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“EXCEED” EXCELS WITH PREMIER RECORD

Darley Australia made its first-ever buying foray at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, but they did in style, smashing a 20-year record when Oliver Tait went to A\$750,000 for hip 495, a charismatic colt by



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Darley-owned leading first-crop sire Exceed and Excel (Aus). The previous Victorian record for a yearling was A\$600,000, paid for a brother of MG1SIW Kingston Town (Aus) in 1988. Peter Liston's boutique Three Bridges Thoroughbreds offered the youngster,

who is out of Group 3 winner Gentle Call (Aus) (Classic Fame). “We knew we had a really nice horse and people had told us he was the best horse in the sale, but this is unbelievable,” Liston said. Liston purchased Gentle Call in foal to Choisir (Aus), with this yearling at foot, for A\$140,000 at the 2007 Inglis Easter Broodmare Sale. Exceed and Excel stands at Darley's Hunter Valley stud, and Tait was impressed by the colt when he first saw him. “He's like a lot of the Exceed and Excel's-- he's very balanced, athletic and has a great attitude,” Tait explained. Asked if he had a limit, Tait declined to say, but did add, “We were very keen to get him and it's great that he's sold by Peter Liston, who is a good client.” Liston, who was quick to shake Tait's hand, quipped, “We'll need to negotiate sending the mare back to Exceed and Excel, but perhaps now is not the time to ask for a discount.” **Cont. p2**

NEW FREEDOM TOPS DUBAI SALE

New Freedom (Brz) (Burooj {GB}), entered in Thursday's G3 Mahab al Shimaal at Nad Al Sheba, attracted a sale-topping bid of AED2.3-million (approximately \$625,000) at yesterday's inaugural Dubai International Racing Carnival Sale. The seven-year-old gelding, a stakes winner and Group 1 placed in his native Brazil, has made six starts in the UAE, and is coming off a 6 1/2-length victory at the DIRC meeting Jan. 31. He was sold to Ali Saeed Belhab. Belhab, who campaigned 1994 Hong Kong Vase winner Red Bishop, was also responsible for the day's second-highest price, paying AED460,000 (\$125,000) for **Kayak (SAf)** (Western Winter). A six-year-old gelding, Kayak won the Winter Racing Challenge Final for trainer Mike de Kock on Jan. 3. **L'Amico Steve (Brz)** (Spend a Buck), entered in Thursday's G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3, sold for AED370,000 (\$100,000) to A R Al-jasmi. Two-time GII San Diego H. winner **Choctaw Nation** (Louis Quatorze) sold for AED25,000 (\$7,000). **Lord Admiral** (El Prado {Ire}), winner of this year's G3 Al Rashidiya, was withdrawn from the sale and is entered in Thursday's G2 Jebel Hatta. During yesterday's sale, 24 horses sold for AED4,590,000 (\$1,249,829), an average of AED191,250 (\$52,076). There were 15 horses reported not sold. The auction, run by the ERA and Tattersalls, concludes today with the ERA Horses in Training Sale, which begins at 3 p.m.



**INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER SALE
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008**

	<u>Session</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Catalogued	192	602
No. Offered	175	557
No. Sold	145	466
RNAs	30	91
% RNA	17.1%	16.3%
High Price	A\$750,000	A\$750,000
No. Over A\$250,000	5	11
Gross	A\$12,367,500	A\$39,308,500
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Stellar Sale for Exceed and Excel...

Exceed and Excel had 18 yearlings go under the hammer for an average of A\$208,889, second only to proven Coolmore sire Encosta de Lago (Aus), whose six sold averaged A\$241,667. Exceed and Excel has fulfilled expectations, as no less than six of his seven winners to date, including the Darley-owned G3 Blue Diamond Prelude winner Wilander (Aus), have earned black type. Darley purchased three horses in total at Premier, all colts by Exceed and Excel, including a yearling from Lost Valley (Aus) for A\$325,000. The colt is the first foal from the Fuji Kiseki (Jpn) half-sister to G1 Australian Oaks winner Rinky Dink (Aus). Completing the trio was a three-quarter brother to Listed winner Roadagain (Aus) (Catbird), out of Summereto (Secreto). The spotlight on Darley extended to Shamardal, who emerged as leading first-crop sire, with his five averaging A\$114,000; his top price was A\$210,000 for a colt from Magic Miss (Aus), purchased Nathan Tinkler's newly established Patinack Farm. Patinack was the leading buyer with 24 secured at an average of A\$151,458 and a gross of A\$3,495,000.

**INGLIS PREMIER YEARLING
TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$A)
<u>495</u>	colt	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Gentle Call (Aus)	750,000
Consigned by Three Bridges Thoroughbreds Purchased by Darley Australia				
<u>421</u>	colt	Hussonet	Damowin (Aus)	570,000
Consigned by Arrowfield Stud Purchased by McDonald Racing				
<u>597</u>	colt	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Lost Valley (Aus)	325,000
Consigned by Monterey Stud Purchased by Darley Australia				
<u>449</u>	filly	Elvstroem (Aus)	Drinkcard Princess (Aus)	300,000
Consigned by Yallambee Stud Purchased by Arch Of Gold Pty Ltd				
<u>514</u>	filly	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Happy Empress (Aus)	300,000
Consigned by Yallambee Stud Purchased by Gai Waterhouse				
<u>520</u>	filly	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Helsing (Aus)	210,000
Consigned by Swettenham Stud Purchased by Moody Racing Pty Ltd				
<u>418</u>	colt	Elvstroem (Aus)	Crystal Sprite (Aus)	200,000
Consigned by Little Plains Stud Purchased by Arch of Gold Pty Ltd				
<u>469</u>	colt	Hussonet	Fappiano's Girl (Aus)	200,000
Consigned by Lindsay Park Stud Purchased by Patinack Farm				
<u>486</u>	colt	Show a Heart (Aus)	Foxabeel (Aus)	200,000
Consigned by Glenlogan Park Purchased by R Worthington				
<u>580</u>	filly	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	La Rumba (Aus)	200,000
Consigned by Glentree Downs Purchased by B Mayfield-Smith				

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Hussonet Stays Hot...

Earlier in the day, trainer Ross McDonald outstayed agent Mark Pilkington to snare a colt by Hussonet out of the Danehill mare Damowin (Aus) for A\$570,000. The colt will join dual Group 1 winner Weekend Hussler (Aus) at McDonald's stables. Weekend Hussler, a blithe last start winner of the G1 Oakleigh Plate, is aiming to equal the record of Exceed and Excel and General Nediym (Aus) by carrying 121 pounds to win the G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington Saturday. On a roll with the success of Weekend Hussler (Aus) and G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Reaan (Aus), Arrowfield's leading second-crop sire Hussonet had 19 go under the hammer at an average of A\$126,579. Arrowfield's Sam Fairgray said the farm's success on the racetrack in recent weeks had not been lost on buyers. "Last weekend, four Arrowfield graduates won--three of them stakes winners--and that is a factor," Fairgray said. "This colt was attractive with a lot of quality, a great hindquarter and shoulder; he's a really sensible horse. He scoped so well at the sale, and that, too, was a factor." The colt is out of a half-sister to the sires Jetball (Aus) and Marwina (Aus). Fairgray said Arrowfield purchased Damowin from breeders Geoff and Beryl White. "This colt has got stallion potential, he's a very typical Hussonet with real quality," Fairgray said, adding the sales result exceeded Arrowfield's expectations.



Premier Sale cont.

Rising Interest Rates Make Little Impact...

