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AWESOME ALL OVER AGAIN

Bloodstock agent John Ferguson survived a three-way bidding frenzy to bring home a daughter of Breeders' Cup Classic winner Awesome Again for a world-record \$2 million at last night's Barretts March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training in Pomona, California. The two-year-old, who cost just \$75,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, surpassed the previous juvenile filly record of \$1.9 million paid for Atlantic Ocean (Stormy Atlantic) at the Barretts sale in 2002. Ferguson, seated in one corner of the Hinds Pavilion with trainer Eoin Harty and Jonabell Farm managing director Jimmy Bell, had to slug it out with Coolmore's Demi O'Byrne and trainer



Hip 81 Horsephotos

Bruce Headley's team, which included associate Brad Martin. Headley backed out at \$1.6 million, leaving the two racing powerhouses to duke it out. In the end, Ferguson secured the filly for Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid's Darley operation. "She was most impressive on the track and she has wonderful scope to her," said Ferguson, who hasn't been at Barretts over the past few years. "She is a beautiful filly with great action."

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CAT FIGHTER TOP DOG AT DISPERSAL


The action began slowly on the most talked about entry in yesterday's 54-horse Thoroughbred Corporation dispersal, but bidding on **Cat Fighter** (Storm Cat-Strategic Maneuver, by Cryptoclearance) soon picked up and by the time the dust had settled, the winner of the GII La Canada S. brought in \$1,350,000. It was the highest price of the dispersal, which was held prior to the Barretts March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training. Hill 'n' Dale's John Sikura, who got into the battle at \$950,000, signed the ticket on the filly, but appeared as surprised as everyone else at the bargain price. "I really thought that she would bring more money," admitted Sikura. "I didn't have my heart set on her because I thought she'd be too expensive." According to Sikura, Cat Fighter will remain in training this year before being sent off to the breeding shed in 2005. Sikura left little doubt as to his reasons for the purchase. "She is a daughter of Storm Cat and the daughter of a Grade I stakes winner," he explained. "You don't have to go much further



Cat Fighter Horsephotos

than that." Bob Baffert, who has been training Cat Fighter, admitted that he thought the filly would bring a much higher sum. "I think that people stayed off of her because they thought that she would bring too much money," said Baffert. "To tell you the truth I was surprised by what she brought. I thought she would go for between \$2-3 million. At that price, she was a real bargain." The Thoroughbred Corporation bought Cat Fighter as a yearling at the 2001 Keeneland July sale for \$700,000. The four-year-old will remain with Baffert's California string and could make her next start in the Mar. 14 GI Santa Margarita H.

For more on the Thoroughbred Corporation dispersal, see p. 4



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MARCH SALE
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004

SESSION TOTALS	2004	2003
No. Offered	128	167
No. Sold	79	86
RNAs	49	81
% RNA	38.3%	48.5%
Gross	\$13,728,000	\$12,222,800
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Awesome Again Filly Sets Record at Barretts (cont.)

The \$2-million Barretts sale topper is out of multiple stakes winner Sassy Pants (Saratoga Six) and her pedigree received a boost when her three-year-old half sister Madcap Escapade (Hennessy) stormed to an 11 3/4-length victory in the Feb. 14 Old Hat S. at Gulfstream Park. The juvenile worked a furlong in :10.2 at the Feb. 24 preview. Consigner Jerry Bailey admitted that he expected something in the neighborhood of \$1 million, but said that he was surprised at the final price. "I thought she was going to bring over a million, but you never say, 'We're going to sell a world-record filly,'" Bailey explained. "She was better received than any horse I have ever taken to a two-year-old sale. She just did everything right. She is a well-balanced filly and had decent size. She had great help with Madcap Escapade."

Big Guns

Two sales regulars paid \$600,000 for a pair of juveniles late in last night's sale. Hip 211, a filly by Pine Bluff out of Malley (Deputy Minister) was haltered by Demi O'Byrne on behalf of Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith. "She is very good looking, isn't she?" asked O'Byrne. Explaining the purchase, the Irish bloodstock agent commented, "She worked fast." The juvenile recorded furlong works of :10.1 and :10.0. Consigned by Jerry Bailey, the filly's second dam is Grade I stakes winner Dreamy Mimi. Also bringing \$600,000, was hip 217, a California-bred colt by Swiss Yodeler, who was consigned by Ciaran Dunne's Wavertree Stables. Purchased by D. Wayne Lukas on behalf of Bob and Beverly Lewis, the \$70,000 Keeneland November weanling purchase is a half brother to multiple stakes winner Don'tsellmeshort (Benchmark). "He worked so beautifully during the under tack shows both days," said Bob Lewis, explaining his latest purchase. "We figured that we had to have him." The colt went in a sharp :10.2 for an eighth of a mile during the initial session, but really wowed the crowds second time out, when he covered two panels in a bullet :21 flat. Lewis attended both under tack shows, prompting advisor John Moynihan to joke, "He's even attending the breeze shows. Soon he's not going to need us."

