



# The OBS Bulletin

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## OBS March 2025 Grade 1 Winners

**Argos** – Summer S. (G1)  
**Bentornato** – Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)  
**Brant** – Del Mar Futurity (G1)  
**Sandman** – Arkansas Derby (G1)  
**Scottish Lassie** – CCA Oaks (G1), Frizette S. (G1)  
**Velocity** – Del Mar Oaks (G1)  
**White Abarrio** – Breeders' Cup Classic (G1),  
Pegasus World Cup (G1), Florida Derby (G1)

## OBS Spring 2025 - '26 Grade 1 Winners

**Cavalieri** – Beholder Mile S. (G1)  
**Cy Fair** – Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G1)  
**Dark Saffron** – Dubai Golden Shaheen (G1)  
**Intrepido** – American Pharoah S. (G1)  
**Iron Orchard** – Frizette S. (G1)  
**Nyos** – Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)  
**Raging Torrent** – Metropolitan H. (G1), Malibu S. (G1)  
**Shisospicy** – Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)  
**Skippylongstocking** – Pegasus World Cup (G1)  
**Usha** – La Brea S. (G1)

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**2026 2YO SALE DATES**

<b>MARCH TWO-YEAR-OLDS</b>	<b>SPRING TWO-YEAR-OLDS</b>	<b>JUNE TWO-YEAR-OLDS</b>
MARCH 10-12	APRIL 14-17	JUNE 16-18
UNDER TACK: MARCH 4-7	UNDER TACK: APRIL 5-11	UNDER TACK: JUNE 9-13



## Why Buy at OBS March?

“If you look at the history, the consistency and the quality of the horses that come out of the sale (OBS March), it speaks for itself.”

–Hall of Fame trainer **Todd Pletcher**,  
8-time Eclipse Award winner as  
Outstanding Trainer



“They have great horses (at OBS March). We’ll be shopping there. Definitely anybody trying to recruit racehorses for their program, which we will be doing, should be there.”

– **George Weaver**,  
Trainer of such OBS 2YO graduates as Cy Fair, winner of the 2025 Breeders’  
Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G1), and graded stakes winner Governor Sam

## The Competitive Edge

The data is clear: Buying a 2-year-old in training isn’t just about speed and precocity; it’s about the highest statistical probability of success across every major performance category.

### Racing Performance by Sale Category

Foals of 2016 – 2021

Sale Type	% Starters	% Winners	% Black-Type Winners	% Graded Winners
<b>2YO</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>57.8%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Yearlings	73%	50%	3.7%	1.2%
Weanlings	63%	40.9%	1.8%	0.7%
Not Sold Thru Ring	65%	40.6%	2.2%	0.5%

Data from Equineline 2/15/26

## OBS to Implement Additional Control Measures for Under Tack Shows



**Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company** will implement additional safety protocols for its under tack shows in 2026, further enhancing existing standards that prioritize the well-being of horses and riders.

Beginning with the under-tack show for the March Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, use of the riding crop will be restricted to where the rider will not be permitted to strike the horse with their hands off the reins.

Also starting this year, all horses will be required to have a veterinary statement stating they are suitable to perform in the under-tack show. Any entries without an affirming statement will be scratched from the sale.

The new protocols complement safety rules which have already been successfully implemented. Last year, OBS instituted a gallop-only option where sellers can enter their horses with this designation which will be on the catalog page. The administration times for NSAIDs and corticosteroids were also tightened to where neither are allowed to be administered within 48 hours of a horse’s under tack performance, and no other medication is allowed within 24 hours of an under-tack effort.

Corticosteroids are also not permitted within 24 hours of a horse’s sale session. No NSAIDs can be administered after 6 p.m. the day prior to a horse selling. Any overages for these medications will result in a horse being returnable.

Market acceptance of existing protocols was borne out as all three of the OBS 2-year-olds sales produced record results in 2025. The OBS March sale posted year-to-year gains in gross and average, including selling Brant, a son of Gun Runner, for a record \$3 million. The April sale finished with a record average, and the June sale yielded records for both average and median.