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KEENELAND SALE IS A *Wrap*

Belladonna Stays Busy at Keeneland

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Trainer Cherie DeVaux continued to add yearlings to the Belladonna Racing partnership into Book 4 at Keeneland, purchasing the top-priced filly of Tuesday's session when going to \$275,000 to acquire a daughter of Not This Time (hip 2631) from the Paramount Sales consignment.

"David [Ingordo] goes out and scouts at the farms," DeVaux said. "And he had seen this filly out prior to the sale last month and marked her down as a horse to keep an eye on. He waited for her today."

Also Tuesday, the partnership purchased a colt by Twirling Candy (hip 2159) from Warrendale Sales for \$240,000 and a son of Collected (hip 2593) for \$80,000.

"You hope it gets more reasonable," DeVaux said of the market as the Keeneland sale moved into its second week. But these days, the way the sales have been throughout the last two years, it's been really strong throughout and you have to buy when there is a horse that you like that fits whatever your parameters are. If you try to wait to get more in the later books, it doesn't necessarily translate."

Through eight sessions, Belladonna has now purchased 18 yearlings for \$4,917,000. Leading the way was a Quality Road half-brother to GI Pacific Classic winner Arabian Lion (Uncle Mo) (hip 41) acquired for \$500,000 during last Monday's opening session of the auction.

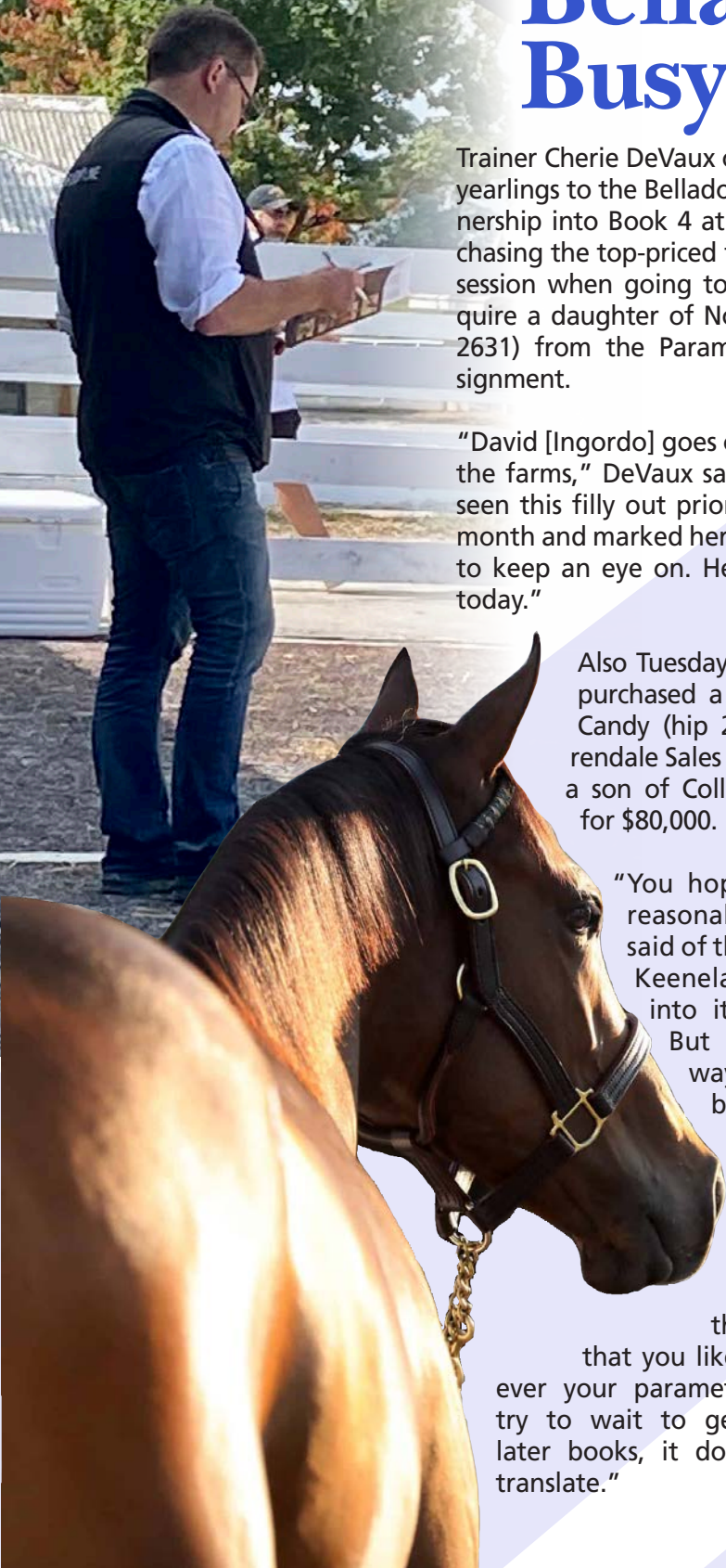
"We are just trying to get the best athlete with some pedigree for what we pay," said DeVaux. "Some we knew we would have to stretch on, we know, but we were really just trying to stay where we evaluated them."

