FRUITS OF LOVE COLT TOPS TATTERSALLS

There was just one six-figure lot at a low-key concluding installment of Tattersalls’ Autumn Horses In Training Sale in Newmarket yesterday. Three-year-old Trafalgar Bay (Ire) (Fruits of Love) made 110,000gns after Michael Donohoe of BBA Ireland outbid Nicola Barron for the colt. Trainer Karl Burke will take charge of Donohoe’s purchase. "He’s a straightforward, tough horse who vetted well enough," said Burke. “It’s been hard to get highly-rated horses like this--he’s the sixth we’ve got this week, but we’ve been underbidders on at least 10. He’s a possible for Dubai at this stage, but he’ll definitely be nominated.” Four-year-old Diktatorial (GB) (Diktat) is going jumping with trainer Howard Johnson after being bought for 85,000gns by agent Bobby O’Ryan. Tattersalls cont. p2

KNICKERBOCKER RESCHEDULED FOR NOV. 4

Saturday’s forecast for heavy rain has led the New York Racing Association to reschedule the GIII Knickerbocker H. for Nov. 4. The race will be contested at nine furlongs on Aqueduct’s turf course. “We felt that with a grim weather forecast ahead for Saturday that we would move the Knickerbocker and create an even bigger day at Aqueduct for Breeders’ Cup Day,” said Bill Nader, NYRA’s senior vice-president and COO. The Knickerbocker will now be one of three graded races at Aqueduct Nov. 4, along with the GII Long Island H. and GIII Turnback the Alarm H. Post time for the first race at Aqueduct on Breeders’ Cup Day will be 11:35 a.m.

FOUR OPT FOR POCOHONTAS

No other Breeders' Cup race attracted as many pre-entries as the GI Juvenile Fillies' 24, and the connections of four of the 10 fillies on the also-eligible list have opted to aim for a smaller prize. Mike Rutherford's Cohiba Miss (Cat Thief), Zayat Stables' Baroness Thatcher (Johannesburg), J. Paul Reddam's Mistical Plan (Game Plan) and Joseph Novogratz's Pro Pink (Touch Gold) will instead all target this Sunday's $100,000 GIII Pocahontas S. at Churchill, according to a Churchill press release. Working yesterday for the Pocahontas were Cohiba Miss, who blew out three panels at Churchill in :35 4/5 (2/6); and Baroness Thatcher, who stopped the clock in :47 3/5 (2/46).
Record Gross at Tattersalls... (cont. from p1)

The trade produced a record turnover of almost 24-million guineas, up 22 percent on 2005, while the 27,136gns average (up 24 percent) and 13,000gns median (up eight percent) also showed sharp advances. "Withdrawals, or more specifically private sales, remain a frustration, but that aside we have enjoyed another hugely successful week and the vendors have been richly rewarded for their confidence in the sale," remarked Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony. "Last year's Autumn Horses in Training Sale achieved records across the board and the 2006 renewal has done the same except by far wider margins. The average and turnover have both risen by more than 20 percent and at almost 24,000,000 guineas, the turnover has nearly doubled since 2002 which is a remarkable achievement. Equally impressive has been the tally of six figure lots which has risen from 24 in 2005 to 46 this year. "The key to the sale's popularity has been the consistent success of graduates from the sale both here and abroad, and it is great to see so many buyers from all over the world returning year after year, as well as new faces from emerging markets. Middle Eastern buyers have yet again made an enormous impact on the sale buying at all levels, European buyers have been equally prominent, and American buyers have also been out in force. On the domestic front the National Hunt fraternity have as ever given the sale a massive endorsement with one of the 440,000 guineas joint sale toppers destined for a hurdling career. Part 3 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale starts today and we look forward to ending a busy month on a successful note."

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HORSES IN TRAINING SALE
THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 2006

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Following the ATW
Writers Up: ‘Right On Trak’ - A look at Trakus
Saturday, Maisons-Laffitte, France
CRITERIUM DE MAISONS-LAFFITTE-G2, €190,000, 2yo, 6fT
SC PP HORSE SIRE TRAINER WT
1 1 Captain Marvelous (Ire) Invincible Spirit (Ire) B Hills 126
2 7 We'll Confer (GB) Piccolo (GB) K Ryan 126
3 4 Finikas (GB) Desert Prince (Ire) Wattel 126
4 2 Baby Strange (GB) Superior Premium (GB) Blockley 126
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7 8 Fairy Dress Fasliyev Robert Collet 122
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Saturday, Aqueduct
FIRST FLIGHT H.-GII, $150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f
PP HORSE SIRE JOCKEY WT
1 Annika Lass Mister Jolie Prado 115
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Distant View Pensioned
Juddmonte stallion Distant View (Mr. Prospector–Seven Springs, by Irish River {Fr}) has been pensioned on veterinary advice, according to a press release. The 15-year-old stood for $15,000 in 2006. A Juddmonte homebred, the chestnut captured the G1 Sussex S. in 1994 and was the highweighted three-year-old miler in Great Britain that year. He entered stud at Juddmonte’s Kentucky base in 1995. Among his 16 stakes winners are multiple Grade I winner Sightseek and European Group 1 winners Distant Music, Distant Way and Observatory. Earlier this year, it was announced that an equal share in Distant View had been sold to Argentina’s Haras Vacacion.

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MEC TO INTRODUCE IMPROVED STREUfex BEDDING IN FLORIDA

Horses arriving at Gulfstream Park and Palm Meadows for the 2007 race meet will be greeted with a new form of STREUfex bedding at both facilities, the Magna Entertainment Corporation announced. The bedding, which is made of straw in a pellet form, is an absorbent, environmentally friendly bedding alternative first used in 2003 at those Florida facilities. In response to suggestions and concerns expressed by horsemen at the last meet, the new brand of STREUfex is now composed of 70 percent natural, cut straw fibers that supplement the pellet-form grain straw previously used. An extensive testing program conducted in conjunction with a horsemen’s advisory board was implemented at the conclusion of the 2006 meet to improve the previous STREUfex. “The revitalized STREUfex MIX will have the same high absorption properties as the previous product, yet the addition of the cut straw fibers should result in more bedding comfort for the horses,” said STREUfex General Manager Johann Payerl. “Additionally, the more natural 70/30 mix will increase the level of aeration and enhance the entire quality of the bedding, while decreasing the number of airborne particles previously experienced. Another advantage to the new mixture is that the superior compost qualities of STREUfex are not compromised at all.”

