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BERNARDINI COLT DRIVES OBS TO BIG GAINS

As expected, a Bernardini colt named **Prince Bernardini** from the Hartley/De Renzo consignment proved the star of the show during yesterday's second session of the OBS April sale, and his \$900,000 price tag helped drive the sale to a second day of huge gains. Purchased by Betty Moran's Brushwood Stable, the colt highlighted an afternoon that saw the average soar 47.1% to \$62,940. The median of \$30,000 was up 33.3%, while the RNA rate continued to be strong, coming in at a superb 14.4%. For the session, 26 horses sold for \$100,000 or more, compared to 17 in 2012. Over the sale's initial two days, the cumulative average is \$61,336, up 47.1% from a year ago, and the median is \$38,000, up 26.6%.



Hip 572
L Marquardt

The buzz over yesterday's topper, a son of the Deputy Minister mare Rooneys Princess and a grandson of the great champion Princess Rooney (Verbatim), had reached a fever pitch by the time he stepped into the ring as **Hip 572**. Bidding started relatively slowly, however, before gaining steam as the price crept past the \$500,000 mark. By the time the board read \$700,000, the battle was essentially down to trainer Mark Casse and his new clients, Conquest Stable's Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell, and an OBS representative on the phone in the back of the pavilion. It was later revealed that Eaton Sales's Reiley McDonald, representing Moran, was on the other end of the line.

It looked like McDonald had won the war around \$850,000, when a smiling Casse shook off bidspotter Pete McCormick's implorations. "Hold on, they're talking!" McCormick yelled up to the auction stand, from where auctioneer Justin Holmberg replied, "Well, they ain't talking to *you*--and they haven't been for a little bit now." **Cont. p3**

AL ZAROONI HEARING DATE SET TODAY

The British Horseracing Authority Tuesday announced that the full details of the charges being brought against Godolphin trainer Mahmood Al Zarooni and the date of his hearing will be published this morning. Al Zarooni faces the loss of his license after being found guilty of breaching the rules of racing by administering anabolic steroids to his horses.

'NINETY NINE, DEN'S LEGACY OUT OF DERBY

Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit) and **Den's Legacy** (Medaglia d'Oro) have been taken out of consideration for the May 4 GI Kentucky Derby, trainer Bob Baffert confirmed Tuesday.

"After speaking with my owners, we've decided not to run Super Ninety Nine and Den's Legacy in the Kentucky Derby," Baffert said via telephone from California. "Based on their recent form, we just didn't feel they'd be competitive enough to win. They're both good horses, but we'll look for something else down the road. We realize there are some other horses on the 'bubble' with the hope of running and we wanted to get this information out as soon as possible to make sure they'd have every opportunity to run and prepare for a start in the Derby."

Super Ninety Nine won the GIII Southwest S. in February before finishing fifth in the GII Rebel S. and third in the GI Santa Anita Derby. Den's Legacy, winner of last year's GIII Generous S., was most recently sixth in the GI Arkansas Derby.

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OBS APRIL SALE

CUMULATIVE	2013	2012
Catalogued	600	598
No. Offered	484	476
No. Sold	405	393
RNAs	79	83
% RNA	16.3%	17.4%
No. Over \$200K	18	11
High Price	\$900,000	\$400,000
Gross	\$24,841,000	\$16,388,000
Average (% change)	\$61,336 (+47.1%)	\$41,700
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Mike O'Farrell's Ocala Stud sold the second highest priced lot during Tuesday's second session of the OBS April sale. The son of High Cotton went to West Point Thoroughbreds and Saint Elias Stable for \$600,000.



Mike O'Farrell
L Marquardt

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An April Conquest

Ernie Semersky and Dory Newell have jumped into racing with both feet. In the game for under a year, the couple's Conquest Racing purchased a son of Two Step Salsa for \$420,000 at OBS Tuesday.



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& Dory Newell
L Marquardt

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Lawman Filly Tops Doncaster Sale

A filly by Lawman (Fr) brought top price of £210,000 during Tuesday's Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale.



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Oppenheim

Bill Oppenheim checks out the market ahead of next weeks Classics and reports on the state of the sire's lists.

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Bernardini Colt Drives OBS Gains (cont. from p1)

Casse and his crew then launched one final salvo, and the crowd broke out in laughter when Holmberg apologized, "I'll never doubt you again, Pete!"

But McDonald approved a final bid at \$900,000, and the horse was Moran's.

The \$900,000 colt was produced by the 17-year-old Rooneys Princess and is a half to stakes winner Prince Rooney (Tale of the Cat) and stakes placed V.I.P. Princess (Thunder Gulch). He is bred on the same Bernardini/Deputy Minister cross that produced Grade I stakes winner To Honor and Serve, and represents another potent cross: five of Bernardini's six Grade/Group 1 winners are out of Northern Dancer-line mares. Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds purchased the colt for \$225,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga Sale. At the under-tack show, he breezed in :10 flat, despite running a bit greenly in the stretch. The colt was previously entered in the OBS March Sale, but was scratched.

"He's been an amazing horse all year," said Randy Hartley. "We had him in the March Sale here, and he had just one little hiccup. He had a little bit of a splint, which wasn't really on the splint bone, it was in front of it. But we didn't want to hurt him, so we pulled him out and decided to come here. In the last month, we just took it easy on him. We did a lot of cold-water therapy on his splint, and just lightly trained him. That was actually his first breeze in six weeks, and he was just a little green."

It's the second time this year that Hartley and Dean De Renzo have struck gold with a son of Bernardini. They topped the Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale with a colt by the Darley sire out of Hishi Aspen (Forestry) who sold to Steve Young, agent for Robert LaPenta, for \$1.6 million.

"We love Bernardini, and his horses have done so well for us," said Hartley. "This colt had a stallion's pedigree and performed well, and he just has that Classic look. Both our Bernardinis went to great places. We're glad Reiley got this horse for Mrs. Moran. He's a good client of ours, and when he sees a good horse that he likes, Mrs. Moran doesn't mind stepping up to the plate. I think that pedigree attracted a lot of people."

Hartley said the transaction also speaks to the status of OBS April. "This is a great place to sell a horse," he said. "You bring that kind of horse here, and people show up. We're shareholders in OBS and big supporters, and it's right here in our backyards. We couldn't be happier."

The colt is the second-highest-priced horse to sell at OBS April. In 2004, a Distorted Humor--Zuppardo Ardo colt from Niall Brennan's consignment made \$975,000.

OBS officials were thrilled with the result. "When you've got a horse with a pedigree like that, who performed like he did on the racetrack, he became the buzz horse of the sale," said OBS President Tom Ventura. "He certainly caught the interest of the top buyers, and we're really excited with the way the sale's gone. It's been terrific so far."



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<u>572</u>	colt	Bernardini (\$225,000 yrl '12 FTSAUG) B-Robert Gentry Family Partnership (Ky) Consigned by Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent Purchased by Brushwood Stable	Rooneys Princess	900,000
<u>548</u>	colt	High Cotton B-University of Florida Foundation (Fl) Consigned by Ocala Stud Purchased by St Elias & West Point Thoroughbreds, Inc.	Keikik	600,000
<u>483</u>	colt	Two Step Salsa (\$20,000 yrl '12 OBSAUG) B-Manuel Andrade (Fl) Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Conquest Stables LLC	Homesteader	420,000
<u>506</u>	colt	Henny Hughes (\$55,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) B-Nursery Place & Robert T Manfuso (Ky) Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales LLC, agent Purchased by Bear Stables, Ltd.	Impart	310,000
<u>560</u>	filly	Ghostzapper (\$47,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (Ky) Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds (Andro & Tracey Price), agent Purchased by Dominic Brennan, Agent for Highland Yard LLC	Koko Pop	290,000

<u>362</u>	filly	Discreet Cat (\$67,000 yrl '12 FTKJUL) B-Christina Latimer (Ky) Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent Purchased by Pelican Stable LLC	Fico	280,000
<u>573</u>	colt	D'wildcat B-Eico Stable & Glenn E Brok (Pa) Consigned by Eisaman Equine, agent Purchased by Hubert Guy Bloodstock, agent for Robert Hess, Jr.	Lady Kilkeelan	250,000
<u>336</u>	filly	Kitten's Joy (\$85,000 yrl '12 FTKOCT) B-Kenneth L & Sarah K. Ramsey (Ky) Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent Purchased by Regis Farms	Exceedexpectations	240,000
<u>392</u>	filly	Yes It's True (\$16,000 yrl '12 OBSWIN) B-El Batey Farm (Fl) Consigned by Indian Prairie Ranch, agent Purchased by Stonestreet Stables LLC	For Scarlett	200,000
<u>492</u>	colt	Rockport Harbor (\$21,000 RNA yrl '12 OBSAUG; \$22,000 yrl '12 KEEJAN) B-Glencrest Farm (Ky) Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, agent Purchased by David Clark	Hummel	200,000
<u>502</u>	colt	Candy Ride (Arg) (\$47,000 yrl '12 KEESEP) B-Fares Farm (Ky) Consigned by Bo Hunt, agent Purchased by Bloom Racing Stable LLC	I Love America	200,000

OBS April Coverage by Lucas Marquardt

A leading young sire that continues to impress...

