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The Idea is Excellence.
POINT GIVEN Multiple Stakes Winner
She's Sensational Wins Glendale H.
(See ATW p11)

MOUSSE BEATS EDDIE ON THE SQUARE

Square Eddie (Smart Strike), winner last season of the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita, was the clear class in yesterday's GIII San Rafael S. in Arcadia. But it was **The Pamplemousse** (Kafwain), fresh off a maiden victory last month, who proved the fittest rival, scoring a mild, front-running upset. The massive gray colt came from 15 lengths last to finish a good fourth in his Oct. 4 bow going six panels over this surface, but fared slightly better next time, staying on for third in a 6 1/2-furlong test at Hollywood



The Pamplemousse *Benoit* Nov. 8. He put it all together in his first two-turn voyage, taking over after six furlongs en route to a 2 3/4-length graduation in Inglewood Dec. 14.

Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN RAFAEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, SAX, 1-17, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:35 1/5, ft.

1--#@**THE PAMPLEMOUSSE**, 116, c, 3, by Kafwain

1st Dam: **Comfort Zone**, by Rubiano

2nd Dam: **So Cozy**, by Lyphard

3rd Dam: **Special Warmth**, by Lucky Mike

(\$80,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$150,000 2yo 08

OBSMAR). O-Bienstock & Winner Stable, A Solis II, et

al; B-Clarkland Farm (KY); T-Julio C Canani; J-Alex O

Solis; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$89,280.

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Werk Nick Rating: C.

2--**Square Eddie**, 122, c, 3, **Smart Strike**--Forty Gran, by El Gran Senor. (\$200,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-J Paul Reddam; B-Kinghaven Farms Limited (ON); T-Doug F O'Neill; \$20,000.

3--**Ryehill Dreamer (Ire)**, 119, c, 3,

Catcher in the Rye (Ire)--No Way (Ire), by Rainbows for Life. (€26,000 wlng '06 GOFNOV; 41,000gns yrl '07 DONAUG). O-Marsha Naify; B-Kilfrush Stud (IRE); T-John A Shirreffs; \$12,000.

Margins: 2, 2 3/4, 6 1/4. Odds: 2.60, 0.60, 8.00.

Also Ran: **Brother Keith**, **Fiddlers Afleet**. Scratched:

Papa Clem, **Feisty Suances**, **Charlie's Moment**.

All In the Family...

Jockey Alex Solis, who broke **The Pamplemousse's** maiden last time out, found himself in a unique spot, riding not just for trainer Julio Canani, but for his son, Alex Solis II, a part owner of the colt. Drawn inside for his stakes debut, **The Pamplemousse** looked likely to stalk the pace of **Brother Keith** (Johar), but inherited the advantage when the latter drifted out badly around the clubhouse turn. **The Pamplemousse** clicked off a half-mile in a nifty :45.94, and had about three lengths at that time on **Square Eddie**, who was patiently handled by Rafael Bejarano. The odds-on favorite had to be driven along to take closer order after six furlongs in 1:10.07, but **The Pamplemousse** had the all the answers and was actually going away at the wire. "I'm speechless, I really am," said the winning jockey. "This horse has such a high cruising speed, I thought I was going [in] :24, :48. It feels like he's walking, he does everything so effortlessly. He was so impressive, when the other horses came to him, he didn't see them, he heard them and he just took off." Trainer Doug O'Neill was pleased enough with the effort of the runner-up. "He should definitely move forward off this," he said. "It was his first race in almost three months. Obviously, we wanted to win, but the main thing is for him to come out of this good and go in the right direction."

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ALPHA PERSONALITY

There may be two-turn races in her future as time ticks towards the first Friday in May, but for now, Jerry and Ann Moss's **Alpha Kitten** (Tale of the Cat) looked the part of a top sprinter, registering a convincing 1 1/2-length victory over top-weighted **Evita Argentina** (Candy Ride {Arg}) in Saturday's GII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita.

Saturday, Santa Anita

SANTA YNEZ S.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 1-17, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:21 4/5, ft.

1--#**@ALPHA KITTEN**, 114, f, 3, by [Tale of the Cat](#)

1st Dam: **Alpha Mama**, by **Unbridled's Song**

2nd Dam: **Desert Queen**, by **Wavering Monarch**

3rd Dam: **Seen and Silent**, by **Silent Screen**

O/B-Mr & Mrs Jerome Moss (KY); T-John W Sadler;

J-Tyler Baze; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0,

\$162,870. **Werk Nick Rating: A+ . Click for the**

[eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Evita Argentina**, 123, f, 3, [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)--Jealous Wildcat, by Forest Wildcat. O-Halo Farms & Three Sisters Thoroughbreds; B-Halo Farms (KY); T-John W Sadler; \$30,000.

3--**Nan**, 118, f, 3, High Yield--Trip Around Heaven, by Halo. O-J Paul Reddam; B-De Savino Stable LLC (KY); T-Craig Dollase; \$18,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1 3/4, HD. Odds: 1.50, 2.10, 19.20.

Also Ran: Candilejas, Deeveetee, Empressive Lady, Turtle Creek Babe.

Scratched: Pinkarella, Spanish Ice, Real Fancy Runner.



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The homebred filly was one of the more impressive and eye-catching maiden winners at Del Mar last summer, overcoming a sluggish start, then racing four wide into the lane before going on to a 1 3/4-length victory Aug. 30. Off seven weeks following that effort, the gray filly was the odds-on favorite for this track's Anoakia S. Oct. 19, and was closing late, but was forced to settle for a clear second. Given eight weeks to recover from that test, Alpha Kitten tried a route of ground for the first time in the GI Hollywood Starlet S. Dec. 13, racing closest to the pacesetter Laragh (Tapit), but weakening in the stretch to finish fourth, 5 1/2 lengths adrift of the frontrunner. Back to a more comfortable distance for this, Alpha Kitten raced in fifth, though never far from the front, for the opening half-mile, as Candilejas (Candy Ride {Arg}) set a sedate pace. Ridden along three wide into the stretch, she took command at the eighth pole and ran out an easy winner. Evita Argentina, giving the winner nine pounds under these allowance conditions, did not have adequate pace to close into, and did well to come from last to round out a John Sadler exacta. "There wasn't a lot of pace, and both my fillies ran really, really good races," the winning trainer commented. "I was worried when there were several scratches, because a lot of the speed went out of the race, but I thought I had the best horses." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#), the [brisnet.com PPs](#) or the [free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN FERNANDO S.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 1-17, 4yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:41 2/5, ft.