Belladonna was represented last season by graded stakes performer Coastana (Kitten's Joy), third in the GIII Fasig-Tipton Waya S. and the GII Flower Bowl S., and Bout Time (Not This Time), who won the Goldwood S.

"We started out with only getting fillies for the first four years just because that was less risk with having some residual value," DeVaux said of the evolution of the partnership. "We introduced colts in the last couple of years buying predominantly from the yearling sales instead of the 2-year-old sales. And it's gotten a lot bigger. The first group had six and it had four the third year, it continues to evolve in the numbers and the budget."

The sixth edition of the partnership will continue its shopping next spring.

"We still have some [of the budget] left for the 2-year-old sales," DeVaux said. "The budget really isn't that much different from last year, it's just our average per horse is less this year than it was last year."



BELLADONNA RACING VI

2023 KEENELAND SEPTEMBER YEARLING SALE PURCHASES

2022 Colt, Quality Road – Borealis Night Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$500,000

Belladonna VI was able to secure one colt within the first two hours of the prestigious opening day of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. This outstanding individual is a half-brother to one of the hottest current runners, ARABIAN KNIGHT (3YO colt by Uncle Mo), who won the \$1M Pacific Classic S.-G1 on Sept. 2nd. Arabian Knight pushed his earnings to \$1,244,275 with a 4-3-0-1 record for Zedan Racing and Bob Baffert.

Arabian Knight is the only other registered foal for the young mare, BOREALIS NIGHT, by Astrology, who has a pair of graded stakes-placed half-sisters. Another of her siblings has produced a stakes winner of nearly \$400,000.

The cross of QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality) over sons of A.P. Indy is a proven success with three Grade 1 winners and an additional six SWs and four graded performers. Overall, Quality Road has sired 15 Grade 1 winners, thus 20% of his G1s are from the A.P. Indy sire line. Altogether, stakes winners from starters on this cross rate at a healthy 9%.

For this sale, 33 yearlings by Quality Road grossed \$12,680,000 to rank among the highest average for all sires at \$384,242. This stalwart Lane's End stallion stands for \$200,000 and is a Top 5 National stud in 2023.

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This pedigree should sound familiar to our partners, as this colt is a half-brother to a promising 2-year-old colt in our stable named VARVATOS (by Medaglia d'Oro, bought at the KEESEP 2022 sale for \$385,000 from the same consignment, Gainesway).

This sought-after pedigree has a ton of potential. The dam is RIVER MAID, named champion female sprinter in Canada with a full spate of Graded stakes results. She has produced one other foal besides these two Belladonna colts, a filly named Cocktail



Per David Ingordo, "An observation Cherie, Paul and I made...buying early is always good for us. The Quality Road / Borealis Night colt would have cost way more (the second day of the sale). We found value in him by striking early."

Paul Manganaro commented, "I'm a huge Quality Road fan. I have owned shares in him as a sire for a long time and QR does nothing but produce top-class runners. I love this pedigree cross and it is a young mare that her first foal is in the running for Champion 3-year-old this year. It's sad the mare died, but she left one more that we hope can add to the legacy of the pedigree. Given the market, I think Cherie and David got us another good "value" purchase relative to the market we play in."

