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AGA KHAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO ZARKAVA

On the night his unbeaten homebred filly **Zarkava (Ire)** (Zamindar) was named Horse of the Year and champion three-year-old filly at Monday's 2008 Cartier Racing



The Aga Khan, daughter Princess Zahra & Arnaud Bamberger

Awards in London's Grosvenor House Hotel, the Aga Khan elaborated on why Zarkava meant so much to him, explaining that the filly's great,

great granddam had been named after his daughter Princess Zahra, who also attended the Cartier Awards. "I would like to thank Cartier for the prize that has been given to Zarkava and just share with you what she means to me," he said when accepting the champion three-year-old filly award. "When my father was killed, there was a filly in training called Petite Etoile. She was my first Classic contact with racing. She was trained here in England by Noel Murless and ridden by Lester Piggott. She only had one daughter at stud, by Habitat, and I love my daughter, so I called that filly by the name of my daughter, Zahra, and this family has continued to produce exceptional fillies through to this day. So Zarkava goes back to my grandfather's time, to my father's time, and the family carries the name of my daughter and so she is very special and I think very exceptional. Sometimes we are associated with fast ladies, and this is a case when I am very happy to be associated with a fast lady!"

After collecting the Horse of the Year Award, the Aga Khan added, "Thank you very much for the honour and I have to mention my daughter. She bred Mandesha (Fr) and she bred Darjina (Fr) and she will probably be putting her father back out to the field! I want to say that, as a traditional breeder, Zarkava is probably the greatest reward that any breeder could ever have. If you are in this industry and you like breeding and not only racing, this is the greatest, greatest reward that any owner could have because, whether we admit it or not--and men can be kind of macho--we depend on the ladies in this game. They are the ones who produce the winners. And some of them we try to make faster than others."

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BYRON COLT TOPS GOFFS SECOND DAY

A colt from the first crop of Byron (GB) (Green Desert) topped proceedings during the second session of the Goffs November Foal Sale yesterday when selling to Peter Doyle Bloodstock for €58,000. Following a low-key opener Monday, trade recovered as the quality improved and demand for freshman sires like Byron, who captured the 2003 G2 Mill Reef S. and following year's G2 Lennox S., was notable. Consigned as hip 386 by Ballinacurra Stud, the topper is out of a half to last year's G3 Prix d'Aumale winner Top Toss (Ire), who added the most recent renewal of the G3 Prix de Psyche to her tally. Coolmore's Ad Valorem (Danzig), who was also successful twice at the top level in the 2004 G1 Middle Park S. and 2006 G1 Queen Anne S., enjoyed the runner's-up spot after his January-foaled colt from the draft of Lewinstown Farm sold to Glenvale Stud's Flash Conroy for €47,000. Hip 320 is out of a half to the stakes scorer Wixoe Express from the extended family of Mill Native. Conroy also snapped up Taroka Stud's hip [492](#), a son of fellow freshman Ivan Denisovich (Ire) (Danehill) out of a half to this year's listed scorer Savarain (GB) for €35,000. Completing the clean sweep for first-crop sires was Ballinacurra's hip 308, a son of Darley's Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic) who sold to Rathbarry Stud's Liam Cashman for €42,000 and Cloncahir House Stud's hip [484](#), a son of Aussie Rules (Danehill) whose dam is a half to the group scorer Alexis (Ire) purchased by Meadowlands Bloodstock Service for €40,000. **Goffs cont. p4**

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CARTIER AWARDS



Wrap-Up

Strawbridge's View...

Pennsylvania-based George Strawbridge was also among the 300 invited guests at the glittering Cartier Racing Awards on Nov. 17, and he collected the champion two-year-old filly award for his homebred **Rainbow View** (Dynaformer).

"The reason I don't have a piece of paper is because I have been given separate pieces of paper by John

Gosden and his wife Rachel--they say the opposite! They are so worried--one about what I am going to say, and the other about what I am not going to say. I will just say what I feel and what I think. This is a huge honour and it is the most presti-



Strawbridge & Cartier's Arnaud Bamberger

gious award I've ever, ever received. It is prestigious because of the rather famous name. Cartier, thank you so much. It is also prestigious because this is the most difficult competition in the world, and to receive an award like that when there are so many good animals, so many good trainers and riders, and so many generous owners, is outstanding. But obviously I'm especially proud of this filly, who is without a doubt the most brilliant thing I've ever bred, and I have to thank [John] Gosden. But I really want to thank [jockey] Jimmy Fortune. He never once took this filly as seriously as she took herself and absolutely did his best to relax her and say, 'This is not that serious and you needn't be so wound up.' He's not only a brilliant rider, but a brilliant horseman, so I thank him from the bottom of my heart."

Strawbridge added, "Finally people ask me how did I breed such a wonderful animal, and I can only think of an old friend's expression: 'Every now and then a blind pig finds an acorn!'"



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The Coolmore team were once again prominent on Cartier night. The indomitable veteran **Yeats (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) won his third consecutive champion stayer award, while **Mastercraftsman (Ire)** (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) took the champion two-year-old colt award and **Duke of Marmalade (Ire)** (Danehill) landed the champion older horse award. David Nagle, who jointly owns and bred Yeats, collected the prize won by the seven-year-old and confirmed the horse would be staying in training next year.

