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HUGHES RESIGNS FROM BREEDERS' CUP BOARD

B. Wayne Hughes, citing a desire to focus on other business interests, has resigned his position on the Breeders' Cup Board of Directors, according to a release from the Breeders' Cup. "Since I began serving on the Breeders' Cup Board in 2006, we have undergone a series of changes and innovations, and I am proud to have played a role in helping chart a new course for the organization," Hughes said. Founder and chairman of Public Storage, Hughes is owner of Spendthrift Farm. "We will miss Wayne's passion for our industry, his business acumen and candor, and we are very grateful for his service to the Breeders' Cup," said Breeders' Cup Chairman William S. Farish, Jr. Hughes's term expires in June. The Breeders' Cup Board will choose someone from the Breeders' Cup Members and Trustees to complete the term on Jan. 20.



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RECORD PRIZE MONEY FOR ROYAL ASCOT

Ascot Racecourse yesterday announced that prize money for the 2009 Royal Meeting, which is slated to run June 16 through June 20, has been increased to £4,450,000. Since the Global Sprint Challenge was launched in 2005, prize money for the G1 King's Stand S. and G1 Golden Jubilee S. has increased every year to reflect their growing international significance and in 2009, the Golden Jubilee S. is up a further £75,000 to £450,000 and the King's Stand S. has been increased by £50,000 to £300,000. The G1 Prince of Wales's S. also increases by £75,000 to £450,000 in 2009, to maintain its status as Royal Ascot's joint highest value race. In addition to the King's Stand S., £50,000 has been added to the G1 Queen Anne S., the G1 St James's Palace S., the G1 Gold Cup and the G1 Coronation S., which will all be run for £300,000 in 2009. "These increases in prize money at Royal Ascot come hot on the heels of our announcement that the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. will be run for a record £1-million this year, £150,000 up on 2008," commented Ascot's Chief Executive Charles Barnett. "The Tuesday of Royal Ascot will open once again with a ceremony to introduce the leading jockeys to the crowd prior to the three Group 1 races. This year, there will be over £1-million on offer on the opening day for the first time. We're fully aware, of course, of the current economic climate, but [this] announcement enables us to start 2009 on a positive note."

2008 HANDLE FALLS BELOW \$14 MILLION

Wagering on U.S. races fell 7.16 percent last year as compared to 2007 figures, according to statistics released yesterday by Equibase. Handle on U.S. races, including worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races and separate pool wagering in Canada on U.S. races totaled \$13,670,196,938 in 2008, compared to \$14,723,993,055 in 2007. U.S. purses fell 1.33 percent to \$1,160,313,672. There were a total of 6,095 race days in 2008, down from 6,168 the previous year. Figures fell precipitously during December, with wagering on U.S. races falling 20.30 percent to \$820,358,357. U.S. purses fell 13.43 percent to \$1,160,313,672. Purses decreased 13.43 percent to \$60,123,263 with 330 race dates, down from 365 in 2007. "The fourth quarter was an extremely challenging one due in large part to the worldwide economic slowdown and other internal factors," National Thoroughbred Racing Association President and CEO Alex Waldrop said in a statement. "Results in December were strongly compromised by a major drop in racing days brought about at least in part by a calendar that was unusually short on weekend dates. While the overall year-end figures compare favorably in some ways with those of many other sports and industries, it was nevertheless a very difficult 2008 for virtually every segment of the racing industry. There were bright spots, including many spectacular performances on the racetrack and progress on the equine safety and integrity front."

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TIZFIZ posted an impressive front running victory in the Grade 2 San Gorgonio Handicap at Santa Anita on January 4th becoming Tiznow's Newest Graded Stakes Winner. The previous day, **BULLSBAY** ran second in the Grade 3 Hal's Hope Handicap at Gulfstream.

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ADENA SPRINGS TAKES SIXTH LEADING BREEDER TITLE

Adena Springs topped the list of leading individual breeders in North America in 2008 year for the sixth consecutive year. According to figures released yesterday by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc., Adena Springs bred the winners of 603 races from 3,671 starts. Stonerside Stable, which bred the winners of 98 races from 518 starts for earnings of \$7,433,027 to is second on the list. Adena Springs also heads the breeders' list which includes partnership, with Stonerside second on that list as well. Completing the list of top 10 individual breeders (with earnings): Eugene Melnyk (\$6,410,230); Brereton C Jones (\$6,339,254); WinStar Farm LLC (\$5,460,005); Juddmonte Farms Inc. (\$4,924,494); Sherman Family Thoroughbreds LLC (\$4,839,702); Sez Who Thoroughbreds (\$4,780,068); Padua Stables (\$4,773,351); and Everst Stables Inc. (\$3,966,631). Rounding out the list of top 10 breeders which includes partnerships are: W. S. Farish, Brereton Jones, Eugene Melnyk, WinStar Farm, Sherman Family Thoroughbreds, Sez Who Thoroughbreds, Juddmonte Farms and Padua Stables.

NBC SPORTS WINS ECLIPSE AWARD

NBC Sports has won its eighth consecutive Media Eclipse Award for National Television - Live Programming category for its telecast of the 2008 Preakness S. "We are extremely proud of the high standards and passion which our production team and talent demonstrated in winning this prestigious award," said Sam Flood, coordinating producer of NBC Sports and producer of the Preakness telecast. "[Co-host] Tom Hammond set the tone for our show in delivering the stories which make Thoroughbred racing so great, and once the race began, director David Michaels and his team took charge." The Preakness telecast featured a roundtable discussion of issues facing Thoroughbred racing in the wake of Eight Belle's breakdown after the Kentucky Derby. "We felt that it was important to address the Eight Belles issue and its impact on racing before getting to the story of the Preakness," explained Flood. "It was essential to cover the story from all angles."



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☆ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ☆

Editor's note: The following letter to the editor was written in response to Sid Fernando's column in the Jan. 1, 2009 TDN, and the subsequent clarification by The Jockey Club Information Systems' Carl Hamilton Jan. 6.

In my opinion, "stakes rules" are only smoke and mirrors--if a race not earn Black Type, Grade I, Grade II, etc. in all catalogs and reports than it should not be used as such.

Keeneland and Fasig Tipton set the benchmark on catalog pages of Thoroughbred offerings and BRIS, along with The Jockey Club, should use the same guidelines as the major sales companies. In fact, all sales companies should. I have purchased horses at smaller companies that were listed as Black Type horses that turned out to be misrepresented--they were stakes horses in name only, not quality.

This industry should have a concrete rule on what is quality and what is not. That is information that should be well-represented to all buyers.

Sincerely, Ed Price, Mohns Hill Farm LLC



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 wins Santa Anita allowance by 2 1/2 for his
 second win in 3 starts.

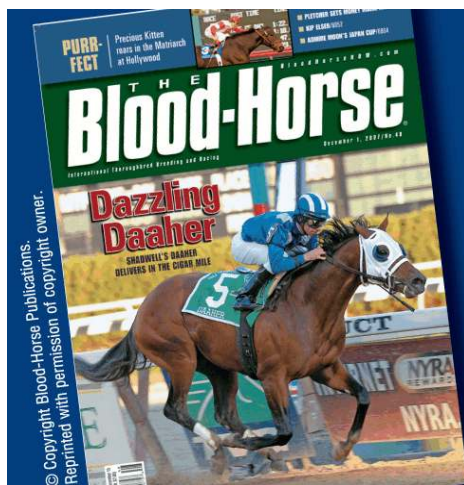
LECOMTE LEGACY LIVES ON

Question. Who was the only horse to defeat the legendary Lexington at the races? Well, for the answer, one need only look to the Saturday feature at Fair Grounds. Lecomte, also a son of Boston, defeated Lexington in the Jockey Club Purse in a match race at Metairie Race Course in New Orleans, and set a record for four miles in winning 11 times in his career. A son of Reel, whose blood can be found in contemporary horses such as Chief's Crown, Winning Colors and Tim Tam, Lecomte was a half-brother to Prioress, Ashland and War Dance. Several of the horses in this weekend's first two-turn graded prep on the road to the Kentucky Derby will be trying to create some history of their own. Trainer Steve Asmussen is in search of a third win and second in a row in the Lecomte, following on the success of Z Fortune (Siphon {Brz}) last year. He also saddled Easyfromthegitgo (Dehere) to take the 2002 renewal, and that colt's co-owner, Bob Zollars, will be represented in this year's race by recent allowance winner **Uno Mas** (Macho Uno). Asmussen's other entry, **Professor Z** (Grand Slam), is campaigned by Zayat Stables, which also owns Z Fortune. Hard Spun (Danzig) burst onto the scene in the 2006 Lecomte, posting a front-running 6 1/2-length victory for Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farms and trainer Larry Jones. The conditioner sends out **Friesan Fire** (A.P. Indy), runner-up to Uno Mas in their allowance meeting, for Porter and Vinery Stable LLC.

Au Moon (Malibu Moon), a very impressive maiden winner at Churchill Downs in November, pushes on into stakes company for trainer David Carroll, who sent out Fire Slam (Grand Slam) to take the 2004 Lecomte for owner Stan Fulton. Bernie Flint is the other trainer in Saturday's field to have won the Lecomte, having scored a 59-1 upset in 2000 with Noble Ruler (Academy Award). Sovereign Award winner Cash Deposit (Deposit Ticket) struck south of the border for Canada, taking the 1997 race as part of an odds-on entry. That country looks to be well-represented this weekend, with Display S. hero **Patena** (Seeking the Gold) and **Dynamic Force** (Dance Master) hailing from the strong barns of Josie Carroll and Mark Casse, respectively.

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Jan. 10	GII San Pasqual H.	SA
	GIII Col E R Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
Jan. 11	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
Jan. 17	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GII San Fernando BC S.	SA
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
Jan. 18	GIII San Rafael S.	SA
	GII El Encino S.	SA
	GIII First Lady S.	GP
Jan. 19	GII San Marcos S.	SA
Jan. 25	GII Palos Verdes H.	SA
	GIII Tuzla H.	SA
Jan. 30	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GII Hutcheson S.	GP
Jan. 31	GI Santa Monica H.	SA
	GI Donn H.	GP
	GIII Holy Bull S.	GP
Feb. 1	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River H.	GP
	GIII La Habra S.	SA



Winner **Cigar Mile H.-G1**
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Over a track that had been playing dead all afternoon, Daaher rattled off his quarters in :23.10, :23.22, :23.50, and :23.97 to complete the mile in a sizzling 1:33.79... he is indeed a freaky fast horse.

