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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER CONCLUDES

Keeneland wrapped up its marathon September Yearling Sale yesterday with a 15th and final session. The sale went out much like in came in, with numbers down in the 10 to 15 percent range (*see p2*). But the general consensus seems to be that September held up well given the current troubles affecting Wall Street, the United States and beyond. Here are a few key indicators:

- ▶ **Average - \$90,984.** Down 10.3 percent from '07; it is the first time since 2004 the cumulative average dipped below \$100,000.
- ▶ **Median - \$37,000.** Down 11.9 percent.
- ▶ **Gross - \$327,999,100.** Down 14.8 percent from '07, but the fourth-highest grossing September in history. A total of 5,555 were catalogued this year, two more horses than in '07; 4,795 were sent through the ring, or 2.2 percent fewer than the 4,901 who went through last year.

Geoffrey Russell, Director of Sales at Keeneland, said many in the industry expected a softer market in 2008 after a series of exceptionally strong Septembers.

"I think most people went into the sale knowing the market was about to correct," Russell said yesterday. "I don't think this is a great surprise to anybody. We knew it was going to be down, and it was down about what we thought it would be. Without the participation of the international markets in the last three or four books, I think the correction would have been more severe. Even starting earlier in the sale--the Russians were here from Day 1 to Day 15. Given the current woes of several economies, not least of all the United States, I think the Thoroughbred industry had a very good experience here at the September Sale." *Cont. p2*



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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS TUESDAY, SEPT. 23, 2008

CUMULATIVE	2008	2007
Catalogued	5,555	5,553
No. Offered	4,795	4,901
No. Sold	3,605	3,799
RNAs	1,190	1,102
% RNA	24.8%	22.5%
High Price	\$3,100,000	\$3,700,000
Gross	\$327,999,100	\$385,018,600
Average (% change)	\$90,984 (-10.3%)	\$101,347
Median (% change)	\$37,000 (-11.9%)	\$42,000

LARRY JONES TO RETIRE?

According to published reports, trainer Larry Jones is planning to retire after the 2009 season. The trainer of the ill-fated GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Eight Belles, as well as leading three-year-old filly Proud Spell, Jones broke the news to turf writer John Piesen during a Tuesday morning phone conversation. "It's been a long, hard year," the conditioner said, "and it's taken its toll on me and my family. I've been thinking about quitting for some time now and I made the decision right after I won the Alabama with Proud Spell and the Iselin with Honest Man on the same day. I just figured, it can't get any better than this." Piesen reports that Jones has advised his major client Rick Porter of his decision and that Porter has hired Jeff Buckley, an associate of trainer Bob Holthus, to replace Jones. *Cont. p6*



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OAK TREE KICKS OFF WITH MORVICH

Racing in Southern California resumes in earnest this afternoon with the beginning of the 40th annual Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita. The card's feature is the \$100,000 Gill Morvich H. sprinting 6 1/2 furlongs down the hillside turf course. The Morvich is a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" event, with the victor earning an automatic berth in the Turf Sprint. *Cont. p6*

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LORD SHANAKILL (\$220,740) takes the Group 2 Dubai Duty Free Mill Reef S. at Newbury on September 20th, earning black type for the fourth time in his seven race career. LORD SHANAKILL's connections are considering supplementing him to the Group 1 Middle Park Stakes.

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Keeneland September Coverage cont.

Solid Sale, Given the Circumstances...

September's RNA rate fluctuated from very good on some days to near 30 percent on others, but Russell said the cumulative RNA rate of 24.8 percent was acceptable.

"Last year was 22.8 percent, which was probably an industry standard for a sale this long," stated Russell. "We always like the RNA rate a little less than [24.8 percent], but we have to live with what we have."

One of the other things the sale had to live with was an unstable economy that took a drastic turn for the worse midway through the sale, when Lehman Brothers declared itself bankrupt, Bank of America took over Merrill Lynch and insurance giant AIG needed a massive emergency loan.

"I think if it had happened before the sale, say in mid-August, I think it would have had more of a direct effect," Russell said of the financial market meltdown. "But I think people had already decided on their spending levels and didn't have to adjust too much."

So what does the conclusion of the biggest yearling sale in the world tell us about the state of the marketplace?

"I think it tells us that, while the market is correcting and down, that there is still great interest in the Thoroughbred industry," said Russell. After all, this is our fourth-largest September Sale, and we grossed nearly \$328 million."

Chapel Royal Colt Tops September Finale...

Hip 5538, a colt from the second crop of Chapel Royal (Montbrook), brought a bid of \$50,000 from Diamond G Ranch, Inc. to top Tuesday's final session at Keeneland. The Jan. 27-foaled dark bay is a son of the 12-year-old Deputy Minister mare McConnell Springs, who is already the dam of Grade II-placed Talullah Lula (Old Trieste). Consigned by Eaton Sales for Overbrook Farm, the colt hails from the immediate family of Miswaki and Jump Start.



**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS
TUESDAY, SEPT. 23, 2008**

SESSION TOTALS	2008	2007
Catalogued	317	341
No. Offered	179	230
No. Sold	149	172
RNAs	30	58
% RNA	16.8%	25.2%
High Price	\$50,000	\$50,000
Gross	\$1,135,600	\$1,551,500
Average (% change)	\$7,621(-15.5%)	\$9,020
Median (% change)	\$5,000 (-13%)	\$5,750

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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER BUYERS

A snapshot of the buying patterns of some prominent yearling shoppers at Keeneland September

2007 vs. 2008

Buyer	2008	2007
John Ferguson*		
head purchased	30 (+42.9%)	21
gross	\$18,945,000 (+6.6%)	\$17,780,000
Shadwell Estate Company		
head purchased	28 (+64.7%)	17
gross	\$14,115,000 (+48%)	\$9,540,000
Zayat Stables		
head purchased	30 (-23.1%)	39
gross	\$6,732,000 (-24.8%)	\$8,952,000
D.L. O'Byrne		
head purchased	6 (-45.5%)	11
gross	\$3,240,000 (-80.8%)	\$16,850,000
Ben Glass, agent		
head purchased	26 (+4%)	25
gross	\$6,455,000 (+31.6%)	\$4,905,000

*2008 figures include 3 horses purchased in the name Darley Stud



Taylor Made Leads Consignors...

For the fifth straight year, Taylor Made Sales Agency led all consignors at Keeneland September. In 2008, the Taylor brothers' operation sold a total of 374 horses for \$48,929,900, an average of \$130,828 per yearling. At the conclusion of selling Tuesday, Taylor Made's Mark Taylor said he was content with the way things turned out.

"Going into the sale, my instincts told me the market was going to be off about 10 percent," explained Taylor. "Internally, our sales were down about 15 percent, and I think that extra five-point swing, given the state of the economy and everything that happened during the sale, is not that bad. We're grateful that it wasn't a lot worse; we still had a lot of demand for our product. Overall, the general feeling on our team is relief."

Taylor said that Taylor Made-consigned yearlings failed to meet their reserve at roughly the same rate as Keeneland's cumulative RNA rate--24.8 percent. But Taylor said a renewed focus on after-market selling--selling privately those yearlings who RNA'd--helped boost Taylor Made's overall clearance rate to nearly 90 percent. The most obvious example of that effort is Taylor Made's new website www.taylormaderna.com.

"We would upload photos of the horse as soon as it would get bought back, and post what the hammer price was and what the asking price was," explained Taylor. "People could call and get vet grades, and we put all our RNAs at one spot on the farm. The website really took us to a new level. We had people from all over the world get on there and see pictures. They would say, 'Hey that's a pretty good-looking horse. I'm gonna have my agent go check it out.' We were able to get our customers horses moved and get more money in their pockets, which, ultimately, is what our business is based on."

One horse that didn't get sold--either in the ring or through the website, was the Storm Cat colt out of Goulash, a half-brother to champion Ashado. The colt was Taylor Made's most expensive buyback at \$725,000; the website listed the asking price at \$750,000. The colt was bred by longtime Taylor Made clients Aaron and Marie Jones.

"We had several people make an offer to buy half the horse and race in partnership, but Mr. and Mrs. Jones don't really like partners unless it's an extreme circumstance," said Taylor. "They love the horse, and I think he might be a future stallion at Taylor Made. It was kind of bittersweet--we like to get our horses sold--but in that case we are happy to put the tack on him and get a stall ready for him at the stallion barn."

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TOP 10 CONSIGNORS BY GROSS

<u>Consignor</u>	<u># Head</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taylor Made Sales Agency	374	\$48,929,900
Eaton Sales	260	\$30,451,600
Lane's End	189	\$30,431,600
Gainesway	140	\$19,137,000
Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency	129	\$13,795,200
Paramount Sales	122	\$10,049,700
Three Chimneys Sales	118	\$9,202,300
Denali Stud	79	\$7,496,000
Legacy Bloodstock	126	\$7,012,000
Bluewater Sales	90	\$6,871,400

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LEADING SIRES AT KEENELAND SEPT. 2008

(by no. of yearlings that made upwards of \$1m.)

<u>Rk</u>	<u>Stallion</u>	<u>\$1m.+ yr/s</u>
1	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	4
-	Storm Cat	4
3	A.P. Indy	3
4	Unbridled's Song	2

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The CBA's Good Book...