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YESTERDAY’S RESULTS:

JPMORGAN CHASE JESSAMINE S., $125,000, KEE, 10-26, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5, fm.
1--#SWINGIT, 116, f, 2, by Victory Gallop
   1st Dam: Free Ransom, by Our Native
   2nd Dam: Pay the Ransom, by J. O. Tobin
   3rd Dam: Carnuba, by *Noholme II
   O/B-Robert V Hovelson (KY); T-Hal R Wiggins; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr; $77,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $98,350. *1/2 to Singit (Sultry Song), SW, $229,329.

2--Audacious Chloe, 120, f, 2, More Than Ready--Audacious, by Manila. ($125,000 wlng ’04 FTKNOV; $300,000 yrl ’05 FTSAUG). O-Team Valor Stables LLC & Never Tell Farm. $25,000.

3--Street Sounds, 116, f, 2, Street Cry (Ire)--Rare Opportunity, by Danzig Connection. ($400,000 yrl ’05 KEESEP). O-Hidden Creek Farm. $12,500.

Margins: NK, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 15.40, 0.80, 7.40.

Swingit closed from 12 lengths last to finish third in her 5 1/2-furlong bow over the Ellis turf course July 28 before making up nearly 10 lengths in the latter stages to take a one-mile turf maiden at Arlington Aug. 17. Forwardly placed in a N2L over this turf course Oct. 6, she could not summon up the same rally and checked in double digits in her stakes debut. Swingit trailed this field for the opening half mile as odds-on Audacious Chloe dictated things up front. Asked for her best approaching the quarter pole, Swingit came six wide into the stretch, shifted lanes to the inside at the eighth pole and was up late. “Last time out, we kind of got pinned on the inside,” said winning jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. “She was a little hesitant being in between horses. Today we got her back and got her around everyone. She came running late.” Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28:
11-11 $150,000 Red Smith H.-II, Aqu, 3yo/up, 1 1/1T (150) www.stakesdigestweekly.com

$79K

It’s a massive average for Kaifain, the most remarkable $10k stallion to have emerged this sales season. He’s siring exactly the kind of horse that buyers want: grand lookers.

With the emphasis on the K...
Keeneland Report cont.

9th-KEE, $51,435, Alw, NW1RT9MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, fm.
1--HONEY ROSE (ARG), 117, m, 5, Lode--Honey
   Honey, by Strawberry Road (Aus). O-Lone Star Thoroughbreds; B-Santa Maria De Araras (ARG); T-Todd A
   Fletcher. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Arg, SP-US, 20-6-7-4, $101,079.
2--Baby Melody (Arg), 120, f, 4, Roy--Beth's Melody,
   by Vice Regent.
3--Connie Belle, 120, f, 4, Storm Cat--Minister's Melody,
   by Deputy Minister.
Margins: 4, HD, HF. Odds: 3.00, 7.80, 5.80.

Honey Rose was a Group 1 winner in her native country in her final start there last December, but went
missing thereafter, returning to run second by a neck in the Kentucky Cup Ladies Turf S. at Kentucky Downs
Sept. 26. Offering good value as the second choice in this field, the dark bay sat a perfect stalking trip just
behind front-running Radiant Avie (Lord Avie), inhaled
that one when she began to tire at midstretch and pulled away to score convincingly. Video, sponsored by
Taylor Made.

6th-KEE, $48,860, Alw, NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 3/5, fm.
1--JACARANDA JANE (SAF), 120, m, 5, Joshua
   Dancer--Jacaranda Blue, by Jacinto. O-Team Valor
   Stables LLC; B-Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd (SAF);
   T-John C Kimmel. Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-2,
   $117,035. *1/2 to Ginkgo (SAF) (Fort Wood), GSW-
   SAF.
2--Cheyenne Spirit, 120, f, 4, Richter Scale--Cheyenne
   River, by Northern Jove.
3--Aimer, 120, m, 5, Swain (Ire)--Vickey's Echo, by
   Clever Trick. ($150,000 yr '02 KEEJUL).
Margins: 3 1/4, NK, 1HF. Odds: 1.50, 18.70, 6.30.

6th-KEE, cont. p3

All horses in the TDN are bred in North America,
unless otherwise indicated
6th-KEE, cont.
Third to Pommes Frites in Belmont allowance company Oct. 21, Jacaranda Jane returned to take a Jan. 29 test at Gulfstream and followed with a close fourth in the GII Hillsborough S. at Tampa Mar. 18. Rested thereafter, the bay was a game runner-up over the Belmont turf Sept. 22 and was a warm favorite in this spot. Sent immediately to the lead by Mark Guidry, Jacaranda Jane set comfortable fractions of :49.82 and 1:14.56 and had plenty left in the tank for a much-the-best success. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

7th-KEE, $53,595, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:56 1/5, ft.
THRONG (c, 3, Silver Deputy--Fun Crowd, by Easy Goer) took a nine-furlong allowance at Aqueduct Apr. 28, but faltered to be fourth in the GII Marine S. at Woodbine May 20. Third in the June 26 Floor Show S. in the Delaware slop, the bay was a distant fifth in the GII Leonard Richards S. July 16 and most recently returned from a freshening to be fifth in the Majestic Prince S. at Monmouth Sept. 20. Shedding the blinkers for this test, the $160,000 FTS AUG yearling set an easy pace while in hand, remained well clear into the stretch and proved three lengths better than Tungsten (Seeking the Gold). Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, $115,945. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

5th-KEE, $45,125, Msw, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22 2/5, ft.
ON THE THROTTLE (g, 3, Lion Hearted--Hot Story {SP}, by Two Punch) switched to the turf off a dismal main-track debut and ran third at Ellis Aug. 17 and second at Kentucky Downs Sept. 16. He made the move to the Polytrack in his most recent appearance at this track and finished runner-up Oct. 7. Let go at 7-1, the $24,000 FTMDEC weanling and $60,000 KEE SEP yearling got a good, ground-saving trip behind the pace-setters, came out for the drive and edged away late to best I Believe In Me (Giant’s Causeway) by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, $41,390.
O-Harvey A Clarke & Fred J Seitz. B-Dr & Mrs Thomas Bowman (MD). T-Fred Seitz.