- 04/20 A dual Gr.1 winner last year, **Lady of Shamrock** (4f) won \$150,000 Santa Barbara H.-Gr.2
- 04/13 A Gr.2 winner last year, **Handsome Mike** (4c) won \$175,000 Commonwealth Stakes-Gr.3
- 04/13 Gr.2 placed juvenile **Frac Daddy** (3c) runner-up \$1,000,000 Arkansas Derby-Gr.1



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West Point Lands High Cotton Colt for \$600,000...

"I was ready for the double-barreled shotgun blast--not the atomic bomb," laughed Peachtree Stable's John Fort as he walked past Ocala Stud's Michael O'Farrell yesterday. Fort was referencing the fact that he'd just been blown out of the water for [Hip 548](#), an Ocala Stud-consigned colt by High Cotton who elicited a bid of \$600,000 from St. Elias and West Point Thoroughbreds. That was the second-highest price of both the session and the sale, and was an impressive result for O'Farrell and his crew.

The colt, a son of the eight-time winner Keikik (Aloha Prospector), is a half-brother to last year's stakes-winning juvenile St. Louis City (City Place), and breezed in [:21 1/5](#).

"When you come to a horse sale, he's the kind you hope you find," said West Point's Terry Finley. "You've seen horses all over the country by High Cotton run well. It's a lot of money, but the market's really strong, and has been all year."

Finley said the horse will be trained by Bill Mott, who also conditions West Point's GI Kentucky Oaks contender Flashy Gray (Flashy Bull).

Ocala Stud stands High Cotton and owned this colt at the time of sale, but didn't breed him. "He was actually bred by the University of Florida's equine program," explained O'Farrell. "We give some stallion seasons to them every year, and a year or so ago, Chris Cooper, who runs the program, called and said they had some nice weanlings by our stallions, and that they were going to sell them. So my trainer, George Burrows, and my son David went out and looked at them, and we bought two of them."

One of the pair, of course, was yesterday's \$600,000 colt. "Sometime after we bought him, the 2-year-old out of the mare won a stakes, and that helped a little bit," continued O'Farrell. "But really what helped is that the colt grew up into a real physical specimen. He has a real presence about him, and he never missed a day of training. He's a big, strong colt. I knew he'd sell well, but you never expect a horse to sell like that. Obviously we're pleased, and I think they got a really nice horse."

O'Farrell gave an insight into how nice. Two weeks ago, the colt ripped through a quarter mile in :21 flat in a pre-breeze-show prep. "He actually worked too fast and galloped out extremely strong," said O'Farrell. "We didn't breeze him last week--you normally wouldn't do that, but we didn't want him to have three fast breezes in three weeks. Anyway, I think he's the real deal."



**OBS APRIL SALE
Tuesday, Apr. 23, 2013**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Catalogued	300	297
No. Offered	243	243
No. Sold	208	207
RNAs	35	36
% RNA	14.4%	14.8%
No. Over \$200K	11	5
High Price	\$900,000	\$400,000
Gross	\$13,091,500	\$8,855,000
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A Spring Conquest...

Conquest Racing's Ernie Semersky and his longtime partner Dory Newell continue to make an impression on the juvenile sales scene this year. In addition to being the direct underbidder on Monday's topper, the upstart operation, along with their trainer and advisor Mark Casse, went to \$420,000 to land the session's third-highest-priced horse, a colt from the first crop of MGSW Two Step Salsa (Petionville) from Eisaman Equine. Barry and Shari Eisaman, who consigned the horse as [Hip 483](#), had acquired the Florida-bred son of MSP Homesteader (Pioneering) for just \$20,000 at last year's OBS August Yearling Sale. At the Apr. 17 under-tack preview, the colt powered an eighth in [:10 flat](#).

"I thought he was a great mover, and his gallop-out time was phenomenal," said Casse, who sat alongside Semersky and Newell in the sales pavilion. "In fact, I thought I messed up to see if I had the right time. For most horses, a great gallop-out is :23 1/5. He galloped out in :22 3/5, and went out in :32 3/5, and :47. The only one I've seen do that before is Delightful Mary, a filly I bought a few years ago. We're excited about him. I know it's a first-year sire, so that's a little scary, but he just seemed to have a lot of class to him. And more importantly, Dory loved him."



Chris Orth, Ernie Semersky & Dory Newell
L Marquardt

Said Newell, "We go by the way they move, how they walk, and this horse flowed."

Semersky agreed. "He's such an efficient mover," he said. "We kept watching the head-on video, and he's just a super-efficient horse, like an arrow. For what we know, we like him a lot."

Newell added, "Mark's been helping us learn and isolate what we like about what we're seeing."

Casse said the Two Step Salsa colt will be amongst a group of roughly 10 juveniles Conquest will buy this spring. "We'll run some at Churchill, some in Chicago and some in Toronto," he explained. "We're trying to expand, and always looking for good horses. We always look for good two-turn horses. This horse may be limited to a mile, but he's really fast, and that's always a plus. And the Eisamans sell good horses and do a great job, so we feel comfortable buying from them."

Semersky is the president and owner of Semersky Enterprises, a conglomerate with far-flung interests, including real estate, venture capital, developing and luxury car dealerships. "My background was in the Merc and Board of Trade [Mercantile Exchange and Board of Trade in Chicago], and I've done the same stuff for a long time," said Semersky. "We're looking for something as a hobby."

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Also with the Conquest team at Ocala was Chris Orth, Semersky's son-in-law who works on both financials and analytics.

Semersky and Newell's immersion in racing has been lightning fast and came after a friend--former Sportsman's Park chief Stormy Bidwell--got him tickets to the Kentucky Derby last year. "So we loaded up the plane, went down, and loved it," said Semersky.

They loved it so much that, a month later, they privately purchased the juvenile colt Gunderman (Birdstone), who they transferred from Steve Asmussen to Casse. "Stormy put us together with some guys and we bought Gunderman, and we've loved it so far," said Semersky. "We're real pleased with Mark, and we like what we're doing."

Gunderman has been a solid performer for Conquest. He broke his maiden in a Woodbine maiden special in October, caught a monster named Verrazano (More Than Ready) when third in a Gulfstream optional claimer Feb. 2, then won at that level in Hallandale Mar. 2.

Conquest greatly ramped up its involvement at OBS March, buying four horses for \$950,000, led by a \$475,000 son of Birdstone--Miner's Secret and a \$240,000 daughter of Artie Schiller--Golden Artemis. The Two Step Salsa colt was their first April purchase.

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The Price to Pay for Ghostzapper Filly? \$290,000...

Andro and Tracey Price's Price Thoroughbreds came into OBS April with a small five-horse consignment, but enjoyed a couple of breakout transactions during yesterday's second session. They were led by the sale of [Hip 560](#), a filly by Ghostzapper--Koko Pop (A.P. Indy) who made \$290,000. Dominic Brennan, agent for Highland Yard LLC, secured the handsome bay filly, who was produced by an unraced daughter of GI La Brea S. heroine Got Koko (Signal Tap). The Prices bought the Stonestreet-bred filly for a sensible \$47,000 as a yearling and last week sent her out to a [:10 2/5](#) breeze.



Andro Price
L Marquardt

"My wife and I picked her out at Keeneland, and we loved her from Day 1," said Andro Price. "She's got a world of class and is nice to be around. She's a strong, athletic filly, and we were lucky to have her."

Price said he and Tracey have been pinhooking juveniles for about 20 years. They are based in Ocala at the Classic Mile Training Center.

"We generally have small numbers--five or 10 horses each year," he said. "That way, we can give a horse more attention and really pay attention to the details. It's worked well for us, and we spend a lot of time with our horses. She's one that really responded to being taken care of, and she showed up for us." *Cont. p8*

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The transaction, which Price said ranks among the operation's best ever, wasn't unexpected.

