

12th Annual Fall Classic Breeders' Sale Holds the Course

Once again breeders provided an excellent selection of horses of all ages. Quite Easy son **Apollo QV** topped a particularly strong group of yearlings from exceptional bloodlines. Achieving the top price for the section A horses at \$10,000. Breeder Pat Metcalfe received the breeder's cooler from the Tack Corral and new owner Sky Stone Stables of Okotoks received the Sparks Innovations High Selling Section A horse Award. The Section B high selling horse cooler sponsored by New House Farm went to the beautiful and well-schooled daughter of Warkanson, **Waramagic**. Purchased for \$24,000 consignor Equiptop Farm received the breeder cooler from the Tack Corral.

Of the 65 consigned horses 45 sold for an average \$8597. 10 horses went out of province and 1 sold to our American neighbors. The sale attracted a strong attendance of Alberta and British Columbian buyers with a record number of bidders recorded. Winner of the \$500.00 Trainers appreciation draw was Calgary trainer Elyse Nelson.

The sale had a good attendance for both days and the large crowd received the new program for the gala evening with much appreciation. Winner of the \$400 Dressage Kur competition sponsored by Kirshman Farms was **Pandoer** CWHBA approved Stallion ridden by Zana



Apollo II - High Selling Section A Horse



Waramagic - High Selling Section II Horse

Hodges. Winners of the \$400 Magnum Trailers/First Choice Living Quarters Obstacle Driving was Too-Bit Acres **Vixen** driven by Kathy Playdon. Mikki Weiberg and Hana Midland gave an excellent Vaulting demonstration. The great excitement of the evening was presented in the Allied Seismic Young Horse 3 Bars. The CWHBA approved stallion **Timebreaker** owned by John and Jackie Van den Bosch and ridden by Tammie Phillips took the 1st place of a \$1500 purse. A new record of 5'7" was set then when our sponsor offered an additional \$500 to top that height, to the crowd's delight they jumped 5;10". The \$500 prize to the highest jumping Canadian Warmblood was earned by 3-year-old **Waterloo** with his rider Cobie Van den Bosch.

The sale run by volunteers received many positive comments on how smooth the sale ran, the friendly reception to buyers from all the workers and consigners at the sale. Les Burwash member of the selection committee commented that the quality of the horses offered continues to improve, that the breeders are producing a quality product that should perform well in the sport. Pedigree reader Ron Anderson who has pedigree read for the Spruce Meadows Sales stated that he was impressed with the overall high quality of the horses presented.

The Alberta chapter of the CWHBA wishes to thank the Alberta Horse Industry Association for allowing us to access the services of Teresa van Bryce, association administrator. Her professionalism and ability made a smooth road in the onerous job of sales administrator.

Photos by Mara Coote Freeman



Timebreaker - 3-bars Competition Champion

Fall Classic Breeders' Sale Historical Statistics

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Gross Sales	\$377,900	\$468,050	\$418,575	\$419,000	\$434,500	\$277,150	\$248,250	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
High Price	\$24,000	\$28,000	\$30,000	\$38,000	\$30,000	\$27,500	\$15,500	\$20,000	\$18,500	\$12,000	\$13,500	\$10,250
Low Price	\$2,250	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,750	\$1,250	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,700
Average Prices:												
Overall	\$8,589	\$9,552	\$9,966	\$9,523	\$7,759	\$7,106	\$5,642	\$6,400	\$4,546	\$4,680	\$4,570	\$4,750
Performance Horse	\$11,034	\$13,423	\$14,935	\$10,321	\$8,154	\$7,380	\$7,550	\$8,310	\$5,232	\$7,183	\$5,900	\$6,400
Two Year Old Prospect*	\$6,706	\$6,000	\$6,933	\$10,678	\$6,885	\$5,142	\$5,375	\$4,260	\$4,473	\$3,785	\$5,100	\$4,300
Weanling and Yearling	\$5,750	\$6,475	\$5,036	\$7,767	\$7,750	\$8,117	\$3,393	\$4,143	\$3,706			
Broodmare	\$6,000	\$4,750	\$5,250	\$8,333	\$8,208	\$4,850	\$1,800	\$6,200	\$3,625	\$3,450	\$1,666	\$3,100
Mare and Foal Package	\$6,000	\$9,625	n/a	\$5,625	\$7,375							
Number of Horses Sold:												
Up to \$2999	1	2	2	4	1	3	10	6	20	5	9	5
\$3000-\$4999	8	8	7	8	14	12	8	12	22	11	4	6
\$5000-\$9999	20	20	20	17	27	21	21	18	18	4	6	5
\$10000 & Over	15	19	13	15	14	4	5	6	4	2	1	1
Number of Horses:												
Consigned	75	73	78	76	74	66	82	66	94	41	36	34
Withdrawn	10	8	16	13	4	18	11	3	16	14	3	2
Offered At Sale	65	65	62	63	70	48	71	63	78	27	33	32
Sold	44	49	42	44	56	40	44	42	64	22	20	17

*Two Year Old, Weanling and Yearling average was combined for 1995 to 1997

All dollar amounts are in Canadian funds.

n/a = not available

n/o = none offered

Canada's Elite Warmblood Sale a Resounding Success in Its New Venue

By Elizabeth Ciemniowski

For two years in a row the top selling horses at Canada's Elite Warmblood Sale have been consigned by Joe & Louise Palmer of South Lane Farm, Vankleek Hill, ON. Following on last year's success, when their 3-year-old black Oldenburg stallion, Sambuca (Sunny Boy/Glorieux), was purchased for \$41,000, the Palmers again enjoyed the spotlight this year when their 3-year-old Hanoverian

mare, Solo Hit (Sandro Hit/Donnerhall/Rubenstein), topped the bid board at \$52,000.

"It was an unexpected pleasure to have the high selling horse again this year," Joe Palmer stated. "The breeding of Solo Hit is truly a world class pedigree. I would like to congratulate Mr. Hans Schinker on his purchase of Solo Hit. This is a horse that we think is one of the finest Hanoverians in Canada."

Top hunter prospects were also popular at this year's sale. The 3-year-old "A" circuit hunter prospect Peacefultimes B, bred by Sylvia and Richard Dixon of Beasley Farms, was purchased for \$18,500 by a professional hunter/jumper trainer from Middletown, VA. Two-year-old Spotless FF, bred by Chris and Shannon Smith of Fieldstone Farm, Orangeville, ON, fetched a winning bid of \$20,000. Reflecting on the experience, Shannon Smith stated, "I am proud to be associated with this sale. I sold my filly to a top show barn and wouldn't hesitate putting another horse of mine in the sale. It was professionally

run, and the horses were of a quality of which we could all be proud."

This year's Elite Warmblood Sale offered a selection of quality warmbloods from several recognized registries, including Hanoverian, Oldenburg, Holsteiner, KWPN, Trakehner, Canadian Sport Horse and Canadian Warmblood. Held for the first time in 2005 in London, ON, the sale has now moved to a more central and amenable venue at the Orangeville Agricultural Fairgrounds, located in the heart of Ontario's horse country.