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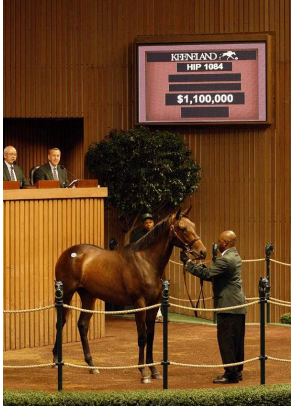
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Friday, Sept 12; 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SHOWING HER MEDAL

Dr. Karen Sanderson, sitting alongside trainer Paul d'Arcy, handed John Ferguson the rare defeat when outdueling the Darley rep for yesterday's session topper at Keeneland September, a striking Medaglia d'Oro--Amizette filly, for \$1.1 million. Tom Evans's Trackside Farm consigned the bay for breeders Liberation Farm and Stonewall Farm. The fireworks came midway through Thursday's fourth session and entertained those in attendance, as the two parties locked horns around the \$600,000 mark and exchanged salvos until d'Arcy launched the winning bid from the left side of the sales pavilion.



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"I knew it was Ferguson back there," Sanderson said with a wry smile. "Let the best man win, but I have enormous respect for John."

Produced by the 16-year-old Amizette (Forty Niner), the filly's half-brother went on a tear in Ireland since the publication of the September catalogue. King of Rome (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), won the G3 Meld S. and G2 Royal Whip S. in successive starts in July and August. The three-year-old colt is owned by Coolmore associate Derrick Smith.

An oral surgeon based near London, Sanderson is a new and welcome face to American sellers. It is Sanderson and d'Arcy's first trip to Keeneland September; the filly was the second of three purchases for the team. Earlier in the session, d'Arcy signed the ticked for [hip 972](#), an Afleet Alex--Real Cat colt for \$75,000, and later went to \$120,000 for [hip 1132](#), an Indian Charlie--Christmas Affair filly. D'Arcy said the strength of the British pound versus the American dollar was a factor in making the transatlantic trip.

Speaking of yesterday's topper, Sanderson offered, "We thought she was a very good purchase. We have a lot of confidence in King of Rome, and she's a fine filly who walks very well. Paul thought she was probably the nicest filly of the day. We came to buy the best, and we think we've done that. We knew she was going to be expensive, but we came with a purpose and decided to just go for it." *Cont. p2, Top Fillies cont. p4*

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SESSION TOPPERS

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THURSDAY - TOP COLTS

Hip	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1224	Tiznow	Indian Snow <i>B-Dell Ridge Farm (KY)</i> Consigned by Lane's End, agent Purchased by Legends Racing	700,000
1255	Gone West	Laptop (\$135,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN) <i>B-David & Diane Shashura (KY)</i> Consigned by Top Line Sales, agent Purchased by Legends Racing	625,000
987	Afleet Alex	Solvig (\$750,000 in utero '07 KEEJAN) <i>B-Highfield Stock Farm & Margaux Farm, et al (KY)</i> Consigned by Margaux Farm LLC, Agent XXVI Purchased by Shadwell Estate Company Ltd	600,000

All That Glitters...

D'Arcy, whose training yard is in Newmarket, added, "She was very athletic, she's got a very good page. She has a nice, deep chest with plenty of heart room, a good eye; you don't have much more to go on than that."

Sanderson currently has a small three-horse string with d'Arcy, and hopes to be able to build a strong international stable capable of competing on the world's stage. She has raced a few horses in America and has one broodmare at Three Chimneys Farm in Midway.

Sanderson is from Aintree, home of the Grand National, and says she has spent all her life around horses.

"But I kind of got into [owning horses] by default, through a patient," said Sanderson. "I had a patient who trained jumpers, and that's how it started."-LM

KEENELAND Opening Sessions

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KRIS S. - AURORA, BY DANZIG

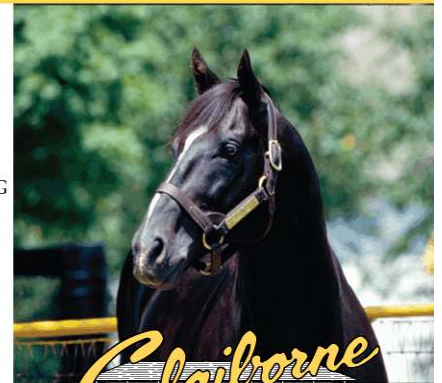
\$500,000 filly

D. L. O'Byrne

\$260,000 colt

C. Gordon-Watson

2008 Yearling Average \$217,000



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A Golden Partnership...

