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THE 2009 FRESHMAN SIRE COMPETITION

The 2009 Freshman Sire Competition is officially open for play with entries closing on Thursday April 30, 2009. Markel will be opening the competition to the general public via our website www.thoroughbred-insurance.com and entry is FREE. Entry via the website will be available shortly, whilst our new look website is being uploaded with brand new content. You will all be kept well informed on our website developments.

The list of prizes has not been finalized, but if you had caught the HRRN Equine Forum on Saturday, you would have heard that the proposed 1st prize is the halter of the stallion who is crowned 2009 Champion Freshman Sire at the end of racing on December 31, 2009. I have received positive feedback from the farms I have spoken to about this and I should be able to confirm this as 1st prize in "The Freshman" newsletter very shortly.

Continuing our association with The Horse Racing Radio Network (HRRN), the competition will also be available via their website at <http://horseracingradio.net>. I would encourage readers of this newsletter to visit this website on a regular basis as it will contain interviews with renowned horsemen regarding those stallions who have their first two-year-old runners this year.

Attached to this edition of "The Freshman" is an entry form to the competition, a list of the rules and the list of the freshman sires of 2009 to make your selections from. All entries can be returned to me, John Egan, via e-mail, fax or postal mail. All contact information is on the entry form.

FRESHMAN RUNNERS ON DISPLAY AT KEENELAND



Runners by Freshman Sires have already made their debuts on Friday and Saturday at Keeneland. Although no freshman scored with a winner in the opening days of the Spring meet, *Cater to Kitten*, by **Kitten's Joy** (Sec. 4) was 2nd on the opening day earning \$10,000 and *Midst*, by **Closing Argument** (Sec. 4) was 2nd on the Saturday earning \$8,800.

WILDCAT HEIR MAKES FLYING START

Wildcat Heir (Sec. 4) has made a fast start, literally, with his first two runners to make it to the racetrack. His first winner *Kitty In The Bag* won a two furlong maiden special weight at Santa Anita on April 1 followed up 2 days later by *Convoy Ahead* that won a two-and-a-half furlong maiden at Gulfstream Park. As of Sunday April 5, Wildcat Heir was leading freshman sire with \$49,600 in progeny earnings.

OTHER FRESHMAN NEWS

Mingun (Sec. 3) also has a 100% record winners-to-starters at this early stage as *Coo Cachoo* won a two furlong maiden at Santa Anita on April 2. Mingun stands at Lane's End for a 2009 stud fee of \$5,000 and is a half-brother to Kingmambo by A.P. Indy. Click [HERE](#) to view the full list.

SEC.	STALLION	SIRE	STATE	2007 Foals		JOKER		
1	Aeneas	Capote	NM	19		IF YOU PLAY YOUR JOKER IN SECTION 1, YOUR SELECTED STALLION EARNS DOUBLE THE PROGENY PURSE MONEY		
1	Castledale (IRE)	Peintre Celebre	KY	23				
1	Congressionalhonor	Forestry	PA	45				
1	Crafty Shaw	Crafty Prospector	KY	31				
1	Fantasticat	Storm Cat	MD	30				
1	Freefourinternet	Tabasco Cat	PA	36				
1	Gators N Bears	Stormy Atlantic	MD	50				
1	Hear No Evil	Carson City	FL	13				
1	Heckle	Hennessy	TX	15				
1	High Fly	Atticus	IN	21				
1	Midas Eyes	Touch Gold	NY	35				
1	Pico Central (BRZ)*	Spend a Buck	-	45				
1	Quest	Seeking the Gold	KY	26				
1	Quick Action	Carson City	CA	11				
1	Singletary	Sultry Song	CA	48				
1	So Long Birdie	Pioneering	NM	9				
1	St Averil	Saint Ballado	MD	27				
1	Taste of Paradise	Conquistador Cielo	KY	51				
2	Act of Duty	Mr. Prospector	FL	58				IF YOU PLAY YOUR JOKER IN SECTION 2, YOUR SELECTED STALLION EARNS AN EXTRA 50% OF THE PROGENY PURSE MONEY
2	Bwana Charlie	Indian Charlie	FL	48				
2	Ford Every Stream	Seeking the Gold	LA	49				
2	Kela	Numerous	KY	62				
2	Medallist	Touch Gold	MD	59				
2	Midway Road	Jade Hunter	TX	37				
2	Ministers Wild Cat	Deputy Minister	CA	55				
2	One Nice Cat	Storm Cat	NY	42				
2	Proud Accolade	Yes It's True	FL	66				
2	Unforgettable Max	Northern Afleet	KY	49				
2	Wando	Langfuhr	KY	36				
2	Wimbledon	Wild Rush	TX	47				
2	Woke Up Dreamin	Holy Bull	KY	60				
3	Dance With Ravens	A.P. Indy	MD	94				
3	Eddington	Unbridled	KY	90				
3	Forest Danger	Forestry	KY	88				
3	Indian Ocean	Stormy Atlantic	FL	73				
3	Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)	Candy Stripes	KY	73				
3	Mingun	A.P. Indy	KY	72				
3	North Light (IRE)	Danehill	KY	69				
3	Offlee Wild	Wild Again	KY	71				
3	Oratory	Pulpit	MD	67				
3	Powerscourt (GB)	Sadler's Wells	KY	77				
3	Southern Image	Halo's Image	KY	97				
4	Closing Argument	Successful Appeal	KY	103				
4	Consolidator	Storm Cat	KY	107				
4	Eurosilver	Unbridled's Song	KY	149				
4	Grand Reward	Storm Cat	KY	138				
4	Kitten's Joy	El Prado (IRE)	KY	109				
4	Limehouse	Grand Slam	KY	102				
4	Pollard's Vision	Carson City	KY	110				
4	Purge	Pulpit	KY	137				
4	Value Plus	Unbridled's Song	KY	108				
4	Wildcat Heir	Forest Wildcat	FL	124				
5	Afleet Alex	Northern Afleet	KY	142				
5	Ghostzapper	Awesome Again	KY	83				
5	Rock Hard Ten	Kris S.	KY	83				
5	Roman Ruler	Fusaichi Pegasus	KY	157				
5	Saint Liam	Saint Ballado	-	98				