"We had a lot of positive feedback on her, and from the action going in, I knew we had a top prospect," he said. "Were we surprised? No. But we're very happy."

The Prices had a second six-figure transaction yesterday. They also sold [Hip 444](#), a filly by Yes It's True--Grandiosity (Grand Slam), for \$150,000. Another unearthed at Keeneland September, that filly was purchased for \$27,000.

Discreet Cat Filly to Pell & Miller...

Pelican Farm owner Richard Pell, who's had a few successes in the past with trainer Nick Zito--most notably with the narrow GI Travers S. runner-up Fly Down (Mineshaft)--will have a string in California this year, and to that end, has tasked trainer Peter Miller with buying some juveniles-in-training. Yesterday, on Pell's behalf, Miller came away with a Discreet Cat filly he called a "first-round" prospect.

Miller saw off a challenge from Gary Contessa and his client to secure [Hip 362](#), a daughter of the winning Silver Deputy mare Fico from the family of Exchange Rate, for \$280,000. That was the second-highest price paid for a filly Tuesday. Consignor Eddie Woods purchased the Mar. 9-foaled dark bay for \$67,000 last year at Fasig-Tipton July and was reselling her off a smart [:10 flat](#) breeze.

Miller, leaning against a wall in the sale pavilion and on the phone with Pell as he did his bidding, was excited about the newest addition to his stable.

"She's perfect--correct, classy, fast, sound," said Miller. "She's everything I look for in a horse. She was a must-have. She was a first round, number-one draft pick."

It was Miller's third buy of the sale for Pell. On Monday, he signed for [Hip 89](#), a colt by Denis of Cork--Beastlie Moon for \$100,000; and [Hip 114](#), a filly by Tale of the Cat--Boldy's Reflection, for \$115,000. Previously, at OBS March, Miller and Pell teamed to buy a filly by High Cotton--Sunshine Song for \$340,000.

"He's looking for stakes horses," Miller said of Pell's buying strategy. "I like this filly--she was one of my top three of the sale--and I was very thankful Mr. Pell gave me the opportunity to buy her. We've got some nice horses for him--well probably wind up with five in total--and, hopefully, we'll get them going at Del Mar this summer."

Miller has been on a steady rise in the training ranks in California in recent years, and much of his success has come with OBS grads. They include his first Grade I winner Set Play (Van Nistelrooy), a \$105,000 OBS March buy, as well as the admirably tough Comma to the Top (Bwana Charlie), a \$22,000 purchase at this very sale in 2010 who, later that year, won the GI CashCall Futurity.

"This is my favorite sales venue--we've done really well here," said Miller.

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Eighttofastcatch	Not for Love	Henry S. Clark S.	109
Disposablepleasure	Giacomo	Sixty Sails H.-G3	103
Sweet Cassiopeia	Five Star Day	Giant's Causeway S.	102
Chips All In	North Light (IRE)	San Simeon S.-G3	101
Dance to Bristol	Speightstown	Sugar Maple S.	101
Departing	War Front	Illinois Derby-G3	100
Procurement	Milwaukee Brew	La Puente S.	100
Interaction (ARG)	Easing Along	San Juan Capistrano H.-G2	99
Summer Front	War Front	Miami Mile H.-G3	99
Game on Dude	Awesome Again	Charles Town Classic S.-G2	98
Lattin Devil	Latent Heat	Inaugural S.	98
Fearsome	Speightstown	Webb Snyder Charles Town Dash H.	97
Kauai Katie	Malibu Moon	Road Princess S.	97
Ice Cream Silence	Street Sense	Hilliard Lyons Doubledogdare S.-G3	96
Successful Dan	Successful Appeal	Ben Ali S.-G3	96
Free World	Stormy Atlantic	Robert Hilton Memorial S.	95
Lucy's Bob Boy	Flatter	Confucius Say S.	95
Bold Affair	Two Punch	Primonetta S.	94
Lady of Shamrock	Scat Daddy	Santa Barbara H.-G2	94
Dan the Tin Man	Songandaprayer	Woodstock S.	90
Vannistelrooy Star	Van Nistelrooy	Golden Circle S.	90
Rootham Triple E's	Weather Warning	Star Shoot S.	89
Jewel of a Cat	Wildcat Heir	Stormy Blues S.	88

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Kitten's Joy Miss Goes to Regis for \$240,000...

Representatives of Nat Rea's Regis Farm outlasted trainer Peter Eurton to land [Hip 336](#), a Kitten's Joy full-sister to last year's Oklahoma Derby winner Politicallycorrect, for \$240,000. Rea's bloodstock advisor Richard Hogan, sitting with an associate in the front row of the pavilion, secured the daughter of the winning 10-year-old Exceedexpectations (Tale of the Cat). Trainer John Kimmel and bloodstock agent Marrette Farrell were also believed to be bidding on the horse, who breezed an eighth in [:10 2/5](#) at the under-tack preview and galloped out in [:21](#) and change.

The bay filly, who will celebrate an unofficial birthday in three days' time, was purchased by Mike Ryan and Niall Brennan as a yearling for \$85,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Fall Yearlings Sale in Kentucky.

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Comments on today's paper



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Kitten's Joy to Regis (cont. from p8)

"Ramsey Farm had a few nice Kitten's Joys there," said Brennan. "She was quite backward and immature looking, but she reminded us of those horses you used to see years ago that have just come out of the field and haven't been overly prepped. But she had the frame and was classy, and I thought she was going to grow into something. We actually brought her home and turned her out--we didn't break her until December. We pointed her to this sale, because we knew she was going to need the time. But I really like this filly--I think she's going to be a filly for future. Kitten's Joy is a very good sire, and her full-brother runs on dirt. I think she's just a good one, and those kinds take their tracks with them. We're happy for Nat Rea and Regis Farm. They're buying some very nice fillies, and I think this filly will fit nicely into their program."

According to the TDN Sales PPs, before yesterday, Kitten's Joy had five of eight juveniles sell this year for an average of \$192,000, including a pair of colts at OBS March who made \$260,000.

The sale continues with sessions today and Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. For complete results, catalogue and outs, or to watch the sale live, visit www.obssales.com.

411 colt Graeme Hall Gentle Wave 150,000
B-Charles H Deters & Dr John Peterson (FL)
 Consigned by Thoroughbred Friends & Associates, agent III
 Purchased by Garry Simms, agent for James Driver
 After being bought back for just \$4,500 as an OBSOCT weanling in 2011, this Florida-bred colt was let go and was purchased by Adrian Enriquez for \$9,000 as an OBS August yearling a few months ago. The turnaround and results were dramatic in his third trip through this ring after the colt worked two furlongs in [:21 flat](#) last Wednesday.

492 colt Rockport Harbor Hummel 200,000
B-Glencrest Farm (KY)
 Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, agent
 Purchased by David M Clark
 Representatives of Glencrest Farm acquired this May 18 foal for \$22,000 as a short-yearling at Keeneland January in early 2012, but the gray failed to meet his reserve and was bought back for \$21,000 when he visited this sales ring for last summer's August yearling sale. Hip 492 scorched the local Safe-Track for a quarter-mile work in an effortless [:20 4/5](#) last week, and he was one of several offerings to bring in excess of \$200K Tuesday.

506 colt Henny Hughes Impart 310,000
B-Nursery Place & Robert T Manfuso (KY)
 Consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales, agent
 Purchased by Bear Stables Ltd
 Bloodstock agent Brian Morgan went to \$55,000 for this colt by the sire of champion Beholder, and the chestnut, closely related to Wise Dan's sire Wiseman's Ferry (Hennessy), is off to Canada after breezing his eighth of a mile in a strong [:10 1/5](#).

560 filly Ghostzapper Koko Pop 290,000
B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings (KY)
 Consigned by Price Thoroughbreds (Andro & Tracey Price), agent
 Purchased by Dominic Brennan, agent for Highland Yard LLC
 \$47,000 KEESEP yearling purchase
See story p7

572 colt Bernardini Rooneys Princess 900,000
B-Robert Gentry Family Partnership (KY)
 Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent
 Purchased by Brushwood Stable
 \$225,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase
See story p1

2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALES

Sale	Date	Under Tack
OBS Spring	Apr. 22-25	Apr. 16-19
Barretts May	May 13	May 10
Fasig-Tipton Midlantic	May 20-21	May 15-16
OBS June 2YOs/HRA	June 18-19	June 14-16

CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC TIMING CHANGE

After review, the official fractions and final time for Saturday's GII Charles Town Classic have been amended. The new times are: :24.12; :47.43; 1:11.32; 1:37.10, with a final time of 1:49.93. The originally reported final time was 1:52.27. "The important thing is that the timing has ultimately been recorded correctly without much of a delay," said Charles Town's Vice President of Racing Operations Erich Zimny. "We obviously would have preferred it to be accurate the first time, but the issue was identified and corrected as soon as it could have been."