— Steve Haskin

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**FROM THE DESK
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Bill Oppenheim



LEST WE FORGET

In troubled times, conventional wisdom says that breeders turn to proven sires, and the unproven sires, so long the fashion of the moment, begin to fall out of favor. As the market shrinks, the more proven commodity is seen as the safer option. The stud fees for unproven have to drop significantly below those for proven sires of similar standard in order to compensate for the uncertainty as to whether the unproven sire will ever sire anything whose name anybody remembers.

Since conventional wisdom always implies thinking somewhat short of, say, 'cutting edge,' you can be sure this means there will be value to be found among unproven stallions. Just as most of the foals by proven sires are moderate, we may be equally sure that there will be some exceptional racehorses to come by yet-unproven stallions; we just don't have a very good idea yet which ones they are.

In a couple of weeks, when we have our new APEX stallion ratings which will cover all North American, major European, and Japanese sires which had 10 or more three-year-old foals of 2008, this column will be focusing on those among the more than 1,000 qualifying sires which merit special comment. By definition, these are sires with runners. So this week, we are listing details of 242 unproven sires, which had, or will have, their first foals born between 2007 and 2010, and which stand for 4,500+ dollars, pounds, or euros. **(Table pages 10-14)** It's not so much a matter of coming up with a list of recommendations, because your guess is as good as mine. The purpose here is to provide breeders with a list of sires so you can remind yourselves about those horses on which you might want to consider rolling the dice.

We should emphasize that this list is compiled with the best intentions, and we hope, but don't guarantee, that it is 98 percent accurate. Inevitably there will be mistakes and omissions, which we will correct as they are brought to our attention. Our list is compiled from all available sources by ace assistant Brianne and myself, is produced on a best-effort basis, and is in no way official. Prices quoted are 'retail,' as far as we can determine.

The Bigger Guns...

Naturally the most expensive sires are those with the best credentials, so we've compiled a separate list of 42 stallions **(p15)** which I would call 'top of the crops.' This list is displayed in two separate tables. The first of these lists them by first-crop commercial sales average within each 'sire crop.' F2007, horses which will have their first two-year-olds in 2009, comes first; then F2008 (first yearlings), etc. We have also included the relevant first-crop commercial information from *Insta-Tistics*.

**STANDING AT LANE'S END:
6 OF THE TOP 22 ACTIVE SIRES
WORLDWIDE IN 2008**



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Detecting 'value' within these listings is very much a matter of opinion. Among F2007 sires, the three Kentucky standouts still at stud (Saint Liam would have been a fourth, but died after siring this crop) are **Ghostzapper, Rock Hard Ten, and Afleet Alex**. Relatively speaking, you'd have to say the latter two, with much lower stud fees, sold better than Ghostzapper. However, the history books are littered with examples of top sires whose first crops didn't sell all that well, and it would take a prime fool to forget that Ghostzapper was the best racehorse seen in America in the last 10 years.

All three of those are in 'neutral' camps (Adena Springs, Lane's End, and Gainesway, respectively), but in Europe four of the five top prospects are in one of the two camps of the warring (excuse me, I mean of course 'competing') titans, Coolmore and the Maktoums. Coolmore has **Oratorio** and **Footstepsinthesand**, by 'home' stallions Danehill and Giant's Causeway, respectively. The Maktoum family has **Shamardal**, a European champion two-year-old, also from Giant's Causeway's first crop, and **Dubawi**, surely the best hope of the great Dubai Millennium surviving as a sire line, from his only crop. **Cont. p5**

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The exception is **Azamour**, a horse that I think deserves support by any breeder who claims to have the betterment of the breed at heart through the advocacy of certain 'virtues.' In Azamour's case, he demonstrated unusual versatility, in that he won in top-class Group 1 company at one mile, 10 furlongs, and a mile and a half. He won the G1 St. James's Palace S. over one mile at Royal Ascot as a three-year-old; scored 10-furlong Group 1 wins in the Irish Champion S. at three and the Prince of Wales's S., back at Royal Ascot, at four; and went on to win the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., the summer's chief Group 1 showpiece at 12 furlongs, a month later. The trouble with Azamour, as a commercial proposition, is that he's by Night Shift, a perfectly useful sire, but hardly known as a top-class sire of sires. Moreover, Azamour didn't look or act in the least like a typical Night Shift. Bred and raced by the Aga Khan, and standing at his Giltown Stud in Ireland, you'd hope his operation might have a few by him in training, too.

When you get a situation like that you have to have another look at the pedigree, and what hit me in the face is that Azamour is out of a Lear Fan mare--Roberto. I had occasion to watch Azamour run a number of times, and to me what he definitely did look and act like was typical of the high-class Roberto horses. Think of runners by Silver Hawk, Kris S., Dynaformer, and Lear Fan himself. As a physical specimen and as a racehorse, Azamour was absolutely typical of the Roberto line. I don't know how good a bet it is that Azamour will throw this as a sire, but if he does, his 2009 stud fee of €15,000 (40 percent down from his original fee of €25,000) would look very interesting--at least to an owner-breeder.

The top of the crop of sires whose first foals arrived in 2008 would have looked different had 2006 GI Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro survived. As it is, GI Preakness, Travers, and Jockey Club Gold Cup winner **Bernardini** is this crop's version of Ghostzapper--what used to be called a 'July Sale' sire, but what we now call a (September) 'Book 1' sire. The other top Kentucky stallions of this sire crop have in common that they are all by Storm Cat or one of his sons: **Henny Hughes**, by Johannesburg's sire, Hennessy. The chestnut won a key 'sire race,' the GI King's Bishop, for three-year-olds at seven furlongs at Saratoga, but then topped that by humbling 'olders' in the six-furlong GI Vosburgh H. **Bluegrass Cat**, by Storm Cat himself, ran second in the GI Kentucky Derby (to Barbaro), Belmont (to Jazil), and Travers (to Bernardini), and won the GI Haskell. He's a stunning individual, and like Henny Hughes, his first foals averaged around \$150,000 in November. At around the \$100,000 mark for his first weanlings was **First Samurai**, a triple Grade I winner at two and three from Giant's Causeway's second crop. Bernardini (bred by Darley) and Henny Hughes stand at Darley's Kentucky stallion station, the old Jonabell; Bluegrass Cat is at WinStar, First Samurai is at Claiborne.

Weekly Sales Ticker by Bill Oppenheim

"The regional yearling and mixed sales have been taking a pounding, but probably half the catalogue at OBS yesterday were the mares which would have sold in the Adena Springs sale they used to have at Fasig Ky. In November. OBS' first session last year averaged \$23,346; Adena Springs' sale in November 2007 averaged \$17,089. Keeneland January will look a whole lot different if Azeri sells than it will look if she doesn't. Book 1 totaled \$48-million last year. The last three years the entire sale has grossed \$72m., \$72m., and \$70-million."

-Bill Oppenheim

SALES CALENDAR

January - March, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SALE</u>
JANUARY	
6-7 Jan	OBS Winter Mixed Sale
12-17 Jan	Keeneland Jan Mixed Sale
26-Jan	Barretts Jan Mixed Sale
27-29 Jan	Doncaster Jan Sale
FEBRUARY	
5-6 Feb	Tattersalls Feb Sale
8-9 Feb	FT KY Mixed Sale
9-13 Feb	Goffs Feb Sale
17-Feb	Arqana Mixed Sale
MARCH	
3-Mar	FT Calder 2yo Select Sale
6-Mar	Goffs at Kempton Breeze Up
10-Mar	Barretts March 2yo Sale
16-Mar	Adena Springs 2yo Sale at OBS
17-18 Mar	OBS Select 2yo Sale
31-Mar	FT TX 2yo Sale



In Europe, the two stallions at the top of the crop are both at Coolmore, namely **Holy Roman Emperor**, pressed into stud service as a three-year-old when ill-fated superstar George Washington (also by Danehill) proved infertile; and **Hurricane Run**, the 2005 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner from Montjeu's first crop. There may only be six names on the 'top of the crop' F2008 list, but they all have star quality.

Sires which retired in 2008, and will have their first foals this year, will have those foals racing as two- and three-year-olds in 2011-12. That's when we'll see whether Darley's most recent strategy to achieve superiority over Coolmore on the racetrack will be working. Acquiring all of them during or at the end of their racing careers, the Maktoum family retired no fewer than eight top prospects to their studs in Kentucky, England, and Ireland in 2008. Five of them are in Kentucky: **Street Sense**, the first horse to win the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Kentucky Derby, is especially important as he's the first horse they're standing by their own first superstar sire Street Cry. They also have the awesomely popular **Hard Spun** (Danzig), whose first mares in-foal actually out-averaged barnmate Street Sense; the rocket **Discreet Cat**; GI Haskell winner (defeating Hard Spun and Curlin) **Any Given Saturday**, by Distorted Humor; and Sheikh Hamdan's 2006 Horse of the Year, **Invasor**, conqueror of Bernardini. In Europe they retired 2007 G1 Epsom Derby winner **Authorized** (by Coolmore sire Montjeu); the unbeaten 2006 European champion two-year-old **Teofilo** (by Coolmore sire Galileo); and triple 2007 Group 1 winner **Manduro**, by the German sire sensation Monsun. It's estimated Sheikh Mohammed spent \$200-million on stallion prospects in 2007, and what he bought himself is a formidable lineup.

Though every one of these prospects boasts strong credentials, the one horse I could see having that elusive charismatic star quality which makes them the darlings of the commercial markets is Hard Spun. He's by Danzig. He's out of a stakes-winning mare by Alydar's son, Turkoman--a great cross. He comes from a long-established Darby Dan family which produced Classic winners and reasonable sires Little Current and Chateaugay. He was second in the GI Kentucky Derby, third in the GI Preakness, and fourth in the GI Belmont and then came back to win the seven-furlong GI King's Bishop S. at Saratoga, showing he had the raw speed. When you combine that kind of speed with that kind of class, the market loves that combination. The King's Bishop alone has quite a reputation as a 'sires' race. In 1996, Honour and Glory beat Elusive Quality and Distorted Humor in it, and it was also won by Tale of the Cat, Forestry and More Than Ready. Oh, and Hard Spun was also second to Curlin in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, and won two nine-furlong Grade II's the only times he ran on synthetic tracks. Tall, scopey, fast, versatile, well-bred; what can I say, he's got star quality. (Other King's Bishop winners on this list of 242: **Pomeroy**, **Henny Hughes**).

