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BERNARDINI COLT TOPS 'ALL-OR-NOTHING' DAY

The Fasig-Tipton Florida sale concluded yesterday with increases in average and median, but with far fewer horses finding new homes than in 2012. A total of 46 juveniles grossed \$17,725,000, compared to 60 selling for \$19,215,000 a year ago. The average rose 20.3% to \$385,326, while the median was up 31.9% to \$300,000. From a catalogue of 136, only 78 went through the ring, with 32 reported as not sold for a buy-back rate of 41%.



Boyd Browning Jr
Fasig Tipton photo

"There was significant demand for what were perceived to be the quality horses," commented Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. "The most encouraging sign was the number of different buyers who were bidding on horses well into six figures, \$250,000 and above. The sale was not

dominated by any one or two buyers, there was a diverse buying group that participated in the bidding.

"The buy-back rate is higher than we would have liked," he acknowledged.

Two horses topped the million-dollar mark, with a son of Bernardini selling for \$1.6 million to the bid of bloodstock agent Steve Young, on behalf of Bob LaPenta, and a daughter of A.P. Indy bringing \$1.1 million from Green Hills Farm. There were three seven-figure juveniles in 2012. Darley's Bernardini was represented by three of the top five-selling lots, with only the filly from the final crop of his sire A.P. Indy keeping his son from sweeping the top three lots.

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A field of 13 will face the starter for Saturday's \$10-million G1 Dubai World Cup after declarations were taken Monday morning at Meydan. While post positions for the seven supporting stakes were pulled, the draw for the main event will not take place until Wednesday. **Animal Kingdom** (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) was much more within himself on Monday today after seeming quite keen the first two days on track, and rider Alice Clapham had a much easier way of it. Many thanks to the various tweeters who identified that the 2011 G1 Kentucky Derby winner normally does carry his head to the right in gallops. Clapham reported a slight bridle adjustment did the trick on Monday, and the chestnut went about a lap in easy fashion. Two-time G1 Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic winner **Royal Delta** (Empire Maker) came out once again with Rodolphe Brisset aboard, continuing to move in good order. Foreman Mylor Rider was pleased with the appearance of the mare, who was slightly more focused on her Monday work after playing around with Brisset during the early portion of Sunday's gallop. **DWC undercard fields p12-14**

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| RNAs | 32 | 24 |
| % RNAs | 41% | 28.6% |
| No. \$500K+ | 14 | 10 |
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| Hip | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (\$) |
|------------|-------|---------------------|---|------------|
| <u>131</u> | colt | Bernardini | Hishi Aspen | 1,600,000 |
| | | | (\$250,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL) B-Masaichiro Abe (Ky) | |
| | | | Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, Agent Purchased by Steven W Young, Agent | |
| <u>124</u> | filly | A.P. Indy | Foxy Danseur | 1,100,000 |
| | | | (\$300,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) B-Clearsky Farms (Ky) | |
| | | | Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent Purchased by Green Hills Farm | |
| <u>130</u> | colt | Bernardini | Heart of Grace | 950,000 |
| | | | (\$525,000 RNA yrl '12 FTSAUG) B-Destiny Oaks of Ocala (Fl) | |
| | | | Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent Purchased by Dr. Dermot O'Byrne | |
| <u>19</u> | filly | Smart Strike | Music Room | 700,000 |
| | | | (\$250,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) B-SF Bloodstock (Ky) | |
| | | | Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, Agent Purchased by Regis Farms | |
| <u>93</u> | colt | Bernardini | A Precious Memory | 650,000 |
| | | | (\$200,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG) B-Epona Equine (Ky) | |
| | | | Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Agent Purchased by Three Chimneys Sales & Solis | |
| <u>16</u> | filly | Malibu Moon | Miz United States | 625,000 |
| | | | (\$160,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) B-Hart Farm (VA) | |
| | | | Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent Purchased by Stonestreet Stables | |
| <u>87</u> | colt | Tapit | Winter Garden | 625,000 |
| | | | (\$110,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) B-Town & Country Farm, Corp (Ky) | |
| | | | Consigned by Hoby & Layna Kight, Agent Purchased by Dr. Dermot O'Byrne | |
| <u>22</u> | filly | Tapit | Nomistakeaboutit | 575,000 |
| | | | (\$290,000 RNA yrl '12 KEESEP) B-Ceka Ltd, Wiji Bloodstock & Joseph Keappock (Ky) | |
| | | | Consigned by Stephens Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent Purchased by Lael Stable | |
| <u>60</u> | colt | Pulpit | Spritely | 560,000 |
| | | | (\$60,000 wnlg '11 KEENOV) B-Estate of Edward P. Evans (VA) | |
| | | | Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XIII Purchased by Maverick Racing | |
| <u>43</u> | colt | Malibu Moon | Right Place | 550,000 |
| | | | (\$175,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT) B-Dixiana Farms (Ky) | |
| | | | Consigned by Classic Bloodstock (Danzel Brendemuehl), Agent Purchased by Stonestreet Stables | |

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Browning admitted bidding was sometimes an all-or-nothing proposition.

“The reality is that there were some horses that were withdrawn because consignors perceived a lack of likely success in the run-up to the sales ring,” Browning said. “The market was polarized. It was very, very good when the horses met all the criteria. And there are a lot of criteria you have to meet at a 2-year-olds in training sale. You have to look good at the end of the shank, you have to breeze well, you have to video well, and you have to continue to walk well. There are a lot of criteria and we live in a world, in the upper end 2-year-old sales, where if you meet most of the criteria, but don’t meet all of the criteria, the buyers basically move onto the next horse. They don’t adjust their expectations and say, ‘They meet 80% of the criteria, so we’re going to give 80% of what we were going to give.’ They say, ‘We are going to go to the next horse.’ And that is probably why you see increases in average prices—there is more competition for those horses that meet all the criteria, but there are horses that probably represent great value that didn’t have enough attention today.”

LaPenta Wins Out for \$1.6 Million Bernardini...

With only a handful of juveniles left to go through the ring at Monday’s Fasig-Tipton Florida sale, Bob LaPenta, represented by agent Steve Young, leveled the final blow when going to \$1.6 million for [hip 131](#), a colt by Bernardini. Out of the Foresty mare Hishi Aspen, the Apr. 28 foal was consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds. On behalf of the new relationship, Steve Young signed for the top priced juvenile yesterday. **Cont. p5**



Hip 131

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"I thought he was the best horse in the sale," explained Young. "He hits the ground great and he is from the same cross as [MGISW] Turbulent Descent (Congrats) and [track record holder] Applauding (Congrats). I think he is a standout horse with a lot of class."

Purchased by Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo for \$250,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale, the bay is from the family of Grade I winner Northern Aspen (Northern Dancer) through Fall Aspen (Pretense) in addition to champions Timber Country (Woodman) and Bianconi (Danzig).



Randy Hartley (left) and Dean DeRenzo Fasig-Tipton photo

"On the page, he is one of the best pedigrees in America, so I would hope, if he hits, he would be a top

prospect," said Young. "The third and fourth dam are the who's who of 20 years ago."

When asked what he thought about the sale's topping price, LaPenta laughed, "It's too much. We were hoping it would be a little lower. In the end, we thought it would be the grand finale of the show, so we anticipated it."

Going back to the well for another Bernardini, LaPenta enjoyed earlier pinhooking success with the sire when purchasing a bay colt by that stallion for \$160,000 at the 2009 renewal of the Keeneland September sale and later reselling him for \$500,000 at Fasig-Tipton's 2-year-old sale the following February. What may have appeared to be a score at the time, turned out to be somewhat of a lost opportunity when that colt went on to take the GI Travers S., GI Cigar Mile and finish runner-up in the GI Belmont S. for Mike Repole and trainer Todd Pletcher.

"I liked everything about him," offered LaPenta. "I've been a Bernardini fan since his first crop. We made a mistake in selling Stay Thirsty at the 2-year-old in training sale and I hope I've found another one."

LaPenta added, "He has all the right attributes. He has the right shoulders and great alignment. He has the regal look of Bernardini."

LaPenta, who currently has horses with Nick Zito and Chad Brown, indicated that a trainer has not been decided upon yet.--Christina Bossinakis