2022 Colt, Tapit – River Maid Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$450,000

Moments (4YO by Uncle Mo), who is Grade 1-placed with over \$400K in earnings for trainer Kenny McPeck. River Maid has a stakes-winning full sibling plus four other stakes-placed siblings.

TAPIT (Pulpit), at 22 years young, continues to command respect at the sales and on the track. At this sale alone, Tapit progeny sold for an average of \$441,480 to rank second-best, only behind the phenomenal Into Mischief (two Tapit fillies sold for a million-plus). And on the track, seven of his nine 2023 stakes winners are males, led by G1 winner Tapit Trice. Of those nine current stakes winners, seven are graded winners in 2023. Tapit stood this season for \$185K, the fifth-highest stud fee in America.

Cherie commented, "We tried on a lot of nice horses today and underbid a few times but came away with two that are "Our Types" and they happened to be related to two of our current very promising two-year-olds. I like getting relatives to horses that show talent and I know something about."

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Filly, Volatile – Splashy Kisses

Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$200,000

Last year, we stretched to \$550,000 for a superb-looking Uncle Mo filly from the KEESEP sale, and this year we came away with her half-sister. These are the first two foals from Grade 2- and Grade 3-placed SPLASHY KISSES, who is by emerging broodmare sire, Blame (by Arch). Blame already has produced 16 stakes winners from 97 winners as a BMS for an outstanding 16.5% success rate. Splashy Kisses comes from a nice line of broodmare sires, including Nureyev and Mr. Prospector, and the family includes champions Rainbows For Life and Tempera.

VOLATILE (Violence) is represented by his first crop of yearlings and has had instant success off an introductory stud fee of \$17,500. Through Book 3 of this KEESEP sale, Volatile progeny averaged \$226K, a median of \$150K with one topping the million-dollar mark.

Volatile is by established young sire Violence (by Medaglia d'Oro). The top runner for Violence is champion Forte, who also has Blame as his broodmare sire, thus making our new purchase bred along the same lines.



David said, "We have had a lot of success in our time buying freshman sires, and Volatile is a horse that had caught my attention as a sire I would like a yearling by for Belladonna. That this filly is a half-sister to our own highly rated PRODIGIEUX was an added bonus. This is a fast-looking filly that is quite a good mover. She looks like one that could be early for us next year at Saratoga."

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This handsome colt is the first foal for the six-year-old American Pharoah mare, AMERICA'S SURPRISE. The focal point of this pedigree is the fact America's Surprise is a half-sister to Songbird, the champion 2- and 3-year-old filly by Medaglia d'Oro who won

2022 Colt, Violence – America's Surprise

Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$250,000

13-of-15 starts and \$4.6M, topped by nine Grade 1 stakes wins. Their dam, Ivanavalot, was a Grade 2 winner and the granddam of a graded stakes winner.

VIOLENCE (Medaglia d'Oro) is the most expensive sire-son of Medaglia d'Oro and stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Kentucky for \$50,000. From seven crops of racing age, Violence has sired more than 75 stakes horses, led by last year's champion 2-year-old colt, Forte. For the year so far, Violence ranks #13th nationally with 10 stakes winners and \$8M in seasonal progeny earnings.

David mentioned, "We came away from the third session of the sale with two prospects that fit our criteria; the colt by blue chip stallion Violence was one of our top picks on physical for the day on the colt side of the ledger."

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Filly, Quality Road – Momentary Magic Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$400,000

We have been seeking a Quality Road filly to add to our stable, and this one fits the bill perfectly. This gorgeous bright bay is out of a winning mare by one of the best broodmare sires, Indian Charlie. The second dam is Grade 1-placed by Pulpit (A.P. Indy) who produced the dams of Triple Crown winner Justify as well as Graded stakes horses The Lieutenant and McLaren Vale. This is the same female family that produced our two-year-old filly, Sands of War.

