



"We're looking to grow our broodmare band," Hall continued. "That's behind the idea of buying some of these fillies. Being a new operation, we don't have the money to go and buy some real nice mares. Not to toot our own horn, but I think we do a decent job picking out a yearling, so we'll race them and, hopefully, make our own pedigree."

Hall, a longtime employee at Adena Springs, recently left Frank Stronach's operation so he could devote his full attention to Hidden Brook.

"I started spending more time at the farm in January, and have been giving 100 percent of my time since June," Hall explained. "There was nothing negative about [leaving Adena]. I worked there for 19 years, and I still have a great relationship with them."

**For Moonstone's Curtin, a Pinhooking Home Run...**

Weanling-to-yearling pinhooks were the order of the day during Saturday's session, with seven of the eight top horses on the day falling under that category. Getting in on the action was Moonstone Sales' Sean Curtin. The Irishman sold the top filly Saturday, [hip 1568](#), a handsome, nearly white Tapit filly to John Oxley for \$330,000. Curtin had acquired the filly as a short yearling for just \$40,000 at Keeneland January. Moonstone consigned the daughter of the Meniffee mare Mayan Milagra.

"She was a very pretty filly who vetted well," said trainer John Ward, who selected and purchased the colt for Oxley.

"She looks like she was raised right, and Tapit's doing well. She looks

[HIP 1568](#)

Tapit	Pulpit
unnamed, f, 2008	Tap Your Heels
Mayan Milagra	Meniffee
	Dhaka

like a great filly to point to the Oaks."

Oxley and Ward have won the GI Kentucky Oaks before, with Gal in a Ruckus (Bold Ruckus) in 1995, and won the 2001 GI Kentucky Derby with Monarchos (Maria's Mon). They also campaigned champion Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin).

Born in Limerick and raised on a dairy farm, Curtin rode horses extensively as a youngster. He began working for Coolmore Ireland at the tender age of 17 and, after moving tack to the States, managed Empire Stud in Upstate New York for three years. In 2005, he struck out on his own and launched Moonstone in Kentucky.

The Tapit filly was one of seven horses he purchased to pinhook this year.

"I had four last year and made a little bit of money, so I stepped up a little bit," he explained. "It's nervous times to do it, and you always need a horse like this to step up."

Anna Gojanovich signed the ticket for the filly at January on Curtin's behalf.

"Anna had picked her out and I came and looked at her, and I didn't think I'd be able to afford her so I wasn't going to vet her," Curtin said. "Anna said I should vet her anyway, so I did, and I was able to get her for \$40,000."

At that time, Tapit was a recently crowned champion sire, having led the freshman sire list on the strength of horses like champion Stardom Bound and GI Hollywood Starlet heroine Laragh. And while Tapit continued to sire stakes winners through late spring and early summer, those two stars were largely absent, potentially a problem when selling in a what-have-you-done-for-me-lately market. But then Tapit reminded buyers of his prowess by siring a third Grade I winner from his first crop, Careless Jewel, who rolled home by a pole in the Aug. 22 GI Alabama S. at Saratoga.



Sean Curtin L Marquardt

"I think Careless Jewel was perfect timing," said Curtin. "She was unbelievable in the Alabama. It seems to me there's a certain type of Tapit that do well--they're all those white-grays who are racy looking, with a lot of air under them. They stand over a lot of ground."

Curtin said his Tapit filly fell into that mold.

"She is just a filly with a lot of presence," he said. "Her color alone and how she shows herself, even as a weanling, made her a standout in the crowd."

Curtin added that he felt he got a little bit of help from the filly's damsire, too.

"When I got her, I did think she was lacking a little bit of pedigree," he admitted. "But she's out of a Meniffee mare, who has done very well in the last eight months; he's had a lot of graded stakes horses. So she improved from that, and never put a foot wrong the entire time I had her. She was the type of filly where you just couldn't stop looking at her in the field."

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — BARN 28**

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**HIP 3313:** Colt by Smarty Jones o/o Senza Unica (Mr. Prospector)

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Hip 3313



Hip 3314



Curtin's Moonstone closes out its September consignment with three more selling Tuesday. They include [hip 2628](#), a filly from the first crop of Silver Train (Old Trieste) from the immediate family of Behrens (Pleasant Colony).

