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## DON'T CRY FOR ME

She may prove better suited to sprint racing, but that's not all bad news for **Evita Argentina** (Candy Ride {Arg}). The chestnut filly took the GIII Sorrento S. and



**Evita Argentina** Benoit Photo

the Mocassin S. going short last season, and she looks to kick off her sophomore campaign on a happy note in today's seven-panel GII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita. "Right now, it looks like her best distance is seven-eighths," trainer John Sadler told *Daily Racing Form*. Evita Argentina did not fare as well when trying a route of ground last term, running ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, but she rebounded from that effort to post a rallying 1 1/2-length score in the Nov. 16 Mocassin at Hollywood. The three-year-old has been working sharply for her 2009 bow, including a bullet six furlongs in 1:12 1/5 Jan. 10, and she gets Garrett Gomez in the saddle this afternoon. Sadler will also shorten up with **Alpha Kitten** (Tale of the Cat) in the Santa Ynez. The Moss homebred was runner-up in the Oct. 19 Anoakia S. at Oak Tree, but flattened out late in the Dec. 13 GI Hollywood Starlet S. and finished fourth. "I left the track scratching my head not knowing what to think," Sadler told *DRF*. "We're taking a step backward to a race I know she can handle on distance. It looks like the smart thing to do for this race."

Santa Ynez cont. p2

## SQUARE EDDIE MAKES SOPHOMORE DEBUT

**Square Eddie** (Smart Strike) will make his three-year-old debut in today's GIII San Rafael S. The chestnut, a private purchase for J. Paul Reddam after his head runner-up effort in the Sept. 6 G3 Sirenia S. on the Kempton all-weather, then shipped across the Atlantic to take the Oct. 4 GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland. The 7-2 favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile three weeks later, the Canadian-bred rode the rail to a solid second-place finish behind Midshipman (Unbridled's Song). He returned to the worktab in early December, and has been training forwardly for his first start of the new year. "He's doing fantastic," trainer Doug O'Neill said. "He looks great; he's full of energy. We gave him 83 days between the Breeders' Cup and the San Rafael, so he's been freshened and he looks ready to roll." Making his U.S. bow in the San Rafael is Marsha Naify's **Ryehill Dreamer (Ire)** (Catcher in the Rye {Ire}). The bay was first or second in four of his five overseas tries, winning the Listed Golden Fleece S. at Leopardstown in July and, in his European finale, running second in the Aug. 23 G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh. He tries the all-weather for the first time, but has been working well at Hollywood, dashing off a half in :47 flat in his most recent prep Jan. 13. **Field, p4**



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Santa Ynez cont.

**Empressive Lady** (Empire Maker), out of the A.P. Indy mare Racey Player, may appear on paper to be best suited to two turns, but that has not been the case on the track. The \$200,000 Barretts March juvenile went gate to wire to break her maiden going six furlongs at Del Mar last July. The bay was sent off the 2-1 chalk in the GI Del Mar Debutante Sept. 1, but weakened late to be fifth behind pro-tem champion Stardom Bound (Tapit), then faltered badly and beat just one home in the Sept. 27 GI Oak Leaf S. But trainer Jeff Mullins looks to have the Michael House colorbearer on top of her game for her seasonal debut. Empressive Lady has fired a couple of bullets in her last two works, going seven furlongs in 1:27 2/5 at Santa Anita Dec. 26 and five panels in a sprightly :57 4/5 over that track Jan. 9.

**RECENT WINNERS - SANTA YNEZ S.**

Yr	Winner	Sire	Trainer	Time
'08	Indian Blessing	Indian Charlie	Baffert	1:19.89
'07	Jump On In	Jump Start	Sadler	1:23.45
'06	Dance Daily	Five Star Day	Lukas	1:23.34
'05	Sharp Lisa	Dixieland Band	O'Neill	1:23.10
'04	Yearly Report	General Meeting	Baffert	1:21.11
'03	Elloluv	Gilded Time	C Dollase	1:23.03
'02	Dancing (GB)	Spectrum (Ire)	Sahadi	1:23.07
'01	Golden Ballet	Moscow Ballet	Sahadi	1:22.30
'00	Penny Blues	Pentelicus	Gregson	1:23.38
'99	Honest Lady	Seattle Slew	Frankel	1:21.67

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Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:05 p.m. EST

SANTA YNEZ S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT)

PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ODDS
1	Candilejas <i>(Candy Ride {Arg}--Delicias Blues, by Grindstone)</i>	Robert & Lawana Low	Pillar Property Services Inc-KY	Mullins M Garcia	15-1
2	Nan <i>(High Yield--Trip Around Heaven, by Halo)</i>	J Paul Reddam	De Savino Stable-KY	C Dollase Nakatani	15-1
<del>3</del>	<del>Pinkarella <i>(Malibu Moon--Stormy Monday, by Storm Cat)</i></del>	<del>Flintridge Stbl/STD Racing</del>	<del>B Wayne Hughes-KY</del>	<del>O'Neill Rosario</del>	<del>SCR</del>
4	Spanish Ice <i>(Spanish Steps--Lemon Ice, by Sovereign Dancer)</i>	Martin Stables	Martin Stables-CA	C Dollase Flores	6-1
5	Empressive Lady <i>(Empire Maker--Racey Player, by A.P. Indy)</i>	Michael House	Gulf Coast Farms-KY	Mullins M Baze	4-1
6	Turtle Creek Babe <i>(Grand Slam--Cyclorama, by Theatrical {Ire})</i>	Barnett Stables LLC	B P Walden & H Sexton-KY	McAnally Espinoza	20-1
7	Deeveetee <i>(Doneraile Court--Diamonds to Me, by Belong to Me)</i>	Zal Hagopian	Huntington Stud Farm-ON	Casse Husbands	8-1
8	Evita Argentina <i>(Candy Ride {Arg}--Jealous Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat)</i>	Halo Farms/Three Sisters T'bred	Halo Farms-KY	Sadler Gomez	5-2
9	Alpha Kitten <i>(Tale of the Cat--Alpha Mama, by Unbridled's Song)</i>	Mr & Mrs J S Moss	Mr & Mrs J S Moss-KY	Sadler T Baze	9-5
<del>10</del>	<del>Real Fancy Runner <i>(Johannesburg--Really Fancy, by In Reality)</i></del>	<del>SJB Stable Trust</del>	<del>Judy Hicks/Nancy Yearsley-KY</del>	<del>Mollica Talamo</del>	<del>SCR</del>



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6:36p	San Rafael S.-GIII, SA	<a href="#">(brisnet.com PPs)</a>	HRTV
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**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:07 p.m. EST**

**SAN FERNANDO S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Muny	Najran	Puype	8-1
2	Wishful Tomcat	Tactical Cat	Frankel	8-1
3	Cherokee Artist	Cherokee Run	Motion	20-1
4	<del>Blue-Exit</del>	<del>Pulpit</del>	<del>Hollendorfer</del>	<del>SCR</del>
5	Booted	A.P. Indy	Mandella	8-1
6	Nownownow	Whywhywhy	Biancone	12-1
7	Madeo	Mizzen Mast	Shirreffs	3-1
8	El Gato Malo	El Corredor	C Dollase	6-1
9	Silver Sword	Smart Strike	O'Neill	30-1
10	Slew's Tiznow	Tiznow	O'Neill	7-2
11	Tres Borrachos	Ecton Park	Greely	12-1
12	Dakota Phone	Zavata	Hollendorfer	8-1

**Booted**, a \$425,000 KEESEP yearling, looks for his first stakes score for owner B. Wayne Hughes. Sidelined after running fifth as a maiden in the GIII Hollywood Juvenile Championship S. in July of 2007, the dark bay was fourth in a maiden race at Santa Anita last February, then was out of action again for 10 months. He graduated in a sprint on the turf at Hollywood Dec. 14, and followed up with an allowance tally going 1 1/16 miles on the synthetic at Santa Anita on New Year's Day.