"On behalf of John and Sue Magnier, [my wife] Diane and myself, thank you Cartier," he said. "It's a great honour to win this prestigious award. To win it once is a great honour, but to do it three years in succession is awesome for us all. Being in the horse business, it means so much to have a horse of the calibre of Yeats, and to win the [G1] Gold Cup, a race with so much history. It's wonderful to be associated with such a horse. All credit must go to [trainer] Aidan O'Brien and his team in Ballydoyle, and [jockey] Johnny Murtagh. What a job they have done to keep this horse sound and sweet for five or six years. Rumour has it that Yeats has been trying to duck through the gate at Ballydoyle and head for Coolmore, but we hope that Aidan will keep him sweet and get his mind on the racecourse for one more season! We would truly love to line up one more time in the Gold Cup." Cont. p3



Coolmore cont.

Paul Smith, whose father Derrick co-owns Mastercraftsman, collected the colt's prize. "John Magnier, Michael Tabor and my father are extremely proud of Mastercraftsman. But they recognise that as a



Paul Smith (right)

racehorse, whatever his name implies, he is still just a brilliant apprentice. The real master craftsmen in this story so far are trainer Aidan O'Brien and his team at Ballydoyle, and of course jockey Johnny Murtagh. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to this formidable team for their perfect handling of the horse.

"Also, on behalf of the aforementioned owners, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to Cartier for setting up and so generously sustaining these won-

derful awards. They measure and reward excellency in racing so well. The recipients of this award are certainly honoured to be part of such an enjoyable occasion."

Johnny Murtagh collected Duke of Marmalade's award along with J P Magnier, son of John and Sue Magnier. "Not many jockeys are lucky enough to stand up on this stage, and it is a wonderful night," said Murtagh. "It has been a huge privilege for me to ride the horses, and I would like to thank John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith and their families for all the support they gave me--they didn't tie me down to any instructions and they said 'You talk a good game, let's see what you are made of.' Thankfully, it worked out well for me this year. We have a lot of nice horses for next year, so hopefully we will be here again in 2009. Thank you very much."

J P Magnier added, "On behalf of my parents, I would like to thank Cartier for another great evening. I would also like to thank Aidan and all the team at Ballydoyle, and of course the man beside me."

Princess Haya's New Approach...

Sheikh Mohammed's wife Princess Haya of Jordan received the champion three-year-old colt award for the exploits of G1 Vodafone Derby hero **New Approach (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). It was the Jim Bolger-trained colt's second consecutive Cartier after gaining the two-year-old colt accolade in 2007. "I'm really honoured and grateful for receiving this trophy," said the Princess. "It's wonderful to be associated with a horse like this, and it's all thanks to my husband Sheikh Mohammed. What's made it all the more special for us is how kind people have been such as you and the people of England. They have participated in every stride that he took. It's been a dream of a year so far and I can't tell you how grateful I am. Thank you so much."

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Giral's Marchand D'Or...

The Freddie Head-trained **Marchand D'Or (Fr)** (Marchand de Sable) gained the champion sprinter award for his owner/breeder Carla Giral. "I just want to thank everybody," Giral said after collecting the prize from Cartier UK's Managing Director Arnaud Bamberger. "I am very happy and honoured to be here for this award. Thank you very much."

- 2008 CARTIER AWARDS**
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Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar)
- Three-Year-Old Colt**
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- Two-Year-Old Colt**
Mastercraftsman (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire})
- Two-Year-Old Filly**
Rainbow View (Dynaformer)
- Older Horse**
Duke of Marmalade (Ire) (Daneshill)
- Stayer**
Yeats (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)
- Sprinter**
Marchand d'Or (Fr) (Marchand de Sable)
- Award of Merit**
Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum



GOFFS NOVEMBER SALE

Nov. 17-23

Ladies of the Hour...

Of the fillies to sell on day two, Mountarmstrong Stud's hip 409, a half to the group-placed Capable Guest (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}) proved the main draw when selling to Tom Gilsean for €22,000. The second session's average of €9,446 fell by only 10 percent on the previous year and the clearance rate of 62 percent was less dramatic than Monday's figure. Selling continues today at 11 a.m. Full results can be found on www.goffs.com.

TOP THREE AT GOFFS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (€)
<u>386</u>	c	Byron (GB)	Topiary (Ire)	58,000
Consigned by Ballinacurra Stud Purchased by Peter J Doyle Bloodstock				
<u>320</u>	c	Ad Valorem	Palatine Dancer (Ire)	47,000
Consigned by Lewinstown Farm Purchased by Glenvale Stud				
<u>308</u>	c	Iffraaj (GB)	Nilassiba (GB)	42,000
Consigned by Ballinacurra Stud Purchased by Rathbarry Stud				

GOFFS HIP HAPPENINGS, p5



GOFFS NOVEMBER FOAL SALE STATISTICS TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 2008

SESSION TOTALS	2008	2007
No. Catalogued	268	284
No. Offered	216	249
No. Sold	83	115
RNAs	133	134
% RNA	61.6%	53.8%
Gross	€784,000	€1,206,700
Average (% Change)	€9,446 (-10%)	€10,493

CUMULATIVE	2008	2007
No. Catalogued	513	544
No. Offered	409	439
No. Sold	131	189
RNAs	278	250
% RNA	68%	56.9%
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GOFFS HIP HAPPENINGS - WEDNESDAY

Hip **620**, f, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Sister Sylvia (GB), by Fantastic Light

Consigned by Ringfort Stud

One of only three offerings by Darley's proven sire in the catalogue, this February-foaled filly is out of a half to the smart Mount Helicon (GB) from the extended family of Zafonic and Zamindar.