The man who wrote the book had a pretty good sale. Rob Whiteley, author and/or editor of the popular CBA booklets that address veterinary issues in sale horses, yesterday concluded a very strong 2008 Keeneland September Sale. Whiteley, through his Liberation Farm, was the breeder or co-breeder of no fewer than 89 yearlings that sold at September. Remarkably, not one horse was bought back. Included in the group were two seven-figure yearlings: an El Prado (Ire) colt who brought \$1 million from Legends Racing; and the Medaglia d'Oro filly who was knocked down to Dr. Karen Sanderson for \$1.1 million and who was later resold to Bobby Flay privately.

As happy as Whiteley is with Liberation's September success, he might be just as happy with the reception of those booklets published by The Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association (CBA). The first of the "Plain and Simple" series was put out in 2005 and was entitled "Vet Work - Plain and Simple: Scoping." A year later came "OCDs in Sale Horses." Both were written by Frank Mitchell and edited by Whiteley. Then came "Buying Sales Yearlings," and, this year, "Success at the Sales," both written by Whiteley.

According to its website, the CBA's mission is to work "democratically on behalf of every consignor and commercial breeder, large and small, to provide representation and a constructive, unified voice related to sales issues, policies, and procedures."

The aim of the CBA booklets is to be a representation that "unified voice," and to bridge the gap of understanding between buyer and seller, particularly when it comes to veterinary issues.

"Talking to a variety of people, the feedback is that the booklets have had a growing impact on the willingness of buyers to forgive minor irregularities in yearlings and other racing prospects," said Whiteley. "The booklets represent an important first initiative for the CBA."

Formed in 2005, the CBA is comprised of some of the most recognizable names in the business: Mill Ridge's Bayne Welker is its president and chairman; Taylor Made's Mark Taylor is vice president, while Brookdale's Joe Seitz acts as secretary and Denali Stud's Craig Bandoroff treasurer.

Talking about the CBA's inception, Whiteley explained, "The CBA came about through conversations that I had with Pat Costello [head of Paramount Sales] over a two-year period regarding sales issues. Pat was instrumental in pulling together a core group of consignors. The snowball quickly gained mass and momentum. Bayne Welker has provided tremendous leadership, and membership has grown to over 300 consignors and breeders who account for nearly 80 percent of the annual auction revenue in North America. Our board is structured to represent small and large consignors alike. We're all on the same page about the importance of improving the sales scene for all participants through education, and thus we embarked on the "Plain and Simple" series, to better inform buyers of the facts related to vet issues and racing performance."

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2008 TOP 10 SIRES BY AVERAGE

Sire	# Head	Average
Storm Cat	19	\$584,736
A.P. Indy	27	\$550,555
Red Ransom	1	\$475,000
Kingmambo	8	\$443,750
Distorted Humor	31	\$401,741
Unbridled's Song	40	\$355,125
Sadler's Wells	2	\$345,000
Montjeu (Ire)	1	\$310,000
Dubawi (Ire)	1	\$300,000
Giant's Causeway	57	\$285,473

2007 TOP 5 SIRES BY AVERAGE

Sire	# Head	Average
A.P. Indy	23	\$858,043
Kingmambo	2	\$662,500
Storm Cat	23	\$536,739
Unbridled's Song	49	\$443,204
Distorted Humor	38	\$414,000

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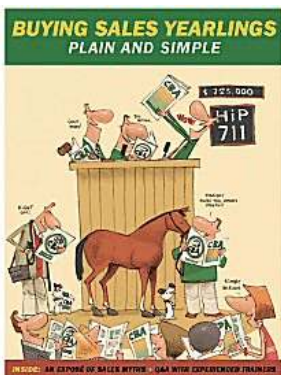
Added Whiteley, "We wanted to dispel some of the false opinions and myths that get carried forward from sale to sale. It's a great pleasure to see how popular the booklets have been and how some of the information is

being absorbed and translated into buyers' decision-making and consignors' practices."

Obviously, when talking of veterinarian issues, the opinion of respected veterinarians is essential, and Whiteley said the CBA has, "made a special point to utilize input from prominent veterinarians in preparing our copy. We've featured the points of view of an number of veterinarians, and most of the expressed feedback from veterinarians has been

positive."

The booklets, which are superbly illustrated by Chris Ware, can be downloaded for free at: www.consignorsandbreeders.com.



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2008 TOP 10 BUYERS BY GROSS

Buyer	# Head	Total
John Ferguson	27	\$18,185,000
Shadwell Estate Company	28	\$14,115,000
Legends Racing	29	\$12,010,000
Zayat Stables	30	\$6,732,000
Ben Glass, agent	26	\$6,455,000
Blandford Bloodstock	19	\$4,841,000
Maverick Racing	8	\$4,155,000
RBTS for Sequoia Racing	14	\$3,910,000
Rabbah Bloodstock LLC	20	\$3,900,000
Southern Equine Stables	18	\$3,810,000

2007 TOP 5 BUYERS BY GROSS

Buyer	# Head	Total
John Ferguson	21	\$17,780,000
D.L. O'Byrne	11	\$16,850,000
Shadwell Estate Co.	17	\$9,540,000
Mike Ryan, agent	37	\$9,335,000
Zayat Stables	39	\$8,952,000

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***TOP CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE**

Consignor	# Head	Average
Middlebrook Farm	16	\$322,906
Vinery Ltd.	4	\$317,500
Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC	10	\$296,550
Winter Quarter Farm	13	\$180,384

*With 2 or more sold

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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
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B R Remark	Regal Remark	Derby Bar and Grill Express S.	105
Hold On Smokey	Concorde's Tune	Robert M. O'Malley Memorial S.	105
Indian Blessing	Indian Charlie	Gallant Bloom H.-G2	104
Monsoon Rain	Old Trieste	Gold Cup S.	104
Real Estate	High Yield	James B. Moseley Sprint H.	104
Commentator	Distorted Humor	Massachusetts H.	102
Wonder Mon	Maria's Mon	Deputed Testamony S.	102
Way With Words	Sefapiano	Eleven North H.	100
Seattle Smooth	Quiet American	Fitz Dixon Cotillion S.-G2	99
Thunders Dove	Thunderello	Drumtop S.	99
Informed Decision	Monarchos	Missile Belle S.	98
Paradise Tonight	Slew Gin Fizz	Jersey Girl H.	98
Tortuga Flats	Wild Zone	River Cities S.	98
Krazy Koffee	Regal Intention	British Columbia Derby-G3	97
Nosir	Cee's Tizzy	New Mexico State Fair H.	97
Not Bourbon	Not Impossible (Ire)	Overskate S.	97
Shadowbdancing	Montbrook	Prairie Meadows Derby	97
Dynaman	Dynaformer	John Henry S.	96
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What They're Saying At The Sales...

Keeneland's Geoffrey Russell on oversupply:

"It's a question of profitability for breeders, some of whom suffered a painful reality check during this sale. There are still too many non-commercial horses being offered. This market adjustment will have a positive effect in the reduction of production costs."

Rob Whiteley, Liberation Farm:

"Overall, the sale was very sobering. My heart goes out to those breeders who didn't have the big hit to even things out. Many commercial breeders were badly hurt. With costs rising across the board, the number of profitable yearlings declined, by my estimate, to the lowest level that I can remember. Stud fees, sales fees and vet fees must come down if our breeding industry is to remain viable."

Brereton Jones, Airdrie Stud:

"The first week was a pretty good sale, and after that it got pretty rough. We have to get the purses up at the tracks, or else we're going to lose a lot of the industry. And when we lose a lot of the industry, the farmland will end up being sub-divisions, and Central Kentucky will change a lot if we don't get this straightened out."



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Wednesday, Oak Tree at Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m.

MORVICH H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Rebellion (GB)	Mozart (Ire)	Motion	.9-2
2	Siren Lure	Joyeux Danseur	Sherman	10-1
3	Soul City Slew	Slew City Slew	O'Neill	20-1
4	Get Funky	Straight Man	Sadler	.5-2
5	Ten Meropa	Johannesburg	Mullins	15-1
6	Easy on the Eye (Aus)	Easy Rocking (Aus)	Knapp	30-1
7	Five Star Thief	Cat Thief	SCRATCHED	
8	One Union	Dixie Union	Mandella	.5-1
9	California Flag	Avenue of Flags	Koriner	30-1
10	Tropic Storm	Stormy Atlantic	C Dollase	.7-2
11	Matto Mondo (Chi)	Sir Cat	Mandella	12-1
12	Desert Code	E Dubai	Hofmans	.8-1

The Morvich marks the return to grass for the five-year-old **Rebellion (GB)** (Mozart {Ire}). The Hickory Tree Stable colorbearer proved himself an adept turf speedster last term, winning three straight sprints on the



Rebellion

Benoit photo

lawn, including the Steinlen S. at Belmont in September. A well-beaten eighth in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile in his seasonal finale, Rebellion has been campaigned solely on synthetics in 2008, and has two big wins to his credit, in the GII Commonwealth S. at Keeneland in April and

the GIII Ack Ack S. at Hollywood two months later. Fifth in the July 19, 1 1/16-mile GII San Diego H. and second in the Aug. 24 GII Pat O'Brien H. at Del Mar, Rebellion now gets back on the green stuff with an eye on another trip to the Breeders' Cup.