San Fernando cont. p4

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**San Fernando cont.**

“Booted...chipped a knee in the Hollywood Juvenile, and cracked a splint bone in the race at Santa Anita,” trainer Richard Mandella remarked. “I didn’t want to run him on the grass, but I was facing a week of rain, so I went ahead and did it, and he won. Then he ran even better when I ran him long on the [Pro-Ride]. I’ve always thought he was a good horse. We’ll find out.” **Muny** capped off a three-race winning streak with a neck score over **Madeo** as a 10-1 outsider in the Oct. 25 GII Oak Tree Derby on the grass. Stretched to a mile and a quarter for the Nov. 30 GI Hollywood Derby, the dark bay gelding set the pace, but tired down the lane to be fifth, beaten just 1 3/4 lengths. The four-year-old broke his maiden



**Madeo** Benoit Photo

on the Del Mar synthetic in July. Still, trainer Mike Puype told *Daily Racing Form*, “I’m not comfortable about switching surfaces.” He added, “It’s hard not to take a shot. If he fails, he won’t see the [main track] again. But it was either this or sit in the barn.”

**Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 6:05 p.m. EST**

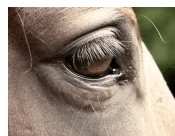
**SAN RAFAEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	The Pamplemousse	Kafwain	Canani	4-1
2	Fiddlers Afleet	Northern Afleet	O’Hara	6-1
3	Brother Keith	Johar	Frankel	5-1
4	Ryehill Dreamer (Ire)	Catcher in the Rye (Ire)	Shirreffs	12-1
5	Papa Clem	Smart Strike	G Stute	8-1
6	Square Eddie	Smart Strike	O’Neill	8-5
7	Charlie’s Moment	Indian Charlie	W Solis	10-1
8	Feisty Suances	Suances (GB)	Vienna	8-1

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:04 p.m. EST**

**MR. PROSPECTOR H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Kelly’s Landing	Patton	Kenneally	6-1
2	Granizo (Brz)	Ibero (Arg)	Malek	6-1
3	How’s Your Halo	Halo’s Image	Prichard	8-1
4	Black Seventeen	Is It True	Koriner	5-1
5	Ikigai	Whywhywhy	Ma Wolfson	3-1
6	He’s So Chic	Jump Start	Servis	5-2
7	Rollers	Stormy Atlantic	Tagg	4-1

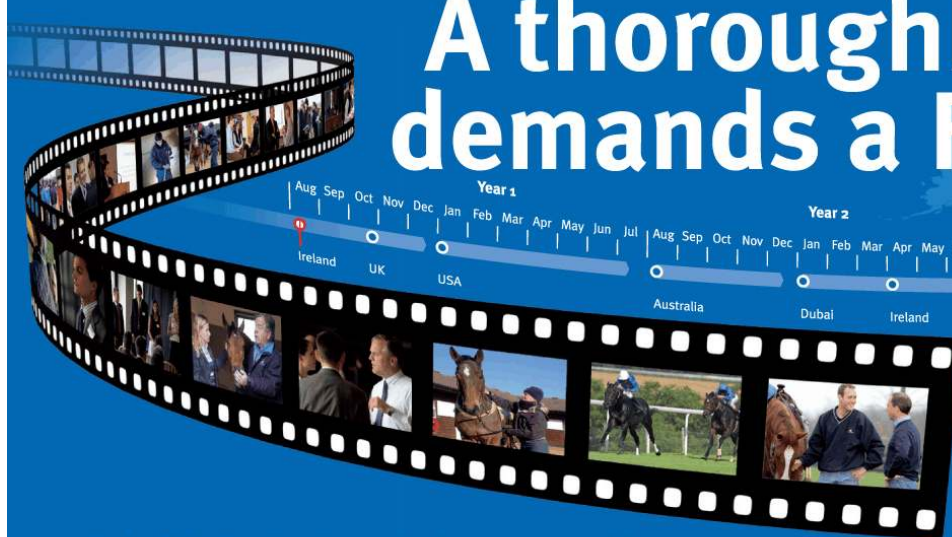


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Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand

FIRST SOVEREIGN TELEGRAPH H.-G1, NZ\$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Bulginbaah (NZ)	Starjo (NZ)	Cropp/Wilson	126
2	13	Jacowils (NZ)	Diamond Express (NZ)	Stead	122
3	17	Lord Turffontein (Aus)	Johannesburg	A Cummings	122
4	11	Mufhasa (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	McKee	122
5	2	Atapi (NZ)	Last Tycoon (Ire)	C & R Otto	121
6	6	Fritz Boy (NZ)	Brilliance	Macgregor	120
7	3	O'Cartier (NZ)	My Halo (Arg)	J & K Parsons	120
8	1	Pinsoir (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Duncan	119
9	18	Jazzella (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Logan/Gibbs	119
10	5	Ruud van Slaats (NZ)	Van Nistelrooy	Sargent	118
11	9	Manten (NZ)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Rogerson	117
12	7	Martini Red (Aus)	Red Ransom	Elliot	117
13	14	Il Quello Veloce (NZ)	Captain Rio (GB)	Sargent	115
14	16	Ketchiben (NZ)	Senor Pete	Champion	115
15	8	Maximum Star (NZ)	Howbaddoyouwantit	Campbell	115
16	15	Dashing Donna (NZ)	Don Eduardo (NZ)	Logan/Gibbs	114
17	4	Fully Fledged (NZ)	Align (Aus)	M/B Baker	114
18	10	Altered Image (NZ)	Strategic Image (Aus)	P/M Moroney	114

**Question**  
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The 2008 Eclipse Award votes have been cast, but the results won't be revealed until Jan. 26, and the Horse of the Year could go to several very worthy candidates. Who do you believe was the 2008 Horse of the Year?

**TRAINER RICK VIOLETTE JR:**



"Curlin. His connections were sportsmen--they took on all comers; they didn't duck anybody. They experimented with him, running him on the grass, and they shouldn't be penalized for that. That's no knock against Zenyatta--she's amazing. But she only ran once outside California, and she never ran against the boys. Curlin was the man last

year."

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**IEAH STABLES' MICHAEL IAVARONE (co-owner of Eclipse finalist Big Brown):**



"This year's Horse of the Year vote looks an exceptionally tough one, with Big Brown, Curlin and Zenyatta all deserving and dominant more often than not. Of course, I'm partial to Big Brown and I know he'll get deserved consideration based on his brilliance on the track--he gave us Derby Day and many more days we will never forget--and perhaps because of his charismatic nature and for all he brought to the fans and the sport we love."

**JEROME MOSS (owner of Eclipse finalist Zenyatta):**

"What can I say about Zenyatta? Only that she's perfect, absolutely perfect, and that we're thrilled and grateful to have her."

**GARY CONTESSA, TRAINER**



"Curlin, hands down. I don't think an undefeated filly should take away from what Curlin's done. I think Curlin's done it all this year."



Question of the Month cont.

**PATRICE MILLER, vice president, EQB:**

"Zenyatta. I'm a feminist. She's nine-for-nine, she has marvelous connections, ran her first race at three, and shows that there are more ways than one to skin a cat. But that brings me to what I feel is the most important honor--the leading owner.

"In my opinion, we have three primary "buzz" events in our business that stir insiders' souls and outsiders' interest: the Derby Trail, the Breeders' Cup, and the Eclipse Awards that sum up each year of racing.

