YEARLING HALF-SISTER TO MISS SINGHSIX IS OFFERED FOR SYNDICATION, TEAM VALOR & HIGHFIELD STOCK FARM MAKING 50 PERCENT AVAILABLE, ATTRACTIVE TERMS AND PRICE ENHANCE VALUE OF BRITISH-BASED FILLY

Barry Irwin's Team Valor International and Dave Munro's Highfield Stock Farm have decided to offer 50 percent of its yearling half-sister to Miss Singhsix for syndication. "As we've told our partners since summertime," noted Irwin, "we didn't plan to make any major buys at the yearling sales in 2010. We've been blessed with some terrific home-breds we want to introduce into the stable. Because 3 of our 4 best juveniles this season are home-breds, we now have enough credibility with our clientele to pull this off. In Pluck, Animal Kingdom and Badleroibrown, we have 3 stakes quality 2-year-olds that were bred either by Team Valor or a Team Valor partnership.

In the last couple of years, Team Valor owned large interests in home-breds Sailor's Cap and Pluck. Barry Irwin decided to market interests in these two prospective stakes colts on terms to a group of newcomers, because he had enough faith in these youngsters to make the grade that he felt comfortable offering them to first-time buyers.



Sailor's Cap (L) went on to become a multiple Graded stakes winner of \$616,690 before succumbing to Colitis X in the prime of his career and Pluck (r) has emerged as a viable candidate for this Breeders' vear's Cup Juvenile Turf after breaking his maiden at Belmont Park sprinting on grass and deadheating for second in the \$100,000 Continental Mile at Monmouth Park.



"There's a lot to be said for home-breds," Irwin pointed out. "First, we raised them right, the way we prefer. And we know everything about them, so there will be no surprises. I feel the reason we have done so well with our home-breds is that we have had control over their environment from day one. We have not done anything stupid to pump them up or exercise them when they were too immature, or do unnecessary cosmetic surgery to make their limbs look better." So Team Valor over the next 6 weeks plans to offer the cream of its crop of home-breds, starting with Delovely, the chestnut half-sister to our most accomplished female racehorse of 2010, Miss Singhsix.

"Ever since Aron Wellman inspected her earlier this year and was so impressed by her free-flowing walk and huge stride while racing through her paddock at the farm where she was born in England, Delovely has been on our radar and we have had in mind retaining her for racing."

To this end, Irwin persuaded his partner in the filly, Dave Munro of Canada, to go along with the program and join him in offering 50 percent of the filly to the stable's racing partners. Munro, through his Highfield Stock Farm, and Irwin, through Team Valor, will each retain 25 percent of Delovely for their own accounts and each offer 25 percent to a group of TVI racing partners.

Valuation on the filly has been set at \$250,000. Interests in Delovely are being offered in increments of 10 percent (\$25,000), 5 percent (\$12,500) and 2 ½-percent (\$6,250). Additionally, participants will be able to stagger their payments, by paying half at time of signing and half in January of 2011.

Interested partners are asked to contact Amy Collingsworth through Thursday (she is going on vacation after that) at <u>teamvalor2@aol.com</u> or (859) 873-1003 or contact Aron Wellman at <u>TeamValorNews@aol.com</u> or (310) 968-9559 to discuss the filly.





When Barry Irwin realized that Miss Singhsix was going to be a major player in the United States, he invited Dave Munro to partner with him on the purchase of Whatamiss, the dam of Miss Singhsix. The reason Irwin zeroed in on Munro is that the Canadian is a breeder and in the endeavor or breeding for the long haul.

"The family of Miss Sinshsix is one that I have admired for decades and is one that is nearly impossible to get into, because it has been tightly held by Leonard Lavin, who breeds as Glen Hill Farm," Irwin said. "The third dam, <u>Convenience</u>, is <u>Mr. Lavin's</u> (L) favorite and all-time best racehorse. She famously beat Typecast in one of the most thoroughly realized <u>match races</u> in the modern history of horse racing in this country.

"Convenience not only was a great racemare, having been a Grade 1 winner of 15 races racing through age 6, she has been a fabulous producer. She is responsible for 20 stakes winners to date.

"So when I was able to nail down the purchase of the mare, I wanted a partner that not only would keep her in England where she was located, but would join with me in retaining and racing any well-conformed fillies out of the mare.

"Dave and I have been fortunate in getting two terrific fillies so far. The first is Delovely and the second is a weanling full sister to Miss Singhsix."

In order to give Delovely her best chance to fully realize her potential, she will begin her racing career in England. "We are convinced that starting youngsters off abroad gives them an infinitely better chance to develop their athletic abilities and to arrive stateside stronger and sounder than if they had begun their careers in the U. S.," said Irwin. "The training and racing facilities in England are superior to anything that currently exists in the United States. This is why when British and European horses arrive over here they dominate our local horses. They are not better, they are just trained better."