BARRETTS MARCH SALE -- TOP 2YOS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<u>081</u>	filly	Awesome Again	Sassy Pants	\$2,000,000
(\$75,000 yrl '03 KEESEP) B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds & J Blackburn (Ky) Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by John Ferguson Bloodstock				
<u>211</u>	filly	Pine Bluff	Malley	\$600,000
B-Dr & Mrs R Smiser West (Ky) Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Demi O'Byrne				
<u>217</u>	colt	Swiss Yodeler	Miss Soft Sell	\$600,000
(\$70,000 wnlg '02 KEENOV) B-Mary H Caldwell (Ca) Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc, agent Purchased by Robert and Beverly Lewis				
<u>161</u>	colt	Honour and Glory	Defer West	\$575,000
(\$80,000 yrl '03 KEESEP) B-Twin Hopes Farm (Ky) Consigned by Jerry Bailey Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Narvick International Inc.				
<u>124</u>	colt	Tiger Ridge	Winning Journey	\$500,000
B-Jockey Club Farm (Fl) Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Bruno de Berdt, agent				
<u>143</u>	colt	Victory Gallop	Buck's Lady	\$500,000
(\$18,000 yrl '03 KEESEP) B-David E Hager II (Ky) Consigned by Terry Oliver, agent Purchased by Never Tell Farm LLC				
<u>097</u>	filly	Lord Carson	Storm Struck	\$450,000
(\$37,000 yrl '03 OBSAUG; \$13,000 wnl '02 KEENOV) B-Russ Risher (Ky) Consigned by B C 3 Thoroughbreds, agent for Timberline Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis				
<u>190</u>	colt	Kissin Kris	In Reverence	\$450,000
B-John Franks (Fl) Consigned by Estate of J Franks, Kirkwood Stables, agent Purchased by La Cresta Farm				
<u>152</u>	filly	Tale of the Cat	Conquistador Blue	\$375,000
(\$50,000 yrl '03 KEESEP; \$85,000 wnlg '02 KEENOV) B-Belvedere Farm Inc & Fergus Galvin (Ky) Consigned by Robert Scanlon, agent Purchased by Robert & Beverly Lewis				



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Fast Start for Tiger Ridge

Freshman sire Tiger Ridge (Storm Cat) got off to a fast start when his sole two-year old at yesterday's sale brought a final bid of \$500,000. Purchased by Northern California trainer Jeff Bonde on behalf of Jim Vreeland, Angelo Ferrell and a third, unnamed partner, the colt failed to meet his reserve of \$140,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. What attracted Bonde to the colt besides a sharp :10.3 eighth breeze Feb. 24 and a :21.1 work during the second session Mar. 1? "Everything," said Bonde. "I liked him because he is a big, long-striding horse, but he still has a lot of growing to do." Repeating the apparent theme of the afternoon, Bonde said, "Going in, we didn't think we could afford the colt. I got on the phone and begged to stay in. I must admit that I got pretty shaky at the end." Consigned by Becky Thomas's Sequel Bloodstock, the chestnut is out of Winning Journey (Journey at Sea), a half sister to sprint champion Precisionist (Crozier). Tiger Ridge, on the board twice in five starts, is a half brother to Classic winners A.P. Indy and Summer Squall. He stands at Hartley/De Renzo Walmac South in Ocala, Florida for \$7,500 live foal.

Never Tell Makes the Rounds

Just when it appeared that Never Tell Farm, active at the Thoroughbred Corp. dispersal, had the broodmare market cornered at Barretts, Audrey Haisfield sprang into action in the two-year-old game. Agent Mike Akers, bidding on behalf of Haisfield, thought enough of hip 143, a Victory Gallop colt out of the Alleged mare Buck's Lady to give \$500,000 for the half brother to graded stakes placed Envy of the Crown (Magesterial). Following a respectable :10.3 work Feb. 24, the colt galloped during the second breeze session, but it was apparently all Akers needed to get hooked on the colt. "This horse is all athlete," said Akers. "He's a nice colt and gets over a lot of ground." What sold him on the colt? "All you have to do is watch the tape." According to Akers, the \$18,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase will be sent to the barn of trainer Bob Baffert.

A Franks Farewell

John Franks took years to develop his Franks Farm into one of the leading farms in Florida and yesterday at Barretts one of the final reminders of his legacy was led into the ring. Hip 190, a bay colt by Kissin Kris out of the stakes placed Alysheba mare In Reverence brought a \$450,000 final bid from trainer John Sadler. From the family of GSW Hasty Patsy, the filly was one of the three final sales horses consigned by longtime Franks associate Kip Elser. "The price was more than we would normally expect, but it was a very nice way to finish up a very long relationship," said Elser. When asked about his long time friend, Elser said, "He was a wonderful man to work with. If it has to be over, it's a very good way to finish." The colt recorded a :10.6 final time for an eighth during the first breeze show and followed that with a :10.2 work Monday.

Lewis Back in Action

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas, bidding on behalf of Bob and Beverly Lewis, paid \$450,000 for hip 97, a chestnut filly by Lord Carson out of the Storm Bird mare Storm Struck. Consigned by B.C.3. Thoroughbreds, the juvenile burned up the track with a furlong move in :9.7 Monday. "When they break the :10 mark, then you know they can run a little bit," said Lukas, who trained Lord Carson. Taken by the filly's precocity, Lukas promised, "We'll definitely see her by the fourth of July. She'll be a two-year-old runner." A major score for her sire, whose two-year-olds averaged \$49,722 in 2003, the filly was a \$13,000 Keeneland November weanling and a \$37,000 OBS August yearling purchase. Lukas also purchased hip 152, a Tale of the Cat filly out of the unraced mare Conquistador Blue (Conquistador Cielo) for the Lewises. Consigned by Robert Scanlon, the half sister to GISW Agincourt was knocked down at \$375,000. The bay traces back to Triple Tiara heroine Davona Dale. "She still has a little bit of growing to do, but I think she'll be all right," Lukas said. "She has a really nice way of going. I feel confident with her." Concerning her future, Lukas added, "She is more of a two-turn horse."

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Hope Springs Eternal

Heading into this year's Barretts March sale, many wondered if the record figures of earlier auctions on the two-year-old calendar were going to repeat themselves. They got their answer in no uncertain terms. "Good horses were selling better than ever and the strength in our sale is from a terrific number of buyers," said Barretts General Manager Gerald McMahon. But McMahon was quick to point out the challenges Barretts still has to face. "Our biggest obstacle is that consigners have to split their horses between two coasts [Fasig-Tipton Calder and Barretts] and that can be very costly," he said. "There is no question that we can use more depth in our catalog, but overall we seemed to do well." In regards to The Thoroughbred Corp. dispersal, McMahon said, "The dispersal definitely attracted a lot more buyers here. Our numbers [in the juvenile catalog] being low, the dispersal helped us hold our own. This year, the Thoroughbred Corp. dispersal helped us, but next year we need to improve our catalog again to remain competitive." Overall figures, including gross and average rose over last year, but the biggest gains were recorded in median, which increased 66.7 percent to \$100,000. "The \$2.7-million horse last year was the whole story, so I was concerned that if we didn't have that this year, then we wouldn't stack up. Thankfully, the market took care of us."