On The Track

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In The Blood

- An even better miler than his exceptional sire **Kingmambo**.
- His dam is a juvenile Gr.1 winner over 7f. by **Sadler's Wells**.

Henrythenavigator defeats Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Raven's Pass** to win the **St. James's Palace Stakes** in record time. Previous winners include the top sires **Giant's Causeway** & **Kingmambo**.



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For the third consecutive year, in 2008 Coolmore retired two top-of-the-crop prospects, both to Ireland: **Dylan Thomas**, one of the soundest, therefore 'virtuous,' top-class horses of recent times; and **Excellent Art**, a top three-year-old miler in 2007 and an unusual acquisition these days for them, in that they bought him in training, and he is by a non-Coolmore sire, Pivotal. But probably they quite like having a son of Pivotal to stand. Dylan Thomas, of course, is by the great Danehill. Coolmore is standing a top-of-the-crop son of Danehill in every one of these four sire crops: Oratorio, Holy Roman Emperor, Dylan Thomas and Duke of Marmalade. With Danehill Dancer and Rock of Gibraltar already carrying the flag for him, it would be no surprise if one of the four, at least, becomes to Danehill what Montjeu and Galileo became to Sadler's Wells--a world-class sire son.

There's an awful lot of bleating among breeders and breeding journalists about how the old-fashioned virtues of soundness, honesty, and durability need to be reinforced in contemporary pedigrees. Fine: breed to Dylan Thomas. From the time he appeared on the scene, when finishing third to Sir Percy at 25-1 in the 2006 G1 Epsom Derby, Dylan Thomas proved himself over and over again to be a tip-top performer who possessed all these virtues, in spades, that we hear so much about. He was equally effective at 10 or 12 furlongs, as is demonstrated by his having gone on to win both the G1 Irish Derby (12 furlongs) and the G1 Irish Champion S. (10 furlongs) as a three-year-old. Rated 129 by *Timeform* at three, he was even better at four. In his first eight starts of the year, after a tune-up win in the Alleged S. (L), he finished first (four times) or second (three times) in seven consecutive Group 1 races, winning the Prix Ganay, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., the Irish Champion S. (for a second time), and capping it off with a win in the 2007 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. His three seconds in that stretch were all at or around 10 furlongs, but so were two of his Group 1 wins. *Timeform* rated him 132 in *Racehorses of 2007*. I defy any pundit to explain to me how this is not exactly the sort of horse they are all telling us breeders should use in order to restore the great virtues to the breed. I agree with them, too, and here's the horse. And remember, Galileo and Montjeu both once stood for €35,000, too.

Though Kentucky studmasters other than Darley were knocked out of the picture for most of the top prospects in this sire crop, there were four other stallions retired to Kentucky in 2008 which stood last year for \$25,000-\$40,000, and will stand this year for \$25,000-\$30,000: **Corinthian** (Gainesway); **After Market** (Lane's End); **English Channel** (Hurricane Hall); and **Lawyer Ron** (Stonewall). Of those, 2007 GI Met Mile and inaugural Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Corinthian, by the potentially emerging sire of sires Pulpit (sire of Sky Mesa and Tapit), was the one who achieved a six-figure covering sire average in November.



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Darley



Not that covering-sire average is much of an indicator, but Corinthian did finish third among North American sires, with an average of \$174,928, ahead of both Invasor and Any Given Saturday. The only European top-of-the-crop sire prospect not captured by Coolmore or Darley was **Lawman**, the 2007 G1 Prix du Jockey-Club (10 ½-furlong 'new' French Derby) winner, by the very good young sire Invincible Spirit. Lawman went to Ballylinch, in Ireland.

I counted 13 top-of-the-crop prospects retiring this year. Four of them are \$20,000 horses standing in Kentucky, of which three are 'neutral': **First Defence** (Juddmonte), and the Hill 'n' Dale pair of **Heatseeker** and dual GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner **Midnight Lute**--he's sure to be extra-popular. Coolmore retired two top-of-the-crop prospects to Ashford in Kentucky: the \$20,000 stallion **Majestic Warrior**, by A.P. Indy and winner of the 2007 GI Hopeful; and **Henrythenavigator**, a crack miler by Mr. Prospector's important 'neutral' son Kingmambo. Winner of the six-furlong G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot as a two-year-old, 'Henry' came back at three to defeat all comers, including New Approach and Raven's Pass, twice each, in sweeping the three most important Group 1 mile races for three-year-olds in Europe in the spring and early summer: the English and Irish Two Thousand Guineas, and the St. James's Palace S. at Royal Ascot. It says a lot for both **New Approach** and **Raven's Pass**, who both finished up running in Princess Haya's colors, that they both came back to accomplish as much as they did. New Approach came back to triumph in the G1 Epsom Derby, then came back again, after missing the Irish Derby and finishing third to **Duke of Marmalade** in the G1 Juddmonte International, to finish his career with a 10-furlong Group 1 double in winning the Irish Champion S. and the Champion S. at Newmarket. Raven's Pass, of course, came back to beat Henrythenavigator twice, in the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot over a mile, then when they ran a famous one-two in the 2008 GI Breeders' Cup Classic. There are some credentials among those three.

For his part, Duke of Marmalade, a homebred Coolmore product, probably the last of the great Danehills and out of a Kingmambo mare, won five Group 1 races between April and August last year. Four of them were at 10 to 10 ½ furlongs, including the Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot and the Juddmonte at York, with a win in the 12-furlong King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S, in between. He goes to Coolmore in Ireland, giving them three top-of-the-crop candidates this year instead of their usual two. Also, two of them are in Kentucky, which is a boost for Ashford. Darley retires New Approach and Raven's Pass in Europe, and the dual Grade I-winning sprinter **Street Boss**, like Street Sense from Street Cry's first crop, to Kentucky. Sheikh Hamdan retires **Tamayuz**, the top French three-year-old colt at a mile, to Derrinstown in Ireland, giving the Maktoums four top-of-the-crop prospects retiring in all, at least in North America and Europe, in 2009.

Kentucky studmasters did rather better this year than last. Lane's End gets **Curlin**, the all-time leading money earner outside of Japan, and the first North American-based horse to earn over \$10 million; and Three Chimneys gets **Big Brown**, dual Classic winner and, by miles, the top three-year-old colt of 2007. Lane's End also gets **War Pass**, the top two-year-old colt of 2007.

When you look at these 42 top-of-the-crop sire prospects as a whole, three things stand out. First, the rise of the Maktoum family as a force in the stallion market; they stand 16 of the 42 stallions on that list, divided equally: eight in Kentucky, eight in Europe. Second, we can see how Coolmore is sticking with the program that got them there: very selective, the highest possible quality only, and mostly by their own, in-house, absolute top-drawer sires. Whereas Darley, in the last four sire crops, leads Coolmore in North America in top-of-the-crop prospects eight to two, in Europe it is only eight to seven. Darley's biggest growth spurt was in Kentucky, in 2008 retirements.

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The third notable point is that, with Coolmore based in Ireland and the Maktoums (Darley plus Shadwell) operating from Dalham Hall and the Nunnery in England, and from Kildangan and Derrinstown in Ireland, there has been very little left over for the 'neutral' stallion farms in Europe, especially in England. Of the 17 top-of-the-crop 'neutral' stallions we've identified, 15 stand in Kentucky, where there is clearly still much more diversity of choice. Only two stand in Ireland, Azamour at the Aga Khan's Giltown Stud, and Lawman at Ballylinch. None stand in England. Though that is the case, I must emphasize, only with the most expensive stallions. Some of the most successful sires among the 242 we've listed are sure to be among the 200 now standing for less than 'top-of-the-crop' stud fees, but it is notable that the top commercial prospects from these crops in Europe are stationed exclusively in Ireland, or on Maktoum farms in England.

Value Pick: Ramonti...

Though I've concentrated on the most expensive prospects from these four crops, there will any number of good buys, at retail or below-retail prices, among the 200 we've listed but didn't mention. One who absolutely jumps off the page is **Ramonti**, retiring for 2009 to Darley's Irish stud, Kildangan, for just €5,000. He won two Group 1's and two Group 2's in Italy at three and four when trained by the Bottis, and he won four Group 1's for Godolphin as a five-year-old in 2007, three of them in Britain at one mile: the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot; the Sussex at Goodwood; and the Queen Elizabeth II S., back at Ascot in September. He also ran second in two other one-mile Group 1's, the Lockinge and the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, and closed out the year with a 10-furlong Group 1 win in Hong Kong, with Viva Pataca and Vengeance of Rain behind him. He met Excellent Art twice--in the Sussex and Queen Elizabeth S.--and beat him twice. Fair enough, Excellent Art is by Pivotal and Ramonti is all Italian-bred, by Marju's son Martino Alonso out of an Italian family--though, at least, his first two dams are by El Gran Senor and Alleged, and his third dam was the Italian champion two-year-old filly and then-Group 3 (now Group 1) Prix de l'Astarte winner Moon Ingraver, by Kalamoun. So it's not a hopeless pedigree. Excellent Art, rated 125 by Timeform in *Racehorses of 2007*, is down from €25,000 last year to €17,500 this year. Ramonti, rated 126, retires at €5,000. You can catalogue all the if's and but's you want, but I'd call him an outstanding buy, at €5,000 for 2009.

