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BELMONT • BEAT

On Friday, June 10, five of New York's top jockeys will pay a visit to children hospitalized at The Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. Jerry Bailey, Robbie Davis, Julie Krone, Richie Migliore and Mike Smith will sign autographs and photos and distribute racing souvenirs to the kids, and Horse Star Cards will provide Jockey Trading Cards. "Only one of us can win the Belmont S., but we can all help brighten the day of the kids in the hospital," said Bailey, president of the Jockeys' Guild.

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Yesterday's Results:

NEW ZEALAND TROPHY YONSAI S.-JPN-II, \$1,131,049, Tokyo, Japan, 6-5, 3yo, 1600 Meters T, 1:35 8/10, fm.

1--**@HISHI AMAZON, f, 3, Theatrical--Katies, by Nonoalco.** O/B: M. Abe; T-T. Nakano.

2--**Machikane Allegro, c, 3, Kris S.--My Turbulent Miss, by My Dad George.**

3--**Biko Pegasus, c, 3, Danzig--Condessa, by Condorcet.**

Margins: 1/2, nk, 3 1/2.

*Winner was last year's Champion 2yo filly in Japan.

HANKYU HAI-JPN-III, \$780,758, Hanshin, Japan, 6-5, 3yo/up, 1400 Meters T, 1:20 9/10, fm.

1--**GOLD MOUNTAIN, h, 5, Fotitieng--Empery's Gold, by Empery.** O-Green Farm Co., Ltd.; B-N. Bokujo; T-M. Sayama.

2--**Nihonpillow Prince, h, 5, Nihonpillow Winner--Nihon Pillow Clear, by Bravest Roman.**

3--**Big Fight, h, 6, Northern Taste--Chandelier Lady, by Steel Heart.**

Margins: 1, 1, Nose.

PRIX DE ROYAUMONT-G3, \$60,396, Saint-Cloud, France, 6-6, 3 yo f, 12f, 2:41, gd.

1--**#@TRULY A DREAM (IRE), 128, Darshaan (GB)--Truly Special (IRE) (GSW), by Caerleon.** O-R. C. Strauss; B-R. M. Aubert; T-R. Collett; \$35,527.

2--**Sunrise Song (FR), 128, General Holme--Marissiya (GB), by Nishapour (FR).** O-J. Percepied; \$14,211.

3--**Danseuse Du Nord (IRE), 128, Kahyasi (IRE)--Dance By Night (GB), by Northfields.** O-Ecurie Woodcote Stud; \$7,105.

Margins: nose, 2, 1 1/2.

Also Ran (in order of finish): Bayrika (IRE), Actualite (GB), Musicanti, Nimitel (FR), Reine Topiza (FR), Lucky Dancer (FR).

BALLYOGAN S.-G3, \$36,494, Leopardstown, Ireland, 6-6, 3yo/up, 5f, :59.50, gd.

1--**@GREAT DEEDS (GB), 117, f, 3, Forzando--Deed, by Derring-Do.** O-S. Manghnani; B-S. McCreery & Stowell Hill Ltd.; T-M. Channon; \$21,196.

2--**Sabre Rattler (GB), 128, g, 4, Beveled--Casbah Girl, by Native Bazaar.** O-H. B. Hughes; \$9,216.

3--**Placegate Episode (IRE), 125, f, 4, Drumalis--Pasadena Lady, by Captain James.** O-Placegate Corp. Ltd.; \$4,608.

Margins: 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 1/2.

Also Ran (in order of finish): My-O-My (IRE), Bradawn Breever (IRE), Market Slide, The Puzzler (IRE).

BELMONT STAKES QUIZ (Answers in tomorrow's TDN)

1) What two Belmont Stakes winners were bred in the state of Texas?

2) Who was the first gelding to win the "Test of the Champion?"

3) What Belmont winner has sired the most Belmont winners--and who were the colts which followed in his hoofsteps?

4) One trainer saddled eight Belmont Stakes winners during his career--who was he?

5) A record that is likely never to be broken is the string of five consecutive Belmont S. winners saddled by one man. Name him, and his five winners.

6) Who was the first woman to saddle a horse in the Belmont S.?

7) The Belmont S. is the oldest of the Triple Crown events. What year was it first run?

8) What immortal Thoroughbred won the Belmont S. by the widest margin?

9) What was the largest field ever to contest the mile and a half of the Belmont S.?

10) Which winner rewarded his backers with the smallest payoff--and which with the largest?

11) Who was the only roan to win the Belmont S.?

