

Bill Oppenheim, July 31-Galileo Tops NA-EU Apex



GALILEO TOPS NA-EU APEX SIRES

Though Japan's Deep Impact boasts a 4.40 A Runner Index, with just his first 5-year-olds racing, we've



Galileo (Ire)

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decided to try a different treatment of the 918 sires assigned midyear 2013 APEX ratings. Though we've been able to include Japanese sires in the APEX ratings for about the last 15 years, their racing pretty much falls into a 'stand-alone' category; for the most part, Japanese-breds race against

each other in Japan, with occasional forays by their top horses into international waters. They're very successful internationally--Deep Impact's combined North American and European A Runner index is a gaudy 6.67--but, on the whole, Japanese results are not very relevant to North American and European breeders and racehorse owners. Consequently, for this midyear APEX run at least, we've decided to treat Japanese sires as a separate issue.

Of the 918 sires assigned APEX ratings (meaning they had 10 or more 3-year-olds of 2013) through figures provided by The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS), a total of 578 sires had 200 or more 'year-starters' 2007-2013 (a horse is counted as a 'year-starter' each year it starts--and an 'A Runner', for these purposes, each year it earns A Runner money). Some F2009 sires (first 4-year-olds 2013) and a few F2010 sires (first 3-year-olds 2013) have had 200 or more year-starters, and these are included among the 578; but we will also be covering these two groups of sires more extensively next week. Then, of the 578 with 200+ year-starters, 88 stand or stood in Japan so, taking those out to treat separately, this leaves 490 North American and European sires with 200+ year-starters which we used to determine the four 'Top 50' (roughly the top 10%) lists run herewith. To see a list of all 918 sires assigned 2013 midyear APEX ratings, click [here](#) to go to the TDN website.

Coolmore's superstar sire **Galileo**, with this eighth crop now 3-year-olds, becomes Leading North American/European Sire by A Runner Index (**See p14**) for the first time with these figures, and, to top it off, he is also the Leading Sire 2007-2013 by number of A Runners (125). He's had no fewer than 1,579 year-starters since the beginning of 2007, or roughly 225 starters per year, so to lead this list of 490 North American and European sires by A Runner Index (3.96), as well as by number of A Runners (**Click [here](#)**), is a mighty big accomplishment.

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Galileo is both helped and hampered by the Coolmore big-crop policy: helped, in that more foals give him more opportunities to sire A Runners and Group 1



Speightstown

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winner; hampered, in that when a sire is represented by such massive numbers, his percentages and index ratings are sure to suffer. Galileo's eight crops of 3-year-olds, by the way, according to TJCIS figures, have averaged over 148 foals per crop; so, as we say, to be the leader by

index as well as by number--that takes some doing.

Galileo dethrones Lane's End's **A.P. Indy** (3.90), now retired after an illustrious career which included eight APEX A Runner Index Sire Championships. His last crop are now 2-year-olds; third-ranked **Monsun** (3.59), who died last year and was the subject of Andrew Caulfield's column yesterday ([click here](#)), will have a scattering of yearlings selling this year but, like A.P. Indy, if you don't have one now, there aren't going to be many more chances to acquire one.

Three North American sires occupy the next three places. Number four overall, and the number one active sire in North America, is Claiborne's **War Front** (3.53), who, along with Darley's **Hard Spun** (ranks 17th with first 4-year-olds, 2.73), are the great Danzig's last two major sons at stud. Fifth and sixth are representatives of the monster F2006 North American sire crop, WinStar's **Speightstown** (3.43, and the new number one sire by progeny earnings in North America, after last weekend), by Gone West; and Darley's **Medaglia D'Oro** (3.32), by El Prado. California veteran **Unusual Heat** (3.29) ranks seventh, followed by Europe's number two sire, Darley's **Dubawi** (3.26), from the only crop by the great Dubai Millennium. The veteran New Mexico sire **Desert God** (3.24), by Fappiano, sneaks in ninth, ahead of Europe's fastest-improving sire, Juddmonte's **Dansili** (3.14), currently tied with Galileo as the leading sire of 2013 Black-Type Winners (BTW), with 15.

