

# KEENELAND NOVEMBER OWNER SPOTLIGHT



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## Book 1 of the Keeneland November sale offers a wealth of blue-blooded broodmare/racing prospects

*Presented by Keeneland, this editorial preview spotlights featured mares/offerings from Book 1*

**KEENELAND IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST** Thoroughbred auction house, and its September yearling and November breeding stock sales are globally significant to the Thoroughbred industry. This year's November sale offers an outstanding selection of graded stakes-winning fillies and mares, graded stakes producers, exceptional weanlings, and horses of racing age. Book 1 covers two days, Nov. 7-8, with sessions starting at 11 a.m.

"Book 1 just has a great feel to it," said Mark Taylor of the Taylor Made Sales Agency. "It is a select group of horses. There aren't a huge number, and you get a good mix of top-end foals and elite broodmares. We've sold many, many, many million-dollar mares over at Keeneland, and it's just a great environment.

"Coming right after the Breeders' Cup sets it up," Taylor added. "It's the best time of year for me to be selling horses because everybody is there. There is a lot of momentum after the Breeders' Cup, and selling broodmares is all about the future. Everybody is trying to move their program up; make their program better and get to the next level with their breeding operation. It's kind of like the NFL draft for broodmares. Everybody wants that mare that is going to get their team to the next level."

Highlights include champion Stellar Wind, Breeders' Cup winner Lady Eli, and grade 1 winners Cathryn Sophia, Her Emmynency, Al's Gal, Paola Queen, and Street Fancy. Broodmares cataloged include the first mares in foal to 2014 and 2016 Horse of the Year California Chrome and other stallions such as Air Force Blue, Flintshire, Frosted, Mshawish, Not This Time, Nyquist, and Runhappy.

"Keeneland November is the world's largest bloodstock auction. They manage to attract an unprecedented international buying bench, and we feel very fortunate this year to have the quality of mares appropriate for a Book 1 catalog," said Tom Ryan of SF Bloodstock, which will offer several top-end broodmares.

First foals by 2015 Triple Crown win-

ner American Pharoah, champion Honor Code, Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Tonalist, and Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) winner Liam's Map will be on display, along with first foals by Empire Maker since his return to the U.S.

A weanling half sibling to Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1) winner I'll Have Another is cataloged, along with weanling siblings to Breeders' Cup winners Champagne Room, Mucho Macho Man, Stephanie's Kitten, Tapizar, and Caleb's Posse.

The November sale runs through Nov. 18, and will spotlight horses of racing age Nov. 13-14. The offerings represent such leading consignors as WinStar Farm, Lane's End, Denali Stud, Taylor Made Sales Agency, and ELiTE Sales.

Among the 2017 graded stakes winners sold as horses of racing age at the November sale are Diversify (Jockey Club Gold Cup, G1); Celestine (Honey Fox Stakes, G2T), Conquest Panthera (Play the King Stakes, G2T), Hillhouse High (Royal Heroine Stakes, G2T), Honorable Duty (Mineshaft Handicap, G2; New Orleans Handicap, G2; and Lukas Classic Stakes, G3), and Inordinate (San Juan Capistrano Stakes, G3T).

The sale also includes dispersals of Pauls Mill (Ben and Elaine Walden et al.) and McCauley Farms, for which Paramount Sales will serve as agent. The Pauls Mill dispersal consists of 43 horses, including broodmares, weanlings, and horses of racing age. The McCauley Farms dispersal has 27 broodmares and weanlings.

## SF Bloodstock

**PAOLA QUEEN, AL'S GAL, CATHRYN SOPHIA, HER EMMYNENCY, HOME SWEET ASPEN, AND TAMMY THE TORPEDO**

SF Bloodstock, founded by Tom Ryan and Gavin Murphy, has become a dynamo when it comes to buying and selling high-end broodmares and/or racing prospects. Heading into what figures to be a robust "sellers market" during Book 1 of the Keeneland November breeding stock sale, SF Bloodstock has entered some of the most sought-after bloodlines with an exquisite array of offerings. A few of their feature mares follows.

Paola Queen, a 4-year-old Flatter filly out of the stakes-winning Kadira, won last summer's Test Stakes (G1) at Saratoga for Grupo Seven C Stable. A \$1.7 million purchase at last year's November sale from Brookdale Sales, Paola Queen sells as a broodmare prospect as part of the ELiTE Sales consignment.