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(2009 Competition Entry Form)

ENTRANT INFORMATION

NAME:	
COMPANY:	
ADDRESS:	
E-MAIL:	

COMPETITION SELECTIONS

SECTION	STALLION	JOKER
1		2X <input type="checkbox"/>
2		1.5X <input type="checkbox"/>
3		
4		
5		

TIE-BREAKER

In the event of two or more entrants selecting the same horses with the same joker card played, please answer the following:

Q. Who will win the 2009 Kentucky Derby? _____

(First past the post rules apply - therefore the entry with the horse that finishes in the best position in the Derby will win the tie-breaker. If a second tie-breaker is needed the entrants involved will be contacted with request to answer a second tie-breaker question).

ENTRY INFORMATION

All forms to be returned to the attention of John Egan by **midnight on Thursday April 30, 2009**. All forms can be submitted by fax, e-mail or regular post to:

John Egan
Markel Insurance Company
523 Wellington Way, Suite 325
Lexington, KY 40513
Fax: 859-296-2312
Mailto: jegan@markelcorp.com

RULES:

Selection:

1. Select one (1) stallion from each section.
2. Provide one (1) answer to the tie-breaker question (rules regarding the tie-breaker are addressed below)
3. The object of the game is to pick the stallion in each section that you believe will have the largest progeny earnings. The winner(s) of the competition will be those that have the largest overall progeny earnings from their five (5) selected stallions including the use of a joker card.
4. Progeny earnings, for the purposes of this competition, will be based upon the progeny earnings recorded on the 2009 Freshman Sire List posted on the Thoroughbred Times website (www.thoroughbredtimes.com). This competition will include progeny earnings from countries that the Thoroughbred Times allows for. *The sire lists provided by the Thoroughbred Times will usually allow for earnings that include racing in the United States, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates.*

Joker:

1. Each entry is allowed one (1) joker card. The joker card can only be played in section 1 OR section 2.
2. Playing the joker card on the section 1 stallion will earn the entrant DOUBLE the progeny purse money won by that stallion
3. Playing the joker card on the section 2 stallion will earn the entrant an added 50% of the progeny purse money won by that stallion

Tie-Breaker:

1. Tie-Breaker Question - "Who will win the 2009 Kentucky Derby?" - First past the post rules apply. Therefore the entry with the horse that finishes in the best position in the Derby will win the tie-breaker. Should your selection not start in the 2009 Kentucky Derby, the tie-breaker will be won by the entry or entries where the selection was a starter. All selections to this tie-breaker question are final.
2. Should two or more entries have the same 5 stallions selected, the same joker card played and the same answer to the tie-breaker question, those entrant's involved will be contacted separately to provide an answer to a second, not yet determined, tie breaker question. These entrants will be contacted by April 30, 2009.
3. Tie-Breaker Question - Should two or more entrants submit an answer to the tie-breaker question that is a different selection, but neither horse starts in the 2009 Kentucky Derby, then these entrants will be contacted on Monday May 4th to answer a second, not yet determined, tie-breaker question.

General:

1. All entrants must provide a name, company name, address and e-mail address. Those without an e-mail address must provide a contact home or cell phone number.
2. Only one entry allowed per person. Should one person submit two or more entries by use of different e-mail addresses they will nullify all their entries received whether a winning entry or not.
3. All entrants to be 18-years of age or over
4. All entries submitted by e-mail must be received by midnight on Thursday April 30, 2009
5. All entries submitted by regular postal mail must be received by final post on Thursday April 30, 2009
6. All entries, once submitted, are final and cannot be changed.
7. Competition ends midnight December 31, 2009.
8. All competition winners will be contacted by Friday January 8th.