

Bill Oppenheim, August 21-Oh, It's Galileo



2013 ABC RUNNERS; OH, IT'S GALILEO

'Saturday' horses. That's what the commercial market is all about. Horses that can run at the big tracks, on the big days, in the big races. There are various ways of tallying sires' performances in this respect; our way, as you know, is earnings-based. The top 8% of earners in each jurisdiction we cover, each year (or part of a year, when we run the mid-year statistics), are classified as 'ABC Runners' (specifically, A's = top 2%; B's = next 2%; C's = next 4%); these are the 'Saturday' horses.

At the time we took the snapshot (July 22), Coolmore's world number one, **Galileo**, was the leading sire by number of North American/European-sired 2013 ABC Runners, with 42. He is also, of course, the leading NA/EU sire 2007-2013 by A Runner Index (3.96); and number of A Runners (125). Three sires tied for second by number of 2013 ABC Runners, with 34: Coolmore/Ashford's **Giant's Causeway**; Banstead Manor's **Oasis Dream**; and WinStar's **Speightstown**. Ramsey Farm's **Kitten's Joy** and Darley's **Medaglia d'Oro** came next, tied with 32, followed by another three-way tie, with 28 ABC Runners this year: Banstead Manor's other star sire, **Dansili**; Darley's **Elusive Quality**; and WinStar's **Harlan's Holiday**.

These are the sires which are this year's most prominent as the sources of reasonable quality ('Saturday horses') in quantity. It's interesting to look at this list in comparison to the *TDN* General Sire List ([click here](#)). Through yesterday, Galileo is the number one North American or European sire, with \$7.9-million in 2013 progeny earnings. He also leads all sires in number of 2013 black-type winners (20); black-type horses (43); graded/group stakes winners (14); and graded/group stakes horses (32). He is tied for second with Kitten's Joy (four each) in number of 2013 Grade I/Group 1 winners; the leader in that category is Dansili, who got his fifth Group 1 winner of the year when Dank easily scored in last weekend's GI Beverly D S. at Arlington Park.

Interestingly, four sires really stand out in 2013 in terms of their numbers of black-type horses. Galileo, of course, is number one. Kitten's Joy had a remarkable three Grade I winners in a day last Saturday. He now ranks third on the *TDN* General Sire List, less than \$14,000 behind Speightstown for the North American sire leadership. Dansili ranks fourth, and second in earnings behind only Galileo among European sires. Giant's Causeway ranks seventh on the earnings list. Behind Galileo's 20 black-type winners this year, the next three are Dansili and Giant's Causeway, with 16 each; and Kitten's Joy, with 15. In number of black-type horses, Galileo leads, with 43; Dansili is second, with 31; and Giant's Causeway and Kitten's Joy are tied for third, with 28.

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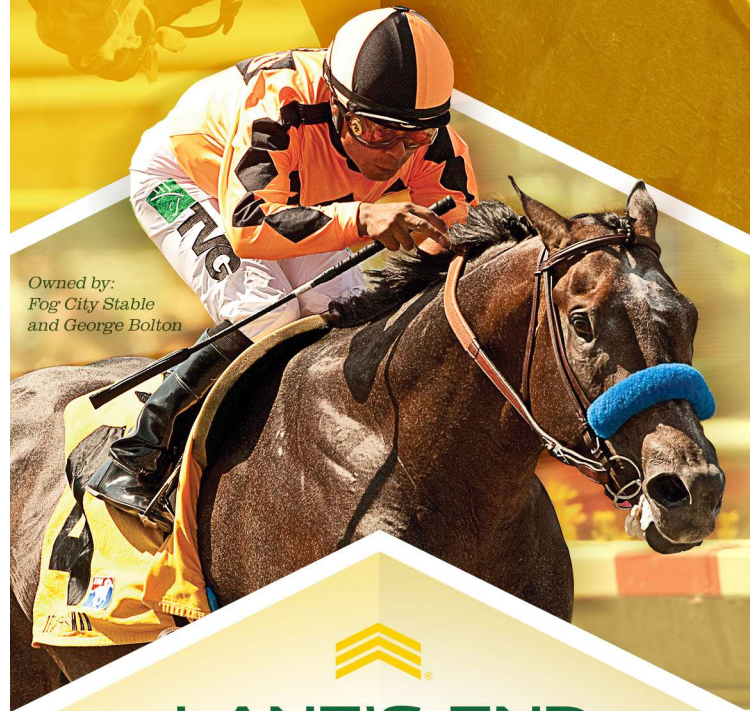
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By number of graded/group stakes winners, Galileo is the leader, with 14. Dansili and Giant's Causeway have 10 each, tying them with Darley's Dubawi, who is the current leading NA/EU sire by yearling average with three or more sold (see *Instatistics*), with eight sold, from nine offered so far, for an average of \$771,963.