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OBS APRIL SALE -- TUESDAY

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
336	filly	Kitten's Joy	Exceedexpectations	240,000
<i>B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent II				
Purchased by Regis Farms				
\$85,000 FTKOCT yearling purchase				
<i>See story p8</i>				

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
362	filly	Discreet Cat	Fico	280,000
<i>B-Christina Latimer (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Eddie Woods, agent II				
Purchased by Pelican Stable LLC				
\$67,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase				
<i>See story p8</i>				

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
392	filly	Yes It's True	For Scarlett	200,000
<i>B-El Batey Farm (FL)</i>				
Consigned by Indian Prairie Ranch, agent				
Purchased by Stonestreet Stables LLC				

Clyde Rice had to fork out just \$12,000 to acquire this Florida-bred filly as a short-yearling at the 2012 OBS Winter Mixed sale, and the dark bay did her part here 15 months later. After breezing a quarter-mile in a sparkling [:20 4/5](#), she was knocked down to Barbara Banke and team for a tidy profit.



Baffert Duo Out of Derby Contention (cont. from p1)

Baffert still has **Governor Charlie** (Midnight Lute) in line for a Derby berth, as well as possible starters **Code West** (Lemon Drop Kid), (21st on the eligibility list), and **Power Broker** (Pulpit) (24th).

“As for Code West and Power Broker, we haven’t made any decisions yet about their Derby status,” Baffert added. “I’ll be in [Louisville] Saturday and I want to watch them train over the track and see what happens. They’ll work again Sunday or Monday, but I won’t make final decisions about those two until I have to.”

Baffert also confirmed that **Fiftyshadesofhay** (Pulpit) will skip the GI Kentucky Oaks, but could run in the GIII Eight Belles S. or GII Black-Eyed Susan S.

Broken Spell Rerouted to Edgewood

Calumet Farm’s **Broken Spell** (Broken Vow), most recently seventh in the GI Ashland S., will skip the May 3 GI Kentucky Oaks in favor of the same day’s Edgewood S. over the Churchill lawn. “We think she is better on grass and the Oaks is a damned tough race,” reported trainer D. Wayne Lukas. Broken Spell worked a half-mile at Churchill Tuesday in :50.40.

ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY POINT STANDINGS
through Apr. 20, 2013

Horse (Sire)	Points
Orb (Malibu Moon)	150
Verrazano (More Than Ready)	150
Goldencents (Into Mischief)	129
Java’s War (War Pass)	122
Overanalyze (Dixie Union)	110
Revolutionary (War Pass)	110
Lines of Battle (War Front)	100
Vyjack (Into Mischief)	70
Will Take Charge (Unbridled’s Song)	60
Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron)	50
Governor Charlie (Midnight Lute)	50
Black Onyx (Rock Hard Ten)	50
Palace Malice (Curlin)	50
Normandy Invasion (Tapit)	44
Frac Daddy (Scat Daddy)	44
Mylute (Midnight Lute)	42
Oxbow (Awesome Again)	36
Falling Sky (Lion Heart)	30
Charming Kitten (Kitten’s Joy)	20
Winning Cause (Giant’s Causeway)	20

Code West (Lemon Drop Kid)	20
Tiz a Minister (Minister’s Wild Cat)	20
Golden Soul (Perfect Soul {Ire})	14

Can O’Neill Do It Again?

Doug O’Neill, the defending champion after winning last year with I’ll Have Another (Flower Alley), comes into this year’s GI Kentucky Derby with another GI Santa Anita Derby winner in **Goldencents** (Into Mischief).

“Last year, we were so fired up after the Santa Anita Derby, but still thought the Kentucky Derby was so far-fetched,” O’Neill said. “[I’ll Have Another] was a great horse, but it still took so much racing luck to get it done. Having got it done makes this year’s dream seem more real, like we could possibly do it back to back.”

O’Neill hopes to make history again this year, not only with back-to-back wins, but with jockey Kevin Krigger aboard. The Derby has not been won by an African-American jockey since 1902 when Jimmy Winkfield won aboard Alan-a-Dale.

“Ironically, the trainer [of Alan-a-Dale] was an Irish guy named Thomas McDowell,” O’Neill said. “Kevin is going to be playing Winkfield and I’m going to be playing McDowell. It’s been a long time since an African-American won this race and it’s time to make it happen again.”

The big question facing all of the Derby contenders is whether or not they can handle going 1 1/4 miles. O’Neill is even more confident after the Santa Anita Derby that Goldencents will not have a problem stretching out.

“I really think the horses either have it in them or they don’t and I really think this horse has 1 1/4 miles in him,” O’Neill said. “He brings 110% to the track everyday. If all goes well, he will have another six-furlong breeze this Thursday and he will gallop right into the race.”

Last year, I’ll Have Another won the Derby from the 19 hole, so post position is not a big concern to O’Neill going into the race this year. He feels the outer posts keep the horse from getting caught up in the pack heading into the first turn.

“The great thing is Goldencents has a lot of natural speed away from the gate, so I don’t think it is as crucial as it seems it was with I’ll Have Another,” O’Neill said.

The 2012 Triple Crown trail had a lot of ups and downs for O’Neill and his team. He faced a lot of speculation from the media and is prepared if he faces more this time around.

“Like last year, we have a tremendous team going with us,” O’Neill said. “I would rather have a good horse and answer the tough questions, than a slow horse and have nobody asking anything.”

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.



Will May 4 Be Plesa's Lucky Day?

Eddie Plesa Jr. will return to the GI Kentucky Derby for the first time in 14 years with GIII Holy Bull S. winner and GI Florida Derby runner-up **Itsmyluckyday** (Lawyer Ron). Plesa's last Derby starter was the ill-fated filly Three Ring (Notebook), who finished a disappointing 19th after a very troubled trip in 1999.

Plesa hopes Itsmyluckyday builds off of the Florida Derby effort while stretching out to 1 1/4 miles on the first Saturday in May.

"The Florida Derby, as nice as it would have been to win it, wasn't my main focus," Plesa said. "The main focus is the first Saturday in May and, with that being said, he had 62 days off between the Florida Derby and his race previous to that [Holy Bull]. We gave him some light, easy time and then started to crank him up with the idea of the first Saturday in May. Not to take anything away from Orb's performance--it was sensational no if, ands, or buts about that--but again I don't think we were at 100% and we have no excuses coming into the Derby. He will be at 100%."

Itsmyluckyday is currently at Calder Race Course, his home track, and will not head to Louisville until Saturday. Plesa's reasoning is to keep things as normal as possible for the colt heading into the Derby, while still preparing him for the surface at Churchill Downs.

"First of all, he gets to stay home and that is a big plus," Plesa said. "Second of all, Calder's racing surface, I think, will prepare you for any other racing surface, so I think that is a plus. The third thing is we are not having to deal with weather conditions that may be happening or may arise in Kentucky. I just think for our horse it's a great thing to do."

If Itsmyluckyday breezes again before the Derby, it will be Thursday at Calder, but Plesa feels that will most likely not be necessary.

"If I do work him, it will be easy and if I don't, it will be because I don't think there is anything else I can do to prepare this horse from a physical standpoint, to get him any fitter, or to do anything any differently than he is going to do in the Derby," Plesa said. "I'm leaning towards not working him only because we are this close he doesn't need it."

Pletcher Has at Least Five Chances at a Derby Win

Todd Pletcher could have a record-tying five starters, and may possibly saddle a record-setting six, in this year's GI Kentucky Derby with **Verrazano** (More Than Ready), **Revolutionary** (War Pass), **Overanalyze** (Dixie Union), **Charming Kitten** (Kitten's Joy), **Palace Malice** (Curlin) and GIII Coolmore Lexington S. winner **Winning Cause** (Giant's Causeway) on the fence. Pletcher has saddled five for the first Saturday in May before, in 2007.

"We are blessed," Pletcher said. "We are in a great position. Having five does not mean you are going to win the race. There will be only one winner and I have a tremendous appreciation for how difficult the Kentucky Derby is to win. Even if you have the best horse, a lot of times it doesn't mean you are going to succeed."

"You have to have everything go right that day," Pletcher continued. "We couldn't be more happy with the cards we are holding at the moment."