"She is without question the most beautiful mare we currently own," Ryan said. "The Test has always been a personal favorite of mine and has produced some outstanding broodmares over the years. I was fortunate enough to participate in



SF Bloodstock's Tom Ryan

purchasing (2007 Test winner) Dream Rush as a yearling, and we all know what she has gone on to do as a broodmare (a grade 1 producer). Paola Queen spent the winter and early spring in Ocala, Fla., with the intention of returning to grade 1 company in 2017. Unfortunately, one thing after another forced us to retire her. It was April 1 and we made the decision to leave her open for her next owner."

For SF Bloodstock, James Keogh's Grovendale consigns Al's Gal, a 6-year-old mare by English Channel out of the Chilean Dans La Ville, by Winning. Rac-



Cathryn Sophia

ing for Ken and Sarah Ramsey, Al's Gal landed last fall's E.P. Taylor Stakes Presented by HPIBet (G1T) at Woodbine. Al's Gal is a half sister to Brazilian group 2 winner May Be Now (by Smart Strike) and a full sister to grade 3-placed stakes winner Ann of the Dance.

She was an \$800,000 buy last fall by New Gate Farm. She is offered in foal to top sire Medaglia d'Oro.

Ryan describes her as: "Beautiful, tough, and talented. We did send her back to the track with a 2017 campaign in mind and unfortunately she sustained an injury



during a morning turnout and had to be retired. Medaglia d'Oro felt like a great match for her. He's a great and versatile stallion both here and internationally."

SF Bloodstock stepped out last year, paying \$1.4 million for Cathryn Sophia, the fleet filly who won the 2016 Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1). Bred by Robert Manfuso, Cathryn Sophia also won twice in grade 2 events and placed in three additional grade 1 races.

"An Oaks winner with devastating speed, she's really the total package," Ryan offered. "When we inspected horses last fall, she was our No. 1 pick. Pioneerof the Nile was the unanimous choice for her among the SF team."

Beduoin Bloodstock consigns Cathryn Sophia and also has SF Bloodstock's Her Emmynency in its fold.

Her Emmynency also sells in foal to leading sire Pioneerof the Nile. By Successful Appeal, Her Emmynency made

eight of her 11 starts in grade 1-2 company, winning Keeneland's Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (G1T) in the fall of 2015.

"She's one tough mare," Ryan said. "A private purchase following her Queen Elizabeth II win, she was brilliant that day. Took the lead at the top of the stretch and fought off multiple grade 1 winner Miss Temple City to the wire. She fits domestic and international programs. It is hard to fault her physically and she possessed an electric turn of foot. Pioneerof the Nile was such a perfect fit for her physically, and he has also proved himself to be a versatile stallion surface-wise so the mating was an easy choice."

Grovendale also consigns grade 1-winning Home Sweet Aspen for SF Bloodstock. Bred by Sid and Jenny Craig, the daughter of Candy Ride won the 2012 Santa Monica Stakes (G1) for the Craigs and trainer John Sadler. SF Bloodstock

purchased her for \$510,000 from the Taylor Made Sales Agency at Keeneland November in 2013. Her weanling by classic winner Super Saver will follow her through the sale ring.

Ryan said: "She's a genuine grade 1 winner by a very important stallion, Candy Ride. Her first foal, Aspen Hilltop, was a *TDN* Rising Star. Her weanling filly by Super Saver is a great example of what she is capable of. She's in foal to Pioneerof the Nile, who we feel is an ideal fit for her on both pedigree and type."

SF Bloodstock is also offering grade 3 winner Tammy the Torpedo, a daughter of More Than Ready—Search and Seizure, by War Chant. Claiborne Farm consigns. For Long Lake Stable and Beacon Hill Thoroughbreds, she won Gulfstream Park's Suwannee River Stakes (G3T) and Monmouth Park's Violet Stakes (G3T) in 2016. She has been bred, on a March cover, to top sire War Front.

## Taylor Made STREET FANCY

Taylor Made Sales Agency has been a leading consignor during Book 1 of Keeneland's November sale for as long as anyone can remember. The industry's largest sales outfit comes strong in 2017 with a consignment that includes grade 1 winner Street Fancy, who will enter the ring in foal to the red-hot Medaglia d'Oro.