Australia's Reserve Bank yesterday imposed a 12th straight interest rate rise--pushing the average rate to 9.24 percent, their highest level since 1996--but that failed to make a dent at the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale, which rocketed to a record-breaking finale. Many consignors expressed concern that climbing interest rates would inevitably impact on the sales, but Premier provided solid evidence that the bloodstock market is thus far impervious to general economic uncertainty. A total of 239 horses sold at an average of A\$84,353 (up 25.7 percent) and median of A\$65,000 (up 30 percent). The clearance rate was a healthy 83.7 percent. The Premier Part II sale begins Thursday at 1 p.m.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

DAAHER TO CARTER? Daaher (Awesome Again) returned from his disappointing third-place finish in Saturday's Stymie H. in good order, and could shorten up to seven furlongs for the Apr. 5 GI Carter H., *Daily Racing Form* reports. Trainer Kieran McLaughlin told *DRF*, "I was worried [when] he was lugging in so bad that he might have an issue, but Mike [Luzzi] thinks he just got tired and aggravated from not wanting to go that far. I thought he would get the distance, but I was wrong." McLaughlin added that he would confer with Shadwell racing manager Rick Nichols, but that, "chances are, we're pointing for the Carter."

MISS ALLEGED DEAD Eclipse champion **Miss Alleged** (Alleged--Miss Tusculum, by Boldnesian), who beat the boys in the 1991 GI Breeders' Cup Turf and GI Hollywood Turf Cup, died Feb. 28 at Coolmore Stud in Ireland. The 21-year-old mare, owned by Issam Fares, delivered a foal by Miesque's Son Feb. 27, but hemorrhaged the following day. Her foal was reportedly healthy. A multiple group winner and highweight in France, Miss Alleged compiled a record of 15-5-4-3 and earned \$1,767,828. From six foals to race, she produced Joshua Dancer (Danzig), the \$950,000 KEEJUL topper in 1995; and SW & GSP Zghorta (Gone West).

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EMBARASSMENT OF RICHES

Life is good for trainer Steve Asmussen, but the veteran horseman takes nothing for granted. "Coming from a racing family, I know it doesn't have to go this way," Asmussen said yesterday during a national teleconference. "It's extremely satisfying from a family perspective standpoint in the fact that my parents and wife and kids have been a big part of it and have enjoyed it with me. We realize how fortunate we are and it means everything to us."



Steve Asmussen
 Horsephotos

While Horse of the Year Curlin awaits his date with another multi-million dollar payday in the Mar. 29 G1 Dubai World Cup, Asmussen will be busy this weekend in the Big Easy, saddling **Pyro** (Pulpit) and the untested **J Be K** (Silver Deputy) in the GII Louisiana Derby.

The 7-5 morning-line choice, Pyro comes off a spectacular victory in the GIII Risen Star S. Feb. 9. Ridden quietly for the opening 6 1/2 panels, the Winchell Thoroughbreds colorbearer was last with virtually nowhere to run turning into the daunting Fair Grounds stretch. But, in the blink of an eye, he worked his way to the outside and stormed home, leaving stablemate Z Fortune in the dust. It was a performance that left his trainer in need of some reassurance.

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TDN Feature Presentation cont.

“During the trophy presentation, I saw they were getting ready to show it again and I had to go watch it to make sure I wasn’t kidding myself,” Asmussen quipped. “You could see him accelerate. It was very impressive to watch him live.”

The conditioner adds that the return effort was anything but taxing.

“No pace in the race made it a shorter race and took a lot less out of him,” Asmussen offered. “A faster-paced race where he’d have had to make a longer run could have gotten to the bottom of him and that’s what we were trying to avoid, riding him the way Shaun did.”

His other runner, Zayat Stable’s J Be K, is untested in two career starts and looms the speed in Saturday’s race, but Asmussen isn’t convinced that 8 1/2 furlongs is beyond him at this juncture.

“J Be K is a tremendously talented three-year-old and had a great foundation in him in his works before he won at the Fair Grounds [a five-length allowance win going six furlongs Feb. 15],” Asmussen said. “He’s got a lot of bottom in him. He came out of the race in great shape, the Louisiana Derby is here at the Fair Grounds where he’s stabled. It’ll answer a lot of questions for us moving forward.”

But despite having a one-two punch, Asmussen knows they’re not just going to hand over the winner’s share of Saturday’s \$600,000 pot.

“I have nothing but respect for **Tale of Ekati** (Tale of the Cat),” he commented. “I was second to him in the GII Belmont Futurity [with Kodiak Kowboy]. He was away slowly, had a brutal trip early and still went the last eighth in under :12 and was very much jeopardized in the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile [fourth]. I think he’s a very fast horse. If we get **Majestic Warrior** (A.P. Indy)’s Hopeful back, there’s no telling what he is. We have our work cut out for us, but we have a horse who is prepared physically, he knows what’s coming up and we want a good showing from him.”

...Alan Carasso

BARRETS MARCH TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING
Under-tack preview--Mar. 4, 2008

1/4-mile works				
Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:21 2/5	<u>154</u>	colt	<u>Lion Heart</u>	Clever Squaw
3/8-mile works				
Time	Hip#	Sex	Sire	Dam
:34 4/5	<u>185</u>	colt	<u>Cherokee Run</u>	Flirty Frosty

*Ten two-year-olds tied with an eighth in :10 flat.
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JOHANNESBURG: World Champion 2YO by Hennessy and sire of 11 SW’s from his first crop - 7 of them GSW’s including dual Gr.1 winner **SCAT DADDY**. Second crop sophomores include GSW’s Eaton’s Gift (Swale S.-G2), Jupiter Pluvius (Killavullan S.-G3) and Ten Meropa (Baldwin S.-G3).

TALE OF THE CAT: His Grade 1 winners include 2007’s first crop yearling sales sensation **LION HEART**. The only sire with 5 colts on the 2007 Experimental Free Handicap namely Futurity Stakes-G2 winner Tale of Ekati, Racecar Rhapsody, Gio Ponti, Meal Penalty & Betatron.

VAN NISTELROOY: Sire of 4 GSW’s from his first 2YO crop in 2007. No other sire in the USA had more and only Kingmambo had 3.

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☆ PREVIEW ☆

Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai

AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE R3-G2, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Gloria de Campeo (Brz)	Impression (Arg)	Lemaire
2	Singing Poet (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	O'Shea
3	Lucky Find (SAf)	Rich Man's Gold	Shea
4	Dynamic Saint	Sweetsouthernst	Supple
5	L'Amico Steve (Brz)	Spend a Buck	Kinane
6	Mutasallil	Gone West	Hills
7	Aleutian (GB)	Zafonic	Smith
8	Kandidate (GB)	Kabool (GB)	Moore
9	Rohaani	High Yield	Dwyer
10	Jalil	Storm Cat	Dettori
11	Delude (Ire)	Be My Guest	O'Donohoe
12	Igor Protti (GB)	Opening Verse	McEvoy
13	Latency (Arg)	Slew Gin Fizz	Mendez

All carry 125 pounds.

Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai

JEBEL HATTA-G2, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1777mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Grand Hombre	Grand Slam	Nicholls
2	Alpacco (Ire)	Desert King (Ire)	Latham
3	Traffic Guard	More Than Ready	Egan
4	Lord Admiral	El Prado (Ire)	Kinane
5	Viva Macau (Fr)	Sendawar (Ire)	Beadmane
6	Advice (GB)	Seeking the Gold	Mullen
7	Yasoodd (GB)	Inchinor (GB)	Lemaire
8	Danak (Ire)	Pivotal (GB)	Hills
9	Royal Oath	Kingmambo	Dettori
10	Racinger (Fr)	Spectrum (Ire)	Dwyer
11	Jay Peg (SAf)	Camden Park	Moore
12	Almuraad (Ire)	Machiavellian	Supple
13	Africal Appeal (SAf)	Model Man (SAf)	Shea
14	Senor Dali (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	O'Shea
15	Admiralofthefleet	Danehill	Murtagh
16	Seachange (NZ)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Durcan

Jebel Hatta cont.

Also Eligible:

17	Warriors Key (Ire)	Key of Luck	no rider
18	Safety Investments (Aus)	Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)	no rider
19	Rochdale (GB)	Bertolini	no rider
20	Cat Belling (Ire)	Catrail	no rider

All carry 125, except Jay Peg and African Appeal at 132, Seachange at 128 and Cat Belling at 121.