1--@NOWNOWNOW, 116, c, 4, by [Whywhywhy](#)

1st Dam: Here and Now (Fr), by Exit to Nowhere

2nd Dam: Aspalathus, by Spruce Needles

3rd Dam: Riviere Enchantee (Fr), by Riverman

O/B-Fab Oak Stable (KY); T-Patrick L Biancone;

J-Joseph Talamo; \$90,000. Lifetime Record:

13-3-3-1, \$781,120. *1/2 to Marche De Paix (Fr)

(Marchand de Sable), SW-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Dakota Phone**, 118, g, 4, Zavata--World of Gold, by Spinning World. (\$67,000 2yo '07 BESMAY). O-Halo Farms and Hollendorfer, Jerry; B-Cashmark Farms Inc & Dakota Stables (KY); T-J Hollendorfer; \$30,000.

3--**Wishful Tomcat**, 118, r, 4, Tactical Cat--Holy Wish, by Lord At War (Arg). O-IEAH Stables, Pegasus Holding Groups Stables LLC & Winter Park Partners; B-Anthony Grey (NY); T-Robert J Frankel; \$18,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 18.20, 17.30, 10.00.

Also Ran: Slew's Tiznow, Cherokee Artist, El Gato Malo, Muny, Tres Borrachos, Booted, Silver Sword, Madeo. Scratched: Blue Exit.

It had been a long time between drinks of water for Nownownow, who took the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, but hadn't visited the winner's circle since in six starts over the last 15 months. Fourth in the grassy GII Del Mar Derby Aug. 31, he was third in an Oct. 1 allowance over the Santa Anita turf, then returned to the barn of Patrick Biancone for a sixth-place effort in the Dec. 26 GI Malibu S., his first start on a synthetic track. Allowed to save ground from near the back of the field, Nownownow moved up inside on the turn, then was switched out for the drive. Wishful Tomcat, winner of the GIII Discovery H., was a forward factor throughout and took a clear lead past the eighth pole, but Nownownow came to him shortly thereafter and pulled clear. The winner is likely to make his next start in the GII Strub S. over nine furlongs Feb. 7.

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 1-17, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 1/5, ft.

1--@IKIGAI, 120, c, 4, by [Whywhywhy](#)

1st Dam: Contessa Halo, by Southern Halo

2nd Dam: Queen of Savoy, by Conquistador Cielo

3rd Dam: Jill of All Trades, by Codex

(\$35,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN; \$400,000 yrl '06 KEESEP;

\$470,000 2yo '07 BESMAR). O-Edmund A Gann;

B-Hedberg Hall Inc (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson;

J-Jermaine V Bridgmohan; \$60,000. Lifetime Record:

8-5-0-0, \$130,308. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for**

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2--**Rollers**, 120, c, 4, [Stormy Atlantic](#)--Elise', by Distinctive Pro. (\$60,000 yrl '06 FTNAUG; \$500,000 2yo '07 OBSFEB). O-Lael Stables; B-Mrs Gerald A Nielsen (NY); T-Barclay Tagg; \$20,000.

3--**Black Seventeen**, 122, h, 5, Is It True--Fuzzy Navel, by Strike the Anvil. (\$35,000 wlng '04 OBSOCT; \$50,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG; \$150,000 2yo '06 OBSFEB). O-Wind River Stables, Brian Koriner & Janet Lyons; B-Marilyn Lewis & Robert & Saronda Smith (FL); T-Brian J Koriner; \$10,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.70, 3.80, 2.20.

Also Ran: He's So Chic, Granizo (Brz), How's Your Halo, Kelly's Landing.

A \$470,000 Barretts March juvenile, Ikigai was unraced at two, and finished off the board versus special weight foes in his first two starts last term. Dropped in against \$32,000 maiden claimers, the chestnut colt cruised by 6 1/4 lengths in an off-the-turf test at Calder Aug. 23. He added an easy optional-claiming tally Sept. 11, and made it three in a row in the Oct. 4 Kaiser S. Ikigai stumbled at the start of the Nov. 22 Radarlove S., then rushed up to chase the pace before tiring to seventh. He was back on track in his latest, wiring the field in an off-the-grass allowance Dec. 13. First out of the gate here, he was head-and-head for the lead early, opened up daylight after a half in :45.46 and held Rollers at bay to the line.

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Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand

TELEGRAPH H.-G1, NZ\$1,000,000, Trentham, 1-17, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:07.39, gd.

1--▲**MUFHASA (NZ)**, 122, g, 4, by Pentire (GB)

1st Dam: Sheila Cheval (NZ), by Mi Preferido

2nd Dam: Silver Sheila (NZ), by Silver Dream (GB)

3rd Dam: Just Ours (NZ), by Just Whistle (Ire)

O-D L, Ms N N & S C Archer & Mrs D J Wright; B-C C E & J W Thompson; T-Stephen McKee; J-Sam Spratt; NZ\$625,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**. **Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Atapi (Aus)**, 121, h, 7, Last Tycoon (Ire)--Pride of Ingenua (Aus), by Proud Knight (Aus). O-J C & Mrs M A Thompson; B-Ingenua Breeding Syndicate & Blue Gum Farm Pty Ltd; T-R & C Otto; NZ\$200,000.

3--**Ruud van Slaats (NZ)**, 118, f, 4, [Van Nistelrooy](#)--Quintilla (Aus), by Danehill. O-E H & Mrs S A Abernathy, E G & Mrs M J Davies, M G Ring, B M, Mrs C N & Mrs F P Taylor; B-B M Taylor Trust & Trelawney Stud; T-John Sargent; NZ\$100,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF. Winner's Odds: 5.90.

Also Ran: Martini Red (Aus), Pinsoir (NZ), Turffontein (Aus), Fritz Boy (NZ), O'Cartier (NZ), Fully Fledged (NZ), Ketchiben (NZ), Maximum Star (NZ), Il Quello Veloce (NZ), Bulginbaah (NZ), Altered Image (NZ), Dashing Donna (NZ), Jazzella (NZ), Jacowils (NZ), Manten (NZ). Scratched: Keepa Cruisin (NZ), Elcee's Gold (NZ), Crossyourheart (NZ), Royal Duke (NZ), Brianna (NZ), The Pooka (Aus).

Mufhasa was an unlucky fourth in the G1 Easter H. last April, and notched a win in the Listed Kelt Memorial S. during the same campaign. After winning the G2 Coupland's Mile Nov. 12, the bay returned from a seven-week let-up to finish three-quarters in arrears of Jacowils (NZ) (Diamond Express {NZ}) when fifth in the G1 Railway H. Jan. 1 in his last start. Seeking a breakthrough score here, Mufhasa showed early speed and sat just off the leader, then surged to the front with 300 meters remaining. Trainer Steve McKee has pencilled in the A\$2 million G1 Doncaster H. Apr. 18 at Randwick in Sydney for Mufhasa's next start, and is looking to the A\$1-million G1 Stradbroke H. at Eagle Farm in Brisbane in June as well.

