



Regional Sales

A Preview Of The 2005 Barretts October Mixed Sale

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Sale officials of Barretts Equine Ltd. didn't have to contend with a spate of brush fires for last year's October Mixed Sale, but they didn't sell any big stars either. A small dispersal of horses of racing age was added at the last minute that bolstered the final numbers and included the sale-topper—Snow Chief Stakes winner Cheiron, the only horse to bring six figures—but the pickings were rather light in comparison with past years. These factors were reflected in the results, which registered sharp declines across the board.

The two sessions grossed \$2,274,300 from 419 horses sold and the average price was \$5,428. Gross sales dropped 20.5 percent from 2003 when 513 head fetched \$2,860,400. Correspondingly, the average dipped 2.7 percent and the median of \$2,500 was off 21.9 percent. There were 100 horses withdrawn and another 121 (22.4 percent) were bought back.

Hoping to get itself back on track, this year's mixed sale is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 24, and Tuesday, Oct. 25. It features a catalogue of 709 horses, up significantly from the 632 head catalogued last year. Included are 321 broodmares, 195 yearlings, 143 weanlings, 46 horses of racing age and four stallions. Both sessions are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex Park in Pomona, Calif.

This year's sale features 46 individual consignors and agents with 84 consignments on offer.

The (Andy) Havens Bloodstock Agency Inc. is bringing the largest consignment to the sale—106 horses in six separate groups. One of them is Caspian Tern, who is a half-sister to Lost Soldier, sire of 2005 undefeated three-year-old Lost in the Fog. Also catalogued is Sunrise Sonata, a half-sister to multiple grade I winner Highland Blade (\$998,888).

Havens is also serving as agent for the Pegasus Ranch dispersal. Catalogued here are the broodmares Miss Demeanor and Sarah's Girl and their weanlings by Cobra King and Bertrando, respectively. Both producers are half-sisters to multiple grade I winners, the former to Videogenic (\$1,154,360) and the latter to Stop Traffic (\$864,519).

Mary Knight is selling 59 horses in two consignments. These include Coy Spirit, a Seattle Bound half-sister to two-time California Cup Distaff heroine Chichim, and Rebellete, a Lake George half-sister to 2005 graded stakes winner High Standards. As agent for Magali Ventures, Knight is selling a yearling Mud Route filly out of grade III winner Best Dress.

Highlighting a 55-horse River Edge Farm consignment is Sound Wisdom, a stakes-winning full sister to grade I winner Private Persuasion. Also selling are Coy Pirate, a full sister to multiple California Champion Smooth Player (\$760,496) and Belle Armour, a Bertrando half-sister to graded stakes winner and \$908,983-earner Feverish.

Hideaway Farms is selling 50 horses in two consignments. One to especially look out for is a weanling by resident stallion Madraar out of the stakes-placed broodmare Lambent (GB), making her a half-sister to 2004 California Champion and Cal Cup Classic victor Cozy Guy.

Selling 48 horses in five consignments is (Kathy) Berkey Bloodstock Services Inc. Among these is She's a Rascal, whose dam is grade I winner Rascal Lass. Also selling is a yearling King of the Hunt colt out of stakes-placed Bel Darling and, thus, a half-brother to 2005 stakes winner Black Horse Money and 1998 Cal Cup Juvenile victor Sunday Stroll.

Golden Eagle Farm is selling 43 horses, including: Golden Shadows, the dam of 2005 stakes winner Thrilling Victory; Cast of Characters, a full sister to 2005 stakes winner Follow the Rainbow; and Fantastic Lady, a winning half-sister to grade I Hollywood Gold Cup winner and \$1,156,815-earner Early Pioneer.

Selling in Sam Hendricks' 38-horse consignment are three half-sisters to 2003 California Horse of the Year Joey Franco. This trio includes the stakes-winning Miss Lawless, as well as her yearling Event of the Year colt and weanling Beau Genius filly.

Clear Creek Farm is selling the 12-year-old mare Exceedingly (GB), a winning half-sister to prominent California sire In Excess (Ire), while Pepper Oaks Farm offers a weanling Tribal Rule filly out of a stakes-winning full sister to 1999 California Champion Enjoy the Moment.

The broodmares mentioned here and others in the sale are carrying foals by such leading local sires as: Beau Genius (Balena Vista Farm); Benchmark and Bertrando (River Edge Farm); Event of the Year, Salt Lake and Souvenir Copy (Golden Eagle Farm); Formal Gold and Storm Creek (Rancho San Miguel); High Brite (Harris Farms Inc.); In Excess (Vessels Stallion Farm); Ridgeley Farm's Memo (Chi); Old Topper and Valid Wager (Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC); Swiss Yodeler (Pepper Oaks Farm); Unusual Heat (Old English Rancho) and You and I (Sue Hubbard & Associates Thoroughbreds).

Also represented are California's leading freshman sires of 2005, Royal Cat (Old English Rancho) and Globalize (Victory Rose Thoroughbreds), as well as mares carrying the first foals of Cat Dreams (Pepper Oaks Farm), Islander (Victory Rose Thoroughbreds), Lasersport (Special T Thoroughbreds Inc.), Momentum (Vessels Stallion Farm), Motto (Schock Ranch), Reba's Gold (Creston Farms), Harris Farms' Reddator (Brz), Spinelessjellyfish (Cardiff Stud Farm), and the Old English Rancho duo of Unbridled Native and Vronsky.

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