

# AUSHORSE SALES REVIEW

## DAY ONE – INGLIS PREMIER SALE

The international buying bench made its presence strongly felt at the opening session of the 2011 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale yesterday, headed by Hong Kong based buyers who secured two of the top six lots.



Hong Kong Jockey Club's Mark Richards. Photo: Bruno Cannatelli

The Hong Kong Jockey Club went to \$200,000 for the Not A Single Doubt colt from Numero Douze, while George Moore Bloodstock gave \$160,000 for a colt by Caulfield Guineas winner God's Own.

International buyers secured 18 yearlings for a total spend of \$1,507,000 during the opening session.

In addition to Hong Kong, overseas buyers yesterday included representatives from Singapore, South Africa, Japan, Ireland and New Zealand.

Mark Richards acted for the Hong Kong Jockey Club in securing the chestnut Not A Single Doubt colt from the draft of Limerick Lane Thoroughbreds. The colt is a grandson of the stakes winning and Group 1 placed Sir Tristram mare Tristachine.

"We've already got a decent sprinter Tai Sing Yeh at the moment in Hong Kong who is also by Not a Single Doubt and of significant ability so we were interested in this colt from the beginning," Richards said.

"It caught my eye, it's a good type and looks to be really well suited for the Hong Kong Mile, which we'll aim for."

George Moore secured the Gold's Own colt from Hello Boys

on behalf of a Hong Kong based client from Burnewang North Pastoral's draft.

"Out of the whole catalogue this colt impressed me with its presence. It's a strong colt and we'll let it fill out for eight months or so and then my father (John Moore) will train him in Hong Kong," Moore said.

Moore also purchased a Falvelon colt for \$125,000, while other prominent buyers from Hong Kong were Magnus Equine and Apollo Ng.

Last season Australian-bred horses won a total of 339 races in Hong Kong, amassing more than \$HK287million in prizemoney.

Dean Hawthorne has had great success buying at Australian sales and opened his Premier account with a Fastnet Rock colt from Kokochanele for \$150,000 and a Stratum filly from Merayaat for \$130,000.

The first session closed with 132 lots selling and later sales had the gross heading towards the \$9million mark last night. The average was just short of \$68,000, which is in line with the opening session from 2010.



George Moore of George Moore Bloodstock

Inglis Director Peter Heagney said there were still some outstanding prospects to come over the next three days.

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a priority for us and we could not be more delighted to have got her," Simpson said, confirming that this was his most expensive yearling purchase ever.

"We've had some luck winning races in Melbourne over the years but certainly this filly is the most expensive we've bought. We thought she'd make between two and three hundred so it was about right."

Simpson's daughter Sharon had a simple explanation. "We just wanted a nice filly to race and then breed from."

The filly was bred in New Zealand by Anne Corcoran and according to Dave Duley from Landsdowne Park, this filly has always been an head turner. "She's always been a standout and has been a lovely filly to work with."

## HONG KONG SPEND



Lot 21 who was purchased by George Moore Bloodstock for \$160,000

The Hong Kong Jockey Club team of Mark Richards, Tony Williams and Bill Burns struck for a particularly good looking colt by Not A Single Doubt out of Numero Douze (Montjeu) offered by Limerick Lane Thoroughbreds for \$200,000; Peter Moody the underbidder.

Another colt headed to Hong Kong is the God's Own colt out of the Group 3 performed Hello Boys (Lot 21), knocked down to George Moore, who also signed for a good looking son of Falvelon, who also bought Lot 68 a Falvelon colt out of Lady London for \$125,000 later in the day.

"They are both very nice horses and are for Hong Kong," Moore said.

The Hello Boys colt was offered by Cathy Hains under her Burnewang North banner. "We've had a good start. People are looking for a good looking horse with a clean bill so we were happy with the way we have sold today. All the right people are here and the trade seems strong for the obvious sorts."

## CORSTENS RETURNS TO SCENE OF THE CRIME

Troy Corstens signed for a Choisir colt at the Melbourne Premier Sale four years ago that turned out to be Group 1 winner Starspangledbanner and he was back to the scene of the crime, signing for a Choisir filly out of La Bella Zoccola (Lot 60) offered by Supreme Thoroughbreds for \$140,000. "She is for us at Malua Racing and is a lovely filly." Corstens said later.



Lot 60 who was purchased by Troy Corstens

Gary Mudgway was another to declare himself pleased with trade on day one. Under his Grange Thoroughbreds banner Mudgway offered three and sold three. "We've had a good result. We sold a Stratum colt for \$130,000 that we bought as a weanling for \$48,000 so that was good. We've got a couple of stars to come tomorrow as well."

Mudgway suggests that there is some good buying among the fillies. "There are some very nice fillies to race that are not overly expensive I think and definitely represent value, this is a superstar buying bench for Melbourne."

## AUCTIONEERS SATISFIED

"It's pleasing to see such a strong buying bench assembled at the sale and given last year's opening session also averaged around the \$68,000 mark, we are pleased with the way this year's sale has started," Inglis Director Peter Heagney said at the end of business.

"Similar to other sales held so far this year, the better-credentialed youngsters were all keenly sought after and the demand for well conformed colts with a good pedigree appears to be very strong indeed.

"Buyers will be aware that we have some extremely nice horses still to come over the remainder of the sale and I think we have more high profile yearlings on the next two days than we had in today's session."

General manager Mark Webster was particularly pleased to see Chinese participation at the sale. "Mr Ren and Mr Wang are among the main owners in Beijing and they have been buying horses at Inglis sales for the past 18 months."

Among their purchases yesterday was a Lonhro colt at \$105,000 and Webster is hoping they will add to that over the course of the next three days.

## SALES STATS - DAY 1

	2011	2010
<b>Catalogued:</b>	190 (+2.7%)	185
<b>Offered:</b>	173 (+1.8%)	170
<b>Sold:</b>	132 (76%)	137 (81%)
<b>Aggregate:</b>	\$8,964,000 (-5.4%)	\$9,478,000
<b>Average:</b>	\$67,909 (-1.8%)	\$69,182
<b>Median:</b>	\$52,000 (-13.3%)	\$60,000
<b>Top Lot:</b>	\$310,000	\$300,000