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Q&A with Bayne Welker

THE FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SALE

Q: What year was the first Fasig-Tipton yearling sale held in Saratoga?

A: 1918, the year the great Man O' War was sold in Saratoga.

Q: What are the dates of the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sales?

A: August 8-9

Q: Why is the sale held in New York instead of Kentucky?

A: Fasig-Tipton's roots are in New York, with its original headquarters in Madison Square Garden, where it sold road and carriage horses in addition to Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing stock. In 1918, Fasig-Tipton forged an alliance with some of Kentucky's top breeders to sell their yearlings during the Saratoga Race Meet in Upstate New York

Q: What type of conformation and pedigree do you look for in a sales prospect for the Select sale?



BAYNE WELKER

**Fasig-Tipton
Executive
Vice President**

A: For the Saratoga Sale, we are looking for yearlings by top proven sires or young stallions that have shown talent at a high level of competition. On the female side, we strive to get as many proven producers or prolific families in the catalogue as possible. From a physical perspective, we are looking for athletic, classic style horses with adequate leg, length and balance.

Q: What is the process like once a horse is nominated to the Saratoga Select Yearling Sale?

A: The majority of the yearlings are nominated in January and February of their yearling year. We receive over 2,000 nominations between our three selected yearling sales in the summer.

First is the July Yearling Sale in Kentucky and the other two are the Select Yearling Sale and New York Bred Yearlings that follows the main sale. From that group, yearlings are evaluated on pedigree and if they make the cut, they are evaluated by our inspection team on conformation. Owners are told on the day of inspection

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if their horse is accepted in the sale it is nominated to. We never set a maximum number of horses for any of the selected sales. We select the best of what is presented to us and then do our best to convince owners/agents that our venue best fits their yearling.

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participation from Europe, Japan, Australia and the Middle East.

Q: What was the 2021 Sales Average and Median?

A: The 2021 average was \$408,556 with a median of \$350,000.

Q: How many horses do you have catalogued to the 2022 Saratoga Select Sale?

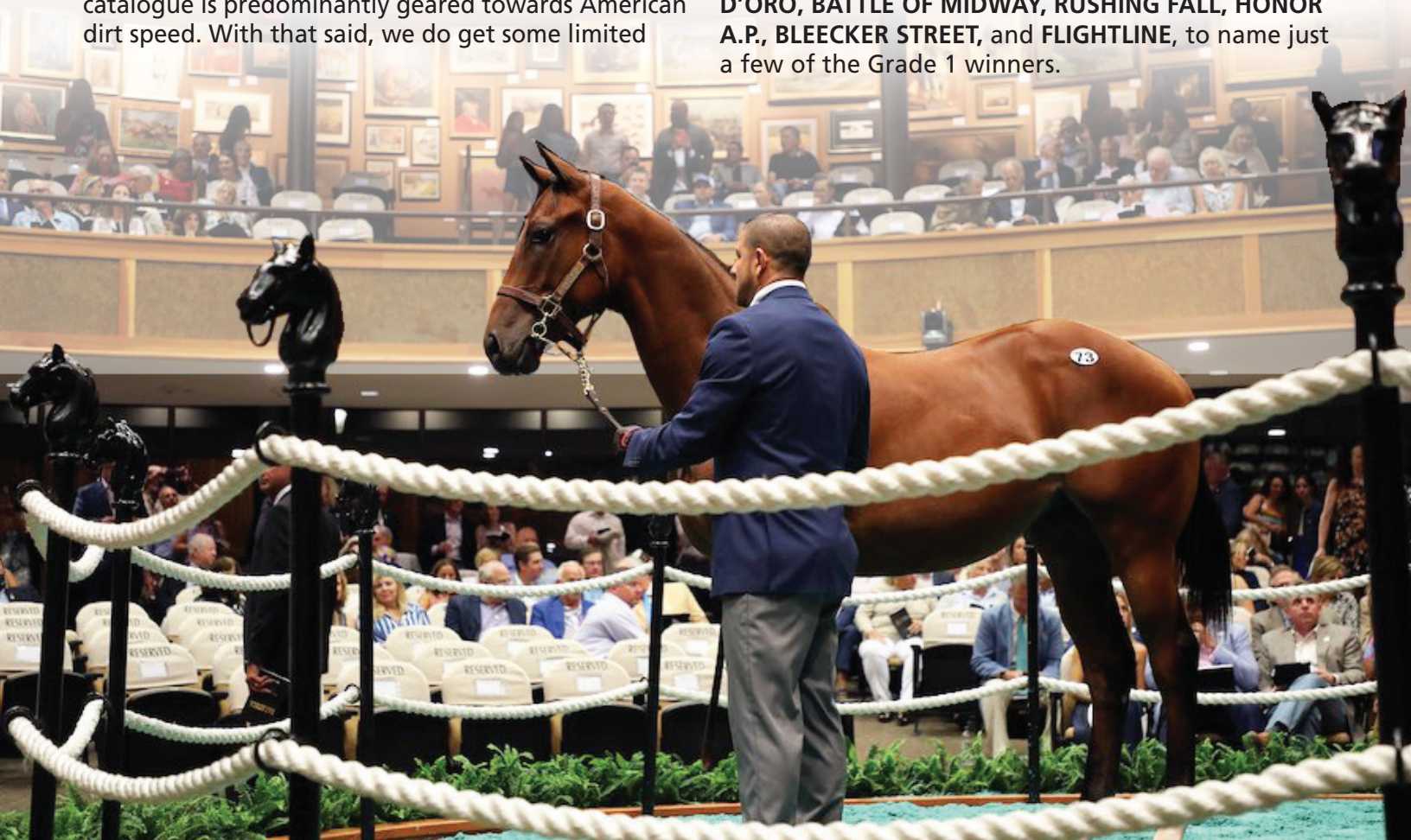
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Q: Are most of the buyers at the sale domestic or do you have buyers from other parts of the World?