Claiborne's star sire **War Front** has eight graded stakes winners this year, then Kitten's Joy has seven. In terms of number of graded/group stakes horses, Galileo is tops with 32. Dansili is a distant second with 22, Kitten's Joy third (18), and Giant's Causeway fourth (17). Medaglia d'Oro ranks fifth by number of black-type horses (27) and graded/group stakes horses (16).

On the accompanying list (p10), you'll see that, besides the nine sires with 28 or more ABC Runners through July 22, another 26 sires are listed alphabetically, with 20-26 ABC Runners each in 2013. Adena Springs' **Ghostzapper**; Lane's End's **Smart Strike**; Gainesway's **Tapit**; and Taylor Made's late **Unbridled's Song** have 26 each. Airdrie's late **Indian Charlie**; Lane's End's **Lemon Drop Kid**; and Spendthrift's **Malibu Moon** each have 25. [Click here](#) to see the top 50 APEX sires 2007-2013 by ABC Runner Index, and [click here](#) to see the top 50 by Number of 2007-2013 ABC Runners.

Among the younger sire groups, it won't be a huge surprise to find that Darley, which went on an estimated \$200-million stallion prospect spending spree in 2007, stand five of the seven F2009 sires (first foals 2009, first 4-year-olds 2013) with 15 or more 2013 ABC Runners. Three Darley sires are tied for the lead, with 24 each: **Discreet Cat** and **Hard Spun**, who stand at Darley Kentucky; and **Teofilo**, who stands at Kildangan Stud in Ireland. Darley also stands **Street Sense** (18), who was in Japan this year; and **Any Given Saturday** (16), in Kentucky. The two non-Darley third-crop sires with 15+ 2013 ABC Runners are Coolmore/Ashford's **Scat Daddy** (19) and Lane's End's **English Channel** (16).

Among F2010 sires (first foals 2010, first 3-year-olds 2013), five have sired 13 or more 2013 ABC Runners. Coolmore/Ashford's **Majestic Warrior**, sire of now three-time Grade I winner Princess of Sylmar, tops the list with 16 ABC Runners, through July 22. Lane's End's **Curlin**, whose headliner is GI Belmont S. winner Palace Malice, has 14. Tied for third, with 13 each, are: Three Chimneys' **Big Brown**; Hill 'n' Dale's **Midnight Lute**; and Darley's **Street Boss**.

The three top sires of 2013 ABC Runners all stand under the Yoshida family's Shadai Farm banner in Japan. In fact, Shadai stands all of Japan's top five. **Deep Impact** (first foals 2008) had sired 72 ABC Runners through July 22. **King Kamehameha** (first foals 2006) is second, with 65; **Daiwa Major** (first foals 2009) is third, with 45, followed by **Manhattan Cafe** (first foals 2004), with 40, and **Symboli Kris S.** (first foals 2005), with 39. Deep Impact, Daiwa Major, and Manhattan Cafe are by Sunday Silence; King Kamehameha (Kingmambo) now has 31 A Runners out of Sunday Silence mares; Symboli Kris S. (by Kris S.) has 19.