Plans call for Delovely to be sent next month to Marco Botti at his Green Ridge Stables in Newmarket. Botti will break the filly himself.

Irwin said "A likely scenario would be that Delovely would race at 2 and early at 3 before deciding exactly when to bring her to the United States. If she is precocious enough, we would bring her to the United States in the fall of her 2-year-old season. If she needs some time, then she probably would appear in the U. S. during the summer of her season at 3. We have no intention of leaving her in England. She is bound for the United States."

Neither Irwin nor Munro want to name a United States trainer at this point, because not enough is known about which North American trainer would best suit the filly. Irwin said that "all options are open at this point."



Halling, sire of the yearling filly, is having a sensational year, and is represented by one of the top older male horses in the entire Godolphin racing operation in the form of Cutlass Bay (r), who was unbeaten in 5 outings when taking the Group 1 Prix Ganay over 10 ½ furlongs in France, after earlier winning a pair of Group 2 races. The Ganay is the most important Group 1 race for middle distance runners contested in Europe during the first half of the racing season and its winners reads like a Who's Who of the Turf.

Miss Singhsix herself should require very little introduction to Team Valor International racing partners, as she has been the start of the stable so far this season among the fairer sex. Like Delovely, she was bred in the British Isles and began her career racing in Ireland, where racing as a 2-yearold she won second time out going long on Polytrack. Miss Singhsix was extremely versatile, showing Graded form on dirt, synthetics and turf over at a wide variety of racing venues, having won or placed at a high level at Santa Anita, Del Mar, Hollywood Park, Hawthorne, Delaware Park, Calder and Laurel.

A story follows that details her career, but the mare was first or second in 9 of 21 races, earned more than \$482,000 and was a multiple stakes winner, including this season Grade 3 Obeah at Delaware Park. She ran a 102 Beyer and a 5 ³/₄ on the Ragozin Sheets.

On the afternoon of her final start at Saratoga, the chestnut mare was ranked by Mike Watchmaker of *Daily Racing Form* as the tenth best older filly or mare in training in North America.

Now retired, Miss Singhsix will be bred to a prominent stallion in the spring and sold next year at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.



The chestnut stallion also is represented this season by Cavalryman, a 4-year-old that last season at 3 won three stakes in a row in France, including the Group 1 Grand Prix de Paris and the Group 2 Prix Neil, two of the most important races for middle distance horses run on the French calendar. The 125-pound *Timeform* colt was third last year in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to See the Stars, who was rated as the best horse to race in Europe in decades.

Last weekend his 4-year-old daughter Eastern Aria (L) made her 10th career win Doncaster's Group 2 Park Hill Stakes, which is the fillies equivalent of the Classic St. Leger Stakes in England. Best in 10 of 23 starts, Eastern Aria is an amazingly versatile runner, having smashed the Goodwood course record on its undulating ground to claim the Group 3 Lillie Langtry Stakes. She won the Park Hill Stakes under a crushing burden of 130 pounds, giving 12 pounds to the second and third-placed runners. She is being aimed at the \$6-million Melbourne Cup in Australia.

Two days after Eastern Aria won the Group 2, Halling was represented by yet another new stakes winner in the 2-year-old Irish colt Longhunter, who ran a triple-digit *Timeform* figure when becoming a stakes winner in the 6-furlongh Blenheim Stakes at The Curragh, where he took the scalp of Aidan O'Brien's promising King Hadrian.

racehorses, having come early in the Dubai ruler's career in England, where Halling won the Group 1 Eclipse (r). Halling was the Champion racehorse in Europe at 4 and 5 and improved with age. *Timeform* rated him at an impressive 133.

Halling himself was one of Sheik Mohammed's all-time favorite

Standing for Sheik Mohammed at his Darley Stud in Newmarket, England, Halling has sired 44 stakes winners, half of whom have won Group races.

Delovely was foaled by Whatamiss, the dam of stakes winners Miss Singhsix and her older halfbrother Silver Lord. The latter, sire by Unbridled's Song, was cut out to be a top racehorse, having won the Louisiana Handicap and run second in the Grade 3 Mineshaft Handicap at the Fair Grounds early at 4. He was injured, but he has come back to continue to win and raise his earnings to \$182,539.

Whatamiss was the result of a mating between Mr. Prospector's Champion 2-year-old colt and Leading Sire Miswaki (right) and the stakes-winning mare Circular. Miswaki was first or second in 11 of 13 starts, was a Group 1 winner at 2, sired more than 100 stakes winners and is a Leading Broodmare sire in North America. Circular was a stakes winner for Glen Hill Farm at Santa Anita, earning nearly \$200,000 and set a Hollywood Park track record for 6 furlongs on the main track.