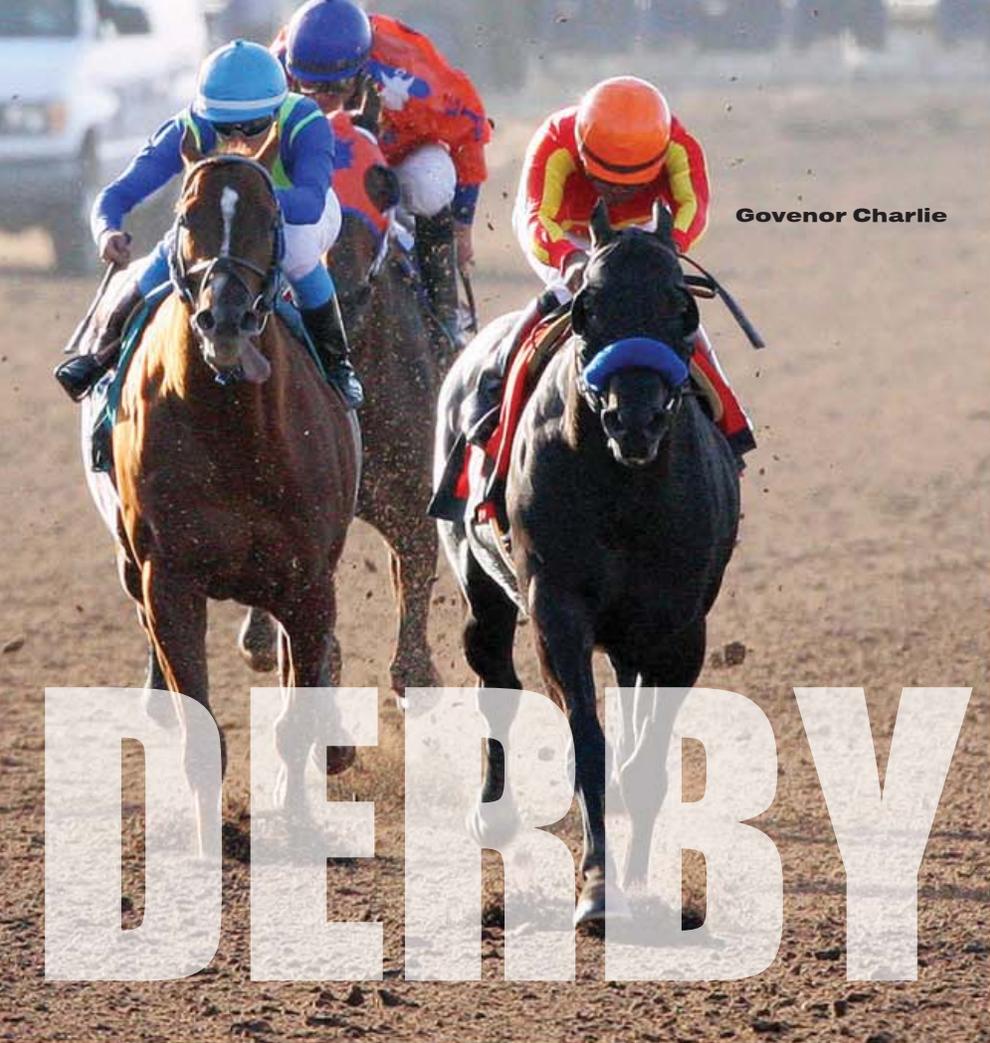


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Go Young Man...

In addition to Monday's sale's topper, agent Steve Young signed for an additional three juveniles. Top among them was [hip 10](#), a filly by Medaglia d'Oro out of the Seeking the Gold mare Maizelle. Consigned by Eddie Woods, the Feb. 7 foal breezed an eighth in :10.2 last Friday before bringing \$350,000 yesterday. Also from Woods, Young signed for [hip 107](#), a colt by Street Sense. A half-brother to Grade II winner Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), the juvenile brought \$300,000. Out of Classic Strike (Smart Strike), the colt covered an eighth in :10.4. Rounding out the trio was [hip 53](#), a \$230,000 colt by freshman sire Zensational (Unbridled's Song). Out of the Storm Cat mare Sharp Eyes, the gray registered a :10.1 final time for an eighth last Friday. According to Young, the final mentioned is just a chip off the old block, and the agent should know, after picking out Zensational, who brought \$20,000 at the 2007 Keeneland September sale before reselling to Zayat Stables for \$700,000 at Fasig-Tipton the following winter.

"He is about as much like his sire as a horse can be, and this one looks as much like his sire as anything I've ever seen. From his action to his one testicle and to the way he vets. And I hope he is as good as his sire."

"I think the horses that we bought, brought exactly what they were supposed to bring," concluded Young. "It was a busy day."--Christina Bossinakis

Bernardini Colt a Group Success...

Bernardini was the color of the day at Fasig-Tipton Monday and Coolmore got into the action, purchasing a son of the Darley stallion for \$950,000 just one hip before the sale-topping \$1.6-million colt by the GI Preakness S. winner went through the ring. The colt ([hip 130](#)) is out of Heart of Grace (Exploit), a half-sister to graded stakes placed Broad Dynamite (Broad Brush). He worked a furlong in :10 3/5 at last week's under tack preview.

"He was an outstanding yearling who has blossomed into an outstanding 2-year-old," said Ciaran Dunne, whose Wavertree Stables consigned the colt. "He's a man among boys, we felt that all year long. We were a little disappointed in his breeze, but we never expected him to be quick. He is built and bred to go two turns and hopefully he will do that for them."



Hip 130 Fasig-Tipton photo

Asked if a horse working in :10 3/5 selling for \$950,000 represented a change in attitudes for juvenile buyers, Dunne added, "I guess it does. At the end of the day, the Big Brown horse [2012 Fasig topper Darwin] wasn't the fastest horse in the sale, so maybe I am just making them go too quick."

The Bernardini 2-year-old RNA'd at \$525,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and was purchased privately by a number of investors.

"It was like an office pool where everybody puts in a dollar," Dunne joked.

Wavertree had 17 juveniles catalogued to the Fasig-Tipton Florida sale and sold seven, including one private sale. Four were listed as not sold and six were scratched.

"We sell horses, it is what we do, so when we RNA them, we feel like we failed, no matter how many you do sell," Dunne admitted. "The ones we sold, we sold really well. We are disappointed in a couple we didn't sell. But we'll go back to the barn and go back to work and hopefully move a couple more before the night is out."

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Murray Smith is Back...

Murray Smith returned to the American sales scene in style Monday at Fasig-Tipton, selling a son of Ghostzapper for \$475,000 to the bid of Run Hard Stables. Smith purchased the colt for \$105,000 out of the Keeneland September sale last fall.

“He just had that presence,” Smith recalled of what attracted her to the colt as a yearling. “He had an awesome way of moving. I love a horse who walks with a lot of confidence and he walks with an air, a quality about him, like he rules and owns the place.”

The bay juvenile ([hip 82](#)) is the first foal out of Vaca City Flyer (Michael’s Flyer).

Smith, who was recently working in Australia with leading trainer Gai Waterhouse, admitted it was good to be back in Florida.

“It is good to be back and he is a nice horse to be back with,” Smith said. “There is no place like home, just like Dorothy said. I clicked my heels and came back here.”

Trainer Guiseppe Iadisernia, bidding on behalf of an unnamed client, signed the ticket on the Ghostzapper colt.

One and Done...

Only moments after [93](#) strode out of the ring, Select Sales’ Carrie Brogden was brought to tears after a horse she pinhooked as a yearling and retained a stake in brought a \$650,000 final bid from Alex Solis III. Consigned by Becky Thomas’ Sequel Bloodstock, the colt by Bernardini out of the Honor Grades mare A Precious Memory ended Monday’s session as the fifth highest-priced offering ([click here for ThoroStride video](#)).

“We are absolutely thrilled,” said an elated Brogden. “We always knew he was a great horse and thank God for Becky letting us retain a share in the horse. I am so blown away. Just over the moon. His reserve was less than half of that and we were hoping he’d bring \$350,000. We had no idea he was going to bring that much.”

By Darley sire Bernardini, the Feb. 11 foal is out of A Precious Memory (Honor Grades), a granddaughter of Darbyvail (Robert), who was responsible for Turkish Tryst, the dam of Grade I winner and top sire Hard Spun (Danzig).



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Hip 93 was purchased privately at eight months old with three other partners. Offered at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale last August, the bay realized a final bid of \$200,000 and Brogden asked to retain a share in the colt.

"I'll stay in on a horse if I think the horse is being discounted on bogus vetting and I really love the horse," said Brogden when asked about the decision to stay in for a piece. "I have no problem going forward with a horse that hasn't maximized his value."

Nicknamed 'Gus', the colt showed an affinity for some of the simpler things in life early on.

"I would text the partners pictures of Gus sleeping because that's what he liked to do best," recalled Brogden. "He just kept moving forward, and the class of his sire Bernardini and Hard Spun on the bottom side. Thankfully, all that class just came through."

Represented by only one offering yesterday, Machmer Hall has been on a high of late, largely due to the success of one of the leading Kentucky Derby prospects, Vyjack (Into Mischief). According to Brogden, hip 93 resembles that top Triple Crown prospect.

"He was actually a lot like Vyjack," recalled Brogden. "When I had Vyjack as a yearling, people said, 'He's so fat and heavy.' Yes, but he had the bone under him. If they're heavy, but they move like cats, when they get to the track they sleep, they eat and they take care of themselves. He was a top-class horse."

Machmer Hall, the breeder of Vyjack, sold him to Al Pike for \$45,000 as a yearling at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton July sale.

"He was getting hit a little bit, like Gus, for being too heavy," said Brogden of the Rudy Rodriguez trainee. "But he had plenty of bone underneath him. Al Pike loved him and we told him we wanted to retain a leg. We kept 25% of him. I didn't see him until the Maryland sale, but I was told he needed to be gelded. From there the rest is history."

Resold by Pike for \$100,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale the following May, the bay took both starts at two, including the Dec. 9 Traskwood S. A narrow winner in the GII Jerome S. Jan. 5, the stout sophomore came from well off the pace for an impressive victory in the Mar. 2 GIII Gotham S., stamping himself one of the early favorites for this year's GI Kentucky Derby. He is scheduled to make his next appearance in the GI Wood Memorial at Aqueduct Apr. 6.

Machmer Hall still owns Vyjack's dam Life Happened (Stravinsky), in addition to her More Than Ready yearling filly. She is currently in foal to Gio Ponti and is booked back to Harlan's Holiday. --C Bossinakis

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Solis and Company Buy a Bernardini...

Bloodstock agent Alex Solis, III, sitting alongside Jason Litt and Three Chimneys' Guinness McFadden, signed the ticket at \$650,000 for a son of Bernardini. The trio made the purchase on behalf of an unnamed client just getting into the racing game.

"It's for a new client," Solis confirmed. "This is their first horse."

The juvenile, who worked in :10 2/5, is out of A Precious Memory (Honor Grades), and is from the family of Hard Spun (Danzig).



Alex Solis Jr. Fasig-Tipton photo

"He is such a big strapping colt and he galloped out very strong." Solis said. "He had all the pieces. It is a really clever inbreeding, with the mare by Honor Grades, a half

to A.P. Indy. He is just the right kind of horse."

Of the new client, McFadden said, "They are domestic, so he'll stay in the U.S. He'll go back to the farm in Kentucky and fill out a little bit and then we'll find a trainer."