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Larry Jones cont. from p1

Reasons Behind Jones's Decision...

Following the breakdown of Eight Bells in the Kentucky Derby, Jones was subjected to harsh criticism, nearly all of it from outside the racing industry. His client and friend Brereton Jones, for whom he trains Proud Spell, believes that criticism has played some role in the conditioner's decision. "Larry is one of the finest people I've ever known in my life, and has been under a lot of stress from the Eight Belles situation," said Brereton Jones. "There were so many people that didn't understand the situation--some of the weirdos out there who would write letters and say things when they didn't know what they were talking about. Larry, of course being a good person, was hurt by that. If you're a bad guy and somebody's hurling things at you, it might not bother you much. But if you're a good guy, it makes a difference. Also, Larry is such a fabulous trainer, that everybody wanted to have horses with him. And Larry never wanted to be a trainer that had more horses than he could care for himself. He's a hands-on trainer--he rides them, he hauls them--that's the way he enjoys doing things, and it's why he's such a good trainer. But I think he got so much bigger than he anticipated, and I think that's why he made the decision to not take any more two-year-olds next year."



☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

HENRY AND TAMAYUZ CONFIRMED FOR BATTLE

Aidan O'Brien and Freddy Head have issued upbeat bulletins on their respective star milers **Henrythenavigator** (Kingmambo) and **Tamayuz** (GB) (Nayef) ahead of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot on Saturday. While the G1 English and Irish 2000 Guineas, G1 St James's Palace S. and G1 Sussex S. hero



Henrythenavigator *Horsephotos*

Henrythenavigator met with defeat for the first time this season when fifth in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp last time Sept. 7, the

Ballydoyle conditioner reports Susan Magnier's colt back on track. "Henry is in good form and we've been happy with him since he came back from Longchamp," O'Brien told *Racing Post*. "We're hoping to have the nice type of ground he likes on Saturday. He just wasn't able to perform to his best on the soft ground in the Moulin. It's possible that we might run a few others in the race, but we won't be finalising plans for another couple of days." Head announced himself satisfied with the latest workout of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's G1 Prix Jean Prat and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois victor. "He's not very brilliant in the mornings and keeps something for himself, but I was very pleased with his work and am happy," Head told *At The Races*. "He has a pacemaker in Racer (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}), as we don't want a stupid race with no pace." The ground is expected on the lively side for the weekend meeting. Clerk of the Course Chris Stickels said yesterday, "At the moment, we are good, good-to-firm in places, and it is slowly drying with a great forecast. We are promised rain today and overnight, but if we don't get that I could put some water on the straight course as I don't want any jar in the ground."

ICON HAS LODGE TARGET Susan Roy's **Sixties Icon** (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) is set to warm up for the Breeders' Cup in Sunday's G3 Cumberland Lodge S. at Ascot, trainer Jeremy Noseda announced yesterday. Successful on his latest outing in the G3 Geoffrey Freer S. at Newbury Aug. 16, the 2006 G1 St Leger hero has the Breeders' Cup Marathon on his agenda. "Sixties Icon heads to the Cumberland Lodge," Noseda said. "I hope Frankie Dettori will be available to ride him, but if not we'll have to form another plan. He remains in good form and I'm happy with him. I'm hoping this will be a good stepping stone for the Breeders' Cup Marathon."

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FANTASIA DREAMING OF MILE Trainer Luca Cumani looks certain to commit the unbeaten Fantasia (GB) (Sadler's Wells) for Saturday's G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile at Ascot. Fittocks Stud and Andrew Bengough's G3 Prestige S. winner will have to take on George Strawbridge's similarly unbeaten Rainbow View (Dynaformer) there, and Cumani thinks it will be a tall order to lower the J "TDN Rising Star" J's colors. "Fantasia is very well and I couldn't be happier with her, but unfortunately Mr. Gosden's filly looks unbeatable," Cumani commented. "We go into the race with the feeling that all we can do is finish second, as Rainbow View is definitely a cut above, and is the best two-year-old filly I've seen since I started training. I had thought about the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac for Fantasia in order to avoid her and I am still vaguely thinking about that, but I think we'll probably end up at Ascot."

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HISTORY ON JACKSON'S MIND

As Saturday's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup looms on the horizon, Stonestreet Stable's **Curlin** (Smart Strike) stands on the doorstep of history. A successful defense of his championship in the prestigious 10-furlong event will make the four-year-old North America's first horse to earn in excess of \$10 million. But while owner Jess Jackson is honored to be in this position, he insists it isn't about eight-figure earnings.

"It's really not about money, but I truly believe he's a champion," the Kendall-Jackson winery owner said during a national media teleconference Tuesday afternoon. "He's proven it. No horse has done what he's done already. He's has already proven he's one of the best, one of the best in the last half-century, if not a whole century. That's an owner's view of a horse he loves, but that's how I feel."

The horses that currently reside directly above and below Curlin on the career-earnings list are also both Gold Cup winners. Cigar (\$9,999,815) posted his 11th straight victory and ninth of 1995 when he took that year's Gold Cup by a length over Unaccounted For, who he beat into third in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic in his next start. The Allen Paulson colorbearer was the 1-5 favorite to repeat, but caught a tough sophomore colt in the form of Skip Away. Three years his junior and in



Curlin gets a bath yesterday after arriving at Belmont *A Caglianese*

receipt of five pounds under the weight-for-age conditions, the Carolyn Hine runner defeated the reigning Horse of the Year by a head and came back to win the 2007 renewal by 6 1/2 lengths. He retired with earnings of \$9,616,360.

"Cigar was a great campaigner," Jackson opined. "He left an indelible memory and he was always a competitor in every race. Beating his financial record is a very big part of Curlin's legacy, but only because people in our society are more focused on dollars than they should be. The fact is that Curlin on his own merit is a great horse. To be compared to a Cigar or a Secretariat or any other great horse is an honor. We're very excited that he could beat the record."



Jess Jackson *Horsephotos*

As for race selection, connections did not wait very long to announce following his win in the GI Woodward S., that Curlin would make his next stop at Belmont Park. The choice, on many levels, was logical, given Curlin's previous success at Big Sandy. The decision to be made following his Gold Cup will be significantly more complicated.

"It's one race at a time and right now we're totally focused on the Jockey [Club] Gold Cup," Jackson commented. "It's a good field and after we get him out of there and he tells us he's fit and ready, we'll consider all options, including the Breeders' Cup."

With that in mind, Jackson, a California resident, has been down to Santa Anita to observe the installation of the new Pro-Ride surface. While he is comfortable that the new track will have eliminated the problems caused by Cushion Track last winter and spring, there is still an element of uncertainty and caution as Jackson mulls over the near future.

"Until they start running and see whether closers really close well and whether early speed displays itself, we won't know whether the Pro-Ride surface is everything it's tracked up to be," he stated. "What we do know is that at this point in time, the speeds are much faster." Indeed, workout times at the Arcadia oval have been extremely fast. Jackson continued, "When you have a magnificent horse the size of Curlin with the speed and stamina he has, it's going to be an interesting factor, because speed can cause him to bear out a little bit more, so we're worried about the speed as well. I'd really like to see Curlin on the [Santa Anita] track, but we're not going to run him until we see him prove his worth in the Jockey Club Gold Cup again."

Why then select the Gold Cup over a race like Saturday's GI Goodwood S., a race which would provide immediate answers to any concerns and get Curlin a race at this year's Breeders' Cup venue? **Cont. p9**



Again, it's all about history, Jackson says.

"What do you do when you have the chance to run in the Jockey Club Gold Cup and win it for a second time?" he asked rhetorically. "The Jockey Club Gold Cup was the test for the champion in the old days before we had the Breeders' Cup. I am very much a historian and I wanted to track what other great horses have done to show Curlin's ability compared to that particular venue. That's why went to the Woodward. We had never run at Saratoga. At the same time, we have followed the legacies of other horses and tried to emulate or in some cases exceed, like by going to Dubai or considering going to the Japan Cup. We're focused on the Jockey Club Gold Cup because of its historic importance in racing."

Jackson knows that in Curlin he has the closest thing to a lock, but he's willing to take nothing for granted while assessing the competition.

"You always wonder about a horse like [GI Travers S. runner-up] **Mambo in Seattle** (Kingmambo), who obviously is improving considerably, but he's going to have to carry weight he's never carried before. Nick Zito always adds five lengths in major races, so I'd keep an eye on [Woodward third-place finisher] **Wanderin Boy** (Seeking the Gold). He could pull some more magic out of his hat, and Nick is known for doing that."

Trainer Todd Pletcher confirmed that he will have two representatives in Saturday's race, The Allen Paulson Living Trust's **A.P. Arrow** (A.P. Indy) and Michael Tabor's **Ravel** (Fusaichi Pegasus). The former, runner-up in the GI Donn H. in February, was fourth to Curlin in the G1 Dubai World Cup the following month and filled the same spot behind the champ in the Woodward Aug. 30. Ravel was a promising three-year-old of last season, winning Santa Anita's GIII Sham S., but was sidelined eight months by injury. He has one win from four starts since his return and his last, a fourth in a Saratoga allowance, marked his first on a conventional dirt surface. Pletcher could have shipped Ravel back to California for another start over the synthetic, but is trying to shift gears with the colt.