"The Eclipse Awards are, to me, an opportunity to bring the whole of the racing game to the forefront; not just a few horses, but the whole industry. Clearly the Derby Trail and the Breeders' Cup do not even begin to represent the whole shebang.

"So, I have a little 'bone to pick' and would appreciate it if you would at least consider my thoughts.

"To me, the most prestigious, and most important award goes to the leading owner.

"Prior to my career as a bloodstock agent, I trained racehorses with modest success for 11 years. I kept between 30 to 50 in training, and I felt I represented the hard-working backside contingent, and dealt with, on a day-to-day basis, owners and breeders of both good and bad horses. Sometimes I had good news (if a trainer walks on water he wins about 25% of his starts) but I also had to share a respectable amount of bad news.

"I grew to respect my owners immensely, and appreciated their competitive spirit, their sense of humor, their concern for their stock, but appreciated their need to try to be at least somewhat businesslike. The good owners are the foundation of horse racing. The industry often forgets to acknowledge owners, and their character, as well as their performances.

"Hence my beef with the Eclipse Awards...especially the one for leading owner.

"This year the finalists failed to best represent, I felt, what is most important to our sport.

"So what IS a great owner?

"Is he just the guy who pays the bills? Is he the guy (group) with the best horse? Is he a breeder? A sportsman? A gambler? Is he involved in just racing? Does he (or she) hire the 'name' trainer?

"Are the same best-known and connected people supposed to be lauded year after year?

"What owner truly sports a resume that gives the horse, as well as our industry the best chance? Is it the wealthiest? The smartest? The most consistent? The luckiest?

"I didn't know or understand the criteria that determined who was nominated...and I'm an active long-time part of this industry.



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**Question of the Month cont.**

“The choices were Godolphin, not Darley, who dominated the auction and racing industry; Adena Springs, a racing operation that owns many of the racetracks where we compete, and employs the racing secretaries who vote from those tracks (even I can sense a conflict of interest here), and IEAH, a group of investors who buy already completely proven race horses at astronomical prices.

“So what happened to the third leading money-earning stable in the country, George Strawbridge, of Augustin Stables? Strawbridge has been a breeder for over 40 years, and has consistently been a participant in the auction arena, and a competitor for more than that amount of time who has shown patience, continued success, and durability...something this game needs badly. This past year, Augustin stables had a Breeders' Cup winner who won three Grade I races, has at least three of the best racehorses in the world, was third in the country with earnings, and campaigned numerous stakes winners. Shoot...he even rode races himself! Was Augustin not even worthy of being a finalist?

“And while ignoring Augustin Stables' efforts were bad enough, the worst is the complete oversight of the important Zayat Stables' contribution to our sport and business!

“Owner of the leading money-winning stable in our country this year is Ahmed Zayat, a smart entrepreneur, family man and U.S. citizen from Hackensack, New Jersey. Mr. Zayat came on the scene in July of 2005. He has been an innovator, as well as a passionate and consistent supporter of this industry in the auction ring as well as on the track. Zayat Stables has again and again driven the industry in the sales arena...and they aren't always buying the most expensive horse, so they are supporting the life and breath of our industry. Furthermore, he is stabled at almost every track of note in the country, uses the talents of several trainers, and supports the various tracks efforts by providing entries. Zayat horses are filling race cards at almost all the major tracks. And they are winning everywhere.

“While Zayat Stables didn't win their first race until September of their maiden year in 2005, by 2006, Zayat had his first stakes winner. In August of 2007, he was the leading owner by a landslide at Saratoga, set a track record there, and ran several horses in the Breeders' Cup. In 2008, he had two Derby entries, Breeders' Cup entries, and went on to be the leading owner in the country. He has piled up 17 graded stakes winners.

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**Question of the Month cont.**

“Why were Zayat Stables not acknowledged as a finalist for leading owner?”

We, in horseracing, desperately need to start to understand how the major sports are promoted, and get on board. But most importantly we need to acknowledge the players at the helm of our sport...the owners. We need to put a different "spin" on what is deserving of the top honors of our game.”

*Miller, a former trainer and steeplechase rider, is the vice president of EQB, a bloodstock agency and cardiovascular measuring service which was founded by her partner, Jeffrey Seder. Both Zayat Stables and Augustin are EQB clients.*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Voting for the Eclipse Awards is conducted among three industry groups: the National Turf Writers Association, Daily Racing Form and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, with voters from the latter group consisting of a combination of Equibase chartcallers, racing secretaries and directors of racing from NTRA member tracks. Those 284 voters vote in a one person/one vote process. There are asked to make first, second and third choices in each category, with a first-place vote worth 10 points; second place, five; and third place, one. The top point earners in each category are announced as the three finalists in that category. Winners are determined by first-place votes only.*

**Who do you believe was the Question of the month 2008 Horse of the Year?**  
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**HARLEM ROCKER OUT OF DONN** Four-year-old **Harlem Rocker** (Macho Uno), who was DQ'd from first and placed second in the GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H. last out Nov. 29, will miss the Jan. 31 GI Donn H., according to *Daily Racing Form*.



**Horsephotos**

“He had a temperature Tuesday, and it will force us to miss a few days of training, and you can't have too many hiccups coming into a race like the Donn,” trainer Todd Pletcher revealed. The conditioner also told *DRF* that the GIII Withers S. winner will be pointed toward the GII Gulfstream Park H. Mar. 14.

**MORE STAKES UPGRADES FOR IRELAND** Horse Racing Ireland yesterday announced the upgrading of the Diamond S. and Dance Design S. from Listed to Group 3 status following the meeting of the European Pattern Committee. While the latter, for fillies and mares over 1 1/8 mile in August, further strengthens the pattern program at the Curragh, the decision to boost Dundalk's Diamond S. marks new territory as the first group race to be staged on an all-weather surface in Ireland. Won last season by the subsequent Breeders' Cup Marathon hero Muhannak (Ire) (Chester House), the race is due to be run in early October is for three-years-old and up over an extended 10 furlongs.

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# op/ed

by bill finley

Fort Erie is like a lot of racetracks. It has slot machines, which make money, and horse racing, which doesn't. It seems that's no longer okay with the track's owner, Nordic Gaming Corporation, which is vying to end live racing at Fort Erie, a lovely little Canadian track that's been around since 1897. The slots, though, may not be going anywhere.

Will Fort Erie become the first racino to drop the "rac" and just have the 'ino?' That's apparently what Nordic Gaming wants, and how this story plays out could have a cataclysmic effect on horseracing. This is about a lot more than Fort Erie, a small-time track that caters to lower-end horses. It's about horseracing's uncomfortable relationship with slot machines and the possibility that Fort Erie could set a precedent, paving the way for other tracks to dump racing because it's a drain on what they really care about--slots.

Slots came on the scene at Fort Erie in 1999. The story in Ontario was the same as it was just about everywhere else. The legalization of slot machines at racetracks was justified because slots were needed to help the ailing racing and breeding industries in the province. It's right there for all to see on the Ontario Racing Commission's website, where it says: "The government confirmed its commitment to supporting economic development within the industry through two key commitments: Pari-Mutuel Tax Cut; Introduction of Slot Machines at Racetracks."

At first, everyone was happy. Slots were a hit at Fort Erie, the profits from the machines fattened purses and track owners were making enough money that they weren't about to challenge the idea that slots were there to help racing.

In time, the story changed. A competing casino was opened near Fort Erie on the U.S. side of the border. After 9-11, crossing the border into Canada became more difficult, cutting down on the number of U.S. citizens willing to head over to Fort Erie. The Canadian casinos had to adhere to strict no-smoking ordinances, something the nearby U.S. casinos didn't. Suddenly, Fort Erie slots weren't quite the cash cow they had once been.

