



Fasig-Tipton The October Sale Analysis

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The Fasig-Tipton October Sale offers buyers not only one of the last chances to fill orders for potential high-class racing stock like Champagne winner Havana and Santa Anita Derby winner Goldencents but also one of the best chances to pick out yearlings that go on to great success at moderate prices.

Buyers recognize that fact year in and year out and graduates of the October Sale prove year in and year out that they can compete and win at the racing's highest levels. Situated perfectly on the calendar during the fall racing season in Lexington and before the Breeders' Cup and fall breeding stock sales, the October Sale will be conducted this year from Oct. 21-23 at Fasig-Tipton's sales grounds in Lexington.

The earnings potential of the sale's graduates is just one of many reasons the October Sale is the place to be in October.

According to statistics published earlier this year in *The Blood-Horse's MarketWatch*, the October Sale saw more than 1,800 yearlings sell from 2008 to 2010 for a total of \$24.76-million and an average of \$13,688. On the racetrack, that same group of yearlings earned \$55,363,352 and an average of \$30,604. Graduates of the October Sale earn back more than two times their sales price on the racetrack, a staggering strike rate that beats nearly every global, national and regional yearling sale, including the Keeneland September select and Keeneland September open sales.

More than 1,000 of the October Sale's graduates earned back more than their purchase price during that period, 211 earned between \$50,000 and \$100,000 and 107 earned more than \$100,000.

Owners, bloodstock agents and trainers recognize this and last year helped contribute to one of the best October Sales in history as 880 horses sold for more than \$22.9-million, an average of \$26,127 and median of \$12,750. Each of those market indicators were up from the

previous year and most importantly sellers came to sell and the sale posted a buy-back rate of less than 20%.

Success in 2013

The October Sale gets its strength from the individuals that pass through the ring and graduates of the sale continue to dominate at racing's upper tiers in 2013.

The latest top-tier graduate of the October Sale is exciting undefeated juvenile **Havana**, winner of the prestigious Champagne Stakes (G1) the first weekend of October at Belmont. A stylish winner of a 5 ½-furlong Saratoga maiden race – just barely missing the track record winning in 1:02.64 – Havana easily handled the step up to a mile in the Champagne and held off



the highly regarded Honor Code to win in a fast 1:35.84.

Other graduates – who follow in the footsteps of the October Sale graduates and Kentucky Derby winners **Mine That Bird** and **Big Brown** – is led by Grade 1 winners Goldencents, Spring in the Air, Reeneesgotzip and Admiral Kitten.

That quartet alone—who collectively did not bring more than \$100,000 in the sales ring—has racked up \$3,240,092 in earn-

ings through mid-September with several major prizes in their sights through the remainder of the 2013 season.

Goldencents, a \$5,500 buy at the 2011 Fall Yearling Sale, thrust himself into the spring classics picture and was a major player on the Triple Crown trail with victories at 2 in the Delta Jackpot Stakes-G3 and at 3 in the Santa Anita Derby-G1 and Sham Stakes-G3. Freshened up after competing in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, Goldencents returned with strong seconds sprinting on



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synthetic in the Bing Crosby Stakes-G1 and Pat O'Brien Stakes-G2 and on dirt in the Santa Anita Sprint Championship-G1. Goldencents earnings stand at \$1.44-million heading into the Breeders' Cup.



Admiral Kitten, who went through the ring during the 2011 Fall Yearling Sale, vaulted to the top of the 3-year-old male grass division with a sharp victory in the Grade 1 Secretariat Stakes at Arlington Park after four straight runner-up efforts in graded stakes in the Midwest for the powerful Ken and Sarah Ramsey stable.

Spring in the Air, a \$50,000 buy from the 2011 sale, used a second-place finish in the Grade 2 Natalma at Woodbine as a springboard to victory in last fall's Grade 1 Darley Alcibiades at Keeneland. A stakes winner at 3, Spring in the Air was second in the Woodbine Oaks and fourth in the Queen's Plate, Canada's most prestigious race against males.



Reneesgotzip, one of the 3-year-old filly division's leaders last year and winner of the Grade 2 Santa Ynez Stakes at Santa Anita in just her second start, is even better this season. A \$3,500 bargain at the 2010 Fall Yearling Sale, the daughter of City Zip closed her sophomore campaign with a runner-up in the Grade 1 La Brea and won the Grade 3 Rancho Bernardo in her most recent start, indicating a return trip to the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint is possible down the road.



The latest star to emerge from The October Sale is the 3-year-old Ready's Image filly **I'm Already Sexy**, runaway winner of the Ha-toof Stakes and Grade 3 Pucker Up Stakes on grass at Arlington Park. A \$20,000 buy at the 2011 Fall Sale, I'm Already Sexy won 5 of 9 starts through mid-September with a bankroll of more than \$234,000.



Among the other October Sale graduates to go on to graded-stakes success in 2013 alone include King Edward S. (Can-G2) winner **Riding the River** (a \$3,500 buy in 2008), Carry Back S. (G3) winner **Mico Margarita** (\$25,000 in 2011) and Monmouth Oaks (G3) winner **Seaneen Girl** (\$5,000 in 2011), along with major stakes horses in Hopeful S. (G1) runner-up **Casiguapo** (\$4,700 in 2012) and **All Squared Away** (\$1,000 in 2010).

Trinniberg is the prime example of the type of value that can be found at the October Sale. Purchased for \$1,500 by M & H Training & Sales and later resold as a 2-year-old, Trinniberg has gone on a stellar career highlighted by an Eclipse Award as champion male sprinter in 2012. He earned that championship after a sharp victory over 13 opponents in the \$1.5 million Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) at Santa Anita. The Sprint, won in an eye-popping 1:07 4/5, was one of four graded victories on the season for Trinniberg, who was most recently second in the Grade 2 Smile Sprint as he continues on the road toward a defense of his title in the Breeders' Cup.