New Kids on the Block

Looking to make a dent in the breeding business, Audrey Haisfield of Never Tell Farm, LLC did it the right way with the purchase of GSW **Atlantic Ocean** (Stormy Atlantic) for \$700,000. Sitting beside Mike Akers of Dapple Bloodstock, who handled the bidding, the white-clad Haisfield is just starting in the breeding game and is looking to build a quality band of about a dozen broodmares. The four-year-old Atlantic Ocean will be retired from racing, but breeding plans have not been decided. "I was very happy with the price," said Akers. "I thought she was going to bring a lot more," he admitted. The duo also paired up to buy **Honest Answer** (Tale of the Cat). Out of the graded stakes placed Raise a Cup mare Cup of Honey, the four-year-old was purchased for \$510,000. She cost \$600,000 when sold at this venue in 2002 and is a half sister to Canadian champion juvenile Truth of it All (Proud Truth) and multiple Grade I stakes winner I Ain't Bluffing (Pine Bluff).

BARRETTS THOROUGHBRED CORP DISPERSAL TOP FIVE HIPs

Hip#	Name	Price
<u>26</u>	CAT FIGHTER <i>(f, 4, Storm Cat--Strategic Maneuver, by Cryptoclearance)</i> Purchased by John Sikura	\$1,350,000
<u>24</u>	ATLANTIC OCEAN <i>(f, 4, Stormy Atlantic--Super Chef, by Seattle Slew)</i> Purchased by Never Tell Farm LLC	\$700,000
<u>18</u>	WORD OF MOUTH <i>(f, 4, Saint Ballado--Katies {Ire}, by Nonoalco)</i> Purchased by R D Hubbard	\$525,000
<u>40</u>	HONEST ANSWER <i>(f, 4, Tale of the Cat--Cup of Honey (Raise a Cup)</i> Purchased by Never Tell Farm, LLC	\$510,000
<u>28</u>	DESERT PEARLS <i>(f, 4, Dixieland Band--Pleasant Sunshine, by Pleasant Colony)</i> Purchased by Betty & Larry Mabee, Co Trustees	\$370,000

What They're Saying At The Sales...

Richard Mulhall, Manager of The Thoroughbred Corp.


"Somewhere the market has to level off because they are getting a little crazy on them now. It just has to level off because a lot of these high-priced horses never run well. You always have the buyer who will pay for the top horses. I really liked the Stephen Got Even colt in Florida [at OBS Calder] that brought \$3.1 million, but \$3.1 million? That's a lot of money. That's pretty high for a colt who didn't have a great pedigree."

Trainer Bob Baffert

"I think there are some really nice horses here, but unfortunately I don't think the money is here. It has been really quiet."

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas

"The catalog is all right, although it's a bit spotty. The money is definitely here for the better horses."



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THOROUGHBRED CORP. DISPERSAL TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004

	Head	Gross	Average	Median
Yearlings	1	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
2YOs	5	\$151,000	\$30,200	\$22,000
HRA	46	\$6,247,200	\$135,809	\$43,500
TOTAL	52	\$6,453,200	\$124,100	\$43,500

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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

ACATENANGO PENSIONED Gestut Fahrhof Stiftung has announced that the 22-year-old stallion **Acatenango (Ger)** (Surumu {Ger}--Aggravate {GB}, by Aggressor {GB}) has been retired from stud duties. The decision was made after the illustrious son of legendary domestic sire Surumu failed to stop the first mares he covered this season. Stud manager Herbert Kahrs stated that Acatenango was fit and well for his age, but a dwindling fertility had caused some concern last season. Breeders with mares booked to him have been offered a covering with the stud's other leading sire, Lomitas (GB), based at Dalham Hall Stud, as an alternative. Acatenango was arguably the best horse bred by the late Walther J. Jacobs, the founder of Gestut Fahrhof. The chestnut son of the imported Park Hill S. winner Aggravate won seven Group 1 races, including the Deutsches Derby, the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and the Grosser Preis von Baden twice. At stud he excelled, capturing four sire championships and siring 20 individual pattern winners to date, including the Deutsches Derby winners Lando (Ger) and Borgia (Ger), the GI E.P. Taylor S. heroine Fraulein (GB) and dual Group 1 winner Sabiango (Ger). Acatenango has also made strides as a sire of sires: Lando, the first German-trained horse to win the G1 Japan Cup, is himself the sire of the globetrotting multiple Group 1 winner Paolini (Ger). Two of his sons, Hamond (Ger) and Aeskulap (Ger), are represented by their first crop of yearlings and foals, respectively, this year.

☆ TRIPLE THREATS ☆

Louisiana Derby Hopefuls Tune-Up
Fire Slam (Grand Slam) breezed four furlongs over the Fair Grounds main track yesterday in :47 2/5 and galloped out in 1:00 in preparation for Sunday's GII Louisiana Derby. The \$230,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase won the GIII Lecomte S. in his last start Jan. 24 despite suffering from a quarter crack in his left hind foot. "The quarter crack was as bad as they come," trainer David Carroll said on a national teleconference yesterday.

"It's gotten better. I haven't decided yet whether to put the bar shoe on again for the Louisiana Derby. I'll probably not decide until race day."

According to trainer Neil Howard, GIII Risen Star S. winner **Gradepoint** (A.P. Indy) and recent 9 1/2-length Fair Grounds allowance winner **Breakaway** (Silver Deputy) will run in the Louisiana Derby. The William S. Farish-owned duo worked in company, breezing six furlongs in 1:14 3/5 at Fair Grounds yesterday. "After the work I called Mr. Farish, and it was decided to run both horses Sunday as a result of the work," Howard said.

