



BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Longchamp, 16.20, 4-16, €26,000, 4yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:39.45, gd.

POUVOIR ABSOLU (GB) (c, 4, [Sadler's Wells](#)--Pine Chip, by Nureyev) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €44,400. O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Dayton Investments Ltd; T-Elie Lellouche.

FRANCE, Longchamp, 16.50, 4-16, €22,000, 4yo/up, 7fT, 1:22.42, gd.

CADEAU FOR MAGGI (GB) (c, 4, [Cadeaux Genereux](#) {GB}--Maggi For Margaret {GB} {SW-Fr, SP-Eng}, by Shavian {GB}) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €29,400. O-Michel Perret, Roger Petit & SCEA Ecurie J C Laisis; B-Pontchartrain Stud; T-Henri-Alex Pantall. *€42,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG. **1/2 to Finikas (GB) (Desert Prince {GB}), MSP, \$158,330.

ITALY, Milan, 16.25, 4-15, €19,800, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.80, gd.

GARNERA (IRE) (f, 3, [Key of Luck](#)--Golden Honor {Ire} {Hwt Older Mare-Ity 7-9.5f, SW-Ity, \$205,073}, by Hero's Honor) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, €24,769. O/B-Azienda Agricola La Morosina; T-Stefano Ibido.

ITALY, Milan, 14.40, 4-15, €19,800, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.20, gd.

CASILUCA (ITY) (f, 4, [Daro Sopran](#) {Ger}--Sopran Newar {GB}, by Warning {GB}) Lifetime Record: 16-4-7-1, €76,279. O-Mario Marcialis; B-Leonardo Ciampoli.

BRITAIN, Ripon, 15.10, 4-16, £12,000, 4yo/up, 9f 170ydsT, 2:03.38, gd/fm.

HALICARNASSUS (IRE) (h, 5, [Cape Cross](#) {Ire}--Launch Time, by Relaunch) Lifetime Record: MGSW-GB, 32-7-1-1, £236,395. O-Doric Racing; B-Yeomanstown Lodge Stud; T-Mick Channon. *35,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT; 67,000gns HIT '08 TATAUT. **1/2 to My Lucky Strike (Smart Strike), MSP, \$623,535.

FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 17.15, 4-15, €15,000, 4yo/up, 1 5/8mT, 2:47.69, gd/sf.

VAL D'HAM (FR) (h, 5, [Hamis](#) {Ire}--Vallee d'Aube {Fr}, by Baillamont) Lifetime Record: Sp-Fr, 46 starts, 5 wins, 22 places, €123,400. O/B-Ecurie Chandre Cozzi; T-Stuart Cargeeg.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shark Man (Ire), c, 2, [Arakan](#)--Sharkiyah (Ire), by Polish Precedent. Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-16, Mdn, 2yo, 5f 20yds (AWT). B-John Grimes. *€16,500 wnlg '07 GOFNOV. *First winner by freshman sire (by Nureyev).

Broken Kitten (Fr), f, 2, [Martaline](#) (GB)--Broken Innate (Ire), by Broken Hearted (Ire). Marseille-Borely, France, 4-15, Mdn, 2yo, 5fT. B-Thierry Larriviere.

Etty's Diary (Ire), f, 3, [Enrique](#) (GB)--Combloux, by Southern Halo. Argentan, France, 4-16, Cond, 3yo, 9f 165ydsT. B-Janus Bloodstock Inc. *€18,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

Mister Dee Bee (Ire), g, 3, [Orpen](#)--Acidanthera (GB), by Alzao. Ripon, Britain, 4-16, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-Denis DcDonnell. *€50,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; 32,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG.

Peace Royal (GB), c, 3, [Royal Applause](#) (GB)--Spirit of Peace (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). Milan, Italy, 4-15, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Scuderia Vittadini SRL. *€26,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP.

Dubai Princess (Fr), f, 3, [Sholokhov](#) (Ire)--Dubai Diva (Ger), by Unfuwain. Argentan, France, 4-16, Cond, 3yo, 1 9/16mT. B-Gerd Kuhl.

Huapi (Fr), f, 3, [Slickly](#) (Fr)--Joha (Fr) (SW, \$124,485), by Johann Quatz (Fr). Marseille-Borely, France, 4-15, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Jean-Claude Seroul.

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VENUSBERG (ARG), 12, Southern Halo--La Valkiria (Arg), by Logical

Foal born Mar. 8, a colt by Street Sense.

Will be bred back to Bernstein.

Owned by and boarded at Cobra Farm.

Accomplishments: G1SW-Arg. Dam of Noble Deeds (Old Trieste), SP.

BEAUTIFUL STRANGER, 10, Foxhound--Bright and Fancy, by Ogygian

Foal born Mar. 8, a filly by Latent Heat.

Will be bred back to Broken Vow.

Owned by/boarded at Hart Farm, VA.

Accomplishments: SW, \$105,518; dam of Reata's Quik Punch (Two Punch), SW, \$141,196.

LA FEMINN, 13, Memo (Chi)--Lila Finn, by Mamison

Foal born Mar. 9, a colt by Dixie Union.

Will be bred back to Officer.

Owned by Diamond A Racing Corp.

Boarded at Diamond A Farm.

Accomplishments: MSW & MGSP, \$366,429.



TDN
Book Review

Publisher's Note: A new children's book dealing with equine retirement and modeled after the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's successful programs at correctional facilities was sent to the TDN for review. We felt it appropriate that we allow one of its target audience to review it. Ryan Finley is the son of TDN co-publisher Sue Finley, who is also the First Vice President of the TRF.

BLACK DIAMOND & BLAKE

by Deborah Blumenthal

Published by Random House Children's Books, 2009.
28 pages.

By Ryan Finley

Black Diamond & Blake is the story of a great racehorse who hurts himself and is transferred to a retirement program at a prison.

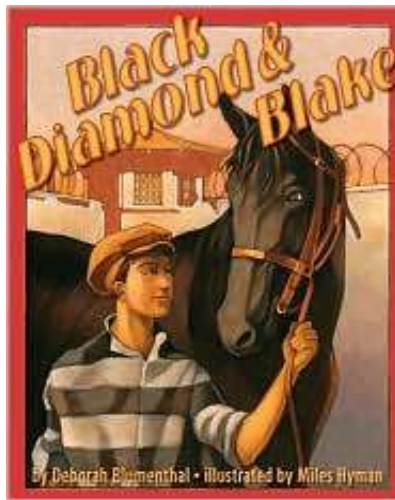
Black Diamond used to be a famous racehorse who would win almost every race, but then his ankles started to hurt. Because of this, he stumbled and hurt his leg in his last start. People started to boo him, and threw their torn-up tickets at him. His owners did not feed him apples any more.

Blake was a young man who stole money to help his sick dad pay his bills. There were five other children, and his mom had died. But Blake was then put in prison.

That is where Black Diamond and Blake meet. Blake would do all the things that they would do for Black Diamond when he was a racehorse. Black Diamond was happy again. But one day Blake was freed from prison. Will Blake and Black Diamond see each other again?

I think this book shows how horses can make people better people while they're in prison. It also shows how people can learn to care for horses while they are in prison and find work when they are freed.

I think that the book should be read by kids up to 11 years old. I'm 10, and I liked it very much.



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