Magna Graduate to Return in Ack Ack:
Elisabeth Alexander’s Magna Graduate (Honor Grades), the winner of last year’s GII Clark H. who is unraced since finishing fourth in the G1 Dubai World Cup in last March, is nearing a return to action. Injured while training at Churchill Downs in the spring after the World Cup, the four-year-old colt will make his comeback in the one-mile GII Ack Ack H. on the Breeders’ Cup undercard at Churchill Nov. 4. “He’s doing well and loves the track,” said Mike McCarthy, assistant to trainer Todd Pletcher. Magna Graduate was placed third in the World Cup after the disqualification of runner-up Brass Hat.
Yesterday’s Results:

MY FLAG S., $61,250, AQU, 10-26, (R), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37 3/5, ft.


2–Khaliha, 118, f, 3, Elusive Quality--Indy Flash, by A.P. Indy. ($290,000 wlng '03 KEENOV; $550,000 yrl '04 FTSAUG). O-Shadwell Stable. $13,688.


Margins: 2 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.80, 1.05, 1.95.

Any Limit registered a three-bagger of wins, culminating with a neck victory at Belmont June 30, but could do no better than a midpack sixth in the GI Test S. at Saratoga Aug. 5. Eighth in the GIII Victory Ride S. upstate Aug. 24, the homebred added Lasix and was third in a 7 1/2-furlong test at Belmont Sept. 22, and was coming into this off a close fourth in the License Fee S. on the Belmont turf eight days later. Trying the mile for the first time in a field scratched down to three, Any Limit proved the controlling speed and was never seriously menaced. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.

3rd-AQU, $43,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:26 3/5, ft.+

DUCHESS OF STANCO (f, 2, Scorpion--Most Proud, by Smart Strike) became the first winner for her freshman sire (by Seattle Slew) with a 15-1 upset. Always within easy striking distance while racing along the inside, the dark bay was angled out three wide into the stretch, hooked up with favored Dixie Lyrics (Dixie Union) leaving the eighth pole and out slugged that one for a 3/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $25,800.


4th-AQU, $42,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:46 1/5, gd.

QUICK HUMOR (f, 2, Distorted Humor--Caveatta, by Caveat) flashed a bit of early speed before dropping out to fifth in her Aug. 16 bow sprinting over the Saratoga main track, but finished an improved third in a 5 1/2-furlong event on the Saratoga turf course Sept. 1. Getting two turns as the even-money favorite, the $55,000 FTNAUG yearling purchase rated kindly for Cornelio Velasquez, bided her time into the stretch, came out and rolled past Tishmeister (City Zip) for a 3 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $31,310.

O-Kurant Stable. B-Mr & Mrs Dennis Petrisak (NY). T-Barclay Tagg.

6th-AQU, $41,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26 1/5, ft.

JACK ATAX (g, 3, More Than Ready--Miss O’Keefe {SP}, by Strike the Gold) set a pressured pace in his Sept. 16 bow over a ‘good’ Belmont main track before weakening late to be second. Adding Lasix for this second go-round, the $150,000 KEESEP yearling and $275,000 FTMMAY juvenile made good on the promise of 2-5, leading throughout before holding sway for a half-length victory over Max Cam (Matty G). The winner is a half to Show Boot (Storm Boot), SP, $221,931. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $32,800.


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Wednesday Night’s Results:
8th-MED, $32,680, Alw, NW2X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:38, gd.
MASCOT (c, 3, Five Star Day--Bunny Club, by Slew o’ Gold) began the year in the claiming ranks, but, once switched to the grass, put together a four-race winning streak that culminated in a 10-furlong allowance victory at Belmont Sept. 23. His skein came to an end when he ran sixth as the favorite in the Paterson S. over this course Oct. 6. With shipping restrictions imposed by worries about EHV-1 here, the chestnut was 1-5 against lone rival Flirtatious Smile (Not for Love). Mascot allowed that colt to show the way early, but moved up on even terms in deep stretch and got to the wire a head in front. He was an $80,000 KEENOV weanling and $160,000 FTKJUL yearling. Lifetime Record: 13-7-1-1, $165,490.

Horseman Ralph Sessa Passes Away:
Ralph Sessa of Circle S Farm in Davie, Florida passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 24. He was 75 years old. Ralph and his late wife, Elizabeth Sessa, were pioneers of Calder Race Course spanning back to the early 1970s with a string of successful homebred horses that captured numerous stakes races at Calder, Gulfstream and Hialeah. Most notable of the Sessa-bred stakes winners are Stage Door Betty, Stuffy Tune, Blazing Rate and Heckofaralph. Sessa is survived by his four children: Kathy Aaron, Patricia Fuccile, Ralph Sessa Jr., and Kimberly Norton; plus nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A funeral will be held Saturday, Oct. 28 at St. David’s Catholic Church, 3900 S. University Drive, Davie, Florida, at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to Kiwanis Horses and Handicapped, Inc. in Dania Beach, Florida.

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Yesterdays Results:

PINJARA S., $65,020, OSA, 10-26, (R), 2yo, 1mT, 1:35 4/5, fm.
1--#WHATSTHESCRIPT (IRE), 118, c, 2, Royal Applause (GB)--Grizel (GB), by Lion Cavern. (70,000gns w lng '04 TATDEC; 70,000gns y rl '05 TATOCT). O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-C Mac Hale and J Hyland (IRE); T-Manuel F Marques; J-Isaias D Enriquez; $37,500. Lifetime Record: SP-Ire, 4-2-0-2, $58,762.

