

STRONACH HAS CONNECTION TO CATALINDY

There are one million ways to fall in love with a Thoroughbred. One look at the pedigree of **Catalindy (Lot 891)** was all Frank Stronach needed to commence his adoration of the **A P Indy** mare. Sold to the Adena Springs proprietor for \$250,000, Catalindy is out of a half-sister by **Forty Niner** to Stronach's Gr.1-winning handicapper **Golden Missile**, who of course is also by A P Indy. A two-time winner, Catalindy was consigned by Steve Snowden of Watermill Farm, agent.

Golden Missile earned more than \$2.1 million with seven wins, blossoming into one of America's leading lights at age five with victories in the Gr.1 Pimlico Special, Stephen Foster and Widener Handicaps. Both he and Catalindy's dam **Catalina Court** are out of **Santa Catalina (Cure The Blues)**, winner of the Shirley Jones and First Lady Handicaps at Gulfstream Park.

FOND MEMORIES OF FILLY'S DAM

The Magna chairman also took a fancy to the **Mr Greeley** filly **Diamant Lady (Lot 922)**. For \$165,000, Stronach buys not only a broodmare prospect by one of Kentucky's more fashionable sires, but also a daughter of as admirable a blue-collar mare as the breed will produce. Anyone who followed New York racing in the mid-80's will instantly recall **Gene's Lady (What A Pleasure)**, who plied her trade from ages two to six, earning nearly \$1 million the old-fashioned way. Triumphant in 14 starts, the majority in graded and overnight company up to one mile, Gene's Lady is the classic example of a mare whose daughters and even grand-daughters are likely to one day transplant that unseen quality so evident in her onto future generations.

Gene's Lady has produced six winners, including the stakes-placed **Capote's Way**.

EUROPEAN BUYERS NOTEBOOK

The overseas influence is steady in Lexington, and promises to remain so until the close of the seven-day sale.

"We're seeing a lot of buyers from Europe, in addition to Japan and of course the domestic market is strong," Geoffrey Russell observed. "This week has been a continuation of November."

Pascale Menard was in the buyer's column for the third straight afternoon, acquiring a **Stravinsky** filly (**Lot 935**) from the top family of **Aviance** for \$15,000. Francis and Barbara Vanlangendonck's Summerfield was the consigning agent.

There's likewise a strong family connection behind the **Woodman** filly (**Lot 887**) purchased by the BBA Ireland for \$55,000. The 20th March foal's winning dam **Cascassi (Nijinsky)** is a half-sister to Oaks and Yorkshire Oaks heroine **Diminuendo (Diesis)**. Taylor Made Sales acted as agent for the promising purchase. The agency earlier bid \$150,000 for **Stormy Heaven (Lot 772)**, a four-year-old **Giant's Causeway** filly out of the stakes winning mare **Wild Heaven**.

Jean Pierre Deroubaix signed a \$40,000 ticket for **Beautiful Baroness (Lot 861)**. The dark bay **Fortunate Prospect** mare, a four-time winner, is carrying a foal by the brilliant racehorse **Congaree**.

The Mead Goodbody agency were keen on **Royal Academy's** winning daughter **Absoluta (Lot 835)**. The Irish-bred, sold for \$67,000, is from the family of **Missionary Ridge (Caerleon)** and in foal to **Holy Bull**.

Robert Knolhoff, Jr

SAKHEE, ACT ONE.

Quality showing through.

Top Freshman Sires of Yearlings Worldwide, 2005, ranked by Average Price

Rank	Sire	Fyr	Loc	Stud Fee	Ring	Sold	Average	Median	Top Colt	Top Filly
1	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	F04	IR	90,522	64	59	275,428	202,138	1,232,233	546,727
2	SAKHEE	F04	GB	31,164	32	24	221,246	169,635	444,973	888,433
3	HIGH DIAMOND	F04	CA	7,500	2	2	167,500	167,500	290,000	0
4	KYLLACHY	F04	GB	11,687	73	69	154,371	92,921	1,025,112	1,026,861
5	CAME HOME	F04	KY	40,000	54	35	148,377	110,000	485,000	350,000
6	ACT ONE	F04	GB	n/a	35	26	127,073	61,532	413,547	1,046,653
7	JOHANNESBURG	F04	KY	30,000	107	76	124,252	67,500	924,175	190,000
8	NOVERRE	F04	IR	14,913	57	48	117,363	85,593	571,629	376,963
9	STREET CRY	F04	KY	30,000	59	47	113,879	57,000	350,000	488,438
10	BEAT HOLLOW	F04	GB	23,373	13	11	102,159	48,319	650,345	49,295
11	BUDDHA	F04	KY	15,000	99	74	90,597	57,500	550,000	200,000
12	TRADITIONALLY	F04	IR	12,626	32	28	83,285	65,613	278,762	181,233

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