"We like the idea of a mile and a quarter and while he did run pretty well on the synthetic surfaces, the last couple of experiences we didn't think were great," the champion trainer commented. "We feel like he's a dirt horse and we might find our way back to the synthetic at some point, but we want to try him in a legitimate dirt race."--A.C.

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Eastern Fall Yearlings	Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Kentucky Fall Yearlings	Oct. 20-22
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Midlantic December Mixed	Dec. 7-8
Texas Fall Mixed	Dec. 14

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The connections of several of the top Eclipse contenders have indicated that they may not run in the Breeders' Cup because they feel their horses will not perform as well on Santa Anita's synthetic surface as they do on conventional dirt. Should the surface factor so heavily into the decision of whether to run or not? Do you think that skipping the Breeders' Cup for this reason should count against a horse in the Eclipse voting?

Team Valor International Owner Barry Irwin:

Everybody is going to answer this question from their own self-serving perspective. Media representatives, as they do each year in bullying owners into supplementing their ineligible horses for the Breeders' Cup, will want to see all of the top horses run for their own amusement and to have something to write or gab about. Racetrack owners will want to encourage owners to run their horses because it will shore up their position. But owners and trainers, who have hard bucks on the line, will take a reasoned approach, because they are the ones with the real personal investments to consider. The real question is not whether horses that don't run in the Breeders' Cup should be penalized for not participating. The real question is whether the media will have the courage, intellect and sportsmanship to vote for a horse that did not run in the Breeders' Cup races. Based on what I have seen in the past, I don't think they will vote fairly.



Question of the Month Cont. p10

Do you think the connections of Eclipse contenders would be wrong to skip the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita because of the synthetic surface?

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Winchell Thoroughbreds owner Ron Winchell:

Synthetic surfaces seem to severely diminish the predictability of performance for many horses. I see synthetics as a third surface, for the simple fact that they play differently than conventional dirt or grass! So by that fact alone, it will definitely play a role in the decision making process of entering horses and will ultimately play a role in the outcome. I believe BC victories should play a supporting role in deciding Eclipse awards, not the sole reason. BC races represent one race on one day, not the accomplishments of a horse all year long. For that reason, I do not believe skipping the BC because its run on a synthetic surface should count against a horse in the Eclipse voting.



UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Sept. 24	GIII Morvich H.	OSA
Sept. 27	GI Jockey Club Gold Cup	BEL
	GI Beldame S.	BEL
	GI Flower Bowl Invitational	BEL
	GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic	BEL
	GI Vosburgh S.	BEL
	GI Goodwood S.	OSA
	GI Yellow Ribbon S.	OSA
	GI Clement L Hirsch Ch'mp	OSA
	GI Ancient Title S.	OSA
	GI Oak Leaf S.	OSA
	GI Lady's Secret S.	OSA
	GII KY Cup Classic	TP
	GII Hawthorne Gold Cup	HAW
	GIII KY Cup Distaff	TP
GIII KY Cup Juvenile	TP	
GIII KY Cup Sprint	TP	
Sept. 28	GIII R F Carey Memorial H.	HAW
	GI Norfolk S.	OSA
	GII Oak Tree Mile	OSA
Oct. 3	GII Kelso H.	BEL
	GIII Miss Grillo S.	BEL
	GIII Pilgrim S.	BEL
	GI Alcibiades S.	KEE
	GI First Lady S.	KEE
	GII Indiana Oaks	HOO
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- 09-27 400/100 Goodwood BC-I, **SA**, 9f (500), **09-18**
- 09-27 350 Kentucky Cup Classic-II, **TP**, 9f (200), **09-17**
- 10-05 250 Cal Cup Classic, **SA**, 9f (100), **CLOSED**
- 10-11 150 Durham Cup-III, **Wo**, 9f (150), **09-24**
- 10-25 5000 Breeders' Cup Classic-I, **SA**, 10f (0), **10-14**
- 10-25 150 Fayette-III, **Kee**, 9f (100), **10-15**
- 10-25 1000 Breeders' Cup Marathon, **SA**, 12 (0), **10-14**
- 10-25 1000 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, **SA**, 8f 8f (0), **10-14**

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103	C o/o Otherwise Perfect	646	F o/o Da Choice
111	F o/o Parlez	649	C o/o Dances With Quack
128	F o/o Plum Wonder	661	F o/o Deer Chase
176	C o/o Red Valentine	688	C o/o Doll To Call
206	C o/o Safe at the Plate	702	C o/o Dynabid
278	C o/o Smart Kass	753	F o/o Full Life
287	C o/o So Smashing	789	F o/o Gypsy Eyes
403	C o/o Trysail	824	C o/o How bout Chris
411	F o/o Typhoon Tessie	839	F o/o In Her Honor
		843	F o/o Irish Baroness
		872	C o/o Klondike Rose
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107	C o/o Pam J	556	C o/o Book of Fortune
110	C o/o Paper Cut	585	F o/o Canavakiss
129	F o/o Plu Parfait	594	F o/o Case of The Blues
131	F o/o Polly Lynch	642	C o/o Crown Jubilee
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184	C o/o Return Flight	709	C o/o Ellie
196	C o/o Round Girl	743	F o/o Forbidden Deed
232	C o/o Scanneltown Road	747	F o/o Forgotaboutit
308	F o/o Starry Nugget	758	F o/o Gaylords
317	F o/o Stormy Sky	827	C o/o Hydrangea
322	F o/o Strikethegold Lass	858	G o/o Just Call Me Opie
338	C o/o Supersonikiki	878	C o/o Kryptos
383	F o/o Toasty	906	F o/o Lets Coast



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53	C o/o Miss Quackers	381	F o/o Time To Dream
90	C o/o Nikita MonAmour	405	F o/o Turning Around
113	F o/o Passionate Punch	429	F o/o Virginia Punch
115	F o/o Pass The Virtue	551	C o/o Bocamis
121	C o/o Phantom Storm	600	C o/o Cedar Cliff
167	F o/o RBs Linda	721	F o/o Fairway Scene
199	F o/o Royal Reception	723	C o/o Favorite Brew
224	F o/o Saskatchewan	804	F o/o Hidden Greeting
301	C o/o Star Event	892	C o/o Larrupin Gal
307	C o/o Star Ruby		

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19	C o/o Marias Reply	393	C o/o Trellis
97	F o/o Odners Jewel	402	C o/o Trust In Dixie
375	C o/o Tightsamousesear		

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213	F o/o Sallys Sweep	654	C o/o Darnestown
315	C o/o Storms Award	782	C o/o Gosh All Get Out
437	C o/o Waterland		

NOT FOR LOVE

10	F o/o Malibu Ride	564	C o/o Breezy Brilliance
35	F o/o Meteor Star	608	C o/o Chiqueada
132	C o/o Popular Number	625	C o/o Coney Island Girl
266	C o/o Silver Nova	722	C o/o Fairway Vice
280	F o/o Smash Review	725	F o/o Femma
310	G o/o StartThatSong	754	C o/o Gala Gold Digger
361	F o/o Ten Kisses	775	F o/o G. O Keefe
362	C o/o Tenmillionorelse	812	C o/o Holiday Ball
379	C o/o Timely Broad	831	F o/o Icy Cat
549	C o/o Blushing Broad	924	F o/o Loved

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16	C o/o Maple	333	F o/o Sunday Best
57	C o/o Mist On The Hill	604	F o/o Chase It Down
253	F o/o Shes a Drummer	652	F o/o Dara Gold
305	C o/o Star Magic	732	C o/o Five Star Night

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NYBSA Announce Date for Fall Sale:

The New York Breeders' Sales Company has cataloged 400 mares and weanlings, along with 16 stallion seasons, for its annual Fall Breeding Stock Sale to be held Oct. 12 at Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs. A select session of New York-bred weanlings will once again be featured at this year's sale and a total of 139 select weanlings have been cataloged, including foals by Lion Heart, Medaglia d'Oro, Proud Citizen, Forest Danger, Lemon Drop Kid, Macho Uno, Eurosilver, Chapel Royal, City Zip, Value Plus, Congaree, Consolidator and Not For Love, as well as weanlings by freshman sires Artie Schiller, Bandini. "This year's select weanling session has attracted a very solid group of babies," said NYBSC General Manager and Director of Sales Todd Venetz. "The long awaited arrival of VLT's in New York, which are anticipated to be installed by the end of next year, will dramatically affect the earning potential of every weanling being sold in this sale."

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-DEL, \$41,200, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft. LIVIN LOVIN (f, 2, [Birdstone](#)--Nurse Margaret, by Captain Bodgit), an even second sprinting at Philly Park Aug. 31, was a well-backed 6-5 favorite to go one better while stretching out. Soon at the head of affairs, the homebred lengthened her advantage at every call and galloped home an easy eight-length winner over 5-1 chance Heckuva Hunter (Lion Heart). With the victory, the bay becomes the seventh winner for her freshman sire (by Grindstone). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,400. O/B-David Soblick (KY). T-Steve Klesaris.