McFadden added of the juvenile, "We obviously loved the way he moved on the track. He galloped out super and we liked the pedigree—he looked like a good Bernardini should. We are super excited."

Another A.P. Indy for Green Hill Farms...

Dimitrios Katsaros' Green Hill Farms enjoyed top-level racing success last season with Love and Pride (A.P. Indy), and the operation went back to the A.P. Indy well Monday at Fasig-Tipton, with farm president Barbara Montanye going to \$1.1 million to secure a filly from the final crop of the pensioned Lane's End Farm stallion.

"She looked a lot like A.P. Indy and, when I watched her go over the track, she looked a lot like Love and Pride," Montanye said after making the winning bid while on the phone inside the temporary pavilion. "She is not quite as large yet, Love and Pride is a very tall and very scopey large horse, but she moved like her—she glided over that track."

Love and Pride defeated champion Royal Delta (Empire Maker) in the GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga and added the GI Zenyatta S. at Santa Anita before concluding her career with a fifth-place effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic. Boarded at Three Chimneys with the rest of the Green Hills broodmare band, she is currently in foal to Distorted Humor, according to Montanye. **Cont. p10**



Hip 124 Fasig-Tipton photo

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Fasig-Tipton Florida cont.

Montanye said she was prepared to go higher than her \$1.1-million bid yesterday.

“Originally our budget was \$800,000 or \$900,000 and [the bidding] stalled there for a minute and then, when it went higher, I thought well, we need to take a chance. I was actually under where I was willing to go, once we made the decision to go. We had more room. I just threw the \$1.1 million bid in there and it worked.”



Barbara Montanye
Fasig-Tipton photo

The juvenile filly, [hip 124](#), shared the bullet furlong time of [:10](#) at last week’s under-tack preview. She is the first foal out of multiple stakes winner Foxy Danseur (Mr. Greeley) and was sold by Stephens Thoroughbreds, LLC on behalf of her breeder the late Eamonn Cleary’s Clearsky Farm.

The filly was bought back for \$300,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

Asked how the filly had changed since September, John Stephens commented, “She matured, she lengthened out a bit.”

Stephens added the filly’s major selling point was her performance over the Palm Meadows track last Friday.

“The thing for her was her work on the racetrack,” he said. “Most people said they had never seen an A.P. Indy go like she did. She has so much class and such presence and they loved her. She galloped out strong and was very professional throughout the whole thing.”

Green Hills also purchased a son of Exchange Rate ([hip 102](#)) for \$375,000. The organization had success on the other side of the aisle, as well, selling an Unbridled’s Song colt ([hip 70](#)) for \$200,000.

“I am mad about the Exchange Rate,” Montanye said. “We weren’t going to buy any colts if we didn’t sell ours, because our horse was a racehorse. So we weren’t going to give him away, but they came with what we thought was a fair price. So we’re good.”

Green Hills will be back in action at Keeneland April, selling a half-brother to Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Sprint winner Hightail (Mineshaft).

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| Hip | Sex | Sire | Dam | Price (\$) |
| <u>01</u> | filly | <u>Malibu Moon</u> | Kelli Lee | 300,000 |

B-Diamond A Racing (Ky)
 Consigned by Ricky Leppala, agent
 Purchased by Swifty Farms, Inc

This bay filly was the first to step into the ring yesterday, and she started things off right. Purchased for \$75,000 by Florida pinhooker Ricky Leppala at last year's Keeneland September sale, the relative of MGSW Devil May Care (Malibu Moon) quadrupled up after breezing in [:10 1/5](#) Friday.

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| <u>60</u> | colt | <u>Pulpit</u> | Spritely | 560,000 |
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B-Estate of Edward P. Evans (VA)
 Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent XIII
 Purchased by Maverick Racing

Buyers have been in a frenzy to acquire anything bred by the late Ned Evans since his passing in 2011, but this bay colt snuck under the radar at the 2011 Keeneland November sale, selling for just \$60,000 to K.M.C.F. Stable while his MSW and GISP dam went for \$850,000 in foal to Bernardini at the same event. The Mar. 19 foal made his momma proud here, however, garnering a significantly higher price tag following a smooth [:10 2/5](#) breeze.

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| <u>73</u> | colt | <u>Old Fashioned</u> | Teruko | 500,000 |
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B-Mr & Mrs Bayne Welker, Jr & Boyd Browning, Jr (Ky)
 Consigned by Crupi's New Castle Farm
 Purchased by My Meadowview LLC

Bred by Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning along with Vice President of Sales Bayne Welker, Jr. and his wife, this Feb. 7 foal was acquired for \$100,000 as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton July by Crupi's New Castle Farm. Quickest of the few juveniles to breeze a quarter-mile at the under tack preview with a [:21 2/5](#) clocking, the son of Taylor Made's first-crop stallion and MGSW Old Fashioned (Unbridled's Song) proved popular in his second trip through a Fasig sales ring.

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| <u>82</u> | colt | <u>Ghostzapper</u> | Vaca City Flyer | 475,000 |
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B-Adena Springs (Ky)
 Consigned by Murray Smith, Agent
 Purchased by Run Hard Stables

Veteran horsewoman Murray Smith took a 'flyer' on this Feb. 13 foal, scooping him up for \$105,000 at Keeneland September. The big bay worked in [:10 2/5](#) and provided another nice score for Smith.

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| <u>85</u> | colt | <u>Unbridled's Song</u> | Wild Gams | 500,000 |
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B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky)
 Consigned by Secure Investments
 Purchased by Charles Sandford

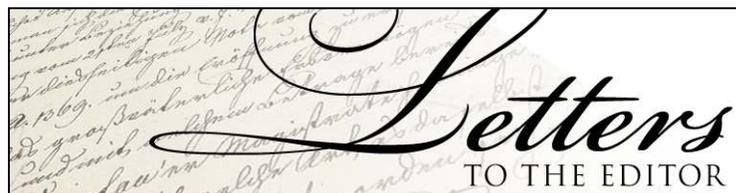
Unbridled's Song is having another stellar year thanks to the likes of Graydar and Will Take Charge, and if this colt's name--All Most Famous--proves prescient, 2013 could get even better in the near future. A \$75,000 KEESEP yearling buy, this son of MGSW and GISP sprinter Wild Gams (Forest Wildcat) showed off his long stride with a [:10 3/5](#) move.

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| <u>102</u> | colt | <u>Exchange Rate</u> | Bubbly Bailly | 375,000 |
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B-Lyn Burleson & Hart Farm (Va)

Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent I
 Purchased by Green Hills Farm

This \$125,000 FTKOCT yearling boasted a nice pedigree update since his last time through a sales ring, as he is a half-brother to the dam of top Kentucky Derby contender Vyjack (Into Mischief). With that and a co-fastest [:10 flat](#) breeze to his credit, the grey's value tripled this time around thanks to a winning bid from Green Hills Farm, who also scooped up the day's second-most expensive juvenile.



DEAL OR NO DEAL?--John G. Sikura

I wish to preface this letter by saying that yes, I stand stallions, own shares in outside stallions and breed to both race and sell at public auction. I say these things to demonstrate that I am sensitive to the needs of breeders and understand how crucial it is to make a profit when breeding for the market. Recent trends of market contraction, in terms of auction prices and numbers of foals born, have created intense competition for mares, which have given the breeder many new options to consider before deciding which stallion to select. What started off as innovation and recognition that terms should tilt more in favor of breeders have now started to erode the stallion market and the essence of 'fair market' competition. This is a business of risk. Most breeders and racehorse owners do not make money. We are not a socialized industry that rewards the 'norm.' We are incentivized to produce the best yearling because the market rewards such and the consequences for not doing so are dire. Providing 'stands-and-nurses' contracts and reducing stud fees are market-driven and absolutely fair for the breeder. Paying me a stud fee in two years, if you make money, is artificial, and in my opinion, misleading commerce.



International trade requires that countries not practice 'dumping,' a term that is defined as when a country offers a product at a price that has an adverse effect on others in the industry that offer a 'like product.' If you can breed to my stallion and not pay a stud fee unless or until you make a profit, that is not fair competition. There is no incentive to breed a market-superior horse or suffer any consequence for breeding and/or raising a bad horse. Furthermore, mares that have gradually exited the commercial market are coerced back into production, as the consequence for breeding a bad horse does not include paying a stud fee.

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Letter to the Editor cont.

If you think the practice is fair, please pass this guarantee on to the yearling buyer and offer their money back for every yearling you sell that does not earn his/her purchase price, or tell your trainer to take your bill out of purses. That would be unreasonable, would it not? If I sold yearlings under that premise, I bet fellow breeders and consignors would complain that I have artificially inflated the price of my yearlings, as the buyer has no risk. Furthermore, I have created an artificial market for my yearlings that precludes competition and has an adverse effect on producers of similar products within the industry. That, by definition, is inflationary of my product and distorts the market reality. The same thing occurs if I cover 150 mares but no one pays a stud fee. I can state 'book full' every year.

The effect of such practices goes beyond the economic argument of 'unfair pricing,' which is prohibited in free trade. The reality is that stallion owners buy a horse with the purpose of selling seasons as the method of repaying their debt. Most of us do not have the luxury of buying a stud horse and having no projected rate of return or reasonable time frame to do so. Is the bank going to lend money to purchase a stallion under those terms? Can a farm syndicate a stallion when someone can breed for free? Breeders should be prepared to see increasing books and higher prices on all popular stallions as a reaction to exclusive patronage of the 'deal stallions.' The days of the 'proven' middle-aged stallion or promising new entry market-level stallion standing in Kentucky have come to an end. It is ironic that the 'little guy' has been duped into being complicit and will therefore have helped limit his own choices of stallions available and farms to trade with.