At Tapeta Farm, Mar. 13 GI Florida Derby hopeful **Tapit** (Pulpit) worked one mile yesterday in 1:47.20.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Saturday, Santa Anita
SANTA ANITA H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m
Pleasantly Perfect (Pleasant Colony), likely favorite and 123-pound highweight, worked five furlongs Monday at Santa Anita in 1:00.40. "Pleasantly Perfect is coming up to this race as good as he's ever done," trainer Richard Mandella said. The six-year-old has won three straight races since finishing fourth in last year's Big 'Cap. After winning the GII Goodwood Breeders' Cup H., Pleasantly Perfect ended 2003 with a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. He returned this season to take the GII San Antonio H. in his most recent trip to the post Jan. 31. Mandella also sent **Olmodavor** (A.P. Indy) out to work yesterday at Santa Anita in preparation for Saturday's million-dollar race. Coming off a 3/4-length win in Fair Grounds's Feb. 1 GIII Whirlaway H., the five-year-old went five furlongs in company in :58.
 Trainer Paddy Gallagher reported that GII Strub S. winner **Domestic Dispute** (Unbridled's Song) will skip the Santa Anita H. in favor of the Mar. 27 G1 Dubai World Cup.

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim



MEASURING SIRE SUCCESS: LOWER YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Having established that I think [Grand Slam](#) is a bright young thing among the stallion ranks, the logical next step is to expand the study. The accompanying table includes 17 sires who fulfill three criteria: (1) their first foals were born over the five-year period 1996-2000; (2) they have averaged 75+ foals per crop; and (3) they had APEX A indices of 1.50+ through the end of 2003. This should certainly tell us something about the success rate for big-crop sires.

A caveat about the numbers. I would prefer to use 'named foals,' as opposed to 'foals' (which means 'registered foals'), just on the grounds that if it was never named, it never had a chance to be a runner, winner, etc. I'd say there is about a six-percent attrition rate there, which does mean that percentages which are computed against 'foals' may be more unforgiving to a sire, making him look worse than he actually is. Also, there can be significant variation in the number of black-type horses compiled even from list to list. One list I have from TJCIS credits Barathea with 27 stakes winners, another from Equine Line has 35 (I've given him the benefit of the doubt there). My count of career stakes winners could also have missed out a few and, especially with Southern Hemisphere data always threatening to seep in, I can't say I have absolute confidence in the numbers here. But over a group of 5,000 foals, which this is, the overall numbers should be sufficiently reliable.

Here's what I found. The 17 sires with 75+ foals/crop and a 1.50+ APEX A Index had sired a total of 59 crops, containing 5,067 foals, through the end of 2003--a massive 85.9 foals per crop. Let's call it 86. Now, these have to be pretty decent sires to have earned 1.50+ A ratings. Yet these sires had sired an aggregate of 246 stakes winners, which is right at 4.85

percent of their registered foals--a little under five percent. They had sired a total of 426 stakes horses (stakes winner plus stakes-placed), which is just 8.4 percent of their registered foals. In a nutshell, it looks like my comment last week that 'stakes horses are the new stakes winners' (meaning, if they used to have 10 percent stakes winners/foals, now they have 10 percent stakes horses/foals) is not too far off the mark. For these 17 sires, five percent stakes winners and 8.5 percent stakes horses is the norm. In fact, Grand Slam's 12.7 percent stakes horses/registered foals (a slightly lower percentage than he was credited with last week, from named foals) is the best among these 17 sires. [Elusive Quality](#), another son of [Gone West](#) who had his first three-year-olds last year, had the highest percentage of stakes winners to foals, with 8.5 percent. That's a pretty good boost for Gone West's credibility as a sire of sires.

Crop Size Makes No Difference

But here's the surprising fact: it doesn't really matter how big the sire's average crop is, as long as they average more than 20 foals a crop. Going back to the three criteria in the first paragraph, if you leave criteria (1) first foals 1996-2000, and (3) APEX A Index of 1.50+ the same, but change criterion (2) to an average of 20+ foals per crop (instead of 75+), this produced a total of 96 sires who fit the qualifications. Those 96 stallions have sired a total of 373 crops, which have averaged 51 foals per crop--and an overall percentage of 4.89 percent stakes winners to registered foals. There is only a minuscule difference between the percentage of stakes winners sired by the 96 sires which averaged 51 foals per crop (4.89 percent), and the percentage of stakes winners sired by the 17 sires who averaged 86 foals per crop (4.85 percent). So we must absolutely throw out crop size as a contributing factor to explain why 'modern' sires (those whose first foals were born 1996 or later) are averaging under five percent stakes winners from registered foals.

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IN JUST THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THE YEAR:

A.P. INDY - 5 Stakes Winners, 4 Stakes Placed

BELONG TO ME - 1 Stakes Winner, 2 Stakes Placed

DIXIELAND BAND - 2 Stakes Placed

KINGMAMBO - 2 Stakes Winners, 2 Stakes Placed

LANGFUHR - 1 Grade 2 Winner

PINE BLUFF - 2 Graded Stakes Winners

PLEASANT TAP - 1 Stakes Winner

SMART STRIKE - 2 Stakes Winners, 3 Stakes Placed

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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 6)

Of the 1,201 sires who were assigned APEX ratings at the end of 2003, over half--621--come into this category of having sired their first foals in 1996 or later. Of that number, only 14 sires averaged 20+ foals per crop, had an APEX A rating of 1.50+, and also had seven percent stakes winners/foals, or better. It's fair to say these are the top echelon of young sires, yet not a single one of them averaged 10 percent stakes winners/foals. Between seven and eight percent, that's absolutely the top right now.

There is some evidence that it used to be higher. There are 32 sires whose first foals were born 1986-1990 who still feature in the APEX listings (meaning, they had three-year-olds of 2003) with A ratings of 1.50+. Admittedly this includes the likes of [Sadler's Wells](#) (first foals 1986) and [Storm Cat](#) (first foals 1989). But these 32 sires have averaged 7.96 percent stakes winners/registered foals. Because this is probably a more select group of sires, it may not be strictly fair to compare the 32 sires' (first foals 1986-1990) eight percent to the 96 sires' (first foals 1996-2000) five percent. But there is surely some correlation, and it must tell us something that the older sire group's average is higher than all but the very top of the new sire group's.