A: The majority of the buyers will be domestic as the catalogue is predominantly geared towards American dirt speed. With that said, we do get some limited

Q: Please give us an idea of a few of the better horses that are graduates of the sale in the past 10 years?

A: The Saratoga Sale is perennially ranked #1 by the percentage of Grade 1 winners and graded stakes winners. Over the past ten years, these are just some of the highlights: **PLUM PRETTY, UNION RAGS, CONSTITUTION, TONALIST, AMERICAN PHAROAH, STELLAR WIND, TEPIN, SONGBIRD, TAPWRIT, BOLT D'ORO, BATTLE OF MIDWAY, RUSHING FALL, HONOR A.P., BLEECKER STREET, and FLIGHTLINE**, to name just a few of the Grade 1 winners.



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Mark your Calendars!

BREEDERS' CUP 2022 TICKETS

Ticket availability is becoming scarce for the Trackside Chalet where our Belladonna group will be seated. If you would like to attend, please contact David Ingordo (859 621-8809) or Gretchen Feld (859-576-3690), and we will work with Breeders' Cup to accommodate your request as best we can.

Tickets are priced at \$2,311 per person for both days. This includes all food and beverages, as well as clubhouse general admission.

We hope you can join us; it should be a fun time!



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LAUNCHES



The North American major yearling sales are here and we are excited to announce the launch of the fifth edition of the Belladonna Racing (BDR V) venture. BDR V will continue to focus on quality prospects, but we have added a twist. For the first time ever, we will be offering a one-stop shopping opportunity that will include both top colt and filly prospects from the major yearling and two-year-old sales cycles, starting with the 2022 Saratoga Yearling Sale and ending with the 2023 June OBS Two-Year-Old Sale.

All past and present Belladonna partners will have priority consideration for the BDR V racing venture. If you are interested in joining and want to hear more details, please contact David Ingordo (859 621-8809) or Paul Manganaro (781 779-4149).

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BDR OWNER *Spotlight*

Matthew & Jodi Skelly

What attracted you to the sport of Thoroughbred Racing?

Matt's best friend's father taught him to read the racing form at an early age and Jodi grew up spending summers at the Spa with her family, including her late dad, who was a horse enthusiast and manager at an OTB location for over 20 years.

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How were you introduced to the Belladonna Racing Partnership?

We were introduced to Belladonna through Blue Lion Thoroughbreds and Dave Lyon. We were looking to expand Blue Lion's exposure to new opportunities as the stable began to grow and Dave brought the Belladonna opportunity to his partners.

What Belladonna Racing Partnerships are you involved in?

We are in Belladonna 1 with Bayerness and Coastana and are looking to get in the next offering.

Do you have a favorite Belladonna Horse? If so, tell us why?

Bayerness is our favorite Belladonna horse. She tries hard every time and has brought us a lot of excitement as a multiple stakes winner.

Do you have a favorite part of the Thoroughbred Racing game? Race Day? Sales? Other?

We love all facets of the sport and for us each aspect enriches us in a different way. At the end of the day, our favorite part is spending time with other partners and learning about the game every chance we can. We try to get that in each experience we attend.

What features of the Belladonna Racing Partnerships do you like most?

We recently attended the Belladonna weekend open house and had the best time with everyone. That would have to be our favorite recent experience. Group events centered around KY or Saratoga during racing seasons are our favorite aspect of the Partnership. Tours, the sales, racing, barn visits, dinners, we love it all!

Tell us a little about your family and where you call home?

We both grew up in the Saratoga area, with Jodi being from Glens Falls and Matt graduating from Saratoga Springs High School. We have a house in town in Saratoga that we call home, but live where Matt's job is, currently Chicago. We have lived in Philadelphia and New York City as well.

What is your daytime job?

Jodi is an account manager for an insurance brokerage focusing on high net worth clients. Matt is the Head of Investor Relations for a home products corporation called Fortune Brands, which owns brands such as MOEN faucets and shower heads, Master Lock padlocks, Fiberon decking, and Masterbrand cabinets, the largest maker of cabinets in North America.

What hobbies or other activities do you enjoy when you have the time?

We love to play golf and travel and are into wine tasting and attending international top horse racing events.



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By *T. D. Thornton*

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What is the record price for a yearling sold at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga?

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Around THE TRACK



Answer: A colt by Northern Dancer out of Bubbling sold for \$4.6 Million at the 1984 Saratoga yearling sale. Bought by BBA (Ireland) and named PARLANDO, he was unraced.

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