I believe in the free market and have a firm belief in my ability to compete, so I write this letter to ask for nothing more than to state my objection to the 'socialization' of the stallion business. The 'upside' we at Hill 'n' Dale provide breeders is that we make stallions and continue to breed, raise and sell prolific race and sales horses. --John G. Sikura, Hill 'n' Dale Farms

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Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 2:05 p.m. EDT
DUBAI WORLD CUP-G1, \$10,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2000m (AWT)

| HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| African Story (GB) | Pivotal (GB) | Fallon | bin Suroor |
| Animal Kingdom (K) | Leroidesanimaux (Brz) | Rosario | Motion |
| Capponi (Ire) | Medicean (GB) | Ajtebi | al Zarooni |
| Dullahan (K) | Even the Score | Stevens | Romans |
| Hunter's Light (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | De Sousa | bin Suroor |
| Kassiano (Ger) | Soldier Hollow (GB) | Buick | bin Suroor |
| Meandre (Fr) | Slickly (Fr) | Guyon | Fabre |
| Monterosso (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | Barzalona | Al Zarooni |
| Planteur (Ire) | Danehill Dancer (Ire) | Moore | Botti |
| Red Cadeaux (GB) | Cadeaux Genereux (GB) | Mosse | Dunlop |
| Royal Delta (K) | Empire Maker | Smith | Mott |
| Side Glance (GB) | Passing Glance (GB) | Spencer | Balding |
| Treasure Beach (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Soumillon | de Kock |

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 12:40 p.m. EDT
DUBAI DUTY FREE S.-G1, \$5,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1800mT

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 Aesop's Fables | Distorted Humor | Fallon | bin Suroor |
| 2 I'm a Dreamer (Ire) | Noverre | Turner | Simcock |
| 3 City Style | City Zip | Barzalona | Al Zarooni |
| 4 Little Mike | Spanish Steps | Stevens | Romans |
| 5 Sajjhaa (GB) | King's Best | De Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 6 Igugu (Aus) | Galileo (Ire) | Delpech | de Kock |
| 7 Ocean Park (NZ) | Thorn Park (Aus) | Murtagh | Hennessy |
| 8 Fulbright (GB) | Exceed and Excel (Aus) | Ajtebi | Al Zarooni |
| 9 Giofra (GB) | Dansili (GB) | Guyon | de Ryr-Dupré |
| 10 The Apache (SAF) | Moguk | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 11 Mushreq (Aus) | Flying Spur (Aus) | Hanagan | de Kock |
| 12 Wigmore Hall (Ire) | High Chaparral (Ire) | Moore | Bell |
| 13 French Fifteen (Fr) | Turtle Bowl (Ire) | Peslier | Clement |
| 14 Trade Storm (GB) | Trade Fair (GB) | Spencer | Simcock |

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 1:20 p.m. EDT
DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1, \$5,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2410mT

| PP HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 Shareta (Ire) | Sinndar (Ire) | Lemaire | Royer-Dupré |
| 2 Royal Diamond (Ire) | King's Best | Murtagh | Carmody |
| 3 Girolamo (Ger) | Dai Jin (GB) | Starke | Schiergen |
| 4 Prince Bishop (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Barzalona | bin Suroor |
| 5 Sharestan (Ire) | Shamardal | De Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 6 St Nicholas Abbey (Ire) | Montjeu (Ire) | J O'Brien | O'Brien |
| 7 Trailblazer (Jpn) | Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn) | Take | Ikee |
| 8 Gentildonna (Jpn) | Deep Impact (Jpn) | Iwata | Ishizaka |
| 9 Very Nice Name (Jpn) | Whipper | Peslier | de Mieuille |
| 10 Dunaden (Fr) | Nicobar (GB) | Spencer | Delzangles |
| 11 Await the Dawn | Giant's Causeway | Cosgrave | de Kock |

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Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:45 p.m. EDT

DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN-G1, \$2,000,000, NH/SH3yo/up, 1200m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Frederick Engels (GB) | Iceman (GB) | Marwing | Moore |
| 2 | Gordon Lord Byron (Ire) | Byron (GB) | Buick | Hogan |
| 3 | Trinniberg | Teuflesburg | Martinez | Parbhoo |
| 4 | Reply (Ire) | Oasis Dream (GB) | J O'Brien | O'Brien |
| 5 | Reynaldthewizard (K) | Speightstown | Mullen | Seemar |
| 6 | Balmont Mast (Ire) | Balmont | Murtagh | Lynam |
| 7 | Kavanagh (SAf) | Tiger Ridge | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 8 | United Color (K) | Ghostzapper | Fortune | Selvaratnam |
| 9 | Taisei Legend (Jpn) | King Kamehameha (Jpn) | Moore | Yahagi |
| 10 | Mental (Aus) | Lonhro (Aus) | Barzalona | Al Zarooni |
| 11 | Tamaathul (GB) | Tiger Hill (Ire) | Hanagan | Al Raihe |
| 12 | Private Zone (K) | Macho Uno | Pedroza | O'Neill |
| 13 | Krypton Factor (GB) | Kyllachy (GB) | Fallon | Nass |

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 11:05 a.m. EDT

AL QUOZ SPRINT-G1, \$1,000,000, NH/SH3yo/up, 1000mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|--------------------------|---|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Eagle Regiment (Aus) | El Moxie | Doleuze | Man |
| 2 | Monsieur Joe (Ire) | Choisir (Aus) | Buick | Cowell |
| 3 | Ganas (Ire) | Oasis Dream (GB) | O'Shea | Oertel |
| 4 | Dux Scholar (GB) | Oasis Dream (GB) | Ulubaev | Benzel |
| 5 | Spirit Quartz (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Spencer | Cowell |
| 6 | Varsity | Indian Charlie | Bravo | Clement |
| 7 | Shea Shea (SAf) | National Emblem (SAf) | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 8 | Russian Rock (Ire) | Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) | Smith | Al Muhairi |
| 9 | Russian Soul (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Foley | Halford |
| 10 | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Choisir (Aus) | O'Brien | O'Brien |
| 11 | Joy and Fun (NZ) | Cullen (Aus) | Angland | Cruz |
| 12 | Invincible Ash (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Hughes | Halford |
| 13 | Great Attack | Greatness | Rosario | Ward |
| 14 | Medicean Man (GB) | Medicean (GB) | Bentley | Gask |
| 15 | Sole Power (GB) | Kyllachy (GB) | Murtagh | Lynam |
| 16 | Mr Big (Aus) | Elusive Quality | Purton | Freedman |

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 10:25 a.m. EDT

UAE DERBY-G2, \$2,000,000, NH/SH3yo, 1900m (AWT)

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Law Enforcement (Ire) | Lawman (Fr) | Hughes | Hannon |
| 2 | Elleval (Ire) | Kodiak (GB) | Lynch | Marnane |
| 3 | Now Spun | Hard Spun | Barzalona | Al Zarooni |
| 4 | Lines of Battle | War Front | Moore | O'Brien |
| 5 | Dice Flavor (K) | Scat Daddy | Valdivia | Gallagher |
| 6 | Emotif (Arg) | Giant's Causeway | Cosgrave | de Kock |
| 7 | Secret Number (GB) | Raven's Pass | De Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 8 | Zahee (NZ) | Dylan Thomas | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 9 | Shuruq | Elusive Quality | Hanagan | bin Suroor |
| 10 | Keiai Leone (Jpn) | Henny Hughes | Miyuki | Nishiura |
| 11 | Snowboarder (K) | Raven's Pass | Buick | Al Zarooni |
| 12 | He's Had Enough (K) | Tapit | Gutierrez | O'Neill |

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 9:10 a.m. EDT

GODOLPHIN MILE-G2, \$1,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 1600m

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Alpha | Bernardini | De Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 2 | Mufarrh (Ire) | Marju (Ire) | Fallon | Al Raihe |
| 3 | Red Jazz (K) | Johannesburg | Moore | Hills |
| 4 | Time Prisoner | Elusive Quality | Barzalona | Al Zarooni |
| 5 | Zazou (Ger) | Shamardal | Ulubaev | Hickst |
| 6 | Surfer | Distorted Humor | Mullen | Seemar |
| 7 | Sarkiyla (Fr) | Oasis Dream (GB) | Lemaire | Royer-Dupré |
| 8 | Master of Hounds | Kingmambo | Soumillon | de Kock |
| 9 | Rerouted | Stormy Atlantic | Marwing | de Kock |
| 10 | Haatheq | Seeking the Gold | French | Al Raihe |
| 11 | Penitent (GB) | Kyllachy (GB) | Tudhope | O'Meara |
| 12 | Capital Attraction (K) | Speightstown | O'Shea | Oertel |
| 13 | Soft Falling Rain (SAf) | National Assembly | Hanagan | de Kock |
| 14 | Saamidd (GB) | Street Cry (Ire) | Buick | bin Suroor |
| 15 | Moonwalk In Paris (Fr) | Oratorio (Ire) | Ajtebi | Al Zarooni |
| 16 | Barbecue Eddie (K) | Stormy Atlantic | Dobbs | Watson |

Saturday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 9:45 a.m. EDT

DUBAI GOLD CUP-G3, \$1,000,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 3200mT

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Imperial Monarch (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Moore | O'Brien |
| 2 | Ahzeemah (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Fallon | bin Suroor |
| 3 | Cavalryman (GB) | Halling | De Sousa | bin Suroor |
| 4 | Seismos (Ire) | Dalakhani (Ire) | Demuro | Wohler |
| 5 | Jutland (GB) | Halling | Dobbs | Watson |
| 6 | Verema (Fr) | Barathea (Ire) | Lemaire | Royer-Dupré |
| 7 | Saddler's Rock (Ire) | Sadler's Wells | McDonogh | Oxx |
| 8 | Tenenbaum (GB) | Authorized (Ire) | Barzalona | Al Zarooni |
| 9 | Averroes (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | O'Shea | Oertel |
| 10 | Star Empire (SAf) | Second Empire (Ire) | Soumillon | de Kock |

Gentildonna Looks Sharp in Meydan Work...