I guess I'm trying to be polite about it, and explain the parameters as precisely as possible. The long and short of it is, for the top sires, seven percent sure looks like the new 10 percent, and for better-than-average sires, five percent sure looks like the new eight percent. It is important to understand that the 10-percent standard was a little bit of a myth. Good sires have been averaging eight percent stakes winners, only the really top sires were hitting the 10 percent standard, with the occasional Sire of the Century like Northern Dancer hitting 18 percent stakes winners/foals.

- Where we used to say 10 percent, we used to really mean eight percent, and that now is five percent.
- The very top echelon of sires, which did used to average 10 percent, now averages seven percent.

So if you want to know what standard of sire an older horse would be now, knock off three percent. If you want to look at a sire now, and estimate how he compares with sires of 10 or 20 years ago, add three percent.

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LEADING SIRES WITH FIRST FOALS 1996-2000,
PERCENTAGE OF SWs/FOALS

Sire	1st Foals	Registered Foals	SWs	Percentage of SWs
ElusiveQuality	2000	165	14	8.5%
Montbrook	1996	294	23	7.8%
Monsun	1997	206	16	7.8%
Pivotal	1998	192	15	7.8%
Singspiel	1999	166	13	7.8%
Smart Strike	1998	235	18	7.7%
American Chance	1996	227	17	7.5%
Anabaa	1998	217	16	7.4%
Lomas	1996	245	18	7.3%
Not for Love	1997	292	21	7.2%
Petionville	1998	168	12	7.1%
Barathea	1996	499	35	7.0%
French Deputy	1997	316	22	7.0%
Distorted Humor	2000	128	9	7.0%

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(Bill Oppenheim cont. from p. 7)

Two very definite factors can be identified which have contributed to this decline in the percentage of stakes winners/foals by the broad group of above-average sires. One factor is certainly the decline in mare quality. The fact that the percentage of stakes winners has declined no matter what the average size of the sire's foal crop (provided it's above 20) suggests the dilution in mare quality goes far deeper than has been generally assumed: it may be as much as 30 percent across the board. But that could be tempered by another factor, one which almost parallels political and economic realities outside the horse business. This is the increasing democratization of wealth within the business, which I've referred to before in the context of big pinhooking wins, for example, by just normal people, or groups of people, rather than just the very rich--as we have been seeing at the two-year-old sales. This is undoubtedly one of the features of the auction and sales side of the business right now, and there's a line of argument which goes like this...the broader distribution of wealth in the business may in fact be related to the decline in percentage of stakes winners for the better sires. In that respect, the top sires' declining to seven percent stakes winners and the average useful sire declining to five percent stakes winners, may actually be a good thing, because it means the money is being spread out among more, rather than fewer, people. We just need to adjust our expectations: seven percent is the new 10 percent (which was tougher to achieve than has been generally assumed), and five percent is the new eight percent (which was a more realistic figure for good sires). The question really isn't going to be, do the standards change? They do. The real question is going to be, do the relative values (for example, stud fees) change as the strata re-shape themselves? If the top sires are not as far ahead of the next group as they used to be, will their relative values narrow?

FOALING NEWS

SANTONA (CHI), 10, Winning--Syracuse (Chi) (Sharp-Eyed Quillo)

Foal born Feb. 21, a colt by Chester House.

Will be bred back to Grand Slam.

Owned by Earle Mack.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: Ch. Grass Mare-Chi, G1SW-Chi.

Dam of Grand Hombre (Grand Slam), GSW, \$598,360.

VERDENT HOOFER, 10, Green Dancer--Trove (Key to the Mint)

Foal born Jan. 18, a colt by Honor Glide.

Will be bred back to Honor Glide.

Owned by John Sullivan.

Boarded at Cloverleaf Farms, Fl.

Accomplishments: Dam of Topango (Distant View), SW.

MISS GOLDEN CIRCLE, 12, Crafty Prospector--River Missy (Riverman)

Foal born Jan. 25, a filly by Unbridled's Song.

Will be bred back to Dynaformer.

Owned by Roy Jackson.

Boarded at Denali Stud, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW & MGISP, \$703,583.

BIOGIO'S ROSE, 10, Polish Numbers--Fois Gras (Barachois)

Foal born Jan. 27, a colt by Gone West.

Will be bred back to Vindication.

Owned by Joe and Alfred Nastasi.

Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Ky.

Accomplishments: MGSW of \$797,958.

17 SIRES, FIRST FOALS 1996-2000, 75+ FOALS/CROP, APEX A INDEX 1.50+

Sire	1st Foals	Crops*	Foals*	APEX A Index	SW	%SW/foals	SH [SW+SP]	%SH
Grand Lodge	1996	6	581	1.52	21	3.6%	43	7.4%
Barathea	1996	6	499	1.63	35	7.0%	49	9.8%
End Sweep	1996	6	450	1.53	29	6.4%	54	12.0%
Thunder Gulch	1997	5	406	1.98	17	4.2%	32	7.9%
Mr. Greeley	1997	5	376	2.04	18	4.8%	32	8.5%
Unbridled's Song	1998	4	3.63	3.63	20	6.1%	28	8.6%
Alphabet Soup	1999	3	260	2.93	13	5.0%	21	8.1%
Desert King	1999	3	284	2.07	10	3.5%	20	7.0%
Langfuhr	1999	3	258	1.77	10	3.9%	20	7.8%
Danehill Dancer	1999	3	240	1.90	10	4.2%	15	6.3%
Boston Harbor	1999	3	226	1.52	10	4.4%	15	6.6%
Grand Slam	2000	2	244	2.25	12	4.9%	31	12.7%
Elusive Quality	2000	2	165	2.48	14	8.5%	17	10.3%
Tale of the Cat	2000	2	236	1.61	10	4.2%	22	9.3%
Wild Rush	2000	2	175	1.94	7	4.0%	9	5.1%
Peintre Celebre	2000	2	172	2.17	6	3.5%	12	7.0%
Touch Gold	2000	2	169	2.07	4	2.4%	6	3.6%

*[of racing age through 2003]

17 Sires TOTAL: 59 crops, 5067 foals, ----- 246 SW, 4.85%, 426 SH, 8.4%



WEEKEND PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVES

by Alan Porter

Saturday, Santa Anita

BALDWIN S.-GIII, \$113,350, SAX, 2-28, 3yo, a6 1/2fT, 1:14, gd.