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6:40p 6th-SAX, \$49K, Alw, 3yo/up, 9f
HR/TVG **CHEROKEE ARTIST** ([Cherokee Run](#)), runner-up in the GII Ohio Derby May 31 and GIII Barbaro S. July 13, tired to fourth in the nine-furlong West Virginia Derby Aug. 2. The bay, trained by Graham Motion, finished third going a mile on the Polytrack at Del Mar Aug. 29. Garrett Gomez gets the mount. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

8:17p 9th-SAX, \$44K, Msw, 2yo, 6 1/2f
HR/TVG **JUDGE KENT** ([El Corredor](#)) debuts for owner Murray Smith and trainer Bob Baffert, who gets 21 percent winners with first-time starters. The sophomore is fresh off a five-furlong work in :59 flat, the second fastest of 52 works at the distance Sept. 18. **Cat Brulay** ([Storm Cat](#)) debuted with a second going a sixteenth shorter at Bay Meadows Feb. 8 before finishing fourth after a rough break on the synthetic here Mar. 14. Jockey David Flores returns to ride the \$750,000 KEESEP yearling purchase. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

OAK TREE AT SANTA ANITA-Arcadia, CA

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• Wed-Fri-1:00 p.m. • BC Friday (Oct. 24)-11:05 a.m. • BC Saturday (Oct. 25)-10:10 a.m.

Stakes Schedule: 28 stakes worth \$4.8 million (excluding Breeders' Cup races)

Highlights: \$500,000 GI Goodwood S.-Sept. 27

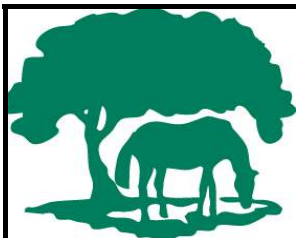
• \$400,000 GI Yellow Ribbon S.-Sept. 27 • \$250,000 GI Oak Leaf S.-Sept. 27 • \$250,000 GI C L Hirsch Turf Championship-Sept. 27 • \$250,000 GI Lady's Secret S.-Sept. 27 • \$250,000 GI Ancient Title S.-Sept. 27 • \$250,000 GI Norfolk S.-Sept. 28 • California Cup Day-Oct. 5 • Breeders' Cup-Oct. 24 & 25
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Monday Night's Results:

PATRICK WOOD S., \$50,000, PNL, 9-22, (S), 2yo, c/g, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.

1--#**MR. CONCLUSIVE**, 119, c, 2, **Elusive Hour--Miss Iron Quill (SW, \$173,448)**, by **Iron Constitution**.

O-Charlie J Williams LLC; B-Jay & Luella Hall (MI); T-Sandra Marie Adkins; J-T D Houghton; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$39,150. *First stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Elusive Quality).

2--**Run Up the Score**, 119, c, 2, **Even the Score--Eve's Valentine**, by **Deerhound**. \$10,000.

3--**Native Coaster**, 119, c, 2, **Native Factor--Carolady Coast**, by **Gallant Prospector**. \$5,500.

Margins: 6, 3/4, NK. Odds: 3.70, 14.10, 42.10.

Mr. Conclusive triumphed in his debut against state-bred company at Pleasanton Aug. 20 and was well supported to collect his first stakes score. Settled off the early pace, the bay hit the front a sixteenth out and pulled clear to win by daylight.

★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-KDX, \$25,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:38 4/5, fm.

WITCH PRINCESS (f, 2, Exchange Rate--Evil, by Hennessy), fifth going six panels over the Arlington synthetic July 12, tired late to be eighth in her latest over that track and trip Aug. 9. Sent off the 2-1 choice here, the half to Tiz Wonderful (Tiznow), MGSW, \$254,672, took command early, led at every call and remained clear to post a 2 1/2-length victory over Jacey's Reward (Johannesburg). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$15,840.

O-Dale & Brian Kalmar. B-Dale Kalmar (FL). T-Helen Pitts.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

NTRA Announces Horseplayers' Coalition Panel:

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) announced yesterday the creation of an 11-member advisory panel that will serve on the Horseplayers' Coalition, a consortium of horseplayers whose common objective is to seek legislative and regulatory solutions to tax and business issues that impact racing fans and pari-mutuel racetracks. Chairing the Horseplayers' Coalition is Mel Moser, a retired attorney from Kentucky. Other members of the advisory panel are: Herman Bell, an IT professional from Maryland; Steve Byk, an entrepreneur, radio personality and horse owner from New York; Gupta Etwaru, an ophthalmological surgeon from California; Ron Geary, a racetrack and racehorse owner from Kentucky; Jim Goodman, a simulcasting and marketing manager from Kentucky; Bob Hansan, a software entrepreneur from Virginia; Louis Licata, an attorney from Ohio; Mike Maloney, a professional horseplayer from Kentucky; Mike Mayo, a healthcare entrepreneur from Texas; and Judy Wagner, an insurance executive from Louisiana. Members of the Horseplayers' Coalition Advisory Panel will serve for a minimum of two years, be available for grass roots lobbying in Washington, D.C., and help the Coalition identify, shape and prioritize issues that affect horseplayers at the Federal level. "The advisory panel will play a critical role in our grass roots lobbying and Congressional communications," said Peggy Hendershot, senior vice president of legislative affairs for the NTRA. "Collectively, our panel members will bring decades of knowledge and experience to bear on the issues that impact horseplayers. We look forward to working with them and appreciate their willingness to join in this effort on behalf of their fellow horseplayers."

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

- 10-03 \$500,000 **Darley Alcibiades-I, Kee, 2yo, f, 8.5f (AWT) (200)**
- 10-03 \$400,000 **First Lady-I, Kee, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT (200)**
- 10-03 \$350/50,000 **Indiana Breeders' Cup Oaks-II, Hoo, 3yo, f, 8.5f (100)**
- 10-04 \$600,000 **Shadwell Turf Mile-I, Kee, 3yo/up, 8fT (250)**
- 10-04 \$500,000 **Lane's End Breeders' Futurity-I, Kee, 2yo, 8.5f (AWT) (200)**
- 10-04 \$500,000a **Indiana Derby-II, Hoo, 3yo, 8.5f (100)**
- 10-04 \$300,000 **Thoroughbred Club of America-III, Kee, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT) (150)**
- 10-04 \$150/100,000 **Phoenix Breeders' Cup-III, Kee, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT) (150)**
- 10-05 \$500,000 **Juddmonte Spinster-I, Kee, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f (AWT) (200)**
- 10-05 \$200,000 **Woodford Reserve Bourbon County-III, Kee, 2yo, 8.5fT (100)**
- 10-11 \$150,000 **Durham Cup-III, Wo, 3yo/up, 9f (AWT) (150)**



TOMORROW, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

- 10-04 \$300,000 **Maryland Million Classic, Lrl, S, 9.5f (1500)**

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✓ **APPOINTMENTS**

PETER KOCH

- Appointed to the position of Director of Racing/Race Secretary of the Meadowlands.
- Effective Nov. 1, 2008.
- Koch, who currently serves as the racing secretary at Freehold Raceway, will oversee the harness racing program at the Meadowlands.

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated



Industry Info. cont.

HRRN to Provide Gold Cup Coverage:

The Horse Racing Radio Network will provide three hours of live coverage from Belmont Park Saturday from 3-6 p.m. ET. The broadcast, which will provide coverage of five Grade I races, including the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, will be hosted by Mike Penna and Rolly Hoyt. Sean Clancy will provide paddock reports. All three hours will be streamed live on the HRRN website, www.horseracingradio.net, as well as at www.breederscup.com. HRRN will also host its Saturday morning talk show, the Equine Forum, live from Belmont. The show airs from 8-10 a.m. and can be heard on WLXO 96.1 FM in Lexington and at the HRRN web site.