With Nordic's profits from the slot machines down, the company started to make noise that it could no longer afford to support a money-loser in horse racing. In December, it announced that 190 employees who work in racing departments would be terminated Mar. 31. Nothing has been said about letting go of employees involved in the gaming end of the operation, a clear indication that Nordic wants to continue in the slot business without holding a live racing meet.

Sue Leslie, the president of the Ontario HBPA, is trying to keep that from happening.

"We will fight this tooth and nail," she said. "If there is no live racing at Fort Erie, then there cannot be slots. The whole basis of introducing slots at racetracks back in the '90s was to enhance live racing."

So far, the right people don't seem to be listening. No official word has come down from the Ontario government concerning whether or not Fort Erie can continue with slots without racing. That's troubling. The government should have come out with an immediate statement in which it said Nordic must race in order to stay in the slots business. Then again, what does the government stand to gain from seeing Fort Erie close all together? It shares in the slots profits, revenue it no doubt doesn't want to lose.

Leslie has taken the horsemen's fight to the government, imploring it to do what it can to save Fort Erie. She believes the answer to survival revolves around Ontario taking a smaller cut of the profits from the Fort Erie slot machines and funneling that money back to Nordic Gaming and/or to purses if racing continues.

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She is meeting resistance from those who say that would set an unwelcome precedent, prompting other tracks in the province to ask for the same sweetheart deal. There are slot machines at 16 other Ontario tracks--Woodbine--and 15 tracks that run harness racing exclusively.

Her job is to save Fort Erie racing and to keep the sport going there for her organization's members and for the hundreds of additional people who derive their livings from the track. But she understands there is something bigger at stake.

"We are very lucky in Ontario that Woodbine's board of directors is made up of racing people and that [Woodbine CEO] David Willmott has a long history in horse racing and is a big supporter of the sport," Leslie said. "They have slots there but will always believe in and want horseracing. But many racetracks are privately owned companies and aren't in the business to support horse racing. They're in the business to make money. It's easy to make money with slot machines. If you lose racing at Fort Erie and open the floodgates, you're going to have many racetracks across North America that will want slots only."

With few exceptions, the owners of virtually every racino in the country would probably love to get rid of horseracing. It's costly to run, it doesn't make anyone any serious money and it's a business that few believe will ever again be on the upswing. These people want to be in the slots business, not in the racing business.

The only safeguard horseracing has is the argument that slots came to be at racetracks in the first place because enough politicians believed the sport needed help. In Ontario, they're going to have to decide if that still holds, that there's no justification for racetrack slot machines at Fort Erie if they're not supporting Fort Erie racing.

What they decide could have a devastating impact on the sport's future. Could Fort Erie represent the beginning of the end of racing profiting from slot machines? Be very afraid.

☆ SALES NEWS ☆

**WHITE COLT TOPS KEENELAND DAY FIVE**

White Prince (Devil His Due), the fourth registered white offspring of Patchen Beauty (Hatchet Man), realized a final bid of \$60,000 to top Friday's fifth session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale in Lexington. Consigned by Rick Trontz's Hopewell Farm on behalf of the colt's breeder, Warren Rosenthal's Patchen Wilkes Farm, hip [1832](#) was purchased by Florida pinhooker Christy Whitman. Patchen Beauty, herself a registered white mare, raced as a homebred for Rosenthal, winning twice and placing an additional four times for earnings of \$54,268. All things considered,



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Trontz was pleased with the result, but was also realistic. "He's a lovely white horse with good bone and a good body, but I think it's his color that really got him sold," he commented. "I can't be too, too disappointed." Like many of his colleagues, it has been tough sledding for the Hopewell consignment this week, though it was represented by the successful sale of hip [252](#) during Monday's opening session. Triple Treasure (Gone West), the dam of MGSP Les Grands Trois (Officer) and Wannawinemall (Royal Anthem), was purchased by Gainesway Farm for \$180,000 in foal to Mineshaft. "The market has been no surprise to me," Trontz offered. "But the way things are going, maybe you could say that it's been resilient in a way. Good horses are still in demand and there are people here spending money. But there's no doubt, it's been tough." With today's sixth and final session set to kick off at 10 a.m., the cumulative average of \$27,581 is down by 52.6 percent from last year, while the median of \$10,000 represents a 58.3-percent decline.



**KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS  
FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 2009**

<b>SESSION TOTALS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Catalogued	408	380
No. Offered	289	302
No. Sold	244	239
RNAs	45	63
% RNA	15.5%	20.8%
No. \$200K+	0	1
High Price	\$60,000	\$380,000
Gross	\$2,050,200	\$3,766,400
Average (% change)	\$8,402 (-46.7%)	\$15,759
Median (% change)	\$4,500 (-47.1%)	\$8,500



**KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS  
FRIDAY, JAN. 16, 2009**

<b>CUMULATIVE</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Catalogued	1972	1886
No. Offered	1430	1503
No. Sold	1125	1145
RNAs	305	358
% RNA	21.3%	23.8%
No. \$500K+	3	11
High Price	\$950,000	\$1,700,000
Gross	\$31,028,000	\$66,678,700
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**ZENYATTA'S BC NTRA MOMENT OF THE YEAR**

The GI Ladies Classic (nee Distaff) victory by Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) to cap a perfect seven-race season was voted the 2008 National Thoroughbred Racing Association Moment of the Year. Her connections will be honored at the Eclipse Awards next Monday, when the unbeaten five-year-old is expected to be named champion older mare. She is also in the



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running for Horse of the Year. "The NTRA Moment of the Year award is a great way for the fans to play an active role in the Eclipse Awards ceremony," said Keith Chamblin, NTRA senior vice president. "Fans clearly love Zenyatta, and we are delighted to salute her convincing Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic victory as the latest NTRA Moment of the Year." Voting for the Moment of the Year took place at [www.ntra.com](http://www.ntra.com). Zenyatta's victory at the Breeders' Cup earned 24 percent of the votes, followed by the 18 percent tallied by Big Brown (Boundary)'s triumph in the GI Kentucky Derby and 15 percent for the tragic death of Eight Belles (Unbridled's Song) in the same event.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-GPX, \$41,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23, ft.**

1--**LING LING QI, 122, c, 4, Yonaguska--Holy Love, by Holy Bull.** O/B-Lansdon B Robbins III (KY); T-Kenneth G McPeck. Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-4-1-3, \$145,536. \*1/2 to My Great Love (Albert the Great), MSW-PR, \$164,943.

2--**Fidelio, 122, c, 4, Awesome Again--Betty B, by Devil's Bag.**

3--**Dragon Fi, 122, h, 5, Gulch--Tjinouska, by Cozzene.** (\$90,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '06 FTFEB).

Margins: NK, 1HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 1.20, 4.20.

Ling Ling Qi wrapped up 2008 with a third-place finish in an optional claimer at Churchill Nov. 22, finishing 3 1/2 lengths behind Fidelio. Shedding blinkers this time, the bay raced in fifth, took aim at favored Fidelio in front of the stands and bested him late by a neck.

**7th-GPX, \$37,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42, fm.**

**GRAND CASH (c, 3, Belong to Me--Splasha {MSW & GSP, \$208,438}, by Twining),** toiling in starter allowance company at Calder, ran third when switched to the turf on Thanksgiving before earning a win at that level Dec. 10. Let go at 12-1 here, the chestnut caboosed the field early, but began to advance approaching the far turn. He rallied widest of all and outkicked favored Rescue Squad (Dynaformer) by a length at the wire. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$45,095.

O-Douglas P Gibson. B-River Run Farm (KY). T-David A Vivian.

**TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS**



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**4th-GP (Msw) Battle Plan** (Empire Maker--Flanders) graduates in his second start.

