

# Stakes Shuffle

## *Datrack takes first major juvenile event*

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The first major juvenile stake was run on Derby Thursday with Datrack prevailing in the Kentucky Breeders Cup (G3). The race essentially replaced the traditional Derby Day juvenile stake, long known as the WHAS-TV, and then the Three Chimneys Juvenile. That race, whatever named, never achieved graded status so it's curious that Churchill decided to move a grade three race into a spot on the calendar that could well jeopardize its graded status.

Nevertheless, the winner is a Steve Asmussen-trained son of Eclipse Champion Favorite Trick. He is out of the French Deputy mare Daum, who is in turn out of a daughter of Saint Ballado. It's interesting to note that Saint Ballado has but two unrestricted stakes winners as a direct damsire.

Datrack's trainer Steve Asmussen put on quite a show with his juveniles at the Keeneland spring meeting, winning seven of the twelve baby races carded. Three of those winners are homebreds from the Heiligbrodt Racing Stable, including Datrack and Joangel, by the freshman sire Abajo.

The speedy Abajo raced several seasons for William Heiligbrodt, who now stands the stallion in Louisiana. Joangel was her sire's second winner, following a Maiden Special victory by Miss Abajo at Lone Star Park. As of this writing only the Florida-based Gibson County and the Arizona-based Sideburn have more than one first crop winner.

### **Gibson going**

Gibson County has a pair of two furlong Maiden Special winners to his credit so far. His son Genuine Talent won on April 13 at Santa Anita and, 17 days later, Fast Trick broke his maiden at Woodbine. Gibson County is multiple juvenile stakes-winning son of In Excess standing at McKathan Farms in Florida. He has only 14 registered foals in his first crop.

Sideburn is another showing good early results from a very small first crop. So far his record reads: six starters and two winners from only 12 foals. He is an unraced son of Seeking the Gold out of the stakes-winning Dixieland Band mare Dixie Pearl. Sideburn stands at Vaughn & Calvert Running Horses in Seligman, Arizona.

We mentioned last time that the first crop sires Came Home and Unbridled Time have already been represented by winners. Now we can add several more to the list.

The Kentucky-based freshman Pure Prize, Include, Orientate and Officer are all on the board as are the regional stallions Tribal Rule (California), Three Wonders (Florida), Littleexpectations (Texas) and Exciting Story (formerly Texas, now deceased).

Pure Prize joined the aforementioned Abajo, and Came Home as first crop sires with winners at the Keeneland Spring meeting. His daughter Cowgirls Don't Cry won her second start at 25-1 on closing day. She is out of a mare by Crafty Prospector and is inbred to Mr. Prospector 4 x 3.

### **Ghostly moves up**

While the Kentucky Breeders Cup is the first graded juvenile event of the year, the first two year-old stake was actually run in mid-April at Sunland Park. The Copper Top Futurity for New Mexico-breds boasts a purse of nearly \$200,000 and was won this year by the Ghostly Moves gelding Fantasma. The second place finisher was also by Ghostly Moves and those runners, along with the additional winner Smarty Ghost (8th in the Copper Top by the way) have put their sire atop the overall Two-Year-Old Sire list.

Ghostly Moves, an Arizona-based son of Silver Ghost, has now sired eight stakes winners from his first five crops the largest of which contains only 29 foals.

### **More two-year-old sales**

The Keeneland April Sale wrapped up a record setting Select Two-Year-Olds in Training season with rather mixed individual results. The increased popularity of the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale and the OBS March Sale has put the April Sale at Keeneland in slipper circumstances.

Despite the absence of both Coolmore and Darley dollars, the sale average price of \$211,954 was second only to the Fasig-Tipton Calder Sale. The median price of \$150,000 also ranked second among the five select sales and Keeneland April has held second in those two categories the past four years.