Pletcher may be saddling the Derby favorite in GI Wood Memorial winner Verrazano. The undefeated colt was unraced as a 2-year-old and made his debut on New Year's Day.

"We had very high hopes for him prior to his maiden win and even bigger hopes after that race, but still to think he was coming from an unstarted maiden, until he woke up on New Year's Day, to possibly the Derby favorite in this amount of time is a tremendous amount of development," Pletcher said. "The fact that he has been able to win from 6 1/2 furlongs to a mile to 1 1/16 miles at Tampa and 1 1/8 miles at Aqueduct speaks volumes for the quality that he has and the enormous talent that he has. It is not a total surprise, due to the way he had been training prior to that, but it is rare that you see it happen."

After the Wood, many have been wondering if Verrazano will be able to go the distance in Kentucky, but Pletcher is not worried.

"Based on the way he has trained for us all winter, he has given me the impression that I haven't seen the bottom of him," Pletcher said. "I'm very confident. I'd say I'm as confident about the mile and a quarter as anyone else in the race."

After the colt's performances in the GII Tampa Bay Derby and the Wood Memorial Pletcher is confident in his stamina. He feels the Wood was a strangely run race and was very happy with Verrazano's performance.

"He finished the last three furlongs in :36.2 in a 1 1/8-mile race," Pletcher said. "That was very important moving forward. He got an important Grade I win under his belt and moving towards another stretch in distance, the way he won his last two races hopefully sets him up well for this."

GII Louisiana Derby winner Revolutionary took some time to break his maiden, but has since lived up to the potential Pletcher saw early. He will have a new jockey on Derby day in Calvin Borel. The colt's regular rider Javier Castellano has chosen to ride one of his other regular mounts, Normandy Invasion (Tapit).

"I think it is no secret that Calvin Borel is really at his best at Churchill," Pletcher said. "His Derby success has not been paralleled in the past 10 or 12 years. That good karma and the fact that he won for us on Super Saver seemed to me like an easy decision."

Charming Kitten comes into the Derby having never run on dirt before. He also has no jockey lined up as of yet.

"Charming Kitten got here in a little bit of an unorthodox way by never really having run on the dirt," Pletcher said. "His breezes this winter were on the dirt. He has shown us that he handles the dirt well, but with his pedigree the natural thing was to run him on turf for a little while."

Winning Cause made himself a possible Derby contender by winning last Saturday's Lexington S., but Pletcher has yet to make a decision on whether or not the colt will run on Derby day. **Cont. p12**



"We will see how the horse works this week and we are probably going to wait until breezing on Sunday before we make our final decision," Pletcher said. "But, so far he has come out of the Coolmore Lexington in good order. He is healthy and happy and we will be thinking about it."

If the new points system had been a little different, we may have seen a seventh contender from the Pletcher stable in **Dreaming of Julia** (A.P. Indy). Pletcher's only criticism of the new Derby points system is that a good filly can not get in unless she runs her prep races against the boys and if the filly did not run well, it could hurt her chances of getting into the GI Kentucky Oaks. Due to this fact, Pletcher never talked Derby with Dreaming of Julia's owners and instead focused solely on the Oaks.

"Based on the way she won the GII Gulfstream Oaks, she ran quite a bit faster than the Florida Derby on the same card, if the option was there we probably would have had a discussion about it," Pletcher said. "But right now we are just focusing on the Oaks and getting ready for that."

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Friday, Keeneland, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

ELKHORN S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sky Blazer	Sky Mesa	Napravnik	Tagg	118
2	Al Qasr (K)	Aptitude	Prado	Garoffalo	118
3	Side Road	Street Cry (Ire)	Stevens	McLaughlin	118
4	Helicopter	Three Wonders	Cox	Rice	123
5	Reflecting	Elusive Quality	Albarado	McGaughy III	118
6	Dark Cove (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Rosario	Maker	118
7	Macho Bull (K)	Macho Uno	Hernandez Jr	Dorochenko	118
8	Ioya Bigtime	Dynaformer	Sanchez	Block	118
9	Pool Play (K)	Silver Deputy	Mena	Casse	118
10	Forte Dei Marmi (GB)	Selkirk	Leparoux	Attfield	118
11	Al Khali (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Gomez	Mott	118

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Date	Race	Track
Apr. 25	GIIT Bewitch S.	KEE
Apr. 26	GIIT Elkhorn S.	BEL
	GIII Derby Trials	CD
Apr. 28	GIII Whimsical S.	WO
	GIIT Wilshire H.	HOL

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SALES NEWS

DAUGHTER OF LAWMAN TOPS BREEZE-UP

The Doncaster Bloodstock Sales' Breeze-Up Sale was held Tuesday, and with significantly fewer horses on offer this year, the sale yielded a 4% rise in average, while the median fell by 17%. Not surprisingly, gross



Hip 78
DBS Photo

figures also fell, down from £3,601,500 last year to £2,974,300 this term and the buyback rate also dropped, down from 24% to 20%. Willie Browne's Mocklershill consignment was responsible for the leading light yesterday, when a daughter of Lawman (Fr) fetched £210,000

(US\$320,003). Hip 78 had much to recommend her, with a solid breeze on Monday backing up one of the most notable pedigrees in the catalogue. Blandford Bloodstock's Richard Brown saw off competition from David Redvers for the February-foaled bay, whose listed-winning and multiple group-placed dam Traou Mad (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) is a half to 1998 G2 Gimcrack S. winner Josr Algarhoud (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and Sainte Marine (Ire) (Kenmare {Fr}), the crack sprinter who was twice successful in the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene and as many times runner-up in the G1 Nunthorpe S.

"She is probably the nicest filly I've seen at the breeze-ups this year," Brown told the *Racing Post*. "We tried on a number of the better lots at Tattersalls last week, but just kept missing out, so I was determined to get this filly. I just loved her. She's my type of filly--top pedigree, really good-looking and did a great breeze--she just ticked all the right boxes. She will be trained by John Gosden and run in the colours Al Asayl Bloodstock."

Topping the colts' category was hip 112, a speedily bred chestnut from the draft of John Collins' Brown Island Stables who sold the subsequent G2 Norfolk S. winner South Central (Forest Camp) here five years ago. By Compton Place (GB), the half-brother to the useful black-type performer Ganimed (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) was snapped up for just £16,000 at the Premier Sales here in August and he provided a handsome return on that investment when selling to trainer John Quinn on behalf of owner Paul Chapman for £155,000.

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Hip 112
DBS Photo



One other lot made six figures and that was another from the Mocklershill draft in hip [114](#), a son of Exceed and Excel (Aus) whose listed-placed dam Cliche (Ire) (Diktat {GB}) hails from the top Gainsborough dynasty of the Classic-placed Dabaweyaa (Ire) (Shareef Dancer). Richard Fahey will train the March-foaled chestnut after David Armstrong's Highfield Farm LLP--responsible for last year's G1 July Cup hero Mayson (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and recent Listed European Free H. scorer Garswood (GB) (Dutch Art {GB})--saw off all-comers with a bid of £100,000.

Early in the trading, a daughter of Invincible Spirit (Ire) from Powerstown Stud was knocked down to Anthony Stroud Bloodstock for £90,000. Hip [9](#) is out of the listed-placed La Reine Mambo (High Yield) whose half-sister Danzon (Royal Academy) was a group and graded-stakes scorer in France and the U.S. That price was later matched by Peter and Ross Doyle Bloodstock for Horse Park Stud's hip [88](#), a colt from the first crop of the Golden Jubilee hero Art Connoisseur (GB) whose page features the multiple pattern-race scorer Libranno (GB) (Librettist).

End of an Era...Harry Beeby Retires

The sale marked the finale for Harry Beeby, who announced his retirement from the rostrum after overseeing the topper. His son and DBS Managing Director Henry Beeby said, "The end of an era' is probably one of those over-used phrases in the modern world, but it really is most appropriate today following the final outing on the rostrum for our Chairman Harry Beeby, who has wielded the DBS gavel for 49 years. As I said when he stepped down, Harry has been the epitome of style, integrity and enthusiasm and the auctioneer to whom we all aspired. It was he, along with the late Sir Peter Nugent and David Nagle, who revolutionised the art of bloodstock auctioneering in Europe by injecting some real speed and theatre to the role and he has worked to the highest standards at each and every DBS sale. It was very fitting that he was the auctioneer in charge of the day's highest price and there is no one who would have teased more out of the lot. Happily, Harry will continue to be a constant presence at every DBS sale for the foreseeable future and looks forward to meeting all our clients on an on-going basis, as retirement is definitely not on the agenda."