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Sunday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:07 p.m. PST

EL ENCINO S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT)

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Step Softly (GB)	Golan (Ire)	Cecil	12-1
2	Country Star	Empire Maker	Frankel	5-2
3	Magger Bags	Indian Charlie	Motion	20-1
4	Love to Siphon	Siphon (Brz)	Baffert	30-1
5	Lethal Heat	Unusual Heat	Abrams	9-2
6	Miss Singhsix (Ire)	Singspiel (Ire)	Gallagher	8-1
7	Czechers	Indian Charlie	Glatt	20-1
8	Life Is Sweet	Storm Cat	Shirreffs	5-1
9	Accopela Choir	Vicar	Cerin	30-1
10	Christmas Ship	Montbrook	Hollendorfer	20-1
11	Ginger Pop	El Prado (Ire)	Hendricks	6-1
12	Foxy Danseur	Mr. Greeley	Paasch	8-1

El Encino S. cont. p5

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Ginger Pop rates a long look this afternoon and arguably gets her first opportunity to do what she really wants to do--route on a synthetic surface. A two-time winner from six starts on the turf, the Thor-Bred runner was 10th in the grassy GI Del Mar Oaks Aug. 16, and was dismissed at 47-1 in the Dec. 27 GI La Brea S. over seven furlongs. She finished well for second, 1 1/2 lengths behind Indian Blessing, and stretches out to a more comfortable distance today. "She bruised a heel in the Del Mar Oaks," trainer Dan Hendricks noted. "It took us six weeks before we could train her again. Once she started training, she was better than ever. The time off gave her a little time to mature and catch up to herself." **Country Star**, winner of the 2007 GI Hollywood Starlet S., had a start-and-stop sophomore season, winning once from three starts. She makes her first appearance in the maroon and white of Darley Stable, and first since taking an allowance over the Saratoga turf Aug. 18. **Life Is Sweet**, a full sister to champion Sweet Catomine, makes her first start for the John Shirreffs barn and first since finishing runner-up in the GIII Sands Point S. on the Belmont turf May 31.

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

FIRST LADY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	WT
1	Slewfoundmoney	Seeking the Gold	Ma Wolfson	120
2	J Z Warrior	Harlan's Holiday	Mott	120
3	Orinoquia	Whywhywhy	Garcia	120
4	Game Face	Menifee	Pletcher	122
5	Any Limit	Limit Out	H Jerkens	122
6	Freedom Afleet	Northern Afleet	Collazo	120
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Monday, Santa Anita

SAN MARCOS S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cover Magic	Alymagic	Potts	115
2	Stream Cat	Black Minnaloushe	Talamo	119
3	Marsh Side	Gone West	Castellano	123
4	Ferneley (Ire)	Ishiguru	Espinoza	115
5	Medici Code (GB)	Medicean (GB)	Bejarano	115
6	Artiste Royal (Ire)	Danehill	Gomez	115
7	Obrigado (Fr)	Enrique (GB)	Rosario	115
8	Black Astor	Black Minnaloushe	Smith	115
9	Fitz Flag (Arg)	Flag Down	Flores	115
10	Spring House	Chester House	Solis	119

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GII San Fernando S. Nownownow (Whywhywhy)

gets his first win in over 15 months.

GIII San Rafael S. The Pamplemousse (Kafwain)

upsets odds-on Square Eddie (Smart Strike).

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The 2009 Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale wrapped up yesterday with another session of steep statistical declines, the victim of a disastrous economic crisis in all corners of the world and a catalogue which paled in quality to that of the previous year. When the dust had settled yesterday, the six-day turnover of



Island Fashion, one of two mares to sell for \$950,000
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\$32.8 million dropped by 53.4 percent and the average by 48 percent. The median of \$9,500 represented a 44.1-percent dip from 2008, when the January sale was conducted over seven sessions. Like most of the buying and selling public, Keeneland Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell saw this coming. "I think going into this sale, people expected this," Russell commented. "I think, going into November, people had expected a correction in

the Thoroughbred industry. The global financial crisis has magnified that to a level no one could have expected. I think people knew this was the year we were going to have a correction and people thought this was what was going to happen," Russell added. "The quality of this year's catalogue compared to last year's is dramatic. Last year was the third-largest sale we've ever had in January, with four million-dollar horses. This year our [co-] topper is \$950,000. That's where the difference is. Mixed sales are also always difficult to compare from year to year." Despite the rash of negatives, there were some things to be pleased with. Nearly four out of every five horses that went through the ring managed to find homes, and buyers from all over the map were active from start to finish. "The good thing is the trade and that the not-sold rate is down and that these horses are trading. That's a very good thing," Russell offered. "The tough thing is that they're doing so at low prices, but this is a cold, hard, cash sale. There is no liquidity in the world, so people are buying horses with what they have and that's reflected in the prices. The good news is that people are still interested in buying horses. Looking back over the last three sales, we've had buyers from 41 countries coming to Keeneland to buy horses." He continued, "Keeneland is the destination point for people to come and buy horses. For this sale, we've had lots of people from regional markets, from Oklahoma, Louisiana. They're coming up here and buying these horses at very favorable rates. Also, the good yearlings were very hard to buy, and any mare that had any quality about her--there were plenty of people on top of her. There was spirited bidding here this week."

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Catalogued	407	352
No. Offered	282	254
No. Sold	213	195
RNAs	69	59
% RNA	24.5%	23.2%
No. \$100K+	0	3
High Price	\$85,000	\$220,000
Gross	\$1,795,800	\$2,749,500
Average (% change)	\$8,431 (-40.2%)	\$14,100
Median (% change)	\$4,000 (-38.5%)	\$6,500
CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
Catalogued	2379	2,238
No. Offered	1712	1,757
No. Sold	1338	1,340
RNAs	374	417
% RNA	21.8%	23.7%
No. \$500K+	3	11
High Price	\$950,000	\$2,700,000
Gross	\$32,824,000 (-52.7%)	\$69,428,200
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290	Almonsoon	Racing/b'mare prospect	950,000
	<i>(6, Giant's Causeway--Garimpeiro, by Mr. Prospector)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Southern Equine Stables		
9	Elusive Diva	Giant's Causeway	825,000
	<i>(8, Elusive Quality--Taj Aire, by Taj Alriyadh)</i> Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bandoroff), Agent IV Purchased by Claiborne Farm, agent		
93	Jade Queen	Racing/b'mare prospect	450,000
	<i>(6, Giant's Causeway--Jade Flush, by Jade Hunter)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent Purchased by Summer Wind Farm/Jane Lyon		
59	Harbor Blues	Indian Charlie	310,000
	<i>(9, Petionville--Downtown Blues, by Seattle Song)</i> Consigned by Pope McLean (Crestwood Farm), agent for Everest Stables (Reduction Phase I) Purchased by James (Mike) Lauffer		