Thursday, Nad al Sheba, Dubai

MAHAB AL SHIMAAL-G3, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1200m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Diabolical	Artax	McEvoy	130
2	Salaam Dubai (Aus)	Secret Savings	Mullen	125
3	Sarissa (Brz)	Music Prospector	Lemaire	121
4	Hurricane Spirit (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Supple	125
5	New Freedom (Brz)	Burooj (GB)	O'Shea	125
6	Afrashad	Smoke Glacken	Dettori	125
7	Olympic City (Brz)	Yagli	Smith	121
8	Star Crowned	Kingmambo	Kinane	125
9	Subpeona (GB)	Diktat (GB)	Jones	125
10	Malayeen (Aus)	Anabaa	Ajtebi	125
11	Sea Hunter (GB)	Lend a Hand (GB)	Durcan	125
12	Visionist (Ire)	Orpen	Smith	125
13	Prince Tamino (GB)	Mozart (Ire)	Ffrench	125
14	Drayton (Ire)	Danetime (Ire)	Murtagh	125
15	Frosty Secret	Put It Back	Shea	125
16	Grand Vista (GB)	Danehill	Moore	125

Also Eligible

17	Botanical	Seeking the Gold	no rider	125
18	Conroy	Gone West	no rider	125
19	Montpellier (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	no rider	125
20	Chaplinesque	Mt. Livermore	no rider	125

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Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai

BURJ NAHAAR-G3, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1600m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Etihaad (GB)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	Nicholls
2	Green Coast (Ire)	Green Desert	Supple
3	Roman's Run	Tiznow	O'Donohoe
4	Beckermet (Ire)	Second Empire (Ire)	Durcan
5	Blackat Blackitten (Ire)	Inchinor (GB)	Dettori
6	Boston Lodge (GB)	Grand Lodge	Dwyer
7	Marbush (Ire)	Linamix (Fr)	Kinane
8	Halkin	Chester House	O'Callaghan
9	Drift Ice (SAf)	Western Winter	Shea
10	Watch What Happens (Fr)	Stravinsky	Whyte
11	Elusive Warning	Elusive Quality	McEvoy
12	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Not for Sale (Arg)	Murtagh
13	Brave Tin Soldier	Storm Cat	Latham
14	Jet Express (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Ffrench

All carry 125 pounds, except Asiatic Boy at 130.

Thursday, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai

DUBAI CITY OF GOLD-G3, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gravitas (GB)	Mark of Esteem (Ire)	Dettori	123
2	Diamond Quest (SAf)	Saumarez (GB)	Moore	123
3	Quijano (Ger)	Acatenango (Ger)	Starke	130
4	Gower Song (GB)	Singspiel (Ire)	Hills	119
5	Championship Point (Ire)	Lomas (GB)	Mullen	123
6	Oracle West (SAf)	Western Winter	Murtagh	123
7	Fleeting Shadow (Ire)	Danehill	Ffrench	122
8	Halicarnassus (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	O'Shea	122
9	Mourilyan (Ire)	Desert Prince (Ire)	Kinane	122
10	Imperial Star (Ire)	Fantastic Light	McEvoy	123
11	Crime Scene (Ire)	Royal Applause (GB)	Durcan	123
12	Illustrious Blue (GB)	Dansili (GB)	Dwyer	123



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**2008 KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER
POOL 2 - Opens Thursday, Mar. 6**

#	Horse	Sire	ML Odds
1	Blackberry Road	Gone West	30-1
2	Bob Black Jack	Stormy Jack	30-1
3	Colonel John	Tiznow	12-1
4	Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	10-1
5	Court Vision	Gulch	12-1
6	Denis of Cork	Harlan's Holiday	15-1
7	El Gato Malo	El Corredor	15-1
8	Elysium Fields	El Prado (Ire)	15-1
9	Fierce Wind	Dixie Union	20-1
10	Gayego	Gilded Time	20-1
11	Georgie Boy	Tribal Rule	20-1
12	Giant Moon	Giant's Causeway	20-1
13	J Be K	Silver Deputy	30-1
14	Majestic Warrior	A.P. Indy	20-1
15	Monba	Maria's Mon	30-1
16	Nikki'sgoldensteed	Formal Gold	50-1
17	Pyro	Pulpit	6-1
18	Smooth Air	Smooth Jazz	50-1
19	Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	30-1
20	Visionaire	Grand Slam	30-1
20	War Pass	Cherokee Run	5-1
21	Yankee Bravo	Yankee Gentleman	30-1
22	Z Fortune	Siphon (Brz)	20-1
24	Mutuel Field	"All Others"	8-1

Morning Line Odds by Mike Battaglia

**2008 KENTUCKY OAKS FUTURE WAGER
POOL 2 - see page 10**

TDN CRITERIA

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

- Stakes - purses of \$50,000/up
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FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



BREAKING DOWNS THE STATS

One of the interesting wrinkles of the APEX figures is that they produce 'age ratings,' which describe a stallion's aptitude for siring 'ABC Runners' (roughly translated: earners of \$50,000-plus in a year, or 'break-even' horses or better) as two-year-olds, three-year-olds, four-year-olds, and five-year-olds and up. As far as I'm aware, APEX is the only method of rating sires that quantifies age ratings, so they do provide us with a unique window from which to view sires' aptitudes, as far as siring runners better at certain ages. Sometimes the patterns are quite striking.

Though it is still relatively early days (his first crop were five-year-olds in 2007), so far Dixie Union presents a classic case of a sire whose stock are better younger: he hits the Top 50 list by Two-Year-Old ABC Index with a 2.22 rating; drops to 1.54 for three-year-olds; 0.48 for four-year-olds (two crops of those), and zero for five-year-olds (one crop of those through 2007).

Conversely, the veteran Dynaformer, at least in 2001-2007, was considerably better for three-year-olds and up. He is about average for two-year-olds (0.95), makes the top 20 for three-year-olds (2.28), then follows up with a 1.85 for four-year-olds and a 2.46 for five-year-olds and up.

A look at the Top 50 lists for two-, three- and four-year-olds reminds us again that statistics are most useful when their assumptions and limitations are understood. I think that now more than ever in light of Rob Whiteley's explanation of "Hasty Generalization" and other logical fallacies resulting from too-small sample sizes (*TDN Letter to the Editor*, Feb. 21).

APEX indexes (in which 1.00 always equals the average for the sires rated) are based on annual earnings figures in each country, or set of countries (North America, Britain/Ireland) covered. It's evident from these figures that sires standing in New York and Ontario, especially, are benefiting from rich (and therefore strong) state-bred or provincial-bred incentive programs, which are resulting in a possible inflation of class figures by virtue of higher earnings opportunities. That's a good thing for the owners, who (along with gamblers) bear the brunt of financing the industry, so who's against that? But it does require the statistics to be interpreted.

The alternative would be for the figures to be adjusted, but I think it is better to apply a 'discount' for New York and Ontario sires by interpretation, rather than by some formula that would require too many subjective leaps.

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Statistics nearly always need to be interpreted anyway--that's why I predict sending a bunch of Night Shift mares to Compton Place is liable to result in that particular 'cross index' plummeting from its current lofty rating in the 70s.

Sure enough, there are a number of Ontario sires (present or former, such as Kiridashi, who is now in Alberta) among the top 50 sires by two-year-old ABC Index--seven, to be precise. I don't mean to denigrate them, because this should be very useful information for breeders in Ontario to have, but it is unlikely to have much application outside that region. The highest-rated of them is the obscure Foxtrail, whose two-year-old rating (4.80) is equal with Danzig, and ties him for second among all sires. He is listed as standing at Coleridge Farm in Ontario for C\$3,500, and is a son of the even more obscure Heading Back Home, himself a son of none other than Secretariat's great nemesis, Sham.

These three Top 50 lists are extracted from 705 sires with 2001-2007 APEX ratings. To make that list, all sires with first foals 2002 or earlier had to have had 200 or more year-starters 2001-2007; sires with first foals 2003 (four-year-olds of 2007) had to have 100 year-starters; and sires with first foals 2004 (three-year-olds of 2007) had to have 60 year-starters.