2--Warning Zone, 119, c, 2, Chester House--Migrate, by Storm Bird. ($60,000 y rl '05 KEESEP). $12,500.

3--Unusual Suspect, 118, c, 2, Unusual Heat--Penpont (NZ), by Crested Wave. $9,660.

Margins: HF, HD, 2HF. Odds: 4.90, 6.90, 4.00.

Whatsthescript was ultra-impressive in this U.S. bow. The colt ran third to the highly regarded Teofilo (Ire) in the Listed Tyros S. in his Irish finale July 29 and was a 9-2 chance in his first stateside start. Trailing in seventh through the opening three quarters, the bay was crying out for room while in tight in upper stretch. Muscling his way out at the furlong grounds, he exploded on the outside when daylight appeared and was up in plenty of time to take his first stakes over Warning Zone.

6th-OSA, $48,240, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.

AWESOME GEM (g, 3, Awesome Again--Pentelicus), a $150,000 FTSAUG yearling and $150,000 BESMAR juvenile, was sent postward the 8-5 pick off a solid one-length maiden win over this course Sept. 29. Here, the gelding launched a rousing bid midway on the turn and kept on motoring en route to the 1 3/4-length win over Armenian Summer (Siberian Summer). Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, $76,100.


3rd-OSA, $44,312, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48 4/5, fm.

FIREBIRD SWEET (c, 3, Stravinsky--Sweet Shaded, by Shaded), a distant third in his July 15 debut at Hollywood, was a competitive fourth in a Del Mar maiden Aug. 12 before switching surfaces. The dark bay moved prematurely and weakened to sixth in his first try on the grass at Del Mar Sept. 2 and was running late in an Oct. 7 maiden at this venue, but was forced to settle for fourth. The even-money choice to finally break through, he was last of seven for six furlongs, swung three wide into the stretch and took command past the eighth pole en route to a two-length victory. Saint Spot (Saint Ballado) was second best. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, $36,700.

O/B-Derrick Fisher (KY). T-Patrick Gallagher.

Yesterdays Results:

2nd-BMX, $32,395, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

CANDY S BRO (c, 2, E Dubai--Candy Cane (Arg), by Ride the Rails), produced by a full sister to Argentinian champion Candy Ride (Arg), debuted with a promising runner-up effort at Golden Gate Fields Sept. 6 and got the job done in his latest, posting a 1 1/2-length success Sept. 20. Drawn outside for this, the $90,000 FTKJUL yearling chased the pace while posted three wide, drew alongside Babcock Lake (Grand Slam) with a furlong to race and outfought that one to the wire by a head. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, $39,550.


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Sir (Sire’s Sire), 2003 Farm, 2003 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race # - track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
BRING THE HEAT (In Excess {Ire}) 8/0/0
2-OSA, Msw, 5 1/2f, Sweet Dreams Lady
HAP (Theatrical {Ire}), Darby Dan, $5K, 26/0/0
6-HAW, Msw, 6f, Now He’s the One, 15-1
INCLUDE (Broad Brush), Hill N’ Dale, 30/2/0
7-OSA, Msw, 1m, +Include Us, $125K FTK JUL yrl, 10-1
JOHANNESBURG (Hennessy), Ashford, $30K, 150/21/5
9-KEE, Stk, 1 1/16m, Marcevelly, $340K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-5
JUMP START (A.P. Indy), Overbrook, $5K, 81/13/0
2-MED, Msw, 1mT, Boxin Bob, $30K KEE SEP yrl
MIZZEN MAST (Cozzene), Juddmonte, 115K, 87/7/0
7-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Crow’s Nest, 30-1
MONGOSE (Broad Brush), Hill ’N’ Dale, 30/2/0
5-HAW, Msw, 1m, +Mongoloid, $18K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1
OFFICER (Bertrand), Gainesway, $13K, 85/18/4
7-MED, Stk, 6f, +Caught Red Handed, $55K BAR MAY 2yo
9-LRL, Alw, 1m, +Glenwood Ace, $47K KEE SEP yrl, 201-1
7-MED, Stk, 6f, Fisk Her, $21K KEE SEP yrl
OUTOFTHEBOX (Montobrook), Ocala Stud Farm, $8K, 72/5/0
9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Inside Info
9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Bellbottom Johnny, $120K OBS MAR 2yo
PERSONAL FIRST (Personal Hope), Bridlewood, $3K, 23/3/0
5-KEE, Msw, 1 1/16m, Shiv’s Rusty Nails, 10-1
VAL ROYAL (FR) (Royal Academy) 74/9/0
7-OSA, Stk, 1mT, Valbenny (Ire)
WHEELEY (Unbridled), McMahon, $6K, 60/1/0
9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Wheel of Caution
5-OSA, Msw, 1mT, +We Love Our Kids, $55K OBS APR 2yo

Second-crop starters to Watch: Friday, October 27
(1st-time starters and stakes runners)
Sir (Sire’s Sire), 2002 Farm, 2002 Fee, # foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race # - track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)
COASTAL STORM (Storm Cat), Pin Oak Lane, $3K, 62/12/2
7-LRL, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Drenching Rain, 30-1
FREUD (Storm Cat), Lakkand, $5K, 89/25/2
9-AQU, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Pressing Issue
KING CUGAT (Kingmambo), Lane’s End, $10K, 102/21/4
7-WO, Msw, 1mT, +Safety Zone, 4-1
POINT GIVEN (Thunder Gulch), Three Chimneys, $125K, 151/29/5
3-KEE, Msw, 1 1/16m, +True Competitor, $300K FTS AUG yrl, 8-1
PUT IT BACK (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, $5K, 79/27/3
7-MED, Stk, 6f, Lookin Back At You, $6K OBS AUG yrl

TATTERSALLS PART 3 KICKS OFF A catalogue of 319 lots comprising Part 3 of Tattersalls’ October Yearling Sale is offered in Newmarket today and tomorrow. The sale begins this morning at 9:30 a.m. Lot 1855, a filly by Choisir (Aus), offered four lots into the session, looks sure to make considerably more than her 5,000gns foal price. Her half-brother Vital Equine (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}) won last month’s G2 Champagne S. Among others to have changed hands as foals is Lot 1947, a German-bred Fantasy Light (Rahy) filly out of La Blue (Ger), who cost 28,000gns at Tattersalls last year. Lot 2051, a Statue Of Liberty filly out of a daughter of G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Only Royale (Ire) (Caerleon), is offered from Genesis Green Stud. She made 13,000gns as a foal while Lot 1963 is an Averti (Ire) (Warning) half-sister to useful sprinter Intrepid Jack "Trade was very strong at Part 2 of the October Yearling Sale which bodes well for part three," said Tattersalls’ marketing director Jimmy George. "It’s a solid commercial catalogue with a lot of top sires well represented and all of the yearlings are eligible for next year’s £250,000 Tattersalls October Auction S."

