

TEAM VALOR OFFERS ANIMAL KINGDOM FILLY BOUGHT AT KEENELAND BARRY IRWIN'S TOP PICK FROM BOOK 1 IS A STRAPPING CHESTNUT FILLY GRAHAM MOTION TO TRAIN WELL BRED MISS GIVEN THE NAME CYRIELLE



As one would expect, Barry Irwin went through each of the Animal Kingdom yearlings catalogued to Keeneland's prestigious Book 1 with a fine tooth comb and an eye honed from inspecting foals sired by the Kentucky Derby/World Cup hero for the last couple of years.

"After she took just a couple of steps I blurted out 'great walk' to my assistant Briana Mott as she took notes from me on conformation," Irwin said. "After inspecting her, I made her far and away my first pick among those Animal Kingdom's on offer for the first three days of the Keeneland yearling sale."



Irwin bred Animal Kingdom in a Team Valor partnership, bought him back as a yearling at this same Keeneland September Yearling Sale and has analyzed several foals and yearlings by him. "This filly is as good a representative from this first crop as I've seen," he said, "and in appearance she favors him greatly."

"She is a much better yearling than Animal Kingdom was, although she has the same commanding presence as her Eclipse Award-winning sire. But to me those aspects of her conformation are secondary to her athletic walk. She walks with purpose. She fills one with confidence."

Barry Irwin was not the only one whose eye was riveted on the strapping chestnut filly. Darley Stud had inspected all 63 of them in the Keeneland sale and was most impressed by her. One of their team wrote "Love this filly. She has been a queen since day 1. Comes from a great nursery in Siena Farm. Excited to see her sell."

Irwin had her knocked down to him at \$300,000. Before he could even finish signing for her, he was tapped on the shoulder by a member of the Darley team sitting right behind him. "This is so exciting," she said. "I was so hoping you would get her. We absolutely love her. She is so athletic."



Outside, Irwin met a few other horsemen and women that uttered similar comments to him, including a visiting breeder from Australia who did not even know Irwin had bought her when she remarked, "I've been standing here watching them all go by and the one that really caught my eye was number 38. What a walk!"

Graham Motion, who trained Animal Kingdom to win the Derby, World Cup and an Eclipse Award, also praised the filly highly, as did his bloodstock agent Jane Buchanan. "Send her to us," she said. "C'mon now, send her to us!"

Team Valor International will do exactly that. The filly is already with Todd Quast at Goldmark Farm in Ocala, Florida, where she will be let down for a couple of weeks before being broken to saddle and put into training. The March foal will be trained straight through next January, then be given a respite, before she is cranked up again and sent to Graham Motion at Fair Hill next late spring or early summer.

Irwin said "She has size, but is not overly big. She will be 16 hands plus. Don't forget, her sire is a tall horse. Some might wonder, with some Animal Kingdom yearlings of our own back at the farm, why I would look to buy another one.

"The answer is I firmly believe that Animal Kingdom is going to make a big impact at stud, I think I know what a good one is supposed to look like and we don't have one this imposing back at the farm from the first crop. Next year, or the following year, I think there is every chance that this filly is going to look like a bargain.

"It's a cliché for anybody buying horses at public auction to say afterwards that they were prepared to bid much higher and that they must've stolen their latest purchase, so it is with some trepidation that I sheepishly reveal that my pre-purchase budget was \$500,000. I never expected to be able to buy her for \$300,000 and, in fact, wondered what I might be capable of doing if she went beyond a half-million dollars."



Team Valor keeps a cache of names for use with unnamed horses. Irwin had always been fond of the name [Cyrielle](#), which he placed on the list a few years ago. The new filly inspired him to use it on her, as she is a lovely stamp of a horse. Cyrielle is the female derivative of the male name Cyril. Cyrielle is pronounced as follows: siri (as in your favorite iPhone assistant) yell (as in what you try not to do to your spouse or children).



Cyrielle is a half-sister to the once highly regarded Kentucky Derby hopeful Dewey Square, a Dale Romans-trained colt that broke his maiden by nearly 12 lengths going 7½ furlongs and followed up with a 4-length score going a mile and a sixteenth at Churchill Downs. He later was on the Derby trail, managed to finish fourth in the Grade 3 Matt Winn Stakes in Louisville and retired an earner of \$103,182.

The new filly also is a half-sister to Verne, a gelding that won 3 races at 3 and 4, winning around 2 turns on dirt and turf, including later winning a 2-mile maiden steeplechase race.

Dewey Square was effective going around 2 turns on dirt, winning his first two starts by nearly 20 lengths.

Somethinaboutbetty, dam of Cyrielle, was a very effective racehorse, earning \$342,792. She won 5 races, 4 of them in stakes races and all of them on the main track, including the Rokeby Rose Stakes at Aqueduct. Even though her major wins came on the main track, she was quite effective on turf as well, running second to Magnificent Song by three-quarters of a length on grass at Saratoga in the Grade 3 Lake George. Magnificent Song went on to win the Grade 1 Garden City in her next outing.

The tough and consistent Somethinaboutbetty (r) had 5 wins, 9 seconds and 3 thirds to hit the board in 17 of her 23 starts, more than half of which came in black-type races. She was a half-sister to the equally versatile filly Petunia, an earner of \$194,849 that had 5 wins and 5 places from 17 outings. Adept both at running on dirt and turf, Petunia won the Tippet Stakes going a mile at 2 and the Blessing Angelica Stakes at 3 going a mile and a sixteenth, both on the grass. But she placed on the main track in the Grade 3 Selima Stakes going a mile and an eighth and the Silver Spoon Handicap at Delaware Park.