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SEVEN-DAY STATISTICS--2008)

CUMULATIVE	2009	2008
Catalogued	2379	2548
No. Offered	1712	1965
No. Sold	1338	1493
RNAs	374	472
% RNA	21.8%	24%
No. \$500K+	3	11
High Price	\$950,000	\$2,700,000
Gross	\$32,824,000 (-53.4%)	\$70,446,000
Average (% change)	\$24,532 (-48%)	\$47,184
Median (% change)	\$9,500 (-44.1%)	\$17,000

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863	c	Maria's Mon	La Cucina (Ire)	390,000
		<i>B-Domino Stud of Lexington (KY)</i> Consigned by Bluewater Sales LLC, agent for Domino Stud of Lexington LLC Purchased by Ferguson Valley Ranch		
658	c	Speightstown	Treysta	270,000
		<i>(\$165,000 in utero '07 KEENOV)</i> <i>B-B M Kelley (Ky)</i> Consigned by Bluegrass TB Services (J Stuart), agent Purchased by Diagonal Bloodstock		
25	f	Tapit	Fickle Factor	150,000
		<i>B-JMJ Racing Stables (NY)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXXVIII Purchased by Black Cherry Farm		
692	f	Songandaprayer	Zinfandoll	140,000
		<i>(\$95,000 in utero '07 KEENOV)</i> <i>B-Fox Straus KY (Ky)</i> Consigned by Brookdale Sales, agent for Fox Straus Stb Purchased by Koji Maeda		
443	f	Speightstown	Great Plains Lady	130,000
		<i>B-Janavar Thoroughbreds (Ky)</i> Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent Purchased by Chestnut Valley Farms		

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KEEJAN cont.

Weathering the Storm...

There is a rule of general physics that sales officials trust will apply to their future options--that what goes down inevitably will come back up. And Geoff Russell promises that, for Keeneland, it'll be business as usual. "I think [the economic crisis] is bigger than our industry," he said. "Our job is to try to find as many new buyers and people interested in the industry. It's something we do 52 weeks of the year. The fact that we had 41 individual countries buying here--we're doing our job. We need to keep identifying new markets and looking for niches in it and trying to recruit new buyers." Russell is taking nothing for granted, but is looking towards the potential installation of video lottery terminals at racetracks on the Kentucky circuit as something that can spur further interest. "We're probably going to have gaming here in Kentucky soon; it's hit Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York, and that's going to drive up purses," he said. "There is great interest in our sport. Yes, we're going through a very tough time because everyone is going through a tough time. We're just as susceptible to the global financial markets as everyone else. We just have to get through this."

Race Artist Tops Final Session...

Hip [2137](#), the 16-year-old mare Race Artist (Mr. Prospector), topped Saturday's final session, selling to Peter Blum for \$85,000. Consigned by Taylor Made Sales, agent for the complete dispersal of J. Mack Robinson, the bay mare was sold carrying a full sibling to SW & GSP Cherokee Girl and MGSP Cherokee Artist. Hip [2176](#), believed to be the first palomino Thoroughbred ever offered at Keeneland, was purchased by Dr. Naveed Chowhan for \$14,000. The Ballado Chieftan filly was consigned by Triple B Stables. Taylor Made was the leading consignor over the six days of the auction, selling 192 horses for total gross receipts of \$5,665,600. Michael Moreno's Southern Equine Stables was the leading buyer, taking home eight horses for \$1,700,000.



☆ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ☆

Patti Miller, a consultant for a company that supplies data to two of racing's leading owners in 2008, wrote a piece published in *TDN* that sought to make a case for their inclusion on the list of those being considered for an Eclipse Award as owner of the year. She mentioned Augustin Stable and Zayat Stables. The Augustin Stable definitely deserved, and most likely received, recognition from those charged with the task of coming up with the three finalists, because George Strawbridge enjoyed a very successful season. Zayat Stables also enjoyed a fine season. But Zayat did it with numbers and not quality. The fact that Ahmed Zayat is a U. S. citizen who lives in Hackensack, New Jersey, is not the least bit significant, nor is it relevant to the issue at hand. Neither is how many horses his many trainers have entered at how many different tracks. What is important is how many potential champions he had in his stable. Putting the knock on IEAH Stable for winning with horses they bought privately for gobs and gobs of money does not in the slightest deter from the phenomenal season they fashioned, the same way The Thoroughbred Corporation's victory in the Kentucky Derby with the recently acquired War Emblem did not tarnish its triumph in the "Run for the Roses." What counts in this game is not effort or participation or support or spending, but results at the highest level. Patrice, your blatant promotion on behalf of Mr. Zayat does him no service. He does not need to be pumped up by somebody who is one of his consultants. When his stable is ready to be on the list of the top three owners worthy of an Eclipse Award, he will know it. Your comment reminded me of the time that Nick Zito sought some sort of special recognition for Tracy Farmer when that owner first began participating in racing on a high level. When a turf writer questioned the exact reason for recognition for Mr. Farmer, Zito replied that he had spent a lot of money. Like it or not, this game is about one thing and one thing only, and it is what makes this endeavor so exacting, rewarding, exquisite, exciting, elegant, maddening and challenging--it's the finish line. -Barry Irwin

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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

CHRB KEYING ON TRACK SAFETY On the heels of several breakdowns during the opening weeks of the Santa Anita meeting, the California Horse Racing Board is coordinating studies to determine if there is any relationship between racing surfaces and equine injuries in an attempt to improve and safeguard the surfaces, decrease injuries and meet the CHRB's statutory obligation to develop track safety standards. In a report to racing commissioners at Santa Anita Thursday, CHRB Executive Director Kirk Breed outlined the key points:

- The Board will, subject to funding approval, contract, equip and train personnel for the inspection of all racing surfaces, turf, dirt and synthetic alike. In consultation with Dr. Mick Peterson of the University of Maine, objective track measurements will eventually be correlated to injuries. The Board has named a safety steward for each track to assist in the effort.
- Extensive use will be made of the new equine injury reporting database provided by The Jockey Club's InCompass system, which records racing and training data and the surfaces on which injuries occur. Dr. Rick Arthur, medical director for the CHRB, has been working on this project. In his presentation before the Board Thursday, Arthur reported that horse racing is losing about 3 to 4 percent of its horse population each month at a cost of \$100 million monthly, though it is not clarified as to the reasons for exiting the population.
- Private vets will be asked to confidentially report injuries which do not ordinarily come to the attention of the official vets and to report the same to the InCompass database. This is a "stand-alone" project headed by Dr. Wayne McIlwraith of Colorado State University and Dr. Jeff Blea, the president of the Southern California Equine Foundation.
- Biomechanical testing will be conducted. A machine, designed by Dr. Peterson, is used which simulates the action of the hoof striking the surface and/or and instrumented shoe on a horse. Both processes can measure variables such as surface compaction, the degree of slide and where energy is released.