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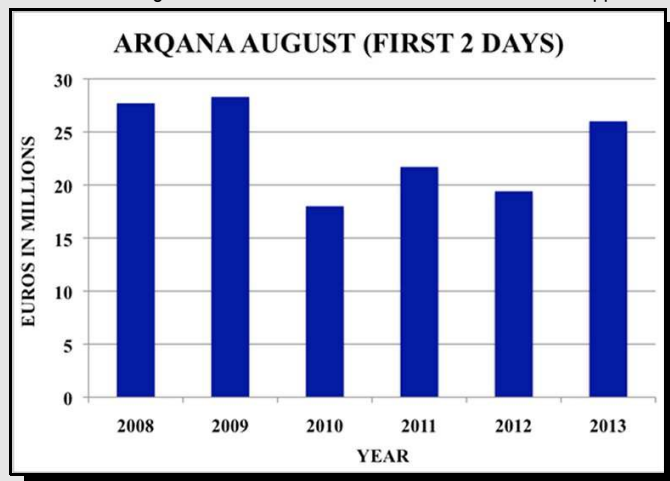
TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER

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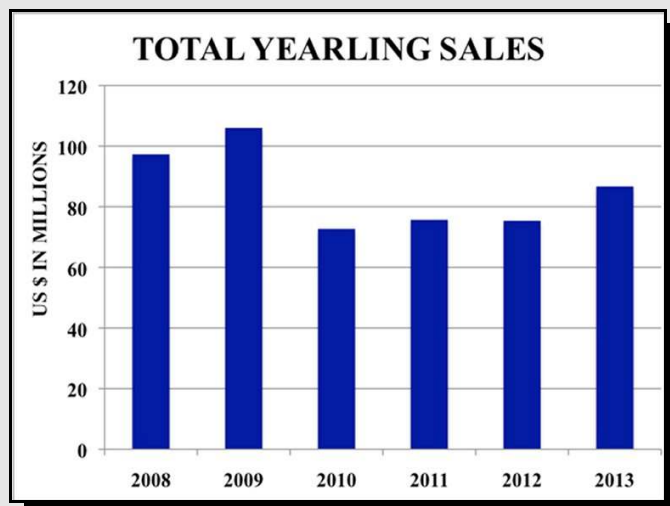
"Sales companies change formats regularly, so this week we've decided to just look at Arqana's August sale's first two days in comparison to the first two days back to 2008; next week we'll look at all four days, which this year was two sales. This year's "select" days were up a third – 34% in gross, 35% in average – though you still hear, as everywhere: "they either want it, or they don't". The 4 major sales so far are up 15% in gross over last year, with a massive 8% rise in the clearance rate from the catalogues."

– Bill Oppenheim



ARQANA DEAUVILLE AUGUST YEARLING SALE

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	188	166	122	11.7%	73.5%	64.9%	€25,973,000	€212,893
2012	186	174	123	6.5%	70.7%	66.1%	€19,973,000	€157,789
2011	226	209	149	7.5%	71.3%	65.9%	€21,681,000	€145,510
2010	208	176	120	15.4%	68.2%	57.7%	€18,049,000	€150,408
2009	230	210	155	8.7%	73.8%	67.4%	€28,260,000	€182,323
2008	232	208	158	10.3%	76.0%	68.1%	€27,650,000	€175,000



TOTAL YEARLINGS SALES AS OF AUG 18, 2013

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	896	788	589	12.1%	74.7%	65.7%	\$86,684,000	\$147,171
2012	972	842	557	13.4%	66.2%	57.3%	\$75,404,000	\$135,375
2011	903	785	567	13.1%	72.2%	62.8%	\$74,647,500	\$131,653
2010	991	823	575	17.0%	69.9%	58.0%	\$72,654,500	\$126,356
2009	1,193	1,037	690	13.1%	66.5%	57.8%	\$105,991,000	\$153,610
2008	1,221	1,060	685	13.2%	64.6%	56.1%	\$97,320,000	\$142,073

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

LEADING SIRES of 2013 ABC RUNNERS

(through July 22)