By Pat Cummings, DubaiRaceNight.com

There should be no denying the most impressive mover of Monday's trackwork session at Meydan--2012 Japan Cup winner **Gentildonna (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Making her first appearance out of quarantine, she came on the course with two countrymates, **G2 UAE Derby longshot Keiai Leone (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes) and similarly big priced Dubai Golden Shaheen chance **Taisei Legend (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}). All three emerged in a straight line out of the 1,600-meter chute and moved onto the main course and Gentildonna was gone. Under nothing more than a steady gallop, she powered away from the pair and opened up a 300-meter lead around the far turn, hitting the finish more than 200 meters in front. She pulled up seemingly on her own 200 meters past the wire and was happy as a peach, while the apparently overmatched pair behind her were lathered and winded after running on their own in a distant wake. Gentildonna's trainer Sei Ishizaka was not on hand, but has been to Dubai before, bringing Vermilion (Jpn) (El Condor Pasa) here twice, running a distant fourth in the 2007 G1 Dubai World Cup and then last in the 2008 edition. **DWC Tracknotes cont. p14**



Gentildonna on the track Monday morning Neville Hopwood, Dubai Racing Club

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DWC Tracknotes cont.

Trinniberg (Teufflesberg) was the fifth horse on course this morning, the earliest he has appeared at Meydan, and had a 600-meter blowout. Times in works are not a big thing here, but American Jim Cornes, who has worked seasonally for the Dubai Racing Club since the inaugural World Cup here, serves as a clocker when requested. Trainer Shivananda Parbhoo showed up to the main viewing are and asked where the clocker was to tell him what he was going to do, the problem was, he should have reached out to Cornes earlier to request the watch. I quickly reached for the stopwatch app on my smart phone and from what is essentially just past the midpoint of the first turn, picked the G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint winner on the far side of the course as he reached the 600 meter pole. In a highly unofficial time, I caught Trinniberg in :35.01 seconds to the wire, with a terrible angle on the work. More importantly, though, he was never asked to run by jockey Ray Ganpath, doing it easy and galloping out fluidly.



Trinniberg *Dubai Racing Club photo*

Dice Flavor (Scat Daddy), who will go in the UAE Derby for Paddy Gallagher, galloped a lap with a high head carriage. **Dullahan** (Even the Score) and **Little Mike** (Spanish Steps), after recording timed works on Sunday, did not come to the main track today ([click here](#) for Dubai Racing Club video interview with Carlo Vaccarezza, owner of Little Mike).

A contingent of seven French runners made their first appearance at Meydan, with the quartet of **Sarkiyla (Fr)** (Oasis Dream {GB}) (G2 Godolphin Mile), **Giofra (GB)** (Dansili {GB}) (G1 Dubai Duty Free), **Verema (Fr)** (Barathea {Ire}) (G3 Dubai Gold Cup), and **Shareta (Ire)** (Sinndar {Ire}) (G1 Dubai Sheema Classic) walking a lap in a style reminiscent to Ballydoyle runners. The trio of **Meandre (Fr)** (Slickly {Fr}) (G1 Dubai World Cup), **Dunaden (Fr)** (Nicobar {GB}) (Dubai Sheema Classic), and **French Fifteen (Fr)** (Turtle Bowl {Ire}) (Dubai Duty Free) galloped without any overly positive or negative impression.

New Zealand-based trainer Gary Hennessy noted that his charge, **Ocean Park (NZ)** (Thorn Park {Aus}), lost a bit more weight than they were expecting in his travels, so it was a slight concern. The four-time Group 1 winner last season is co-favorite in the ante-post wagering for the Dubai Duty Free.

Great Attack (Greatness) worked on the grass for trainer Wesley Ward in advance of his G1 Al Quoz Sprint bid, while fellow contender **Varsity** (Indian Charlie) spent a full 30 minutes on the main track, first out at 5:30 A.M. The international media has taken to the final times these horses have run in previous races, believing they seem significantly faster than some others, but forgetting that the U.S. races are timed with a run-up segment of varying degrees.

Krypton Factor (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), 2012 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner, worked in company from the gate with stablemate **Muraweg (Ire)** (Kheleyf). Jim Cornes, who was requested for the watch, caught Krypton Factor in 1:29.95 under little to no urging, with the last 600 meters in 36.19 seconds, and a final 200 in 11.26 seconds.

The Ballydoyle contingent, including **St. Nicholas Abbey (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}), **Lines of Battle** (War Front), **Reply (Ire)** (Oasis Dream {GB}), and **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) are not due to arrive in Dubai until Tuesday and will only walk over the course on Friday.

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By **STREET CRY (IRE)** (1986), Black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 160 winners, \$27,852,071. Sire of 9 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Teryns Song (to 2, 2010, \$20,228).

1st Dam

VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year. 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NA/US. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners--

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)). Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks [G1], Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp. [G1], Las Virgenes S. [G1], La Canada S. [G2], Sharp Cat S. [L] (HOL, \$80,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. [G1], Vanity Invitational Handicap [G1], 3rd Ashland S. [G1], La Brea S. [G1], Clement L. Hirsch Handicap [G2], Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap [G2], Hidden Light S. [OR] (OSA, \$8,000).



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Sunday, Sunland Park

SUNLAND DERBY-GIII, \$800,000, SUN, 3-24, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:47 2/5 (NTR), ft.

1--#@GOVERNOR CHARLIE, 122, c, 3, by [Midnight Lute](#)

1st Dam: Silverbulletway, by Storm Cat

2nd Dam: Silverbulletday, by Silver Deputy

3rd Dam: Rokeby Rose, by Tom Rolfe

O/B-Michael E Pegram (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Martin Garcia. \$400,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$444,800. *1/2 to Crisis of Spirit (Vindication), SW, \$132,611. Werk Nick Rating: A.

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

Sometimes you have to admit that you might be wrong.

When I looked at the pedigree of Governor Charlie, the latest colt to earn points towards a Kentucky Derby start in Sunday's GIII Sunland Park Derby, I decided it was just as well that I hadn't been asked to advise the colt's breeder, Mike Pegram. If I had, I would have had serious qualms about mating Midnight Lute, a son of Real Quiet, with Silverbulletway, an unraced daughter of Storm Cat out of champion Silverbulletday.

My concerns would have had nothing to do with the blend of bloodlines. After all, the Werk Nick Rating is A. My fears would have been based on potential physical flaws.

Although Real Quiet managed 20 starts, including nine as a juvenile, his physical flaws as a young horse were well documented. For example, David Heckerman's coverage of the 1998 Kentucky Derby in the *Blood-Horse* related that "as a foal, Real Quiet hardly matched anyone's picture of a future Classic winner. Narrow enough to raise the image of an aquarium fish--he was nicknamed 'The Fish'--the colt's front legs appeared early on to be growing in several directions other than correct.

"[Eduardo] Gaviria [Real Quiet's breeder] elected to send the colt to the University of Florida veterinary center for a procedure designed to straighten growth of the legs. Surgical screws were implanted in both of Real Quiet's knees early in his yearling season, and wires were attached in an attempt to force growth in the desired direction. The procedure is sometimes compared to straightening a child's teeth with temporary braces, and the wires and screws were removed after six months.

"From an engineering point of view, it was an alignment job," said Gaviria.

"It's not an uncommon procedure," said [Richard] Kingwell [of Ocala's Pride & Joy Farm]. "In the end, it might have been just enough to get him over the edge where he could stand training."

"It was not enough, however, to win any beauty contests as a yearling.

Caulfield cont. p16

4 first crop Stakes horses this month...

1. French Oaks entry **CHILDA** won the 10f. **Prix Rose de Mai-L.R.** (below) at Saint-Cloud on March 16.
2. French 1,000 Guineas entry **MORNING FROST** won the 6½f. **Prix Ronde de Nuit-L.R.** at Chantilly on March 14.
3. **STARBRIGHT** was third in the 8f. **Park Express Stakes-Gr.3** at the Curragh on Sunday.
4. **HORIZON SKY** finished strongly to take third in the 6½f. **Baffle Stakes-L.R.** on his U.S. debut on March 2.



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Andrew Caulfield cont.

“He was a big gawky, crooked thing who was typical of a yearling not ready to be sold,” said Kentucky horseman Craig Bandoroff, whose Denali Stud consigned Real Quiet to the fifth day of the Keeneland September sale. ‘He had a lot of action at the barn on pedigree, but people would take one look when he walked out and tell us to put him back in the stall.’”

I am not suggesting for a moment that Midnight Lute inherited this flaw from Real Quiet. On the contrary, he appears to be a bigger, darker, more handsome version of his sire, with much better forelegs. I’ve seen it said that he is a little narrow in front, but that isn’t unusual in the descendants of Fappiano--a horse who possessed the same sort of size and power as his great-grandson.

My concern would have been that Midnight Lute is a son of an incorrect horse whose pedigree features 4 x 3 inbreeding to Raise A Native--a horse once described as a flying machine who was grounded after only four flights on account of mechanical problems. With that concern at the back of my mind, I would have been wary of mating Midnight Lute to a daughter of Storm Cat. For all his undoubted talents as a sire, Storm Cat tended to pass on his less-than-perfect, offset knees. My concerns would have been intensified by the fact that the Storm Cat mare in question, Silverbulletway, never made it to the races.

Offset knees weren’t the only flaw sometimes found in the descendants of Storm Cat and his sire Storm Bird. Wind problems could also be an issue. As the candid piece on Midnight Lute in the Feb. 23 issue of *TDN* related, Midnight Lute required two surgeries on his throat.

Many American vets and breeders seem to be fans of the British children’s cartoon ‘Bob the Builder,’ with its motto “Can we fix it? Yes we can!” So they may not share my concerns about less-than-perfect forelegs and potential wind problems. It is my view, though, that such imperfections are best avoided in the first place, if at all possible, rather than having to correct them by surgery.