1--**@#SEATTLE BORDERS**, 114, c, 3, by **Western Borders**

1st Dam: Assets On Ice, by **Seattle Dancer**

2nd Dam: Why So Much, by **Northern Baby**

3rd Dam: Satiety, by **Our Native**

O-Edmund A Gann; B-Carolin Stables Inc (FL);

T-Robert J Frankel; J-A O Solis; \$68,010. Lifetime

Record: 6-2-2-0, \$102,750. *First stakes winner for sire (by **Gone West**).

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[Gone West](#) has been building quite a reputation as a sire of sires. First, the ill-fated Zafonic made a bright start in England. He was followed by [Mr. Greeley](#) (six stakes winners in his first four seasons at stud); Zafonic's brother, Zamindar (sire of European classic winner Zenda in his first crop); and then the hot third season sires [Grand Slam](#) and [Elusive Quality](#).

The latest stallion to join the ranks of the graded stakes siring sons of **Gone West** is a much less heralded one. This is **Western Borders**, who began his stallion career standing at Dunhill Stud LLC in Ocala, Florida for \$2,500, and who now stands at the same fee at McMahan of Saratoga in New York. He is responsible for this weekend's GIII Baldwin S. winner **Seattle Borders** with his first crop of three-year-olds.

His bargain basement stud fee notwithstanding, **Western Borders** has plenty of credentials, both on pedigree and performance. Unraced at two, **Western Borders** finished first or second in seven of nine starts at three, scoring victories in a maiden event at Saratoga, and three allowance races at Belmont Park. At four, he graduated into stakes company, with a victory in the Hialeah Sprint Championship H. He also took third in the GI Carter H. behind **Wild Rush** and **Banker's Gold**. Kept in training at five, **Western Borders** started just three more times, winning a Gulfstream Park allowance contest, taking second to **Good and Tough** in the Deputy Minister H., and again finishing third in the Carter, this time to **Artax** and **Affirmed Success**.

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As far as pedigree was concerned, **Western Borders** not only has the considerable plus of **Gone West** as his sire, but also a more than creditable female line. A 3/4-brother to the sprint stakes winner **Gervazy** (by **Miswaki**), he is out of **Ruby Green**, a J. O. Tobin half-sister to **Wavering Monarch**, a multiple grade one winner and the sire of more than 72 stakes winners, including champion two-year-old **Maria's Mon**. **Western Borders**' second dam **Uncommitted** is by **Buckpasser** out of the Phipps tap-root mare **Lady Be Good**, ancestress of numerous high-class performers, including **Polish Precident** (out of a 3/4-sister to **Uncommitted**), a champion miler in Europe and a very successful sire there; multiple European champion **Culture Vulture**; English Horse of the Year and sire **Zilzal**; Group 1-winning miler **Posse**; champion European older male **Intikhab**; and other Grade I winners **Goodbye Halo**, **Awe Inspiring**, **King Halo**, **Val's Prince**, **Burning Roma** and **Mining**.

For a mare bred to a then unproven sire standing at \$2,500, **Western Borders**' dam, **Assets on Ice**, has some more than useful credentials. A winner of two races and nearly \$90,000, she is by **Seattle Dancer**, a **Nijinsky II** half-brother to **Seattle Slew**. She is half-sister to **Because I'm Gold**, a stakes-winning daughter of **Miswaki**, and to a pair of stakes placed horses. **Assets On Ice**'s dam **Why So Much** is by **Northern Baby** out of **Satiety**, a stakes-winning sister to **Rockhill Native**, the champion two-year-old of 1979.

Seattle Borders represents a version of the hugely successful Mr. Prospector/**Nijinsky II** cross. For **Gone West** and his sons, this cross has provided previous group and graded stakes winners **Dance Master**, **Ziping** and **Grand Hombre**. In addition to being a son of Mr. Prospector, **Gone West** brings in another element important to **Nijinsky II**, that of **Tom Fool**, a horse bred on a reverse **Menow/Bull Dog** cross to **Nijinsky II**'s dam **Flaming Page**. **Western Borders** brings in another **Tom Fool** strain through **Buckpasser**, the sire of his second dam **Uncommitted**. **Buckpasser** adds another element which is almost certainly important here: his dam is **Busanda**, a granddaughter of **La Troienne**. **Uncommitted** is out of a mare by **Better Self**, who is by **Bimelech**, a son of **La Troienne** and very closely related to **Busanda**. This concentration of the **La Troienne** strain in the dam of **Western Borders** is matched by a similar concentration in **My Charmer**, the dam of **Seattle Borders**' broodmare sire **Seattle Dancer**. She has the sisters **Striking** and **Busher 3x3**, and they are 3/4-sisters to **Busanda** and so are closely related to **Better Self**.

That this affinity is probably the key to **Seattle Borders**' talent is underlined by the pedigree of GI Kentucky Oaks heroine **Pike Place Dancer**. She was by **Seattle Dancer** (broodmare sire of **Seattle Borders**) out of a mare by **Wavering Monarch** (half-brother to the dam of **Western Borders**).