"She's very nice," said Curtin. "She's a half to Lemonette (Lemon Drop Kid), who has won a stakes at Arlington since the catalogue and was just second in the GIII Glens Falls H. at Saratoga. She's just a running machine. They're very alike. This one is not really big, but she's very pretty."

The Silver Train filly was produced by Believability (Southern Halo). She was purchased as a weanling by Moonstone at Keeneland November for \$40,000.



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**KEESEP - SUNDAY**

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<a href="#">1713</a>	c	<a href="#">Broken Vow</a>	<a href="#">Tricky Bird</a>	170,000

*B-Bruce & Laurie Berenson (KY)*

Consigned by Blackburn Farm (Michael T. Barnett), agent for Dunwoody Farm

Purchased by Cecil Seaman, agent

Bruce and Laurie Berenson signed the ticket for Tricky Bird (Storm Bird), in foal to Coronado's Quest, for \$105,000 at KEEJAN 2003, and have cashed in annually on that investment. The colt produced in 2003 brought \$95,000 as a KEESEP yearling in '04. He was followed by a 2005 Carson City filly that sold for \$130,000 at KEESEP 2006; a Vindication filly that brought \$140,000 at KEESEP 2007; and a Maria's Mon colt, stakes-placed Turf Melody, that was a \$200,000 KEESEP sale last year. The Berensons raced stakes-placed Shriek (Street Cry {Ire}), a filly produced in 2004 who earned \$74,150 on the track. Tricky Bird's first foal was MGSW Stanley Park (Swain {Ire}). Bruce Berenson, a graduate of Vassar with a baccalaureate in math and physics from the International School of Geneva, ran telecom corporations internationally and in the U.S. before retiring about six years ago. He and his wife, fellow Vassar grad Laurie, moved to the Lexington area in 2003 to focus on the racing and breeding industry.

<a href="#">1743</a>	c	<a href="#">Henny Hughes</a>	<a href="#">Wild and Wonderful</a>	240,000
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*B-James Bentley Begg (ON)*

Consigned by Elm Tree Farm LLC (Mr. & Mrs. Jody Huckabay), Agent I  
Purchased by John Ferguson

Jeff and Annabel Begg's Windways Farm picked up Wild and Wonderful (Kennedy Road) at KEENOV 2007. The then-16-year-old, already the dam of GSW and millionaire West Virginia (Tomorrows Cat), brought \$72,000 with this foal in utero. The mare's 2006 foal, Platinum Girl (Mineshaft), captured the Little Silver S. at Monmouth in May. Windways is a 40-acre operation in King City, Ontario, just north of Toronto. The Beggs have about 50 horses on the farm. Jeff Begg is involved in commercial real estate with his father; Annabel is an animal health technician who also teaches horseback riding.

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Their four children--daughter Alix and sons Jamie, Ryley and Andrew--all play polo. The Beggs' best horse to date was Victor Cooley (Cool Victor). The winner of the Queen's Plate and champion three-year-old colt in Canada in 1996, the homebred also captured the GI Vosburgh S. and GII Commonwealth BC S. in 1997 and earned more than \$1.3 million.

<a href="#">1810</a>	f	<a href="#">Langfuhr</a>	<a href="#">Charismatic Lady</a>	120,000
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*B-William B Harrigan (ON)*

Consigned by William B. Harrigan Sales Agency, agent

Purchased by Nick de Meric, agent

In foal to Yes It's True, Charismatic Lady (End Sweep) went through the ring at KEENOV in 2005 and attracted a final bid of \$55,000 from William Harrigan. The resulting colt recouped most of that outlay when bringing \$50,000 at KEESEP 2007, and her filly by Langfuhr was sold for \$80,000 at KEESEP 2008. Now named Dad's Crazy, the promising bay was runner-up in a Saratoga turf maiden Sept. 7 for owner/actress Stephanie March. Nick de Meric, who pinhooked that one for \$150,000 at OBSFEB this year, must have liked the look of this full-sister, going back to the well to add to the Harrigan coffers.

**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER  
Cumulative Top Five Consignors**

Consignor	# Head	Total
Taylor Made Sales Agency	136	21,360,000
Eaton Sales	97	15,073,000
Lanes End Farm	91	13,535,500
Gainesway	47	7,112,000
Woods Edge Farm	23	4,782,000