

## *Yearling Sale Begins Tuesday, August 21*

### *Jeranimo Joins the August Millionaires Club*

### *Another Romance, Weemissfrankie make the grade*

#### Yearlings Sell August 21-23

The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's 2012 August Yearling Sale starts Tuesday, August 21. It begins in the wake of a record shattering two-year-old sale season and Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness (G1) wins by April Sale graduate **I'll Have Another**.

There are 188 horses cataloged in Tuesday's Selected Session, which begins at 1:00 p.m. affording horsemen additional travel time to Ocala after weekend stakes races and providing a longer inspection period prior to the sale. The 563 Open Yearlings will sell on Wednesday and Thursday, August 22 & 23 with both sessions starting at 10:30 a.m. As always, the sale will be streamed live via the OBS website at [obssales.com](http://obssales.com) and via the Blood-Horse and DRF websites.

#### A Million Dollar Man

Gracing the cover of the Open Sale catalog, B.J. Wright's **Jeranimo** is the 21st millionaire OBS August Sale graduate after his recent victory in Betfair Hollywood Park's \$300,000 Shoemaker Mile Stakes (G1). It was the fifth graded stakes win for the 6-year-old Florida-bred son of Congaree, and the victory boosted



*Jeranimo*

*Benoit photo*

#### Selected Yearling Photos



**Horsemen can take an advance look at most of the 188 Selected Yearlings via a link on the homepage of the OBS website.**

his career bankroll to \$1,068,400. Sold by On Course Sales, Agent, at the 2007 OBS August Sale, he joins the list of OBS August millionaires that also includes Eclipse Award winners **Silver Charm**, **Kodiak Cowboy**, **Not Surprising**, **Xtra Heat** and **Groovy**.

Other August Sale graduates in the headlines include **Another Romance**, **Romacaca**, **Yara** and **Weemissfrankie**. Lewis Pell, Michael Eigner and Pinnacle Racing Stables Et Al's **Another Romance**, trained by Bill Kaplan, drew off to a 1-3/4 length victory in Calder's \$150,000 Azalea Stakes (G3) at the Summit of Speed in July. It was the second stakes win for the 3-year-old Florida-bred filly by Saint Anddan, sold by Tara Stables, Inc. Agent, at the 2010 August Sale. Kaplan and Pinnacle are hoping she follows in the footsteps of their Eclipse Award winning OBS graduate **Musical Romance**.

Frank Calabrese's well-traveled 6-year-old mare **Romacaca** scored her second graded stakes win in the recent \$200,000

Modesty Handicap (G3) at Arlington. With seven stakes wins to her credit, she's won at Calder, Monmouth, Gulfstream, Tampa Bay, Mountaineer and Arlington, earning just under \$800,000 to date. The Florida-bred mare by Running Stag was consigned by breeder Cashel Stud to the 2007 August Sale.

Peras International's **Yara** picked up her second stakes win in Gulfstream's \$350,000 Davona Dale Stakes (G2) at the expense of highly regarded Grace Hall. The 3-year-old Florida-bred filly by Put It Back was sold by co-breeder Brambly Lane Farm at the 2010 August Sale. She has earned \$394,170 to date.

Sharon Alesia, Bran Jam Stables, Ciaglia Racing LLC & Ron Dyrdek's precocious **Weemissfrankie**, the Selected Yearling Sale's catalog cover girl, won her first three starts, two in grade one company. After winning the Del Mar Debutante (G1) last September, the daughter of Sunriver came back and won the Oak Leaf Stakes (G1) at Santa Anita. Sold by Summerfield, Agent, at the 2010 August Yearling Sale, she has earned over half a million dollars.



*Weemissfrankie*

*Benoit photo*

## An August Sire Roster

The 2012 OBS August Sale boasts an imposing lineup of proven and promising stallions. **Flower Alley**, sire of OBS graduate I'll Have Another, is represented by four yearlings in the sale. **Empire Maker** and **Giant's Causeway**, one-two on the general sire list as of July 25th, have yearlings in the sale, as do **War Front**, **Kitten's Joy**, **Candy Ride (ARG)**, **Elusive Quality**, **Pulpit**, **Hard Spun**, **Congrats** and **Afleet Alex**.