 **NORTH AMERICA** 

RICHARD O'CONNELL DIES Richard O'Connell, trainer of Grade I winner Thunder Rumble, died Sunday after a lengthy illness. He was 54. A native of Brooklyn, O'Connell was a leader among New York trainers for two decades and earned consecutive titles as New York-bred trainer of the year in 1988 and 1989. He was the 10th leading New York trainer in 1991. The following year, O'Connell saddled Thunder Rumble to five stakes victories, culminating with the GI Travers S. He also campaigned stakes winners Capades, Congeleur, Farmonthefreeway, Grand Continental, Indistinctly, Scarlet Rage, Top Tart, Wanderkin and Well Well Well. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

★ **EAST** ★

FTBOA Announces Divisional Champs:

The Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association has announced its 2003 divisional champions. Multiple graded stakes winner **Chapel Royal** (Montbrook) was named the year's Florida-bred champion juvenile, while **Chatter Chatter** (Lost Soldier) was the state's top juvenile filly. Multiple Grade I winner **Peace Rules** (Jules) was named champion three-year-old colt and **Lady Tak** (Mutakddim) the leading three-year-old filly. **Puzzlement** (Pine Bluff) was the top older male and **Smok'n Frolic** (Smoke Glacken) was top older female. The year's champion turf horse was **Man from Wicklow** (Turkoman). **Shake You Down** (Montbrook) was named champion sprinter. The champions will be honored Mar. 15 at Steinbrenner's Ramada Yankee Inn in Ocala, Florida. The Florida breeder, horse, stallion and broodmare of the year will be announced at the dinner.

Special Times to Godstone Farm:

Special Times (Seeking the Gold--Likeable Style, by Nijinsky II) has been retired from racing and will take up stud duties at Godstone Farm in Pine Grove, PA. A debut winner at Santa Anita in 2001, the six-year-old was third in that year's Sham S. in just his second start. He was bred and raced by Mr. and Mrs. John Mabee. Special Times will stand for \$3,000 live foal, as the property of Dr. Robert Fishman.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 4:
03-07 \$600,000 Louisiana Derby-II, FG, 3yo,
8.5f (25000s)

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Yesterday's Results:

5th-PHA, \$22,420, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. FULMINE (f, 3, Dayjur--Truth and Nobility {MSW, \$255,594}, by Proud Truth) finished third after setting the pace in her debut over this course Feb. 13. Backed as the 7-5 chalk to get it done this time, she vied for the lead as firster Slewville (Petionville) set :21 4/5 and :45 1/5 splits and wore down that rival to win by a nose after a long stretch drive. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$17,746. O-Briter Stable. B-Briter Farm (PA). T-Robert Seeger.

★ **SO. CALIFORNIA** ★

Top Handicapper Bud Baedeker Dead:

Bud Baedeker, a noted handicapper who founded the popular handicapping publication *Baedeker's Guide* in 1938, died Saturday in New York City. He was 90. Baedeker, born Frederick Martin in Chicago in 1913, began selling his selections as *Baedeker's Guide* curbside at racetracks in Southern California and later Northern California. In 1950, he swept the card at Hollywood Park on opening day. Baedeker is survived by his wife Helen, his brother Jack, who was a partner in *Baedeker's Guide*, his sister Mary Noble, sons Bob and Rick, daughters Kathy and Therese, as well as 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A graveside memorial will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Good Sheppard Cemetery at 8301 Talbert Ave. in Huntington Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: In the Arms of Mary Foundation, P.O. Box 6787, Ventura, CA 93006.

Rock Hard Ten, Teton Forest Square Off Today:

The promising duo of **Teton Forest** (Forestry) and **Rock Hard Ten** (Kris S.) square off in today's second race at Santa Anita, an \$80,000 allowance/optional claiming event going a flat mile over the main track. Rock Hard Ten earned a sparkling 101 Beyer figure in his seven-furlong debut Feb. 7, scoring by 1 1/4 lengths while under a hand ride. The Triple Crown nominee is conditioned by Jason Orman and will retain the services of jockey Gary Stevens. Trainer Bob Baffert's Teton Forest was also victorious in his seven-furlong bow, stopping the clock in 1:21 4/5 at Santa Anita Jan. 3. Sent off at 6-5 odds in his initial stakes try, the GI San Vicente S. Feb. 7, the three-quarters brother to leading New York sire Tomorrows Cat (Storm Cat) finished a troubled fifth behind Imperialism. David Flores rides.

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(So. California report cont.)

Diamond Fury Sidelined with Knee Chip:

Charles Fipke's **Diamond Fury** (Sea of Secrets), who until last week's Fasig-Tipton sale held the distinction of being the highest-priced two-year-old purchase in history, underwent surgery to remove a bone chip from a knee and will be shelved for two months, reports *Daily Racing Form*. "He'll be out for 60 days," said trainer Bob Baffert. "He'll be all right; it was a small chip." The three-year-old sold for \$2.7 million at last year's Barretts Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. He has a pair of thirds in four lifetime starts.

★ WEST ★

Parade Ground Relocated to Colorado:

Second-crop sire **Parade Ground** (Kingmambo) has been relocated from Lane's End Farm in Kentucky to Dr. Kirk Shiner's Flat Top Ranch in Colorado. The nine-year-old, out of Blue Hen mare Battle Creek Girl (His Majesty), stood for \$5,000 last year. Parade Ground is a multiple graded stakes winner on turf and a stakes winner on dirt who banked nearly \$800,000 in three years at the track. From his first crop to race, Parade Ground is the sire of six winners, including Puerto Rican Grade I winner Divac. The stallion will remain the property of a Lane's End partnership.

