

Salestopper brings \$1.4M

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The bay colt hails from the stellar female family of Dance Smartly and Smart Strike and sold as the property of JSM Equine, LLC.

Becky Thomas and Justin Casse, agent, consigned the colt, who was bred by WinStar Farm and was a \$370,000 RNA at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"This is the best horse I've ever had," said the Ocala-based Casse moments after the colt exited the ring. "It's such a thrill. The horse is in great hands and will have every chance. I couldn't be happier."

Following the colt's furlong work in :10 1/5 at the under-tack preview, Thomas could not contain her enthusiasm.

"He is one of the most special colts I've ever been around," Thomas said. "He is a beautiful mover, and he's just stunning to look at. He has a beautiful walk and he covers a lot of ground. He had the best gallop out in the sale. He's an incredibly nice colt."

Coolmore and Stonestreet Stables partnered to purchase Hip No. 111, a son of Bernardini, for \$900,000 from Northwest Stud. Bred by Ron Magers and Robert Marocchio, the bay colt is out of the winning Summer Squall mare Temporada and is a half-brother to stakes winners Third Chance and Banner Bill.

Acquired by Northwest Stud for \$400,000, out of the Betz Thoroughbreds consignment at last year's Keeneland September sale, the colt worked an eighth of a mile in :10 1/5 at the under-tack preview.

In addition to selling the sale topper, Crupi's New Castle Farm also sold the top-priced filly of the sale, a daughter of Hard Spun (Hip No. 109), who fetched \$850,000 from Let's Go Stable. Trainer Todd Pletcher signed the ticket on the dark bay or brown filly out of the Scat Daddy mare Swathisaway.

Crupi's New Castle Farm bought her for \$175,000 at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. She worked an eighth of a mile in :10 1/5 at the under-tack preview.

The lone Florida-bred sold at the auction, Hip No. 116, a bay filly by City Zip – Touche de Velours, by Meadowlake, was consigned by De Meric Sales and went to Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt for \$100,000.