Tracks Support Exceller Day:

Saturday will mark the 30th anniversary of Exceller's historic victory over two Triple Crown winners in the Jockey Club Gold Cup and to commemorate the event and to raise awareness for Thoroughbred racehorse retirement and adoption, local tracks have agreed to host Toast to Exceller Day. During the event, tracks will sell the signature cocktail "The Exceller," with profits from drink sales going to The Exceller Fund, which provides "a future beyond the finish line" for racehorses no longer able to compete. Tracks participating in Exceller Day include Mountaineer Racetrack, Finger Lakes, Laurel Park, and Presque Isle Downs. "I cannot thank our partner tracks enough for their support with this, and I wish to especially thank the New York Racing Association for its commitment to the Exceller Fund that will be a lasting relationship for many years to come," said trainer and Exceller Fund President Gary Contessa. "We need everyone in this business and fans to come on board and help us in any way that they can. These Thoroughbreds have been your livelihood or your passion. No donation is too small to make a difference." The Exceller Fund was founded a decade ago to honor the racehorse who died in a European slaughterhouse. For more information, visit www.excellerfund.org.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Trajano, c, 3, [Elusive Quality](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT PARK

Tale of Ekati (Tale of the Cat), 5f, 1:00.24, 3/22

Turn Away (Empire Maker), 5f, 1:00.64, 5/22

SAN LUIS REY DOWNS

Backbackbackgone (Put It Back), 5f, 1:01.80, 2/2

First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Sept. 24

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

- [CANADIAN FRONTIER](#) (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 41/3/0 3-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Lady Grizzley, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
- [CANDY RIDE \(ARG\)](#) (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 123/8/1 1-PID, Msw, 1m, Karacuda, \$32K KEE NOV wnl, 3-1
- [CETEWAYO](#) (His Majesty), Godstone, \$3K, 11/1/0 3-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Hlatikulu, 10-1
- [CONGAREE](#) (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 93/11/3 8-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Congar Light, \$40K ESM AY 2yo, 20-1
- [LION HEART](#) (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 181/16/3 8-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Offtoseethewizard, \$47K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- [MOMENTUM](#) (Nureyev), Vessels, \$5K, 36/5/0 1-OSA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Crazy Tricia
- [PLEASANTLY PERFECT](#) (Pleasant Colony), Lane's End, \$40K, 78/4/0 1-OSA, Msw, 6 1/2f, One Perfect Karat
- [SAFE IN THE U S A](#) (Gone West), Lambholm South, \$3K, 18/2/0 7-MTH, Alw, 6f, Short Some, 8-1
- [SPEIGHTSTOWN](#) (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 100/8/1 8-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Prosecca, 12-1
- [TENPINS](#) (Smart Strike), Walmac, \$7K, 72/3/0 1-PID, Msw, 1m, Diva's Gold, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Sept. 24

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- [HOOK AND LADDER](#) (Dixieland Band), Sequel NY, \$10K, 100/30/5 3-BEL, Stk, 1mT, Big Truck, \$90K EAS MAY 2yo
- [MAYAKOVSKY](#) (Matty G), Mill Creek, \$3K, 56/10/1 3-BEL, Stk, 1mT, Alexandros
- [MILWAUKEE BREW](#) (Wild Again), Adena South, \$15K, 163/51/2 3-PID, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Majestic Ann, 10-1
- [MINESHAFT](#) (A.P. Indy), Lane's End, \$100K, 151/22/3 8-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Kate C., \$85K FTK OCT yrl, 10-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

SARATOGA

Court Vision (Gulch), 5f (tr.), 1:03.16, 5/19

Forefathers (Gone West), 5f (tr.), 1:03.16, 5/19

War Monger (War Chant), 5f (tr.), 1:04.08, 14/19



AUTHORIZED TO KILDANGAN; MANDURO TO DALHAM HALL

Darley announced that **Authorized (Ire)** (Montjeu {Ire}) will stand 2009 at Kildangan Stud in Ireland, while **Manduro (Ger)** (Monsun {Ger}) will move to Dalham Hall in Newmarket. Both stallions entered stud earlier this year. Authorized stood at Dalham Hall for £25,000, while Manduro resided at Kildangan at a €40,000 stud fee. Breeders attending the Irish yearling sales are welcome to inspect Authorized. For more information, please contact Mick Buckley on +353 (0)45 527600.

ARAZAN DEWHURST-BOUND

Trainer John Oxx is set to run **"TDN Rising Star" Arazan (Ire)** (Anabaa) in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. at Newmarket Oct. 18. Only third when favorite for the G1 National S. at The Curragh on his latest start Sept. 14, His Highness the Aga Khan's G2 Futurity S. winner will be given a chance to bounce back in the seven-furlong contest. "I was slightly disappointed with him, but conditions were unusually heavy, and I think he deserves another chance," Oxx told *PA Sport*. "We are looking at the Dewhurst for him now, and we just have to hope we get some decent ground." Oxx also revealed that fellow **"TDN Rising Star" Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) will run in Sunday's G2 Beresford S. at The Curragh. "We will have a look at the ground, but the intention is to run at this stage," he said of Christopher Tsui's Leopardstown maiden scorer. "He wants good ground really and while we probably won't get that unless it dries out quickly, he definitely won't want it very soft."

BALLYDOYLE TACTICS UNDER SCRUTINY

Aidan O'Brien and jockeys Colm O'Donoghue and Johnny Murtagh will face the British Horseracing Authority's disciplinary panel in London tomorrow over a possible breach of the 'team tactics' rules. The hearing concerns the running and riding of **Duke of Marmalade (Ire)** (Danehill) and pacemaker **Red Rock Canyon (Ire)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) in last month's G1 Juddmonte International S. at Newmarket, where the latter, with O'Donoghue aboard appeared to move off the rail to provide a clear run for the eventual winner and Murtagh. Officials will have to be satisfied that Murtagh was not guilty of having "instructed, directed or encouraged Mr O'Donoghue to ride in the way he did," that O'Donoghue was not "making a manoeuvre in the interests of a horse from the same stable" and that O'Brien "instructed his rider to treat every other horse in the race without favour."

SAYIF TO BE ADDED TO MIDDLE PARK Saleh Al Homaizi and Imad Al Sagar's **Sayif (Ire)** (Kheleyf) may run in next Friday's G1 Shadwell Middle Park S. at Newmarket, trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam announced yesterday. Third in Saturday's G2 Mill Reef S. at Newbury, the high-class maiden will have his first tilt at the top level in the six-furlong contest. "I was really pleased with how Sayif ran," said Chapple-Hyam. "It was possibly his best run to date. He seems to have taken his races well, so it's likely that we'll supplement him for next week's Middle Park S."

SAHM COLT TO THE FORE AT FAIRYHOUSE

Tattersalls Ireland's September Yearling Sale got underway at Fairyhouse yesterday, with a son of Sahn from the Castlebridge Consignment topping proceedings. It was Frank Barry who signed the docket after a successful bid of €80,000 for hip 151, whose page boasts several U.S. black-type performers, including She's a Lively One (Lively One), El Prado Essence (El Prado {Ire}) and Perfect Spy (Geiger Counter).



Lot 151 Keith Jack photo

Trainer Kevin Prendergast, who has a soft spot for the deceased Shadwell sire, thanks to the exploits of his stable stalwarts Mustameet and Red Moloney, will be in charge of the bay. "I haven't got anyone for him at the moment, but I just thought that he was a very nice horse and there was a lot to like about him," Prendergast said. "The sire has been very lucky for me, and let's hope he will continue the run."

Barry had earlier paid €52,000 to secure the top-priced filly of the session from the draft of the Tarry family's Islanmore Stud. Hip 37, a Cape Cross (Ire) filly, is a daughter of Midnight Line (Kris S.), third in the 1998 G1 Epsom Oaks and heroine of the Gil Long Island H. the following season; her second dam is the disqualified 1991 G1 Fillies' Mile first-place finisher Midnight Air (Green Dancer). "She is out of a mare who was high-class on both sides of the Atlantic," Barry said. "I have bought her for an existing client." *cont. p5*

TUESDAY - TOP 3 LOTS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
<u>151</u>	c	Sahn	Sarina's Princess	80,000
(\$15,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN)				
Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Frank Barry				
<u>26</u>	c	Kheleyf	Marju Guest (Ire)	65,000
Consigned by Brogestown Stud Purchased by Con Marnane				
<u>178</u>	c	Milan (GB)	Shirley Blue (Ire)	63,000
Consigned by Castletown Stud Purchased by John O'Byrne				



Tattersalls Ireland cont.

Con Marnane, who has been doing the sales circuit over the past few weeks, went to €65,000 to secure Broquestown Stud's Kheleyf colt consigned as hip 26. He is out of Marju Guest (Ire) (Marju {Ire}), a sister to the group-placed Dance Clear (Ire) and half to the dam of the 2006 G3 Rose of Lancaster S. winner Mulaqat (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). "For me, he was one of the picks here today," Marnane said. "He reminds me a lot of Khor Dubai (Ire), who I sold to Godolphin at the breeze-up sales this year and has won twice since then." That followed the sale of the same stud's hip 22, an April-foaled colt by Elusive City out of a sister to the 1998 G3 Princess Margaret S. runner-up Gypsy Rose Lee (Ire) for €55,000. From the family of Magic Ring (Ire), he was knocked down to Ross Doyle of Peter Doyle Bloodstock, who is a fan of the sire. "The sire has already been lucky for Richard [Hannon]," Ross Doyle commented. "Soul City (Ire) will be among the favourites for the Goffs Million on Sunday and Elusive Wave (Ire) won well on her debut at Goodwood before being sold to France, where she has already won a listed race and a Group 3. He's just a very nice colt from a fast family, and shouldn't have any trouble finding a home. He was one of the picks of the sale here today."

John O'Byrne was on hand later to purchase Castletown Stud's hip 178, a son of the 2001 G1 St Leger hero and GI Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up Milan (GB) who is a half to last year's G3 Prix du Lys winner Airmail Special (Ire) (Peintre Celebre). From the family of the 2004 G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Torrestrella (Ire) (Orpen), he fetched €63,000 and his buyer said, "He's an absolutely gorgeous horse by a sire who we have very high hopes for."

Tatts Ire cont.