Of yesterday's market, Beeby added, "Today's sale has followed the trends seen at the Kempton and Newmarket Breeze-Ups, with a selective market, but real strength for the best. Once again our vendors provided DBS with a catalogue of the type of quality the market demands and we are delighted that many of our regular supporters landed some memorable pinhooking touches, as they are the backbone of this sale. That the average has advanced, but the median has fallen is a clear indication of the increasing polarisation of the market that is evident at sales these days, although the improved clearance rate clearly shows the pragmatic approach of our vendors who came to sell."

Full results can be found on www.dbsauctions.com.

**DBS BREEZE-UP SALE
TOP FIVE LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (£)
78	f	Lawman (Fr)	Traou Mad (Ire)	210,000
Consigned by Mocklershill Purchased by Blandford Bloodstock				
112	c	Compton Place	Chance For Romance (GB)	155,000
(£16,000 yrl '12 DONAUG) Consigned by Brown Island Stables Purchased by Paul Chapman				
114	c	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Cliche (Ire)	100,000
(18,000gns wnlg '11 TATDEC; £46,000 yrl '12 DONAUG) Consigned by Mocklershill Purchased by Highfield Farm LLP				
9	f	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	La Reine Mambo	90,000
(€35,000 RNA wnlg '11 GOFNOV; £50,000 yrl '12 DONAUG) Consigned by Powerstown Stud Purchased by Anthony Stroud Bloodstock Ltd				
88	c	Art Connoisseur (GB)	A L'Aube (Ire)	90,000
(€24,000 wnlg '11 GOFNOV; 34,000gns yrl '12 TATOCT) Consigned by Horse Park Stud Purchased by Peter & Ross Doyle Bloodstock				

**DBS BREEZE-UP SALE
TUESDAY, APR. 23, 2013**

	2013	2012
No. Catalogued	145	192
No. Offered	121	160
No. Sold	97	122
RNAs	24	38
% RNA	19.8%	23.8%
Gross	£2,974,300	£3,601,500
Average (% Change)	£30,663 (+3.9%)	£29,520
Median (% Change)	£20,000 (-16.7%)	£24,000



Harry Beeby being presented with a painting following his retirement from the rostrum yesterday, where he sold the top priced horse at £210,000. The presentation is being made by Henry Beeby and Harry's grandson, George, is on the left hand side.



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GUINEAS WARM-UPS

Now the preps for the first American Classics, Friday week's GI Kentucky Oaks (well, maybe it's not technically a Classic, but it sure looks a great race this year) and the following day's GI Kentucky Derby, are just about done, last week saw a lot of action on the European front--not least Monday's announcement that unbeaten Certify (Elusive Quality), last year's European champion 2-year-old filly, was ruled out due to the Al-Zarooni stable's steroid findings.

Both Newmarket, last Wednesday and Thursday, and Newbury, last Saturday, staged trials for next weekend's G1 English 2000 Guineas (colts, Saturday) and G1 English 1000 Guineas (fillies, Sunday). Trainer Richard Hannon dominated proceedings, winning three of the four Classic preps. The one that got away produced a new favorite for the 1000 Guineas: Juddmonte's Hot Snap, a half-sister to Middy, by Pivotal, and trained by Middy's trainer, Sir Henry Cecil, won Newmarket's G3 Nell Gwyn S. (RPR 113), sweeping by the Hannon-trained favorite and 2012 G1 Moyglare winner Sky Lantern (Red Clubs). With Certify's exclusion from the race, Hot Snap, who was making only her second career start in the Nell Gwyn, is the new 3-1 Guineas favorite (as of yesterday on Betfair).

Tied for second favorite are Just The Judge (Lawman), 3-for-3 last year, including Newmarket's important G2 Rockfel S., for trainer Charles Hills, and the French-trained (Mikel Delzangles, who won the English 2000 in 2010 with Makfi) Mr. Greeley filly What A Name, who won France's most important Guineas trial for fillies, the G3 Prix Imprudence. They are both around the 6-1 mark.

Just as, if not more impressive, was the Hannon-trained Toronado (High Chaparral, who also has top Australian 3-year-old It's A Dundeel this year), in last Thursday's G3 Craven S. The winner of last year's G2 Champagne S. at Doncaster and now owned by Qatari Sheikh Joann bin Hamad Al Thani, Toronado took his record to 4-for-4 in leading all the way and powering away to a four-length win. He's now second favorite, at around 11-4, for the 2000 Guineas, behind the 8-5 favorite, Dawn Approach, from New Approach's first crop. That colt, still trained--as was his sire--by Jim Bolger, is now owned by Godolphin and is 6-for-6, including the G2 Coventry at Royal Ascot, the G1 National S. and the G1 Dewhurst S.

The only other horses trading at under 20-1 yesterday were two Aidan O'Brien trainees, both around 12-1: the once-raced Mars (Galileo), and Cristoforo Colombo, from Henrythenavigator's first crop. Mars was sidelined by all the soft ground last year; they just never ran him back. Cristoforo Colombo did run back, but like his sire, was compromised by the soft ground.

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One other Classic pointer: 19-time champion French trainer Andre Fabre, and early pointers for Derbies. He has already saddled four winners of black-type races this year at distances from nine to 10 1/2f (2100m): two Monsuns (Prince Faisal's Ocavango and Team Valor's Triple Threat) and the Giant's Causeway colt Tableaux for the Coolmore team, in France; and the Wertheimers' Intello (by Galileo out of, let's see, a Danehill mare) in Newmarket's Feilden S. It looks like M. Fabre may have a fair few bullets to fire as the distances lengthen and they start to ascend the class ladder.

THE SIRE FILES: STREET SENSE

The 2013 third-crop sire list now looks about right for Darley America: they are now running 1-2-3-4 ([click here](#)). **Street Sense** (Street Cry) had his fourth 2013 graded winner when the 4-year-old filly Ice Cream Silence won the GIII Doubledogdare S. at Keeneland last week. Three of those four graded winners are 4-year-olds, also including two at Gulfstream: the 4-year-old filly Aubby K., who won the GII Inside Information S.; and the colt Cigar Street, winner of the GIII Skip Away S.. His 3-year-old filly Unlimited Budget won two graded races at Fair Grounds, the GIII Rachel Alexandra S. and the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. So that's four graded winners: three 4-year-olds, one 3-year-old; three fillies, one colt; three two-turn winners, one sprinting (seven furlongs).

Street Sense, therefore, now leads the third-crop sire list; **Hard Spun** (Danzig), who has 33 winners and nine black-type horses this year (group leader in that category) has moved into second by progeny earnings, ahead of **Discreet Cat** (Forestry) (also 33 winners, tied for the lead with Hard Spun). **Any Given Saturday** (Distorted Humor) is fourth.

Coolmore's **Scat Daddy** (Johannesburg), who is having a big month, has moved into fifth. In the last two weeks he's had two 4-year-old graded winners (Handsome Mike and, last weekend, Lady of Shamrock won the GII Santa Barbara H. in what sounded like a justified disqualification) and GI Arkansas Derby second Frac Daddy.

Lawyer Ron (Langfuhr) is now sixth, but also has a live Derby outsider in Itsmyluckyday, winner of the GIII Holy Bull S. and second in the GI Florida Derby. Darley's **Teofilo** (Galileo) is eighth overall, and way in front among European third-crop sires, with four black-type winners and seven black-type horses already in 2013.

Now let's take a look at the *TDN* North American General Sire List ([click here](#)). The only difference among the top 12 is that, if you add in European sires, King's Best and Montjeu run two-three overall by virtue of siring the winners of \$5-million races in Dubai. So, for the moment, let's just concentrate on North American sires.

