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## Deputy Commander colt tops first session at OBSC March sale

As expected a big, handsome colt by Deputy Commander topped the opening day of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s March sale of selected two-year-olds in training on a \$475,000 bid from Jimmy Gladwell.

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, agent, the colt worked a quarter-mile in :21.60 at the first presale breeze show on March 10.

"He's a big, rangy colt that worked fast and looked really good on the racetrack, so we thought he'd fit well in our program," said Gladwell, who was representing Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Darley Stable. "We're the scout team. I've been in California but [my wife Martha] scouted this sale real hard. Mr. [John] Ferguson and Sheikh Mohammed will decide what to do with him."

"We kind of valued him around the \$350,000 to \$450,000 range with the interest he's had and everything falling into place with Deputy Commander having a big weekend," Brennan said. "He's a very powerful individual with a great rhythm on the racetrack. ... He jumped through all the hoops."

Bridlamere Stable purchased the colt for \$105,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Average for the day jumped 12.5% to \$89,645, but with 47 fewer horses sold, total proceeds declined 15.6% to \$12,640,000. Buy-back rate was stable at 28.1%, while median jumped 50% to \$75,000.

"Obviously, we're real pleased with the day," said Tom Ventura, OBSC's director of sales. "Last year there were 14 horses on the first day that sold for \$200,000 or more. This year there were only seven. Obviously, that's why the median was up, because there had to be more horses in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 range for the average to be up like that."

"So I think we're off to a good start. [Today] we have a solid group of horses and I wouldn't be surprised if we have a few more high-end horses."

The top-priced filly on the day was a racy daughter of Cherokee Run out of Glory Way, by Woodman, purchased for \$440,000 by agent Richard Brown on behalf of Zayat Stables. Mayberry Farm, agent, consigned the bay filly.

"She's been bought for Ahmed Zayat," Brown said. "I thought she'd probably be up there around that figure. She's a lovely filly, a great stride, she worked very well. She ticked all the boxes."



SESSION TOPPER

Lea Supernaut photo

Ducharme Stables Inc. purchased the filly for \$80,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale. She worked an eighth in :10 at the first presale breeze show.

The sale continues at 11 a.m. EST today at the OBSC sales grounds in Ocala.—*John P. Sparkman*

### OBSC March sale of selected two-year-olds in training

DAY ONE SUMMARY			
	2006		2005
No. offered	196	(-20.0%)	245
No. sold	141	(-25.0%)	188
Pct. not sold	28.1%		23.3%
Gross	\$12,640,000	(-15.6%)	\$14,985,000
Average	\$89,645	(+12.5%)	\$79,707
Median	\$75,000	(+50.0%)	\$50,000

For hip-by-hip results, [click here](#).

#### Tuesday's highest prices

- 241 c, by Deputy Commander—Regrets Only, by Black Tie Affair (Ire). {Niall Brennan Stables, agent} Darley Stable, \$475,000.
- 37 f, by Cherokee Run—Glory Way, by Woodman. {Mayberry Farm, agent} Zayat Stables, \$440,000.
- 264 c, by Five Star Day—Saucy Maisie, by Sauce Boat. {Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent} Castletop Stable, \$400,000.
- 205 c, by A.P. Indy—Poolesta (Ire), by Hero's Honor. {W. D. North, agent} Darley Stable, \$250,000.
- 47 f, by Officer—Guilty Pleasure, by Pine Bluff. {Sequel Bloodstock, agent} Zayat Stables, \$230,000.
- 215 f, by El Corredor—Previewed, by Ogygian. {Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds, LLC, agent} NeverTell Farm LLC, \$210,000
- 104 f, by Rahy—Lady Tabitha, by Lyphard. {Nick de Meric, agent} Charles H. Boden, agent for Robert Flay., \$205,000
- 171 EXTRA CLASSY, f, by Allen's Prospect—No Extra Charge, by Greinton (GB). {Cary Frommer, agent} Barry Berkelhammer, agent for Rhineshire Farm, \$190,000
- 181 (GB), c, by Officer—Ocean View, by Gone West. {Nick de Meric, agent} Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, \$190,000
- 45 c, by Doneraile Court—Grey Dawn Grey, by Grindstone. {Gabriel Dixon, agent} John W. Sadler, agent, \$190,000
- 161 f, by Songandaprayer—My Special K's, by Tabasco Cat. {Clover-Leaf Farms, II and Brent Fernung, agent} Edward Plesa Jr., agent for David Melin, \$170,000

- For Adena Springs and OBSC sale coverage, see pages 3, 4, & 5.
- For Triple Crown coverage, see page 6.

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