QUALITY ROAD (Elusive Quality) has been a model of consistency over the years and currently ranks fifth nationally with 14 stakes winners, of which four are Graded stakes winners. His top runner of the year is Preakness S.-G1 winner National Treasure. Quality Road has been represented by 40 yearlings to sell in 2023 for an average of \$414,627. He stands at Lane's End for \$200,000.



David quoted, "We came away from the third session of the sale with two prospects that fit our criteria (the Violence colt, above) and the filly was a standout with her physical presence."

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2022 Filly, Street Sense – Asiya Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$260,000

ner of the Mother Goose S.-G2 and Forward Gal S.-G3 for earnings approaching \$260K. She also has a multiple graded stakes-placed half-brother by Curlin that has earned nearly \$200K. Her second dam by Elusive Quality was stakes-placed at Saratoga, and her third dam is by the venerable A.P. Indy.

STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}) was named champion 2-year-old and won the 2007 Kentucky Derby-G1. With 13 crops of racing, he has 12 Grade 1 winners and is closing in on 100 overall stakes winners. Street Sense stands for \$75,000 at Darley in Lexington, KY.

We love purchasing horses from such reputable consignors as Ash-view Farm, and this young May-foaled filly comes from a 13-year-old mare already with a pair of graded performers while producing 100% winners from starters. This filly is a full sister to Zaajel, win-

David added, "This filly has so much upside physically; she will look like a different horse when she matures. I love buying off this farm; they raise them rough and natural which makes for a good racing product for Cherie to train."

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2022 Filly, Not This Time - Gale Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$200,000

This mature filly is the first foal out of the stakes-winning Tonalist (Tapit) mare GALE, who was on the board in 4-of-5 starts, including her win in the Geisha Stakes. Gale, now just age six and herself the first foal for stakes winner Windy Forecast, was bred by R. S. Evans and sold for \$430,000 while carrying this filly. Gale's second dam is a foundation mare Scapegoat (by Forty Niner and out of a reputable mare named Old Goat), who produced eight stakes horses or stakes producers.

We think highly of the young sire NOT THIS TIME (Giant's Causeway) and have had stakes-winning success with his daughter, Bout Time. He has steadily climbed the ladder from his humble beginnings of a \$15,000 stud fee just five years ago and now stands for \$135,000. With five graded stakes winners in 2023, he ranks eighth nationally with \$9M in progeny earnings thus far for the year.



Paul said, "This filly is another great value. The mother had a lot of talent and the sire is the next big one in the racing and breeding game."

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2022 Colt, Vekoma – Granny's Drink Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$87,000

dam, GRANNY'S DRINK, is by a son of the fantastic broodmare sire Unbridled's Song, and she racked up six wins and over \$120K on the track.

VEKOMA is advertised as "Candy Ride's fastest and best-bred Grade 1 son" by Spendthrift Farm. He won 6-of-8 starts and \$1.2M, raced from ages 2-to-4, with his best year being his last on the track with wins in the Metropolitan H.-G1 and Carter H.-G1. At the Keeneland September sale with his first crop of yearlings, 34 sold averaged \$150,941 through Book 4. His sire Candy Ride (Arg) has become a nice sire-of-sires with the likes of top sons Gun Runner and Twirling Candy.

On our most productive day of buying at the September sale, this colt looks to be the bargain of the bunch. His four-year-old half-brother, Grannys Connection, became a full stakes winner on August 11th when he won the \$121K Union Avenue H. at Saratoga, increasing his earnings to \$268K for trainer Tom Morley. Their

Paul added, "This looks like DEPICTION 2.0 for BDR VI...I like that David and Cherie are looking for value at whatever level they can find for us."

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2022 Filly, City of Light – Holiday Soiree Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$400,000

As Cherie said, "There was no way we wanted to leave without VAHVA's little sister if we could afford her." It may have helped our cause that the catalog was printed prior to Vahva's spectacular Grade 3 win in the Charles Town Oaks which nearly tripled her career earnings to \$662,235 with a 9-3-2-2 record.