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A horse is counted as a 'year-starter' each year it runs (that's the nature of figures based on annual earnings). In this context, 'runner' does not mean cumulatively, where a horse is counted as a unique runner regardless of how many different years it runs.

Two New York sires with big numbers are City Zip, a top 10 sire by two-year-old ABC Index (3.18); and Freud, the number one sire of four-year-old ABC runners (3.06). Freud's first crop of New York-sired four-year-olds included five four-year-old fillies who were B or C runners; we'll have to see if that's a little bit of a false positive, though he also had seven three-year-old ABC Runners (2.20 three-year-old index), so there's every chance he will have another good crop of four-year-olds this year.

City Zip, who is, after all, a half-brother to 2004 Horse of the Year Ghostzapper, moved from New York to Lane's End in Kentucky for the 2005 season, even before he finished third to Tiznow and El Corredor on the 2005 Freshman Sire List, so his first Kentucky-bred crop will be two-year-olds this year. Thus far, City Zip's very impressive numbers have been from New York-sired crops as well. We won't know until later this year whether his Kentucky-sired crops will fare as well, but I point it out to illustrate why statistics often need to be put into perspective by interpretation.

As a final illustration of that point, we can also suppose that Big Shuffle, the number one sire of 2001-2007 two-year-old ABC Runners with a 5.30 index, has benefited from being the only good speed sire in Germany in the last 15 years. He had a right to be a good sire, too. Big Shuffle was by Super Concorde, one of two top-class two-year-olds sired by Boldnesian's short-lived son, Bold Reasoning; the other was Seattle Slew. Super Concorde, bred by Nelson Bunker Hunt and a year younger than Seattle Slew, was Europe's champion two-year-old of 1977.

Big Shuffle himself was trained by Dermot Weld for Moyglare, and earned a Timeform rating of 122 as a four-year-old in 1988, when he was second to Soviet Star in the six-furlong G1 July Cup at Newmarket, so he had good credentials when he went to stud. It's not that common for Bold Ruler to work so well in Europe, but it certainly has in this case.

Bold Reasoning's sire, Boldnesian, incidentally, was also the sire of Bold Ruckus, perennial number two sire behind Vice Regent for many years in Ontario. Bold Ruckus is the sire of Bold Executive and Kiridashi, two of the current or former Ontario sires on this list.

More conventionally, the list of top two-year-old sires includes a lot of Danzig; there are 10, to be exact, including Danzig himself (4.80), Danehill (3.05), and four sons of Danehill: Danehill Dancer (2.73), Rock of Gibraltar (2.68), Tiger Hill (2.35) and Dansili (2.13). It also includes Invincible Spirit (3.61), one of five young stallions among this list's top 12 sires.

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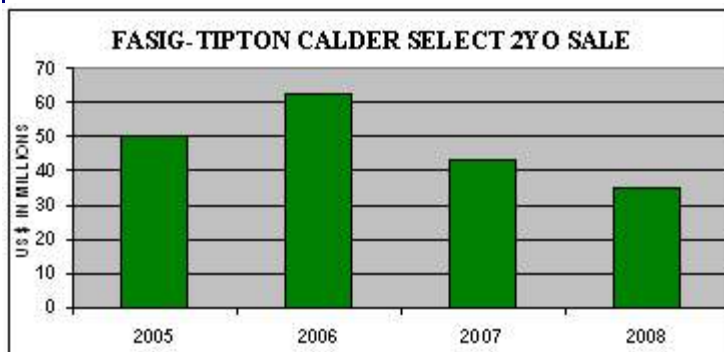
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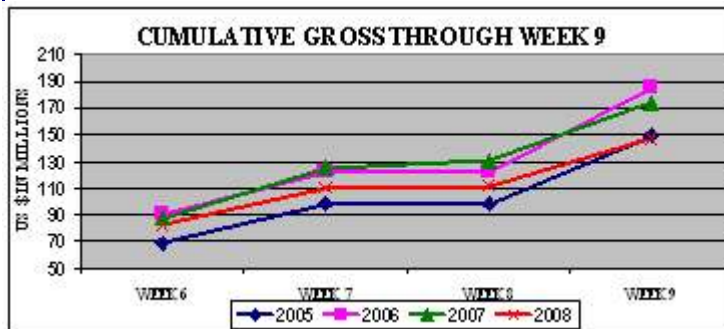
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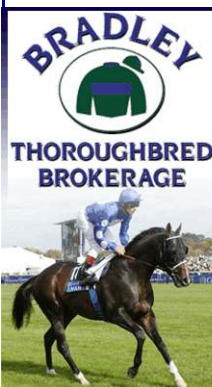
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	270	178	102	38%	\$35,100,000	\$344,118
2007	301	209	124	41%	\$43,622,000	\$351,790
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2005	355	267	147	41%	\$50,132,000	\$341,034



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The others are: Successful Appeal (3.99), whose first Kentucky two-year-olds will race this year; Yes It's True, who was second to Successful Appeal on the 2004 Freshman Sire List and also has his first Kentucky two-year-olds (he has a 1.96 two-year-old and 2.18 three-year-old index). City Zip (3.18), as noted above, has his first Kentucky two-year-olds this season as well. E Dubai (2.96) and Pure Prize (2.94), like Invincible Spirit, had their first foals in 2004 (so these figures rate their first two crops of two-year-olds).

Names You Know, Names You Don't..

Four of the top eight sires by Three-Year-Old ABC Index are household names, four are not (yet). The household names include the number two, A.P. Indy (2.81)--of course, it's no coincidence that he also ranks 15th on the two-year-old list (2.90) and fourth on the four-year-old list (2.80). They're good at all ages.

The same is true of number four, Distorted Humor (2.66), also ranked on the two-year-old list (2.32), and seventh on the four-year-old list (2.46). Storm Cat is sixth for three-year-olds (2.58), fifth for two-year-olds (3.90) and third for four-year-olds (2.84); one's almost tempted to say "there's life in the old dog yet."

And, Danzig (tied for eighth on the three-year-old list at 2.57), was of course also tied for second for two-year-olds (4.80), and was ninth for four-year-olds (2.41).

Canadian Bold Executive, number three for three-year-olds (2.74), is also number seven for two-year-olds (3.55), but they do drop off to 1.41 as four-year-olds. That's okay, they're still above average, it just means you get most of your money when they're two- and three-year-olds--not the worst scenario.

Equal fourth and equal sixth for three-year-olds are two sires who had their first three-year-olds last year, Sakhee (2.66) and E Dubai (2.58). Sakhee had nine three-year-old ABC Runners in his first crop in 2007, but so far has done little with his two-year-olds (0.62). By contrast, E Dubai, who had eight three-year-old ABCs in his first crop last year, has also been quite good for two-year-olds (2.96, ranking 11th).

Another F2004 sire who's done very well is Officer, who ranked 12th for three-year-olds (2.40) and 19th for two-year-olds (2.79).

By the way, without going into another dense explanation, the reason why sires rank lower on the two-year-old list, even though they might have a higher two-year-old than three-year-old rating (like Officer), is because, overall, the most money is won by three-year-olds, then four-year-olds, then two-year-olds. That means the top of the scale is lowest for three-year-olds. Again, where they rank is just as important as the precise number.

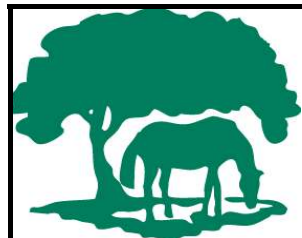
The number one spot for three-year-olds is a real surprise package, the Florida third-crop sire Put It Back, a son of Honour and Glory whose claim to fame was that he won all five of his starts as a three-year-old for owner/breeder Hobeau Farm, culminating with the GII Riva Ridge at seven furlongs on the 2001 Belmont S. day undercard. Put It Back has first four-year-olds of 2007, so he has two crops of three-year-olds to date. He is standing this season for only \$7,500 at Bridlewood Farm in Florida, which means there should be about 300 mares trying to get into him. Already the sire of In Summation, Smokey Stover and the unbeaten three-year-old filly High Resolve, his latest star is Hey Byrn, who has won two Gulfstream Park allowance races impressively (the second on Sunday), and goes next in the GI Florida Derby as a very live contender.

