



# SESSION TOPPERS

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**SATURDAY - TOP 11**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<u>1592</u>	c	<u>Medaglia d'Oro</u>	<u>Game Trick</u>	500,000
<i>B-Liberation Farm &amp; Stonewall Farm (KY)</i>				
(\$40,000 wnl '07 KEENOV)				
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent				
Purchased by Zayat Stables				
<u>1371</u>	c	<u>Maria's Mon</u>	<u>She Nuit All</u>	390,000
<i>B-Kidder, Cole &amp; J &amp; J Mamakos (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent LI				
Purchased by RBTS for Sequoia Racing				
<u>1322</u>	c	<u>Speightstown</u>	<u>Pent Up Kiss</u>	350,000
<i>B-New Farm (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CLXXVIII				
Purchased by Hidden Brook, agent for Paul Pompa Jr				
<u>1427</u>	c	<u>Tiznow</u>	<u>Unclaimed Cat</u>	350,000
<i>B-WinStar Farm (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent CCIX				
Purchased by John Fort				
<u>1653</u>	c	<u>Grand Slam</u>	<u>Last Fever</u>	350,000
<i>B-Edward P Evans (VA)</i>				
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent				
Purchased by Ben Glass, agent				
<u>1300</u>	c	<u>Lion Heart</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>	325,000
<i>B-Aleyrion Bloodstock (KY)</i>				
(\$100,000 wnl '07 KEENOV)				
Consigned by Dromoland Farm Inc, Agent IX				
Purchased by Maverick Racing				
<u>1563</u>	c	<u>Mr. Greeley</u>	<u>Eliza Donner</u>	320,000
<i>B-Sharon A Maloney (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent XXXVII				
Purchased by Bruce Headley				
<u>1574</u>	c	<u>El Corredor</u>	<u>Fapindy</u>	320,000
<i>B-Mt. Joy Stables (KY)</i>				
(\$80,000 wnl '07 KEENOV)				
Consigned by Gainesway, Agent XL				
Purchased by Westford Place Corporation				
<u>1421</u>	f	<u>Tiznow</u>	<u>Troubling</u>	310,000
<i>B-WinStar Farm (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff),				
Agent XXXIX				
Purchased by Tom Gentry, agent				
<u>1518</u>	f	<u>More Than Ready</u>	<u>Circle of Gold</u>	310,000
<i>B-Overbrook Farm (KY)</i>				
Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent for Overbrook Farm				
Purchased by E Paul Robsham Stable LLC				
<u>1688</u>	f	<u>Maria's Mon</u>	<u>Miss Allen</u>	310,000
<i>B-Charley O Trimble (KY)</i>				
(\$75,000 wnl '07 KEENOV)				
Consigned by Legacy Bloodstock,				
agent for J & J Mamakos & Venture I				
Purchased by John Brocklebank, agent				

**Sequoia Stands Tall at September...**

Sequoia Racing, the new racing partnership begun by bloodstock agent Reynolds Bell, has been making an impact at Keeneland September. Yesterday, Bell, sitting in the back row of the sales pavilion, saw off WinStar



**Reynolds Bell**  
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Vice President Elliot Walden to land hip 1371, a handsome **Maria's Mon** colt from the family of last year's top sophomore filly Octave (Unbridled's Song) for \$390,000. It was the second-highest price paid for a yearling during September's fifth session. The colt, bred by Kidder, Cole and J & J Mamakos, was offered by Gainesway and was produced by She Nuit All (Lost Soldier), a half-sister to MGSW Octave. The nine-year-old She Nuit All is also a half to MGSW and stakes producer Belle Cherie

(Belong to Me) and two other stakes winners.

The colt marked the 12th purchase overall at September for Sequoia, which has been busy since the sale's start. Among Sequoia's other purchases, all colts, are an **Unbridled's Song**--Puxa Saco yearling who was knocked down for \$500,000 on Day 1, and a **Distorted Humor**--Storm Minstrel colt who went for \$450,000 on Day 2.

"Basically, we buy only colts with the physicals and pedigrees who, if they go on and become top race horses, they can become stallion prospects. That's the idea," Bell explained. "We bought 15 last year, and we'll buy 15 this year. We spread them out between four trainers. Right now, it's Barclay Tagg, Shug McGaughey, Kieran McLaughlin and Michael Matz. We're based mostly on the East Coast right now."

Just like last year, the entire 15-horse group will be split into 40 units, Bell said. The Sequoia partnership is comprised mostly of owner/breeders.

"With a lot of owner/breeders in there, they can stay in and breed to the horse if he becomes successful," explained Bell. "But if someone comes along and offers us a lot of money, we'll be in a position to take a look at that, too."