In the earlier quote about trying to correct Real Quiet’s forelegs, the procedure was likened to straightening a child’s teeth with braces. We English famously have plenty of experience of crooked teeth--enough to know that adults who needed their teeth straightening are quite likely to have children with teeth going in all directions. It all makes work for the orthodontists to do, and I sometimes wonder if all the corrections being made to young horses are making plenty of

work for future generations of veterinarians.

Equally, I can understand why Mike Pegram was eager to go ahead with a mating which combined Real Quiet, Midnight Lute and Silverbulletday, three of the finest Thoroughbreds he has owned or part-owned.

Midnight Lute remains the only horse to have won two editions of the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint, but his eye-catching first crop has already demonstrated his ability to sire quality performers with more stamina than he possessed. Govenor Charlie clearly had no problems with a mile and an eighth in the GIII Sunland Derby and Midnight Lucky covered only 110 yards less in winning the fillies’ equivalent.

Thanks to the likes of Gulch, Boundary, Elusive Quality and Our Emblem, there are several recent examples of sprinters siring Kentucky Derby winners, and it is reassuring that Midnight Lute’s sire Real Quiet took the Churchill Downs classic before very nearly completing the Triple Crown.

We also have the encouraging thought that Govenor Charlie’s magnificent second dam won the GI Alabama S. over a mile and a quarter. By the end of her second season, this daughter of Silver Deputy had won 14 of her 18 starts and landed two Eclipse Awards.

Her record was a reminder of how difficult it can be to assess a broodmare. Her dam, Rokeby Rose, was sold for \$42,000 as an 18-year-old, while carrying the future champion. None of Rokeby Rose’s previous 11 foals had managed to earn black type, even though their sires included stallions of the quality of Northern Dancer, Blushing Groom, Fappiano and Danzig.

Silverbulletday has unfortunately been similarly ineffective so far in her broodmare career, but the excellent news is that Govenor Charlie is out of her eldest daughter and that her next daughter, Silver Bullet Moon (Vindication), produced Midnight Lute’s GII San Vicente S. winner Shakin It Up.

Govenor Charlie and Shakin It Up are inbred 4 x 4 to Deputy Minister, via Midnight Lute’s broodmare sire Dehere and Silver Deputy, and Govenor Charlie is also inbred 5 x 5 to Secretariat.

There is also stamina to be found in Silverbulletday’s female line. Her dam Rokeby Rose was a three-parts-sister to Arts And Letters, a Horse of the Year who scored at up to two miles. Rokeby Rose also stayed reasonably well, as she showed in winning the GII Flower Bowl H. over a mile and a quarter.

GOVENOR CHARLIE, c, 2010

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| Midnight Lute | Real Quiet | Quiet American | Fappiano | |
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| | | | Deputy Minister | Sister Dot |
| | | Boltfromtheblue | Blue Times | Berkut |
| | | | Storm Bird | Northern Dancer |
| Silverbulletway Unraced 5 Fls, 2 Wnrs, 2 Sws, 1 GSW, | Storm Cat | Terlingua | Secretariat | |
| | | Silver Deputy | Crimson Saint | |
| | Silverbulletday 2xCh., MGISW, 10Fls, 1Wnr | Silver Deputy | Deputy Minister | Silver Valley |
| | | Rokeby Rose 14Fls, 1SW | Tom Rolfe | Rokeby Venus |
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Baker's Dozen of Late Nominees to Triple Crown...

The connections of 13 sophomores have decided to make their horses eligible to the Triple Crown series of race by paying a fee of \$6,000 by last Saturday evening's deadline. Chief among the late nominees is **Black Onyx** (Rock Hard Ten), whose name was tossed



into the hat after his upset victory in the GIII Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati Spiral S. last Saturday. The horse he defeated into third in the Turfway feature, **Giant Finish** (Frost Giant) was also supplemented to the series, as was GIII Swale S. third-place

finisher **Undrafted** (Purim) and the AI Stall Jr.-trained duo of undefeated **Departing** (War Front) and **Sunbeam** (Brahms). Other late nominees include **Infinite Magic** (More Than Ready), recent winner of a 10-furlong event over the Lingfield all-weather ([VIDEO](#)) who was purchased privately by Team Valor International; **Brazilian Court** (Harlan's Holiday) and **Wings of Fortune** (Fusaichi Pegasus), both from the Mike Maker stable; **Are You Kidding Me** (Run Away and Hide); **Erik the Red** (Into Mischief); **Storm Fighter** (Stormin Fever); **Narvaez** (Holy Bull); **Declan's Warrior** (Majestic Warrior); and **Hip Four Sixtynine** (Southern Image).

RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Mark Valeski Breezes for Fair Grounds 'Cap...

Brereton C. Jones's **Mark Valeski** (Proud Citizen) breezed five furlongs in :58 2/5 yesterday morning at the Fair Grounds as he prepares for Saturday's GII New Orleans H. It was the fastest of 16 moves at the distance and about seven lengths quicker than the next-best. Last year's GII Peter Pan S. winner and GII Louisiana Derby runner-up will be making his third start of the season this weekend, having finished second to Infrattini (Include) in the Jan. 19 Louisiana H. prior to a last-out success over **Cool Street** (Street Cry {Ire}, 114 pounds) in the GIII Mineshaft H. Feb. 23. Mark Valeski has been assigned 118 pounds for the New Orleans H., two fewer than **Graydar** (Unbridled's Song), who will start the 120-pound topweight off his defeat of **Bourbon Courage** (Lion Heart, 118 pounds) in the GI Donn H. at Gulfstream Feb. 9. **Flat Out** (Flatter), a well-beaten fourth as the Donn favorite is also expected to the face the starter and will tote 119 pounds.

NEWS TODAY

Excelebration to Shuttle...

Coolmore's **Excelebration (Ire)** (Exceed and Excel {Aus}) will shuttle to the operation's New South Wales base in Australia this year, according to *Racing Post*. "Excelebration is a very good-looking multiple Group 1-winning miler from the Danehill line so we are delighted that he will be coming down to us," Coolmore Australia's Michael Kirwan told the trade daily. "I've seen him in the flesh myself and he's a very good looking horse, big and strong, with great quality and a lovely head. All the best breeders in Europe have supported him and I have no doubt that he will prove equally popular here in Australia." The three time Group 1 winner's fee has yet to be announced.

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY POINT STANDINGS
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| Horse (Sire) | Points |
|---|--------|
| Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) | 60 |
| Vyjack (Into Mischief) | 50 |
| Govenor Charlie | 50 |
| Black Onyx | 50 |
| Orb (Malibu Moon) | 50 |
| Verrazano (More Than Ready) | 50 |
| Hear the Ghost (Ghostzapper) | 50 |
| Oxbow (Awesome Again) | 36 |
| Uncaptured | 30 |
| Flashback (Tapit) | 30 |
| Goldencents (Into Mischief) | 29 |
| Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday) | 24 |
| Java's War (War Pass) | 22 |
| Den's Legacy (Medaglia d'Oro) | 20 |
| Falling Sky (Lion Heart) | 20 |
| West Hills Giant (Frost Giant) | 20 |
| Code West (Lemon Drop Kid) | 20 |
| Dynamic Sky (Sky Mesa) | 13 |
| Speak Logistics (High Cotton) | 11 |
| Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron) | 10 |
| Overanalyze (Dixie Union) | 10 |
| Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit) | 10 |
| Power Broker (Pulpit) | 10 |
| Revolutionary (War Pass) | 10 |
| Abraham (Distorted Humor) | 10 |
| Elnaawi (Street Sense) | 10 |
| Palace Malice (Curlin) | 10 |
| Tiz a Minister (Minister's Wildcat Cat) | 10 |

Comments on today's paper

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SALES NEWS

OBS April Catalogue Now Online...

The catalogue for the upcoming Ocala Breeders' Sales Company Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now available for viewing at www.obssales.com. There is also a version available for the iPad via the Equineline Sales Catalogue app. For additional information and downloads, click [here](#). A total of 1,195 juveniles are catalogued for the four-day event, to be held Monday, Apr. 22 through Thursday, Apr. 25 with sessions beginning at 10:30 a.m. Under-tack shows for the sale will take place Apr. 16 through Apr. 19, with roughly 300 horses to breeze each day. Since the beginning of 2012, OBS Spring grads have accounted for 105 stakes wins, 34 of which have come in graded stakes. Horses to emerge from the sale in the past few years include dual Classic winner and champion I'll Have Another (Flower Alley); Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Trinniberg (Teuflesberg); 2011 champion filly/mare sprinter Musical Romance (Concorde's Tune) and last year's GI Del Mar Debutante winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up Executivprivilege (First Samurai), who topped last year's sale on a bid of \$650,000.

IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

[More on Taras Natyshak's Motion](#)

"Many questions surround the motion that will be presented and debated in Ontario's provincial legislature this Thursday, March 28. What does it mean for the Slots at Racetracks program?" **Standardbred Canada**

[Dirt tracks, dark racecourses and dilated pupils](#)

"The style of racing can become very American looking and with the relatively small amount of punters sprinkled throughout the spacious facilities, it does remind you of one of those seedy US tracks depicted on TV." **Michael Cox, South China Morning Post**

NEWS FROM THE GAMING WORLD:

[New racino may head south](#)

"Casino-style gambling is coming to the Thistledown thoroughbred track early next month, but how long it stays remains in question." **Thomas Ott, Vindy.com**

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WITNESS POST, 15, Gone West--Most Likely, by Fappiano

Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by Majesticperfection. Will be bred back to Majesticperfection. Owned by Brereton C. Jones. Boarded at Airdrie Stud. Accomplishments: Dam of Hello Liberty (Forest Camp), GSW & GISP of \$284,239; Pious Ashley (Include), SW & GSP of \$251,563.