Heading the second 10, among the 490 North American and European sires with 200+ year-starters 2007-2013, is Adena Springs' **Ghostzapper** (3.09), recovering from a slow start, and also the leading NA/EU sire among the 490 by ABC Runner Index (2.46) ([Click here for Top 50](#)). Anybody who's seen the last two wins--the G1 Diamond Jubilee at Royal Ascot and the G1 July Cup at Newmarket--of Lethal Force won't take much convincing that this 4-year-old, from the first crop by Ireland's Morrinstown Lattin Stud's **Dark Angel** (3.02) is Europe's top sprinter of 2013. Dark Angel has three other Group 3 winners, and 12 black-type horses in all, this year; most significantly, though, his first 4-year-olds have a 2.10 ABC Index, so the indications are they are training on very well.

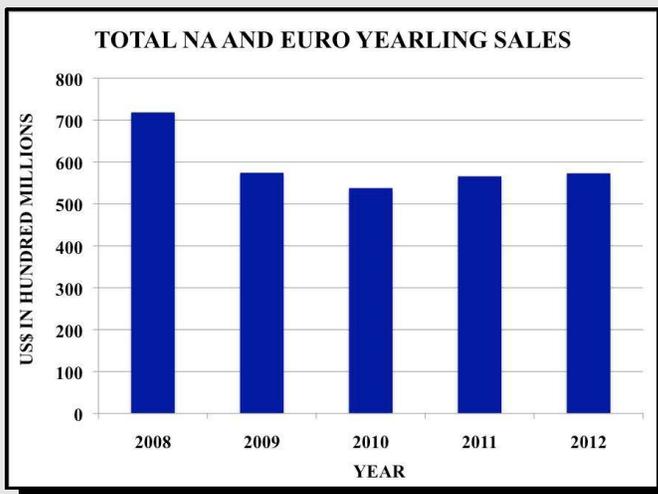
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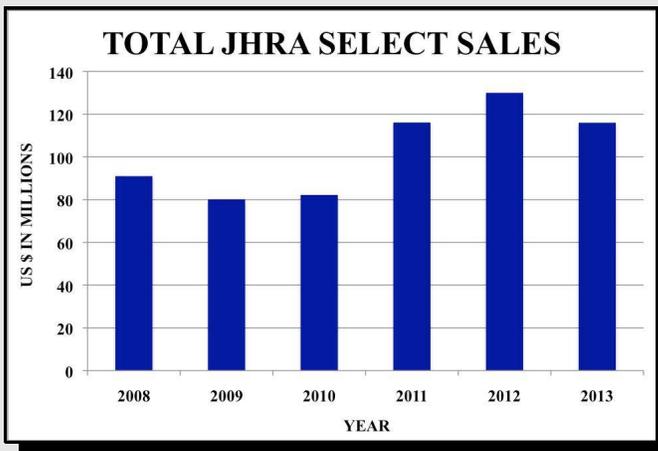


"As we move into the yearling sale season, maybe the most significant trend to take from the last five years is the 8% rise, to nearly 70%, in the clearance rate from the catalogues. Last year 28% fewer yearlings were catalogued than in 2008 but just 19% fewer sold. The 8,499 which did sell brought \$572.7-million, 20% less than in 2008, so the average was just 1.5% lower. With numbers down again this year, the trends of higher clearance rates, static gross revenues, and a little bit higher averages look likely to continue."

- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	12,166	10,796	8,499	11.3%	78.7%	69.9%	\$572,769,361	\$67,393
2011	13,160	11,572	8,948	12.1%	77.3%	68.0%	\$565,650,533	\$63,215
2010	15,301	13,420	9,820	12.3%	73.2%	64.2%	\$537,606,118	\$54,746
2009	15,698	13,544	9,976	13.7%	73.7%	63.5%	\$574,219,412	\$57,560
2008	16,955	14,694	10,497	13.3%	71.4%	61.9%	\$718,060,179	\$68,406



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	490	477	392	2.7%	82.2%	80.0%	\$115,895,961	\$295,653
2012	480	400	360	16.7%	90.0%	75.0%	\$129,994,493	\$361,096
2011	480	453	358	5.6%	79.0%	74.6%	\$116,076,740	\$324,237
2010	440	422	314	4.1%	74.4%	71.4%	\$82,217,636	\$261,840
2009	496	476	329	4.0%	69.1%	66.3%	\$80,133,206	\$243,566
2008	499	465	327	6.8%	70.3%	65.5%	\$91,039,232	\$278,407