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(242 Sires, listed Alphabetically)

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	FARM	2009 FEE	2008 FEE	2007 FEE
A.P. WARRIOR	2003	A. P. INDY	2008	KY	STONEWALL	\$15000	15000	20000
AD VALOREM	2002	DANZIG	2008	IR	COOLMORE	€7000	12500	15000
AFLEET ALEX	2002	NORTHERN AFLEET	2007	KY	GAINESWAY	\$20000	40000	40000
AFTER MARKET	2003	STORM CAT	2009	KY	LANE'S END	\$25000	30000	-----
ALUMNI HALL	1999	A.P. INDY	2008	ON	NORSE RIDGE	C\$5000	5000	-----
AMADEUS WOLF	2003	MOZART	2009	IR	IR NAT'L STUD	€8000	10000	-----
ANDROMEDA'S HERO	2002	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	2008	NY	DUCHESS VIEWS	\$6000	6000	12500
ANTONIUS PIUS	2001	DANZIG	2007	IR	COOLMORE	€5000	7500	8000
ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	2004	DISTORTED HUMOR	2009	KY	DARLEY	\$30000	40000	-----
ARAFA	2003	MULL OF KINTRYE	2008	GB	PLANTATION	£9000	12000	15000
ARAGORN	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2008	KY	LANE'S END	\$15000	30000	30000
ARTIE SCHILLER	2001	EL PRADO	2008	KY	HURRICANE HALL	\$15000	15000	15000
ASTRONOMER ROYAL	2004	DANZIG	2010	FR	H REBOUSIERE	€8000	-----	-----
AUSSIE RULES	2003	DANEHILL	2008	IR	COOLMORE	€8000	12500	15000
AUTHORIZED	2004	MONTJEU	2009	IR	KILDANGAN	€25000	25000	-----
AZAMOUR	2001	NIGHT SHIFT	2007	IR	GILLTOWN	€15000	25000	25000
BADGE OF SILVER	2000	SILVER DEPUTY	2008	KY	AIRDRIE	\$15000	15000	15000
BALMONT	2001	STRAVINSKY	2008	IR	TARA STUD	€5000	5000	5000
BANDINI	2002	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	2008	KY	WALMAC	\$15000	17500	17500
BELLAMY ROAD	2002	CONCERTO	2008	KY	HURRICANE HALL	\$10000	10000	12500
BERNARDINI	2003	A. P. INDY	2008	KY	DARLEY	\$75000	100000	100000
BEST MINISTER	2000	DEPUTY MINISTER	2008	CA	GETAWAY	\$6500	6500	6500
BIG BROWN	2005	BOUNDARY	2010	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	\$65000	-----	-----
BLAZONRY	2000	HENNESSY	2007	KY	HOPEWELL	\$5000	5000	5000
BLUEGRASS CAT	2003	STORM CAT	2008	KY	WINSTAR	\$40000	50000	50000
BOB AND JOHN	2003	SEEKING THE GOLD	2009	KY	PIN OAK	\$12500	12500	-----
BORREGO	2001	EL PRADO	2008	KY	WINTERGREEN	\$20000	20000	20000
BROTHER DEREK	2003	BENCHMARK	2010	KY	AIRDRIE	\$10000	-----	-----
BUSTIN STONES	2004	CITY ZIP	2010	NY	WALDORF	\$6500	-----	-----
BWANA CHARLIE	2001	INDIAN CHARLIE	2007	FL	JOURNEYMAN	\$5000	6500	6500
CACIQUE	2001	DANEHILL	2008	GB	BANSTEAD MNR	Private	10000	12000
CASTLEDALE	2001	PEINTRE CELEBRE	2007	KY	CRESTWOOD	\$6000	6000	6000
CHELOKEE	2004	CHEROKEE RUN	2010	KY	VINERY	\$7500	-----	-----
CHINEUR	2001	FASLIYEV	2007	IR	TALLY-HO	€5000	5500	5500
CIRCULAR QUAY	2004	THUNDER GULCH	2010	FL	JOURNEYMAN	\$12500	-----	-----
CLOSING ARGUMENT	2002	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	2007	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$12500	12500	10000
COCKNEY REBEL	2004	VAL ROYAL	2009	GB	NATIONAL STUD	£8000	10000	-----
CONGRATS	2000	A. P. INDY	2008	FL	VINERY SOUTH	\$10000	12500	12500
CONSOLIDATOR	2002	STORM CAT	2007	KY	DARLEY	\$15000	20000	20000
CORINTHIAN	2003	PULPIT	2009	KY	GAINESWAY	\$30000	40000	-----
COUGAR CAT	2002	STORM CAT	2010	KY	RICHLAND HILLS	\$5000	-----	-----
COUNTRY REEL	2000	DANZIG	2007	FR	H DE LOGIS	€4500	4500	4500
COWTOWN CAT	2004	DISTORTED HUMOR	2010	FL	JOURNEYMAN	\$8000	-----	-----
CRAFTY SHAW	1998	CRAFY PROSPECTOR	2007	KY	BUCK POND	\$5000	5000	5000



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SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	FARM	2009 FEE	2008 FEE	2007 FEE
CURLIN	2004	SMART STRIKE	2010	KY	LANE'S END	\$75000	-----	-----
DA STOOPS	2003	DISTORTED HUMOR	2008	KY	STONEWALL	\$5000	5000	-----
DAAHER	2004	AWESOME AGAIN	2009	KY	SHADWELL	\$16000	30000	-----
DANCE WITH RAVENS	2002	A. P. INDY	2007	MD	NORTHVIEW	\$7500	7500	7500
DARK ANGEL	2005	ACCLAMATION	2009	IR	MORRISTOWN	€10000	10000	-----
DEFER	2002	DANZIG	2009	NY	EMPIRE STUD	\$5000	6500	-----
DIAMOND GREEN	2001	GREEN DESERT	2008	IR	BALLYHANE	€7000	8000	8000
DISCREET CAT	2003	FORESTY	2009	KY	DARLEY	\$25000	30000	-----
DIVINE PARK	2004	CHESTER HOUSE	2010	KY	AIRDRIE	\$17500	-----	-----
DOYEN	2000	SADLER'S WELLS	2007	GB	DALHAM HALL	£5000	7000	9000
DUBAWI	2002	DUBAI MILLENIUM	2007	GB	DALHAM HALL	£15000	40000	25000
DUKE OF MARMALADE	2004	DANEHILL	2010	IR	COOLMORE	€40000	-----	-----
DUTCH ART	2004	MEDICEAN	2009	GB	CHEVELEY PARK	£6000	10000	-----
DYLAN THOMAS	2003	DANEHILL	2009	IR	COOLMORE	€35000	50000	-----
EASING ALONG	1998	STORM CAT	2009	KY	CLAIBORNE	\$10000	10000	-----
ECCLESIASTIC	2001	PULPIT	2009	PA	REGAL HEIR	\$5000	5000	-----
EDDINGTON	2001	UNBRIDLED	2007	KY	CLAIBORNE	\$15000	20000	20000
ELITE SQUADRON	2004	OFFICER	2010	KY	WINTERGREEN	\$7500	-----	-----
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2002	SMART STRIKE	2009	KY	HURRICANE HALL	\$25000	25000	-----
EUROSILVER	2001	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2007	KY	DROMOLAND	\$10000	12500	12500
EXCELLENT ART	2004	PIVOTAL	2009	IR	COOLMORE	€17500	25000	-----
FAIRBANKS	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2010	PA	NORTHVIEW	\$7500	-----	-----
FALCO	2005	PIVOTAL	2010	FR	HARAS D'ETREHAM	€12000	-----	-----
FANTASTICAT	2001	STORM CAT	2007	MD	BONITA FARM	\$4500	4500	4500
FIRST DEFENCE	2004	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2010	KY	JUDDMONTE	\$20000	-----	-----
FIRST SAMURAI	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2008	KY	CLAIBORNE	\$30000	40000	40000
FLASHY BULL	2003	HOLY BULL	2009	KY	AIRDRIE	\$8500	10000	-----
FLOWER ALLEY	2002	DISTORTED HUMOR	2008	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	\$20000	25000	25000
FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2007	IR	COOLMORE	€12500	20000	22500
FOREST DANGER	2001	FORESTRY	2007	KY	TAYLOR MADE	\$12500	20000	20000
FOREST GROVE	2001	FORESTRY	2008	KY	AIRDRIE	\$5000	7500	7500
FRIENDLY ISLAND	2001	CRAFTY FRIEND	2009	NY	SUGAR MAPLE	\$5000	5000	-----
GATORS 'N BEARS	2000	STORMY ATLANTIC	2007	MD	BONITA FARM	\$5000	5000	5000
GENTLEWAVE	2003	MONSUN	2008	FR	H DU THENNEY	€4500	4500	4500
GHOSTZAPPER	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	2007	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	\$125000	150000	150000
GIACOMO	2002	HOLY BULL	2008	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	\$7500	12500	12500
GOOD JOURNEY	1996	NUREYEV	2008	CA	MAGALI	\$7500	7500	7500
GOOD REWARD	2001	STORM CAT	2008	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	\$10000	15000	15000
GRAND REWARD	2001	STORM CAT	2007	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$8500	12500	12500
GREAT JOURNEY	2001	SUNDAY SILENCE	2009	FR	H DE LONRAY	€6000	5000	-----
GREELEY'S GALAXY	2002	MR GREELEY	2008	NY	SUGAR MAPLE	\$5000	7500	7500
HAATEF	2004	DANZIG	2010	IR	DERRINSTOWN	€6500	-----	-----
HALF OURS	2003	UNBRIDLED SONG	2009	KY	TAYLOR MADE	\$12500	15000	-----
HARD SPUN	2004	DANZIG	2009	KY	DARLEY	\$40000	50000	-----
HARLINGTON	2002	UNBRIDLED	2010	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$10000	-----	-----
HAT TRICK	2001	SUNDAY SILENCE	2009	KY	WALMAC	\$12500	15000	-----
HEATSEEKER	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2010	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$20000	-----	-----
HELIOSTATIC	2003	GALILEO	2009	IR	OAK LODGE	€5000	6500	-----
HENNY HUGHES	2003	HENNESSY	2008	KY	DARLEY	\$30000	40000	40000
HENRYTHENAVIGATOR	2005	KINGMAMBO	2010	KY	ASHFORD	\$65000	-----	-----
HIGH COTTON	2003	DIXIE UNION	2009	FL	OCALA STUD	\$5000	5000	-----
HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	2004	DANEHILL	2008	IR	COOLMORE	€25000	35000	40000
HORSE GREELEY	2004	MR. GREELEY	2010	KY	CLAIBORNE	\$7500	-----	-----
HURRICANE RUN	2002	MONTJEU	2008	IR	COOLMORE	€20000	30000	30000
IFFRAAJ	2001	ZAFONIC	2008	IR	KILDANGAN	€8000	12000	12000
IMPERIALISM	2001	LANGFUHR	2008	FL	GETAWAY FARM	\$5000	5000	5000