Bred by Hunter Valley Farm and raced by Agave Racing Stable, Street Fancy won the Starlet Stakes (G1) at Los Alamitos to wrap up her 2-year-old campaign in 2015.

"This is one of my favorite mares we are selling this year," said Mark Taylor, Taylor Made's vice president of public sales. "She is absolutely gorgeous. She's a big, scopy, two-turn-looking mare who happened to be a grade 1 winner at 2, so she's a perfect combination. If you look at this mare's pedigree, she's bred for the classics. She was also a precocious 2-year-old and she was bred to Medaglia d'Oro. She's a really neat package for somebody to get in on a mare that is



Mark Taylor

young...she's just a 4-year-old and carrying her first foal."

By champion Street Sense, Street Fancy is out of the stakes-winning Cat Thief mare Bold Angel. Bold Angel is out of Fortyniner Fever, who has produced two other stakes winners and is a half sister to Kentucky Derby (G1) winner and \$4 million Keeneland July yearling sale



Starlet winner Street Fancy

graduate Fusaichi Pegasus.

"The first dam is by Cat Thief; he wasn't a household name as a broodmare sire, but he's a classic horse," Taylor said. "Street Sense is a Derby winner. The whole thing feels like it's a classic pedigree, but she was like Street Sense in that he was a champion 2-year-old. For somebody looking at that level and hopefully

get a mare who can take them to those classic races, she's one that fits the bill."

Taylor Made was involved in the group that purchased Street Fancy at last year's November sale for \$725,000 while she was "open." Taylor reported she got in foal

"right off the bat" earlier this year, and, of course, based on the year Medaglia d'Oro has had on the track and in the sale ring, her value has increased. The November sale is the right venue.

"If you look at Keeneland, whether it

be September or November, Book 1 is the hub of the market," Taylor said. "Book 1 just has a great feel to it; it is a select group of horses. There aren't a huge number, and you get a good mix of top-end foals and elite broodmares."

## Sol Kumin

### LADY ELI, PRICEDTOPERFECTION, ROCA ROJO, I'M A LOOKER

Sol Kumin has become well known in the Thoroughbred industry over the past several years for his prodigious buying habits, purchasing not only yearlings, but pieces of proven racehorses. But this November at Keeneland, he will be extremely active on the other side of the transaction ledger, as Kumin owns a part of four graded stakes winners who are scheduled to be sold at the auction.

"Keeneland has been good to us," Kumin, a hedge fund manager, said. "We've had the experience of both racing there and buying yearlings, and so we've gotten to know the guys over there. When I go to the races, they take care of me, and when I go to the yearling sales, they've taken care of me. I've built up a relationship with them because of the different aspects of the sport that they're touching."

Leading the parade of runners is Lady Eli, purchased as a 2-year-old by Kumin and his friend Jay Hanley under their Sheep Pond Partners banner. Lady Eli became a superstar for them and has earned just under \$3 million to date with a return engagement planned for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1T), a race she lost by a nose last year. Now 5, Lady Eli is a five-time grade 1 winner and has won 10 of 13 starts, finishing second in the other three. She overcame laminitis following her 2015 victory in the Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes (G1T) and returned at the highest level, becoming a fan favorite across the continent. Out of the Saint Ballado mare Sacre Coeur,



Sol Kumin

Lady Eli, offered as a racing or broodmare prospect, is a half sister to graded stakes winner Bizzy Caroline and from the family of graded winners Changing Ways, Pays to Dream, Jacodra's Devil, and Jacodra.

Also in the sale is Roca Rojo, 5, who has earned nearly \$600,000 for Sheep Pond, Newport Stables, and Bradley Thoroughbreds. She won this year's Churchill Distaff Turf Mile Stakes Presented by Longines (G2T) and the 2016 Athenia Stakes (G3T) and was third in Keeneland's First Lady Stakes (G1T) during the fall meet's opening weekend. Roca Rojo is from the family of group winner Beauty Flame and stakes winner Saintry Lass.

I'm a Looker, a 5-year-old mare owned by China Horse Club, Ten Strike Racing, and Kumin's Head of Plains Partners, is slated to be on offer. She won the 2016 Winning Colors Stakes (G3) and is a two-time stakes winner and earner of \$316,134. I'm a Looker's



Lady Eli

dam, Our Mariella, is a half sister to stakes winner Our Josephina, the dam of multiple grade 1 winner Dortmund. I'm a Looker's third dam is 1977 U.S. champion 2-year-old filly and multiple grade 1 winner Lakeville Miss.