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6:36p HRTV 7th-SA, \$56K, Alw/Opt Clm, 4yo/up, 1mT
FLUKE (BRZ) (Wild Event) makes his U.S. bow for trainer Bobby Frankel and owner Patricia Bozano. The four-year-old broke his maiden by 9 1/4 lengths last February and came back to take a Group 3 event in March. Off at 3-5 in the May 18 G1 GP Juliano Martins at a mile on the lawn at Ciudad Jardim, the dark bay colt finished second by 1 1/4 lengths. He has not been out since. **Patch of Blue (Mr. Greeley)** makes his first appearance since winning an optional claimer on the turf at Oak Tree in September of 2007. The five-year-old is the first foal out of Blue Moon (Fr) (Lomitas {GB}), winner of the GII Buena Vista and runner-up in the GI QEII Challenge Cup. **Il Girasole (Lemon Drop Kid)**, a \$300K KEESEP purchase for Alex Campbell Jr, graduated in his career opener on the turf at Saratoga in August of 2007, beating Adriano by 3/4 of a length. Sidelined for more than a year after that effort, he returned to take a Hollywood allowance test Dec. 7, and looks to make it three-for-three here. [brisnet.com PPs](http://brisnet.com)

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- The official horseshoe inspector at Santa Anita has been keeping records of the various types of shoes worn by horses as they arrive at the receiving barn ahead of a race. This practice is to be formalized, better documented and expanded to other tracks.
 - A pre-race database is being established. This will contain all information noted by the official veterinarian during the required exam of all horses entered to race. When correlated to subsequent injuries, it is believed this information could help identify horses at greater risk of injury.

Commissioners also asked Dr. Arthur about injuries in general on synthetic surfaces. He responded that information gathered thus far has been most reliable for racetrack fatalities and not on less severe injuries. His most recent analysis, which ran through June 2008, indicated a decrease in catastrophic injuries on synthetic surfaces as compared to the dirt tracks they replaced. Dr. Arthur is in the process of preparing an update for the second half of 2008. At the request of the Jockeys' Guild and the California Horsemen's Safety Alliance, the Board tabled a proposal which would mandate the use of safety reins at California tracks. The Board also deferred action on a proposal to prohibit toe grabs greater than two millimeters in height on the front shoes. The current limit is four millimeters.



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Laragh Back on Worktab:

GI Hollywood Starlet S. winner **Laragh** (Tapit) had her first breeze of the new year Friday, going three-eighths in :38.90 at Palm Meadows. It has not yet been decided where the filly will make her three-year-old bow, but the GI Kentucky Oaks on the first Friday in May is her major spring target. "She came out of the Starlet in great shape and she's just getting started," trainer John Terranova said. "We have no solid plans in the works for her as to where we kick off her campaign. We do have big plans, but we just don't have a starting point." The winner of the Jessamine S. and third in the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, Laragh has a record of 6-3-0-1 and earnings of \$509,465. She has yet to start on conventional dirt, but Terranova said, "She's always been fantastic training on dirt."



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Nicanor Nears Debut:

Nicanor (Dynaformer), the three-year-old full brother to GI Kentucky Derby hero Barbaro, worked a half in :50 2/5 on the main track at Palm Meadows yesterday morning, and is likely to make his debut at the end of the month. Trainer Michael Matz said the colt is doing "terrific," adding, "He has really matured a lot in the last month." Matz has a number of ways to go with the Lael Stable's homebred. "We're not sure if [his first start] will be at seven-eighths or a mile," he remarked. "If we want to start on the turf, we can do that, because he works equally as well there. We have options. We just need the race to come up."

Sunday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:35 p.m. ET

SWEETEST CHANT S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Ameribelle	Medaglia d'Oro	Plesa Jr	6-1
2	Hopeful Image	Gulch	Procino	20-1
3	Sugar Mom	Monarchos	Catalano	8-1
4	Weekend Strike	Smart Strike	Pletcher	3-1
5	Saar Treaty	Saarland	Hills	10-1
6	Exe	Exchange Rate	Plesa Jr	6-1
7	Just Livin a Dream	Trippi	Ritvo	12-1
8	C Karma	Exchange Rate	Gannes	12-1
9	Oilgonewile	Montbrook	Galascibetta	12-1
10	Banker's Choice	Canadian Frontier	Wilkes	4-1
11	Sweetsaintomine	Sweetsouthernsaint	White	10-1

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Mark Johnson

Accomplishment: Churchill Downs selected Johnson to become the sixth announcer in the track's history. Johnson-- who replaces the late Luke Kruytbosch-- will assume full-time announcing duties Apr. 25 with the start of the Spring Meet.
Birthdate: Feb. 7, 1966.
Birthplace: Skegness, Lincolnshire, England.
Current Residence: East Twickenham, London, England.
Education: BA (Honors) in Television, Film & Theater Studies from King Alfred's College; post graduate degree in Radio Journalism from the London College of Printing.

You were named Churchill's new announcer Jan. 15. You're getting married to your longtime girlfriend Katherine Heptonstall Jan. 28.

What's your encore for February? We're not really having a honeymoon. The Saturday after we get back, I'm announcing a meet at a 2 1/4-mile jump track. The horses almost disappear. It's in the middle of Salisbury Plain and is about a mile from Stonehenge. Katherine will be there helping me.

Who was your biggest idol growing up? Sir Peter O'Sullivan. He was like the Tom Durkin or Chic Anderson, the voice of all the big races.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be and why? I've always had a real interest in the American West from watching films and reading books. It'd probably be General George Armstrong Custer to ask about what really happened!

What was the first concert you ever attended? The first major concert I can remember is when Sting first went solo from The Police, which was at the Royal Albert Hall.

First job? After I left the university and went post graduate, I worked for about three weeks as a general news reporter for the BBC Radio, based in the city of Southampton. That made me very nearly stir-crazy!

What has been your favorite race call from you career? It was 1996 and it was the last race of the first day I called at the Cheltenham Festival. It was a hurdle race with 24 runners going three miles. A.P. McCoy was just beginning to make his name as a jumps jockey. He was on a horse called Unsinkable Boxer, one of the heaviest-backed horses in the history of the festival. McCoy jumped this horse off in last place. For the first circuit, he didn't move. As they went down the backstretch for a final time, McCoy started to pick horses off, weaving his way through. He was in 10th at the top of the hill, and I basically wound the crowd up and called him as the winner at that point. He was just cruising! I played with the crowd like a kid with a yo-yo.