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INDYGO SHINER	1998	A. P. INDY	2010	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$7500	-----	-----
INTO MISCHIEF	2005	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2010	KY	SPENDTHRIFT	\$12500	-----	-----
INVASOR	2002	CANDY STRIPES	2009	KY	SHADWELL	\$28000	35000	-----
ISTAN	2002	GONE WEST	2009	KY	AIRDRIE	\$8500	10000	-----
IT'S NO JOKE	2002	DISTORTED HUMOR	2008	KY	STONEWALL	\$5000	5000	10000
JAZIL	2003	SEEKING THE GOLD	2009	KY	SHADWELL	\$10000	12500	-----
JEREMY	2003	DANEHILL DANCER	2009	IR	IR NAT'L STUD	€8000	12500	-----
KELA	1998	NUMEROUS	2007	KY	MARGAUX	\$7500	7500	7500
KINGSGATE NATIVE	2005	MUJADIL	2010	GB	CHEVELEY PARK	£7500	-----	-----
KITALPHA	1999	MR. PROSPECTOR	2009	KY	WAR HORSE PLACE	\$12500	12500	-----
KITTEN'S JOY	2001	EL PRADO	2007	KY	RAMSEY FARM	\$20000	30000	30000
KODIAK KOWBOY	2005	POSSE	2010	KY	VINERY	TBA	-----	-----
LATENT HEAT	2003	MARIA'S MON	2009	KY	WOODS EDGE	\$12500	15000	-----
LAURA'S LUCKY BOY	2001	THEATRICAL	2009	ON	CENTENNIAL FARMS	€5000	5000	-----
LAWMAN	2004	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	2009	IR	BALLYLINCH	€20000	25000	-----
LAWYER RON	2003	LANGFUHR	2009	KY	STONEWALL	\$25000	30000	-----
LAYMAN	2002	SUNDAY SILENCE	2008	FR	H DU LOGIS	€5000	5000	5000
LEROIDESANIMAUX	2000	CANDY STRIPES	2007	KY	STONEWALL	\$17500	17500	25000
LEWIS MICHAEL	2003	RAHY	2010	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	\$12500	-----	-----
LIBRETTIST	2002	DANZIG	2008	GB	DALHAM HALL	£7000	10000	10000
LIMEHOUSE	2001	GRAND SLAM	2007	KY	VINERY	\$10000	15000	17500
LINNGARI	2002	INDIAN RIDGE	2010	FR	H DE BONNEVAL	€5000	-----	-----
LITERATO	2004	KENDOR	2010	FR	H REBOUSIERE	€6000	-----	-----
MAGNA GRADUATE	2002	HONOR GRADES	2010	KY	DARBY DAN	\$5000	-----	-----
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	2005	A. P. INDY	2010	KY	ASHFORD	\$20000	-----	-----
MANDURO	2002	MONSUN	2009	GB	DALHAM HALL	£20000	40000	-----
MASTER COMMAND	2002	A. P. INDY	2009	KY	TAYLOR MADE	\$15000	10000	-----
MEDALLIST	2001	TOUCH GOLD	2007	MD	NORTHVIEW	\$5000	5000	8500
MIDAS EYES	2000	TOUCH GOLD	2007	NY	EMPIRE STUD	\$6000	7500	7500
MIDNIGHT LUTE	2003	REAL QUIET	2010	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$20000	-----	-----
MINGUN	2000	A.P. INDY	2007	KY	LANE'S END	\$5000	7500	7500
MINISTER'S WILDCAT	2000	DEPUTY MINISTER	2007	CA	TOMMY TOWN	\$7500	7500	7500
MOBIL	2000	LANGFUHR	2007	ON	SCHONBERG	€5000	5000	6500
MOSS VALE	2001	SHINKO FOREST	2009	IR	RATHBARRY	€5000	5000	-----
MOTIVATOR	2002	MONTJEU	2007	GB	ROYAL STUDS	£10000	15000	15000
MOUNT NELSON	2004	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	2010	GB	NEWSSELLS	£10000	-----	-----
MR. SEKIGUCHI	2003	STORM CAT	2009	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$5000	5000	-----
NEW APPROACH	2005	GALILEO	2010	GB	DALHAM HALL	£30000	-----	-----
NIIGON	2001	UNBRIDLED	2008	ON	COLEBROOK	€5000	5000	5000
NOBIZ LIKE SHOBIZ	2004	ALBERT THE GREAT	2010	KY	DARBY DAN	\$7500	-----	-----
NOBLE CAUSEWAY	2002	GIANTS CAUSEWAY	2009	KY	CRESTWOOD	\$5000	5000	-----
NORTH LIGHT	2001	DANEHILL	2007	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	\$15000	25000	30000
NOTIONAL	2004	IN EXCESS	2010	KY	SPENDTHRIFT	\$10000	-----	-----
NOTNOWCATO	2002	INCHINOR	2009	GB	STANLEY HOUSE	£6000	8000	-----
OFFLEE WILD	2000	WILD AGAIN	2007	KY	DARLEY	\$7500	10000	10000
ONE GREAT CAT	2005	STORM CAT	2010	PA	REGAL HEIR	\$5000	-----	-----
ORATORIO	2002	DANEHILL	2007	IR	COOLMORE	€17500	25000	27500
ORATORY	2002	PULPIT	2007	MD	COUNTRY LIFE	\$5000	5000	5000
PAPAL BULL	2003	MONTJEU	2010	IR	COOLAGOWN	€7500	-----	-----
PASTORAL PURSUITS	2001	BAHAMIAN BOUNTY	2007	GB	NATIONAL STUD	£4500	4500	6000
PATRIOT ACT	2002	A. P. INDY	2009	NY	DUCHESS VIEWS	\$6000	6000	-----
PAVAROTTI	2004	A. P. INDY	2009	FL	HARTLEY DE RENZO	\$5000	6500	-----
POLITICAL FORCE	2003	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2009	KY	CLAIBORNE	\$12500	15000	-----
POLLARD'S VISION	2001	CARSON CITY	2007	KY	WINTERGREEN	\$10000	10000	10000
POMEROY	2001	BOUNDARY	2008	FL	VINERY SOUTH	\$8000	10000	12500
POWERSCOURT	2000	SADLER'S WELLS	2007	KY	ASHFORD	\$7500	7500	10000
PURGE	2001	PULPIT	2007	KY	VINERY	\$12500	20000	20000



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PURIM	2002	DYNAFORMER	2009	KY	RICHLAND HILLS	\$10000	10000	-----
RAIL LINK	2003	DANSILI	2009	GB	BANSTEAD MANOR	£12000	12500	-----
RAKTI	1999	POLISH PRECEDENT	2007	IR	IR NAT'L STUD	€5000	8000	10000
RAMONTI	2002	MARTINO ALONSO	2010	IR	KILDANGAN	€5000	-----	-----
RAVEN'S PASS	2005	ELUSIVE QUALITY	2010	IR	KILDANGAN	€40000	-----	-----
READY'S IMAGE	2005	MORE THAN READY	2010	KY	WALMAC	\$12500	-----	-----
RED CLUBS	2003	RED RANSOM	2009	IR	TALLY-HO	€10000	12500	-----
REY DE CAFÉ	2002	KINGMAMBO	2008	FL	DOUBLEDIAMOND	\$5000	5000	5000
ROCK HARD TEN	2001	KRIS S.	2007	KY	LANE'S END	\$30000	50000	50000
ROCKPORT HARBOR	2002	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2008	KY	DARLEY	\$15000	20000	20000
ROMAN RULER	2002	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	2007	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$20000	30000	30000
ROYAL ASSAULT	2001	KRIS S.	2009	FR	H DE BERNESQ	€5000	-----	-----
RUN AWAY AND HIDE	2006	CITY ZIP	2010	KY	DARBY DAN	\$7500	-----	-----
SABRE D'ARGENT	2000	KRIS S.	2008	FL	DOUBLEDIAMOND	\$7500	5000	5000
SAINT ANDDAN	2002	A. P. INDY	2009	FL	JOURNEYMAN	\$5500	6500	-----
SAKHEE'S SECRET	2004	SAKHEE	2010	GB	WHITSBURY MANOR	£6500	-----	-----
SALUTE THE SARGE	2005	FOREST WILDCAT	2010	KY	WALMAC	\$7500	-----	-----
SCAT DADDY	2004	JOHANNESBURG	2009	KY	ASHFORD	\$22500	30000	-----
SCIPION	2002	A.P. INDY	2008	MD	MURMUR FARM	\$6000	6000	-----
SEEKING THE BEST	2001	SEEKING THE GOLD	2009	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$6500	7500	-----
SEEKING THE DIA	2001	STORM CAT	2010	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$10000	-----	-----
SHAKESPEARE	2001	THEATRICAL	2009	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$15000	20000	-----
SHAMARDAL	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2007	IR	KILDANGAN	€20000	25000	40000
SHANIKO	2001	A.P. INDY	2008	KY	MILLENNIUM	\$5000	5000	7500
SHARP HUMOR	2003	DISTORTED HUMOR	2008	KY	WINSTAR	\$12500	12500	12500
SHIROCCO	2001	MONSUN	2008	IR	KILDANGAN	€10000	10000	10000
SHOWING UP	2003	STRATEGIC MISSION	2010	FL	ADENA SOUTH	\$7500	-----	-----
SIGHTSEEING	2004	PULPIT	2010	KY	RICHLAND HILLS	\$7500	-----	-----
SILENT NAME	2002	SUNDAY SILENCE	2009	KY	ADENA SPRINGS	\$5000	7500	-----
SILVER TRAIN	2002	OLD TRIESTE	2008	KY	VINERY	\$17500	25000	25000
SILVER WAGON	2001	WAGON LIMIT	2009	NY	EMPIRE STUD	\$5000	5000	-----
SIMON PURE	2003	SILVER DEPUTY	2009	FL	HARTLEY/DERENZO	\$5000	5000	-----
SINGLETARY	2000	SULTRY SONG	2007	CA	CARDIFF	\$5000	5000	5000
SIR PERCY	2003	MARK OF ESTEEM	2009	GB	LANWADES	€7000	8000	-----
SIR SHACKLETON	2001	MISWAKI	2008	KY	CASTLETON LYONS	\$5000	5000	7500
SIXTIES ICON	2003	GALILEO	2010	GB	NORMAN COURT	£6000	-----	-----
SOLDIER HOLLOW	2000	IN THE WINGS	2010	GE	G ROTTGEN	€6500	-----	-----
SOUTHERN IMAGE	2000	HALO'S IMAGE	2007	KY	TAYLOR MADE	\$7500	10000	15000
SPRING AT LAST	2003	SILVER DEPUTY	2010	KY	WINSTAR	\$15000	-----	-----
ST AVERIL	2001	SAINT BALLADO	2007	MD	BONITA FARM	\$4500	4500	4500
STAR DABBLER	2003	SAINT BALLADO	2008	KY	RICHLAND HILLS	\$7500	7500	7500
STATE CITY	1999	CARSON CITY	2007	KY	BUCK POND	\$5000	7500	10000
STEVIE WONDERBOY	2003	STEPHEN GOT EVEN	2009	KY	AIRDRIE	\$15000	17500	-----
STORM SURGE	2002	STORM CAT	2009	KY	RICHLAND HILLS	\$5000	7500	-----
STORMELLO	2004	STORMY ATLANTIC	2009	KY	VINERY	\$7500	15000	-----
STORMY RIVER	2003	VERGLAS	2009	FR	H D'ETREHAM	€8000	8000	-----
STRATEGIC PRINCE	2004	DANSILLI	2009	IR	COOLMORE	€6000	9000	-----
STREET BOSS	2004	STREET CRY	2010	KY	DARLEY	\$25000	-----	-----
STREET HERO	2006	STREET CRY	2010	KY	VINERY	\$12500	-----	-----
STREET SENSE	2004	STREET CRY	2009	KY	DARLEY	\$60000	75000	-----
STRONG CONTENDER	2003	MARIA'S MON	2008	KY	STONEWALL	\$10000	10000	10000
STRUT THE STAGE	1998	THEATRICAL	2008	ON	COLEBROOK	C\$5000	5000	5000
STUDENT COUNCIL	2002	KINGMAMBO	2010	KY	MILLENNIUM	\$17500	-----	-----
SUAVE	2001	A. P. INDY	2008	KY	DARBY DAN	\$12500	17500	17500
SUN KING	2002	CHARISMATIC	2009	KY	DARBY DAN	\$10000	10000	-----
SUNRIVER	2003	SAINT BALLADO	2009	NY	EMPIRE STUD	\$12500	15000	-----
SURVIVALIST	2002	DANZIG	2008	ON	PARK STUD	C\$10000	10000	10000



SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	FARM	2009 FEE	2008 FEE	2007 FEE
SWEET RETURN	2000	ELMAAMUL	2009	FL	JOURNEYMAN	\$5000	7500	-----
TAMAYUZ	2005	NAYEF	2010	IR	DERRINSTOWN	€15000	-----	-----
TASTE OF PARADISE	1999	CONQUISTADOR CIELO	2007	KY	CRESTWOOD	\$6000	6000	6000
TEOFILO	2004	GALILEO	2009	IR	KILDANGAN	€25000	40000	-----
TEUFLESBERG	2004	JOHANNESBURG	2009	KY	HURRICANE HALL	\$5000	10000	-----
THE DADDY	2000	VALID EXPECTATIONS	2008	FL	MARTIN STABLES	\$5000	5000	5000
THE GREEN MONKEY	2004	FORESTRY	2009	FL	HARTLEY/DERENZO	\$5000	-----	-----
THOUSAND WORDS	2004	DANSILI	2010	IR	RATHASKER STUD	€5000	-----	-----
THREE VALLEYS	2001	DIESIS	2009	GB	BANSTEAD MNR	£6000	6000	-----
TIZ WONDERFUL	2004	TIZNOW	2010	KY	SPENDTHRIFT	\$12500	-----	-----
TOYLSOME	1990	CADEAUX GENEREUX	2009	GE	G ERFTMUHLE	€5000	5000	-----
TURTLE BOWL	2002	DYHIM DIAMNOND	2009	FR	H REBOUSIERE	€5000	5000	-----
UNBRIDLED ENERGY	2002	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2008	KY	CRESTWOOD	\$10000	10000	10000
UTOPIA	2000	FORTY NINER	2009	NY	MCPAHON	\$7500	7500	-----
VALUE PLUS	2001	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2007	KY	STONEWALL	\$10000	12500	12500
VITA ROSA	2000	SUNDAY SILENCE	2010	GB	LANWADES	£4500	-----	-----
WANDO	2000	LANGFUHR	2007	KY	LANE'S END	\$5000	5000	7500
WAR FRONT	2002	DANZIG	2008	KY	CLAIBORNE	\$12500	12500	12500
WAR PASS	2005	CHEROKEE RUN	2010	KY	LANE'S END	\$30000	-----	-----
WEATHER WARNING	2004	STORM CAT	2009	ON	NORSE RIDGE	C\$5000	5000	-----
WHIPPER	2001	MIESQUE'S SON	2007	IR	BALLYLINCH	€12000	12000	12000
WILD DESERT	2002	WILD RUSH	2009	NY	MCPAHON	\$7500	7500	-----
WILDCAT HEIR	2000	FOREST WILDCAT	2007	FL	JOURNEYMAN	\$6500	8000	8000
WILKO	2002	AWESOME AGAIN	2009	FL	ADENA SOUTH	\$7500	10000	-----
WILL HE SHINE	2002	SILVER DEPUTY	2009	KY	MILLENNIUM	\$6500	6500	-----
WITH DISTINCTION	2001	STORM CAT	2008	FL	HARTLEY/DERENZO	\$7500	7500	7500
WOKE UP DREAMIN	2000	HOLY BULL	2007	KY	MILLENNIUM	\$5000	5000	6500
ZANJERO	2004	CHEROKEE RUN	2010	KY	MILLENNIUM	\$10000	-----	-----

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SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	ST	FARM	2009 Fee	2008 Fee	2007 Fee	2008 Sold	Average (\$)
1st Foals 2007									
GHOSTZAPPER	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	Ky	ADENA SPRINGS	\$125000	150000	150000	33	283,272
ROCK HARD TEN	2001	KRIS S.	KY	LANE'S END	\$30000	50000	50000	45	151,111
SHAMARDAL	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	IR	KILDANGAN	€20000	25000	40000	47	146,227
DUBAWI	2002	DUBAI MILLENIUM	GB	DALHAM HALL	£15000	40000	25000	55	121,215
AFLEET ALEX	2002	NORTHERN AFLEET	KY	GAINESWAY	\$20000	40000	40000	67	120,379
ORATORIO	2002	DANEHILL	IR	COOLMORE	€17500	25000	27500	54	113,537
AZAMOUR	2001	NIGHT SHIFT	IR	GILLTOWN	€15000	25000	25000	30	81,354
FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	IR	COOLMORE	€12500	20000	22500	58	67,239
1st Foals 2008									
BERNARDINI	2003	A. P. INDY	KY	DARLEY	\$75000	100000	100000	6	456,666
BLUEGRASS CAT	2003	STORM CAT	KY	WINSTAR	\$40000	50000	50000	12	158,916
HENNY HUGHES	2003	HENNESSY	KY	DARLEY	\$30000	40000	40000	13	151,692
HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	2004	DANEHILL	IR	COOLMORE	€25000	35000	40000	17	121,790
FIRST SAMURAI	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	KY	CLAIBORNE	\$30000	40000	40000	10	101,950
HURRICANE RUN	2002	MONTJEU	IR	COOLMORE	€20000	30000	30000	11	70,336
1st Foals 2009									
HARD SPUN	2004	DANZIG	KY	DARLEY	\$40000	50000	-----	14	356,571
STREET SENSE	2004	STREET CRY	KY	DARLEY	\$60000	75000	-----	9	322,222
DYLAN THOMAS	2003	DANEHILL	IR	COOLMORE	€35000	50000	-----	11	247,335
CORINTHIAN	2003	PULPIT	KY	GAINESWAY	\$30000	40000	-----	14	174,928
INVASOR	2002	CANDY STRIPES	KY	SHADWELL	\$28000	35000	-----	7	139,857
AUTHORIZED	2004	MONTJEU	IR	KILDANGAN	€25000	25000	-----	5	111,672
ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	2004	DISTORTED HUMOR	KY	DARLEY	\$30000	40000	-----	10	103,600
TEOFILO	2004	GALILEO	IR	KILDANGAN	€25000	40000	-----	8	96,195
MANDURO	2002	MONSUN	GB	DALHAM HALL	£20000	40000	-----	11	90,132
DISCREET CAT	2003	FORESTY	KY	DARLEY	\$25000	30000	-----	22	77,590
AFTER MARKET	2003	STORM CAT	KY	LANE'S END	\$25000	30000	-----	12	64,500
EXCELLENT ART	2004	PIVOTAL	IR	COOLMORE	€17500	25000	-----	12	59,367
LAWMAN	2004	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	IR	BALLYLINCH	€20000	25000	-----	4	54,925
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2002	SMART STRIKE	KY	HURRICANE HAL	\$25000	25000	-----	7	47,071
LAWYER RON	2003	LANGFUHR	KY	STONEWAL	\$25000	30000	-----	12	46,333
1st Foals 2010									
CURLIN	2004	SMART STRIKE	KY	LANE'S END	\$75000				
BIG BROWN	2005	BOUNDARY	KY	3 CHIMNEYS	\$65000				
HENRYTHENAVIGATOR	2005	KINGMAMBO	KY	ASHFORD	\$65000				
DUKE OF MARMALADE	2004	DANEHILL	IR	COOLMORE	€40000				
RAVEN'S PASS	2005	ELUSIVE QUALITY	IR	KILDANGAN	€40000				
NEW APPROACH	2005	GALILEO	GB	DALHAM HALL	£30000				
WAR PASS	2005	CHEROKEE RUN	KY	LANE'S END	\$30000				
STREET BOSS	2004	STREET CRY	KY	DARLEY	\$25000				
FIRST DEFENCE	2004	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	KY	JUDDMONTE	\$20000				
HEATSEEKER	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$20000				
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	2005	A. P. INDY	KY	ASHFORD	\$20000				
MIDNIGHT LUTE	2003	REAL QUIET	KY	HILL 'N' DALE	\$20000				
TAMAYUZ	2005	NAYEF	IR	DERRINSTOWN	€15000				

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WAR BETWEEN THE STATES: COOLMORE vs DARLEY, Top F2007-F2010 Sire Prospects