As far as market share, however, the Keeneland April Sale hit five year peaks in 2003 and 2004. In terms of percentage of gross select sales, Keeneland April accounted for 22.9% in 2003, while in 2006 that figure was down to 13.3%. In 2004, 17% of the total hips offered at the five select juvenile sales were

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sold under the Dogwoods. In 2006 that measure was down to 14%.

Market share has steadily increased from 2002-2006 at the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale, rising from 34.3 % of gross in 2002 to 44.8% in 2006. Over that same period the OBS March Sale has increased its percentage of gross sales from 17.1% to 22.3%. It should also be noted that both the OBS-Calder sale and the Barretts March sale have seen decreases in market share along with Keeneland. In 2002 OBS Calder accounted for 15.2% of the select sale gross and Barretts March 12.7%. In 2006 OBS Calder's percentage of gross was 9.3%, while Barretts was 10.3%. **JOB**



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#### Freshman Sires of 2 YOS by Winners

RNK	STALLION	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	-Invincible Spirit (IRE)	-61	..39	..11	..0
2	-Auction House	-28	..21	..7	..0
3	-Kyllachy (GB)	-63	..29	..6	..1
4	-Fath	-28	..17	..5	..0
5	-Abajo	-44	..7	..4	..0
	-Iron Mask	-39	..13	..4	..0
	-Noverre	-49	..21	..4	..1
	-Redback (GB)	-25	..14	..4	..2
	-Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)	60	..9	..4	..1
	-Tendulkar	-16	..9	..4	..0

#### Freshman Sires by Stakes Winners

RNK	STALLION	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	-Redback (GB)	-25	..14	..4	..2
2	-Gibson County	-13	..5	..2	..1
	-Ishiguru	-24	..10	..1	..1
	-Kyllachy (GB)	-63	..29	..6	..1
	-Noverre	-49	..21	..4	..1
	-Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)	60	..9	..4	..1

#### Sires of 2 YOS by Winners

RNK	STALLION	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	-Danetime (IRE)	-200	..25	..11	..1
	-Invincible Spirit (IRE)	-61	..39	..11	..0
3	-Averti (IRE)	-125	..26	..9	..0
4	-Fasliyev	-359	..41	..8	..0
	-Swiss Yodeler	-364	..24	..8	..0
6	-Auction House	-28	..21	..7	..0
	-Royal Applause (GB)	-357	..21	..7	..0
	-Virtua Cop	-81	..9	..7	..0
9	-Kyllachy (GB)	-63	..29	..6	..1
	-Stormy Atlantic	-406	..15	..6	..0
	-Trippi	-131	..10	..6	..0
12	-Fath	-28	..17	..5	..0
	-Grand Slam	-551	..9	..5	..0
	-West Acre	-153	..7	..5	..0

#### Sires of 2 YOS by Stakes Winners

RNK	STALLION	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	-Pivotal (GB)	-365	..5	..4	..2
1	-Redback (GB)	-25	..14	..4	..2
3	-Barrett's Bullet	-17	..1	..1	..1
	-Bertrando	-682	..6	..3	..1
	-Carson City	-914	..10	..3	..1
	-Chimes Band	-255	..7	..3	..1
	-Danetime (IRE)	-200	..25	..11	..1
	-Dixieland Band	-1,099	..2	..1	..1
	-Docksider	-148	..7	..2	..1
	-Favorite Trick	-262	..1	..1	..1
	-Ghostly Moves	-83	..6	..3	..1
	-Gibson County	-13	..5	..2	..1
	-In The Wings (GB)	-587	..2	..2	..1
	-Ishiguru	-24	..10	..1	..1
	-Kyllachy (GB)	-63	..29	..6	..1
	-Noverre	-49	..21	..4	..1
	-Open Forum	-362	..6	..2	..1
	-Paramour	-18	..1	..1	..1
	-Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)	60	..9	..4	..1
	-Service Stripe	-196	..5	..2	..1
	-Snowbound	-187	..5	..2	..1
	-Successful Appeal	-108	..5	..4	..1
	-Titus Livius (FR)	-230	..14	..4	..1