With numbers like these, I'll be very surprised if Put It Back is standing in Florida in 2009, not unless Florida breeders are willing to pay Kentucky prices. He is a world-class steal at \$7,500 this year.

The list of top sires by four-year-old ABC Runner Index includes a few surprises, but a lot of familiar names, too. We mentioned Freud (3.06), and second on this list is the California phenomenon Unusual Heat (2.93), a horse who was known only to his closest friends until he started coming up with some big APEX numbers. Also number 11 on the three-year-old list (2.49), he demonstrates just how well a good sire can do in California these days. They are above average as two-year-olds (1.44), but markedly better as three-year-olds and up. They seem to operate on all surfaces, too: he's currently number 10 on the 2008 General Sire List (just behind A.P. Indy and Distorted Humor), so artificial surfaces aren't slowing them down.

The rest of the top 10 in this category are already household names: Storm Cat, A.P. Indy, Giant's Causeway (currently number one on the 2008 General Sire List, and I still say he's underrated), Machiavellian (deceased), Distorted Humor, Smart Strike, Danzig, and Seeking the Gold, with Pulpit (another Grade II winner threatening to become a big-time sire) and Awesome Again just outside the top 10.

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This list is also a good source for unearthing sires who might be commercially underrated because their stock are better later; on this list, Singspiel (2.25), Langfuhr (2.02) and Stephen Got Even (1.81, and quietly doing a lot better than the market rates him) are examples of sires whose runners seem decidedly better once they get to be four-year-olds. Those kind tend to last longer, too.

HERE AND THERE: Following his Group 1 weekend double two weekends ago, Arrowfield Farm's Hussonet (Mr. Prospector), formerly a multiple leading sire in Chile, shot to the front of the Australasian second-crop sire list, and to number seven on the current Australasian General Sire List (from the stallions.com.au website). Darley's Exceed and Excel (by Danehill) is the runaway leader on the Freshman Sire List, with three group winners so far. Coolmore's Encosta de Lago is Australasia's current Leading Sire for the 2007-08 season.

On another sad note, we must mark the passing of Moira (Chunky) Hanbury, wife of retired trainer Ben, and sister to Sonia Rogers and Sir Thomas Pilkington, at age 64. I got to know Chunky, as she was universally known (I suppose because she was always thin as a rake) when Ben and I were both employed by the late Sheikh Maktoum. We had several fun and interesting trips to Dubai in the early '90s, and I'll always remember her with a ready smile, a sharp wit, and a great sense of humor. She'll be missed.

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4	Bsharpsonata	Pulpit	15-1
5	Country Star	Empire Maker	6-1
6	Eight Belles	Unbridled's Song	15-1
7	Final Fling	Bertrando	20-1
8	Game Face	Menifee	20-1
9	Golden Doc A	Unusual Heat	10-1
10	Grace and Power	More Than Ready	30-1
11	Highest Class	Mineshaft	20-1
12	Indian Blessing	Indian Charlie	4-1
13	Kadira	Kafwain	50-1
14	Lovely Isle	Double Honor	15-1
15	My Baby Baby	Bernstein	50-1
16	Proud Spell	Proud Citizen	6-1
17	Pure Clan	Pure Prize	12-1
18	Rated Fiesty	Exchange Rate	15-1
19	Shes All Eltish	Eltish	50-1
20	Sky Mom	Maria's Mon	30-1
21	Tasha's Miracle	Harlan's Holiday	30-1
22	Tizaqueena	Tiznow	50-1
23	Vaulcluse	A.P. Indy	50-1
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TOP 50 SIRES - 2YO ABC INDEX, 2001-2007

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	A						
					TOT Rnrs	TOT Index	ABC Index	2yo Index	3yo Index	4yo Index	5yo+ Index
BIG SHUFFLE	1984	SUPER CONCORDE	1991	GE	978	1.74	1.89	5.30	1.74	1.41	1.48
DANZIG	1977	NORTHERN DANCER	1982	Dead	505	4.85	3.02	4.80	2.57	2.41	3.21
FOXTRAIL	1990	HEADING BACK HOME	1998	ON	324	1.23	1.31	4.80	1.20	0.80	0.27
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	VALID APPEAL	2002	KY	225	3.33	2.17	3.99	2.04	1.00	1.98
STORM CAT	1983	STORM BIRD	1989	KY	983	4.37	2.76	3.90	2.58	2.84	1.82
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	1997	GREEN DESERT	2004	IR	179	2.23	1.96	3.61	1.31	0.00	0.00
BOLD EXECUTIVE	1984	BOLD RUCKUS	1990	ON	679	3.46	2.10	3.55	2.74	1.41	1.44
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	KY	236	2.75	2.17	3.18	2.22	1.40	0.00
KIRIDASHI	1992	BOLD RUCKUS	2000	AB	355	2.54	1.69	3.07	1.79	1.05	1.40
DANEHILL	1986	DANZIG	1991	Dead	1515	4.85	2.68	3.05	2.28	2.16	3.34
E DUBAI	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	2004	KY	92	2.72	2.17	2.96	2.58	0.00	0.00
PURE PRIZE	1998	STORM CAT	2004	KY	95	3.16	1.84	2.94	1.68	0.00	0.00
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	775	3.16	2.35	2.91	1.97	1.83	4.05
TRAJECTORY	1997	GONE WEST	2003	ON	134	1.87	1.77	2.91	1.63	1.15	0.00
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994	KY	1142	5.08	2.91	2.90	2.81	2.80	3.04
SKI CHIEF	1988	CHIEF'S CROWN	1995	FR	282	0.71	1.37	2.88	0.84	0.98	2.43
RED BULLET	1997	UNBRIDLED	2004	FL	73	0.00	1.37	2.87	0.89	0.00	0.00
TETHRA	1992	CURE THE BLUES	1998	ON	412	1.82	1.82	2.81	2.04	1.36	1.29
OFFICER	1999	BERTRANDO	2004	KY	143	2.80	2.10	2.79	2.40	0.00	0.00
FUSAICHI PEGASUS	1997	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	KY	516	1.94	1.74	2.77	1.72	1.24	0.91
DASHING BLADE	1987	ELEGANT AIR	1992	GE	895	1.28	1.27	2.77	1.50	0.89	0.96
CHIMES BAND	1991	DIXIELAND BAND	1997	Dead	495	0.91	1.14	2.76	0.86	0.86	1.17
IN EXCESS	1987	SIBERIAN EXPRESS	1994	CA	853	2.46	1.71	2.75	1.81	1.02	1.54
DANEHILL DANCER	1993	DANEHILL	1999	IR	998	2.40	1.53	2.73	1.46	0.91	1.36
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999	DANEHILL	2004	IR	205	2.44	1.71	2.68	1.66	0.00	0.00
ZIETEN	1990	DANZIG	1996	FR	279	1.25	1.30	2.68	0.96	1.58	0.91
TRIPPI	1997	END SWEEP	2003	FL	262	1.34	1.86	2.66	1.85	1.43	0.00
GOLD AWAY	1995	GOLDNEYEV	2001	FR	261	2.30	1.48	2.57	1.28	0.80	2.58
GENERAL MEETING	1988	SEATTLE SLEW	1993	Dead	624	1.68	1.70	2.55	1.28	1.83	2.18
COMPADRE	1990	EL GRAN SENOR	1998	ON	319	2.51	1.25	2.46	1.26	0.81	0.96
GOLAN	1998	SPECTRUM	2004	IR	73	1.37	1.03	2.43	0.57	0.00	0.00
FATH	1997	DANZIG	2004	IR	91	0.55	1.10	2.38	0.57	0.00	0.00
PULPIT	1994	A.P. INDY	1999	KY	712	2.39	2.09	2.36	1.99	2.34	2.51
I CAN'T BELIEVE	1988	OUR NATIVE	1996	ON	245	1.22	1.02	2.36	1.21	0.92	0.31
TIGER HILL	1995	DANEHILL	2001	GB	298	1.85	1.93	2.35	2.35	1.38	0.42
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004	KY	135	3.33	1.76	2.33	1.96	0.00	0.00
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	784	3.70	2.47	2.32	2.66	2.46	2.43
VERGLAS	1994	HIGHEST HONOR	2001	IR	353	1.42	1.70	2.27	1.68	1.80	1.25
FORESTRY	1996	STORM CAT	2001	KY	474	3.16	2.19	2.26	2.25	1.79	3.05
CITIDANCER	1987	DIXIELAND BAND	1992	Ret	497	1.61	1.66	2.26	1.83	1.50	1.96
CARSON CITY	1987	MR. PROSPECTOR	1992	Dead	1271	2.24	1.86	2.25	1.82	1.91	2.31
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	943	3.87	2.39	2.24	2.32	2.45	2.67
MALIBU MOON	1997	A.P. INDY	2001	KY	475	2.21	2.00	2.22	2.15	1.60	2.37
TALE OF THE CAT	1994	STORM CAT	2000	KY	1059	1.75	1.68	2.20	1.59	1.49	1.92
DIXIE UNION	1997	DIXIELAND BAND	2002	KY	386	2.20	1.33	2.20	1.54	0.48	0.00
PONCHE	1989	TWO PUNCH	1998	Dead	252	0.99	0.94	2.18	0.77	0.50	0.72
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	KY	1002	3.09	2.06	2.17	1.96	2.20	1.27
SILVER DEPUTY	1985	DEPUTY MINISTER	1990	KY	1178	2.12	1.96	2.16	2.17	2.00	1.85
MORE THAN READY	1997	SOUTHERN HALO	2002	KY	479	1.77	1.75	2.16	1.75	1.62	1.32
DANSILI	1996	DANEHILL	2002	GB	484	2.48	1.86	2.13	1.85	1.39	2.64



