

# All Systems Go

## National Two Year Old Sale Prices

Even the optimists will have been surprised by the result of last weekend's National 2yo Sale, which was the best of the year in relative terms. Average price was down a touch, to 79k from last year's 81k, but with 191 lots sold (vs 165 in 2008). The median price tells an even more interesting story: up to 55k from 50k last year – showing a strong middle market. When split by sex, the colts averaged 85k vs 82k in 2008, with their median up to 60k from 50k. Fillies average was down to 73k from last year's 79k, but their median price was up: to 55k from 50k last year. The drop in average can be explained by looking at the top prices. In 2008 the top-ten had 7 fillies and 3 colts, this year it was the other way round, 7 colts and 3 fillies. In 2008 the seven top fillies ranged in price from 320k to 480k, while this time round the three top priced females were between 260k to 300k. All in all a fantastic result, though.

Top priced lot was 550k paid by Charles Laird for a Tiger Ridge colt consigned by Ascot Stud, while the Tawney Syndicate signed for the 300k top filly, a daughter of Western Winter consigned by Varsfontein.

AL MUFTI								
Imperial Rule	f Imperial Rome	Caesour	135.000	1.85	Glen Kotzen Racing			
Kim Possible	f Seeking Shelter	Hard Up	200.000	2.74	Brooks Cj			
Windy City	f Windy Wish	Model Man	260.000	3.57	Spies C			
<b>ALAMI</b>								
Hippogriff	c Jarita	Iceland	25.000	0.29	De Beer Fc			
Swift Arrow	c Broken Arrow	Apalachee	30.000	0.35	Nassif A			
Emerald Emperor	c Dance Royale	Braashee	30.000	0.35	Loco Torro Civils			
Limited Time	f Elimina	The Eliminator	0		withdrawn			
Adios	f Gone Home	Badger Land	10.000	0.14	Van Zyl C.			
Bountiful Energy	f Rough 'n Tumble	Free For All	15.000	0.21	Patterson Racing			
Impi Miss	f Glintinmyeye	Token Of Youth	20.000	0.27	Moffatt Stephen			
Touching Times	f Touch Above	Akkaam	30.000	0.41	Uren G			
<b>ALBARAHIN</b>								
Lion Queen	f Queens Close	Sunny North	0		not sold			
<b>ALMUSHTARAK</b>								
Al Bling	c Glam	Northern Guest	0		not sold			
Bold Al	c Bold And Speedy	Real Account	25.000	0.29	Van Zyl G			
Speed Up	c Speedy Racer	Claude Monet	40.000	0.47	Benton Sg			
Spiritual Al	f Spiritual Journey	Model Man	10.000	0.14	Moffatt Stephen			
<b>ASAL</b>								
Joy Division	c Swinging London	Roland Gardens	25.000	0.29	Kirsten A			
<b>BADGER'S DRIFT</b>								
Infalible	f Divineintervention	Special Preview	40.000	0.55	Brits F			
Platinum Bracelet	f Platinum Lass	Jallad	70.000	0.96	Gavin Smith			
<b>BEZRIN</b>								
Benbow	c Svenska Flicka	Really And Truly	25.000	0.29	Patterson Racing			
Big City Angel	c Voice Of An Angel	Silvino	180.000	2.12	Van Zyl G			
<b>CAESOUR</b>								
Domitian Way	c Darisha	Selkirk	30.000	0.35	Northfields Bloodsto			
Marius	c Madame President	National Assembly	45.000	0.53	Equi-Link			
Nicholas	c Rambo's Love	Rambo Dancer	75.000	0.88	Mathen S			
Corrado	c Caramanta	Fairy King	100.000	1.18	Form Bloodstock			
Obiter Dicta	f Recondite	Sportsworld	45.000	0.62	Francis R			
Ceara	f Princess Bibesco	Al Mufti	70.000	0.96	Janse Van Rensburg S			
Green Line	f Green Party	Green Dancer	100.000	1.37	Roberts Mj			
Grammatica	f Visionary	Best By Test	130.000	1.78	Drier D.R.			
<b>CAMDEN PARK</b>								
Camden Town	c Chatterley	Al Mufti	0		withdrawn			
Camden Blue	c Allez La Bleu	Dolphin Street	40.000	0.47	Gavin Smith Racing			
Song Of Camden	c Western Song	Western Winter	140.000	1.65	A.G. Laird			
Bridgewater	c Tuva Bridge	Casey Tibbs	150.000	1.77	Sanne Im Dr			
Wollondilly	f New Hope	Pole Position	0		withdrawn			
Synchronicity	f Global Reach	Elliodor	15.000	0.21	Chiriwa B			
Concertinthepark	f Dream Girl	Model Man	70.000	0.96	Kirsten A			
Rose Royce	f Maserati	Western Winter	75.000	1.03	Adams H. Racing			
<b>CAPTAIN AL</b>								
Trompsburg	c Birds Are Best	Northern Guest	110.000	1.30	Pettigrew S			
Heralds Bay	c Pure Reason	Jallad	130.000	1.53	Engelbrecht Wj			
Castlemartin	c Lady Linney	Linney Head	160.000	1.88	Van Wyk R			
Al Roberto	c Lady Loch	Becker	425.000	5.00	Marcus B			
Montechino	c Spumante	Argosy	500.000	5.89	Marcus B			
Zara	f First Choice	Muhtafal	120.000	1.65	Ballymacash Racing			
Captain's Catch	f Brilliant Brook	Argosy	130.000	1.78	Dean Kannemeyer Raci			
Pamela 'a	f Last Word Pam	Jallad	140.000	1.92	Leahy, Steven			
Tati's Choice	f Stepping Stone	Jungle Rock	230.000	3.16	Ballymacash Racing			

