Lot 1694, Night Visit, (m, 11, Sinndar {Ire}--Moonlight Sail, by Irish River {Fr})

Consigned by Redmonstown Stud

This is another from the Bolger draft and another proven Group 1 producer. Not often does the opportunity arise to purchase the dam of a Derby winner, but Night Visit offers this rare chance. Her ill-fated son Trading Leather (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) captured the G1 Irish Derby in 2013 and was a top class middle distance performer until his untimely demise in last year's G1 Japan Cup. Offered with a Dawn Approach cover will only add to her appeal given the favorable impression the stallion's first foals made in the last few weeks.

Lot 1724, Lady Heidi, (m, 4, High Chaparral {Ire}--Water Feature {GB}, by Dansili {GB})

Consigned by Kellsgrange Stud

A young mare offered in foal to world champion and highly regarded stallion Sea The Stars (Ire) will always command a premium. Add in the fact that Lady Heidi is herself a stakes-winning 2-year-old and from a family littered with top level performers such as Tenby (GB) (Caerleon) and Bristol Channel (GB) (Generous {Ire}) and one can easily see the appeal. Lady Heidi's as of yet unnamed 2-year-old half-brother by Intikhab (Red Ransom) sold for €85,000 to De Burgh Equine at Arqana's Breeze-Up sale in May.

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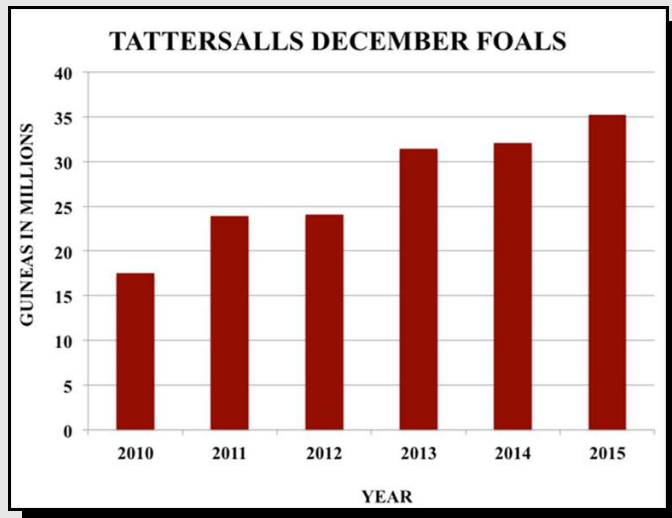As this week's Sales Ticker shows, with Arqana still to come, the foal market this year totals about $150 million so far, or about 15% of the total as were sold at the yearling sales. From the addition of days at the front of the foal sales at both Goffs and Tattersalls, it's quite plausible to argue that the growth in numbers catalogued in the foal market (24% since 2013) are in the bottom tiers rather than at the top tier of the foal market. So the massive 16% drop in the clearance rate in two years at the Kentucky November (TDN 11-15-15), and the overall 9% drop in the three markets combined, is likely to be concentrated far more at the bottom of the market than at the top. Nonetheless, when we look at the numbers for the three markets combined, only 7% more foals (2492) were sold in 2015 than in 2013, while the number catalogued went up by 24%, the combined gross went up by 18%, and the combined average by 10%.

Just a short update on the European F2015 sires with first foals selling. Coolmore's Declaration of War, now resident at Ashford in Kentucky, is still the overall leader, with 12 averaging $156,069; he has two foals catalogued next week at Arqana. Darley Kildangan's Dawn Approach has had 17 average $116,000 (three at Arqana). **Cont. p4**
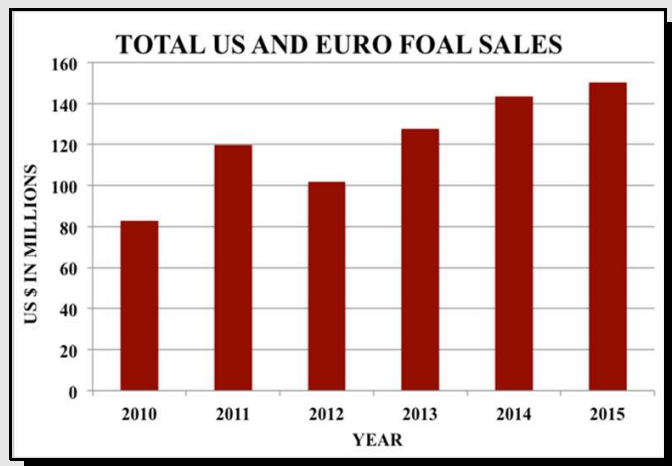
Weekly Sales Ticker
by Bill Oppenheim

"Tattersalls' Foal Sale edged ahead of last year's figures, though with a 7% drop in the clearance rate. When you look at the three main foal markets combined (Kentucky [Fasig & Keeneland], Goffs, Tatts, with Arqana to come), Kentucky sold 880 foals, Ireland 809, Tatts 803, for a combined total of $150-million (this year's yearling market was $1-billion), and an average of $60,000 ($60,263 to be exact). Compared to 2013, the number catalogued is up 24%, number sold up 7%, clearance rate down 9%".   – Bill Oppenheim

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE (price in guineas)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	1,277	1,089	803	14.7%	73.7%	62.9%	33,565,600	41,880
2014	1,116	966	779	13.4%	80.6%	69.8%	32,110,900	41,221
2013	1,072	943	740	12.0%	78.5%	69.0%	31,420,400	42,460
2012	1,015	854	708	15.9%	82.9%	69.8%	24,132,700	34,086
2011	1,003	878	665	12.5%	75.7%	66.3%	23,860,100	35,880
2010	941	749	560	20.4%	74.8%	59.5%	17,491,400	31,235

TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN FOAL SALES AS OF NOV 30, 2015

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2015	4,258	3,422	2,492	19.6%	72.8%	58.5%	$150,176,133	$60,263
2014	3,775	3,101	2,424	17.9%	78.2%	64.2%	$143,523,231	$59,209
2013	3,444	2,861	2,323	16.9%	81.2%	67.5%	$127,557,058	$54,910
2012	3,645	2,944	2,232	19.2%	75.8%	61.2%	$101,907,637	$45,658
2011	3,323	2,767	2,144	16.7%	77.5%	64.5%	$119,793,156	$55,874
2010	3,470	2,715	1,983	21.8%	73.0%	57.1%	$83,023,693	$41,868

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley