



Regional Sales

Review of the Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds In Training

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Despite a drop in the number of horses offered, as well as a format change to a one-day sale, the 2004 Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training reported record figures for average and median price. The 189 juveniles that sold at the Fairplex Park-based auction house on May 11 slipped 19.9 percent, but total receipts dipped just 1.9 percent from \$7,186,600 to \$7,053,000. The average jumped 22.5 percent to a record \$37,317 and the median was up a whopping 58.8 percent to \$27,000. The buy-back rate of 15.6 percent was an all-time low for this sale, falling from 27.2 percent of a year ago.

"This sale was as strong as it could be," said Barretts President and General Manager Gerald McMahon. "There was solid interest from the top of the market to the bottom. It attracted a lot of small new owners to the industry as well as people like Stan Fulton who can afford the top horses."

The California-breds

California-breds sold exceptionally well. Of the 128 state-breds offered, 106 sold for a total of \$3,365,000 and an average of \$31,745, exceeding the gross and average of Cal-breds sold at last year's sale. The median was \$25,000 and the buy-back rate for Cal-breds actually beat that of the overall

sale, as only 13 percent of them failed to find new homes.

There were three Cal-breds among the 11 juveniles who sold for six figures. The top-selling Cal-bred was the Rio Verde colt, Rhythm River, who brought \$160,000 after winning his



debut at Hollywood Park on April 25. Rio Verde, a Nureyev son, stands at Terry Lovingier's Lovacres Ranch in Murrieta and is already represented by another juvenile winner this season. That's Bobby the Bagger, who sold for \$77,000 after he broke his maiden at first asking on April 22. Both Rio

Verde juveniles made their initial starts for Lovingier.

"I always thought Rhythm River and Bobby the Bagger were top-level colts and was happy with the way they sold," Lovingier said. "Rio Verde also has a bunch of really nice babies coming up for the yearling sales and my phone's been ringing off the hook with people now wanting to breed to him."

Trainer Leonard Duncan, who conditions Rhythm River, bought the colt for Buckets of Money Stables LLC, which is owned by the Raymond J. Lucia Corp. of San Diego. Duncan will continue to train the colt, who is now eligible for Hollywood's early juvenile stakes events.

The other six-figure Cal-breds each brought final bids of \$100,000. Austin Do, a Swiss Yodeler colt out of a winning half-sister to California Champion Answer Do, was bought by Pegasus Thoroughbred Training Center and is slated for racing in Northern California. Austin Do was consigned by Main Event, as agent. Trainer Simon Bray bought the other \$100,000 Cal-bred for Michael Bello. Consigned by Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC, the colt is by their resident sire Valid Wager and also hails from the family of Tommy Town's promising freshman stallion Old Topper.

SIX-FIGURE TWO-YEAR-OLD PURCHASES

HIP#	DESCRIPTION (* DENOTES CALIFORNIA-BRED)	CONSIGNOR	PRICE	BUYER
201	It's All Mine, ch.f., Belong to Me--French Lavender	Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Agent	\$350,000	NW Management & Fleetwood
248	b.c., Crafty Prospector--Kidnap	Terry Oliver, Agent	275,000	NW Management & Fleetwood
312	b.f., Mr. Greeley--Phi Beta	Bruno De Berdt, Agent	185,000	Charles Kenis
231	Rythm River, dk.b./br.c., Rio Verde--Hi Rythm *	Lov Acres, Agent	160,000	Buckets of Money Stables LLC
227	Outstanding Native, dk.b./br.c., Outflanker--High Hearts	Terry Oliver, Agent	140,000	Jay Manoogian
241	ch.c., Golden Missile--Jakes Jan	Murray Smith	125,000	Bruno De Berdt, Agent
22	Golden Reservoir, dk.b./br.c., Formal Gold--Sassy Reserve	Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Agent	110,000	J. Paul Reddam
192	Twice as Fabulous, b.c., Fabulous Frolic--Fabulous Fanny	Murray Smith	105,000	Greg Alsdorf
94	Austin Do, ch.c., Swiss Yodeler--We Say Do *	Main Event, Agent	100,000	Pegasus Thoroughbred Training Center LLC
143	Cat On the Run, b.c., Tale of the Cat--Branche d'Or (Ire)	Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Agent	100,000	Shawn Dugan, Agent
217	ch.c., Valid Wager--Hadee Mae *	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	100,000	Michael Bello

The Sale-Toppers

NW Management and Fleetwood continued to make waves at the leading Thoroughbred auctions while buying horses for Sunland Park owner Stan Fulton. They came away with the two highest priced horses at the May sale.

