



Out of the Woods, into the Fire...

Pinhooked horses were in high demand yesterday at Keeneland, with seven of the eight top prices on the day coming for horses that had previously sold as either weanlings or as short yearlings in January. Three of the top eight yearlings had something else in common, too: they all hailed from the red-hot consignment of Peter O'Callaghan's Woods Edge Farm.

In total, 10 Woods Edge horses found new homes yesterday, with nine of the 10 bringing more than their weanling prices--some considerably more--a remarkable statistic given the current economic climate.

"We've had a great day. I certainly can't complain," the Irish-bred O'Callaghan said during a break in the action. "We had a nice group of horses that were very highly thought of. There was a lot of veterinary action on them, and they sold accordingly."

O'Callaghan said the vast majority of his horses were purchased as weanlings by the O'Callaghan family, while a few had outside partners, as well. He estimates they bought 25 weanlings to pinhook.

Asked what he typically shops for in a pinhooking prospect, he replied, "We like a nice athletic horse with some scope by nice stallions, like most people do. When you're buying foals, it's not easy. There's a lot of people doing it, and it's hard to get the ones you want. You keep following them in the ring and hope you land a few. But you don't always get the horses you want."

Woods Edge's Saturday consignment included the day's co-second-highest-priced horse, the Stormy Atlantic--Underworld colt ([hip 1310](#)), who went to Mike Ryan for \$350,000.

"He was a very nice, very simple horse," said O'Callaghan. "He was always lovely, and was a very good mover and had a great head. He's out of an Unbridled's Song mare, and seems to have a good mix from both stallions. And people have a lot of respect for Stormy Atlantic."

O'Callaghan and company now have a few days to enjoy their success before getting back to selling Thursday.

"We have a nice Malibu Moon filly and a nice Limehouse filly that should do well," he said.
-Lucas Marquardt



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**KEENELAND SEPTEMBER STATISTICS
SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 2009**

<u>SESSION TOTALS</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Catalogued	412	410
No. Offered	358	355
No. Sold	238	280
RNAs	120	75
% RNA	33.5%	21.1%
No. \$400K+	1	1
High Price	\$475,000	\$500,000
Gross	\$18,439,500	\$30,677,000
Average (% change)	\$77,477 (-29.3%)	\$109,561
Median (% change)	\$60,000 (-33.3%)	\$90,000

<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Catalogued	1624	1707
No. Offered	1431	1518
No. Sold	941	1117
RNAs	490	401
% RNA	34.2%	26.4%
No. \$1million+	4	18
High Price	\$2,050,000	\$3,100,000
Gross	\$136,099,000	\$235,375,700
Average (% change)	\$144,632 (-31.4%)	\$210,721
Median (% change)	\$100,000 (-33.3%)	\$150,000

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SUPER SATURDAY

Weanling-to-Yearling Pinhooks for consignor Woods Edge Farm during September's Fifth Session*

Hip	Sex	Sire	Weanling (\$)	Yearling (\$)	Buyer
1242	c	Eurosilver	\$75,000	\$110,000	Ken McPeek
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Saint Arch Services</i>					
1301	c	Tiznow	\$150,000	\$320,000	Mike Ryan
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Rose Green Stables</i>					
1310	c	Stormy Atlantic	\$165,000	\$350,000	Mike Ryan
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Rose Green Bloodstock</i>					
1330	c	Ghostzapper	\$160,000	\$185,000	Maple Ridge
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Cormac McCormack</i>					
1366	c	Indian Charlie	\$150,000	\$300,000	Jay Em Ess
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Twin Peaks Racing</i>					
1388	f	Sky Mesa	\$75,000	\$220,000	Talons/London
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Jack's Creek Bloodstock</i>					
1502	c	Macho Uno	\$40,000	\$52,000	Quarter Pole
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Jack's Creek Bloodstock</i>					
1528	c	Awesome Again	\$175,000	\$60,000	Affirmed Invst.
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Rose Green Stables</i>					
1535	c	Medaglia d'Oro	\$67,000	\$210,000	Tim Kegel, agt
<i>Purchased as a weanling by DOC Bloodstock</i>					
1621	f	Tapit	\$75,000	\$130,000	Ken McPeek
<i>Purchased as a weanling by Moon Bloodstock</i>					

*Does not include RNAs

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