

OBS Selected Two-Year-Old Sale Grads Lead The Way Racing To Three Breeders' Cup Victories Sweeping Saratoga's Two-Year-Old Filly Stakes

Grade One Stakes

Won or Placed in 2008 by OBS 2YO Graduates

ACORN STAKES
ANCIENT TITLE STAKES
APPLE BLOSSOM HANDICAP
BELDAME STAKES
BING CROSBY HANDICAP
BREEDERS' CUP F & M TURF
BREEDERS' CUP JUV. FILLIES
BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT
CARTER HANDICAP
DEL MAR DEBUTANTE STAKES
DEL MAR FUTURITY
DIANA STAKES
FIRST LADY STAKES
GAZELLE STAKES
GO FOR WAND HANDICAP
JUST A GAME STAKES
KING'S BISHOP STAKES
LA BREA STAKES
LAS VIRGENES STAKES
MALIBU STAKES
OAK LEAF STAKES
PIMLICO SPECIAL HANDICAP
PREAKNESS STAKES
PRINCESS ROONEY HANDICAP
Q. E. II CHALLENGE CUP S.
SPINAWAY STAKES
TRIPLE BEND INVITATIONAL H.
VOSBURGH STAKES
WOODBINE MILE STAKES
YELLOW RIBBON STAKES

OBS 2YO Sales Lead The Industry

After a record breaking year in 2008, the February Selected Sale kicks off the two-year-old sale season on Tuesday, February 17, a day after the Darley OBS Championship Stakes races. This will be the first selected sale at OBS with a one breeze format, with the Under Tack Show set for February 13.

The sale records reflect the extraordinary performance of OBS Two-Year-Old Sale graduates at the races. In 2008, OBS Two-Year-Old Sale graduates earned stakes victories at a remarkable rate of more than three per week, accounting for 170 stakes wins. They won or placed in 123 graded stakes, winning forty six.

Industry studies underscore the success of OBS Selected Sale graduates. Over a ten year period OBS February, according to the

OBS' All-Weather Safetrack An All Surface Springboard

The new **Safetrack** surface had a successful first year of use as 62 graduates of the 2008 OBS two-year-old sales won or placed in stakes, including 17 graded races.

Any skepticism that training over Safetrack would not translate to success on conventional surfaces proved unfounded, as 2008 OBS two-year-old graduates won or placed in stakes races at Aqueduct, Belmont, Saratoga, Churchill Downs, Calder, Fair Grounds and Monmouth. They performed equally well on a variety of synthetic surfaces, winning or placing in stakes at Arlington, Del Mar, Hollywood, Presque Isle, Santa Anita, Turfway Park and Woodbine.

While opportunities for juveniles on the turf are limited, 2008 OBS two-year-old graduates came off the Safetrack surface and won or placed in six stakes on grass.

Thoroughbred Times, has produced the highest percentage of stakes winners (11.3%) of any sale as well as the highest percentage of winners (78.1%) and starters (93.7%).

The same study showed that OBS March is the only selected sale whose graduates' earnings exceed their purchase price.

In addition, all four OBS two-year-olds sales have the highest number of starts per starter of any in the industry.

March Grads Forever Together, Midnight Lute, Stardom Bound In Line For Championships

Eleven OBS March graduates won graded stakes in 2008, headed by the exploits of Charles Cono's **Stardom Bound**, Eclipse Award-bound after her victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) at Santa Anita. Consigned by Shadybrook Farm, agent, to the March Sale, the daughter of Tapit was purchased for \$375,000. After breaking her maiden with a 4-1/2 length score in the Del Mar Debutante (G1) she rolled home a 3-1/2 length winner of the Oak Leaf Stakes (G1) at Santa Anita before going on to the Breeders' Cup. She ended her juvenile campaign with a 5-3-2-0 record and earnings of \$1,420,600.

Augustin Stable's **Forever Together** has been a terror since trying the turf, accounting for three grade one wins in



Stardom Bound Matt Goins photo

2008 including a championship performance in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1). Sold for \$240,000 by Racehorse Consignment, Agent at the 2006 March Sale, she has earned over \$2-million to date.

Mike Pegram, Paul Weitman and Karl Watson's champion **Midnight Lute** may have wrapped up a second Eclipse Award with his second straight score in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1). Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent, to the 2005 OBS March Sale, he has amassed nearly \$2.7-million in earnings.