But For Money, a half-sister to Petunia and Somethinaboutbetty, was a nice winner and currently is represented by the 4-year-old filly Eskenformoney, an earner of \$326,556 that has earned black-type in 5 races, 4 of them Graded, including the Grade 2 Gulfstream Park Oaks and the Grade 3 Monmouth Oaks.

Third dam Betty Lobelia was one of the better turf fillies of her generation, winning the Grade 3 Miss Grillo and Grade 3 Nijina Stakes in New York, while placing in a further half-dozen black-type races. As a producer, daughters of hers have foaled the Grade 1-winning, \$902,319-earner Humana Distaff Stakes hero My Trusty Cat and the Grade 1-winning, \$759,291-earner Mother Goose Stakes winner Include Betty (r).



Very interestingly, Betty Lobelia's half-sister Fabula Dancer produced two very telling stakes winners that should be of vital interest to participants in the Cyrielle racing partnership. One named Flamingo Paradise was sired by Rainbow Quest, from the same Blushing Groom sire line as Animal Kingdom. Another named Flamingo Road, who won the Classic, Group 1 German Oaks and placed in the Group 1 German Derby, was sired by Acatenango, the broodmare sire of Animal Kingdom. This obviously bodes well for an effective cross to Animal Kingdom and is the obvious reason Somethinaboutbetty was bred to Animal Kingdom.

Animal Kingdom requires little introduction to Team Valor racing partners. He broke the mold of previous Kentucky Derby winners when he became the first horse to win the Run for the Roses in his first race on dirt. He won the \$10-million World Cup on a synthetic track. And he flew home for a threatening second in the Breeders' Cup Turf Mile to Horse of the Year Wise Dan. Cyrielle is in his first crop of North American foals. His first Southern Hemisphere crop runs this year in Australia.



Animal Kingdom retired with earnings of more than \$8 million in 2013.

Forestry, the broodmare sire of Cyrielle, was a Grade 1 winner of the King's Bishop Stakes at Saratoga, earned more than \$591,000 and has sired 58 stakes winners to date, including the Preakness Stakes hero Shackleford (who sired his first stakes winner from his first crop last weekend). As a broodmare sire Forestry is represented this year by the Kentucky Derby winner and Champion Colt at 2 last year, Nyquist.

Cyrielle is being offered today on the basis of \$360,000 (represented a 20-percent mark-up) into increments of 10% (\$36,000), 5% (\$18,000) and 2.5% (\$9,000). The filly has been insured for \$300,000 and partners will be invoiced separately for this expense.

Parties interested in participating in this Limited Liability Company are asked to contact Mrs. Amy Collingsworth (amy@teamvalor.com or (859) 873-1003). Those wishing to discuss the new filly with Barry Irwin can call him at (859) 621-8186 or e-mail him at barry@teamvalor.com.

BARRY IRWIN'S UNRACED BUYS

CAPTAIN'S LOVER
POLITICAL AMBITION
EBONY FLYER
LITTLE MISS MAGIC
ON HER TOES
FAIRBANKS
SALLY BOWLES
SANTA CATALINA
SUMMER MATINEE
SUCCESS COUNTS
PANAMA HAT
SPEECHIFY
CHANGINGOFTHEGUARD
MY KAZZIE
AGRA
TIGER HUNT
MAPLE SYRPLE
AUDACIOUS CHLOE
RICHARD OF ENGLAND
BOYO
CHIQUITA
KEY GUY
MILLER TIME
RED DUST
STING OPERATION
VALOR RED

Champion, Classic and Grade 1 winner
Top-Weighted Colt at 3, Grade 1 winner
Classic winner, Grade 1 winner 3 times
Grade 1 winner at 3 versus older
Grade 1 winner at 2, Classic winner at 3
Grade 2 winner, Grade 1 placed
Grade 2 winner, Grade 1 placed
Grade 3 winner multiple times
Grade 3 winner, Grade 1 placed
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Captain's Lover was bought as a yearling by Barry Irwin in South Africa, where she was voted Champion Filly at 3 after winning the Classic Fillies Guineas. She went on to beat males in a Group 3 in France and win the \$200,000 Matchmaker Stakes on dirt at Monmouth Park for T. Pletcher.

FACT SHEET

Name	Cyrielle
Sex	filly
Color	chestnut
Born	March 3, 2015
Bred	Kentucky
Eligibility	Breeders' Cup nominated
Height at Maturity	16 hands
Trainer	Graham Motion
Sire	Animal Kingdom
Dam	Somethinaboutbetty
Broodmare Sire	Forestry
Sire Line	Leroidesanimaux ... Candy Stripes ... Blushing Groom
Dam Sire Line	Storm Cat ... Storm Bird ... Northern Dancer
Inbreeding	4 x 4 Lyphard
Family	Champions What a Treat, Jaipur, Golden Fleece, Grade 1 winners My Trusty Cat, Include Betty, Personal Hope, Graded winners Flamingo Road (German Oaks), Crowned (Delaware 'Cap), Dixie Flag, Best of Luck, Devil's Preacher, Be My Guest, Betty Lobelia, Flamingo Paradise, Love's Exchange, Stakes winners Somethinaboutbetty, Petunia, Amazonas, Thirty Flags, Manlove, etc.
Dosage Profile	1 2 3 0 0
Dosage Index	3.00
Center of Distribution	0.67
Total Valuation	\$360,000
10% share	\$36,000
5% share	\$18,000
2 1/2% share	\$9,000

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Cyrielle photographed at Siena Farm near Paris, KY earlier in the year.

(Above) Cyrielle as a foal.