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Yesterday's Results:

DANIA BEACH S., \$100,000, GPX, 1-17, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm.

1--#**JACK SPRATT**, 116, c, 3, by [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)

1st Dam: **Mayapple**, by **Miner's Mark**

2nd Dam: **Timber Ribbon**, by **Cox's Ridge**

3rd Dam: **Syndaar (Fr)**, by **Lyphard**

(\$120,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY). O-Sand Dollar Stable LLC, Skychai Racing LLC, Golden Goose Stable & Conway; B-Nikolaus Bock & Lee McMillin (KY); T-Michael J Maker; J-Julien R Leparoux; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$101,052. *4th SW for sophomore sire (by Ride the Rails). **Werk Nick Rating: B+**. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Lime Rickey**, 116, c, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Kootenai, by Deputy Minister. (\$70,000 yrl '07 FTSAUG). O-Dogwood Stable. \$20,000.

3--**Beacon Hill Road**, 116, c, 3, [Forestry](#)--Road to the Ball, by Cahill Road. (\$110,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Char-Mari Stable. \$10,000.

Margins: HF, NO, HD. Odds: 14.40, 17.10, 39.80.

Jack Spratt graduated by a nose in his fourth start over the Churchill sod Nov. 1, then closed out his two-year-old campaign with a third-place finish in the Grand Canyon H. Nov. 29. Overlooked in this one, he raced in fifth for most of the way after breaking from post 13 and rallied to the front in the stretch to take it in a wild finish. "Breaking from the [outside] post, I knew the break would be key," jockey Julien Leparoux explained. "He broke good and I was able to settle behind and save ground. We got going around the turn and finished strong the rest of the way. I felt pressure the entire way. It wasn't an easy race. There were definitely a lot of quality horses around me." According to trainer Mike Maker, Jack Spratt will point toward the Feb. 14 Hallandale Beach S. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

3rd-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 5fT, :56 4/5, fm. **JEHAN** (f, 3, [Forest Wildcat](#)--Classy Date, by Saint Ballado) completed the exacta in her last two starts--in the Churchill mud Nov. 16 and over the Turfway Polytrack Dec. 13. Trying grass for the first time here, the 8-5 chalk kept 30-1 Hold 'Em Slew (Hold That Tiger) within her scope through quick fractions of :21.87 and :44.99, and fought her way to the front late to take it by a length. The victress was a \$150,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-2, \$50,450.

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8th-GP (DANIA BEACH S.) Jack Spratt (Candy Ride {Arg}) takes it in a wild finish.

8th-AQU (EVENING ATTIRE S.) Barrier Reef (Mizzen mast) makes it two in a row.

6th-LRL (ALW) Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect) rolls by seven to remain unbeaten.

6th-FG (ALW) Nuclear Wayne (Mineshaft) wins his second straight at Fair Grounds.

1st-FG (MSW) Captain Cherokee (Sir Cherokee), half-brother to champion Midnight Lute, graduates in style.

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Yesterday's Results:

EVENING ATTIRE S., \$67,795, AQU, 1-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--**BARRIER REEF**, 119, c, 4, **Mizzen Mast**--Partyship, by **Premiership**. (\$90,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$350,000 2yo '07 BESMAR). O-Darley Stable; B-Matthew R Herbener (KY); T-Thomas Albertrani; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$41,457. Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-2, \$184,087. *1/2 to Artic Party (Eskimo), SP, \$323,397.

2--**Broadway Producer**, 119, h, 6, Not for Love--Lucky Sword, by Sword Dance (Ire). (\$52,000 yrl '04 FTMOCT). O-Sovereign Stable & Gatsas Stables. \$13,819.

3--**Brilliant Son**, 119, h, 6, Stormin Fever--Newmar, by Salt Lake. (\$120,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-James J Barry & Vincent Papandrea. \$6,950.

Margins: NK, 1, 4 1/4. Odds: 1.50, 4.50, 1.60.

Barrier Reef, tabbed as a **TDN Rising Star** at two following a win over this surface, added a score in the Whirlaway S. last winter for Tom Albertrani before transferring to Godolphin. However, the grey failed to



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sparkle in four starts whilst flying the famed blue colors, and was given some time to regroup following a sixth-place finish in an optional claimer at Saratoga Aug. 23. Back with Albertrani, Barrier Reef swooped to capture an optional

claimer over track and trip Jan. 2, and was favored to continue his love affair with the winterized surface. Allowed to settle into stride, the four-year-old raced at the back of the pack before putting in his usual wide rally on the far turn. He entered the lane on even terms with Broadway Producer and, after a prolonged battle, just bested that rival in the final strides. "I thought he would go by a little easier, but the other horse [Broadway Producer] was really digging in," said Andy Rehm, assistant to Albertrani. "He's had a tendency to make a big move and then stick there, but [jockey] Ramon [Dominguez] said that wasn't it, the other horse came back. You worry about 15 days off a lifetime top, but there was no reason not to run him. We let him dictate. It was a good horse race." Rehm indicated that Barrier Reef would likely go next in the nine-furlong Stymie H. Feb. 28. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

5th-AQU, \$46,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41 3/5, ft.

FATHER TIM (h, 5, **Distorted Humor**--Lightly Go Lightly, by **Habitony**), a full brother to Crackup, MSW, \$290,088, was sidelined following three unplaced efforts for trainer David Hofmans in the Golden State last winter. After an eight-month hiatus, the Cal-bred ran seventh in his first outing for Kiaran McLaughlin Oct. 11 at Belmont, but came back to post a pair of runner-up efforts in off-the-turf contests at Aqueduct Nov. 9 and Nov. 30. He put it all together with a 7 3/4-length success over the inner track Dec. 26, and was 4-1 third choice here. Forced to check slightly at the start, the dark bay recovered to boast a clear lead approaching the turn and remained resolutely in front to hand More Than a Reason (More Than Ready) a 1 1/4-length decision. Father Tim was \$140,000 KEESEP yearling and an \$850,000 KEEAPR juvenile. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$79,267.

O-Mr & Mrs William K Warren Jr. B-Malibu Valley Farms Inc (CA). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

GASPARILLA S., \$65,000, TAM, 1-17, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft.

1--**#ROCK CANDY**, 116, f, 3, by **Mineshaft**

1st Dam: **Party Chatter**, by **Pleasant Colony**

2nd Dam: **Pat Us**, by **Caucasus**

3rd Dam: **Patelin**, by **Cornish Prince**

O-W S Farish & Mrs William S Kilroy; B-W S Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY); T-Michael Zwiesler; J-Carlos Montalvo; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$40,448.