The August Sale is traditionally a showcase for up and coming sires, and this year's sale is no exception, with yearlings by **Curlin**, **Pioneer of the Nile**, **Colonel John**, **Majestic Warrior**, **Tiz Wonderful**, **Dunkirk**, **Old Fashioned**, **Cowboy Cal**, **Midnight Lute** and **Kodiak Cowboy**.

**Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)** heads the list of Florida-based stallions with offspring in the sale, along with **Wildcat Heir**, **High Cotton**, **Put It Back**, **With Distinction**, **Montbrook**, **Pomeroy**, **Two Step Salsa**, **Cowtown Cat** and **In Summation**.

### "The Best Kept Secret"

With buyers from twenty-six states purchasing horses in the past two years, and international sales approaching ten percent, the OBS August Yearling sale has grown from its regional beginnings into a world class marketplace. The sale's graduates are also world class, winning major races across North America, in Dubai and at Royal Ascot.

Notwithstanding the OBS August Sale's wide geographic distribution, Ocala's Nick de Meric has a different perspective. "In my opinion, the OBS August Sale is the best kept secret in the horse business," said de Meric, the leading buyer at the 2011 Selected Yearling Sale. Buying yearlings both to race and pinhook, de Meric has long been perched at the upper reaches of the August Sale's leading buyers. "It's not just support for the home team," he said with a laugh, acknowledging his status as shareholder and OBS board member, "and I'm going against my self-interest as a buyer to say so, but it's never

been a bad decision to buy yearlings here in August."

Citing the bone warranty at OBS as a positive, de Meric listed other factors attracting yearling buyers. "It's easy to get around, giving the buyer a large selection to choose from in a user friendly environment," he said. "But the biggest reasons are the Florida-bred and raised horses themselves. They tend to be tougher and more resilient individuals, and whether it's a cliché or not, the fact is Florida-breds have outrun their pedigrees as long as they've been bred here."

The same sentiment was echoed by Peter Bradley of Lexington, Kentucky, who bought three yearlings at the 2011 Selected Sale. "The Florida-bred horses in the sale tend to be athletic individuals, and offer good value for my money," said Bradley, who has been buying horses for more than a dozen years. Although still relying on hands-on inspection of prospective purchases, he's making the most of new technology. "I really like the new iPad catalog app," he said. "It's a great tool at the sale grounds for recording notes for later review."

California-based buyers like Mersad Metanovic also find the trip to OBS in August a wise decision. Metanovic teamed with Jeff Bonde to buy seven yearlings last August, ending up ranked sixth among Selected Yearling buyers and third on the Open Sale leader board. "I really enjoy coming out there, and have for quite a few years," said Metanovic. "OBS is a great place to buy yearlings – the people are great, the horses look magnificent, the selection and quality is amazing." Pleased to endorse the depth of both the Selected and Open portions of the sale, Metanovic's highest praise was reserved for the horses he has purchased. "I really like Eight Stitches, the colt we bought by Orientate last year," he said. "and Distinctiv Passion, the colt by With Distinction, is drop dead gorgeous. I really hold him in high regard."

## 2011-12 Graded Stakes Winning OBS Graduates

ADIOS CHARLIE  
AIKENITE  
ANOTHER ROMANCE  
ARENA ELVIRA  
ASK THE MOON  
ATLANTIC HURRICANE  
BLIND LUCK  
C C'S PAL  
CAMP VICTORY  
CROWN OF THORNS  
CURRENCY SWAP  
DUKE OF MISCHIEF  
FLAT OUT  
GIANT RYAN  
GREAT ATTACK  
HIERRO  
HUMBLE AND HUNGRY  
HUNTER'S BAY  
I'LL HAVE ANOTHER  
JERANIMO  
MAJESTIC CITY  
MATTHEWSBURG  
MAY DAY ROSE  
MUSICAL ROMANCE  
NOBLE'S PROMISE  
NONIOS  
NORTHERN PASSION  
PLUM PRETTY  
POMEROYS PISTOL  
RENEESGOTZIP  
ROCKET TWENTYONE  
ROMACACA  
SECRET CIRCLE  
SHKSPEARE SHALIYAH  
STEPHANIE'S KITTEN  
STUNNING STAG  
SUNRISE SMARTY  
TANDA  
TRINNIBERG  
TURBO COMPRESSOR  
TURBULENT DESCENT  
ULTIMATE EAGLE  
VEXOR  
WEEMISSFRANKIE  
WHERE'S STERLING  
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