It's All Mine, a chestnut daughter of Belong to Me topped the sale at \$350,000. Consigned by Becky Thomas' Sequel Bloodstock and from the family of grade I winner A Huevo, she worked the fastest quarter-mile of the sale in :21.1. The top-selling colt, at \$275,000, was sired by Crafty Prospector and consigned by Terry Oliver, as agent. These purchases made NW Management and Fleetwood the leading buyer of the 2004 sale.

The Sires

With four offspring bringing \$313,000, Rio Verde was the second leading sire of the sale, although his

TOP 10 SIRES (By average with a minimum of two hip numbers sold)			
SIRE	NO. SOLD	GROSS	AVERAGE
Mr. Greeley	2	\$227,000	\$113,500
Rio Verde	4	313,000	78,250
Wild Again	2	152,000	76,000
Exploit	3	180,000	60,000
Valid Wager	4	237,000	59,250
Dixie Union	2	115,000	57,500
Benchmark	3	165,000	55,000
Avenue of Flags	2	107,000	53,500
Afternoon Deelites	2	105,000	52,500
In Excess (Ire)	8	399,000	49,875

TOP 5 CONSIGNORS		
CONSIGNOR	NO. SOLD	GROSS
Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Agent	7	\$819,000
Terry Oliver, Agent	5	650,000
Bruno De Berdt, Agent	12	466,500
Havens Bloodstock Agency Inc., Agent	17	433,500
Lov Acres, Agent	6	359,000

TOP 5 BUYERS		
BUYER	NO. BOUGHT	GROSS
NW Management & Fleetwood	2	\$625,000
Bob W. Grayson Sr.	19	318,000
Bruno De Berdt, Agent	4	295,000
Ben C. Warren	7	245,000
Jay Manoojian	2	185,000

total sales clearly outstripped the \$227,000 brought in by two juveniles by Mr. Greeley. The Mr. Greeley youngsters averaged \$113,500, while Rio Verde's average was \$78,250. Valid Wager, Benchmark (River Edge

Farm) and Vessels Stallion Farm's In Excess (Ire) were the other local stallions amongst the top 10 sires at the sale.

The Consignors

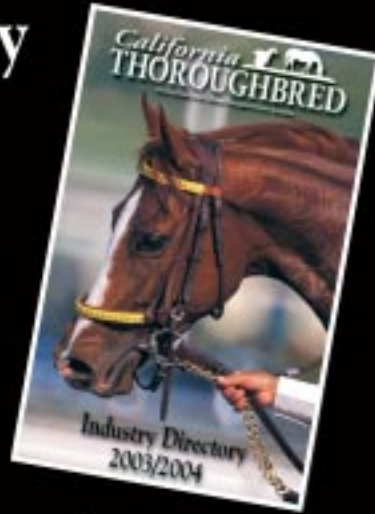
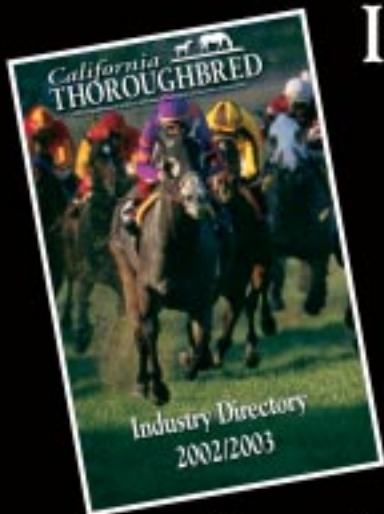
Sequel Bloodstock sold the sale-topper and six others for \$819,000 to emerge as the leading consignor. Oliver sold the Crafty Prospector colt and four others for \$650,000. Local vendors Bruno DeBerdt, (Andy) Havens Bloodstock Agency and Lov Acres rounded out the top five.

The Buyers

Besides the previously mentioned NW Management and Fleetwood, Bob Grayson Sr. bought 19 horses for \$318,000 and De Berdt signed for four purchases totaling \$295,000.

Other buyers among the top five purchasers included Warren's Thoroughbreds LLC owner Ben Warren and Jay Manoojian, co-owner of 2004 Kentucky Derby starter Quinton's Gold Rush.

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