AT THE RACES BREAK NEW GROUND At The Races yesterday signed a long-term reciprocal agreement with TVG to become that broadcaster’s exclusive partner in the UK and in simulcast its program output nightly. The deal, which means that TVG content, including racing from such tracks as Aqueduct, Belmont Park, Del Mar, Hollywood Park, Keeneland and Saratoga, also incorporates TRNI. That operation will in turn become the exclusive supplier of British and Irish horseracing product to TVG. “The partnership agreement we have reached with TVG and TRNI is significant for a number of reasons,” commented ATR’s Chief Executive Matthew Imi. “First, off the back of the recent introduction of 48 hour declarations, it allows ATR partner racecourses to unlock some meaningful revenue from the potentially lucrative North American market and on an exclusive basis. Secondly, UK and Irish Tote pools should see improved liquidity over the coming years. Thirdly, it establishes ATR as the home of U.S. racing in the UK and Ireland, not just because of the quality and consistency of U.S. fixtures, but also because of planned improvements to our broadcast coverage and the critical mass of UK bookmakers who will be able to take bets from UK punters via TRNI’s comingling solution. Lastly, the partnership we have established with TVG and TRNI will not only extend to cooperative transatlantic initiatives, but also has the potential to establish itself as a significant player in the international account wagering and direct-to-home marketplace."
Friday, Newmarket, post time: 2:05p.m.

HIGHCLERE EBF FILLIES’ S.-Listed, £30,000, Lingfield, 10-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.76, st.

1--HIGH HEEL SNEAKERS (GB), 120, f, 3, Dansili (GB)--Sundae Girl, by Green Dancer. O-Mr & Mrs C Wright & P F I Cole; B-Bratford Place Stud; T-Paul Cole; J-Ryan Moore; £17,034. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr & Eng, SP-Ity, 10-2-3-2, £79,942.

2--Taranto (GB), 120, f, 3, Machiavellian--Magna Graecia (Ire), by Warning (GB). £6,456.

3--Lake Toya, 128, f, 4, Darshaan (GB)--Shinko Hermes (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. £3,231.


Also Ran: Boreal Applause (GB), Royal Applause (GB), Ti Adora (Ire), Spirit of the Fen (Ire), Fusili (Ire), Kassiopeia (Ire), Idealistic (Ire).

High Heel Sneakers was runner-up in the G2 May Hill S. at Doncaster and fourth in the G1 Fillies’ Mile at Newmarket last September, but had failed to build on those efforts this term. Coming here off an absence after having finished fourth in Royal Ascot’s G2 Ribblesdale S. June 22, she was restrained toward the rear early before challenging on the inner on the final turn. Grabbing the lead with a furlong remaining, she was driven out to hold the game rally of Taranto.

Lingfield, 2.50, Mdn, £7,000, 2yo, 7f (AWT), n/a, st.

CABINET (IRE) (c, 2, Grand Lodge--Passe Passe, by Lear Fan) was backed into 8-13 to build on his promising debut second at Leicester Oct. 10. Settled wide in mid-division throughout the early stages, the 85,000gns TATOCT yearling needed some time to find top gear on the final turn, but picked up impressively when straightened up to inhale Sea Land (Fr) (King’s Best) with 150 yards remaining and stretched out for a convincing 3½-length success. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0, £5,881. O-The Royal Ascot Racing Club; B-Hascombe and Vital Studs; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

**BRITAIN**

Sham Fillies’ S.-Listed, £28,500, 2yo, f, 6fT

SC PP HORSE SIRE TRAINER
1 7 Apache Dream (Ire) Indian Ridge (Ire) Meehan
2 8 Blue Echo (GB) Kyllachy (GB) M Jarvis
3 10 Boreal Applause (GB) Royal Applause (GB) E Dunlop
4 1 Doric Charm (GB) Diktat (GB) Smart
5 9 Final Dynasty (GB) Komaite Rees
6 6 Kompete (GB) Komaite Smith
7 4 La Presse Gone West B Hills
8 3 Laura’s Best (Ire) Green Desert Haggas
9 5 Mimisel (GB) Selkirk Guest
10 2 Mystery Ocean (GB) Dr Fong Beckett
11 11 Undertone (Ire) Noverre C Brittain
12 12 Zanida (Ire) Mujadil Burke

All carry 124 pounds.

**Yesterday’s Results:**

EBF FLEUR DE LYS FILLIES’ S.-Listed, £30,000, Lingfield, 10-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.76, st.

1--#MAYONGA (IRE), 123, f, 3, Dr Fong--Mayara (Ire), by Ashkalani (Ire). O-Miss A H Marshall; B-Frank Dunne; T-Sir Mark Prescott; J-Seb Sanders; £17,034. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, 17,034.

2--Emily Bronte (GB), 123, f, 3, Machiavellian--Zafadola (Ire), by Darshaan (GB). £6,456.

3--Kindlelight Debut (GB), 126, m, 6, Groom Dancer--Dancing Debut (GB), by Polar Falcon. £3,231.

Margins: 1, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 12-1, 6-1, 33-1.