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CHESTER HOUSE	1995	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	Dead	357	2.52	2.28	1.30	2.57	2.16	1.55
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	406	2.46	2.12	1.75	2.51	1.91	0.70
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	NUREYEV	1999	CA	368	3.80	2.58	1.44	2.49	2.93	2.37
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SADLER'S WELLS	1981	NORTHERN DANCER	1986	IR	1667	4.14	2.17	2.03	2.35	1.76	1.71
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FREUD	1998	STORM CAT	2003	NY	146	1.37	2.05	1.90	2.20	3.06	0.00
YES IT'S TRUE	1996	IS IT TRUE	2002	KY	483	1.97	1.76	1.96	2.18	1.17	0.85
SILVER DEPUTY	1985	DEPUTY MINISTER	1990	KY	1178	2.12	1.96	2.16	2.17	2.00	1.85
GALILEO	1998	SADLER'S WELLS	2003	IR	316	3.32	1.90	1.58	2.17	1.63	0.00
RAHY	1985	BLUSHING GROOM	1991	KY	938	2.40	2.19	1.76	2.16	2.21	2.69
WILD RUSH	1994	WILD AGAIN	2000	JP	729	2.95	1.99	1.44	2.16	1.83	2.30
MUTAKDDIM	1991	SEEKING THE GOLD	1998	KY	823	1.94	1.88	1.51	2.16	1.50	2.24
MALIBU MOON	1997	A.P. INDY	2001	KY	475	2.21	2.00	2.22	2.15	1.60	2.37
NOT FOR LOVE	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1997	MD	1092	2.29	2.16	1.71	2.14	2.13	2.46
BROKEN VOW	1997	UNBRIDLED	2003	KY	313	2.40	1.72	1.14	2.14	1.78	0.00
MONSUN	1990	KONIGSSTUHL	1997	GE	668	3.74	1.98	1.66	2.11	1.65	1.68
EXCHANGE RATE	1997	DANZIG	2003	KY	169	3.55	1.70	1.60	2.10	1.70	0.00
LINAMIX	1987	MENDEZ	1992	FR	855	2.57	1.93	0.91	2.08	1.66	2.42
INDIAN CHARLIE	1995	IN EXCESS	2000	KY	580	1.47	1.92	2.06	2.05	1.82	1.94
SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	1996	VALID APPEAL	2002	KY	225	3.33	2.17	3.99	2.04	1.00	1.98
TETHRA	1992	CURE THE BLUES	1998	ON	412	1.82	1.82	2.81	2.04	1.36	1.29
MENIFEE	1996	HARLAN	2001	Korea	400	1.75	1.84	1.34	2.02	2.15	1.60
GRAEME HALL	1997	DEHERE	2004	FL	88	1.14	1.70	1.56	2.02	0.00	0.00
WILD AGAIN	1980	ICECAPADE	1987	Ret	776	2.00	1.66	1.23	2.01	1.67	1.80
ECTON PARK	1996	FORTY NINER	2003	KY	183	0.82	1.43	1.05	2.01	1.19	0.00
PULPIT	1994	A.P. INDY	1999	KY	712	2.39	2.09	2.36	1.99	2.34	2.51
HALLING	1991	DIESIS	1998	GB	577	1.99	1.88	0.78	1.99	1.94	2.70
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	775	3.16	2.35	2.91	1.97	1.83	4.05
HOLY BULL	1991	GREAT ABOVE	1996	KY	1006	1.84	1.67	1.01	1.97	1.61	1.55
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	KY	1002	3.09	2.06	2.17	1.96	2.20	1.27
EL PRADO	1989	SADLER'S WELLS	1994	KY	1227	2.36	1.91	1.72	1.96	1.82	2.24
STREET CRY	1998	MACHIAVELLIAN	2004	KY	135	3.33	1.76	2.33	1.96	0.00	0.00
TIGER RIDGE	1996	STORM CAT	2002	Safr	356	1.26	1.69	1.71	1.96	1.26	1.82
AMERICAN CHANCE	1989	CURE THE BLUES	1996	Dead	670	1.57	1.62	1.42	1.94	1.50	1.65
SINGSPIEL	1992	IN THE WINGS	1999	GB	714	2.45	2.12	1.19	1.92	2.25	2.57
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	TWO PUNCH	1999	KY	915	1.97	1.86	2.12	1.92	2.08	1.72