Coolmore	ST	1st Fls	Darley + Shadwell	ST	1st Fls	Neutral	ST	1st Fls
ORATORIO	IR	2007	SHAMARDAL	IR	2007	GHOSTZAPPER	KY	2007
FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	IR	2007	DUBAWI	GB	2007	ROCK HARD TEN	KY	2007
						AFLEET ALEX	KY	2007
						AZAMOUR	IR	2007
HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	IR	2008	BERNARDINI	KY	2008	BLUEGRASS CAT	KY	2008
HURRICANE RUN	IR	2008	HENNY HUGHES	KY	2008	FIRST SAMURAI	KY	2008
DYLAN THOMAS	IR	2009	STREET SENSE	KY	2009	CORINTHIAN	KY	2009
EXCELLENT ART	IR	2009	HARD SPUN	KY	2009	AFTER MARKET	KY	2009
			ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	KY	2009	ENGLISH CHANNEL	KY	2009
			INVASOR	KY	2009	LAWYER RON	KY	2009
			DISCREET CAT	KY	2009	LAWMAN	IR	2009
			AUTHORIZED	IR	2009			
			TEOFILO	IR	2009			
			MANDURO	GB	2009			
HENRYTHENAVIGATOR	KY	2010	RAVEN'S PASS	IR	2010	CURLIN	KY	2010
DUKE OF MARMALADE	IR	2010	NEW APPROACH	GB	2010	BIG BROWN	KY	2010
MAJESTIC WARRIOR	KY	2010	STREET BOSS	KY	2010	WAR PASS	KY	2010
			TAMAYUZ	IR	2010	FIRST DEFENCE	KY	2010
						HEATSEEKER	KY	2010
						MIDNIGHT LUTE	KY	2010
TOTAL = 9			TOTAL = 16			TOTAL = 17		
KY = 2			KY = 8			KY = 15		
IR = 7			IR,GB = 8			IR = 2		

Progeny PP Counts-Sophomore Sires, Last 90 Days

Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	SWnrs SWins	Stakes Horses	GSWnrs GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners Wins	G1-G2SWnrs G1-G2SWins
Candy Ride (Arg)	20	14	3 3	7	1 1	3	14 14	0 0
Chapel Royal	15	15	0 0	1	0 0	0	14 14	0 0
Medaglia D'oro	15	11	2 2	6	1 1	2	8 9	1 1
Speightstown	15	12	2 3	4	1 1	2	11 12	0 0
Tapit	15	13	3 4	5	2 2	4	11 12	2 2
Lion Heart	13	13	0 0	1	0 0	1	12 12	0 0
Friends Lake	12	10	2 2	3	0 0	0	9 11	0 0
Cuvee	10	7	1 1	4	0 0	0	7 7	0 0
Pleasantly Perfect	10	8	1 1	2	0 0	0	8 9	0 0
Peace Rules	8	6	1 1	1	0 0	0	6 7	0 0
Alke	7	4	0 0	0	0 0	0	4 7	0 0

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Cowtown Cat

Distorted Humor - Tom's Cat, by Storm Cat | \$8,000

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Deputy Commander - Glitters, by Glitterman | \$2,500

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Elusive Quality - First Glimmer, by Glitterman | \$4,000

Gaff

Maria's Mon - Ionlyhaveeyesforu, by Tunerup | \$3,000

Indy Wind

A.P. Indy - Zagora, by Kingmambo | \$2,500

Mass Media

Touch Gold - Sultry Allure, by Forty Niner | \$4,000

Saint Anddan

A.P. Indy - Adoradancer, by Danzig Connection | \$5,500

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 


FIGURES FALL AS EXCHANGE RATE COLT

TOPS OBS OPENER Noble Exchange (Exchange Rate), a newly turned yearling, topped yesterday's consignor preferred session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale in Florida. The gray, out of Social Scene (Tabasco Cat), is a half to stakes placed Winsome Charm (Silver Charm). Social Scene is a half sister to graded stakes placed Kew Green and Little Hans, as well as Japanese stakes winner Washington Color. Bred by Eddie and Kim James, the yearling was consigned by Janie Roper, Agent IV, and was purchased for \$87,000 by Eisaman Equine. During the lone preferred session of the auction, 168 horses sold for a gross of \$1,450,200. The average plummeted to \$8,632, from \$23,346 a year ago, while the median fell to \$4,100, down from \$16,000 in 2008. The sale's single open session begins today at 11 a.m.

DATES SET FOR DERBY FUTURE POOLS

Dates for the three future wager pools for the 2009 Kentucky Derby have been set. Pool 1 will be held Feb. 12-15; Pool 2 from Mar. 12-14 and Pool 3 from Apr. 2-5. Wagering on the lone 2009 Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will be held Mar. 12-15. The dates were approved yesterday by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. The Derby pools will open at noon on each Thursday and will close at 6 p.m. Sunday. The Oaks pool will open at noon and will close at 6:30 p.m. The Future Pools are minimum \$2 wagers and win bets only. A total of \$1,056,520 was wagered on the three Derby pools in 2008. Last year, with three Oaks Future Pools, handle reached \$174,838.

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 **TODAY'S INSIGHTS**
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- 12:58p HRTV** **8th-GP, \$42K, Alw, 4yo/up, 1mT**
LES ANTIQUES ([Kingmambo](#)), a \$1.25 million KEESEP yearling, broke through in his fourth career start to graduate by a nose at Belmont in June, but hasn't been out since. The Entrevaux Stables colorbearer adds blinkers for his four-year-old bow. He has been in steady training at Payson Park for trainer Christophe Clement since mid-November. [brisnet.com pps](#)
- 5:14p HRTV** **9th-GP, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m**
MIRO ([Fusaichi Pegasus](#)), a half to GSW Mushka (Empire Maker), returns after finishing a distant second behind  **"TDN Rising Star"**  Well Positioned (Awesome Again) in his Big A debut Nov. 22. The \$450K KEESEP yearling is co-owned by Zayat Stables, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith. [brisnet.com pps](#)

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7:

- DUBAI WORLD CUP (FREE)** 
- 03-28 \$6,000,000 **Dubai World Cup-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2000m**
 - 03-28 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Duty Free-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1777mT**
 - 03-28 \$5,000,000 **Dubai Sheema Classic-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 2400mT**
 - 03-28 \$2,000,000 **Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, Nad, 3yo/up, 1200m**
 - 03-28 \$2,000,000 **UAE Derby-G2, Nad, NH/SH3yo, 1800m**
 - 03-28 \$1,000,000 **Godolphin Mile-G2, Nad, 3yo/up, 1600m**

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 8:

- 01-17 \$75/75,000 **San Fernando-II, SA, 4yo, 8.5f (AWT) (150)**
- 01-17 \$150,000 **Santa Ynez-II, SA, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT) (150)**
- 01-17 \$100,000 **San Rafael-III, SA, 3yo, 8f (AWT) (100)**
- 01-18 \$150,000 **El Encino-II, SA, 4yo, f, 8.5f (AWT) (150)**
- 01-19 \$150,000 **San Marcos-II, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT (150)**

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-TAM, \$17,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40 4/5, fm.
+ DIRECT LINE (f, 3, Tiznow--Irene's Talkin, by At the Threshold), a \$500,000 KEESEP yearling, was given a 7-1 chance to earn her diploma at first asking. The last of 10 to exit the stalls, the half to Adieu (El Corredor), GISW, \$907,934, began to rally five wide on the turn for home and came charging down the lane to record a neck victory over 4-1 Soft Music (Action This Day). Long Lake (Distorted Humor), the 7-2 choice, completed the trifecta. The victress is also a half to Speak Wisely (Smart Strike), SW, \$161,399. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,200. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#)
 O-G Watts Humphrey Jr & St George Farm Racing LLC.
 B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY). T-Vicki Oliver.

9th-TAM, \$17,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39 1/5, fm.
LYDIA'S SMILE (f, 3, Maria's Mon--Lazy Slusan {MGISW, \$1,150,410}, by Slewvescent) finished a well-beaten fifth in her Meadowlands grass debut Sept. 30, then ran seventh over the Keeneland Polytrack Oct. 22. Adding blinkers here, the 5-1 chance powered clear to a two-length victory after sitting a stalking fourth for most of the way. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$10,540.
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MJC Ends 2008 with Figures Down:

During 2008, average wagering figures at Maryland Jockey Club tracks fell 22.5 percent from 2007. All-sources handle totaled \$668.1 million, as compared to \$875.8 million the previous year. With 14 fewer days last year, the daily handle decreased from nearly \$3.8 million to just over \$2.9 million each day. MJC officials are hopeful the passage of a constitutional amendment to allow for the licensing of video lottery terminals in November will lead to increased business in 2009. "The passage of the slots referendum gives us hope that we will be able to turn the table in the near future," said Tom Chuchkas, Maryland Jockey Club president and chief operating officer. "Our goal is to move forward and grow the business. We want to expand the hospitality, with racing as the key ingredient, and get people interested in coming back to the track." Laurel Park is a potential site for 4,750 video lottery terminals to be located in Anne Arundel County.



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★ CENTRAL ★

Oaklawn to Ease Louisiana Ban Friday:

Oaklawn Park will ease the ban on horses shipping from Fair Grounds, Evangeline and Delta Downs Friday. Horses arriving from southern Louisiana will be accepted on the grounds of the Arkansas track, providing that they have health certificates dated within 48 hours and proof of Equine Herpes Virus vaccination with a period of 14-90 days of arrival. Oaklawn imposed the ban after a horse at Fair Grounds tested positive for Equine Herpes Virus. "We'll continue to communicate with the state veterinarian in Louisiana over the next few days," commented assistant general manager of racing David Longinotti. "Should anything change, we'll readjust our policy as needed. Protecting the health of our racing participants is the most important thing and we applaud our horsemen for cooperating with us throughout this ordeal."



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(Central report cont.)

Lane's End Open House January 10-14:

Lane's End will hold an open house daily from Saturday, January 10 through Wednesday, January 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lane's End stallion complex on Midway Road in Versailles, Kentucky. All of the Lane's End stallions will be available for inspection, including their newest champions, reigning Horse of the Year Curlin and champion two-year-old colt War Pass. Refreshments will be served. No appointment is necessary.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN JAPAN:

Platina Mane, c, 4, **Cat Thief**--Seductivelyelegant (SW, \$149,371), by Thirty Six Red. Nakayama, 1-5, Hatsuharu Sho, 9f. Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-0, \$389,032. O-Hiroo Race; B-Dede & Delia McGehee; T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$90,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT, \$150,000 2yo '07 FTFFEB.