Vahva is the current star of Belladonna Racing and we could not be happier to have her half-sister. Their dam, HOLIDAY SOIREE, was on the board in 11-of-19 starts for \$405K in earnings and participated in graded stakes all three years on the track. In fact, Holiday Soiree just missed being a significant multiple Graded stakes mare but finished fourth in five graded events. Besides Vahva, Holiday Soiree has another stakes filly currently running, Signal From Noise, who finished third in allowance company at Saratoga since the catalog. This pedigree is blossoming.

CITY OF LIGHT (by Quality Road) progeny remain popular at the sales while his first two crops are showing promise on the track. He had 11 yearlings sell for \$200K or more at this sale, topped by this



We are thrilled to acquire this late-May colt from the renowned Stone Farm consignment. It's an early-developing family, with his dam as well as all three siblings on the catalog page being winners at age 2. RUBY LIPS, herself a \$220,000 yearling by Hard Spun, was Grade 3-placed by her third career start. Her first foal, Lone Rock,



filly at \$400K. He currently ranks sixth among his generation of sires, behind the likes of Good Magic, Bolt d'Oro, and Justify. He stands for \$60,000 at Lanes End.

Cherie added, "She looks a lot like VAHVA but has more body and muscle. I know David and Paul think City of Light is going to be a good sire and he is getting a lot of winners and stakes horses now, so they look to be right. I love this filly."

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2022 Colt, Constitution – Ruby Lips Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$450,000

won the 2021 Brooklyn S.-G2, has earned \$1.4M and is still active in stakes competition at age 8. The 4YO half-sister is Gerrymander, who won the distinguished Mother Goose S.-G2 last year. She has improved her earnings to \$509K with a pair of recent allowance placings and is back in Graded competition.

It's no secret that we are fans of the stallion CONSTITUTION (by Tapit). He has sired 10 Grade 1 winners from five crops of racing age, having top success on dirt and turf. His yearling colts were a hot commodity at this sale, having one million-dollar baby and seven overall going for at least \$500,000. At age 12, he is the top-priced stallion currently standing at WinStar, commanding a \$110,000 stud fee.

Cherie said, "I really like this colt. He's immature still, but has an amazing frame on him, strong pedigree and comes from a great farm in Stone, which raised three Kentucky Derby winners."

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2022 Filly, Maclean's Music – Lady Luck Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$300,000

We all need Lady Luck on our side. In this instance, LADY LUCK is a young six-year-old mare that started her broodmare career early. Our filly is her second foal.

Lady Luck is by top sire Medaglia d'Oro and is out of a Grade 1-placed multiple stakes mare named Catch My Drift (Pioneerof the Nile) that was a nice route dirt runner. Catch My Drift already has produced two stakes horses that are still in action in 2023 in Strava (earnings to \$346K) and Bishops Bay (earnings to \$212K), who finished second in the Peter Pan S.-G3 and the Ohio Derby-G3 this year.

MACLEAN'S MUSIC (Distorted Humor) is a consistent source of headliner horses. His top runners include Champion Sprinter Jackie's Warrior (won five Grade 1 races), Preakness S.-G1 hero Cloud Computing, and Grade 1 winners Drain the Clock and Complexity, all of which are starting their own stallion careers. Maclean's Music has 65 stakes horses in eight crops to race. He stands at Hill 'n' Dale for \$50,000.



David commented, "I wanted a filly by this stallion and this one looked quite special to me. She is built in the mold of the fillies we have done so well with in the past. She will be magnificent when she fills out next Spring with training at Dr. Eisaman's."

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2022 Filly, Army Mule - Mezcalita Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$270,000

Park. Her dam, Agave Kiss, won 6-of-10 starts, including the Grade 3 Cicada Stakes in New York. The 3-year-old out of Agave Kiss, named Give Me Kisses (Street Sense), was stakes-placed in only her second start for Pletcher as a juvenile, and she has been working steadily at Belmont Park for her return to the races.

ARMY MULE (Friesian Fire) is advertised as "undefeated and unchallenged; highest Beyer up to a mile in 2018" by Hill 'n' Dale. He currently ranks 5th in the good class of second-crop sires, which includes Good Magic, Bolt d'Oro, and Justify, and he has accumulated five graded stakes horses in a short career as a stallion. His advertised fee for 2023 is \$12,500.