Whatamiss is a half-sister to one of Glen Hill Farm's top runners in Star of the Crop, who won the Grade 2

Malibu Stakes before it was elevated in stature to a Grade 1. He earned more than \$388,000 and also won a pair of Graded stakes and a Listed race. Like his dam Circular, he ran 6 furlongs in track record time at Hollywood Park, where he stopped the clock in 1:08 on the main track.

Delovely comes from the most productive descendants of Convenience, who is responsible through her daughters for such other stakes winners as current Grade 3 winner Closeout (\$456,686), multiple Graded stakes winner Concept Win (\$621,393), triple Grade 1-placed stakes winner and sure Major Impact (\$518,130), Earn Your Stripes (\$395,847) and Package Store (\$360,390).







Halling

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Quick Racing Summary

18 starts, 12 wins, \$1.85 million Champion Older Horse in Europe at 4 Champion Older Horse in England at 4 Champion Older Horse in Europe at 5 Champion Older Horse in England at 5 Eclipse Stakes-Group 1 (twice) in England (right) International Stakes-Group 1 (twice) in England Prix d'Ispahan-Group 1 in France Timeform 133



Quick Sire Summary

Sire of 22 Group winners

Sire of 22 Listed stakes winners

Sire of Cutlass Bay (right), unbeaten Group 1 winner in his initial 5 starts





The Halling filly has a great mind and a positive outlook in life.

Her half-sister Miss Singhsix has developed from a plain young filly with little muscle definition and quality into a powerful yet supple athlete that finished her career as a racehorse in North America as the 10th highest ranked filly or mare on *Daily Racing Form's* list.









The Halling x Whatamiss filly, clockwise, from the front taken in July; above posed last fall as a weanling; posed below in July. Keep in mind that this filly has been raised naturally, without any sales prep, so this is exactly what she looks like coming straight out of the field. She was raised to race not to be marketed, so she was not fattened up. What you see is exactly what you get here.





Aron Wellman says "Although this is as a yearling in July, this is exactly how I remember her when I saw her several months ago. A tremendous mover."

These candid shots were taken in July at the English farm where the filly has been raised for Barry Irwin/Dave Munro with an eye toward going to the races, not the ring to be offered for sale.

Because of how she has been raised, she should get to the races sooner than she would have if prepped for a sale.



FACT SHEET

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MISS SINGHSIX BOWED TENDON WHEN UNPLACED IN G1 PERSONAL ENSIGN, B. IRWIN: WE KNEW SOMETHING WENT AWRY BECAUSE SHE IS SO HONEST, MARE TO BE BRED IN KENTUCKY NEXT SPRING, SOLD IN FALL AT AUCTION



Miss Singhsix developed and matured during her entire career and was a superb looking mare at the end of her racing days. She is odds-on to make a huge impact in breeding.

Miss Singhsix's fairy tale season has come to an end, and, unfortunately, so too has her career as a For Barry racehorse. Irwin and Aron Wellman, who know Miss Singhsix like the back of their hand, the end was evident very early in the running of the Grade 1 Personal Ensign at Saratoga 12 days ago, as the typically reliable chestnut failed to mount any semblance of a rally and displayed resentment when asked for more in the stretch by Jose Valdivia.

"It's just not like her not to try," B Eye mentioned. "She either hated the track, or she sprung a leak."

"I fear that she may have danced her last dance," Wellman commented while reporting back to Irwin after observing the mare return to the unsaddling area. "She appeared to be in distress in her left front."

Less than 2 weeks after the Personal Ensign, the Team's concerns became reality when an ultrasound revealed that 60 percent of Miss Singhsix's left front tendon had been compromised in the 1 ¼miles fixture at The Spa. Her racing days have been declared over.



The 2010 racing season was a total revival for Miss Singhsix. If there was such a thing in horse racing, she would have been a natural candidate for "Comeback Player Of The Year," honors. Just 15 months ago while a Southern California resident, Miss Singhsix was floundering in stakes races, lacking a true style and identity. Miss Singhsix had been multiple stakes-placed, racked up a Grade 2 placing against Life Is Sweet and arguably should have won the Audrey Skirball-Kenis Stakes on grass at Hollywood Park, but it was obvious that she was treading underachieving, going nowhere.

It was at that time, after a lackluster, non-threatening performance in the Redondo Beach Stakes against Tuscan Evening on the Hollywood Park turf that Irwin made a pivotal decision to send the then 4 year-old filly to master resuscitation horseman, Marty Wolfson. It didn't take Wolfson long to put his stamp on Miss Singhsix and find her hole card, as Wolfson quickly realized that the daughter of Singspiel was fond of conventional dirt, despite the fact that every single one of her races 13 races prior to be transferred into Wolfson's care had been on turf or a synthetic surface.