Also Ran: Mamela (Ger), Three Wrens (Ire), Pure Illusion (Ire), Boubouline (GB), Kahlua Kiss (GB), Highway to Glory (Ire), Home Sweet Home (Ire), Pintle (GB), Antique (Ire).

Mayonga failed to graduate in Ireland last term, but took to this Polytrack at the first attempt for new connections on her British debut when winning a seven-furlong maiden 11 days previously. Stepping up a panel here, she was reserved early off generous early fractions before throwing down her challenge in the stretch. Wearing down Emily Bronte in the final 100 yards, she pulled out extra to prevail after a duel.

**Observations**

3.50 Newmarket, Cond, £8,500, 2-3yo, 6fT

DREAM SCHEME (Giant’s Causeway) impressed when barely coming out of second gear to win over course and distance on debut last month and trainer Ed Dunlop takes the unusual step of taking on sophomores with the Gainsborough homebred. The half-sister to the smart Magic Mission (GB)--from the family of Deep Impact (Jpn)--is joined by fellow juvenile College Scholar (GB) (Dr Fong), a Mick Channon-trained colt who was fifth in the Listed Redcar Two-Year-Old Trophy last time.

The brisnet.com ‘Race of the Day’ is the 8th Race, $54,000 Allowance, at Keeneland. For pps and a complete race analysis, click here.
Lingfield, 1.50, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:25.02, st. 
+ DALVINA (GB) (f, 2, Grand Lodge--Foodbroker Fancy {Ire} {MSW & GSP-Eng}, by Hallying), sent off at 12-1, lost ground at the start, but was not hurried early by Jamie Spencer and stayed wide toward the rear. Making her move on the final turn, the 145,000gnst TATDECT yearling quickened to reel in Salsa Steps (Gi-gant's Causeway) in a matter of strides and asserted in the final 50 yards for a cozy 1 1/4-length success. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £3,886. O-St Albans Bloodstock LLP; B-Normandie Stud Ltd; T-Ed Dunlop.

Lingfield, 2.20, Mdn, £6,000, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:25.08, st. 
BAYLINI (GB) (f, 2, Bertolini--Bay of Plenty {Fr}, by Octagonal {NZ}), runner-up at Wolverhampton last time Aug. 14, was let go at 9-1. The bargain 800gnst TATDECT weanling purchase broke well to stalk the early pace, was always traveling easily, hit the front with a quarter mile remaining and was clear when geared down in the closing stages for a 2½-length defeat of Sharp Dresser (Diesis {GB}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, £5,427. O/T-Ms J S Doyle; B-Templeton Stud.

Ireland

ON TO GOFFS
Following the resounding success of Tattersalls Autumn Horses in Training Sale this week, Goffs stage their one-day equivalent and will be hoping that the feelgood factor translates to County Kildare. As usual, His Highness the Aga Khan’s Studs, Darley and Moyglare Stud Farm feature in the 219-strong catalogue, as well as offerings from the Aidan O’Brien, John Oxx, Dermot Weld, Jim Bolger and Kevin Prendergast stables. One of the lots to watch is Hip 61, the juvenile colt Colour Me Blue (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), who is consigned by Bolger’s Glebe House Stables. He is a half to Godolphin’s multiple stakes winner Pictavia (Ire), from the family of Hatooof and Irish Prize. John Oxx’s Curragbeg Stables were responsible for the top two lots 12 months ago and offer some eye-catching individuals this time, including Darley’s hip 207, the four-year-old filly Virginia Woolf (GB) (Daylami {Ire}, who is twice listed placed; and hip 77, the three-year-old colt Film Festival (Diesis {GB}), who was won a competitive handicap at Gowran Park since the publication of the catalogue. From Ballydoyle is hip 94, the two-year-old Bonifacio (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), a half-brother to Astarabad and the dam of Azamour (Ire). Castlemartin Stud’s draft includes hip 55, the unraced juvenile filly Air Twist (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}) who hails from the family of Invincible Spirit (Ire). Selling starts at 12 p.m. and a full catalogue and updates can be found on www.goffs.com.

France

Yesterday’s Results:
Longchamp, 2.00, Cond, €33,000, 2yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:41.80, gd. 
BERNANDO (FR) (c, 2, Hernando {Fr}--Beggars Belief {Ire}, by Common Grounds {GB}) was off the mark at first asking at Chantilly Oct. 5 and was hammered down to 1-2 to follow up. Up to lead early, the €45,000 DEAAG yearling gradually asserted his authority inside the final quarter and was not extended to inflict a three-length defeat on Gay Sloane (Ire) (Anabaa). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €26,000. O-Mme C Jacob; B-SC la Perrigne & Elevage de Courteilles; T-Pascal Bary.

Longchamp, 3.00, Cond, €33,000, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.70, gd. 
GRANDE ROUSSE (FR) (f, 2, Act One (GB)--Geriba, by Gone West), third on debut at Chantilly Oct. 5, broke well and soon led. Asked to lengthen passing the quarter pole, the 2-1 favorite extended her advantage with the minimum of fuss to record a comfortable three-length success from Une Pivoine (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}). The winner is the seventh winner for her freshman sire (by In The Wings {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €19,350. O-Mme P de Moussac; B-H Haras du Mezeray SA; T-Pascal Bary.

Longchamp, 2.30, Cond, €19,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT, 2:09.00, gd. 
KHAZAR (FR) (c, 3, Anabaa--Khalisa {Ire} {MGSW-Fr, $140,581}, by Persian Bold {Ire}), second on his debut at Saint-Cloud Oct. 6 and again there a fortnight later, was sent off the 4-5 crowd’s choice to reward a quick return to the races. Settled in a stalking second early, the half to Khalkevi (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), G1SW-Fr, $345,795, rolled to the front passing the quarter pole and was always holding Estrela Borg (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in the run to the line, where he had 2½ lengths to spare over that rival. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €18,500. O-His Highness the Aga Khan; B-H the Aga Khan’s Studs SC; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

Longchamp, 5.05, Cond, €19,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 2:11.80, gd. 
KIBAAR (FR) (f, 3, Red Ransom--Elanaaka {GB} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Lion Cavern), runner-up at Chantilly last time Oct. 5, tracked the early leaders before moving up to challenge at the top of the straight. Swooping to the front with 100 yards remaining, the 8-5 favorite drew away to beat Jane Eria (Ire) (King’s Best) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €14,800.
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**ITALY**

**YESTERDAY’S RESULTS:**

**Milan, 2.50, Cond, €22,500, 2yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:58.20, hy.**

LEPIDO (ITY) (c, 2, Montjeu [IRE]--Luv is for Sharing, by Miswaki), successful here on debut Sept. 30, was restrained in a close-up fourth early before making his move inside the final quarter. Getting to Tibroso (Itly) (Tibullo) with 150 yards remaining, the 5-4 second choice asserted to beat that rival by 1 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €19,125. O/T-Bruno Grizzetti; B-Scuderia Agricola.