Hip **725**, f, **Refuse to Bend (Ire)**--Colourful Cast (Ire), by Nashwan

Consigned by Knockaninig Stud

This is one of few on the day with an illustrious sibling, as she is a half-sister to the smart Golden Balls (Ire) (Danhill Dancer {Ire}), a stakes winner and graded stakes-placed in the States.

Hip **741**, f, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Doitmyway (Ire), by Brief Truce

Consigned by Broadfield Stud

This is a January-foaled filly who is out of a half to Indian Ridge (Ire) and the dam of the Group 1-placed Miss Beabea (Ire), later responsible for the 2006 G1 Moyglare Stud S. and Goffs Million heroine Miss Beatrix (Ire).

GOFFS NOVEMBER FOAL SALE DAY THREE

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NO BAILOUT HERE

The final week of Keeneland, set against the backdrop of ever-weakening stock prices (and the ever-strengthening dollar--what's that about?), did not materially



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change the picture we outlined last week: as the Weekly Sales Ticker shows, when you add in Fasig-Tipton's one-day, \$70-million extravaganza which kicked off proceedings, the combined November sales gross dropped 35 percent, from a record \$393 million last year, to just under \$256 million this year. Seven-figure filly and mare sales, headed by Better Than Honour's record \$14-million price tag, accounted for 31 percent of the combined gross this year, whereas last year \$1-million-plus fillies and mares accounted for 28 per-

cent of the combined gross. For the other 99 percent of horses sold this year, the gross was down 38 percent. That's probably as close as we can get to estimating the real decline.

Possibly even more disturbing is the drop in what we called the 'clearance rate,' or listed sales. Back in the days when 10 percent withdrawals from the catalogue was the normal rate, it was fine to calculate 'clearance rate' from the numbers which actually went through the ring. That percentage (sold/ring) dropped from 78 percent to 72 percent this month; in other words, last November 78 percent of the horses which went through the ring were listed sales, while this November the corresponding figure was 72 percent. However, that doesn't nearly tell the whole story, which is why this year (for the Weekly Sales Ticker) we've taken to calculating 'clearance rate' from the number catalogued instead. Even at last November's record sales, there were 20 percent withdrawals from the catalogues; this November the withdrawal rate was up to 26 percent. Over twice as many horses are being withdrawn before they go through the ring as was the case a few years ago, and many of these are late withdrawals, as consignors conclude (from no vets or scopes on foals, to a trickle of lookers on mares) there is no point in sending a horse through the ring when they're 99 percent certain they're going to be taking them home anyway.



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There can be no more definite illustration of this market's weakness than the combined November clearance rate from the catalogues of 53 percent, down from 62 percent last year. In 2007, if you catalogued a horse to a November sale, there was a five in eight chance you would end up with a listed sale; this year, that was barely above four in eight. So if you had a horse catalogued this November, there was barely a 50-50 chance it was going to find a new home.

In troubled times in our business, the bloom tends to come off the rose a little bit for the newest, brightest stars as breeders and buyers rediscover, at least to some extent, the virtues of 'proven' sires (though they, too, have been redefined in recent years, from sires of 10 percent stakes winners and above, to sires of six percent stakes winners and above). We can see this by looking at TDN's Instatistics tables, which do use number through the ring and sold. For the overall November market, this figure, remember, was 72 percent. For the top 12 sires on average with six or more sold from their first crops of weanlings (F2008 sires), the combined percentage sold, of those sent through the ring, was 67 percent; while for the top 12 sires by covering average with their first mares sold in foal (F2009 sires, again with six or more sold), the rate was just 62 percent--in both cases, below the overall November percentage.

Bill Oppenheim cont. p7



Bill Oppenheim cont.

In keeping with the theme of 'top strongest,' the four sires whose first foals averaged over \$100,000 enjoyed the highest clearance rates 'through the ring.' Runaway first-crop leader **Bernardini** (A.P. Indy) had six sell from seven offered (86 percent), averaging \$456,666. The other three with six-figure averages were three of the



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four prospective upper-tier Storm Cat-line horses we identified before the sales: **Bluegrass Cat** (Storm Cat) had 12 sell of 15 offered (80 percent), for an average of \$158,916, narrowly ahead of **Henny Hughes** (Hennessy), who had 13 sold from 19 offered (68 percent); the other six-figure

sire was **First Samurai** (Giant's Causeway), with 10 sold of 14 offered (71 percent), for an average of \$101,950. Of the other eight sires which averaged above \$30,000 with six or more sold, only **Silver Train** (Old Trieste; 26 sold of 32 offered, 81 percent) and **Aragorn** (Giant's Causeway; 16 sold of 21 offered, 76 percent) saw more than two-thirds of their weanlings offered listed as sales. As Aragorn figured, going in, to rank with the three other Storm Cat-line horses which actually ended up averaging over \$100,000, his \$35,168 average for those sold (off a \$30,000 stud fee in 2007) has to be classed as disappointing.