 **SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT**

First-time starters/stakes runners: Wednesday, March 3

*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2000 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

BERT'S BUBBLEATOR (Advocator), Stockwood, \$3K, 14/0/0
8-DED, Msw, 5f, Just Plain Jessie, 2-1

FRISK ME NOW (Mister Frisky), Old Frankfort, \$5K, 41/4/0
8-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Justajack, \$3K FTK OCT yrl

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★  EUROPE ★
★ BRITAIN ★

SWINBURN TURNS TO TRAINING

Walter Swinburn, who retired from race riding in 2000, has revealed that he will take over from Peter Harris as the principle trainer at Berkhamsted next year. The famed three-time Epsom Derby-winning jockey will take out a trainer's licence and begin training at the Hertfordshire base when his father-in-law retires at the end of this term. "I'm assistant to my father-in-law and the offer from Peter came as a surprise," Swinburn said yesterday. "It's a fantastic opportunity and, with my family involved, I can't wait." Harris has built a reputation as a conditioner of syndicate-owned horses, such as the 1999 G1 Middle Park S. winner Primo Valentino (Ire) and the 2002 G2 Cherry Hinton S. scorer Spinola (Fr). He currently has 110 horses in training. Swinburn added, "I would be very happy to start with that number. There's always room for new owners, but mainly the success of the yard has been through syndicates and they have done very well." Swinburn is likely to continue the association of jockey Richard Quinn with the yard. Harris told the *Daily Mail*, "I had no great desire to retire, but I'm not immortal and it's best to plan for the future when things are running smoothly. I will let Walter and his team get on with things. If he wants advice or help I'll be happy to give it. We always knew Walter would be good with horses, but he is also good with people, which is very important with a yard like ours where the owners have access seven days a week."

FOALING NEWS:

LA AFFIRMED, 21, Affirmed--La Mesa (Round Table)
Foal born Feb. 14, a filly by Storm Cat.

Will be bred back to Giant's Causeway.

Owned by Brushwood Stable.

Boarded at Eaton Farms, Ky.

Accomplishments: Dam of Caress (Storm Cat), MGSW, \$666,076; Country Cat (Storm Cat), GSW & MGISP, \$564,113; Bernstein (Storm Cat), MGSW-Ire, \$167,112; Della Francesca (Danzig), GSW-Ire & US, G1SP-Ire & MGSP-Eng, \$325,831.



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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.50, Cond, €29,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.70, sf.

BAILADOR (IRE) (c, 4, [Alzao](#)--Alymatrice, by Alysheba), runner-up in last year's Listed Prix Ridgway at Deauville, had been off the track since finishing fifth in the G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange at Longchamp in September. Always traveling strongly in second under Christophe Soumillon, the 11-10 favorite was cut loose at the quarter-mile marker and quickened to the front soon after. Pushed out with hands and heels in the closing stages, he had a comfortable two-length margin back to Lyndaar (GB) (Barathea {Ire}) at the line to provide Andre Fabre with his first winner of 2004. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €66,100.

O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-Ecurie de Meautry; T-Andre Fabre.

Maisons-Laffitte, 2.50, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:43.30, sf.

TORRESTRELLA (IRE) (f, 3, [Orpen](#)--Sea Ring {Fr}, by Bering {GB}), runner-up in two provincial contests last year, was sent off the 9-4 favorite to get off the mark. Settled in a stalking role by Christophe Soumillon throughout the early exchanges, she quickened to take command with quarter of a mile remaining and galloped strongly to the line, where she held a comfortable two-length margin over Silent Flight (Fr) (Sicyos). A half to Lingo (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}), SW-stp, \$103,202; and Torrealta (GB) (In the Wings {GB}), MSP-Fr, she was a €30,000 DEAAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €20,000.

O-B Bargues; B-F Montauban; T-Francois Rohaut.

Maisons-Laffitte, 3.20, Cond, €28,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:40.40, sf.

POLY DANCE (FR) (c, 3, [Le Triton](#)--Dancing Machine {Fr}, by Kaldoun {Fr}), campaigned exclusively in the provinces last term, had taken his last two starts at Bordeaux le Bouscat and Toulouse. Sent off the 7-4 favorite on his return, he was trapped wide early in mid-division and raced keenly for Ioritz Mendizabal. Arriving smoothly at the head of affairs at the quarter-mile marker, he quickened upon demand, stretching 2 1/2 lengths clear of Hectolun (Ire) (Hector Protector) at the line. Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 5 wins, 1 place, €49,700.

O-Mme L Rabineau; B-B Lassus; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-MNR, \$25,000, 3-1, NW2L, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:07 3/5, gd.

WAVING MONARCH (g, 3, [Wavering Monarch](#)--Widow's Walk, by Storm Cat) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, \$30,340. O/T-Michael L Reavis. B-Donamire Farm (KY).

10th-SUN, \$21,348, NW2L, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37, ft.
I'M FAST TOO (c, 4, [Fastness {Ire}](#)--Chatte Too {SP}, by *Cougar II) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$7,715. O/T-Rachael Hall. B-Dakotah Thoroughbred Farm (KY).

9th-PHA, \$21,000, NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25, ft.
EASTERN GALE (f, 4, [Northern Idol](#)--Cayenne Gale, by Better Arbitor) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-2-3, \$83,248. O-Rookie Stables & Pewter Stable LLC. B-Carolyn Sleeter (NJ). T-Kathleen A Demasi.

8th-PHA, \$20,660, NW1X, 3yo, a1m70yd, 1:43 3/5, ft.
MAJOR TANNER (g, 3, [Major Impact](#)--Run Tan Tan, by Run Dusty Run) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$30,160. O/B-Smith Farm & Stable (NJ). T-Cathal A Lynch.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 2.30, Cond, 3-1, €13,005, 3yo, 1mT, 1:42.39, vhy.

HALLING ROCK (GB) (c, 3, [Halling](#)--South Rock {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Rock City {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 3 places, €34,884. O/T-Raffaele Biondi; B-Workshop Manor Stud.

ITALY, Naples, 3.05, Cond, 3-1, €13,005, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:48.33, vhy.

DARES (GER) (c, 4, [Sternkonig {Ire}](#)--Dark Lady {Ger}, by Lagunas {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 7 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €19,210. O-Angelo Pettinari; B-Gestut Rottgen; T-Raffaele Biondi.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Rye (Ire), f, 3, [Charnwood Forest \(Ire\)](#)--Silver Hut, by Silver Hawk. Lingfield, Britain, 3-2, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1m (AWT). B-Liam Cashman. *26,000gns yrl 02 DONSEP.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

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