



Indy 3,000,000...

From flagfall, yesterday's Fasig-Tipton sale enjoyed brisk trading, but it wasn't until hip 19 stepped into the ring that the action really took off. **Indy Five Hundred**, a seven-year-old Grade I winner by A.P. Indy out of Group 2 winner Lyphard's Delta, sparked the bidding duel that expired on bloodstock agent John Ferguson's

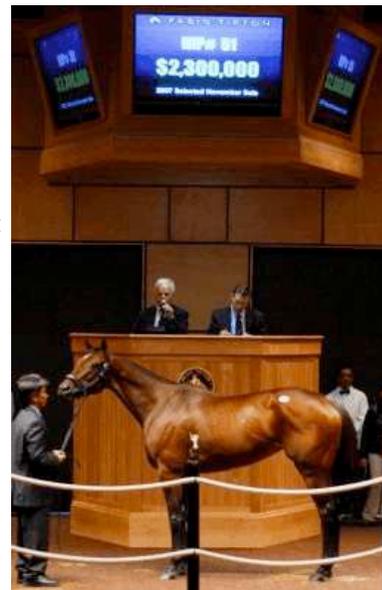


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winning \$3-million bid. Ferguson was representing Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. "She's a beautiful mare and a Grade I winner," explained Ferguson. "Her mother won the [G2] Nassau [S. in England] and her mother was a champion, so you've got three generations of real high performance. Therefore, we feel this mare has a huge opportunity to continue the excellent record that the family has set so far." Lane's End, agent, consigned Indy Five Hundred, who sold in foal to the farm's Kingmambo. "At the end of the day, he's a horse we've been lucky with," Ferguson said of the covering sire. "It's a factor, but, ultimately, it's the mare we wanted." A maiden winner on dirt, Indy Five Hundred didn't really hit her stride until she was moved to the lawn. As a three-year-old of 2003, she ran a close second to Sand Springs in the GII Lake George S., then returned to beat Dimitrova by four lengths in the GI Garden City BC H. in her next start. With a race record that reflected her pedigree, Indy Five Hundred was an obvious choice, said Ferguson. "[She was] very expensive, but ultimately, for an attractive Grade I-winning daughter of A.P. Indy from that family, people who sell mares like that deserve to make good money." Lane's End's Bill Farish commented, "I thought that was a great price. She's a Grade I winner in foal to Kingmambo--we were expecting her to sell well, and she did." The owner of the mare was Peter Minikes, who paid \$210,000 for Indy Five Hundred as a Keeneland September yearling in 2001. Minikes sold a War Chant colt from the mare for \$150,000 at this year's September sale and owns a weanling Seeking the Gold filly, which he intends to keep, according to Farish. Indy Five Hundred is the fifth foal produced by Lyphard's Delta, by Lyphard, who also produced a year-old full sister to Indy Five Hundred named Delta Princess. That mare was a three-time Grade III winner who banked \$740,000 on the track. Indy Five Hundred's second dam is Proud Delta (Delta Judge), a dual Grade I winner and champion older mare in 1976.

Here Kitty, Kitty...

Roy and Gretchen Jackson, the owners and operators of Lael Stable, added to their bloodstock holdings yesterday, going to \$2.3 million to acquire hip 51, Mike Pegram's **Pussycat Doll** (Real Quiet). "We're just looking to upgrade, broodmare-wise, and thought she had all the qualities and thought we'd try to buy her," said Roy Jackson, who was not yet sure whether Pussycat Doll would race on, or be retired and bred. "We try to supplement and upgrade a little bit, and thought she was one of five or six that made our list. She has nice conformation, and she was the first one that came up. The price was a little bit more than I wanted to pay, but they always are, the good ones." A five-year-old daughter of Hookedonthefeelin (Citidancer)--herself a \$2.9-million FTKNOV graduate from 2006--Pussycat Doll bested Leave Me Alone to win the 2005 GI La Brea S. and made the most of two starts the following season, taking the GI Humana Distaff H. over then-stablemate Behaving Badly. She won a race at the top level for a third consecutive year when taking down top honors in the



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GI Santa Monica H. in January 2007, and most recently splashed home a winner of the Storm Flag Flying S. at Belmont Park Oct. 19. She has a current race record of 17-7-2-2 for earnings of \$797,182. The Jacksons have 22 mares based in the U.S., two in England, and one, Bordighera--the dam of Grandera (Ire) and the late George Washington (Ire)--in Ireland. The Jacksons were advised on yesterday's purchase by Nicoma Bloodstock's Headley Bell and bought the mare from the consignment of Hill 'n' Dale Sales, agent.



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