In her initial outing for Wolfson, which came 7 weeks after she was transferred into his care, Miss Singhsix put in a breathtaking move in the Nancy's Glitter Stakes at Calder, a race which not only marked her first start on dirt, but was run over a sloppy main track to boot. She couldn't catch subsequent Grade 1 winner, Jessica Is Back, on that occasion, but the effort was enlightening. So too was the enormous 102 Beyer Speed Figure assigned to the endeavor.

A brief hiccup with tendonitis forced Miss Singhsix to the sidelines for 5 months after the promising Nancy's Glitter Stakes effort, but a better-thanlooked outing in the Grade 3 Stage Door Betty Stakes in late December gave Wolfson and Team Valor International plenty of encouragement that there was plenty of blue sky ahead.

At that juncture, Team Valor gave Wolfson specific instructions to prepare her for a 2010 tour of duty that would take Miss Singhsix' act on the road in search of her first stakes win and then Graded glory. The first move of the season was perhaps the most critical to launch

Canadian Dave Munro, with wife Kimberly, is a major owner of the Grade 3 winning broodmare prospect Miss Singhsix.



Miss Singhsix's 5-year-old campaign. Team Valor and Wolfson bickered like a married couple as to whether to send the mare to Maryland or New York for a Listed event in February and despite crossentering at Laurel and Aqueduct, Team Valor had the final say in the matter and sent Miss Singhsix to snowy Maryland for the Maryland Media Stakes. The argument was good, because it established Team Valor as the racing manager that selected the mare's races for the rest of the campaign.

The decision paid dividends, as Miss Singhsix made easy work of an overmatched and outclassed 5-pack and went on to cruise to a facile 1 ³/₄-length score, which took the monkey off everyone's back now that she had finally knocked down that elusive Stakes triumph.

With a confidence builder under her belt, the next mission was for Miss Singhsix to fry bigger fish in Graded company. She was troubled and possibly best when a close third in the Grade 3 Rampart Stakes at Gulfstream and earned another valuable Graded placing when third in the Grade 3 Sixty Sails, a race which contained more drama in its' aftermath than the actual running.

With a Stakes win and 2 more Graded placings on her resume, Team Valor was intent on achieving Graded glory with Miss Singhsix and her day came when she put in an awesome, sustained bid in the Grade 3, \$150,000 Obeah at Delaware Park. A red blur around the far turn under Valdivia, Miss Singhsix looped the field and swooped home to get up by a neck in the shadow of the wire. It was in the Obeah that Miss Singhsix's class and tenacity was on full display, a performance that earned her a ranking in *The Daily Racing Form's* top 10 fillies and mares in the country.

Miss Singhsix's biggest payday came 5 weeks subsequent to her Obeah victory when she returned to Delaware in an attempt to pull off the arduous Obeah-Delaware Handicap double. She ran up



against a buzzsaw on the occasion, as the razor sharp, Grade 1 mare, Life At Ten, was all but handed victory by her rivals, who conceded the spoils to her by allowing her to saunter off on a loping lead and gallop away with the lion's share of the robust \$750,000 pot.

Miss Singhsix's performance on the day was stellar given the circumstances, and although she was no match for Life At Ten, she put in a solid late run to earn second and rack up \$150-large to add to her bankroll. Her feat of winning the Obeah, going back and forth to and from Miami and running second in the Del Cap should not be understated, as Team Valor's outstanding race mare, Unbridled Belle, could manage no better than third in the Del Cap after capturing the 2008-9 runnings of the Obeah.

A plot to spoil Rachel Alexandra's return to glory at Saratoga came unraveled when Miss Singhsix's tendon did as well in her lone try at the Grade 1 level. The chestnut daughter of the prolific stallion, Singspiel, from the famous family of Champion Convenience, who was campaigned by Team Valor, Dave and Adrian Munro's Highfield Stock Farm and LGL Racing, Miss Singhsix retires with lifetime earnings of \$482,138. She won 5 of 21 outings, including the Grade 3 Obeah and Maryland Media Stakes. She was second in the Torrey Pines at age 3, second in the Grade 2 El Encino, the Santa Lucia and the Nancy's Glitter at age 4 and won the Obeah and MMS, was second in the Grade 2 Del Cap and third in the Grade 3 Rampart and Sixty Sails at age 5. "She wasn't the best mare we ever raced, but she was talented, possessed class and she had a lot of guts," Irwin said. "Future plans are up in the air, but we'll probably breed her and sell in November."