

Best January Mixed Sale in many moons

by Dave Briggs

Gross, average and number of \$100,000+ selling racehorses were all up sharply at Monday's sale at the Meadowlands — and that's not counting the two \$200,000+ horses that failed to meet their reserve.

By most measures, Monday's January Select Mixed Sale at the Meadowlands was the strongest it has been in many years. The gross of \$6,628,400 was the best since 2010 and the average of \$26,989 for the 233 horses/stallion shares sold was the highest since 2008 when the sale posted all-time record numbers.

"It was a well-paced sale and the bidding was spirited," said sale general manager David Reid. "We really saw people from a lot of different jurisdictions here today. I was happy to see that.

"We try to recruit as many high-value or highly-accomplished horses as we can. It's not always the easiest task because with the horse shortages, people aren't so easy to part with the horses."

This year's gross was up 7.5 per cent over the \$5,849,400 fetched in 2016 despite 25 fewer horses being sold this year. The average was up 19 per cent over the 2016 sale average of \$22,672.

"Across the board, it was one of the better sales we've had," said Bob Boni of Northwood Bloodstock, the sale's second leading consignor by gross to Reid's Preferred Equine Marketing. "I thought it was excellent. Overall, it was very good from top to bottom... It was a good day."

This year's sale gross is up 0.4 per cent from the \$6,265,200 fetched in 2015, up 5.3 per cent from the 2014 gross of \$5,971,500 and 38 per cent from the 2013 gross of \$4,549,600

The average is up 15.8 per cent from 2015's average of \$23,291, up 5.8 per cent from the average of \$25,519 reached in 2014 and up 1.7 per cent from the 2013 average of \$26,532.

Among the top sellers were New York bred:

American Passport (4hp)—[American Ideal](#)-Star Of The Show—Tony Alagna—Preferred Equine, agent—\$135,000

Missile J (4gp)—[American Ideal](#)-Cantor's Daughter—Scott DiDomenico—Preferred Equine, agent—\$115,000

Fine Diamond (4hp)—[Rock N Roll Heaven](#)-Yellow Diamond—S. Descheneaut—Preferred Equine, agent—\$82,000

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