Among the top 12 first-year covering sires, the top three by average, combined, sold barely over 50 percent of those offered--37 of 71. **Hard Spun** (Danzig) topped the list with a \$356,571 average, but with only 14 sold from 28 offered. Darley barnmate **Street Sense** (Street Cry) averaged \$322,222, but with nine sold from 17 offered; and third-ranked **Corinthian** (Pulpit) had 14 in-foal mares (of 26 offered) average \$174,928. Five stallions on the list, though, did see more than 75 percent sold, of those offered: fourth-ranked **Invasor** (Candy Stripes, 88 percent); **Half Ours** (Unbridled's Song, 89 percent); **Discreet Cat** (Forestry, 79 percent); **After Market** (Storm Cat, 75 percent); and **Master Command** (A.P. Indy, 81 percent). But, as covering sire statistics only really measure the quality of mares to which a stallion was bred, it's hard to know if their statistics are as significant as those for sires with their first weanlings, which of course are actual horses on the ground. Oppenheim cont. p8

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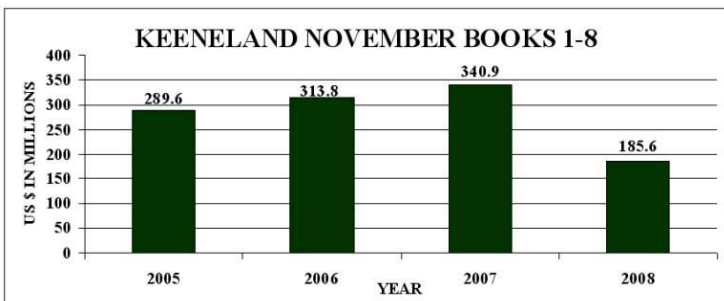
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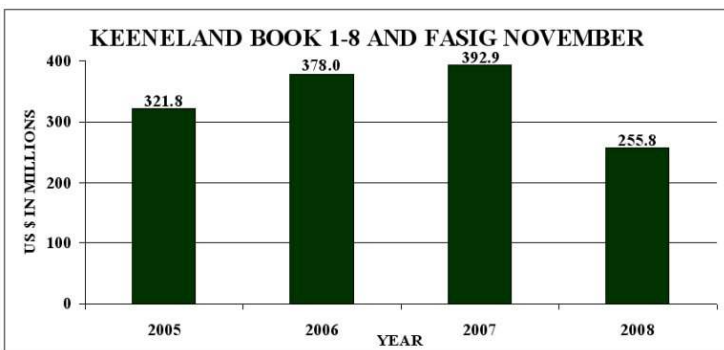
"Going into further debt to pinhook weanlings or buy mares evidently hasn't looked a very attractive option to potential buyers this month. On top of our own industry's overproduction issues (for everything below the top tier - never too many of those), the global financial crisis has undoubtedly discouraged all but the doughtiest of buyers. The result was a drop in the clearance rate from 62 percent of those catalogued to the November sales last year, to 53 percent this year; a 35 percent drop in the overall gross; and a 27 percent drop in the average for those which did get sold. Expect to see further downward revisions of 2009 stud fees." - Bill Oppenheim



KEENELAND BOOKS 1-8 AND FT NOVEMBER SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	5,898	4,338	3,110	52.7%	\$255,831,300	\$82,261
2007	5,600	4,487	3,488	62.3%	\$392,913,200	\$112,647
2006	5,282	4,312	3,317	62.8%	\$377,973,800	\$113,950
2005	4,666	3,873	2,928	62.8%	\$321,785,900	\$109,900

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We can certainly see the effects of Darley's two-year buying spree, in which they seemingly attempted to buy every top three-year-old they could which was not already owned by Coolmore. Seven of the 24 stallions on the two top-12 lists stand at Darley's Jonabell base, including two of the top three (Bernardini, which they bred, and Henny Hughes) with their first foals this year, and the top two (and four of the top seven) with their first mares in foal. By contrast, Coolmore had just one representative between the two lists, Ashford's **Scat Daddy** (Johannesburg), who ranked ninth among first covering sires. To be fair, though, everybody knows Darley had a lot of catching up to do on that front, and Coolmore's now-primarily homebred operation did produce Ashford's top new prospect for 2009, **Henrythenavigator** (Kingmambo). Along with Three Chimneys' **Big Brown** (Boundary) and somebody's **Curlin** (Smart Strike), they will have one of the three most expensive debuting North American sires next year.

