



Review Of The 2005 Barretts October Mixed Sale

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Despite a smaller and lighter catalogue than in previous years, numbers for the 2005 Barretts October Mixed Sale were up across the board for the two-day auction that was held at Fairplex Park on Oct. 24-25. While the actual number of horses sold at this year's sale dropped 14.6 percent from a year ago, the sale realized a corresponding 11.2 rise in gross receipts from \$2,274,300 to \$2,528,400. Plus, the average climbed 6.1 percent to \$5,759 and the median increased 20 percent to \$3,000 from the \$2,500 recorded last year.

On the down side, however, was the buyback ratio, which ballooned to 49.2 percent, and there were 80 horses who did not receive a bid at all.

"The market was very selective in that buyers were no longer interested in barren mares, weak pedigrees and horses that fell into the bottom end of the market," said Gerald McMahon, the President and General Manager of Barretts Equine Ltd. "The prices were quite strong and solid for horses that had things going for them."

While the sale featured the dispersals of Pegasus Ranch, Duane Clark, Beach Dickerson and the Estate of Alvin Toffel, not a single horse brought in a bid that reached six figures. The top-priced horse, sold towards the close of the second session, was the stakes-placed Marshua's Dancer mare Ali's Dancer who went for \$82,000.

Consigned by the (Andy) Havens Bloodstock Agency as agent for Pegasus Ranch, Ali's Dancer was purchased by Tom and Nancy Clark's Rancho San Miguel. A stakes-placed earner of \$71,950 at Hastings Park in Canada, Ali's Dancer is the dam of stakes-winning Sweet Stepper, stakes-placed Winning Stripes and is believed in-foal to

\$3,267,490-earner Congaree. Her Peaks and Valleys weanling colt, who entered the ring just before her, brought \$40,000 as the top-selling weanling of the sale. The buyer was Tom Grether Farms.

The second highest price of \$43,000 was realized for the 12-year-old Great Above mare Way Up, who sold in-foal to Olmodavor. By the sire of Holy Bull, the stakes-placed earner of \$125,316 is out of a sister to multiple grade III winner Shimatoree. Also part of the Pegasus Ranch dispersal, Way Up was purchased by Summit Stables. Her weanling Cobra King filly fetched \$33,000 from trainer Darrell Vienna.

Consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency under Andy's own banner, stakes-producing Sunrise Sonata elicited a bid of \$42,500 from Fred Edwards. The half-sister to multiple grade I winner Highland Blade and the dam of \$195,880-earner Smart Timing sold in-foal to Saarland.

Golden Shadows, a Dehere mare from the Golden Eagle consignment, sold in-foal to Event of the Year (Magali Farms) to John B. Crook for \$40,000. She is out of an unraced half-sister to General Meeting and hails from the family of grade III winner Summertime Promise.

Two other mares fetched \$38,000. Mesquite, a full sibling to multiple stakes winner Remy Sexy and a half-sister to Only the Best, topped the first session when she was bought by Harris Farms Inc. Believed to be in-foal to In Excess (Ire), Mesquite was consigned by the Coalinga farm as agent for the Toffel estate. Her Smokester colt went for \$90,000 at California's October Yearling Sale.

The other \$38,000 purchase was Wet, a young unraced daughter of Boston Harbor who was catalogued in-foal to High Demand, sire of the \$290,000 sale topper from the yearling sale. Consigned by Clear Creek Farm, Wet went to CRK Stable.

The top-selling yearling was the Half a Year colt Halfway There from the Golden Eagle consignment who went to Firsthome Thoroughbreds for \$26,000. The youngster is the first foal of the General Meeting mare Evening Meeting.

The leading consignor was Havens, who sold 70 head for \$618,200. Golden Eagle Farm, which sold 33 horses for \$364,000, was second, while River Edge Farm Inc., Agent, was third with 40 horses selling for \$252,500. Rounding out the top five sellers were (Kathy) Berkey Bloodstock Services and Mary Knight, respectively.

The top buyer was newcomer Anucha Kiatkhajonklai, who spent \$131,200 for 21 horses, and Pony World Farm was second with nine purchases totaling \$83,200. The third top buyer was Rancho San Miguel, whose sole purchase was the \$82,000 sale topper, while trainers Darrell Vienna and Roger Stein completed the top five list of buyers. 🐾



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