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An expanded catalogue of 414 horses are scheduled to be auctioned during the Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training at Fairplex Park in Pomona. Once thought to be the wholesale outlet for horses that do not fit the criteria for the more prestigious March sale, this sale has really come into its own in recent years as a reliable source for good, solid stakes horses at reasonable prices. In 2002, it entered the record books as the most successful edition in its history, realizing total receipts of \$7,507,000.

Hoping to improve upon that record, the sale will be held in two sessions on May 12 and 13, both beginning at 1:00 p.m. Past graduates of this sale include the 2002 California Cup Juvenile and NTRA Great State Challenge Juvenile winner, Crackup, multiple stakes-winning California-bred Takin It Deep, and California stallion Dixie Dot Com (Cardiff Stud Farms), who compiled more than \$1.3 million in earnings. Deputy Commander, who topped this sale in 1996, captured the Travers Stakes and Super Derby, both grade I events, for earnings of \$1.9 million. He is now the sire of current Triple Crown hopeful Ten Most Wanted from his first crop.

There are nearly 300 California-bred youngsters catalogued at this vendue, roughly 72 percent of the total number offered. These include several exciting prospects by some of the state's

leading sires. The River Edge Farm stallions Benchmark and Bertrando, Distinctive Cat (Applebite Farms), Event of the Year (Golden Eagle Farm), Smokester (Cardiff Stud Farms), Swiss Yodeler (Pepper Oaks Farm) and Twin Spires (Meadowcreek Ranch) each have six offspring in the sale. Those with five include Anziyan (Creston Farms), Cee's Tizzy (Harris Farms Inc.), General Meeting (Golden Eagle Farm), Illinois Storm (Ponzo Equine Center), Ridgeley Farm's Memo (Chi) and Score Quick (BMT Ranch). Also offered are Cal-breds by leading national sires like Cherokee Run, Distorted Humor, Indian Charlie, Jade Hunter, Royal Academy, Souvenir Copy, Tale of the Cat and others.

Havens Bloodstock Agency is bringing an impressive lot of 60 horses. There is a Western Fame (Applebite Farms) half-brother to both California

Champion Jetin Excess and recent Irish O'Brien Stakes winner Jetinto Houston, and a Gentlemen (Arg) half-brother to grade I winner Private Persuasion, who captured the California Cup Juvenile Fillies and grade I Vanity Invitational Handicap and also has an offspring in this catalog. As agent for Dale Billings, Andy Havens is also selling a Smokester colt bred along the same lines as two-time California Horse of the Year Free House.



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A 33-horse Clear Creek consignment is highlighted by a colt sired by Free House (Vessels Stallion Farm) himself. This youngster is out of My Sensation, a winning half-sister to 1993 Cal Cup Juvenile victor Flying Sensation, which makes him a half-brother to the General Meeting filly that brought \$110,000 at the 2001 Del Mar Yearling Sale. This group also features a Marlin filly who's out of a half-sister to the Cal-bred stakes-winning duo of Beau's Eagle and Promising Girl.

Werner Ranch has several nice prospects, including a Swiss Yodeler colt from the family of multiple graded stakes winner Arewehavingfunyet. Also selling in this consignment is a Deputy Minister colt out of Argentine classic winner Fontemar (Arg), herself the dam of a graded stakes winner in Argentina.

Donna M. Wormser Inc. has 22 horses catalogued, including a Miswaki colt from the family of 2002 California champion Humorous Lady, as well as a Mt. Livermore half-brother to stakes winners Crimson Classic (\$559,338) and Marastani (\$476,680).

Selling as both Asmussen Horse Center and Cashmark

Farm, Keith and Cash Asmussen plan to bring 22 horses to the Barretts May sale. These include a Miswaki half-sister to both Eclipse champion Tight Spot and grade I winner Valiant Nature. This is the family of California stallion Desert Classic (Victory Rose Thoroughbreds), the sire of three-time California grass champion Native Desert. The Asmussens also offer a Gentlemen colt out of a half-sister to both California stallion Helmsman (Pegasus Ranch) and grade III winner Patricia J. K. (\$284,801).

Mary Knight has several outstanding youngsters in the sale, including a Tricky Creek (Hideaway Farms) filly from the family of graded stakes winners Native Fancy, Really Fancy and Blushing Heiress. Also selling is a Grand Slam filly from the family of the graded stakes winners Sweet Alliance and Dancing Champ.

As agent for Galley Farms, B.C.3 Thoroughbreds has consigned the Western Fame gelding Rockin the Ship, already a winner at Santa Anita Park this year. Paula Capestro is selling a French Deputy filly who brought \$140,000 at Keeneland's September Yearling Sale. Her dam is a half-sister to major sire West By West. Creston Farms is offering a Cal-bred Southern Halo filly out of the aforesaid Private Persuasion. Golden Eagle



Helmsman is represented by both Hip #391, a son of his from the family of Japanese champion Eishin Preston, as well as Hip #45, a Gentleman (Arg) colt out of the Pegasus Ranch stallion's half-sister, Lift My Spirit.

Farm has an Event of the Year half-brother to multiple stakes winner Spiritual Star. Kirkwood Stables is selling a Gold Fever filly from the family of California Champion King Glorious. McKathan Farm features a Red Ransom colt out of a full sister to Valid Wager (Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC). Kristin Mulhall is selling a General Meeting filly out of a half-sister to both grade I winner Favorite Funtime and grade II winner Man From Eldorado. New Episode Training Center Inc. has a Vaudeville (Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC) filly out of a half-sister to \$2 million-plus earner Say Florida Sandy. Terry Oliver is selling a Silver Deputy colt who brought \$120,000 at Keeneland last September. River Edge has an Unbridled colt out of California champion Bountiful Native. The aforementioned Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC is selling a Cal-bred Boston Harbor colt from the family of both Irish Derby winner Sir Harry Lewis and \$442,374-earner Sir Richard Lewis. Yearsley Bloodstock is featuring a Flying Continental (Harris Farms Inc.) colt from the family of Lost Code, a winner of nearly \$2.1 million.

Other consignors include Angela Aquino, Jerry Bailey Sales

Agency, Scott Boyce, Chapman Farms, Ben Craft, Crupi's New Castle Farm, Bruno DeBerdt, Double Bar S Ranch LLC, Enriquez Stables, 5C Racing Ltd., Future Farm, Golden State Stables Inc., Lov Acres Ranch, Maltese Thoroughbreds, Frank Martin Jr., Mayberry Farm, McKee Bloodstock LLC, Meadowcreek Ranch, NexStar Ranch, Ontario Farms, Pacific Mountain Ranch, Sequel Bloodstock (Becky Thomas), Slick 'n' Quick Thoroughbreds, Sunrise Stable South, Sutherland Farm, Treasure Farm, Charles Treece, Colleen Turpin-Boyce, Loretta Veiga, Wavecrest Thoroughbreds and Larry D. Wells.

All the 2-year-olds catalogued for the May sale are eligible for either the Barretts Debutante or Juvenile Stakes to be run during the Los Angeles County Fair meeting this September. The Juvenile was captured by Breeders' Cup Sprint champion Squirtle Squirt in 1999, and by Taliano last year. The 2002 Debutante winner was the California-bred Last Kiss, who scored her maiden win in the process.

Training previews will take place on May 8 and 9, both starting at 10:00 a.m. Catalogues and additional information can be obtained from Barretts at (909) 629-3099.



Valid Wager is represented by both Hip #3, a son of his out of a granddaughter of Northern Dancer, as well as Hip #162, a Red Ransom colt out of the Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC stallion's full sister, Roses At Sunset.