Keeneland November concludes the major North American sales in 2008, though of course there are a few regional sales yet to come (gulp). But the international sales circus now moves back across the Atlantic, and Goffs' massive November sale is already underway. Monday's opening session of foals at Goffs saw the lowest clearance rate I think I've ever seen at a major sale: 75 percent of those sent through the ring did not sell at Goffs on Monday, meaning only 25 percent (48 sold, of 193 offered) were listed as sales. Traditionally the lowest tier of Europe's major-sale foal market (only 40 percent sold on the corresponding day last year), Monday's results definitely don't set the bar for the next four weeks of sales in Kildare, Newmarket, and Deauville; but they may set the tone. Having said that, Tattersalls' December "Mares etc." catalogue, which kicks off on Monday, Dec. 1, is comprised of some pretty decent stock. Goffs sells mares this weekend, and Tatts sells foals (more or less in ascending order) next week. The next 10 days don't figure to be that pretty, either. **Bill Oppenheim may be contacted at bopp@erb.com. Please cc TDN management at suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.**

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

WELKER TO JOIN FASIG-TIPTON Fasig-Tipton announced yesterday that Bayne Welker will join its management team as an account executive in January, 2009. Welker has served as director of stallion market-



ing and sales development at Alice Chandler's Mill Ridge Farm for the last nine years. "We are delighted to welcome Bayne," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning Jr. "His hands-on experience and focus on auction sales, combined with his history of industry service, are qualities which will fit him perfectly at Fasig-Tipton." In addition to his

time at Mill Ridge, Welker has served as president of the Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association (CBA) since its inception. "It has been a privilege to have been associated with an outstanding operation like Mill Ridge," Welker added. "I leave with a tremendous respect for Alice Chandler and the Mill Ridge staff and clientele. With Headley Bell's leadership, the farm will continue to produce top-class Thoroughbreds under the philosophy Mrs. Chandler has instilled. Although it was difficult to leave Mill Ridge, I look forward to the new challenges and opportunities at Fasig-Tipton."

CURRAGH REGAINS FIXTURES Officials at The Curragh yesterday welcomed the return of seven fixtures previously scheduled for elsewhere as a result of the proposed redevelopment plan which is now on hold. After the announcement that the €100-million revamp was shelved due to the economic downturn, Horse Racing Ireland handed back the Kildare venue's prized contests the G1 Moyglare Stud S., Goffs Millions, G1 Irish St Leger and G1 National S. The Curragh's redevelopment scheme, which was due to be financed by Horse Racing Ireland, industry donations, bank borrowings and the Turf Club's resources, has already seen phase one completed. Nick Wachman, Senior Steward of the Turf Club, explained the need to stop ahead of the second phase set for July 2009. "Happily, everyone in Irish racing understands that there is a real need to develop the Curragh in order to create facilities that are commensurate with the world class racing that this wonderful track produces," Wachman-commented. "We are confident that the project will recommence at an appropriate time."



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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**EHV-1 TESTS NEGATIVE AS LAUREL PARK
RE-OPENS DOORS TO OFF-SITE RUNNERS**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) announced yesterday that the final 20 samples from Laurel Park's Barn 1 tested negative for neurologic equine herpesvirus (EHV-1), and the Maryland Jockey Club promptly amended its restrictions on off-site runners racing at Laurel Park. On Nov. 14, one day after a two-year-old filly in King Leatherbury's barn tested positive for EHV-1, the Maryland Jockey Club announced that, until further notice, no horses would be allowed to ship into Laurel Park except those from the Bowie Training Center. However with yesterday's news that all of the nearly 60 horses tested at Laurel are negative for the virus, the Laurel racing office said it will begin taking entries from other jurisdictions. There is a caveat, however. Those runners will not be allowed to leave the grounds until the 21-day hold order on Barn 1 is lifted by the MDA. According to the MDA, an aggressive testing protocol along with no positive tests or signs of disease may allow the hold order to be lifted earlier than the current Dec. 6 release date. "Our restrictions last Friday were a precautionary measure," said Tom Chuckas, president and chief operating officer of the Maryland Jockey Club. "Since then the other 25 horses in Barn 1, plus all 31 lead ponies, have tested negative, so this was the next logical step in light of the test results." In related news, *Daily Racing Form* reports that Nin (Parker's Storm Cat), the juvenile filly that prompted the scare, was euthanized on Saturday night. The filly had shown signs of improvement on Thursday, but her conditioned took a downturn over the weekend and she was put down.

B'BALL TOURNEY TO BENEFIT MULLINS

FAMILY Officials at Bill Casner and Kenny Troutt's WinStar Farm are in the process of organizing a Holiday Charity Basketball Tournament in memory of the late David Mullins, and 100 percent of the proceeds from the event will go to the Race for Education for the higher education scholarship fund for his children Chase and Dara Mullins. David Mullins, who operated the Doninga bloodstock agency and was well-respected in the Thoroughbred community, passed away this past August at the age of 51. Eight teams representing local farms will battle each other in preliminary events Dec. 1 and Dec. 3, with the finals set for Dec. 10. Four teams have already signed on--WinStar Farm, Claiborne Farm, Three Chimneys and Hagyard Farm. The fee to enter a team is \$500 and donations are welcome. For further information, please contact WinStar Farm at (859) 873-1717.