High Emotion, c, 4, **Songandaprayer**--Strikingperfection (SW), by Strike the Gold. Kyoto, 1-4, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0, \$308,602. O-Koji Maeda; B-Sabrina Plumley; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara. *\$140,000 wnlg '05 KEENOV.



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

CHAPEL ROYAL (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 278/38/0

8-AQU, Alw, 6f, That's Rich, 5-1

MOMENTUM (Nureyev), Vessels, \$5K, 88/6/0

4-SA, Msw, 1m, Mo Cheese

4-SA, Msw, 1m, Catsalot

ROAR OF THE TIGER (Storm Cat), Hartley, 168/16/0

2-HAW, Msw, 1 1/16m, Twylas Red Cat, \$32K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2

TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/24/3

9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Headache, \$85K FTK JUL yrl, 3-1

TEN MOST WANTED (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 117/2/0

9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Mister Unitas, \$20K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1

TOCCET (Awesome Again), Castleton Lyons, \$15K, 157/15/0

9-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Bull Toccet, \$150K OBS MAR 2yo, 20-1

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AQUEDUCT

SHERINE (Precise End), 5f, 1:01.86, 1/3

PALM MEADOWS

ALBERTUS MAXIMUS (Albert the Great), 4f, :47.55, 1/29

GULFSTREAM

C. S. SILK (Medaglia d'oro), 5f, 1:00, 3/16

FAIR GROUNDS

RECAPTURETHEGLORY (Cherokee Run), 3f, :36.40, 2/9

HUG IT OUT (Medaglia d'oro), 4f, :48.40, 2/21

HONEST MAN (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:02, 2/19

RATED FIESTY (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:02.60, 3/19

ZION (Thunder Gulch), 6f, 1:15.80, 5/8

FAIR HILL

COWGIRLS DON'T CRY (Pure Prize), 3f, :39, 1/1

HOLLYWOOD

SHARP SUSAN (Touch Gold), 4f, :47, 2/30

GEORGIE BOY (Tribal Rule), 6f, 1:09.60, 1/6

SANTA ANITA

GINGER POP (El Prado {Ire}), 4f, :47.80, 5/24



RAUSING ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF PACE-MAKER MAGAZINE Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Chairman Kirsten Rausing yesterday revealed that the TBA and Racehorse Owners' Association had jointly bought the monthly racing and bloodstock magazine *Pacemaker*. The famous title, with a history stretching back over 40 years, will merge with the joint TBA/ROA publication Thoroughbred Owner & Breeder. Rausing, speaking at the TBA's Annual General Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Churchill Hotel in London, said, "After several months of discussions with Pacemaker's publisher, I am delighted to report that a deal was finalised just before Christmas. *Pacemaker* has been the pre-eminent racing and bloodstock magazine here and in Ireland for over 40 years. Its reputation and history will strengthen our title and help us to produce an improved publication, not only for the associations' respective members, but for the whole bloodstock industry. To some, this may seem a rather odd time for the TBA and the ROA to be making such an investment but, in fact, the bloodstock market's recent contraction has made this an increasingly logical move. With the economic climate as it is, there is no longer room in this market for two publications of a similar type. Now, it is our belief that one strong racing and bloodstock magazine, published by two responsible racing bodies, will have a long-term future. I stress 'long-term' because publishing a specialist magazine during the next year or two is clearly going to be tough and the support of the bloodstock industry will be crucial to our making this work." Rausing told breeders that the recession was of fundamental concern, but might also present investment opportunities for breeders. "I am not going to urge British breeders to cull all their mares, and I am not going to paint a scenario whereby this great industry is lost for future generations, but I am going to urge breeders to take a careful look at their business, and remind the racing authorities that the health of this industry is crucial to the sport of horseracing, for which we all care passionately. Whilst a severe correction will be necessary for some, others should not overlook the opportunities this recession can provide in terms of upgrading their stock, and to share the advice of a wise older statesman that 'in uncertain times keep your savings in a commodity that you know and understand.' The TBA is the one body that has the interests of the horse at its heart, and for that reason alone we must continue to encourage British breeders to do what they do best, but be mindful of the need to take a careful look at the quality of their mares."

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BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Notonthesamepage	Catienus	Spectacular Bid S.	109
Delosvientos	Siphon (Brz)	Gallant Fox H.	105
Lord Snowdon	Seeking the Gold	Native Dancer S.	103
Delightful Kiss	Kissin Kris	Hal's Hope H.-G3	101
Gemswick Park	Speightstown	Old Hat S.-G3	100
Royale Michele	Elusive Quality	New Year's Eve S.	100
Zada Belle	Indian Charlie	Interborough H.	99
Justwhistledixie	Dixie Union	Ruthless S.	98
Lovely Isle	Double Honor	Kalookan Queen H.	98
Star Guitar	Quiet American	Dixie Poker Ace S.	98
Dream Rush	Wild Rush	Minaret S.	96
Jibboom	Mizzen Mast	Monrovia H.-G3	96
Northern Soldier	Yankee Victor	Swift S.	96
Awesome I Am	Awesome Again	Restored Hope S.	95
In Summation	Put It Back	El Conejo H.-G3	94
Lucky J. H.	Cee's Tizzy	Impressive Luck H.	94
Victorina	Delaware Township	Paseana H.	93
Loch Dubh	Friends Lake	Turfway Prevue S.	92
Haynesfield	Speightstown	Count Fleet S.	91
Tizfiz	Tiznow	San Gorgonio H.-G2	91
Backbackbackgone	Put It Back	Golden Bear S.	88
Retap	Tapit	Riley Allison Futurity	88

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Brightwells Implements Sales Levy...

Rausing also announced that Brightwells, which holds sales at Ascot and Cheltenham, will join Tattersalls and Doncaster Bloodstock Sales this year in collecting the sales levy that provides funding to the TBA. Additionally, the TBA is now going to be informed which vendors have paid the levy. "We were delighted to be able to persuade Brightwells to join Tattersalls and DBS in collecting sales levy on behalf of the Association with effect from the 2009 sales, and for the first time we will have the identities of those vendors who have paid the levy from the 2008 sales onwards," continued Rausing. "This will help to support the Association's funding as the effects of this downturn are seen in the TBA's accounts, and to address the need to identify and hold individual discussions with some breeders who have previously not contributed to the levy and may welcome the opportunity to discuss their reservations." Rausing also spoke of the TBA's initiative in partnership with the ROA to provide a free lease to owners by vendors of unsold yearlings, with 41 horses already signed up since the scheme was announced. "The ROA and TBA have recently launched the Free Lease Exchange, to provide a platform for putting breeders in touch with owners for the purposes of securing homes for unsold flat yearlings from the 2008 sales, and with the intention of extending this to National Hunt stores and older horses, in due course," she stated.



★ BRITAIN ★

PERCIVAL WINS SPECIAL TBA AWARD

After an ongoing career as a Thoroughbred breeder spanning half a century, Glen Andred Stud's owner Robert Percival was presented with the Andrew Devonshire Bronze at the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's Annual Awards Lunch at the Hyatt Regency Churchill Hotel in London yesterday. The Andrew Devonshire Bronze was one of two special awards revealed on the day at British breeding's showpiece event with longstanding bloodstock writer Alan Yuill Walker receiving the Dominion Bronze.

TBA FLAT AWARDS 2008



TBA Silver Salver (Special Merit)
the late Ann Jenkins

The Langham Cup (Small Breeder of the Year)
James Clark

Queen's Silver Cup (Leading British-based Breeder - Flat earnings)
Juddmonte Farms

BBA Silver Cigar Box (Leading British-based Stallion - Flat earnings) Pivotal

Barleythorpe Cup (Leading British-based Stallion - individual winners) Pivotal

Tattersalls' Silver Salver (Leading British-based first season sire)
Lucky Story

HJ Joel Silver Salver (Leading British-based Flat Broodmare)
Arrive

TBA Silver Rose Bowl (Flat Breeder of the Year)
Lawn Stud

Duke of Devonshire Award
Robert Percival

Dominion Award
Alan Yuill Walker

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-SUN, \$35,500, NW3L, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09, ft.
DADDY O. (g, 4, Chimes Band--Scifi Flick {MSP}, by Siphon {Brz}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$64,865.
O/B-Pierre Jean & Leslie A Amestoy (NM). T-Andres Gonzalez.

TDN TODAY

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★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN JAPAN:

+ **Dancing Queen (Jpn)**, f, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Perfect World, by Gone West. Nakayama, 1-4, Maiden Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$75,269. O-Tetsu Takashima; B-Yoshida Farm; T-Takashi Kubota.

Meisho Marengo (Jpn), c, 3, **Grand Slam**--Sweet Storm Creek (GSP, \$249,166), by Storm Creek. Kyoto, 1-5, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$67,742. O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Mishima Bokujo; T-Mikio Matsunaga.

IN CHILE:

Currency Rate (Chi) c, 3, **Muqtarib**--Vamos Chica (Chi), by Jaded Dancer. 1-5, Club Hipico de Santiago, Alw, 1000m. O-Stud Haras Lizzie; B-Haras Porta Pia; T-Juan Pichara. *1/2 to Vamos Muchacho (Chi) (Tanaasa {Ire}), Co-Ch. 2yo Colt-Chi, MGSW & G1SP-Chi.

Spnnessy (Chi) f, 3, **Hennessy**--Spray (Chi), by Roy. 1-5, Club Hipico de Santiago, Hcp, 1000m. O-Stud Macul; B-Haras Carioca; T-Jorge Inda. *1/2 to Poseida (Chi) (Pick Up {Chi}), G1SW-Chi and Visionera (Chi) (Edgy Diplomat); dam of Cocoa Beach (Chi) (Doneraile Court), MGISW, \$1,115,170.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 15.30, 1-5, €13,500, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, time: n/a, hy.

KIMSHASA (IRE) (c, 3, **Chevalier {Ire}**--Brief Journey {Ire}, by Brief Truce) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 7-3-1-1, €25,075. O-Scuderia Razza Dell'Olmo SRL; B-William Reardon; T-Riccardo Menichetti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Isi Going (Ire), f, 3, **King Charlemagne**--Indian Goddess (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Dortmund, Germany, 1-4, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Alexander Pereira. *€5,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; €12,000 yrl '07 BBAAUG.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.