In 2006, Liberation Farm's Rob Whiteley partnered with Stonewall Farm to buy approximately 25 mares meant for Stonewall's burgeoning stallion roster. The mares, acquired primarily at Keeneland's January and November Sales, ranged in price from \$40,000 to \$175,000. Remarkably, two yearlings from that group have accounted for a pair of seven-figure transactions at the September sale, including yesterday's topper, the \$1.1 million Medaglia d'Oro--Amizette filly. Two days earlier, during Tuesday's session, an El Prado (Ire)--



Medaglia d'Oro
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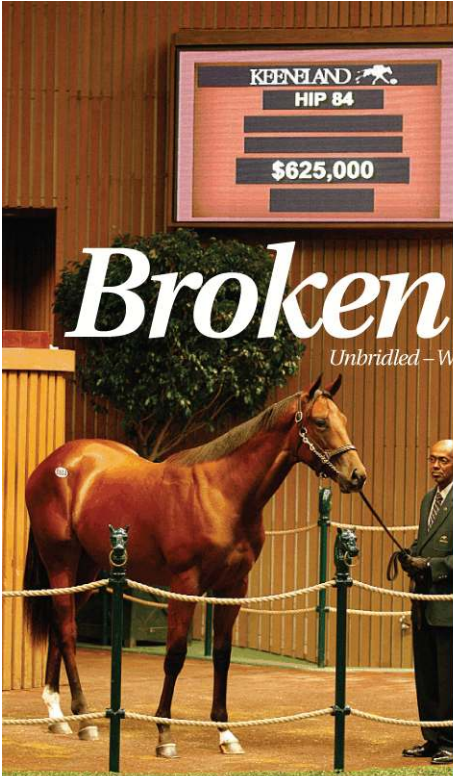
Swift and Classy colt bred by Liberation and Stonewall was knocked down to Legends Racing for \$1 million. Whiteley had selected Swift and Classy, with that colt in utero, at the '06 November Sale and purchased her for \$75,000.

"Rob's the master at finding value when picking out mares, so we let Rob select them, he and I would inspect them, and then we'd figure out which of the stallions to send them to," explained Stonewall's Bert Welker.

Another of those purchases was Amizette, a daughter of Broodmare of the Year Courtly Dee whom Liberation and Stonewall purchased for \$90,000--in foal to One Cool Cat--at the '06 January Sale. Whiteley purchased the mare with Medaglia d'Oro in mind and, after being sent to the big El Prado (Ire) son that spring, Amizette produced yesterday's topper on Apr. 25 of last year. Amizette, in foal to Stonewall's A.P. Warrior, sold for \$75,000 at the 2008 January sale to Pilltown Stud.

In the meantime, Amizette's Medaglia d'Oro daughter developed into a fine prospect, and Whiteley was cautiously optimistic of his chances coming into this sale despite selling on Day 4.

"She deserved to bring that level, but it's always hard to know on Thursday whether that's realistic to expect," he said. "But she combines everything. Physically, she's scopey and athletic, and she's by the most promising sire I've been around at this stage. No one expected Medaglia d'Oro to have two-year-olds, and in my opinion, he has the favorite for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies [C.S. Silk]. When she won the GIII Arlington Washington Lassie S., she went :45 and change in a gallop and then drew away in a gallop. She could be any kind of filly. And King of Rome [the filly's half-brother] has come up with two smashing group wins since the catalogue, and I truly hope they bring him over here. I'd love to be able to breed to a stallion from that family, which is the other thing she had going for her. In my opinion, it's one of the two or three American families of all time."




**Keeneland
September
Results**

Broken Vow

Unbridled - Wedding Vow, by Nijinsky II

**\$625,000
Colt**

**Book 1 & 2
Average
\$271,250**



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One notable point regarding the sales of the aforementioned million-dollar yearlings is the relatively advanced ages of both Amizette and Swift and Classy when they were purchased by Whiteley. Bucking popular trends, Whiteley secured Amizette when she was 14; Swift and Classy was 15. The former, a half-sister to the brilliant champion Althea, had been through the ring four times before Whiteley purchased her. Bloodstock Advisory bought her, in foal to A.P. Indy, from Middlebrook Farm for \$1.4 million at the 1999 November Sale. She RNA'd for \$475,000 the following year while in foal to Kris S., then sold three years later, in foal to In the Wings (GB), for 35,000gns to B.B.A. Ireland Ltd. In her fourth appearance under the hammer, at the 2005 Tattersalls July Sale, Amizette sold to J. O'Byrne for 150,000gns while in foal to Cool Coal Cat. She had yet to produce a stakes horse prior to being purchased by Whiteley.

"I'm very appreciative of Stonewall to let me pick out mares that would fit their stallions, and to work with Bert Welker in the selection process and in the matings," said Whiteley. "To have two million-dollar yearlings to come out of our initial efforts is way beyond our expectations."

Asked if he expected to team with Whiteley in future ventures, Welker said, "I sure hope so." -LM