**8th-FG (Alw) Timely Advice** (A.P. Indy) looks good in posting his second straight success.

**6th-OP (Msw) Be Fair** (Exchange Rate) recovers after ducking in sharply in her debut.

**STAKES CLOSINGS**

**TODAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 17:**

01-30 \$150,000 **Hutcheson-II, GP, 3yo, 7f (150)**

01-30 \$150,000 **Forward Gal-II, GP, 3yo, f, 7f (150)**

01-31 \$500,000 **Donn H.-I, GP, 4yo/up, 9f (500)**

01-31 \$150,000 **Holy Bull-III, GP, 3yo, 9f (150)**

02-01 \$250,000 **Gulfstream Park Turf H.-I, GP, 4yo/up, 9fT (250)**

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**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

**1:30p HRTV 1st-FG, \$42K, Msw, 3yo, 1m**  
**CAPTAIN CHEROKEE (Sir Cherokee)**, a 1/2 to champion Midnight Lute (Real Quiet), sold for \$150K as a yearling at KEESEP before blossoming into a \$650K juvenile at Barretts March last year. After a slow start in his Nov. 22 opener at Churchill, the dark bay rallied for second, and stretches out to two turns here. Trainer Steve Asmussen hits at 26% with his second-time starters. [brisset.com](http://www.brisnet.com) PPs

**4:00p HRTV 2nd-SA, \$53K, Opt. Clm., 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT)**  
**RUNFORTHEDOE (BRZ) (Our Emblem)** captured a Group 1 event going 7 1/2 furlongs in just his third outing in Argentina last May. Now with Bobby Frankel, the Stud TNT homebred is the latest from a very live family. The son of G1SW Court Lady (Brz) (Locris {Fr}) is a 1/2 to MGSW Molengao (Brz) (Royal Academy), GSW New Rochelle (Brz) (Ghadeer {Fr}) and G1SW Onefortheroad (Brz) (Ghadeer {Fr}), as well as Route Sixty Six (Brz) (Ghadeer {Fr}), the dam of GISW Double Trouble (Brz) (Wild Event). [brisset.com](http://www.brisnet.com) PPs

*Eastern Standard Time*

**Gulfstream report cont.**

**4th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37 1/5, ft.**  
**BATTLE PLAN (c, 4, Empire Maker--Flanders {Ch. 2yo, MGISW, \$805,000}, by Seeking the Gold)** showed some speed early in his belated Nov. 9 career debut, an off-the-turf maiden at Aqueduct, before fading to finish eighth. With several good works at Palm Meadows in the interim, the purple-pedigreed bay was bet down to 8-5 favoritism and lived up to those odds. The Overbrook homebred scrimmaged with Mt. Isa (Mineshaft) from the start, began to shake loose on the turn and kicked away smartly in the final panel to triumph by 7 3/4 lengths over Chief Bear (Chief Seattle); Mt. Isa faded to finish last of eight. Battle Plan is half-brother to Surfside (Seattle Slew), Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$1,852,987. His dam, heroine of an epic renewal of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in 1994, produced the El Prado (Ire) filly Wild Poppy in 2006 and an A.P. Indy filly in 2007. With no report issued following a mating to Ghostzapper that spring, Flanders produced a Bernardini filly this past Thursday. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,264.  
O/B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Todd A Pletcher.

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**Flanders in the 1994 Breeders' Cup**  
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Overbrook homebred never had the opportunity to show what she could do after her juvenile season, however, as she was vanned off lame after prevailing by a head following a lengthy stretch duel with Serena's Song in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs.

Battle Plan, her four-year-old son by Empire Maker (Unbridled), has taken a different path. After suffering a condylar fracture in his right front leg as a two-year-old, the colt didn't make his first start until November of his three-year-old season. And from the beginning, Overbrook believed he would improve with age.

"He was a tall and later-developing colt as a yearling," said Ric Waldman, stallion manager for Overbrook Farm.

Battle Plan is the ninth of 11 foals out of Flanders, who produced the 2000 champion three-year-old filly Surfside (Seattle Slew). He is from Empire Maker's first crop.

"[Empire Maker] was a very promising, hot young stallion," Waldman said of the decision to send Flanders to the 2003 GI Belmont S. winner. "Their conformations fit well, as did the pedigree cross. She isn't an easy mare to mate because of her pedigree."

In his debut Nov. 9 at Aqueduct, Battle Plan was fractious at the gate, then pressed the pace before he faded to finish eighth, 16 1/4 lengths behind the winner. Subsequently sent south to Florida, the bay raced prominently once again yesterday, but this time he never stopped.

Waldman believes Battle Plan will move forward with added experience and additional ground.

"That's perhaps where the Empire Maker comes in, as he got better as the distances got longer," Waldman said. "But [Battle Plan] has enough of his mother's precocity that he runs his races on the front end." -J.F.

★ **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS** ★

**IN FRANCE:**

**Country Davis**, f, 4, **Stravinsky--Dounine** (GB), by Kaldoun (Fr). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-16, Hcp, 4yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-EDY SRL. \*€26,000 wnlg '05 DEADEC; €52,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG.



## ★ EAST ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**9th-TAM, \$23,500, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.**  
**FIERCE WIND (c, 4, Dixie Union--Post Parade, by A.P. Indy)** rattled off three straight wins in Florida last winter for Four Roses Thoroughbreds and trainer Nick Zito, capped by a game score in the Sam F. Davis S. over this track and trip. Purchased privately by Halsey Minor afterwards, the dark bay faded to finish 10th in Big Brown's GI Florida Derby triumph last March at Gulfstream and hadn't been out since. The even-money choice sat in second, moved to the fore in the lane and came home 1 1/4 lengths better than Wayzata Bay (Roar). Firece Wind, a full brother to SW Rebel Yeller, was \$90,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-4-0-0, \$160,300.

O-Minor Stables. B-W S Farish, Hilbert Thoroughbreds Inc & Menard Thoroughbreds Inc (KY). T-William Phipps.

## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**DIXIELAND S., \$50,000, OPX, 1-16, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04, ft.**

1--**#SILVER CITY, 119, c, 3, Unbridled's Song--**

**Proposal (SP, \$115,021), by Mt. Livermore.**

(\$700,000 yr1 '07 KEESEP). O-Clarence Scharbauer Jr; B-Peter E Blum (KY); T-W Bret Calhoun; J-Miguel Mena; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$92,971.

\* 1/2 to Elope (Gone West), SW & GSP, \$122,576; and Initiation (Deputy Minister), SW, \$121,463.

2--**Dance Caller, 117, c, 3, Concorde's Tune--Call Me Dancer, by Gate Dancer.** (\$140,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR). O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations Inc. \$10,000.

3--**Regardless of outcome, 117, c, 3, Bring the Heat--Bridget Says, by Patton.** O-Wesley A Ward, Sanjesh Sharma, Brian O'Laughlin & David Sazegar. \$5,000. Margins: 4, 4HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.60, 14.20, 4.90.

Bet down to even-money in his career bow last June at Churchill, Silver City settled for third, but has been unstoppable since. He returned from a lengthy break to graduate on Keeneland's Polytrack Oct. 24, then added an ultra-impressive allowance score going six panels on the Churchill dirt Nov. 29; he earned a 101 Beyer Speed Figure in the latter event. Odds-on while shortening up a furlong, the iron grey breathed down the neck of Regardless of outcome



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from the start, took over when ready and opened up handily to collect his first stakes trophy. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

**8th-FGX, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 3/5, ft.**

**TIMELY ADVICE (c, 4, A.P. Indy--Confessional {GISW, \$827,638}, by Holy Bull)** broke through in his second try at Woodbine Sept. 4 before running third and fourth in allowance contests on that Polytrack Oct. 4 and Oct. 31, respectively. Tried on conventional dirt in his latest, the Pin Oak homebred bested local allowance rivals Dec. 12 and loomed an 8-5 choice this time. The bay came away a step slowly, but settled into stride at the rear down the backstretch. He sneaked into contention up the inside, shifted out in the lane and opened up to score by 3 3/4 lengths under minimal urging. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$109,980.

