

# A Message from the Newmarket July Sales

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*Interesting prospect for less than R400,000: A Gr3 winner in the USA; Listed winner and Gr3-placed in France, barren for fair reason, this outcross mare has a MASTERCRAFTSMAN to run for her.*

REFERRING to the Tattersalls Press Release published in yesterday's Turf Talk Newsletter... the sales company is dead right – about the top end of the market. Entirely reasonably it trumpets the top end activity on the one (11 hour) session of the July Sale that is largely devoted to breeding stock.

With plenty of Australian agents in Newmarket, all feeling perky about the state of the union at home, and another bunch of Aussies represented by their UK consultant agents, the bees clustered around the Godolphin honeypot as that organisation continues to thin out its 8,000 mares

and fillies or whatever the actual number is. The choices lots in this mid range catalogue attract more bees, and the prices go further up. How many times did we hear yesterday "I had to pay a bit more than we expected, but she is worth it" etc?

Perhaps the choicest of the Godolphin choice was an unraced 3 year old own sister to VIOLENCE with the great SKY BEAUTY as 3<sup>rd</sup> dam. 290,000 guineas is over 5 million rand - for SKY BEAUTY 4<sup>th</sup> dam of progeny. That's brave, VIOLENCE or not, as was a purchase of a pretty filly with a nice page who had won on increasingly turning in toes with not a lot of bone above them for about 2.5 mill. Or for the same money a barren 9 year old dam of 3 winners after two colic surgeries which probably helped to make her a box walker. She's a Redoute's Choice full sister to huge Australian champion so she would have made quadruple if a filly off the track. If the veterinary judgements are correct, they've got a brilliant buy and "box walker"? Godolphin's transparency policy makes them declare a vice even if there is the merest hint of one. They don't want them back.

Meanwhile in the world that is closer to real, being a vendor at this sale was not all champagne-corks-apoppin'. Of course the market was intensely active. Several dozen nationalities as ever converged on *(to page 4)*

A promotional graphic for World Sports Betting. It features a close-up of a horse's head on the left. The text "WORLD SPORTS BETTING" is at the top, "RACING AT ITS BEST" is in the middle, and "Betting Line: 0860 10 33 93" and "Web &amp; Mobile: www.wsb.co.za" are at the bottom.

## GR 1 MERCURY SPRINT BETTING

*HERE is World Sports Betting's latest odds on the GRI Mercury Sprint.*

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4-1 Bull Valley  
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14-1 Brutal Force, London Call, Attenborough,  
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## The Baron settles in at Abington



2017 Sun Met winner Whisky Baron is enjoying his new surroundings at Abington Place, Newmarket. His trainer Brett Crawford reported this morning: "He is doing well, he has settled in nicely and we'll be training him towards the Hong Kong International race meeting early in December."

Crawford said that the route to Hong Kong will be going via the Gr2 Nayef Joel Stakes over 1600m in late September, alternatively the Gr3 Darley Stakes or the Group 2 Challenge Stakes in October. The earmarked preps are all contested on the Rowley Mile at Newmarket. - tt.



*THIS photo by Matt Goins of Lexington, Kentucky, won the 2006 US Media Eclipse Award for Photography. It shows then apprentice jockey Julien Leparoux hanging over the head of his mount, Sanibel Storm, in the stretch at Keeneland on April 28, 2006. Sanibel Storm ducked into the rail about 150m from the line, and Leparoux somersaulted to the infield. Both horse and rider were unhurt. "I was about 20 feet from the spot when Julien went head over heels," said Goins, a commercial photographer who received a late assignment to work at he track. - tt.*

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## MESSAGE FROM NEWMARKET (... fm p3)

Newmarket creating dense crowds inside and outside the ring, as well as overflowing car parks. But if we assume that the UK and Irish breeders and their advisers form the bedrock of this sort of market, working incredibly hard to get mid-year value before the bigger events later in the year, then we must simultaneously realise that they have “careful, careful” voices in their heads.

Over-production rushed back into the foal and yearling markets last year making – at the very least – getting into the “right” sales more difficult. We are seeing it ourselves, juggling yearlings between Fairyhouse Part 1, Goffs somewhere and Tatts Book 2 with the overflow to Book 3 (a good workmanlike sale) being something to accept with equanimity or dodged by other means. A Book 1 yearling needs to be bang on excellent. Anything less and you are better in Book 2, the descendant of the engine-room Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.



*Presented by a strong consignment company, Barona & Corbinstown Mum in foal to Teofilio is on a nice slack rein with her Lope De Vega colt, learning about life.*

South Africans are not present. Of course they don't need to be when they have advisers, but by “present” I mean “active”. My “list” of the right sorts for SA – a lovely big Bernardini filly, not coarse like some, out of an Arch mare (a



favourite of mine); a lovely Arch filly (bringing Roberto of course) with dollops of USA Grade 1 through the pedigree; an Invincible Spirit winner out of an Argentinian Grade 1 winner and so on – made the equivalents of R 200,000 – R550,000. It is entirely understandable that SA breeders don't want to fork out at the moment, but if it were left to me I would flood the SA gene pool with Invincible Spirit daughters, Machiavellian/Medicean daughters, Royal Applause/Acclamation/Dark Angel/Equiano fillies and a bunch by Sharpen Up line sires for good measure. Plus more Roberto when you can find it.

There will be other sales and other opportunities. In the meantime, if we are able to see sales rationalisation, government change in due course and the light at the end of the export tunnel looming blindingly, we can prepare for refreshment of the gene pool.

Would that there were an internationally experienced, independent industry governing body to guide the SA bloodstock industry and sport to its next levels of balanced production and public appeal! - tt.

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