<b>CASEY TIBBS</b>								
Rodeo Dandy	c Designer Model	Roland Gardens	50.000	0.59	Cox E			
Dublin Dude	c Boomtown Girl	Jallad	100.000	1.18	Veronese E			
07firestar	c Firestar	Fair Season	140.000	1.65	Zaki Racing			
South Dakota	c Kathakali	Joshua Dancer	150.000	1.77	Adams H. Racing			
Casey's Desire	c Annsfield	Northfields	200.000	2.35	Boshoff A.J.			
Empress Casey	f Victoria	Fine Edge	0		withdrawn			
Staggering Fortune	f Ardent Connection	Houston Connection	15.000	0.21	Dellieu Mp			
07fern Ridge	f Fern Ridge	Foveros	20.000	0.27	Fraser T			
Gaming Geisha	f Dusty Game	Elevation	25.000	0.34	Snyman. Ivan			
Second Date	f Under The Radar	Sportsworld	80.000	1.10	Patterson Racing			
Cash Register	f Dollar Crisis	Goldmark	225.000	3.09	Equi-Link			
<b>CATALOOCHIE</b>								
La Montagne	c Jodi's Gold	Goldmark	50.000	0.59	Eudey C			
Johnny Walks	c Whiskey Way	Concertino	60.000	0.71	Phoenix Scrap Metal			
Sugar Loaf	c Tea Biscuit	West Man	75.000	0.88	Classen N			
Katsimoto	f Acquired	Galba	0		not sold			
Taloocha	f Main Model	Model Man	0		not sold			
<b>CLASSIC FLAG</b>								
Enjoyment	f Ice Ment	Iceland	0		withdrawn			
<b>COUNT DUBOIS</b>								
Ben Ten	c Cape Wonder	Elliodor	0		not sold			
Trizas	c Tritonia	National Assembly	150.000	1.77	Adams H. Racing			
Countess Kate	f Lilly Pilly	Diesis	40.000	0.55	Circle Seven Trading			
07air Of Elegance	f Air Of Elegance	Elliodor	50.000	0.69	Good-Hope Racing			
07assemblance	f Assemblance	Complete Warrior	80.000	1.10	Glen Kotzen Racing			
First Glance	f Top Times	Elliodor	105.000	1.44	Tawny Syndicate			
<b>COUNTER ACTION</b>								
Casual Action	c Sweet Symphony	Divine Force	35.000	0.41	Spies C			
<b>DANCING DUEL</b>								
Waltzing Duel	f Bayou Angel	Bel Byou	20.000	0.27	Verdonee E			
<b>DEEP SLEEP</b>								
Barracuda	c Katarina Star	Allied Flag	0		not sold			
Midnight Feast	f May Ball	Eastern Viewpoint	35.000	0.48	Rahilly Dj			
<b>DUBAWI</b>								
07macquarie Belle	f Macquarie Belle		150.000	2.06	Wobbe E			
<b>DUPONT</b>								
Wild Pont	c Wild And Wicked	Argosy	20.000	0.24	Cox E			
Bellagio	c Gold Eshkar	Goldmark	25.000	0.29	De Beer Fc			
Silverthunderbird	c Silver Fire	Thunder Cat	30.000	0.35	Northfields Bloodsto			
Keplar	c Prairie Party	Northern Guest	40.000	0.47	J T Freeman			
Madame Dupont	f Glamour Model	Counter Action	25.000	0.34	Brett Warren Racing			
<b>DYNASTY</b>								
Needles And Pins	c Tin Legs	Western Winter	85.000	1.00	Classen N			
Beaches	c Die Strand	Diesis	100.000	1.18	J T Freeman			
Bling Dynasty	c Glitterati	Western Winter	100.000	1.18	Marcus B			
Spanish Affair	c Spanish Harlem	Model Man	100.000	1.18	J T Freeman			
Perpetual Song	c A Song Is Born	Jamaico	200.000	2.35	Maving W.H. Racing			
Real Tabasco	f In The Family	Fantasy 'n Reality	50.000	0.69	Page S.H.			
Highland Melody	f Happy Family	Complete Warrior	80.000	1.10	Northfields Bloodsto			
<b>FAHAL</b>								
Plu Perfect	c Picture Perfect	Take Your Place	25.000	0.29	Janse Van Rensburg S			
Coica Canyon	c Chan-Chan	Take Your Place	30.000	0.35	Balcomb Stables			
Castile	c Paloma	Hobnob	35.000	0.41	Coetzer. W			
Bareback	c Strapless	Hermitage	35.000	0.41	Tolmay Wj			
Troubled Waters	c Orinoco Flow	Mir Justice	40.000	0.47	Sean Tarry Racing			
Drum Master	c Percussion	Lyphard	140.000	1.65	Maving W.H. Racing			
Milleflora	f Miadora	Aristis	20.000	0.27	Balcomb Stables			
Sanctify	f Easertide	Exodal	30.000	0.41	Balcomb Stables			
Double First	f Twosome	One For All	30.000	0.41	Page S.H.			
<b>FAN CLUB'S MISTER</b>								
Caribbean Club	c Flagwaver	Hard Up	0		not sold			
07golden Rical	c Golden Rical	Golden Thatch	15.000	0.18	Northfields Bloodsto			
07casual Jewel	c Casual Jewel	Al Mufti	110.000	1.30	Marcus B			
<b>FANATIC DANE</b>								
07magic Party	f Magic Party	Model Man	75.000	1.03	Dean Kannemeyer Raci			
<b>FORT WOOD</b>								
Procopius	c Arabian Court		0		withdrawn			
Winning Wild	c Running Wild	Western Winter	0		not sold			
Pearl Dawn	f Pearl Hostess	Elliodor	130.000	1.78	Zaki Racing			
<b>GOLDKEEPER</b>								
Crunch Time	c Cavern	Nissr	180.000	2.12	Abreu Ja			
Major Title	c So Royal	Kahir Almaydan	180.000	2.12	Mynhardt. S.J.D			
Fast Lane	c Speed Along	Pochard	400.000	4.71	Laird Racing Stable			
<b>GREY EMINENCE</b>								
07bravo Bamby	c Bravo Bamby	Dolpour	10.000	0.12	Denysschen Lg			
Diamond Pitt	c Family Jewel	Stifellius	15.000	0.18	Balcomb Stables			
Lrummond Park	c Love Legend	Ankaam	15.000	0.18	Chiriwa B			
Drum Delamere	c Delaware Eve	Rakeen	30.000	0.35	Northfields Bloodsto			
Zuchetto	c Zip Away	Fine Edge	35.000	0.41	Abreu Ja			
Hey Mr Grey	c Hey Miss Jallad	Jallad	45.000	0.53	Equi-Link			
Grey Post	c Poetic Miss	Darby Fair	50.000	0.59	Roux Tj			
Wise Man	c Wise Dancer	Damascus Gate	70.000	0.82	Brett Warren Racing			
Jane Grey	f Rustic Magic	Jallad	0		withdrawn			
Faylinn	f Sydney Jane	Wolfhound	0		not sold			
Ashton Grey	f Poetic Girl	Ashtontown	10.000	0.14	Erasmus Lj			
Boudica	f Bella's Babe	Best By Test	20.000	0.27	Fraser T			
Sweet Princess	f Sugar Cube Baby	Argosy	20.000	0.27	Roberts C			