Andrew Balding also paid €46,000 for John Osborne's hip 104, a colt by Halling whose dam is a full-sister to Noverre (Rahy) and 3/4-sister to Arazi (Blushing Groom {Fr}). His full-brother Gothenburg (UAE) was a smart juvenile for the Mark Johnston stable last year before being transferred to Godolphin. There are no comparisons with 2007, as the sale has been cut from three days to two, but the clearance rate suffered at only 66 percent. Selling continues today at 10:30 a.m. Full results are available on www.tattersalls.ie.



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☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

TATTERSALLS IRELAND - WEDNESDAY

257, f, Captain Rio (GB)--Welsh Mist (GB), by Damister
Consigned by Mount Coote Stud

This offering from Luke Lillingston's operation is a half to several smart performers, including this year's juvenile filly Anglezarke (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), who was runner-up in the G2 Flying Childers S. at the start of the month.

272, c, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--Zavaleta (Ire), by Kahyasi (Ire)
Consigned by Redmondstown Stud

This is a close relative of the 2004 G3 Noblesse S. winner Danelissima (Ire) (Danehill) and Daneleta (Ire) (Danehill), who was third behind the "Rock" himself in the 2001 G3 Railway S. The dam, who was a listed winner before finishing fourth in the 1994 G1 Prix Saint-Alary, is a half to Sholokhov (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Affianced (Ire) (Erins Isle), the dam of Soldier of Fortune (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

284, f, Barathea (Ire)--Alexander Duchess (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire)

Consigned by Mountarmstrong Stud

Out of a dual-winning sister to the listed winner Jadalee (Ire), she boasts Percy's Lass (GB) (Blakeney {GB}) as her third dam, connecting her to the 2006 G1 Epsom Derby hero Sir Percy (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}).

454, f, Xaar (GB)--Golden Way (Ire), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

Consigned by John Osborne

This is a half-sister to Godolphin's high-class Ashkal Way (Ire) (Ashkalani {Ire}), who capped his career with a win in the 2006 GI Citation H. Among her more distant relatives is the 2005 GI Travers S. winner and GI Breeders' Cup Classic runner-up Flower Alley (Distorted Humor).

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

Eyshal (Ire), g, 4, Green Desert--Ebadiyla (Ire) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ire at 11-14f, G1SW-Ire & Fr, \$283,288), by Sadler's Wells. Sha Tin, 9-21, Hcp., 1600mT. B-HH Aga Khan Studs SC. *G1SP-Ire.

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3.10 Goodwood, Mdn, £7,250, 2yo, 1 1/8mT

LAVA STEPS (Giant's Causeway), representing the Paul Cole barn, is a son of the stakes-winning Miznah (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). He is a half-brother to Zindabad (Fr) (Shirley Heights {GB}), who hit the board in the G1 Coronation Cup and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. in 2002. His 15 rivals include Juddmonte's **Headline Act (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire})**, a son of 2000 G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud runner-up Daring Miss (GB) (Sadler's Wells). That colt bids to improve on a debut third at Doncaster earlier this month.

6.20 Kempton, Mdn, £3,000, 2yo, 1m (AWT)

HOMETOWN (GB) (Storming Home {GB}) is out of the 1990 Listed Rochestown S. victress Nazoo (Ire) (Nijinsky II), making her a half-sister to the 2001 G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Nadia (GB) (Nashwan). Princess Haya of Jordan's newcomer, representing the John Gosden stable, shares the same granddam, La Dame du Lac, as the aforementioned Lava Steps.

★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Result:

Chantilly, 3.20, Cond, €34,000, 2yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:38.60, gd.

HANDSOME MAESTRO (IRE) (c, 2, Dansili {GB}--

Graceful Bering, by Bering {GB}) went off as the 17-10 chalk coming back from a course-and-distance debut win Sept. 1. Positioned in third until seizing control in early stretch, the €180,000 DEAAUG yearling was ridden clear of his rivals inside the final quarter-mile to defeat Madragan (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}) by an easy four lengths. Le Roc (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}) was reserved off the pace in sixth and made some headway in the straight to finish a further two lengths away in third. The winner is a half-brother to Golden Honor (Ire) (Hero's Honor), Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9.5f, SW-Ity, \$205, 073. Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €28,000. O-Slim Chiboub; B-Le Thenney SA; T-David Smaga.

Wednesday, Marseille-Boreley, post time: 4:00 p.m.

LA COUPE DE MARSEILLE-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Ticoz	Cozzene	Rouget	128
2	2	Yarastar (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Pantall	125
3	10	Abril (Fr)	Anabaa	ArizkorretaElosegui	125
4	3	Papoureve (Fr)	Loup Solitaire	Capitte	123
5	9	Bon Grain (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Napoli	123
6	6	Zamorano (Fr)	Zamindar	Rouget	123
7	8	Corseurasien (Fr)	Hamas (Ire)	Cargeeg	123
8	5	Raspoutine	Seeking the Gold	Lellouche	123
9	4	Cymbal (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Pantall	120
10	1	Tekoa (Ger)	Zieten	Capitte	120



BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-DEL, \$44,900, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

WRIGGLE (f, 3, Hennessy--Miami Breezes, by Prospectors Gamble) Lifetime Record: 15-3-5-2, \$122,934. O-Ralls and Foster LLC and Smith Ridge Stables. B-Indian Creek (KY). T-Randy Martin. *\$45,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

5th-KDX, \$27,150, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37 1/5, fm.

CABERNEIGH (c, 3, E Dubai--Smashing Halo, by Halo) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-2-2-2, \$85,660. O-John Metcalf. B-Hokuyou Farm (KY). T-Thomas F Proctor. *\$70,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Smashing Cat (Tale Of The Cat), GSP-Arg.

7th-FLX, \$21,000, NW1BX, (S), 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:45 2/5, ft.

YOUR HOUR'S UP (c, 4, Freud--Gray Lady Type {SW}, by Zen) Lifetime Record: SP, 20-4-7-2, \$124,925. O-My Purple Haze Stables. B-Thomas/Lakin (NY). T-Chris J Englehart. *\$50,000 yrl '05 FTNAUG. **1/2 to Capeside Lady (Cape Town), MGSW & GISP, \$809,540.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Baystormrising, c, 2, Coastal Storm--Risingalma, by Risen Star. PHA, 9-23, 6f, 1:11. B-Joel S Dubow (PA).

Stardust Lady, f, 2, Dry Gulch--Bellatrix, by Holy Bull. ZIA, 9-22, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Larry R Teague (NM).

Ideal Miss, f, 2, Gone Hollywood--Dancing Jones, by Seneca Jones. ZIA, 9-22, (S), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Dancing Jones Joint Venture (NM).

Alex B. Good, f, 2, High Demand--Brilliant Thunder, by Thunder Gulch. FPX, 9-22, (C), 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Tailwind Racing Inc. (CA). *1/2 to Swiss Current (Swiss Yodeler), SW, \$294,937.

Y. N. V. Me, f, 3, Tomorrows Cat--Personal Remark (SP), by Personal Flag. FLX, 9-23, (S), 1m70y, 1:46 1/5. B-Edward R Rosas & Richard D Ray (NY). *\$3,000 yrl '06 FTMOCT.

TDN Euro is:

**England: Sean Cronin (CAFE Racing)
Tom Frary (CAFE Racing)**

France: Claude Beniada

Germany: Christa Riebel

Ireland: Dave Keena

Italy: Giorgio Barsotti

BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Chantilly, 2.50, 9-23, €34,000, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.40, gd.

PARCELLE PERDUE (FR) (f, 2, Coroner {Ire}--Nada Es Amor {Ire}, by Zafonic) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, €41,600. O/B-Marquise de Moratalla; T-Carole Dufreche.

FRANCE, Chantilly, 2.20, 9-23, €29,000, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.40, gd.

MANTADIVE (FR) (f, 2, Okawango--Missanticia {Fr}, by Sicyos) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 3 wins, 4 places, €40,950. O-Mme Carole Tranchant-Dassault; B-Haras de Beauvoir; T-Nicole Rossio. *€13,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

FRANCE, Chantilly, 3.50, 9-23, €29,000, 3yo, 7fT, 1:24.80, gd.

TRAJANO (c, 3, Elusive Quality--Fly to the Moon, by Blushing Groom {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €34,000. O-Ildefonso Leon Sotelo Garcia; B-EMF Broodmares 2004; T-T Callejo-Solana. *\$85,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **1/2 to Moonshine Girl (Shadeed), GSP-GB.

BRITAIN, Beverley, 2.30, 9-23, £12,000, 3yo/up, 5fT, 1:03.91, sf.

FULLANDBY (IRE) (g, 6, Monashee Mountain--Ivory Turner {GB}, by Efisio {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-GB, 44-8-8-6, £190,275. O-Miss M Greenwood; B-Mrs A Haskell Ellis; T-Tim Etherington. *€4,000 wnlg '02 GOFNOV; €6,000 yrl '03 TATIRE.

BRITAIN, Beverley, 2.00, 9-23, £6,000, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.39, sf.

BLADES PRINCESS (GB) (f, 2, Needwood Blade {GB}--Breezy Palms {GB}, by Tragic Role) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, £7,571. O-R L Bedding; B-Mrs J McMahon; T-Ed McMahon. *9,500gns yrl '07 DONOCT.