The consignor Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa has found a cross they like here, as all three foals from the 7-year-old mare MEZCALITA (Pioneerof the Nile) are by their resident stallion Army Mule. Mezcalita only made three starts for Todd Pletcher but did manage a fourth- and third-place finish once she was switched to the turf at Gulfstream

David added, "This filly is a beast physically. Strong and powerful, she has a great body and shape to her. She looks very fast. The sire is an up-and-comer. This is a filly we saw at the farm and liked a lot there."

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2022 Filly, Hard Spun – Grace and Dignity Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$300,000

When you see this filly, you will know why she was the top-selling Hard Spun filly of the entire sale. This is a big, strong February lass and the second foal out of a stakes-placed mare by Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom, named GRACE AND DIGNITY (2-of-3, \$111,600). She was raised by one of the top Ontario operations, Anderson Farms - which also bred her dam, and this pedigree has plenty of graded stakes results on the page.

HARD SPUN (Danzig) continues to thrive and is currently ranked ninth nationally with \$9M in progeny earnings. With 13 crops of racing age, Hard Spun has sired 37 graded stakes winners and is approaching 100 overall stakes winners. He stands for \$35,000 at Darley in Lexington.

David commented, "By one of my favorite proven sires, Hard Spun. I bought Hard Not to Love (also by Hard Spun) off this same



consignor and this filly has the same look. They breed a good horse so I am happy we have her. She's a filly that fits the "Belladonna Model."

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This pedigree got a timely update when the expensive 3-year-old half-brother, Fearless Soldier (City of Light, \$700K at '21 KEESEP) won a \$167,000 allowance at Kentucky Downs by a front-running, four-length score for Todd Pletcher. Fearless Soldier improved to 5-2-1-0 and \$170,303, with hopefully bigger and better races ahead. Their dam, HESSIE'S GIRL, is by one of the best broodmare sires in Giant's

2022 Colt, Game Winner – HESSIE'S GIRL Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$185,000

Causeway. She is a half-sister to Grade 1 winner Bullsbay and Grade 3 winner Our Khristy, who has produced Grade 1 winner Grace Adler and Grade 2-placed Virginia Key.

GAME WINNER (Candy Ride {Arg}) is an exciting new sire with his first crop hitting the racetrack next year. He showed brilliance on the track from the outset, winning all four of his two-year-old races, including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1 and two other Grade 1s and was named Champion Two-Year-Old Colt. Candy Ride (Arg) has several successful sons at stud, namely two of our favorites, Gun Runner and Twirling Candy.

Paul mentioned, "I wanted a Game Winner as I think he was a good horse, by a sire of sires in Candy Ride, and this one had a lot to like at a good price point. He looks athletic and there is some activity with his young dam by Giant's Causeway. I think we did well on the buy in price here."

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2022 Colt, Ghostzapper – Desert Isle Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$50,000

We have cornered the market on the progeny of the young Bernardini mare, DESERT ISLE, a stakes winner and track record setter from an incredibly deep family. Her first foal, Determined Ruler, is our 2-year-old colt by American Pharoah that we purchased this spring at the May Timonium sale. Desert Isle is a $\frac{3}{4}$ -sister to three stakes winning/graded stakes horses – all by A.P. Indy – including Canadian champion Eye of the Leopard. She also has a half-sister that has produced the Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Desert Ride.

GHOSTZAPPER (Awesome Again) is 23 years old but he continues to hit the high mark with quality horses like current graded stakes winners Goodnight Olive, Moira, and an exciting 2YO colt named Rhyme Schemes who won the Saratoga Special-G2. Looking through the list of his 2023 top runners, they thrive on the dirt and are competitive sprinting or routing. Ghostzapper boasts a consistent career with five champions, 12 Grade 1 winners, and a stellar 17% black-type horses from starters. He stands at Hill 'n' Dale for \$75,000.