**Milan, 4.20, Mdn, €18,000, 2yo, 1mT, 1:46.50, hy.**

+ ZENONE (IRE) (c, 2, Orpen--Luna d’Estate [GB], by Alzao), sent off at 6-1, was keen early and dragged her way to the front by the end of the home turn. Grinding to the lead passing the eighth pole, she was driven out to record a length success from Awelmarduk (Ire) (Almutawakel [GB]). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €8,500. O/T-Laura Grizzetti; B-Razza del Sole.

**VENGEANCE OF RAIN RETURNS**

Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel [NZ]), unraced since clinching the 2005 World Series Racing Championship with his victory over Pride (Fr) in last December’s G1 Hong Kong Cup, returns to action in Sunday’s HSBC Premier Bowl H. over 1200 meters. Winner of the G1 Audemars Piguet QE II Cup in 2005 and the restricted Hong Kong Derby, the six-year-old was diagnosed with an irregular heartbeat in the weeks following his Hong Kong Cup success and was subsequently turned out in New Zealand. He was originally scheduled to make his first start of the year in the Oct. 15 Sha Tin Trophy H., but a virus forced him to miss that 1600-meter event. “He’s fine in himself and his blood picture is back to normal again,” trainer David Ferraris told South China Morning Post. “He did a nice piece of work on Monday and did it really well. I’ll give him his final sprint-up in the morning and that will have him ready to run a good race, I’m sure. He’ll then have his next race in the International Mile Trial on November 19, and then it’s the Hong Kong Cup.”

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

3rd-WOX, $62,099, NW1LX, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.72, yl/sf.

STRATHCLYDE (g, 3, Tale of the Cat--Sunset Crest {SP}, by Strike the Gold) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, $61,331. O-Tallyho Racing Ltd. B-Eugene Melnyk (ON). T-Norman McKnight.

4th-WOX, $56,856, 10-25, NW2L, (R), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5, ft.

ANGLIAS GIRL (f, 3, Compadre--Anglia {MSW, $301,513}, by Great Above) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $101,350. O/B-Douglas Reddington (KY). T-Sean Hall. *1/2 to Anglian Prince (Tejano Run), GSW, $677,743.

9th-MED, $47,500, 10-25, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, a1m70yd, 1:42, ft.


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DESERT WINE (f, 4, River Keen {Ire})--Wine Bird, by Desert Wine) Lifetime Record: 23-7-3-1, $63,999. O/T-Arthur H Heberle. B-Cynthia Sinchak (NY).

SCHEING E JET (f, 3, Unbridled Jet--Flash Number Two {MSP, $269,103}, by Gay Old Blade) Lifetime Record: SW, 8-4-1-1, $106,540. O-Hargett Farms. B-John W Ferguson, Aileen D Ferguson & Kathryn A Size (MD). T-Ted Edmond D Gaudet. *$10,000 wlng '03 FTMOCT; $5,400 yrl '04 FTMOCT.

WISDOM ISGOLD (f, 4, Whiskey Wisdom--Gold Lined, by Numerous) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, $63,999. O/B-Everest Stables Inc (ON). T-Sean Hall. *$10,000 2yo 2006 BESMAR; $37,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. **13th winner for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ Game Cat, c, 2, Gibson County--Winter Cat, by Mountain Cat. OSA, 10-26, (C), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-North Star Equine (FL). *$62,000 2yo '06 FTMMAY. **Sixth winner for freshman sire (by In Excess {Ire})

Morenaza, f, 2, Jump Start--Snowmass, by Kingmambo. CRC, 10-26, (C), 6 2/5, 1:20 2/5. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). *$25,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. **13th winner for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy).

Kissin Party, f, 2, Kissin Kris--Partyship, by Premiership. OSA, 10-26, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-M Herbener (KY). *$100,000 2yo 2006 BESMAR; $37,000 yrl '05 KEESEP. *1/2 to Arctic Party (Eskimo), SP, $323,397. **SP. ***W on by 7 1/2 lengths.

My Dear Annie, f, 2, Smart Strike--Fancy Landing, by Formal Gold. AQU, 10-25, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5. B-Michael J & Patricia Palenscar (NY). *SP.


El Commenchero, g, 4, Try the Sky--Heavenly Look, by Green Dancer. WOX, 10-25, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5. B-Brian M & Rosemary M Dusang (Fl).

Mr Palatine, g, 4, Wild Gambler--Jaguar Comedy, by High Brite. HAW, 10-26, 6f, 1:11 3/5. B-Tony D'Agostaro (IL).

Synd, f, 4, Wild Syn--My River, by Code Word R. HAW, 10-26, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46 3/5. B-Jurgen & Thomas Arnemann (KY). *$2,500 yrl '03 FTKOCT.
RIGHT ON ‘TRAK’  

by Lucas Marquardt

On Oct. 19 at Keeneland, temperatures hung around 50 degrees as low, grey clouds and a steady rain made for a dreary day of racing. Fans that braved the rain on Keeneland’s apron had it only slightly worse than those in OTBs around the country or the folks watching at home on TVG, with eyes straining to make out which horse was which through the windswept rain and flying mud. While those watching at the OTBs were stuck with the typical simulcast view, a wide-angle pan shot of the windswept rain and flying mud...those on track and tuned in to TVG had another option: Trakus.