 **TODAY'S
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- 3:06p HRTV** 6th-CDX, \$42K, Msw, 2yo, 1m
DANGER TO SOCIETY ([Harlan's Holiday](#)), a \$300K FTKJUL yearling, begins his career for Ken McPeck. The Lansdon Robbins III colorbearer is a half to Super Freaky (Smart Strike), GSW & GISP, \$385,498. [brisnet.com PPs](#)
- 5:01p TVG** 4th-HOL, \$42K, OC62K/N2X, f/m, 3yo/up, 6fT
TNT Stud's **PRETTY CARINA** ([Seeking the Gold](#)) takes on older fillies and mares in her grass bow. The daughter of GISP Ile de France (Storm Cat) came within a nose of going three-for-three this season while based in New York. She was last seen annexing a Belmont optional claimer by five lengths Sept. 19. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

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TODAY, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19:

- 11-28 \$400,000 *Citation H.-I, Hol, 3yo/up, 8.5fT (8000s)*
11-28 \$100,000 *Miesque-III, Hol, 2yo, f, 8fT (100)*
11-29 \$150,000 *Hollywood Turf Express-III, Hol, 3yo/up, 6fT (150)*
11-29 \$100,000 *Generous-III, Hol, 2yo, 8fT (100)*
11-30 \$500,000 *Hollywood Derby-I, Hol, 3yo, 10fT (10000s)*
11-30 \$500,000 *Matriarch-I, Hol, 3yo/up, f/m, 8fT (10000s)*

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★ NEW YORK ★

Graded Winner Etched Returns Thursday:

Darley Stable's three-year-old homebred **Etched** (Forestry) returns Thursday in the third race at Aqueduct, a one-mile NW3L allowance/optional claimer on the main track. The chestnut was tabbed a "TDN Rising Star" after romping in his debut at Belmont in September of 2007, and he quickly established himself as one of the more intriguing two-year-olds in the country with an easy 6 1/2-length tally over



Adam Coglianese

Anak Nakal (Victory Gallop) in the GIII Nashua S. a month later. Shipped to Dubai to winter with Sheikh Mohammed's A string, he could do no better than fourth in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas in mid-February and hasn't raced since. The Kiaran McLaughlin-trained colt has a steady worktab dating back to late August and will be reunited with jockey Alan Garcia in his return.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-PHA, \$44,000, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft. MUSKET MAN (c, 2, [Yonaguska](#)--Fortuesque {SP, \$116,915}, by Fortunate Prospect) delivered a 3 1/2-length debut win at Belmont Oct. 25 and was favored at 6-5 to stay perfect here. Kept within striking distance through fractions of :22.95 and :46.86, he came flying up the rail in deep stretch to secure a one-length victory. The Prince (Not For Love), second across the line, veered in sharply in deep stretch and was disqualified and placed third. La Vengansa (El Corredor) was promoted to second. The winner, a \$15,000 KEESEP yearling, RNA'd for \$35,000 as a FTMMAY juvenile. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,600. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). O-Eric Fein. B-Jim E Nelson & Sergio De Sousa (KY). T-Derek S Ryan.

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- CHATAIN (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :48.84, 5/37
 AWESOME I AM (Awesome Again), 4f (tr), :49.15, 26/88
 LUCKY ISLAND (ARG) (Lucky Roberto), 4f (tr), :47.51, 1/88
 HELLO BROADWAY (Broken Vow), 5f, 1:00.84, 2/15
 DISCREET TREASURE (El Prado {Ire}), 5f (tr), 1:00.13, 2/26
- FAIR HILL
- GRACE AND POWER (More Than Ready), 3f (tr), :35, 1/4
 ICABAD CRANE (Jump Start), 5f (tr), 1:03, 3/4
 SKY DIVA (Sky Mesa), 5f (tr), :59.86, 1/4
- KEENELAND
- BROTHER KEITH (Johar), 4f, :51, 6/6
- SAN LUIS REY DOWNS
- BACKBACKBACKGONE (Put It Back), 4f, :48, 1/5
- GOLDEN GATE
- INDYANNE (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:01.40, 2/8
- SANTA ANITA
- ARIEGE (Doneraile Court), 4f, :49.40, 8/17



★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

TCA Stallion Season & Art Auction Set for Dec. 5:

The Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) will conduct its 19th annual Stallion Season and Art Auction Friday, Dec. 5, 2008 at Keeneland's Entertainment Center. A cocktail party will kick things off at 6 p.m. There will be a silent auction that includes halters from famous horses, including Storm Cat and Big Brown, as well as John Deere vehicles, a six-person golf cart and Caribbean vacations.

During the five-course dinner, a live auction will be conducted by Fasig-Tipton volunteers, who will auction off stallion seasons to Big Brown, Bernardini, Elusive Quality, Hard Spun, Street Boss, Tapit and Tiznow, among others. Also on the docket is a Dubai World Cup tour, two Porsche Carreras, Triple Crown race tickets, and an original work of art by Andre Pater, "Study of Hard Spun." Dancing will follow with music provided by The Jimmy Church Band.

Four-time Eclipse Award winner Todd Pletcher will be honored with the TCA Charity Leadership Award, while Dot Morgan, founder and executive director of New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, will receive the TCA Industry Service Award.

The stallion season telephone auction begins Dec. 1. For details and reservations, call Liz Harris at (859) 312-5531 or visit www.thoroughbredcharities.org.



