

Eclipsing the competition

Horse of the Year Zenyatta and six other horses that either were sold at Keeneland sales or raced and trained at the track in 2010 received Thoroughbred racing's highest honor, the Eclipse Award, for their success last year.

The champions are determined by a vote of representatives of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, National Turf Writers Association and *Daily Racing Form*. Eclipse Awards—named for the 18th century English racehorse from whom most modern-day Thoroughbreds descend in male line—have been awarded since 1972. (Before then, two organization chose champions for several decades.) The 2010 champions with Keeneland connections are:



Benoit

Zenyatta: The daughter of Street Cry (IRE) was consigned by Winter Quarter Farm, agent for Maverick Productions, to the 2005 September Yearling Sale and purchased for \$60,000 by owners Jerry and Ann Moss.

In her final season of racing, Zenyatta won five of six Grade 1 races, earning Horse of the Year honors and a third consecutive Eclipse as champion older mare.

Blame: The champion older male was based at Keeneland with trainer Al Stall Jr. for much of his career. For Claiborne Farm and Adele B. Dilschneider, the homebred son of Arch defeated Zenyatta in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and won two other Grade 1 races last year en route to a record of four wins in five starts and earnings of \$3,751,467. In 2009, Blame won Keeneland's Fayette (G2).



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Dubai Majesty: The champion female sprinter won Keeneland's Thoroughbred Club of America (G2) during a season in which she won four races in 10 starts, including the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1), and earned \$1,009,724.



Coady/Keeneland

Gio Ponti: The champion male turf horse for the second consecutive year was consigned by Castleton Lyons, agent, to the 2006 September Yearling Sale. In 2010, the son of Tale of the Cat won Keeneland's Shadwell Turf Mile (G1) and Belmont's Man o' War (G1) and earned \$1,884,000.



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Lookin At Lucky: One of only five colts to be named champion at both two and three, Lookin At Lucky was consigned to the 2006 April Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale by Jerry Bailey Sales, agent. Co-owner Mike Pegram paid \$475,000 for the Smart Strike colt, who won two Grade 1 stakes at three including the Preakness, and earned \$2,064,278.



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Tom Marks

Slip Away: The champion steeplechase horse was purchased by owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey for \$16,000 at the 2004 January Horses of All Ages Sale. The son of Skip Away was consigned by Four Star Sales, agent for Glencrest Farm.

Uncle Mo: The champion two-year-old colt was sold twice at Keeneland. As a weanling, he brought \$160,000 from the consignment of Denali Stud, agent, at the November Sale. Owner Repole Stables bought the Indian Charlie colt for \$220,000 from Four Star Sales, agent, at the 2009 September Sale and raced him to win last year's Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and earn \$1,296,000.



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Eclipse Awards also went to trainer **Todd Pletcher** and jockey **Ramon Dominguez** for their outstanding seasons.



Ramon Dominguez

Pletcher's 15 wins at Keeneland in 2010 included the Coolmore Lexington (G2) with Exhi, the Lexus Raven Run (G2) with Hilda's Passion and the Giant's Causeway Stakes with West Ocean. Dominguez rode Gio Ponti to win the Shadwell Turf Mile.



Todd Pletcher

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Other 2010 Eclipse winners who were represented at Keeneland are breeder **Adena Springs**, breeder of Toyota Blue Grass (G1) winner Stately Victor, and owner **WinStar Farm**. 🐾