## Emperors Palace National Two-Year-Old Sale results exceed all expectations

CHAMPION trainer Charles Laird and Singapore-bound Basil Marcus both purchased "exactly what they came for" at the three-day Emperors Palace National 2yo Sale which drew to a close at the TBA Sales Complex at Gosforth Park on Sunday evening.

Laird's acquisition of the strong bay colt Hollywood Ridge (Lot 179, R550k) topped the auction, with Marcus's purchases of colts Montechino (Lot 381, R500k) and Al Roberto (Lot 212, R425k) second and third highest respectively. This helped to ensure an excellent sale aggregate of R30,27m, which was 13% up on last year's figure.

In Laird's view, Hollywood Ridge, by Tiger Ridge from a highly rated Fort Wood mare, was the best horse on the sale and he said: "I trained a very good filly from his 2nd dam who

never raced due to injury. He was bought for Markus and Ingrid Jooste."

An excited Marcus said: "I bought five horses I liked, all are completely different types of thoroughbreds and I am very chuffed. I didn't specifically set out to buy progeny of Captain Al, but as it happened I was impressed by both Montechino and Al Roberto."

He added: "While Montechino is a very late foal, he is a beautiful walker, already an impressive specimen. Al Roberto is a rangy horse with a lot of scope. I am looking forward to training them."

BSA's Chief Executive Jan Naude was very pleased with the outcome and commented: "The sale kept up its early momentum and although we had more horses to sell, the clearance rate of 92% was well up on last year with fewer lots

passing through the ring unsold. This was a good event for buyers and vendors, certainly most encouraging for the sales that lie ahead."

BSA's Sales Manager Caroline Simpson echoed this and said: "The results were much better than expected. The breeders let their stock go at realistic prices and smaller trainers could also participate and buy some stock."

"I didn't expect a top price of R550k, but I must say that Hollywood Ridge is a truly magnificent young horse who well deserves that price tag."