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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ACTION THIS DAY (Kris S.), Spendthrift, \$10K, 89/8/1

10-CD, Msw, 1m, Getta Rhythm

ANCIENT ART (Storm Cat), Warren's Tbreeds, 17/1/0

5-HOL, Str, 6f, Warren's Wild One

CHAMPALI (Glitterman), Glencrest, \$8K, 58/6/0

7-DED, Alw, 7f, Ima Champali, \$15K TEX AUG yrl, 8-1

DOMESTIC DISPUTE (Unbridled's Song), Northview, \$5K, 71/5/0

1-CT, Msw, 7f, Southern Brass, 15-1

HIGH CASCADE (Woodman), 31/1/0

7-DED, Alw, 7f, Green Cascade, \$3K LSA BDR yrl, 4-1

OCEAN TERRACE (Saint Ballado), Mighty Acres, \$5K, 25/4/0

8-HAW, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Ocean Ace, 6-1



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5-HOL, Str, 6f, Righteously, \$4K BAR OCT yrl

ROAR OF THE TIGER (Storm Cat), Hartley, 75/14/0

10-CD, Msw, 1m, Masrawy, \$185K OBS APR 2yo

STRONG HOPE (Grand Slam), Claiborne, \$30K, 90/7/0

10-CD, Msw, 1m, Webcast, \$200K KEE SEP yrl

TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 96/21/2

10-CD, Msw, 1m, Tapitbound, \$16K KEE SEP yrl

TOCCEI (Awesome Again), Castleton Lyons, \$15K, 86/12/0

6-CD, Msw, 1m, +Touched by a Star, \$130K OBS FEB 2yo

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Nov. 19

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2004 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/SW

Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY (Harlan), Airdrie, \$18K, 170/78/6

6-CD, Msw, 1m, +Danger to Society, \$300K FTK JUL yrl

KAFWAIN (Cherokee Run), Darley, \$10K, 180/52/5

6-HOL, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Full On, \$47K KEE SEP yrl

A + will first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Arganil, g, 3, **Langfuhr**--Sherona, by Mr. Greeley. Wolverhampton, 11-17, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5f 20yds (AWT). B-Colt Neck Stables LLC. *\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Remember Ramon, g, 5, **Diesis (GB)**--Future Act (MGSW, \$220,606), by Known Fact. Wolverhampton, 11-17, Hcp, 3yo/up, 12f 50yds (AWT). B-Bruce T Hundley. *\$60,000 yrl '04 KEESEP. **1/2 to Immediate Reaction (Cozzene), SW, \$128,530.

Three Strings, g, 5, **Stravinsky**--Just Cause (Ire), by Law Society. Southwell, 11-18, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Gauche Ltd. *€10,000 yrl '04 GOFORB. *1/2 to Jural (GB) (Kris {GB}), GSW-Ire, SW & G1SP-GB, GSP-Ger, \$128,634; With Reason (Nashwan), MGSW-Eng, \$238,426.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$47,500, NW1X, 3/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft. FIT FOR A FIGHT (c, 3, Silver Charm--Heir to the Queen, by King of Kings {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$76,215. O-Hindman Racing Ltd. B-Hindman Limited Partnership LLLP (KY). T-Kevin C Boniface.

5th-ZIA, \$28,200, NW2L, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12 2/5, ft. THE DEVIL IS MINE (f, 2, Devil His Due--Mine Again {SW, \$148,497}, by Bates Motel) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-2, \$48,960. O-Double Knuck Stable LLC. B-Rusty Roberts (OK). T-Raymond E Ervin. *\$27,000 yrl '07 TEXAUG.

8th-MNR, \$24,900, 11-17, NW2L, 3yo, 1m, 1:41 2/5, my. CIRCUIT STAR (g, 3, Sir Cat--P R Star {MSP, \$214,616}, by Lac Ouimet) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$30,798. O-Foxwood Stable. B-Charles Ruma & Joe Sugar Jr (PA). T-William D Cowans.

9th-MNR, \$24,900, 11-17, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:46 3/5, my. DE LA FLEUR (f, 3, Albert the Great--La Carol's Star, by Lac Ouimet) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$28,772. O-Double M Foster Stable. B-Meg T Buckley & Michael J Buckley (KY). T-William D Cowans. *\$1,200 wIng '05 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Harmonic Man, g, 2, **Manlove**--Shifty Shelly, by Scarlet Ibis. MNR, 11-17, 1m, 1:42 4/5. B-Eric Sharp (NY).

BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Get Serious	City Zip	Alysheba S.	103
Semaphore Man	Formal Gold	Chuck Taliaferro Memorial S.	102
By the Light	Malibu Moon	Flip's Pleasure S.	98
Dry Martini	Slew Gin Fizz	Stuyvesant H.-G3	98
Indescribable	Pleasant Tap	Cardinal H.-G3	98
National Pride	Macho Uno	Pass the Tab S.	98
Sweet Goodbye	Louis Quatorze	Northern Dancer S.	98
Tar Heel Mom	Flatter	Meadow Star S.	98
Sammie Sam	Autocracy	Si Cima S.	97
Heza Wild Guy	Wild Event	Too Much Coffee S.	96
Lee's Spirit	Leestown	No Le Hace S.	96
Chestoria	Chester House	Fairy Garden S.	95
Desert Wheat	Wheaton	Mr. Sulu S.	95
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Bingham	Monarchos	Jack Coady, Sr. S.	91
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Briecat	Adcat	Chandler S.	88
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Miss Dominant, f, 3, **Chimes Band**--Bayou La Batre, by Bayou Hebert. ZIA, 11-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 2/5. B-G. Chris Coleman (NM). *\$14,500 yrl '06 RUIAUG. **1/2 to Wooden Stone (Sticks And Bricks), SW, \$405,874; Two Bayou (Two Punch), SP, \$188,456.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Angers, 14.50, 11-18, €48,000, 3yo, 1 13/16mT, 3:13.38, vsf.