TOP 50 SIRES, 4YO ABC INDEX, 2001-2007

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Fls	ST	TOT	TOT	ABC	2yo	3yo	4yo	5yo+
					Rnrs	Index	Index	Index	Index	Index	
FREUD	1998	STORM CAT	2003	NY	146	1.37	2.05	1.90	2.20	3.06	0.00
UNUSUAL HEAT	1990	NUREYEV	1999	CA	368	3.80	2.58	1.44	2.49	2.93	2.37
STORM CAT	1983	STORM BIRD	1989	KY	983	4.37	2.76	3.90	2.58	2.84	1.82
A.P. INDY	1989	SEATTLE SLEW	1994	KY	1142	5.08	2.91	2.90	2.81	2.80	3.04
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	KY	695	2.73	1.91	1.19	1.88	2.58	1.65
MACHIAVELLIAN	1987	MR. PROSPECTOR	1992	Dead	935	2.83	1.87	0.48	1.28	2.57	3.23
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	KY	784	3.70	2.47	2.32	2.66	2.46	2.43
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	KY	943	3.87	2.39	2.24	2.32	2.45	2.67
DANZIG	1977	NORTHERN DANCER	1982	Dead	505	4.85	3.02	4.80	2.57	2.41	3.21
SEEKING THE GOLD	1985	MR. PROSPECTOR	1991	KY	813	3.32	1.89	1.07	1.81	2.39	2.03
PULPIT	1994	A.P. INDY	1999	KY	712	2.39	2.09	2.36	1.99	2.34	2.51
AWESOME AGAIN	1994	DEPUTY MINISTER	2000	KY	639	3.21	2.07	1.67	1.88	2.34	2.21
SONGANDAPRAYER	1998	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2003	KY	193	2.33	1.68	1.98	1.57	2.26	0.00
SINGSPIEL	1992	IN THE WINGS	1999	GB	714	2.45	2.12	1.19	1.92	2.25	2.57
FANTASTIC LIGHT	1996	RAHY	2003	JP	291	1.55	1.42	1.41	1.26	2.23	0.00
RAHY	1985	BLUSHING GROOM	1991	KY	938	2.40	2.19	1.76	2.16	2.21	2.69
UNBRIDLED'S SONG	1993	UNBRIDLED	1998	KY	1002	3.09	2.06	2.17	1.96	2.20	1.27
PUT IT BACK	1998	HONOUR AND GLORY	2003	FL	146	3.42	2.23	1.41	2.90	2.18	0.00
DANEHILL	1986	DANZIG	1991	Dead	1515	4.85	2.68	3.05	2.28	2.16	3.34
CHESTER HOUSE	1995	MR. PROSPECTOR	2002	Dead	357	2.52	2.28	1.30	2.57	2.16	1.55
MENIFEE	1996	HARLAN	2001	Korea	400	1.75	1.84	1.34	2.02	2.15	1.60
RAINBOW QUEST	1981	BLUSHING GROOM	1987	Dead	694	2.02	1.64	0.77	1.27	2.14	2.22
NOT FOR LOVE	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1997	MD	1092	2.29	2.16	1.71	2.14	2.13	2.46
MONTJEU	1996	SADLER'S WELLS	2002	IR	482	2.70	1.82	1.16	1.77	2.12	3.68
KINGMAMBO	1990	MR. PROSPECTOR	1995	KY	1091	2.93	1.75	1.27	1.42	2.12	2.55
SHINKO FOREST	1993	GREEN DESERT	2000	Dead	259	2.12	1.64	1.00	1.22	2.11	4.19
SMOKE GLACKEN	1994	TWO PUNCH	1999	KY	915	1.97	1.86	2.12	1.92	2.08	1.72
LANGFUHR	1992	DANZIG	1999	KY	1120	2.50	1.72	1.34	1.46	2.02	2.20
SILVER DEPUTY	1985	DEPUTY MINISTER	1990	KY	1178	2.12	1.96	2.16	2.17	2.00	1.85
DEPUTY MINISTER	1979	VICE REGENT	1985	Dead	866	2.02	1.69	1.07	1.72	2.00	1.61
BOUNDARY	1990	DANZIG	1996	Ret	706	1.42	1.84	1.36	1.80	1.97	2.25
HALLING	1991	DIESIS	1998	GB	577	1.99	1.88	0.78	1.99	1.94	2.70
ARCH	1995	KRIS S.	2000	KY	469	1.71	1.92	1.01	1.85	1.92	2.42
EVANSVILLE SLEW	1992	SLEW CITY SLEW	1997	OK	531	0.85	1.37	0.54	1.05	1.92	1.45
LEMON DROP KID	1996	KINGMAMBO	2002	KY	406	2.46	2.12	1.75	2.51	1.91	0.70
CARSON CITY	1987	MR. PROSPECTOR	1992	Dead	1271	2.24	1.86	2.25	1.82	1.91	2.31
BROAD BRUSH	1983	ACK ACK	1989	Ret	672	2.60	2.25	1.36	2.35	1.89	2.47
PRIVATE INTERVIEW	1992	NUREYEV	1998	NJ	303	0.17	1.53	0.00	1.54	1.88	2.06
DISCO RICO	1997	CITIDANCER	2003	NY	107	1.40	1.64	1.87	1.42	1.87	0.00
DYNAFORMER	1985	ROBERTO	1991	KY	1144	2.58	2.05	0.95	2.28	1.85	2.46
OUTFLANKER	1994	DANZIG	1999	MD	471	0.96	1.46	1.75	1.15	1.84	1.22
PIVOTAL	1993	POLAR FALCON	1998	GB	775	3.16	2.35	2.91	1.97	1.83	4.05
WILD RUSH	1994	WILD AGAIN	2000	JP	729	2.95	1.99	1.44	2.16	1.83	2.30
GENERAL MEETING	1988	SEATTLE SLEW	1993	Dead	624	1.68	1.70	2.55	1.28	1.83	2.18
SKIP AWAY	1993	SKIP TRIAL	2000	KY	667	1.35	1.59	1.16	1.48	1.83	1.55
INDIAN CHARLIE	1995	IN EXCESS	2000	KY	580	1.47	1.92	2.06	2.05	1.82	1.94
EL PRADO	1989	SADLER'S WELLS	1994	KY	1227	2.36	1.91	1.72	1.96	1.82	2.24
QUIET AMERICAN	1986	FAPPIANO	1993	KY	996	1.61	1.62	0.95	1.48	1.81	2.15
STEPHEN GOT EVEN	1996	A.P. INDY	2002	KY	325	1.38	1.27	1.05	1.21	1.81	1.32
VERGLAS	1994	HIGHEST HONOR	2001	IR	353	1.42	1.70	2.27	1.68	1.80	1.25
SPINNING WORLD	1993	NUREYEV	1999	Aus	739	1.62	1.47	1.65	1.06	1.80	2.13

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★ EAST ★

Adena Breeze-Up Postponed:

Wednesday's under-tack show for the upcoming Adena Springs Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training has been postponed due to inclement weather and is now scheduled for Thursday, Mar. 6, at Adena Springs South. A total of 136 juveniles are set to go under the hammer at the seventh annual Adena Springs auction, which will take place Monday, Mar. 17 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company complex in Central Florida.

Yesterday's Results:

9th-PHA, \$48,000, Alw, NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m70y,
1:42 3/5, ft.

1--**ARCATA, 119, c, 4, Wagon Limit--Arroyo Cottage,**
by Dynaformer. O/B-Joseph V Shields Jr (FL);

T-H G Motion. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$108,860.

2--**Fly So Far, 117, g, 5, Holy Bull--I'm a Thriller,** by
Tri Jet. (\$130,000 yrl '04 KEESEP).

3--**Kong the King, 117, c, 4, Storm Boot--Blue Ridge**
Miss, by Pleasant Colony.

Margins: HD, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 5.00, 5.30, 7.50.

Arcata won going a mile against allowance foes at Laurel Nov. 16, but came up short and had to settle for third in a nine-furlong, \$25,000 optional claimer over a muddy track there Dec. 13. Back in the winner's circle while cutting back to 8 1/2 furlongs when thrown back in a similar level Jan. 19, the grey was given a 5-1 chance to collect his fourth victory at this distance. Settled in a tracking third through early splits of :24.03, :47.58 and 1:12.09, the Florida bred drew clear approaching the home stretch and was all out to fend off the oncoming charge of Fly So Far.



2:42p
HRTV

4th-GPX, \$40k, Msw, 3yo, 6fT

Peachtree Stable's **DISTANT POINT** ([Tale of the Cat](#)) debuted with an honest third going a mile over a good track here Jan. 20, but failed to improve when switched to the turf course and encountering some problems early in an 8 1/2-furlong affair Feb. 17. Barclay Tagg gives Cornelio Velasquez the mount. **Sorrento Song** ([Songandaprayer](#)) has been posting bullets in the morning hours, including a four-furlong move in :48 2/5 at Calder Feb. 23, the fastest of 67 at the distance. The Devil Eleven and John Goldthorpe representative negotiated three panels in :35 3/5--second fastest of 32--at that Miami-area track Mar. 1.

3:40p
HRTV

6th-GPX, \$40k, Msw, 3yo, 7f

Let's Go Stable's **READY'S ECHO** ([More Than Ready](#)) got off to a slow start in his debut, and came from out of the clouds to finish runner-up to the well-regarded Z Fortune in a 5 1/2-furlong test at the Spa Aug. 8. Conditioned by Todd Pletcher, who gets 21 percent winners with horses returning from 180 days or more off the bench, the dark bay should appreciate the added distance. **Old Ninety Eight** ([Storm Cat](#)) was an even second in his bow going six panels over the all-weather at Turfway Dec. 7 for trainer Dale Romans. The son of GISW Manistique will be ridden by Edgar Prado in his dirt bow.