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Three of the next four spots are filled by Coolmore sires: **Montjeu** (3.00); Ashford's **Giant's Causeway** (2.86) ranks 15th, with **Danehill Dancer** (2.74) in 16th. They are split by Lane's End's **Candy Ride** (2.93), another member of the F2006 'fearsome foursome', along with Speightstown (3.43), **Medaglia D'Oro** (3.32), and **Tapit** (2.64). Hard Spun (2.73), number two to Dark Angel among F2009 sires by A Runner Index, ranks 17th. The second 10 is rounded out by two



Smart Strike
Lane's End Photo

Lane's End sires, **Mineshaft** and **Smart Strike**, and Darley's **Bernardini**, all with 2.72 A Runner Indexes.

Coolmore sires occupy the top three, and four of the top six places on the list of leading 2007-2013 sires by number of A Runners. Galileo (125) is top, with Giant's Causeway (111)

second, and Danehill Dancer (93) third. Smart Strike (88) is fourth, with Coolmore's Montjeu and Dansili tied for fifth, with 84 each. A.P. Indy (77) is next, followed by WinStar's venerable **Distorted Humor** (75); and North America's number three sire by 2013 progeny earnings, Spendthrift's **Malibu Moon** (71). Three sires are tied for 10th place by number of 2007-2013 A Runners, with 69 each: Speightstown; Juddmonte's **Oasis Dream** (they have done very well to rank this high with only five and six crops of 3-year-olds respectively); and Hill 'n' Dale's veteran **Stormy Atlantic**. Lane's End's Lemon Drop Kid (also ranks #21 on the A Runner Index list, at 2.68) and Taylor Made's recently deceased **Unbridled's Song** come next, with 66 A Runners each 2007-2013.

Ghostzapper, as mentioned, is the leading North American or European sire by ABC Runner Index, with a 2.46 rating. These combine the top 8% earners from runners (A Runners=top 2%; B Runners=next 2%; C Runners=next 4%; total ABC=8%), so that 8.00% ABC Runners from runners equals a 1.00 ABC Runner Index. Ghostzapper's 2.46 rating translates into 19.68% ABC Runners from starters. He noses out Speightstown (2.45 = 19.60%) and A.P. Indy (2.44 = 19.52%)--so the top sires are getting nearly 20% ABC Runners (another way of describing them: 'break-even or better' runners) from starters. Galileo (2.34) is fourth in this category, just ahead of Unusual Heat (2.33). War Front (2.19), Distorted Humor (2.18), Hard Spun (2.15 = 17.2% of starters), Lemon Drop Kid (2.13), and Medaglia D'Oro (2.10) round out the top 10 by ABC Runner Index.

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Giant's Causeway has averaged 277 runners and over 46 ABC Runners since 2007, and is the leading sire by number of ABC Runners ([Click here for top 50](#)), with 323. Galileo (296) is second, with Distorted Humor (282) third, and a long gap back to the rest. Danehill Dancer (240) is fourth by number of 2007-2013 ABC Runners, followed by Smart Strike (232); Pivotal (226); and Malibu Moon (224). Then come Montjeu and Stormy Atlantic (216 each), and Oasis Dream (211) rounds out the top 10. Lemon Drop Kid (210) and another Lane's End sire, **Langfuhr** (205) head the second 10, ahead of Dansili (203) and Speightstown (197)--two names which seem to be coming up on all the lists. But not to overlook the Japanese sires, particularly those controlled by the Yoshida family's Shadai group. **Deep Impact** (4.40), who, as noted above, leads all sires by A Runner Index ([click here for top 10](#)) (and by ABC Runner Index, with 3.15 or 25.2% of starters) if all 578 sires with 200+ year-starters 2007-2013 are considered together, is one of seven sons of the great Sunday Silence among Japan's top 10. Another Shadai stallion, **King Kamehameha**, by Kingmambo, would rank second only to Galileo, with 120 A Runners 2007-2013.