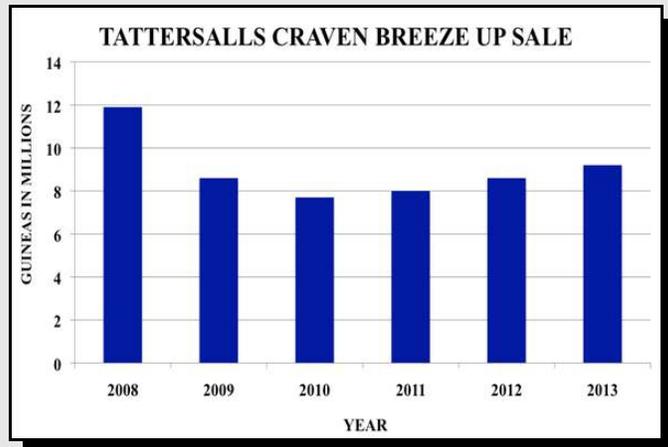
Stonewall Florida's **Leroidesanimaux** (Candy Stripes) tops the charts right now, thanks to Animal Kingdom's win in the G1 Dubai World Cup, but he won't be on top at the end of the year. *Cont. p16*

TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER
by Bill Oppenheim



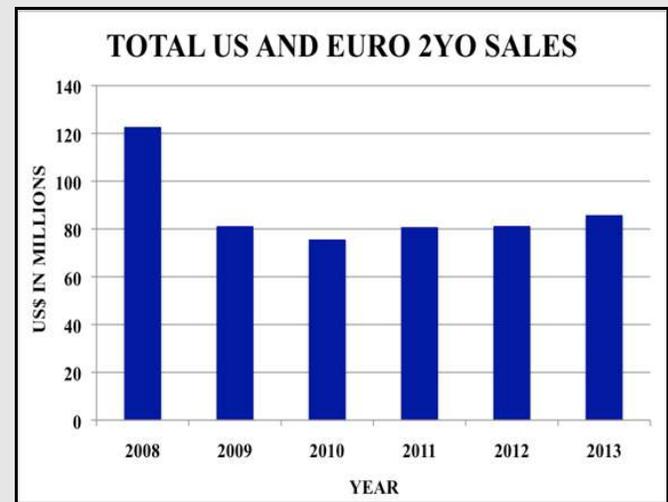
"Tattersall's Craven 2-Year-Old Sale showed good gains while displaying again the weaknesses in the 2-year-old market: up 8% in gross and 22% in average but 9% fewer sold. For all the 2-year-old sales combined going into this week, exactly 50% of those catalogued had sold (586 of 1,172). The number sold is down 10% from last year, the gross is up 5%, and the average up 17%. It looks like OBS this week is showing huge demand for high five-figure and low six-figure 2-year-olds."

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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	182	155	103	14.8%	66.5%	56.6%	9,235,000	89,660
2012	183	150	117	18.0%	78.0%	63.9%	8,578,000	73,316
2011	196	164	112	16.3%	68.3%	57.1%	7,987,000	71,313
2010	166	139	96	16.3%	69.1%	57.8%	7,656,500	79,755
2009	183	163	115	10.9%	70.6%	62.8%	8,561,000	74,443
2008	194	158	116	18.6%	73.4%	59.8%	11,884,000	102,448



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN 2YO SALES AS OF APRIL 21, 2013

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	1,172	831	586	29.1%	70.5%	50.0%	\$85,757,689	\$146,344
2012	1,272	906	649	28.8%	71.6%	51.0%	\$81,319,123	\$125,299
2011	1,458	1,014	725	30.5%	71.5%	49.7%	\$80,790,857	\$111,436
2010	1,376	1,006	690	26.9%	68.6%	50.1%	\$75,625,649	\$109,602
2009	1,630	1,155	735	29.1%	63.6%	45.1%	\$81,220,890	\$110,505
2008	1,710	1,282	833	25.0%	65.0%	48.7%	\$122,749,889	\$147,359

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Animal Kingdom's future 2013 earnings aren't likely to carry him all the way to the year-end top, and he doesn't have enough 'name' runners otherwise to stay there. But he's a really good little sire, no doubt at all about that.

Current number two in North America is **Speightstown** (Gone West). He got a big boost when his son Reynaldothewizard won the \$2-million G1 Golden Shaheen in Dubai. That was a six-furlong race, and again last weekend, when he had winners at Charles Town over 4 1/2 furlongs and seven furlongs, showed how much he is a speed influence. He's pretty unusual that way, I reckon: this is a sire you can breed to for speed.

Number three is Adena Springs' **Awesome Again** (Deputy Minister). Game On Dude has collected \$1.45 million just by himself in adding the GII Charles Town Classic to his earlier win in the GI Santa Anita H. Up to fourth is Claiborne's **War Front** (Danzig), who leads all sires now with five 2013 graded winners and eight black-type winners in all. He's had four BTW and a Grade I second in the last 10 days, including the impressive win by Departing in last Saturday's GIII Illinois Derby.

Spendthrift's **Malibu Moon** (A.P. Indy), sire of my Derby pick, GI Florida Derby winner Orb, is in fifth, followed by the other great sire find of the last few years, Gainesway's **Tapit**, by A.P. Indy's son Pulpit, in sixth. He has 12 black-type horses already this year, but even that is one less than Ashford's **Giant's Causeway** (Storm Cat), now in seventh spot. He had two more graded horses last weekend, including GIII Lexington S. winner Winning Cause. These are followed by: **Unbridled's Song** (sire of GII Rebel S. winner Will Take Charge); **More Than Ready** (sire of unbeaten Derby favorite Verrazano); a resurgent **Candy Ride**; **Smart Strike**; and **Elusive Quality**. There are a lot of horses on that list that you think should be on that list. **Harlan's Holiday**, **Medaglia d'Oro** (four F2006 sires in the top 15), and **Distorted Humor** round out the top 15. **Bill Oppenheim** may be contacted at bopp@erb.com (please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com). Follow him on Twitter at www.twitter.com/biloppenheim.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Xpressbet Partners with Jockeys' Guild:

Online wagering provider Xpressbet has entered into a marketing partnership with the Jockeys' Guild in a deal the two organizations hope will promote riders as "stars" of horse racing. "The jockeys are the most sustainable faces of horse racing," Xpressbet Senior Vice President of Marketing Kerry Carlson said. "Great horses make for compelling stories, but too often they come and go so quickly. Jockeys can compete for decades. They are incredible athletes with unique personalities and telling their stories is a great way to grow interest in racing." Plans call for production of "jockey-centric" content and social media initiatives. Xpressbet will coordinate meet-and-greets with jockeys, as well as opportunities to win autographed memorabilia. "Xpressbet is a great organization to work with, and what really struck me was their passion for horse racing," said John Velazquez, chairman of the Jockeys' Guild. "They are constantly at the track introducing their customers to live racing and talking to everyone willing to listen about online wagering. You can tell they are 'all in' for the sport, and we are certain they will do a great job promoting jockeys and the Guild."




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Big Screen (Speightstown), 5f, 1:01.12, 1/3
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Hymn Book (Arch), 4f, :48.76, 11/27

BETFAIR HOLLYWOOD PARK
Jeranimo (Congaree), 6f, 1:14.40, 4/11
Rail Trip (Jump Start), 4f, :48, 3/27

CHURCHILL DOWNS
Broken Spell (Broken Vow), 4f, :50.40, 23/39
Fort Larned (E.Dubai), 4f, :48.80, 7/39
Good Deed (Broken Vow), 4f, :48, 1/3
Miz Ida (Proud Citizen), 6f, 1:14.60, 1/3
Positively (Distorted Humor), 3f, :37.20, 1/1

KEENELAND
Daddy Nose Best (Scat Daddy), 4f, :50.60, 35/37

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IN BRITAIN:
Enzaal, c, 3, **Invasor (Arg)**. See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

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IN JAPAN:

Unavenged, f, 4, **Empire Maker**--Naughty Natisha, by Known Fact. Tokyo, 4-21, Plate Race, 8f. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$240,000. O-Taiki Farm; B-Dr William B Wilmot & Dr Joan M Taylor; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *\$50,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '11 KEEAPR. **3/4 to Pupil (Unbridled), SW & MGSP, \$204,280; and 1/2 to Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), GSW, \$1,089,884. ***Biding her time at the back of the pack early, Unavenged unleashed a powerful move to win by two lengths. "It was her first race since last September, but she was in a good form and relaxed," jockey Makoto Sugihara said. "It was a very satisfactory win in fast time."

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Britain

Yesterday's Result:

First Winner for Freshman Sire

Yarmouth, 17.10, Mdn, £3,000, 2yo, 5f 43ydsT, 1:03.16, gd/fm.

+ **DER BLAUE REITER (IRE) (c, 2, Art Connoisseur {Ire} --Kafayef, by Secreto)** broke in the second rank and raced in a handy fourth after the early strides of this first go. Making smooth headway from halfway, the 12-1 chance was ridden along to challenge inside the final quarter mile and kept on resolutely under a late drive to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Cockney Bob (GB) (Cockney Rebel {Ire}). The colt becomes the first winner for his freshman sire (by Lucky Story). Sales history: 8,000gns courlg '11 TATDEC; €20,000 yrl '12 TATIRE. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £1,941. O-Clive Washbourn; B-Mrs Ann Kennedy; T-George Baker.