BRITAIN, Folkestone, 3.50, 9-23, £6,000, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.30, sf.

DADDY'S GIFT (IRE) (f, 2, Trans Island {GB}--Lady Corduff {Ire}, by Titus Livius {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-4, £8,193. O-Charlee & Hollie Allan; B-Vincent Dunne; T-R Hannon. *10,000gns yrl '07 TATDEC.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kudu Country (Ire), g, 2, Captain Rio (GB)--Nirvavita (Fr) (MSP-Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). Beverley, Britain, 9-23, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 100ydsT. B-Roger A Ryan. *€12,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; 14,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG.

Hunerview (GB), g, 2, Reset (Aus)--Mount Elbrus (GB) (SW-Fr), by Barathea (Ire). Beverley, Britain, 9-23, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 100ydsT. B-Darley. * 1/2 to Strobilus (GB) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), G1SP-Ity, \$143,890. **Fifth winner for freshman sire (by Zabeel {NZ}).

Perfect Silence (GB), f, 3, Dansili (GB)--Perfect Echo (GB), by Lycius. Folkestone, Britain, 9-23, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-R J Vines.



TRAINER RIDES TO THE RESCUE

Lindemann is helping Suffolk horses avoid slaughterhouse

By Stan Grossfeld, Boston Globe, Sept. 17, 2008

The Angel of Suffolk Downs is a gentle soul, always smiling, except when asked about the Killer.

Trainer Lorita Lindemann scowls when she describes the past practice of Suffolk Downs horses being loaded on trailers for the long journey to the slaughterhouse.

She says she never called the meat buyer--the man who sells horses by the pound at auction--by his name. She simply called him the Killer.

To his face.

"Now the Killer, you just look at him and know he's a bad guy," says Lindemann. "He's a grubby guy. He'd come through here and in a real cocky voice say, 'Whaddya got? Whaddya got for sale? I'll give you a hundred bucks.'

"You have to be stupid not to know where your horse is going. Your horse isn't going on that trailer so somebody can have a nice riding horse in their backyard somewhere. It's going to slaughter and to wind up in a fancy restaurant in Paris."

She says the Killer called her worse than what she called him. "He's probably called me every name in the book," she said. "I'm the first one to say something to him."

In two decades at the track, Lindemann by her own account has rescued 100 horses from being slaughtered. When the truck came, she would grab horses and hide them. As a liaison for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and the Communication Alliance to Network Thoroughbred Ex-Racehorses (CANTER) New England, she would help rescue horses and find them homes. She'd fill out the paperwork the horse owners didn't want to bother with. A horse advocate first, trainer second, she would tell owners when their horses risked injury by running and needed to find greener pastures.

"She's pretty amazing," says Ellen O'Brien, executive director of CANTER New England. "Lorita is a godsend; we're lucky to have her. She's incredibly selfless. I can't tell you how many thousands of hours she's spent out of the goodness of her heart trying to assist these animals."

In 1989, 342,877 horses were slaughtered in the United States, according to the US Department of Agriculture. In 2007, US slaughterhouses were shut down, but tens of thousands of horses are still exported to slaughterhouses in Canada and Mexico. One horse is slaughtered every five minutes, according to the Animal Welfare Institute.

Horse meat is considered a delicacy in France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, and Japan.

Some champions are retired to stud and live their lives in Kentucky bluegrass. Others become tourist attractions. Most are not. Ferdinand, the 1986 Kentucky Derby winner and Horse of the Year, died in a Japanese slaughterhouse in 2002.

But no one will be eating low-level Suffolk Downs horses anymore. The East Boston track recently became the first in the nation to ban any trainer that allows horses to be sold for slaughter. That's a lifetime ban, zero tolerance.

"It's about doing the right thing," says Sam Elliott, the Suffolk Downs vice president of racing who first dubbed Lindemann an angel. "The horses are the stars of the show, and I thought it's time to start treating them as such."

She Takes it Personally...

Lindemann says in the past her calls to save horses went unheeded. And though appearances by the Killer's truck dwindled considerably in the last 20 years, it was still allowed in the backstretch.

Now the truck can't get past security.

"We just told them they weren't welcome here anymore," says Elliott.

New Suffolk Downs owner Richard Fields has given grants to both the TRF and CANTER to find homes for these retired athletes. Fields himself has adopted four Suffolk horses for his farm in Wyoming.

Lindemann is thrilled.

"This is the first year I've gotten any help," she says. "Anybody else who was at the track I couldn't get to. I mean, 'Who was I?'"

She is a special person, according to David Sears, executive director of Watchtower Farms in Deerfield, N.H.

"She probably cares more about horses than herself," says Sears. "She's the one person that would do anything to save a horse."

Watchtower, a six-year-old stallion Lindemann trained, was purchased by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the ruler of Dubai, a man worth \$18 billion, according to Forbes Magazine. He is trying to obtain all 56 foals of the great Dubai Millennium, a



sensational horse who won 9 of 10 starts, including the 2000 Dubai World Cup, but died prematurely.

Lindemann coordinated every detail of Watchtower's retirement to the New England Thoroughbred Retirement Center, which cares for retired Thoroughbreds and retrain some for adoption. Sears named her "Horseman of the Month" and renamed the center for Watchtower.

"She probably spends as much time taking care of horses in danger as she does working with horses in the stable," says Sears.

Lindemann takes no horse manure from slaughterhouse buyers because she was tricked by one as a child. Her very first horse, Federal Sin, wound up being sent to a slaughterhouse from Rockingham Park.

"I can't believe as a kid I watched my own horse get on a truck thinking he's going to be fine," she says. "I finally realized what it's all about. It's unreal. I've watched tapes on it. It's just awful, it's so inhumane."

The horse auctions are nearly as bad, she says.

"Nine out of 10 Thoroughbreds don't sell because of their injuries," she says. "Then they line them up behind the auction and truck them to Canada. Now they usually use double-deckers. They pigpile the horses in there, and they end up sustaining worse injuries."

She says the horses are terrified.

"Horses know absolutely everything," she says.

"They are not dumb. Oh my God, they smell horror. They smell death. When horses have to be euthanized, it's unbelievable how they act. I think they talk in the middle of the night."

Word Spreads...

Last Saturday, Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito is brought Commentator to race in the GII Massachusetts H. at Suffolk Downs as a show of support for the track's pro-horse stance, according to Elliott.

Other tracks are considering the anti-slaughter ban. Penn National Race Course in Grantville, Pa., has already implemented a horse safety policy.

And more changes are possible. The Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act of 2008, currently in committee on Capitol Hill, would make the exporting of horse meat intended for human consumption a criminal act. But powerful opponents charge that starvation and neglect are far worse fates. The livestock industry believes a ban would embolden animal rights activists to go after the cattle and poultry industries.

But Suffolk Downs's lifetime ban is an important first step, animal activists say.

"I'm delighted they are keeping these vultures with false pretenses off the track," says Dr. Nick Dodman, co-founder of Veterinarians for Equine Welfare. "Other tracks should follow their lead."

"I've seen the executions. The whole process disgusts me. In Canada, 70 percent of the time the stun guns are used improperly; the horse is flopping around like it's running on ice."

"Following 'stunning,' they are suspended, some still conscious, and their throats are cut seconds before their lower limbs are amputated."

"In Mexico, instead of using a stun gun, they stab the horses repeatedly into the spine with puntilla knives, rendering the poor creatures paraplegic before suspension and bleeding out. It's horrible."

Lindemann says diners who think horse meat is healthier than other beef should beware.

"These horses are on medications for racing, like bute [phenylbutazone]," says Lindemann. "They don't feed or water them on the trailers because they're trying to get the medications out of their systems. It's a delicacy, so they want the toxins out. It's really awful."

Goats and Cats Welcome...

Stable 7 in the backstretch of Suffolk Downs is by no means heaven. The stables are ancient, and some of the wood has been nibbled away by nervous Thoroughbreds.

Lindemann, as always, has been working since before sunrise. She has just finished wrapping the legs of a seven-year-old named New York Cat, who looks as if he's laughing.

Lindemann is a softie. She has rescued an abandoned goat named Moose and gotten him shelter in a bunker just outside the stalls.

"He keeps the horses calm," she says.

She adopts every stray cat at the track and takes them to her New Hampshire home. The stable has posters all around it promoting horse retirement. "Give me your tired, your poor, your weary . . ." says one.

It's a better atmosphere since the Killer can't come around anymore, she says.

"These horses are my everything," she says. "Once I started, I couldn't stop."

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THIS WEEK IN RACING...

September 26, 1942...The Jockey Club stewards revoked jockey **Eddie Arcaro**'s license for one year after a display of "rough riding" aboard odds-on favorite Occupation in the Cowdin S. September 19. In the race, Arcaro deliberately drove his horse into another, Breezing Home, knocking jockey Vincent Nodarse into the infield. Nodarse and his mount had crowded Arcaro at the start, almost causing him to be unseated.

September 27, 1947...**Armed**, then the world's leading money-winning Thoroughbred, met 1946 Triple Crown winner **Assault** in the first \$100,000 winner-take-all match race, held at Belmont Park. Armed won easily over a less-than 100 percent Assault.

Courtesy of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.