FONT FROIDE (FR) (f, 3, Trempolino--Fontaine Guerard {Fr} {SP}, by Homme de Loi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 4 wins, 1 place, €66,100. O/B-Haras des Sablonnets, Comte Herve de Talhouet-Roy & Mme Dominique Sepulchre; T-Dominique Sepulchre. *1/2 to Fontcia (Fr) (Enrique {GB}), SW & GSP-Fr.

FRANCE, Angers, 13.15, 11-18, €33,000, 2yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:13.35, vsf.

LIAISON FATALE (FR) (f, 2, Lord of Men {GB}--Mayence {Ire}, by Mondrian {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €30,850. O-Emeric de Spa; B-Emeric de Spa & Sebastien Guillaume; T-Stephane Wattel.



FRANCE, Lyon-Parilly, 13.05, 11-16, €18,000, 2yo, 6f 165ydsT, 1:29.78, vsf.

GOLD AND GRACE (FR) (f, 2, Gold Away {Ire}--Calling Grace {Fr}, by General Assembly) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €21,500. O-Mme Rene-Marc Girard & Maxime Cesandri; B-Rene-Marc Giraud, Francois Giraud, Philippe Giraud & Vincent Giraud; T-Maxime Cesandri.

FRANCE, Nantes, 13.30, 11-16, €16,000, 2yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:47.55, hy.

POLARIX (GB) (c, 2, Linamix {Fr}--Freezing, by Bering {GB}) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €24,300. O-Mme Claude Guitton; B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

FRANCE, Lyon-Parilly, 14.35, 11-16, €16,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:21.34, vsf.

JOLY NELSA (FR) (f, 3, Brier Creek--Joly Coeur {Fr}, by Mont Basile {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 15 starts, 2 wins, 11 places, €50,700. O/B-Emile Krief; T-Maxime Cesandri.

FRANCE, Strasbourg, 14.00, 11-16, €15,000, 2yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:23.79, hy.

SOLIVATE (FR) (f, 2, Alberto Giacometti {Ire}--Mise au Point {Fr}, by Nikos {GB}) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 2 wins, 6 places, €25,850. O/T-Marc Pimbonnet; B-Haras de Saint-Voir & Jean-Philippe Rivoire.

FRANCE, Le Mans, 15.05, 11-16, €10,000, 3-4yo, 1 7/16mT, 2:31.40, gd/fm.

HIGH WILL (FR) (f, 3, High Chaparral {Ire}--Youngolina {Ire}, by Tremolino) Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €10,000. O-Famille de Moussac; B-Vicomte Alain de Rose; T-A Couetil. *1/2 to Young Tiger (Fr) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, \$227,224

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Reine de Chantenay (Fr), f, 2, **Califet (Fr)**--Oresme (Fr), by Bering (GB). Le Mans, France, 11-16, Mdn, 2yo, 9f 165ydsT. B-Alain Bloudeau & Mme Lucette Bloudeau. *Third winner for freshman sire (by Freedom Cry {GB}).

+ **Euphony (GB)**, f, 2, **Commander in Chief (GB)**--Musical (Ire), by In the Wings (GB). Nantes, France, 11-16, Cond, 2yo, f, 1mT. B-Darley.

Holberg (UAE), c, 2, **Halling**--Sweet Willa (MSP), by Assert (Ire). Southwell, Britain, 11-18, Mdn, 2yo, 7f (AWT). B-Darley. *1/2 to Undermine (Miner's Mark), GSW, \$250,000.

Delphes Eria (Fr), f, 2, **Martaline (GB)**--La Mesange (Fr) (SP-Fr, Stp), by Olmeto (Ire). Le Mans, France, 11-16, Mdn, 2yo, 9f 165ydsT. B-Daniel Chassagneux. *Second winner for freshman sire (by Linamix {Fr}).

Masstorm (Ity), c, 2, **Storming Home (GB)**--La Maschera (Fr), by Belmez. Rome, Italy, 11-16, Mdn, 2yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Massimiliano Porcelli.

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November 22, 1990...Jockey **Pat Day** rode his 5,000th winner, guiding Screen Prospect to victory in the Falls City H. at Churchill Downs. Day became the 12th rider in history to reach that milestone.

November 26, 1946...American Air Lines, transporting six horses, flew from Shannon Airport in Ireland to Newark Airport in New Jersey to complete the first trans-Atlantic flight ever for Thoroughbreds. The plane arrived November 27.

November 26, 1992...**Sandy Hawley** became the ninth North American rider to win 6,000 races, guiding Summer Commander to victory in the second race at Greenwood Racecourse.

Courtesy of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.