

KEEJAN cont.

Romance on Top at Keeneland

Mike Ryan, who struck late in Tuesday's session of the Keeneland January sale to secure Veracity (Distorted Humor) for \$460,000 on behalf of Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, was back in action during Wednesday's session of the five-day auction. Ryan paid \$240,000 to secure the racing or broodmare prospect **Ready for Romance** (More Than Ready) from the Sam-Son Farm consignment for that same client.

Bred by Sam-Son, Ready for Romance ([hip 917](#)) has won three of four trips to the post, including a wire-to-wire victory in the July 18 Ontario Damsel S. She is out of Strange Romance (Mr. Greeley), a half-sister to graded stakes winners Matt's Brown Vow (Broken Vow) and High Button Shoes (Carson City).

The filly will likely be back at the racetrack this spring, according to Ryan.

APEX EARNINGS THRESHOLDS 2009-2015 (All earnings in US\$)

	A RUNNERS					top 2%
	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN	
2015	134,280	97,770	79,466	54,014	289,558	
2014	134,655	98,055	91,375	65,259	325,293	
2013	131,410	85,511	92,160	61,617	348,782	
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	

	B RUNNERS					next 2%
	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN	
2015	93,610	56,191	58,942	34,336	187,633	
2014	92,290	57,337	68,833	39,845	210,376	
2013	90,760	50,997	65,405	41,680	224,614	
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	

	C RUNNERS					next 4%
	NA	GB/IR	FR	GER	JPN	
2015	63,420	30,380	41,167	20,957	111,357	
2014	63,525	31,916	47,385	23,307	124,053	
2013	62,256	27,684	46,386	21,246	129,200	
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	

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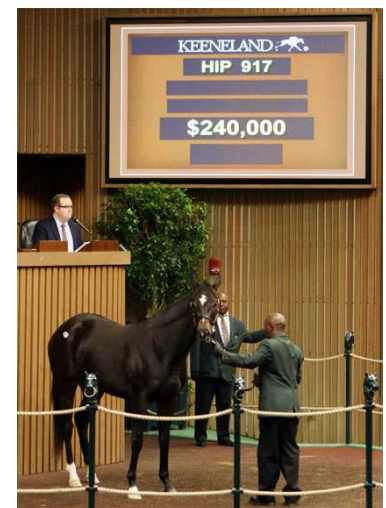
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Mr. Prospector S. (G3) winner
X Y JET

“We’ll put her back in training,” Ryan said after signing the ticket on Ready for Romance. “She’s only had four starts. Her only start on the grass was very impressive, she led gate to wire in a nice stakes at Woodbine at a mile and it was only the third start of her life. She is a really good-looking More Than Ready, a strong filly and like a lot of the good ones I’ve been associated with by him. She was a standout today. If she stays healthy and sound, there is no reason she couldn’t run this year and next year.”

As for a trainer for the filly, Ryan added, “We haven’t figured it out yet, but it will be one of the top trainers in New York. We will get her down to Stonestreet and we will bring her back slowly and hopefully have her ready to run by May.”

Ryan was busy buying yearlings for the same client, who he said is based in South Florida and involved in the pharmaceuticals industry, this past fall. **Cont. p9**



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