Cherie added, "A half-brother to our newly named DETERMINED RULER, this Ghostzapper colt was our value buy of the sale. David saw him on the farm and I saw him in the back ring at the sale and "had to have him" for a price. I just didn't imagine that he would only be \$50,000. I'm very pleased with him and time will tell, but I think we got a great buy on a colt with a proven sire and deep pedigree."

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2022 Colt, Twirling Candy - Flush Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$240,000

This colt's dam, FLUSH (Violence), earned blacktype in just her third career start for trainer Bill Mott, and wrapped up her career by hitting the board in 5-of-12 starts in New York. She is a half-sister to a pair of graded stakes colts by Kitten's Joy, as well as a pair of half-sis-

ters that have produced stakes-quality runners. This colt is the first foal for the young mare.

TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}) is one of our top choices for studs and this yearling is a carbon copy of him. He is quite consistent in ranking among the top 15 American stallions, with nearly 100 stakes horses in nine crops to race. Twirling Candy is a fixture at Lane's End and stands for \$60,000.

David said, "Twirling Candy is a favorite sire of mine, and this is what one is supposed to look like. Physically, he looks like his sire. We have bought four of the stallion's eight total G1 winners and this is what the good colts by him look like. There was a colt by Twirling Candy yesterday that made \$925,000 and I prefer the one that we were able to land."

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2022 Colt, Collected - Leeway Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$80,000

"This is a nice colt; he's a little diamond in the rough," said Cherie regarding this value play in book 4. This colt was bred and raised by Stone Farm, whose long-standing farm motto is "We are trying to raise you a good horse." And historically they have succeeded in raising top-quality horses for generations, including Kentucky Derby winners Sunday Silence, Gato del Sol, and Fusaichi Pegasus, plus a plethora of other stakes winners. This colt, the first foal out of his 6-year-old dam, is a third-generation Stone Farm-bred. His dam, LEEWAY (by Stroll) shipped to four tracks in nine starts and earned a pair of wins for a \$76K bankroll. She is a full sister to a graded stakes-placed winner and a half-sister to two other stakes horses. The second dam has a pair of graded stakes-winning siblings in 12-time winner Boston Common (G2) and six-time winner Storm Surge (G3).

COLLECTED (City Zip) is making his mark as a nice sire with his first two crops on the racetrack. Since May, he has been represented by three Grade 2 winners as well as a 2YO stakes winner at Santa Anita. Collected won or placed in 10-of-15 stakes starts for \$2.9M in earnings and was a graded stakes performer at ages 2-to-4. He found his best running at age four, winning the Pacific Classic-G1 over Ar-



rogate and Accelerate, and finishing second to Gun Runner in the Breeders' Cup Classic-G1. Collected stands at Airdrie Stud for an advertised 2023 fee of \$10,000.

Cherie commented, "This is another colt David saw on the farm and marked for a value play. I have a couple of horses by Collected, and one of them, Northern Invader, I think is of the highest caliber. For this price, with his looks, pedigree, and the farm he's coming from, there is unlimited upside."

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2022 Filly, Not This Time - Mojo Mama Purchased at Keeneland September Yearling Sale for \$275,000

stakes-winning siblings, a stakes-placed half-brother, and another sibling that is a stakes-winning producer.

Nine-year-old NOT THIS TIME (Giant's Causeway) has become a household name with just four crops of racing age and has surpassed his half-brother, Liam's Map, as the more fashionable of the two nice sires. He has five Grade 1 winners, headlined by champion Epicenter, eight additional Graded stakes winners, and three millionaires (with his son Next getting close to \$1M after his 25-length romp in a Grade 3 on Sept. 23rd). Not This Time stands at Taylor Made Farm for \$135,000.

Let the fun name suggestions start now. This is the second Not This Time filly we picked up at the sale and is the more expensive of the two, despite being nearly 2,000 hips deeper into the marathon sale. She is the first foal out of a six-year-old Tapiture mare named MOJO MAMA, who is a full sister to the good multiple stakes-winning filly Li'l Tootsie, who won seven races and was Grade 2- and Grade 3-placed for earnings of nearly \$600K. Mojo Mama has two other

Paul added, "Fillies with a bit of pedigree were the foundation we started Belladonna on, and this prospect is right in line with the fillies we have acquired in the past. I'm a huge Not This Time supporter and I think the stallion is only going to get better and continue his production at the highest levels. The pedigree and looks make her very appealing to me for Belladonna. She has a dirt frame and looks fast."

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Listen to the YouTube audio replay of Cherie's interview with Steve Byk where she talks about her first G1 win with SHE FEELS PRETTY, then the discussion morphs into several of the BDR horses from ZVEREV to VAHVA and CAGLIOSTRO plus other stable up-and-comers like FOXFIRE, DEPICTION and THE PROCESS.



The Keeneland Fall meet gets underway on Friday, October 6th, and continues through October 28th. No racing on Mondays and Tuesdays. We hope to see you there!



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KEENELAND SEPTEMBER

ENJOYING BREAKOUT YEAR, DEVAUX ADDS YEARLINGS TO STABLE

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Cherie DeVaux admits her initial years of training were filled with a degree of anxiety as she sought to establish her stable. She recalls how she did not win her first race until late March of 2019, nearly a year after she embarked on her career.

These days, the wins are coming regularly, topped by three victories in graded stakes races this year, as her Kentucky-based stable has expanded from the ground up to currently number 85 horses. And she is eyeing even more growth.

On Sept. 14 at Keeneland, DeVaux, as agent, acquired six horses through 6 p.m. ET for Belladonna Racing, a partnership of owners she heads with her husband, renowned bloodstock agent David Ingordo. The purchases include fillies by Street Sense (Hip 786—\$260,000), Not This Time (Hip 885—\$200,000), City of Light (Hip 906—\$400,000), and Maclean's Music (Hip 938—\$300,000), plus a Vekoma colt (Hip 896—\$87,000) and a Constitution colt (Hip 1040—\$450,000).

Following five earlier buys over the first three days of the sale, Belladonna Racing's acquisitions at the sale stand at 11, making the partnership among the most active buyers.

Belladonna Racing was originally formed, as DeVaux said, to "get horses in the barn" and "to recruit new owners." Now, it is a growing sales power player.

"So it just takes a while to get going and to build the momentum," DeVaux said. "The momentum is there and hopefully, you try to keep that going."

After purchasing almost exclusively fillies in the first years with Belladonna Racing—wanting to provide owners with young prospects that could have residual value as broodmares—Belladonna Racing has branched out to add colts the past couple of

Cherie DeVaux

years. Athleticism is coveted in the males, but also with enough pedigree that if they connect as upper-level stakes horses, they would have the potential to become commercially attractive stallions.

Her racehorse owners include those involved in Belladonna Racing, which has eight different groups, as well as other clients, such as Victory Racing Partners and Omar Aldabbagh and Jeff Ganje, respective owners of Manila Stakes (G3T) winner More Than Looks and Molly Pitcher Stakes (G3) winner Shotgun Hottie.

A large partnership co-owns Valva, her Aug. 25 Charles Town Oaks (G3) winner, who races for Belladonna Racing, Edward J. Hudson Jr., West Point Thoroughbreds, LBD Stable, Nice Guys Stables, Manganaro Bloodstock, Rannels Racing, Steve Hornstock, and Twin Brook Stables.

The talented Gun Runner 3-year-old filly is pointed to the Oct. 21 Raven Run Stakes (G2) at Keeneland, where DeVaux bases her stable for much of the year. Most of her horses are currently at Ellis Park due to the September Yearling Sale at Keeneland limiting stabling availability.

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Trivia Question

Q: The famous weathervane at the Keeneland sales pavilion is over 50 years old. Name the horse it depicts.

UPCOMING SALES DATES

FT Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale
October 2-3

FT Saratoga Fall Mixed Sale
October 17

FT KY October Yearling Sale
October 23-26

FT KY November Select Breeding Stock
November 7



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Foxfire



Alfred Nuckols Jr.
Section D Box 50



Jack

A: Nashua, Horse of the Year in 1955

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Zverev (inside)

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Depiction



Foxfire



Churchill new paddock



Velocheetah