2--**Vicki'sprideandjoy**, 116, f, 3, **Lion Heart**--Dancing Prism, by Sovereign Dancer. (\$10,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT). \$10,000.

3--**Market Vendor**, 116, f, 3, Migrating Moon--Sweet Twiney Winey, by Twining. \$12,500.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2, NK. Odds: 4.10, 5.10, 23.20.

Rock Candy made two starts for Neil Howard, but failed to lift a hoof in either--an Aug. 28 maiden at Saratoga and a Nov. 6 contest at Churchill--and was sent to Mike Zwiesler at Tampa. The chestnut turned things around with a four-length graduation over the tricky surface Dec. 27, and was the third choice while taking on winners for the first time here. Never too far back, the homebred found room on the rail in the lane and drew clear late. "She's really a push-button type filly," said Zwiesler. "She's very easy to train, and this is a big step. We thought we'd take a shot because she's been training so well. It worked out!" Rock Candy may go next in the Suncoast S. Feb. 14. "It seems like she'll run all day, but we'll just have to take it step by step," her trainer added.

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East Report cont.

PASCO S., \$75,000, TAM, 1-17, 3yo, 7f, 1:23, ft.

1--**#MUSKET MAN**, 122, c, 3, by [Yonaguska](#)

1st Dam: Fortuesque (SP, \$116,915), by Fortunate Prospect

2nd Dam: Flambeau, by Dixieland Band

3rd Dam: Moment's Prayer, by For the Moment

(\$15,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Eric Fein & Vic Carlson; B-Jim E Nelson & Sergio De Sousa (KY); T-Derek S Ryan; J-Luis Antonio Gonzalez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$87,600. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**.

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2--**General Quarters**, 116, c, 3, [Sky Mesa](#)--Ecology, by Unbridled's Song. (\$20,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). \$10,000.

3--**Miles and Miles**, 116, c, 3, [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)--Upper Miles, by Polish Navy. (\$57,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG). \$17,500.

Margins: 1, 8 1/4, 4. Odds: 1.50, 2.10, 6.40.

Musket Man came from just off the pace to succeed at first asking Oct. 25 at Belmont and overcame trouble to prevail in a Philly Park allowance Nov. 18. Getting Lasix for the first time here, the crowd's choice settled in third, ranged up to take the lead turning for home and repulsed a challenge from General Quarters to preserve his perfect record. "We came down here with this race in mind, and as soon as we got here we gave him a little break," said winning trainer Derek Ryan. "When we were getting him ready for this race, he was working great; I usually have a workhorse with him, but I'm running out of workhorses that can keep up with him!" It's likely that the colt will stretch out next in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 14 at Tampa Bay. "He's got an awful lot of talent, and he's a very laid-back horse," Ryan said when asked how his charge would handle added distance. "Because of his disposition, I don't think he'll have any trouble with the distance."

6th-LRL, \$29,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$45,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, a1 1/16m, 1:46, ft.

SHARED ACCOUNT (f, 3, [Pleasantly Perfect](#)--Silk n' Sapphire, by Smart Strike), a \$170,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, got the job done by 1 1/2 lengths in her bow going a mile at Laurel Oct. 31, and was given the rest of the year off. Heavily favored at 2-5 here, the bay stalked the early leaders from third while racing under a tight hold beneath Jeremy Rose. Placed three wide, she made a quick move to strike the front on the turn for home and ran away and hid from 'em in the stretch, crossing the wire seven lengths ahead of Delectable Cat (Tale of the Cat). She is a half to Mark Of Success (Mt. Livermore), GSP, \$153,388. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$33,060. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

O-Sagamore Farm. B-William A Carl (KY). T-H G Motion.

7th-TAM, \$20,200, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18 1/5, ft.

TIARA DI ORO (f, 4, [Seeking the Gold](#)--Platinum Tiara {MSW & GISP, \$608,785}, by Cozzene) aired by 4 3/4 lengths in her second start at Calder for Marty Wolfson back in August 2007, but hadn't made an appearance since. Favored at 2-1 despite the lengthy absence, the grey filly stalked the pace, came up the inside to challenge and went on to deny A Curious Lady (Montbrook) by a neck. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$35,240. O/B-M375 Thoroughbreds Inc (FL). T-Thomas F Proctor.

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Yesterday's Results:

TRULY BOUND H., \$60,000, FGX, 1-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft.

1--**ROLLING SEA**, 119, m, 6, [Sefapiano](#)--**Almost Sma, by Cure the Blues**. O-Millennium Farms; B-Asiel Stable LC (IL); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 32-12-4-6, \$735,545.

2--**Bear Now**, 122, m, 5, Tiznow--Controlled, by In Excess (Ire). (\$65,000 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$950,000 HRA '08 FTKNOV). O-Town & Country Farm. \$12,000.

3--**Adhrhythm**, 117, m, 5, Adhocracy--Relic Rhythm, by Prospector's Halo. O-Centaur Farms Inc. \$6,600. Margins: 5HF, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 2.00, 0.70, 7.20.

Rolling Sea rolled through her 2007 campaign, winning six of her 10 starts, including the GII Chilukki S. and GII Allaire Dupont BC Distaff S. The chestnut was not as successful in 2008, but she did run second in the Aug. 24 GII Molly Pitcher BC H. After missing the board in the Oct. 5 GI Spinster S. and the Oct. 26 GIII Turnback the Alarm H., she ended the season with a win in the Dec. 5 Treasure Chest S. at Delta Downs. The mare RNA'd at \$200,000 at KEENOV 2008, and was making her 2009 bow here. Settled just off the pace for a half, she ranged up on the far turn, collared favorite Bear Now at the top of the lane and galloped away to an easy win. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

AMERICAN BEAUTY S., \$50,000, OPX, 1-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1--**RATED FIESTY**, 114, f, 4, [Exchange Rate](#)--**Fiesty Countess** (GSW, \$389,465), by Count the Time. O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable & JMJ Racing Stable; B-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (FL); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Justin Shepherd; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 7-4-1-1, \$250,811.

2--**Palanka City**, 117, f, 4, Carson City--Indian Sunset, by Storm Bird. (\$60,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-William Stirtz. \$10,000.

3--**Maren's Meadow**, 114, f, 4, Meadowlake--Gold Liaka, by Yukon. (\$25,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-River Ridge Ranch. \$5,000.

Margins: HD, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 2.40, 1.50, 4.10.

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American Beauty S. cont.