O-Pin Oak Stable. B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY). T-Malcolm Pierce.

**4th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.**

+ **BHANGALOO RUBY (f, 3, Peace Rules--Long Gone Lady, by All Gone),** a \$110,000 KEESEP yearling, matured into a \$250,000 OBSJUN two-year-old, the most expensive juvenile in her sire's first crop. With several bullets on the worktab, the New York-bred went postward as the slight 3-2 choice over Luster (Touch Gold) and stalked the pace while four wide. Luster turned for home with the lead, but Bhangaloo Ruby inched closer in the lane, collared her rival at the eighth pole and, after repeatedly brushing, made it to the wire a half-length in front. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200.

O-Avalon Farms Inc. B-New Dawn Stud LLC (NY). T-J Larry Jones.

**6th-OPX, \$34,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.**

+ **BE FAIR (f, 3, Exchange Rate--Go Donna Go, by Wild Again)** made just \$37,000 as a two-year-old at OBSAPR, with trainer Kathie O'Connell signing the ticket for Richie Rich Stable, but that was before the emergence of her half-brother Macho Again (Macho Uno), GSW & GISP, \$776,619, winner of the GI Jim Dandy S. and runner-up in the GI Preakness S. Debuting for different connections, the 5-1 shot settled in seventh. The dark bay saved ground while moving closer to the leaders, shifted out in the lane and looked to be on her way to a big win. However, she ducked in sharply once in front and jumped to the wrong lead. Jockey Chris Emigh straightened Be Fair out and she went on to graduate by 3 3/4 lengths over Labeled (Stephen Got Even). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400.

O-Thomas F VanMeter II & Charles Kidder. B-Milan Kosanovich (FL). T-D Wayne Lukas.



Central report cont.

**Bear Now Returns in Truly Bound:**

Millionaire **Bear Now** (Tiznow) goes postward in today's Truly Bound H. at Fair Grounds, her first start since being purchased by Town & Country Farm for \$950,000 at FTKNOV. Winner of the GII Fitz Dixon Cotillion H. at three, the dark bay added a score in the GIII Kentucky Cup Distaff last September before finishing eighth in the GI Ladies Classic at Santa Anita Oct. 24 in her final start for Bear Stables and trainer Reade Baker. She



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received a Sovereign Award as Canada's champion older mare. The five-year-old now resides in Al Stall Jr.'s shedrow. "She wants to be at the track," Stall told *Daily Racing Form*. "She's been very professional in the morning, and we're looking forward to seeing her run in the afternoon." [Click for the brisnet.com PPs.](#)

**Eclipse Winner Hidden Lake to Old Friends:**

Champion **Hidden Lake** (Quiet American), who had been scheduled to go through the ring at the Keeneland January Sale, has instead been retired and will head to Old Friends retirement facility in Georgetown, Kentucky. The 16-year-old was named top older mare in 1997 after winning the GI Beldame S., GI Go for Wand S. and GI Hempstead H. for owners Robert Clay and Tracy Farmer and trainer John Kimmel. She ended her racing career with seven wins from 22 starts and earnings of \$947,489. Purchased by Robert Evans for \$525,000 at the 2005 KEENOV sale, Hidden Lake produced the filly Long Lake (Distorted Humor) in 2006, but was barren in 2007 and 2008. The mare has four winners from her seven foals, but no stakes winners.

**Dam of Champion Xtra Heat Euthanized:**

Stakes-placed **Begin** (Hatchet Man--Crimson Charla, by Crimson Satan), dam of champion Xtra Heat (Dixieland Heat), was euthanized Jan. 14 at Pope McLean's Crestwood Farm in Lexington. She was 29. In addition to Xtra Heat, who was named champion three-year-old filly in 2001 after winning the GI Prioress S., GII Beaumont S., GIII Cicada S. and GIII Endine S., the mare produced stakes-placed Fit and Ready (Fit to Fight) and Bless Our Home (It's Freezing). Xtra Heat retired with 26 victories and earnings of \$2,174,635; her three foals to race are SW and GSP Southwestern Heat (Gone West), graded-stakes placed ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Elusive Heat (Elusive Quality) and stakes-placed X Rated Cat (Storm Cat).

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Yesterday's Results:

**7th-SAX, \$51,280, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08 2/5, ft.**

**AGGIE ENGINEER** (g, 4, **E Dubai**--Papalma, by Dixieland Band) was a first-out maiden winner at Santa Anita last February, but had competed just once since. The chestnut gelding made his return Dec. 20, running third behind ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Rail Trip (Jump Start), and was the 9-5 second choice to score here. Content to stalk A Lil Dumaani (Dumaani) through a half in :45.05, Aggie Engineer took over when they straightened for home and prevailed to best the pacesetter by 1 3/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$62,160.

O/B-Mr & Mrs Ward Williford (KY). T-Patrick Gallagher.

★ WEST ★

**Saturday, Golden Gate Fields, post time: 7:15 p.m. EDT CALIFORNIA DERBY, \$100,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT)**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Adriatic Moon	Malibu Moon	Specht	12-1
2	Revoluta	Distorted Humor	Hollendorfer	12-1
3	Feisty Suances	Suances (GB)	Vienna	5-2
4	Merus Miami	Friends Lake	Jauregui	8-1
5	Chocolate Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	Hollendorfer	9-5
6	Gallant Son	Malabar Gold	Lucarelli	7-2
7	Axel Foley	Officer	O'Neill	6-1

All carry 121 pounds.

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**Chattahoochee War to Hubbard and Associates:**

GSW **Chattahoochee War** (War Chant--Buffalo Berry {Ire}, by Sri Pekan) has been retired and will stand the 2009 season at Sue Hubbard and Associates Thoroughbreds in central California. The seven-year-old captured the GIII Transylvania S., setting a course record of 1:35.28 for about a mile at Keeneland. He also won the Hill Rise S., and was second in the GIII Virginia Derby and GIII Kent BC S. and third in the GI Secretariat S. Campaigned by Amerman Racing, the bay retired with a record of 15-4-5-2 and a bankroll of \$553,416. He will stand with no stud fee to approved mares for his first season.



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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**ACTION THIS DAY** (Kris S.), Sprendthrift, \$10K, 148/10/1  
12-TP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Kriseyes, \$25K ESM AY 2yo

**ANASHEED** (A.P. Indy), Questroyal at Liberty, \$5K, 38/5/0  
8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Sweetlandofliberty, 20-1

**BOLD TRUTH** (Seattle Slew), Buck Pond, \$5K, 19/1/1  
8-TAM, Stk, 7f, Bold Captain, 30-1

**CANDY RIDE (ARG)** (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 215/21/3  
8-GG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Chocolate Candy

8-TAM, Stk, 7f, Miles and Miles, \$57K OBS AUG yrl, 5-1  
11-TP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Karacuda, \$32K KEE NOV wnl  
6-SA, Stk, 7f, Evita Argentina  
11-TP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Dangerous Gal  
6-SA, Stk, 7f, Candilejas, \$17K KEE SEP yrl  
8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Jack Spratt, \$100K ESM AY 2yo, 6-1

**CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 278/42/0  
6-FG, Aoc, 6f, Chapel by the Sea, 5-1  
8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Cape Royale, \$50K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