Kumin's Madaket Stables and Head of Plains Partners are also scheduled to sell 2016 Sweetest Chant Stakes (G3T) winner Pricedtoperfection at Keeneland as a racing or broodmare prospect. Pricedtoperfection is a full sister to multiple grade 1 winner Miss Temple City.

"A beautiful filly; talented in her own right plus a full sister to the brilliant Miss Temple City," said Tom Ryan of SF Bloodstock. "SF also own's this filly's dam, who had an outstanding Medaglia d'Oro filly in 2017. Because of this we felt we own enough of this family to take Pricedtoperfection to market, but it was a difficult decision for us. We hope and expect she can be a valuable addition to someone's broodmare band."



## Kosta Hronis

### STELLAR WIND

Book 1 of the Keeneland November sale is where buyers can find one-of-a-kind-type horses. One of those is Hronis Racing's Stellar Wind. A six-time grade 1 winner and 3-year-old filly champion, by two-time Horse of the Year Curlin, Stellar Wind is three-for-three this year at top-level company...and still has plenty of upside. She'll be the favorite for the Nov. 3 Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1).

In a four-year campaign Stellar Wind has won 10 of 15 starts, with two seconds, and a third. She has earned \$2,233,200.

"She's been a champion once already and, hopefully, by the end of the year she'll be a champion again," said trainer John Sadler. "She's been a tremendous horse. She always runs a good race. The last two years have all been in grade 1s."

Since winning an Eclipse Award in 2015, Stellar Wind has kept the best company she possibly could. In 2016 she made four starts, winning twice, taking the Clement L. Hirsch Stakes and Zenyatta Stakes, both over multiple champion Beholder, and she was second to Beholder in the Vanity Mile Stakes.

This season she's swept the Apple Blossom Handicap, Beholder Mile Stakes (formerly the Vanity), and the Hirsch.

"We're going to miss her a whole bunch, but on the other hand, we're excited for



Kosta Hronis

her for the opportunities going forward," Sadler said. "She'll get to be bred to the best of the best. It's like completing the cycle from one career to the next one. We're really looking forward to watching her babies—or buying her babies—who knows what?"

Bred by Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings and Peggy Augustus' Keswick Stables, Stellar Wind is out of Evening Star, by Malibu Moon. She'll be offered as a racing or broodmare prospect.

"She's got a lovely pedigree. She's very feminine; which I love for her as a broodmare," Sadler said. "We're excited because one of the (Hronis Racing) mares we sold back there—Iotapa—her first foal



Champion Stellar Wind

sold for \$1.9 million this fall. It's fun to see our top mares produce other top horses."

Hronis sold multiple grade 1 winner Iotapa at the 2014 November sale, through Lane's End, to China Horse Club for \$2.8 million. Her first foal—a colt by War Front—sold in Book 1 of this year's Keeneland September yearling sale to Donato Lanni.

"It's really exciting to sell and buy in Book 1," Sadler said.

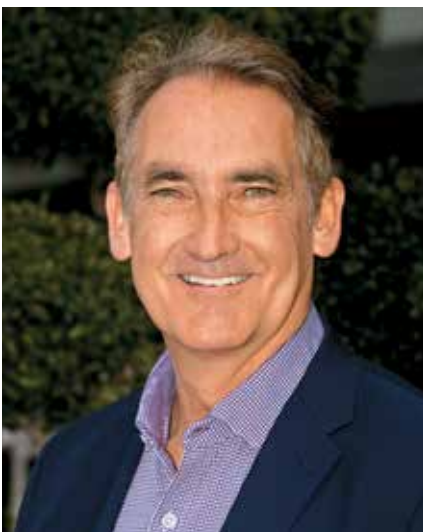
As for Stellar Wind, "She's very correct. She's got all the makings of being everything you'd want. Right now our fingers are crossed to get her to her last race; get her over there in good shape. So far, we're really looking forward to it."

## Bing Bush Jr.

### GOODYEARFORROSES

Goodyearforroses, consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency to the Keeneland November sale as a racing or broodmare prospect, is the epitome of the business model for Abbondanza Racing, a group of about 15 partners that purchased the 5-year-old mare in November of last year.