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Date Set for Suwannee River Appeal:

An appeal seeking to overturn a stewards ruling that supported the original results of the GII Suwannee River H. will be heard Wednesday, Mar. 19. Bill Greeley, former President of Keeneland, will preside over the hearing. The results of the Suwannee River, which was won by **Green Girl (Fr)** (Lord of Men {GB}), came under dispute shortly after the six-year-old hit the wire. Trainers Mark Hennig, who saddled second-place **La Dolce Vita** (Quiet American), and Todd Pletcher, conditioner of third-place **J'ray** (Distant View) protested the results on the grounds that Green Girl did not carry the weight assigned her, according to house rules, "from paddock to post and post to finish." Prior to the race, an unruly Green Girl dropped jockey Rene Douglas twice during the post parade and went without her rider for upwards of eight minutes, according to those that appealed the results. Gulfstream Park association stewards Chip Spencer and Jeff Noe heard the protests. State steward Kevin Sheen chose not participate and, in his absence, Bernie Hettel, Gulfstream Park racing operations manager and a well-respected former steward, served as the third person on the committee, without objection from the interested parties. The protest was denied in a 2-1 decision, with the stewards finding that there was no evidence that the winner had gained an unfair advantage. Hettel did not concur and he cast the dissenting vote. Green Girl, trained by Christophe Clement, has since been retired to the breeding shed.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT

Giant Moon (Giant's Causeway), 4f (tr.), :50.07, 31/41
 Bishop Court Hill (Holy Bull), 5f (tr), 1:02.12, 8/21
 Judiths Wild Rush (Wild Rush), 5f (tr), :58.24, 1/21

FAIR GROUNDS

Brass Hat (Prized), 4f, :48.40, 2/13
 Kodiak Kowboy (Posse), 5f, 1:04.00, 9/11

SANTA ANITA

Foxysox (GB) (Foxhound), 5f, 1:02.80, 29/33

HOLLYWOOD

Ginger Punch (Awesome Again), 5f, 1:02.00, 17/23

PALM MEADOWS

Golden Velvet (Seeking the Gold), 4f, :49.40, 13/33
 Dream Rush (Wild Rush), 5f, 1:01.60, 2/12
 Phantom Income (Montbrook), 5f, 1:02.00, 5/12

PAYSON

Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), 4f, :48.60, 1/22
 Prussian (Danzig), 4f, :50.40, 11/22
 Rondo (Grand Slam), 5f, 1:04.00, 2/3

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*Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW
 Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- A. P. DELTA** (A.P. Indy), 37/3/1
 5-DED, Msw, 7f, Silver Dollar Sam, 6-1
- ALDEBARAN** (Mr. Prospector), Darby Dan, \$50K, 150/12/0
 5-DED, Msw, 7f, The Debonair Slew, 9-5
- AWESOME OF COURSE** (Awesome Again), Rising Hill, \$3K, 17/3/1
 7-GP, Alw, 1mT, Heaven's Awesome, 20-1
- MILWAUKEE BREW** (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 162/24/0
 7-GP, Alw, 1mT, Cyryaco, \$37K OBS AUG yrl, 30-1
- NO ARMISTICE** (Unbridled), Country Life, \$3K, 65/6/0
 5-PEN, Msw, 6f, Disengagement, 3-1
- PARKER'S STORM CAT** (Storm Cat), Country Life, \$3K, 116/6/0
 7-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Parky, \$12K EAS SEP yrl
- POSSE** (Silver Deputy), Vinery, \$10K, 154/28/7
 6-GP, Msw, 7f, Posse Cat, \$32K FTK JUL yrl, 20-1
- VAN NISTELROOY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 201/32/6
 4-GP, Msw, 7f, Lincoln's Day, \$29K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
- WHYWHYWHY** (Mr. Greeley), Gainesway, \$8K, 100/19/2
 7-GP, Alw, 1mT, Akin, 20-1

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5:

03-15 \$150,000 **Skip Away H.-III, GP, 4yo/up, 9f (150)**

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, MARCH 6:

03-15 \$200,000 **San Felipe-II, SA, 3yo, 8.5f (AWT) (200)**

03-16 \$150,000 **Mac Diarmida H.-II, GP, 4yo/up, 11fT (150)**

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★  EUROPE ★

FINAL FALLON APPEAL FAILS Kieren Fallon will be out of action for 18 months after learning that his last-ditch appeal against his ban has failed. Following a ruling by France Galop in January, the six-time champion jockey was handed the lengthy suspension as a result of testing positive for a prohibited substance at Deauville last August. That was the second such offence for the former Coolmore-retained rider and the panel of three official judges who heard his appeal in Paris last week upheld the initial verdict. No dates have been set for the commencement of the suspension, which Fallon is expected to spend riding out with Sir Michael Stoute's team in Newmarket.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

Nantes, 2.05, Cond, €26,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:51.04, vsf. MASQUE ROSE (GB) (f, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Massarossa {GB}, by Mr. Prospector), runner-up at Maisons-Laffitte on her final start for Andre Fabre in July, was sent off at 1-5 for her provincial bow and soon had control on the front end. Asked to stretch on the final turn, the homebred was comfortably on top at the line, where 3/4 of a length separated her from Rain Esteem (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}). The winner is a half sister to Nid D'Abeilles (Ire) (Green Desert, SW & GSP-Fr). Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €18,600.

O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Baron Edouard de Rothschild; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

 SOUTH AMERICA ★

WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

Martina del Alba (Arg), m, 5, Mutakddim--Furia del Alba (Arg), by Hidden Prize. Palermo, 3-3, Allowance, 1600m, 1:38.26. Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-2. O/B-Stud del Alba; T-D R Cima. *Full to Fedayin del Alba (Arg), SW-Arg.

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STAKES RESULTS:

DIA DE LA MUJER-Listed, \$62,390, CMR, 3-2, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, ft.

1--**@THETHIEFATMIDNIGHT, 120, f, 3, Cat Thief--Brush Hour, by Broad Brush.** O-Establo W Estrada; B-Frederick Hertrich III & John Fielding (KY); T-Jose D Velez; J-Luis E Perez; \$37,434. Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-3, \$122,362.

2--**La Pensadora, 120, f, 3, Cape Canaveral--Catmanslew, by Seattle Slew.** (\$17,000 2yo 2007 OBSMAR). O-S Metal Stable; B-Gulf Coast Farms Bloodstock (KY); T-Luis Adorno; \$12,478.

3--**Pioneering Bird, 120, f, 3, Pioneering--Wild Cat Strike, by Wild Again.** O-Establo Villa Real; B-Mr & Mrs Robert M Clinkinbeard (KY); T-Raul N Perez; \$6,239.

Margins: 3/4, 2 1/4, 6HF. Odds: 1.10, 0.95, 4.15. Also Ran: Azucar Turbinada, Who's Agata, Lovely Diana, Lady Cat.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Playinthemeadow, f, 3, Meadowlake--Playforme, by Gone West. PHA, 3-4, (C), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Howard Litt, Foster Northrop, Robert Hammond & Darby Dan Farms (KY). *\$4,000 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$48,000 2yo 2007 OBSAPR.

Tight Precision, f, 3, Pure Precision--Come Tight, by Artistry (SAf). TAM, 3-4, 7f, 1:23 1/5. B-Charles Patton (FL). *1/2 to Therecomesatiger (Tiger Ridge), MSW & GSP, \$413,806.

Litter Blanche, g, 5, Coordinator--Lo Ginger, by Majesty's Prince. WRD, 3-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Wiley Gardenhire (OK).

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Nantes, 3.40, 3-4, €21,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:41.99, vsf.

STIKINE (FR) (c, 4, Slickly {Fr}--Talon d'Aiguille {GSP-Fr}, by Big Spruce) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €31,600. O-Roger Feunteun; B-Mme P Menard; T-J Boisnard. *€30,000 yrl '05 DEAAUG.

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