**CONGAREE** (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/20/3  
5-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Wiggle and a Wink, \$45K OBS APR 2yo  
8-FG, Aoc, 1m, Belfast, \$16K TEX APR 2yo, 15-1

**CUVEE** (Carson City), Gainesway, \$10K, 205/21/2  
6-FG, Aoc, 6f, Cuvee Star, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

**DURING** (Cherokee Run), Claiborne, \$5K, 112/9/0  
5-SUN, Msw, 1m, De Cherokee maiden, \$35K FTK JUL yrl, 5-1  
8-TP, Msw, 1m, Pound the Rock

**EAVESDROPPER** (Kingmambo), Walmac, \$8K, 97/6/0  
12-TP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Maggie's Pleasure

**EVEN THE SCORE** (Unbridled's Song), Millennium, \$9K, 170/14/2  
11-TP, Stk, 6 1/2f, Uneven

**FRIENDS LAKE** (A.P. Indy), Airdrie, \$15K, 154/16/3  
1-FG, Msw, 1m, Red Dagger, \$22K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1  
8-GG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Merus Miami, \$100K FTK JUL yrl  
8-FG, Aoc, 1m, Doc's Friend, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**GREAT NOTION** (Elusive Quality), Northview, \$4K, 70/4/1  
7-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Great Love, \$3K EAS DEC wnl, 3-1

**HOT WAR** (In Excess {Ire}), Palo Verde, \$2K, 10/1/0  
10-SUN, Stk, 6f, Mylilmemo, \$2K NMX MIX wnl, 10-1

**JOHAR** (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 105/12/0  
7-SA, Stk, 1m, Brother Keith, \$150K KEE SEP yrl  
8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Rockin' Joe, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

**LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/35/4  
7-OP, Aoc, 1m, Special Heart, \$75K KEE SEP yrl  
8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Bear's Rocket, \$350K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1  
10-TAM, Stk, 7f, Vicki'sprideandjoy, \$17K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**MEDAGLIA D'ORO (IRE)** (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 251/20/4  
3-SA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Free Beer, \$100K KEE SEP yrl  
5-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Atalanta Velox, \$70K OBS JUN 2yo  
8-TAM, Stk, 7f, Medaglia d'Onore, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**MR. LIVINGSTON** (El Prado {Ire}), Bridlewood, \$4K, 75/5/0  
8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Livingston Street, 15-1

**OLMODAVOR** (A.P. Indy), Adena Springs South, \$10K, 116/13/2  
9-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Ellie Martin, 8-1  
5-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Copybreak  
6-LRL, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Clair Bear, \$5K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

**OMEGA CODE** (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 175/22/1  
3-GP, Msw, 5fT, Elusive Code, \$5K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1

**PERFECT SOUL (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 158/7/0  
3-SA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Hog's Hollow

**PLEASANTLY PERFECT** (Pleasant Colony), Lane's End, \$40K, 116/11/1  
6-LRL, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Shared Account, \$170K KEE SEP yrl, 3-2

**QUINTON'S GOLD** (Carson City), Doubletree, \$3K, 14/2/1  
6-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Quinton's First, 3-1

**ROAR OF THE TIGER** (Storm Cat), Hartley, 168/16/0  
10-TAM, Stk, 7f, Tiger Touch, \$14K EAS SEP yrl, 30-1

**SCRIMSHAW** (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 94/15/1  
7-OP, Aoc, 1m, Art Thief, \$6K KEE SEP yrl

**SEATTLE FITZ (ARG)** (Fitzcarraldo {Arg}), Buck Pond, \$7K, 68/4/0  
5-SUN, Msw, 1m, La Gaucha, \$19K OBS AUG yrl, 4-1

**SIR CHEROKEE** (Cherokee Run), Crestwood, \$8K, 55/3/0  
1-FG, Msw, 1m, Captain Cherokee, \$650K BAR MAR 2yo, 2-1  
3-SA, Msw, 1 1/16m, Infernal, \$45K BAR MAR 2yo

**SPANISH STEPS** (Unbridled), Martin Stables, \$5K, 103/10/0  
6-SA, Stk, 7f, Spanish Ice  
8-FG, Aoc, 1m, Escalon, \$45K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**STROLL** (Pulpit), Claiborne, \$8K, 56/9/3  
7-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Fast Eddie, 8-1

**SUANCES (GB)** (Most Welcome {GB}), Rancho Temescal, \$3K, 36/1/0  
7-SA, Stk, 1m, Feisty Suances

**TAPIT** (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/25/3  
12-TP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Tape Delay, \$50K FTK JUL yrl  
10-FG, Msw, 1m, Hightap, \$72K FTK OCT yrl, 9-5  
7-OP, Aoc, 1m, Poltergeist, \$30K TEX AUG yrl

**THE CLIFF'S EDGE** (Gulch), Vinery, \$2K, 124/13/0  
12-TP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Queen of Victory

**WHERE'S THE RING** (Seeking the Gold), Gardiner, \$4K, 109/5/1  
3-GP, Msw, 5fT, Hum This, \$71K CAN SEP yrl, 12-1

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

**IEAH to Sponsor Post-Eclipse Party:**

IEAH Stables will sponsor a party following the Eclipse Awards ceremony at the Fountainbleau Miami Beach Jan. 26. The party will take place in the Fountainbleau's new LIV nightclub. "We wanted to sponsor this celebration as a small token of our appreciation for the thrills that the industry provided us in 2008, and the fine work of industry organizations like the [National Thoroughbred Racing Association]," said IEAH's Michael Iavarone. IEAH is one of three finalists for the Eclipse Award as top owner.



★ BRITAIN ★

**GREAT LEIGHS TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

Racing at Britain's new racecourse Great Leighs is on hold after the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) denied the renewal of a temporary license to the track's management. Following the decision by the ruling body's regulatory committee on Thursday, the Essex venue's owner John Holmes issued a statement which read, "We are going through a restructuring process at the moment and as part of that we were operating under a temporary license. We successfully ran four fixtures this month under a temporary license, but the process has taken longer than we hoped. We applied for an extension to cover the next two [Jan. 22 and Jan. 29], but were told we had not supplied enough information. Because of the timing for entries, we have lost next Thursday's fixture. We are back at the BHA on Monday with a view to resuming racing from Jan. 29." Great Leighs was opened following a series of delays last April, becoming the first new track to open in Britain since 1927.



**MAGIC MILLIONS SALE CONCLUDES** A low-key seventh session closed the doors on the 2009 Conrad Jupiter Magic Millions Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast, with sales officials expressing satisfaction with the overall results given the global economic downturn. "It's been a great sale," declared Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester. "We were glad to have such strong figures after a very uncertain outlook leading into the new year. We worked extremely hard to attract the best possible buying bench to each day of the sale and we are sure those buyers have been delighted with the value on offer." He continued, "While the prices [Friday] in particular were much lower than those last week, the beauty of a Magic Millions catalogue is the variety of stock on offer--something for everyone. It's not an elitist type sale. We welcome everyone to the Gold Coast and we try to make sure there's a horse for all." A total of 118 yearling were sold during yesterday's final session for gross receipts in excess of A\$1.1 million. Hip [1185](#), a colt by Jet Spur (Aus)--Priced (Aus) (Alannon), led the way, selling for A\$50,000 to locally based Gavin Duffy. The bay was consigned by the Guanaba-based Klemley Park. Complete results are available on [www.magicmillions.com.au](http://www.magicmillions.com.au).