Eli Gindi's **Break Water Edison** came out of the 2008 March Sale to break his maiden at first asking at Belmont in July, then finished second in the Saratoga Special (G2). Enjoying the added distance of Aqueduct's Nashua Stakes (G3) in November, he posted a 1-3/4 length victory over highly regarded Hello Broadway. Consigned by Off the Hook, Agent, he was purchased for \$525,000. His looks, pedigree and running style suggest he could be a factor on the 2009 Triple Crown trail.

The other graded stakes winning March graduates in 2008 were **Crown of Thorns** (Robert B. Lewis S.-G2), **El Gato Malo** (San Rafael S.-G2, Lone Star Derby-G3), **Game Face** (Old Hat S-G3, La Troienne S-G3), **Hey Byrn** (Holy Bull S.-G3), **In Summation** (Palos Verdes H.-G2, El Conejo H.-G3), **Sir Whimsey** (Gulfstream Park H.-G2), and **Starforaday** (Maryland Sprint H.-G3).

**2008 February Grads Jardin,
Mani Bhavan Sweep At The Spa**

Nine OBS February graduates accounted for twelve graded stakes wins in 2008, with a pair of youngsters combining to sweep Saratoga's graded stakes for two-year-old fillies. Padua Stables' **Jardin** was a four length winner of the Schuylerville Stakes (G3) after breaking her maiden at Churchill Downs at first asking in June. Consigned by breeder Ocala Stud to the February Sale, she went to Padua for \$475,000.



Mani Bhavan Adam Coglianesse photo

TYB Stable's **Mani Bhavan** picked up the baton in Saratoga's Adirondack Stakes (G2) romping to a seven length score after winning by 9-1/4 lengths in her debut at Delaware. Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, Agent, she raced for TYB until Puglisi Stables bought in after the Adirondack. Racing for the new partnership in the Spinaway Stakes (G1), she held off a late run by **Jardin** and won by a length and a quarter. She ended the year 4-3-0-0 with \$264,000 in earnings.

Darley Stable's versatile **Coronet of a Baron**, who finished a good third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf after a heartbreaking nose loss to eventual Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) winner Midshipman in the Del Mar Futurity (G1) was another outstanding member of the February class of 2008. Consigned by Leprechaun Racing, Agent, he was sold for a sale topping \$550,000.

Padua Stables, Michael Shustek and W. Don Stanley's **Behindatthebar** was unraced at two, but scored in three of five races in 2008 highlighted by his victory in Keeneland's Lexington Stakes (G2). Consigned to the February Sale by Cloverleaf Farms II & Brent Fernung, Agent, he went to the sidelines after the Lexington with earnings of \$277,100.

West Point Thoroughbreds' **Macho Again** was another February graduate to make an impact on the Triple Crown Trail, scoring in the Derby Trial Stakes and then finishing second in the Preakness (G1). The highlight of his 3-year-old campaign was a victory in Saratoga's Jim Dandy Stakes (G2) and he ended the year with earnings of \$776,619. He was sold for \$150,000 by Crupi's New Castle Farm, Agent.

Arindel Farm's **Wait a While** enjoyed another productive year in 2008 before chasing Forever Together home in the Breeders' Cup. After winning Saratoga's Ballston Spa S. (G2) for the second straight year, she shipped west and scored in Santa Anita's Yellow Ribbon S. (G1). Sold for \$260,000 by Blazing Meadows Farm, Agent, at the 2005 OBS February Sale, she ended 2008 24-12-3-5 with earnings of \$2,394,916.

Wind River Stable's **Black Seventeen** joined the February Grade One club in 2008 with a victory in Belmont's Vosburgh Stakes (G1) in September. Purchased out of the Paul Sharp consignment at the 2006 February Sale, he wrapped up the year with a 12-4-2-2 record and \$548,077 in earnings.

Atoned (Pegasus Stakes.-G3), **Magna Graduate** (Ack Ack H. - G3) and **Sherine** (Comely Stakes.-G2) complete the roster of 2008 graded stakes winning February graduates.

2009 OBS SALE SCHEDULE
TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING

FEBRUARY SELECTED SALE

February 17, Noon
Under Tack: February 13 (Friday) 9 AM

OBS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES

presented by Darley
February 16, 1:30 PM

ADENA SPRINGS SALE

March 16, 5 PM
Under Tack: March 14 (Saturday) 9 AM

MARCH SELECTED SALE

March 17 - 18, 11 AM
Under Tack: March 12-13 (Thurs/Fri) 8 AM

APRIL SALE

April 20 - 23, 10:30 AM
Under Tack: April 14-17
(Tuesday - Friday) 8 AM

JUNE SALE

June 16 - 17, 10:30 AM
Under Tack: June 13-14
(Saturday/Sunday) 8 AM

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