France

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX SERVANNE-Listed, €52,000, Maisons-Laffitte, 4-23, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:12.15, sf.
 1--**#GAMMARTH (FR), 123, h, 5, by Layman--Emouna Queen (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire).** O-Gerard Mimouni; B-Mme Marie-Therese Mimouni; T-Henri-Alex Pantall; J-Fabrice Veron; €26,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 19 starts, 4 wins, 9 places, €142,520.
 2--**American Devil (Fr), 123, c, 4, American Post (GB)--Alcestes Selection (GB), by Selkirk.** O/B-Ecurie Haras de Quetieville; T-John van Handenhove; €10,400.
 3--**Myasun (Fr), 128, g, 5, Panis--Spain (Fr), by Bering (GB).** O/B-Ecurie Jarlan; T-Christian Baillet; €7,800. Margins: 3/4, SHD, 3HF. Odds: 7.90, 19.00, 2.90. Also Ran: Kachgai (Ire), Rosendhal (Ire), Fred Lalloupet (GB), Caraziyan (Fr), Mazameer (Ire), Ghor (Fr), Vital Spirit (Fr). Also Ran (not classified): Sea Trial (Fr), Totxo (Ire), Mariol (Fr), Thyan (Fr).

PRIX SERVANNE cont.

Gammarth closed last term with an unplaced effort in the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise over course and distance Nov. 6, and opened this campaign with a second in the Listed Prix Cor de Chasse at Fontainebleau last time Mar. 29. Restrained to sit pretty at the back of midfield after a smart getaway here, he made smooth progress from mid distance to challenge with 350 meters remaining and came under a late drive to assert for a first black-type score. [Click for Equidia VIDEO.](#)

Maisons-Laffitte, 14.50, Mdn, €25,000, unraced 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:35.03, sf.
 + **IPSWICH (IRE) (f, 3, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Imperial Beauty {G1SW-Fr, MSW & G1SP-Eng, \$296,276}, by Imperial Ballet {Ire})** was caught napping at the break and was given encouragement through the initial strides to latch on at the rear of the field. Inching ever closer throughout, the 69-10 chance was pushed into third approaching the final quarter mile and kept on willingly under a tender drive to oust Wahib (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by a short neck in the dying strides. [Click for Equidia VIDEO.](#) Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,500. O-Ecurie Wildenstein; B-Tower Bloodstock; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

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BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

CLEM MCSPADDEN MEMORIAL ROUTE 66 S., \$51,000, WRD, 4-23, 3yo/up, c/g, 6f, 1:10 1/5, gd.
 1--**HUMBLE SMARTY, 124, g, 9, Mutakddim--Humble Danzig (SW), by Zignew.** O-Brett Creighton; B-James E Danaher (AR); T-Jerry Donaldson; J-Belen Quinonez. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 73-18-11-7, \$536,883.
 2--**Solar Charge, 124, g, 6, Authenticate--Another Sunlit, by Orbit Dancer.** O-H & H Ranch. \$10,000.
 3--**Johnny Whip, 124, g, 4, Stephen Got Even--Paradisa, by Seeking the Gold.** O-George W Straw Jr. \$6,500.
 Margins: 4HF, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 4.10, 7.10, 2.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, \$54,500, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.
FIRE ASSAY (m, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--Jostle {MGISW, \$1,389,932}, by Brocco) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-3-2-2, \$115,446. O-AJ Suited Racing Stable. B-Stonewall Farm Stallions (KY). T-James J Toner. *\$130,000 2yo '10 OBSJUN. **1/2 to Adirondack King (Lawyer Ron), SW & GSP, \$227,664.

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8th-WRD, \$23,200, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40 2/5, gd.
GOTAGOGOTAGOGOTAGO (m, 5, Kipling--Maximum Advance {SW}, by Eulogize) Lifetime Record: SW, 23-5-4-3, \$150,577. O-Hal Browning & David Faulkner (OK). T-Kari Craddock.

5th-FLX, \$23,000, NW3L, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52 1/5, ft.
DAN'S GOLD (g, 4, Forest Danger--Goldrush Lady, by Lord Carson) Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-1, \$95,031. O-Mark Valentine. B-Taylor Made Stallions Inc (NY). T-Sal Iorio Jr. *\$22,000 2yo '11 OBSJUN; \$4,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$1,000 RNA yrl '10 KEEJAN.

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7th-WRD, \$22,800, NW2L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41, gd.
RIBBON OF DARKNESS (f, 3, Foreign Policy--Groovin Allie, by Alamocitos) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$38,514. O/B-Bob & Paulette Pogue (OK). T-William R Pogue.

4th-FLX, \$21,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52 4/5, ft.
SAICHI SWEEPIN (f, 4, Fusaichi Pegasus--Sprig of Broom, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-5-1-1, \$67,780. O-My Purple Haze Stables. B-Meritage Ventures Inc (NY). T-Chris J Englehart. *\$7,000 RNA yrl '10 FTMOCT.

1st-FLX, \$21,000, 4-22, NW2L, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :51 2/5, ft.
COOL AND QUIET (g, 3, Johannesburg--January Angel, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$54,532. O-Francis J Paolangeli. B-Lois Engel & Ashford Stud (NY). T-Charlton Baker. *\$40,000 yrl '11 FTMOCT; \$24,000 yrl '11 FTNAUG.

IN THE DARBY DAN TRADITION

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lip Crusher, c, 3, **Even the Score**--Hips and Lips, by Montbrook. WRD, 4-23, 1m, 1:41 3/5. B-Phil & Judy Needham & Dr Chris Cahill (KY). *\$22,000 2yo '12 FTMMAY; \$7,000 RNA yrl '11 FTKOCT.
Gold Lady, f, 4, **Elusive Quality**--Princess Mitterand (SW & MGISP, \$155,800), by Seattle Slew. FLX, 4-23, 4 1/2f, :52 4/5. B-Liberation Farm, Brandywine Farm & Darley (KY). *\$85,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. **1/2 to French Envoy (Deputy Minister), GSP, \$112,234; Over Under (Seeking the Gold), SW, \$122,824.
Coffee Man, c, 4, **Imperialism**--Heythisis Sarah, by Unbridled's Song. MNR, 4-22, 6f, 1:14 3/5. B-Get Away Farm (FL). *\$3,700 2yo 2011 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Coffee Boy (Yonaguska), GSW, \$250,065.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
 + **Indiaco (Fr)**, c, 2, **Falco**--Indian Beauty (Ire) (SW-Fr), by Mujadil. Maisons-Laffitte, France, 4-23, Mdn, unraced 2yo, 5fT. B-Patrick Boudengen. *€24,000 yrl '12 ARQOCT.
Enzaal, c, 3, **Invasor (Arg)**--Ekleel (Ire), by Danehill. Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-22, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Shadwell Farm LLC.
Khelman (Ire), g, 3, **Kheleyf**--Mandolin (Ire), by Sabrehill. Yarmouth, Britain, 4-23, Mdn, 3-4yo, 6f 3ydsT. B-Oghill House Stud & Jimmy Hyland. *€15,000 yrl '11 GOFSP; 46,000gns 2yo '12 TATGNS.
Slade de Cerisy (Fr), c, 3, **Linda's Lad (GB)**--Lady of Shanghai (Fr), by Septieme Ciel. Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 3/8mT. B-Olivier Varin & Martial Grain. *€7,000 RNA yrl '11 ARQNOV.
Siljan's Saga (Fr), f, 3, **Sagamix (Fr)**--Humoriste (Fr), by Saint Cyrien (Fr). Lyon-Parilly, France, 4-22, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 3/8mT. B-Mme Antoinette Ouvry. *€2,500 yrl '11 ARQNOV.
Arjen (Ger), g, 3, **Samum (Ger)**--Activa (Ger), by Sendawar (Ire). Nancy, France, 4-23, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 165ydsT. B-Gestut Karlshof. *€12,000 yrl '11 BBASEP.
Strategic Strike (Ire), g, 3, **Strategic Prince (GB)**--Puteri Wentworth (GB), by Sadler's Wells. Wolverhampton, Britain, 4-23, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-HRH Sultan Ahmad Shah. *1/2 to Putra Sas (Ire) (Sri Pekan), GSP-Eng.

SYNTHETIC SURFACES IN NORTH AMERICA

Track	All-Weather Surface
Arlington Park	Polytrack
Del Mar	Polytrack
Keeneland	Polytrack
Turfway Park	Polytrack
Woodbine	Polytrack
Hollywood	Cushion Track
Golden Gate	Tapeta Footings
Presque Isle Downs	Tapeta Footings
OBS Training Center	Safetrack

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