DESCAPATE, 15 Dehere--Scapegoat, by Forty Niner

Foal born Feb. 11, a filly by Sky Mesa. Will be bred back to First Samurai. Owned by and boarded at Sun Valley Farm. Accomplishments: SW & GSP, \$196,105. Dam of Christine Daae (Giant's Causeway), SP, \$120,590.

ENDLESS SEA, 13, Mt. Livermore--Search the Sea, by Seeking the Gold

Foal born Feb. 12, a colt by Sky Mesa. Will be bred back to Flatter. Owned by and boarded at Sun Valley Farm. Accomplishments: Dam of Silver Ocean (Silver Train), Hwt. 3yo at 7-9.5f-Ity, MSW-Ity & Swe, GSW-Nor, GSP-Ger, SP-Fr, \$340,211.

MEGAHERTZ (GB), 14, Pivotal (GB)--Heavenly Ray, by Rahy

Foal born Feb. 12, a filly by Street Sense. Will be bred back to Kitten's Joy. Owned by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Jackson. Boarded at Mill Ridge. Accomplishments: MGISW, \$2,261,572.

MOSQUERA (GER), 16, Acatenango (Ger)--Midnight Society, by Imp Society

Foal born Feb. 14, a colt by Makfi (GB). Will be bred back to Mount Nelson (GB). Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud. Accomplishments: MSW-Ger & GSP-Fr. Dam of Mosqueras Romance (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), MSP-Eng.

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DOMINGUEZ NOT YET CLEARED TO RETURN

Jockey Ramon Dominguez, who suffered a fractured skull in a nightmarish spill at Aqueduct Jan. 18, said he will continue physical and cognitive therapy following an appointment Monday with his neurosurgeon. "I had an MRI and saw my doctor this morning," said the three-time reigning Eclipse Award winner for outstanding jockey. "While he is very pleased with the progress I have made, I am not completely healed and need to continue my therapy. I feel very good physically and mentally, but my injury was serious and I need to take more time to allow myself to fully recover." Dominguez added that there is no timetable for his return. "I miss riding and I'm excited to come back when my doctors release me," Dominguez said. "It's hard because I feel so good, but I know I need to be patient and focus on my recovery."

INDUSTRY INFO

NHC Back to Treasure Island:

Edited Press Release

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) and Treasure Island Las Vegas announced today that the \$1.5-million *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship (NHC) Presented by Sovereign Stable would return to the popular Las Vegas property Jan. 24-26, 2014 for the event's 15th annual renewal. It will mark the first time that the NHC has been conducted over three days. The NHC had been a two-day tournament during its first 14 years.

"We are delighted to return the National Handicapping Championship to Treasure Island, which has done such an outstanding job hosting the past two NHCs," said Keith Chamblin, senior vice president of the NTRA. "A great many contestants at last January's NHC gave us unsolicited testimonials about how well they were treated and provided for at Treasure Island. The TI staff also does a marvelous job presenting so many races to such a large number of contestants. With the NHC becoming a three-day tournament for the first time in 2014, we are very pleased to return it to a venue that can expertly host our ever-growing event."

Finalists Announced for Ryan Book Award:

Edited Press Release

Finalists for the seventh annual Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award include an inspirational sequel to a previous finalist; a redemptive biography of a noted jockey; and a chronicle of the pursuit of American racing's ultimate goal.

The winner of the 2012 Book Award will be announced on April 10 at Castleton Lyons, during a cocktail reception held in a room above the farm's historic stallion barn. First prize is \$10,000, with \$1,000 awarded to each runner-up. In addition, all three finalists will receive a Tipperary Crystal trophy.

Conceived and launched in 2006 by the late Castleton Lyons owner Dr. Tony Ryan, the Award has annually showcased the best of racing literature, including entries from legendary mystery writer Dick Francis, 2010 National Book Award winner Jaimy Gordon, and multiple Eclipse Award winners William Nack, Bill Mooney, Joe Drape, and Maryjean Wall. Originally known as the Castleton Lyons Book Award, the name was changed to honor its founder, who passed away in 2007. Dr. Ryan's son and Castleton Lyons president, Shane Ryan, has continued to present this prestigious award annually.

Following are the finalists for the 2012 Dr. Tony Ryan Book Award:

- "Flying Change: A Year of Racing and Family and Steeplechasing"--Patrick Smithwick
- "The Garrett Gomez Story: A Jockey's Journey Through Addiction and Salvation"--Rudolph Valier Alvarado w/Garrett Keith Gomez
- "Kentucky Derby Dreams: The Making of Thoroughbred Champions"--Susan Nusser

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IN JAPAN:

Vittorio d'Oro, c, 4, [Medaglia d'Oro](#)--Preeminence (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn, \$5,042,956), by Afleet. Nakayama, 3-23, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$149,474 O-H H Sheikh Mohammed; B-Yoshiyuki Ito; T-Mizuki Takayanagi. *\$451,320 yrl '10 JRHJUL.

Best Surpass, c, 4, [Pulpit](#)--Flashy Lady (SP), by Vision and Verse. Hanshin, 3-24, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$314,211. O-Isao Ogawa; B-Ivon County Farms Inc; T-Kenichi Fujioka. *\$110,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Nasuno Sibelius, f, 4, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Cradlesong, by Pine Bluff. Chukyo, 3-23, Toyohashi Tokubetsu, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-2, \$190,211. O-Nasuno Farm; B-B P Walden Jr, J Stuart & Unbridled's Song Syndicate; T-Masamichi Wada. *\$100,000 wnl '09 KEENOV. ** 1/2 to Slew By Slew (Slew City Slew), SW, \$236,364.

 **France**

Arqana Catalogue Available:

The 2013 Arqana Breeze Up Sale will be held Saturday, May 11 at Saint Cloud racecourse. The breeze show will begin at 11 a.m. on the course's turf track May 10. The catalogue, which features 135 2-year-olds, is now available at www.arqana.com.



French Report cont.

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| 6 | 4 | Anazone (Ire) | Anabaa | Blondel | F Rossi |

All carry 126 pounds.

Tuesday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 2:50 p.m.

PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT

| SC | PP | HORSE | SIRE | JOCKEY | TRAINER |
|----|----|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1 | 8 | Far Afield (GB) | Rail Link (GB) | Guyon | Fabre |
| 2 | 9 | Pont Marie (Fr) | Great Journey (Jpn) | Lemaire | Chappet |
| 3 | 7 | Wire to Wire (Fr) | Observatory | Soumillon | Rouget |
| 4 | 3 | Son Bou (GB) | Medicean (GB) | M Demuro | Delcher-Sanchez |
| 5 | 4 | Onedargent (Fr) | Kendargent (Fr) | Jarnet | Gallorini |
| 6 | 6 | Princedargent (Fr) | Kendargent (Fr) | Veron | Pantall |
| 7 | 1 | Atomic Bere (Fr) | Hurricane Cat | Cabre | Cardenne |
| 8 | 5 | Hernan Cortez (Fr) | Elusive City | Rispoli | G Botti |
| 9 | 2 | Le Ring (Fr) | Slickly (Fr) | Blondel | F Rossi |

All carry 128 pounds.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Bande (Ire), c, 3, Authorized (Ire)--Logica (Ire), by Priolo. Hanshin, 3-24, Novice Race, 12fT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$70,000. O-Masamichi Hayashi; B-Kildaragh Stud; T-Yoshito Yahagi. *\$201,503 yrl '11 ARAAUG. ** 1/2 to Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), MG1SW-HK, GISW-US, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, & G1SP-UAE, Eng & Mal, \$1,591,513.

Gal Bisty (Ire), h, 6, Galileo (Ire)--Freedom Flame (GB) (SP-Fr), by Darshaan (GB). Chukyo, 3-23, Plate Race, 9.5f. Lifetime Record: 22-3-1-2, \$286,316. O-Toshiko Bizenjima; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc; T-Daishi Ito. *\$249,441 yrl '08 DEAAUG.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-WRD, \$30,000, Alw, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft. AGENT (c, 3, Dehere--Fast n Flashy, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$57,967. O/B-Kelly Thiesing (OK). T-Amy McAnally.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Elmor, r, 4, Johannesburg--Apache Canyon, by Gulch. MNR, 3-24, 5 1/2f, 1:09 3/5. B-Green Lantern Stables LLC (KY). *\$25,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$18,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKOCT.

Bully At the Bar, g, 4, Preachinatthebar--Grab the Buck, by Spend a Buck. WRD, 3-25, (S), 1m, 1:43 1/5. B-Fred Kaminska (OK).

Leah's Halo, g, 5, Scottish Halo--Miss Leah Lou, by Kentucky Jazz. WRD, 3-25, (S), 1m, 1:44. B-Ann S Ethridge (OK).

**OBSERVATIONS
on today's European racing scene**

14.50 Lingfield, Mdn, £3,000, 3-4yo, 1 1/4m (AWT)

MAUGHAMI (GB) (Manduro {Ger}), who represents Marco Botti's inform Newmarket barn, is a half-sister to the dual G1 Premio Presidente Della Repubblica winner Distant Way (Distant View), and the Grundy Bloodstock homebred faces eight rivals in this unveiling. They include the John Gosden trainee **Mautilus (GB) (Medicean {GB})**, who is a half-brother to the 2005 G3 Dahlia S. victress Tarfah (Kingmambo), herself the dam of last term's G1 2000 Guineas, G1 Epsom Derby and G1 Irish Derby hero Camelot (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}); and **Warrigal (Ire) (Mount Nelson {GB})**, who is out of a half-sister to the 2011 G1 Deutsches Derby victor Waldpark (Ger) (Dubawi {Ire}), from the Jeremy Nosedo stable. Brisnet.com PPs

BREEDING NEWS

SOLEMIA IN FOAL TO DUBAWI

Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine **Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB})** has been confirmed in foal to Dalham Hall Stud sire Dubawi (Ire). The 5-year-old, who was retired to the paddocks after registering a career high in the Longchamp showpiece Oct. 7, is currently boarded at Newsells Park Stud in England.