It was just over a month ago that Trakus was launched at Woodbine, and the innovative system, which tracks horses in real time using digital technology and represents them in a graphic form on a television screen, has thus far been a success. Since being introduced at Canadian oval Sept. 13, the Trakus system has also been adopted by Keeneland and, according to officials at both tracks, response from race fans has been decidedly positive.

“It’s been very well received,” said Keeneland President Nick Nicholson. “We expected our younger, more casual fans--our more technologically proficient fans--would like it, but I think our most pleasant surprise has been the way it’s been so well received by long-time racing fans and our older fans, who say they can more clearly see where their horse is.”

By now, you’ve probably seen Trakus on TVG, but if you’re unfamiliar with it, here’s a brief overview of how it works. A small radio transmitter (about the size of a credit card) on the saddletowel of each runner sends a signal to antennas located around the track. That signal carries an array of information, including a horse’s exact location, in relation to other horses and to the rail, the speed at which he is traveling, and the distance of ground he is covering. Trakus can then, in real time, convert the data in a number or ways, such as creating a small colored tile, or “chicklet,” to represent each runner (the colors correspond with the horse’s saddletowel--one is red, two is white, etc). On a split screen, in the case of Woodbine and TVG’s Keeneland signal, the computer-generated chicklets are then shown on a virtual race course, allowing fans to locate exactly where their horses are on the track (see box 1).

A crush of horses vying five wide for the early lead? A quick glance up at the Trakus chicklets will show you if yours is the horse caught in the thick of the suicidal pace. Foggy day at the track, similar to how it was at Keeneland the other day, and you can't tell if it's the seven or the one laying in third? The easy-to-see chicklets will show you which horse is getting that ideal trip.

When Trakus first began in 1998, it was aimed not at horse racing but at major league sports. After a meeting with National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman, Trakus began working Boston Bruins home games in 2001, using its technology to track things like player speed and the impact of hits. Halted by the NHL’s lockout in 2004, Trakus soon turned its attention to horse racing and the $20 billion wagered on the sport each year in North America.

Trakus president and CEO Bob McCarthy unveiled the system at last year’s University of Arizona Symposium on Racing and Gaming, and track officials from across North America were immediately impressed, according to McCarthy.

“Everybody’s looking for ways to differentiate their signal, and this was one of the more innovative ways that they could do that,” said McCarthy, whose resume includes a tenure at Raytheon, where he worked on advanced missile & radar systems. “From the track operators perspective, there was a ton of interest from the very first conceptual presentation of the product.”
Canada’s Woodbine became the first track to integrate Trakus into its simulcast signal, unrolling the system last month. Woodbine President David Willmot said the track, which this year also became one of the first to install the synthetic racing surface Polytrack, adopted Trakus as a way of staying one step ahead of the competition.

“I think it’s a matter of trying to stay competitive and current,” Willmot explained. “In this company we do our due diligence quickly and embrace change and innovation quickly. It’s a very competitive world out there for the betting dollar, and you have to be agile and innovative to continue to move forward. You have to position yourself for success.”

Willmot added that he’s been happy with the response from Woodbine fans.

“Like everything else in this business, people are resistant to change,” he said. “I would say some of the purists are not all that keen about it, but I’m amazed at how many people who have been involved in the business for years and years love the chicklets. It’s so much easier, in a crowded field that’s on the other side of the racetrack, to see where your horse is positioned. Also, we have 28 OTB outlets, and personally, in a crowded, noisy OTB with a lot of TV’s, I think it really helps. I’m a big fan.”

When Keeneland put in the Trakus system for its 2006 fall meeting, the storied race course’s objectives were slightly different than Woodbine’s.

“They wanted to enhance the on-site experience for their patrons at the racetrack,” explained McCarthy.

Like Woodbine, Keeneland installed Polytrack this year, and also added a dynamic new toteboard in the infield that features five high-definition, large-screen LED boards (see box 2). It’s on these boards that the Trakus experience can be fully appreciated. The center board, which is roughly twice the size of the four smaller boards that it falls between, has the live program feed. On the left-hand side of that screen is a vertical running order of the complete field, including odds that are generated by Trakus. The far right and far left boards provide split times and standard tote information, while the board to the direct right of the center is of the chicklets representing the runners on the track. The screen to the direct left of the center has another innovative Trakus feature, the ‘virtual race,’ a real-time digital representation of the race that some have likened to the graphics of a video game (see box 3).

Keeneland has also designated certain televisions at the track to the Trakus channel, called Trakus TV, which provides a view of a race similar to Woodbine’s, with a split screen showing the live action and the chicklets simultaneously. The simulcast signal Keeneland sends to OTBs does not feature Trakus, but TVG has decided to use the split-screen format in its broadcast of Keeneland races.

In addition to Keeneland and Woodbine, several tracks have expressed interest about installing the Trakus system, and the company is currently in talks with a handful of those tracks, including Del Mar, Mohawk Racetrack (a Standardbred track owned by Woodbine), and several Magna tracks.

In the future, Trakus also hopes to bring the ‘virtual race’ experience into the hands of race fans, said McCarthy, allowing them to, among other things, use the technology as a handicapping tool through betting web sites, as well as through a track’s own site.

Keeneland’s site has already begun using Trakus to assist handicappers, allowing them to see how far a particular horse traveled in a race in feet. For instance, in last Friday’s first race, the winner Cape Sunset traversed 4,867.1 feet. The runner-up, Belawood, ran 4,884.5 feet, some 17.4 feet farther than Cape Sunset. It may be a small detail, but one trip handicappers are sure to appreciate.

From David Willmot’s perspective, features like this are just the beginning of what Trakus will someday offer fans.

“We’re only using about 1 1/2 of the eight cylinders in terms of what data and information can come from the Trakus system, which I think will be a big benefit to handicappers,” he said.

Bob McCarthy agrees.

“There are a lot of things in the pipeline that we’re very excited about it,” McCarthy said. “But we’ve really come a long way.”

**Tracking Trakus**

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