SIRE	1st Fls	CROPS	ST	2013 ABCs
Top Sires with 28+ 2013 ABCs				
GALILEO	2003	9	IR	42
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2002	10	KY	34
OASIS DREAM	2005	7	GB	34
SPEIGHTSTOWN	2006	6	KY	34
KITTEN'S JOY	2007	5	KY	32
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	2006	6	KY	32
DANSILI	2002	10	GB	28
ELUSIVE QUALITY	2000	12	KY	28
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2005	7	KY	28
Other Sires with 20+ (Alphabetically)				
CAPE CROSS	2001	11	IR	20
CITY ZIP	2003	9	KY	21
DISCREET CAT	2009	3	KY	24
DISTORTED HUMOR	2000	12	KY	21
EXCHANGE RATE	2003	9	KY	21
FREUD	2003	9	NY	20
GHOSTZAPPER	2007	5	KY	26
HARD SPUN	2009	3	KY	24
HENNY HUGHES	2008	4	KY	21
INDIAN CHARLIE	2000	12	Dead	25
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	2004	8	IR	20
LEMON DROP KID	2002	10	KY	25
MACHO UNO	2005	7	KY	20
MALIBU MOON	2001	11	KY	25
MORE THAN READY	2002	10	KY	20
PIVOTAL	1998	14	GB	23
POCKPORT HARBOR	2008	4	PA	20
PULPIT	1999	13	Dead	22
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	2004	10	IR	20
SMART STRIKE	1998	14	KY	26
STREET CRY	2004	10	KY	21
TAPIT	2006	10	KY	26
TEOFILO	2009	3	IR	24
TRIBAL RULE	2004	8	CA	20
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1998	14	Dead	26
WAR FRONT	2008	4	KY	22
First Foals 2009:				
DISCREET CAT	2009	3	KY	24
HARD SPUN	2009	3	KY	24
TEOFILO	2009	3	IR	24
SCAT DADDY	2009	3	KY	19
STREET SENSE	2009	3	JP	18
ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	2009	3	KY	16
ENGLISH CHANNEL	2009	3	KY	16

First Foals 2010:

MAJESTIC WARRIOR	2010	2	KY	16
CURLIN	2010	2	KY	14
BIG BROWN	2010	2	KY	13
MIDNIGHT LUTE	2010	2	KY	13
STREET BOSS	2010	2	KY	13
Japanese Sires:				
DEEP IMPACT	2008	4	JP	72
KING KAMEHAMEHA	2006	6	JP	65
DAIWA MAJOR	2009	3	JP	45
MANHATTAN CAFÉ	2004	10	JP	40
SYMBOLI KRIS S.	2005	7	JP	39

APEX EARNINGS THRESHOLDS 2007-2013 (US\$)

	A RUNNERS					top 2%
	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN	
*2013	83,650	57,119	66,064	41,690	248,553	
2012	121,200	76,204	88,961	58,096	425,698	
2011	113,114	74,070	91,784	61,095	424,320	
2010	105,458	76,283	90,413	52,730	398,758	
2009	107,370	87,814	98,113	58,465	506,275	
2008	111,303	96,887	98,810	64,348	455,511	
2007	112,280	92,433	92,582	57,554	382,477	
	B RUNNERS					next 2%
	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN	
*2013	60,150	32,317	46,988	21,592	162,364	
2012	87,750	43,663	64,593	33,775	264,781	
2011	78,578	40,998	65,450	35,712	274,450	
2010	74,103	43,106	61,877	30,950	256,982	
2009	76,728	48,816	67,102	34,162	336,355	
2008	79,300	52,610	71,736	35,547	324,139	
2007	79,000	53,392	66,728	32,678	265,438	
	C RUNNERS					next 4%
	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN	
*2013	41,400	18,624	33,197	12,728	95,870	
2012	59,420	23,459	44,582	19,104	159,750	
2011	53,400	22,250	44,914	19,986	161,191	
2010	51,070	23,868	43,266	17,421	149,815	
2009	51,880	26,424	46,396	20,039	215,288	
2008	53,492	30,067	48,126	20,854	192,817	
2007	53,360	30,053	46,207	18,589	174,822	

*through July 22