12) Who was the last colt to be stymied in his bid to win the Triple Crown, losing the Belmont S. after winning the first two legs?

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The Kid Grows Up

By Beth Bruno

Steve Cauthen has come full circle.

Fresh from his election into racing's Hall of Fame, Cauthen candidly reflected on the ultimate honor bestowed upon him.

"The most important acknowledgements are the ones given to you by those in your industry. It means that much more, because these are the people who know what you've been through to get where you are."

And he's taking it all in stride, as did as the 16-year-old phenomenon who took New York and the racing world by storm, eclipsing long-standing riding records with regularity. A whiz kid, who blew into town and set a new standard, all within a year of winning his first race.

The success that has followed the kid from Walton, Ky. has been well documented--three Eclipse Awards in his first season (top jockey, top apprentice and the Award of Merit), followed by distinction as the youngest jockey to garner the Triple Crown, aboard Affirmed in 1978. Plagued by a 110-race losing streak that began in California late the same year, Cauthen moved his tack across the ocean and spent the next 14 years in England where he established himself as three-time leading rider as well as the first jockey to win both the Epsom Derby and the Triple Crown.

Now, at 34 years of age, racing's newest Hall of Fame jockey is switching gears entirely. The confident yet down-to-earth teenager who became the first rider to win in excess of six million dollars in a single season has grown into a man whose priorities are changing.

"I guess in your mind you plan your life to a certain degree," reflected Cauthen from his 300-acre farm in Verona, Ky. "I had actually been thinking of retiring for a year or two and was sort of playing it by ear. I wasn't completely content with the situation (riding for Sheikh Mohammed, with whom Cauthen did not renew his contract), and my feeling was it was best to quit while I was still on top. Now that I had a wife, and a baby coming, it seemed like a good time to make the break. That's not to say it wasn't hard to adjust. For so long, the routine was get up, ride horses, go to sleep, get up, ride horses..."

Not that Cauthen has made a total departure from the sport that in 1977 launched him into recognition as Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year. These days, Steve serves as Associate Vice President at Turfway Park, posting a new challenge, working on the frontside.

"I'm a horseman, and I can offer a different perspective," states Cauthen, maintaining the same unaffected demeanor that accompanied him through-

out his career. "Now I'm in a capacity to promote racing in general, and it's the natural thing for me to do. This sport is one of the least publicized and promoted industries around, sadly. If you have a name and a reputation, sometimes people listen to you. Here I have a chance to give something back; this is my opportunity".

Another area in which Cauthen keeps active in the business is breeding, something he has been dabbling in for the last 15 years with the help of his dad, "Tex" Cauthen. The senior Cauthen, who resides six miles away in Walton, managed the farm while Steve was overseas and was instrumental in purchasing their mare Desk Set (dam of Kamehameha {GSW, \$324,625}, by *Hawaii).

"We've got 12 horses now," says Cauthen, who has not ridden since last summer when breezing his own stock. "Mostly, we breed to sell, but we keep one or two. We are going to build a house here. The area has good schools, which is a consideration now."

Family is not only a consideration but a major focal point for the former jockey, who puts many husbands and fathers to shame with his ability to proudly rattle off the dates not only of his wedding but of the birth of his daughter as well. After meeting in England, where she was obtaining college credits, Steve and fellow Kentuckian Amy Rothfuss officially tied the knot on January 4, 1992 after a five-year long distance courtship ("cost me a small fortune"), and together welcomed Katelyn Rose into the world last April 24.

"People tell you when you have a kid, it changes your life forever," states Cauthen. "You think that's all rubbish, until you have the responsibility of another life and you start thinking of their welfare. Before, I went through life with main concerns--what to eat, what to wear. But Katelyn has given me so much pleasure. We'd like two or three."

Asking someone to single out personal highlights in a young life so crammed with accomplishments is a pretty heady task, but there's no hesitation on Cauthen's part.

"I remember the Triple Crown; when I passed the line in the Belmont," he reflects. "It was a tremendous accomplishment for the horse and everyone involved. Also, winning two Derbys in England obviously meant a great deal. Even though I had a reputation coming over, I was rebuilding it and starting all over again. But outside of my riding career, Katelyn's birth--it's now, when I see the smile on her face when she cuddles up to me; nothing compares to your kids."

Yes, the kid from Walton, Ky. whose name now stands alongside racing's greatest in Saratoga Springs, has been drawn back to his roots and has come full circle. And you'd better bet he wouldn't have it any other way, because it's never been a good idea to bet against Steve Cauthen.