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490 Sires with 200 Year-Starters 2007-2013 - Top 50 NA-EU by A Runner Index

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	TOT Rnrs	TOT A's	TOT A Index	TOT ABC's	TOT ABC Index
GALILEO	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	2003	IR	1579	125	3.96	296	2.34
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994	Retired	987	77	3.90	193	2.44
MONSUN	1990	KONIGSSTUHL	1997	Dead	682	49	3.59	111	2.03
WAR FRONT	2002	DANZIG	2008	KY	326	23	3.53	57	2.19
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	KY	1006	69	3.43	197	2.45
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	KY	934	62	3.32	157	2.10
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	NUREYEV	1999	CA	852	56	3.29	159	2.33
DUBAWI	2002	DUBAI MILLENNIUM	2007	GB	613	40	3.26	102	2.08
DESERT GOD	1991	FAPPIANO	1994	NM	309	20	3.24	45	1.82
DANSILI	1996	DANEHILL	2002	GB	1338	84	3.14	203	1.90
GHOSTZAPPER	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	2007	KY	518	32	3.09	102	2.46
DARK ANGEL	2005	ACCLAMATION	2009	IR	248	15	3.02	33	1.66
MONTJEU	1996	SADLER'S WELLS	2002	Dead	1400	84	3.00	216	1.93
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDETHE RAILS	2006	KY	785	46	2.93	120	1.91
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	1940	111	2.86	323	2.08
DANEHILL DANCER	1993	DANEHILL	1999	IR	1699	93	2.74	240	1.77
HARD SPUN	2004	DANZIG	2009	KY	366	20	2.73	63	2.15
MINESHAFT	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	KY	717	39	2.72	110	1.92
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	1618	88	2.72	232	1.79
BERNARDINI	2003	A.P. INDY	2008	KY	478	26	2.72	61	1.60
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	1233	66	2.68	210	2.13
DYNAFORMER	1985	ROBERTO	1991	Dead	1176	63	2.68	187	1.99
FIRST SAMURAI	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2008	KY	355	19	2.68	55	1.94
OASIS DREAM	2000	GREEN DESERT	2005	GB	1293	69	2.67	211	2.04
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	2006	KY	1043	55	2.64	161	1.93
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	Dead	1256	66	2.63	195	1.94
KITTEN'S JOY	2001	EL PRADO	2007	KY	727	38	2.61	96	1.65
EMPIRE MAKER	2000	UNBRIDLED	2005	JPhæu	929	47	2.53	155	2.09
PULPIT	1994	A.P. INDY	1999	Dead	1132	56	2.47	167	1.84
INDIAN CHARLIE	1995	IN EXCESS	2000	Dead	1132	55	2.43	170	1.88
TIZNOW	1997	CEE'S TIZZY	2003	KY	1283	62	2.42	164	1.60
SMARTY JONES	2001	ELUSIVE QUALITY	2006	PA	589	28	2.38	91	1.93
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2002	SMART STRIKE	2009	KY	232	11	2.37	33	1.78
SHAMARDAL	2002	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2006	IR	682	32	2.35	103	1.89
BOLD EXECUTIVE	1984	BOLD RUCKUS	1990	Dead	817	38	2.33	135	2.07
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	DEPUTY MINISTER	2000	KY	1093	51	2.33	164	1.88
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	1616	75	2.32	282	2.18
LEROIDESANIMAU	2000	CANDY STRIPES	2007	FL	303	14	2.31	45	1.86
STREET SENSE	2004	STREET CRY	2009	JPhæu	289	13	2.25	42	1.82
MALIBU MOON	1997	A.P. INDY	2001	KY	1605	71	2.21	224	1.74
FREUD	1998	STORM CAT	2003	NY	796	35	2.20	126	1.98
SCAT DADDY	2004	JOHANNESBURG	2009	KY	273	12	2.20	39	1.79
PLEASANTLY PERFECT	1998	PLEASANT COLONY	2006	KY	454	20	2.20	63	1.73
WAR CHANT	1997	DANZIG	2002	KY	797	35	2.20	109	1.71
OLD FORESTER	2001	FORESTRY	2008	ON	277	12	2.17	43	1.94
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	1387	60	2.16	226	2.04
GREATNESS	1999	MR. PROSPECTOR	2005	FL	374	16	2.14	58	1.94
DUTCH ART	2004	MEDICEAN	2009	GB	257	11	2.14	38	1.85
SKY MESA	2000	PULPIT	2005	KY	846	36	2.13	113	1.67
AFLEET ALEX	2002	NORTHERN AFLEET	2007	KY	638	27	2.12	80	1.57