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[Ave \(GB\) \(session-topper at \\$1.4 million\)](#)

[Wickedly Perfect \(\\$800,000\)](#)

[Negligee \(\\$625,000\)](#)

Grade 1 Stakes Winner Ave (GB) Brings \$1.4 Million On Opening Day of Keeneland January Sale

LEXINGTON, KY (Jan. 10, 2011) – Three Grade 1 stakes winners highlighted Monday’s opening session of Keeneland’s January Horses of All Ages Sale, led by the \$1.4 million paid by Teruya Yoshida’s Shadai Farm for Flower Bowl Invitational (G1) winner Ave (GB).

Wickedly Perfect and Negligee, both winners of Keeneland’s Grade 1 Darley Alcibiades Stakes, commanded \$800,000 and \$625,000, respectively.

Consigned by Three Chimneys Sales, agent, the five-year-old Ave is by leading European sire Danehill Dancer out of the winning In the Wings mare Anna Amalia. She recorded five wins in 15 career starts while racing in England, Ireland, Canada, Japan and the United States, including a victory in the Group 3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud Fillies’ Stakes. In addition to her win in last year’s Flower Bowl, she finished second by a nose in the Dance Smartly Stakes (G2), and third in the New York Stakes (G2) and Gallorette Handicap (G3).

Dr. Yoshiro Nakaji, a veterinarian for Shadai Farm, reported that Ave, who was sold as a racing or broodmare prospect, would be retired and sent to Japan to be bred.

“She has a fabulous European pedigree, is a Group stakes winner in Europe and a Grade 1 stakes winner in America, so she’s a very international mare,” said Case Clay, president of Three Chimneys Sales.

Three Chimneys also consigned the day’s second-highest priced filly, Grade 1 stakes winner Wickedly Perfect, who brought a final bid of \$800,000 from Naohiro Hosoda, representing Katsumi Yoshida’s Northern Farm.

Offered as a racing or broodmare prospect, Wickedly Perfect is a three-year-old filly by leading sire Congrats out of Wickedly Wise, by Tactical Cat. She was a winner in three of her four starts at two last year, scoring victories in the Darley Alcibiades and Sorrento Stakes (G3), and a second in the Darley Debutante (G1).

“Our top-selling horses today are all outstanding Grade 1 stakes-winning individuals and there is no doubt that they generated a lot of buzz going into this session,” said Keeneland

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Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. “Case Clay and Three Chimneys should be commended for how they prepared Ave for this sale. Initially, she was withdrawn from the November Sale so that she could run in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup in Japan. Following that race, the Three Chimneys team brought her back here and marketed her internationally. It is great example of our consignors working in tandem with our efforts to bring horses and buyers together.

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“We’d also like to acknowledge two long-standing clients in Teruya and Katsumi Yoshida for their support of our sales program,” Russell added. “Today, Teruya’s Shadai Farm purchased Ave for \$1.4 million to top this session, while his brother, Katsumi, purchased the second-highest priced horse of the session, Wickedly Perfect, for his Northern Farm. Both are great owners and horsemen and we appreciate that they come back to Keeneland year after year.”

Adrian Regan and Fergus Galvin’s Hunter Valley Farm, as agent for an undisclosed client, paid \$625,000 for the Grade 1 stakes-winning filly Negligee. Sold as a broodmare prospect, Negligee is a four-year-old daughter of Northern Afleet out of the stakes-winning Relaunch mare Naughty Notions. She was consigned by Hill ‘n’ Dale Sales Agency, agent.

Negligee won the 2009 Darley Alcibiades, defeating eventual Eclipse Award winner She Be Wild. That same year, she earned a Sovereign Award as Canada’s champion juvenile filly.

“These racing mares are very hard to buy,” Regan said. “I think she was top-notch; we thought she was just the right package.”

“It was nice that two of the top-selling horses today – Negligee and Wickedly Perfect – are also winners of our Grade 1 Darley Alcibiades here at Keeneland. It illustrates how well our sales and racing programs complement one another.”

On Monday, Keeneland sold 187 horses for \$10,687,600, for an average of \$57,153 and a median of \$20,000. In 2010, 178 horses were sold for gross receipts of \$6,592,600, for an average of \$37,037 and a median of \$20,000.

Colts by Tapit brought the day’s highest yearling prices. Acorn Equine purchased a colt by Tapit out of the Deputy Minister mare Blossomed for \$220,000 from Hartwell Farm, agent for Iron County Farm. A colt by Tapit from the family of champions Theatrical (IRE) and Paradise Creek sold to Whisper Hill Farm LLC for \$195,000. He was consigned by Denali Stud, agent for Bridlewood Farm.

The January Sale continues through Friday. Sessions begin daily at 10 a.m. The entire sale is streamed live at Keeneland.com.

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