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**• ON THE WORKTAB •
BETFAIR HOLLYWOOD PARK**

Comma to the Top (Bwana Charlie), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/8

FAIR GROUNDS

Blue Violet (Curlin), 5f, 1:00.40, 4/16
Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), 5f, :58.20, 1/16
Mr. Bowling (Istan), 5f, 1:00.80, 6/16

PALM MEADOWS

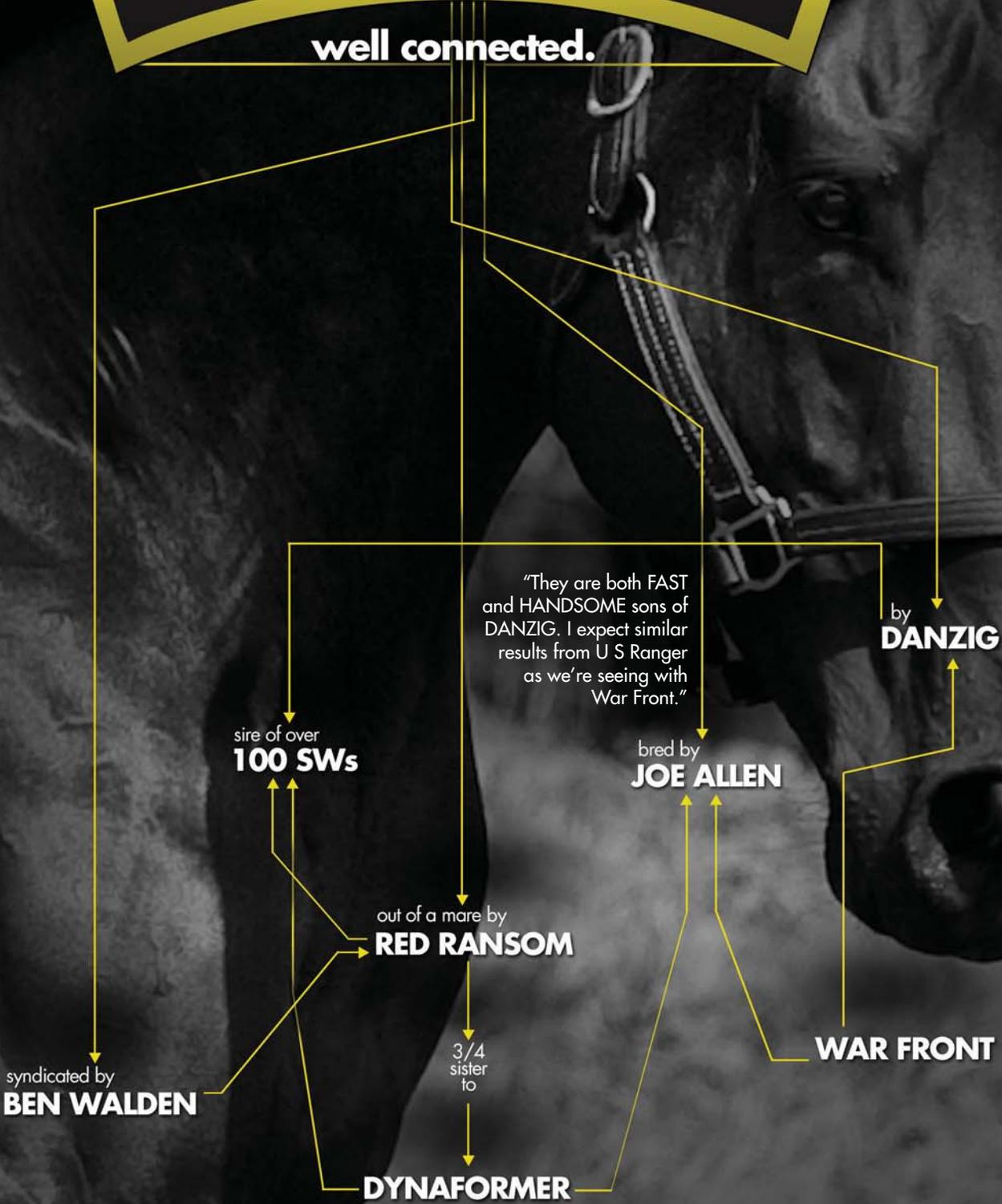
Cerro (Ire) (Mr. Greeley), 4fT, :52.44, 11/12
Dayatthespa (City Zip), 4f, :48.48, 9/23
Howe Great (Hat Trick {Jpn}), 4f, 1:03.29, 8/16
Somali Lemonade (Lemon Drop Kid), 3fT, :39.66, 2/3
Watsdachances (Ire) (Diamond Green {Fr}), 4f, :49.88, 14/23



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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Fontainebleau, 14.20, €37,000, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:05.20, vsf.

MAYYADAH (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Serelia {GB}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €45,000. O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Freddy Head. *€140,000 yrl '11 ARQAUG.

FRANCE, Fontainebleau, 15.20, €30,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:03.40, vsf.

PROPULSION (IRE) (c, 4, Pulpit--Brooklyn's Storm, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €44,200. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Freddy Head. *1/2 to Stormina (Gulch), MSW-US & GSP-Fr, \$273,572.

FRANCE, Mont-de-Marsan, 14.30, 3-24, €27,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:32.30, sf.

DEUX SAISONS (GB) (f, 3, Chineur {Fr}--Joyeuse Entree {GB} {GSW-Fr, \$117,817}, by Kendor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, €24,700. O/B-Marquise de Moratalla; T-Didier Guillemin. *1/2 to Tin Horse (Ire) (Sakhee), G1SW-Fr, \$718,375.

ITALY, Rome, 16.10, 3-24, €18,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:05.15, gd/sf.

AIR MAIL (IRE) (f, 3, Choisir {Aus}--Alexander Express {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Sri Pekan) Lifetime Record: 12-6-0-0, €46,113. O-Scuderia Chimax SRL; B-Mountarmstrong Stud; T-Attilio Giorgi. *€5,500 yrl '11 TATIRE.

ITALY, Rome, 15.40, 3-24, €18,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.71, gd/sf.

NIGHT OF LIGHT (ITY) (f, 3, Tenby {GB}--Polvere di Luna {Ity}, by Hunting Hawk {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 10-4-1-3, €37,825. O/B-Soc Ag Poggio Dei Sabini; T-Fabrizio Roberto Camici.

ITALY, Milan, 17.00, 3-24, €16,200, 3yo, 5fT, 1:07.30, vhy.

MARGUTTA STUDIOS (IRE) (c, 3, Excellent Art {GB}--Lella Beya {GB}, by Diktat {GB}) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-4, €32,691. O-Francesco Magliari; B-Norman Ormiston; T-Antonio Peraino. *€5,000 yrl '11 GOFSP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Slow Cavern (Ire), g, 3, Aussie Rules--Home Comforts (GB), by Most Welcome (GB). Rome, Italy, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-S Connolly. *€7,500 wnlq '10 GOFNOV; €6,000 RNA yrl '11 TATIRE; £5,000 RNA 2yo '12 DONAPR.

Daring Storm (Ger), g, 3, Big Shuffle--Daring Action (GB), by Arazi. Dusseldorf, Germany, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2fT. B-Gestut Auenquelle. *€43,000 yrl '11 BBASEP. **Full to Daring Love (Ger), GSW-Ger.

+ **Universo Star (Ire)**, f, 3, Excellent Art (GB)--Shinkoh Rose (Fr), by Warning (GB). Milan, Italy, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 5fT. B-Mark Commins. *17,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT.

Bamiyan (Fr), c, 3, Kouroun (Fr)--Baenia (Fr), by Verglas (Ire). Mont-de-Marsan, France, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 7fT. B-Mme Henri de la Chauvelais.

Passage du Caire (Fr), f, 3, Linngari (Ire)--Festive Style (SAf), by Fort Wood. Angouleme, France, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Rupert Plersch. *€9,000 yrl '11 ARQOCT.

Touching Habit (GB), g, 3, Oratorio (Ire)--Star of Akkar (GB) (MGSW & GISP-Fr, \$249,810), by Distant Relative (Ire). Mont-de-Marsan, France, 3-24, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/2mT. B-Marquise de Moratalla.

Limit Up (GB), g, 3, Shamardal--Love Me Tender (GB), by Green Desert. Lingfield, Britain, 3-25, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Minster Stud. *78,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT.

Sweet Cassandra (Ire), f, 4, Dalakhani (Ire)--Well Spoken (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Amiens, France, 3-24, Cond, 4yo, 1 3/8mT. B-Pegasus Farms Ltd. *€170,000 yrl '10 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Chrysanthemum (Ire) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}), MGSW & GISP-Ire, \$279,918.



FOALING NEWS continued

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POCHO'S DREAM GIRL, 19, Fortunate Prospect--True to Romeo, by Gallant Romeo
Foal born Feb. 6, a filly by Proud Citizen.
Will be bred back to Creative Cause.
Owned by Brereton C. Jones.
Boarded at Airdrie Stud.
Accomplishments: MSW & GISP of \$336,794. Dam of Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen), MGSW of \$540,952.

SLOW DOWN, 16, Seattle Slew--Corrazona, by El Gran Senor
Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Distorted Humor.
Will be bred back to Exchange Rate.
Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: SW, \$120,139. Dam of Slow Pace (Distorted Humor), SW & GSP-Fr, \$235,924.

KINNAIRD (IRE), 12, Dr Devious (Ire)--Ribot's Guest (Ire), by Be My Guest
Foal born Feb. 10, a colt by Cacique (Ire).
Will be bred back to Nathaniel (Ire).
Owned by and boarded at Newsells Park Stud.
Accomplishments: G1SW-Fr, GSW-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$414,305.