"Our plan from the day we bought her—as well as some other fillies—was to purchase them, try to improve on their records, and sell them," said California attorney Bing Bush Jr., who is president and a managing partner of Abbondanza Racing (along with Nathan McCauley).



Bing Bush Jr.



Multiple graded winner Goodyearforroses

“That’s been the business plan since the beginning.”

Purchased by the partnership’s adviser David Meah at auction for \$200,000, Goodyearforroses quickly began to recoup her purchase price after moving from Canada to the Southern California stable of trainer Richard Baltas.

In the off-the-turf Robert J. Frankel Stakes, which was run at 1½ miles last Dec. 31 over a sloppy Santa Anita main track, the daughter of Azamour took command in the backstretch and pulled away late to win by 5¼ lengths. Back in her comfort zone on grass, Goodyearforroses ran her stakes victory streak to three by

winning the Astra II Stakes and the Santa Ana Stakes (G2T).

Following the Santa Ana, a quarter interest in Goodyearforroses was purchased by Medallion Racing, a partnership entity put together by Taylor Made.

The Irish-bred mare has continued to acquit herself. In the May 27 Gamely Stakes (G1T), Goodyearforroses closed with a rush to miss defeating champion Lady Eli by a half-length.

“That was pretty special,” Bush said. “They were both throwing it down hard. I have never been so proud to run second in my life.”

In her latest start, Goodyearforroses

just failed to catch Cambodia in Del Mar’s John C. Mabee Stakes (G2T) in September.

The Abbondanza Racing group is hopeful their mare can secure an elusive grade 1 victory in the Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf Nov. 4 at Del Mar before going through the auction ring at Keeneland.

“We’re poised to go to the Breeders’ Cup,” Bush said. “That’s a dream come true for me. I’m from Lexington and live in Del Mar and to have a horse in the Breeders’ Cup at Del Mar is pretty special. She is training great. If we didn’t feel confident, there is no way we would go there.”

## DERON PEARSON

### OSCAR PARTY

With each horse Deron Pearson acquires, he has at least a couple of plans in mind.

The California-based breeder/owner, who races under the *nom de course* D P Racing, had several options when he acquired the striking bay black-type stakes winner Oscar Party for \$510,000 at the 2013 Barretts Paddock sale at Del Mar. The daughter of Dixie Union—Dream Lady, by Old Trieste, had already won the Kentucky Downs Juvenile Fillies Stakes and placed in the Regret Stakes (G3T).

“Maybe she was a bit more than we wanted to spend, but she was out of a unique family and as a stakes winner already had some residual value as a broodmare prospect,” Pearson said. “Racing or breeding, we really couldn’t go wrong with her, but we wanted to see if we could move her up even more.”

Oscar Party went on to place in four more black-type stakes, including finishing a good third to four-time Eclipse champion Beholder in the Santa Lucia Stakes. Pearson was not able to capture a graded stakes win with Oscar Party, but her family took a major leap forward when the mare’s half sister Room Service (by More Than Ready) captured three graded stakes in 2014, including the Central Bank Ashland Stakes and the American Oaks (both G1).



Deron Pearson

Oscar Party was retired early in 2016 and bred to Gainesway’s three-time leading sire Tapit, which produced a colt. She is back in foal to Tapit and being offered along with her Tapit colt.

“Last year the Keeneland market was already strong, and this year the overall economy is good and the stock market is strong, so the market is right and the timing is right,” Pearson said. “She is a beautiful mare in foal to the right sire.”

Oscar Party, being offered in Book 1 of Keeneland November, is reflective of Pearson’s commitment to breeding and selling at the top of the market, according to bloodstock adviser Leif Aaron.

“Deron wants to play at the top level



Oscar Party

and this is where the mare belongs,” Aaron said. “She is a big, strong, and absolutely gorgeous mare. And her Tapit colt is going to help her sell because he is a very nice colt.”

Oscar Party’s Tapit colt will be offered immediately after her. Both horses are part of the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment.

Pearson is selling two other mares in Book 1: The Irish-bred Bunairgead, a group-placed stakes-winning mare by New Approach, who is in foal to Medaglia d’Oro; and, Song Collection, a daughter of Unbridled’s Song and a full sister to multiple graded stakes winner and sire Old Fashioned in foal to Bernardini. **BH**