**SAKHEE'S SECRET TO THE OAKS** *Sakhee's Secret* (GB) (Sakhee), the champion sprinter in Europe in 2007, will stand the 2009 Southern Hemisphere breeding season at The Oaks in New Zealand for a fee of NZ\$15,000. Winner of five of his 11 career starts, the five-year-old won back-to-back listed events in 2007, then negotiated the jump to Group 1 company with aplomb, taking that year's G1 Darley July Cup over an international field. He made just three appearances last season, finishing runner-up in the G3 Palace House S. in May. He was retired after suffering an injury in the G1 Nunthorpe S. last August. *Sakhee's Secret* will stand as the property of a syndicate, which includes The Oaks, Cambridge Stud and Pencarrow Stud, among others.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

- 9th-FGX, \$46,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, a1mT, 1:40 4/5, fm.**
- ORDINARY NEWMAN (g, 4, [Afternoon Deelites](#)--Sardinia, by [Sunny's Halo](#))** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$69,750. O-J Cimo, K Davis & SYM LLC. B-Barry T Dreyfus Jr (LA). T-Thomas M Amoss.
- 6th-PHA, \$43,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.**
- SUPER SLASH (m, 5, [Smoke Glacken](#)--Ridinghood, by [Red Ransom](#))** Lifetime Record: 28-7-5-3, \$136,994. O/T-Peter Klesaris. B-Waterfalls Stable LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Percy Hope (Ide), MSW, \$428,397.
- 4th-GGX, \$40,920, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10 4/5, ft.**
- POWERS LISIS (f, 4, [All Thee Power](#)--Red Weather, by [Gallant Best](#))** Lifetime Record: 13-5-4-1, \$117,320. O-Peter Osuna & Michael Strohmaier. B-Michael Strohmaier (CA). T-John F Martin. \*1/2 to Reds Superstar (Falstaff), MSW, \$218,690.
- 7th-OPX, \$36,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.**
- FRENCH KISS (f, 4, [Hussonet](#)--Ornate {SW, \$177,972}, by [Gilded Time](#))** Lifetime Record: SP, 18-3-5-4, \$166,501. O-Anita Cauley. B-Anita A Ebert (KY). T-Gary G Hartlage. \*3/4 to High Heels (E Dubai), GSW & GISP, \$484,636.
- 5th-OPX, \$35,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.**
- NO SIREE (c, 4, [No Armistice](#)--Lively Dream, by [Lively One](#))** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$42,799. O/B-Equi-Par Inc (TX). T-Donnie K Von Hemel.



**8th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 1/5, ft.**

**HELLO POOCHI POOH (f, 4, Halos and Horns--Ninjetta, by Phantom Jet)** Lifetime Record: 20-3-5-6, \$78,188. O-John Alecci LLC. B-John F Fennessy (FL). T-John V Alecci.

**6th-DED, \$26,480, 1-15, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00 2/5, ft.**

**AGGRESSIVE GOLD (f, 4, Aggressive Chief--The Divine Miss Em, by Irish Open)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-8-3, \$78,820. O/B/T-Charles P Hukill (TX).

**8th-TAM, \$23,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55 3/5, fm.**

**SILVER ENVOY (m, 5, French Envoy--Karin Chriss, by Silver Hawk)** Lifetime Record: SW, 12-6-1-3, \$135,548. O-Peter A Lawson. B-Betty King (FL). T-Kirk Ziadie.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Comic Sparkle, f, 3, Comic Genius--Sutter's Sparkle,** by Mr. Sparkles. SUN, 1-16, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Buddy Albin (NM).

**Frosty Diamond, c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Heirloom Diamond (SW, \$132,200),** by Grindstone. GPX, 1-16, (C), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Gibraltar Group LP (KY). \*\$100,000 yrl '07 KESEEP; \$14,000 2yo '08 OBSMAR. \*\*Won by 4 1/2 lengths.

**A Flicker of Light, f, 4, Flying Continental--Encinitas,** by Theatrical (Ire). SAX, 1-16, (S), 1mT, 1:35 4/5. B-Nancy Yearsley & J Garvan Kelly (CA). \*\$40,000 2yo '07 BESJUN. \*\*Full to No Cal Bread, MSW & GSP, \$272,448.

**D' Wildcard, g, 4, Forest Wildcat--D'Enough (SP, \$117,547),** by D'Accord. GPX, 1-16, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41 4/5. B-Jaswinder Grover (KY). \*\$130,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL; \$180,000 2yo '07 OBSFEB. \*\*Full to D'wildcat, GISW, \$570,444.

**Littlebitlittle, g, 4, Littlebitlively--Miss Ternship,** by Premiership. DED, 1-15, (S), 5f, 1:00 2/5. B-Johnson Brothers Enterprise LLC (LA). \*\$3,000 2yo '07 EVDMAR.

**Cold Orient, g, 4, Orientate--Cold Chick,** by Unbridled. LRL, 1-16, 1m, 1:41 4/5. B-Hobeau Farm Ltd (FL).

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

GIANT OAK (Giant's Causeway), 5f, 1:00.40, 2/26  
HIGH SURF (Surfside), 4f, :49.80, 19/45  
MACHO AGAIN (Macho Uno), 5f, 1:02.80, 15/26

PALM MEADOWS

GEMSWICK PARK (Speightstown), 4f, :49.70, 7/10  
LARAGH (Tapit), 3f, :38.90, 9/13

SANTA ANITA

INDIAN BLESSING (Indian Charlie), 4f, :48.20, 15/52

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

**IN CHILE:**

**Ocean Polish (Chi), c, 2, Ocean Terrace--Polish Deputy,** by Silver Deputy. Hipodromo Chile, 1-15, Mdn, 1200m. O/B-Haras El Sheik; T-Hector Castillo.

**Sol de Invierno (Chi), c, 3, Muqtarib--Sol Vital,** by Jaded Dancer. Hipodromo Chile, 1-15, Hcp., 1000m. O-Stud Mariaesten; B-Haras Porta Pia; T-Ricardo Rojas.

**Centimo (Chi), c, 4, Catienus--Triple Threat,** by Roy. Hipodromo Chile, 1-15, Hcp., 1300m. O-Stud Rebels; B-Haras Mocito Guapo; T-Alejandro Padovani.

**Chica Doneraile (Chi), f, 4, Doneraile Court--Samsuma,** by Inchwood. Hipodromo Chile, 1-15, Hcp., 1000m. O/T Valentin Ubilla; B-Haras Sumaya.

**BREEDERS' EDITION  
EUROPE**

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 15.50, €20,000, 4yo,** 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:04.90, stn.

**MARONI (IRE) (g, 4, Oasis Dream {GB}--Miss Chryss {Ire} {SW-Fr, GSP-US, \$104,885},** by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 5 places, €41,150. O-Michel Perret; B-Janus Bloodstock Inc & Chevin Bloodstock Ltd; T-Francois Rohaut. \*€34,000 yrl '06 DEAOCT.

**ITALY, Naples, 17.00, 1-15, €13,500, 4yo/up, 5fT,** time: n/a, vhy.

**LE BARON JENNEY (ITY) (c, 4, College Chapel {GB}--Beverly Pepper {GB},** by Love the Groom) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-2, €44,880. O/B-Razza della Sila Srl; T-Luigi Riccardi.

**MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Comadoir (Ire), c, 3, Medecis (GB)--Hymn of the Dawn,** by Phone Trick. Lingfield, Britain, 1-16, Mdn, 3yo, 5f (AWT). B-J S Bolger. \*19,000gns HIT '08 TATJUL.

+ **Ercules (Ire), c, 3, One Cool Cat--Ravanello (Ire) (MSP-Ity),** by Spectrum (Ire). Naples, Italy, 1-15, Unraced 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-Allevamento la Nuova Sbarra Srl.

**Golden Runner (Fr), c, 3, Orpen--Nefouda (Fr),** by Neverneyev. Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 1-16, Mdn, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-F Bayrou & F Decourriere. \*€25,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.