Bell said that his focus was horses with distance-oriented pedigrees capable of running two turns. That's borne out when examining his purchases. Last year, Bell secured horses by sires like Giant's Causeway, Lemon Drop Kid, Mineshaft and Awesome Again, and this year has added horses by A.P. Indy, Rock Hard Ten and Ghostzapper. Asked if the Maria's Mon colt fit that mold, too, Bell responded, "Absolutely. I'm primarily going with proven sires who have the pedigree to go two turns."

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**Sequoia Racing cont.**

Thus far, five runners from Sequoia's first group have made the races, including Wickaninnish (Giant's Causeway), a \$450,000 Keeneland September purchase who ran a good second as the chalk in his debut going five furlongs at Delaware Sept. 9.

"And it looks like we've got a real nice Empire Maker colt Named Imperial Council, who ran a nice second to Hello Broadway [at Saratoga Aug. 30], who's coming back in the GI Champagne S. [at Belmont Oct 4]," Bell added. "So that's the type of horse we're looking for, a horse you can maybe go to the Classics with." Imperial Counsel, a \$130,000 September acquisition, is trained by Shug McGaughey.

So what was the impetus behind launching Sequoia Racing?

"I just think it's a good time to be developing stallion prospects in our business," said Bell. "It's a way to spread the risk through a lot of people--plus the racing's exciting." -LM

**A Golden Pinhook...**

A group of friends who teamed to buy a **Medaglia d'Oro** weanling last year for \$40,000 knocked one out of the proverbial park yesterday at Keeneland September, reselling the handsome colt for \$500,000. Sohby Sonbol signed the winning ticket for Zayat Stables. Catalogued as [hip 1592](#) through the consignment of Eaton Sales, the colt is a half to the stakes-placed Twenty Eight Hours and was produced by Game Trick (Clever Trick), a half-sister to the dam of leading sire Langfuhr.

As a weanling at last year's Keeneland November Sale, the Medaglia d'Oro colt was knocked down to Falguieres Bloodstock, which Romain Malhouitre started two years ago with some friends. Falguieres is a small village in the south of Franc. Malhouitre is the yearling manager at Dixiana Farm, and had selected the colt along with Martin Keogh, himself a broodmare manager at Woods Edge Farm. Falguieres was acting on behalf of a partnership that included both Malhouitre and Keogh, as well as Nick Drion, Rey Ford, Scott Gaddis and Robert Tillier. Drion is also a manager at Woods Edge, while Tillier is a manager at Needham-Betz. The other two aren't involved in the horse business.

Malhouitre and Keogh were on hand to watch the colt sell, and were all smiles afterwards as they accepted congratulations from friends.

"We thought he was a real nice horse, but a half a million from \$40,000 is just dreams," said Keogh. "But he was the talk of the sales grounds today, and we knew we had something special."

Malhouitre commended the folks at Dixiana who prepped the colt for sale. **Cont. p19**

**FOREST FOR THE TREES**

Keeneland September Purchases by Sequoia Racing

BOOK 1				
Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
<a href="#">19</a>	c	<a href="#">Unbridled's Song</a>	Puxa Saco	\$500,000
<a href="#">102</a>	c	<a href="#">Gulch</a>	Wild Vision	\$275,000
<a href="#">132</a>	c	<a href="#">Tale of the Cat</a>	Bare Necessities	\$350,000
<a href="#">204</a>	c	<a href="#">A.P. Indy</a>	Java (GB)	\$200,000
<a href="#">309</a>	c	<a href="#">Distorted Humor</a>	Storm Minstrel	\$450,000
<a href="#">334</a>	c	<a href="#">Ghostzapper</a>	Two Trail Sioux	\$300,000
BOOK 2				
<a href="#">504</a>	c	<a href="#">Mineshaft</a>	Palapa	\$360,000
<a href="#">594</a>	c	<a href="#">Gone West</a>	Sweet Alabama	\$310,000
<a href="#">910</a>	c	<a href="#">Rock Hard Ten</a>	One Beautiful Lady	\$200,000
<a href="#">928</a>	c	<a href="#">Dixie Union</a>	Pink Champagne	\$160,000
<a href="#">979</a>	c	<a href="#">Dixie Union</a>	Silent Stream	\$150,000
BOOK 3*				
<a href="#">1371</a>	c	<a href="#">Maria's Mon</a>	She Nuit All	\$390,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS				
Horses	Total		Average	

\*Through Saturday



**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS**  
**SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 2008**

KEENELAND.	2008	2007
<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>		
Catalogued	410	399
No. Offered	355	360
No. Sold	280	267
RNAs	75	93
% RNA	21.1%	25.8%
No. \$500K+	1	3
High Price	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Gross	\$30,677,000	\$31,980,700
Average (% change)	\$109,561 (-8.5%)	\$119,778
Median (% change)	\$90,000 (-10%)	\$100,000

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