

the 155 horses that came under hammer just 29 were sold. The aggregate for the entire day came in at €67,000, the average was €2,310 and the median €1,400.

Unfortunately the session illustrated the complete lack of demand for horses occupying the lowest reaches of the market and mirrored the trend that has been evident at most other thoroughbred auctions for some time.

The top price of the day, at €6,500, was a yearling son by **Indian River**, who is the sire of last month's Hennessy Gold Cup hero **Madison Du Berlais**. Consigned by Rathmore Farm on behalf of Hazel Hatton, the February-born gelding (**Lot 79**) is a half-brother to two useful winners including the very capable Listed-winning chaser **Strawberry (Beneficial)**.

Not long afterwards Ned Comer signed for a €5,500 **Oscar** yearling hailing from Moanmore Stables. **Lot 107** is out of an unraced daughter of **Needle Gun**. His family goes back to a pair of tough and classy staying chasers in **Wicked Crack** and **Whats The Crack**.

Earlier in the day T J Kidd looked to pick up good value when he spent €5,000 on a **Presenting** filly (**Lot 40**) from a decent family. The Gerry Mullins-owned four-year-old is a half-sister to the Listed-placed bumper mare **Ring Back (Bob Back)** and they are out of a winning daughter of **Oats in Ardrom (Ardross)**. The latter is a full-sister to a Beecher Chase victor in **Feels Like Gold**.

Meanwhile J Kelly spent €4,500 on a **Great Palm** yearling (**Lot 73**) consigned by Abbey Leix Stud Farm. He is a half-brother to the dual winner and Gr.3-placed chaser **Urban Rebel (New Frontier)** and their dam is a half-sister to the dam of the ten-times scorer and Gr.1 Supreme Novice Hurdle-third **Castle Sweep**.

Trainer Andrew McNamara who was amongst the winners at Clonmel on Sunday made his presence felt when going to €4,000 for a **Shernazar** three-year-old belonging to James Roberts. **Lot 53** is out of a three-times winning daughter of **Broken Hearted in Five Of Hearts**.

There was just one **Kayf Tara** foal in the catalogue and he was knocked down to Haristown Stables for €4,000. The grandson of **Sadler's Wells** is the third foal out of an unraced **Alflora** mare, who is a half-sister to a winner over fences last year.

**DAY ONE STATISTICS (€)**

	2008	%	2007
Catalogued	244		
Offered	155		
Sold	29		
Aggregate	67,000		
Average	2,310		
Median	1,400		

**NB:** Last year's sale was held over four days, compared with two days this year

**WITHDRAWALS**

Lots 247, 248, 249, 250, 268, 272, 285, 301, 302, 308, 330, 341, 344, 345, 356, 362, 370, 381, 383, 415, 418, 448, 449, 459, 472, 480, 494, 496, 505, 513, 519, 525, 533, 538, 540

**FLAT SALE EBF STATUS**

All foals and yearlings entered in this sale have been correctly identified as to their EBF status, with the following exception:

**Lot 627 Sligo Bay** – Groom Landing  
By a **BC/CF Sire** – see *index page*

Please note:

The yearling listed below can be nominated to the EBF at a cost of **\$3,000** (or euro/sterling equivalent) **by 15th February 2009** OR at a cost of **\$6,000** (or euro/sterling equivalent) **by 30th June 2009**.

**Lot 627 Sligo Bay** – Groom Landing

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**WITHDRAWALS**

Lots 572, 578, 579, 592, 596, 601, 606, 638, 688, 692, 711, 713, 720, 721, 723, 727, 731, 739, 749, 767, 775, 778, 779, 780, 790, 793, 801, 802, 806

**OSARUS**

**CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE FOR JANUARY SALE**

Forty-seven horses born in 2006 and 64 fillies and colts born in 2007, thoroughbreds and half-breds (AQPS), will go through the ring on Saturday 17th January 2009 at Pau. This sale coincides with the great National Hunt weekend with it's Gr.3 Grand Prix de Pau the day after the sale.

Most of the horses presented have a National Hunt profile and are by both proven and young stallions, including: **Astarabad, Bonnet Rouge, Discover D'Auteuil, Equerry, Goldneyev, Indian Rocket, Kotky Bleu, Lavirco, Le Triton, Loup Solitaire, Marathon, Marju, Martaline, Martillo, Nononito, Rashbag, Rifapour, Sendawar, Sleeping Car, Smadoun, Turgeon, Valanour** and **Vertical Speed**.

Amongst the interesting pedigrees, are families close to **Kauto Star**, Discover D'Auteuil, **Quatre Heures** (Gr.1 winner in Ireland), **Silvertune** (winner of the Listed Prix Finot at Auteuil), **Mahogany Blaze** (Gr.2 winner over jumps in GB), **Coralhasi** (winner of the Gr.3 Prix de Compiègne, placed third in this year's Gr.1 Grand Prix d'Automne), **Silver Birch** (Grand National winner), **Gray Steel** (winner of the Gr.2 Prix Amadou), **Roi du Val** (winner of the Listed Prix Wild Risk at Auteuil), **Mayonga, Choep Mockery** and **Warning Star**.

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**FASIG-TIPTON**

**PLEASANT COLONY MARE TOPS MIXED SALE**

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale was a two-day affair in 2007, but was reduced to just the one session for this year.

The session topper was **Lot 111**, a dual winning and Stakes-placed daughter of **Pleasant Colony** named **Colonial Ball**, who was purchased by Denise Dommel for \$65,000. The twelve-year-old mare, consigned by Green Willow Farms, as agent, is in foal to the dual Gr.1 winner **Henny Hughes**.

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