Rated Fiesty rattled off her first three career starts at two, including the GIII Kentucky BC S. against colts on the eve of the Kentucky Derby, but was sidelined following a romp against her own sex in the GIII Debutante S. in July of her juvenile season. Though she returned to cross the wire first in the Dixie Belle S. over this track and trip last January, the iron grey was disqualified to third, and found herself benched once more. Second by a neck in the Weekend Delight S. on Turfway's Polytrack Sept. 20, Rated Fiesty faded to 10th in the GII Raven Run S. on the Keeneland all-weather Oct. 18. She was offered at FTKNOV, but RNA'd for \$395,000 and found herself back in Steve Asmussen's barn. The four-year-old raced at Palanka City's throatlatch through splits of :22.74 and :46.61 and, after a thrilling stretch-long battle, finally got the better of the favorite in the final strides. "We were lucky to have our nose up at the wire," said Hank Gensler, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen. "After her last race, we wanted to make sure she came back 100 percent, and today she showed that she was."



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CINCINNATI TROPHY S., \$50,000, TPX, 1-17, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18 2/5, ft.

- 1--**#TACKY CAT, 116, f, 3, Tactical Cat--Holly's Wager, by Valid Wager.** O/B-Clovertowne Farm (KY); T-Wayne D Mogge; J-Orlando Mojica; \$28,830. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$35,430.
- 2--**Emma Darling, 118, f, 3, Hennessy--Jenna S.,** by Kris S. O-F Thomas Conway. \$9,300.
- 3--**She's Due, 116, f, 3, Devil His Due--J. D. and Water,** by Northern Prospect. O-Spade Stable. \$4,650. Margins: 6, 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 5.80, 1.20, 29.10.

Tacky Cat debuted with a third over this surface Dec. 3 and came up just a nose short when second Dec. 27. Stepping up to stakes company despite her maiden status, the bay was forced into an overland trip from post 12, but shrugged off the six-wide disadvantage and drew off in the stretch to earn her first career victory.



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6th-FGX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

NUCLEAR WAYNE (c, 3, [Mineshaft](#)--Flashy Four {MSW, \$227,411}, by Storm Cat), a \$650,000 KEENOV weanling purchase, finished seventh behind Friday's Dixieland S. winner Silver City (Unbridled's Song) in his Keeneland debut Oct. 24, then broke through with a 3 1/4-length maiden tally in a Fair Grounds off-the-turfer Nov. 30. Making his sophomore debut here, the 3-5 pick pressed the pace while racing three wide, engaged Northern Prince (Northern Afleet) in the stretch and fought his way past that one to score by 1 3/4 lengths. The victor is a half to Savoy Special (Grand Slam), GSP, \$159,113. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$51,600. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC. B-Dixiana Stables Inc (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

8th-FGX, \$44,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m40y, 1:41 1/5, ft.

DUMAR (c, 3, [Maria's Mon](#)--Mispillion, by Deputy Minister) graduated at second asking at Hawthorne in his route debut Nov. 8, then rallied to complete the trifecta going a mile at Churchill Nov. 29. Working bullets for his return, the 5-2 chance stayed within striking distance from fourth, gained a short lead in the stretch and reported home a 1 1/4-length winner over 35-1 Sunday Sunrise (Lemon Drop Kid). Dumar was a \$75,000 KEEJAN yearling and a \$105,000 KEESEP yearling. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$47,370. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Heiligbrodt Racing Stable. B-Millennium Farms (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

7th-OPX, \$35,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m, 1:38, ft.

POLTERGEIST (c, 3, [Tapit](#)--I'm Relaunchable, by Relaunch), a \$30,000 TEXAUG yearling purchase, broke slowly in his first two starts, finishing third in his debut sprinting at Lone Star May 26, then second when traveling 7 1/2 furlongs around two turns over that track's turf course July 4. The gray was sent north to Remington for his third start Nov. 9, where he pressed the pace three wide before he dug in to prevail by a half. Bumped into Texas-bred stakes company, Poltergeist passed tiring rivals to finish fourth in the seven-furlong Groovy S. at Retama Dec. 6. Off at 9-2 on the stretch out here, he raced in fifth within striking distance early, commenced a bid turning for home and pulled away to win by six over Special Heart (Lion Heart). Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$46,883. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Kindred Thoroughbreds LLC. B-Robert Waltrip Jr (TX). T-Donnie K Von Hemel.

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Central Report cont.

1st-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 1:38 3/5, ft.

CAPTAIN CHEROKEE (c, 3, Sir Cherokee--Candytuft, by Dehere), a half-brother to two-time GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner and champion sprinter Midnight Lute (Real Quiet), MGISW, \$2,690,600, rallied from seventh to complete the exacta in his 6 1/2-furlong Churchill debut Nov. 22. Favored at 6-5 here, the \$150,000 KEESEP yearling and \$650,000 BESMAR two-year-old raced right off the leaders through easy early fractions of :24.53 and :48.37. With Robby Albarado aboard, the Stonestreet colorbearer shot through an opening toward the rail entering the stretch and drove clear in the lane to post a sharp three-length decision. Fierce Thunder (Thunder Gulch) was second. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$33,640. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC. B-Tom Evans, Macon Wilmill Equines & Marjac Farms (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.



Classic Crop 2009

John Moynihan, bidding on behalf of Jess Jackson's Stonestreet Stables, thought enough of Captain Cherokee to go to \$650,000 to get him at the 2008 Barretts March sale. He was the top-priced colt at the sale.

"I thought he was THE horse," Moynihan said after signing the ticket. "He is really, really nice. He's beautiful, and what I really loved about him was that he looked like a good Cherokee Run. He's good and sound, and we thought we'd take a shot."



John Moynihan
Horsephotos

The colt rewarded that faith with his decisive maiden victory yesterday. "It was impressive, really nice," Moynihan said. "He has done super since we bought him. He has always acted like a top horse; he hasn't had any setbacks at all. We have

thought a lot of him since the start, and he has handled everything we've asked of him."

The colt is a half to champion sprinter Midnight Lute, but he had no trouble getting the mile. Moynihan believes his attitude will help him to get more ground than his pedigree might suggest.

"He is an extremely intelligent horse, and he is really easy on himself," the agent remarked. "When I bought him at Barretts, I watched him train for a week or a week and a half--he breezed great, then the next day on the racetrack he acted super. A good mind often helps a horse get a little bit farther than he might naturally go."

Will Captain Cherokee head to the Triple Crown trail?

"I know Steve [Asmussen] has thought highly of him since he's had him, but it will be up to him to decide what's next," Moynihan said.

10th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39, ft.

HIGHTAP (f, 3, Tapit--Don'tellmichelle, by Regal Classic) got caught four wide in her Dec. 18 opener going six panels over the Fair Grounds dirt, but finished a clear second and was hammered down to 1-2 while stretching out to two turns here. After an alert start, the grey sat in the catbird seat just off the flank of pacesetter Side Venture (Touch Gold). Jockey Shaun Bridgmohan pushed the button turning for home and Hightap opened up impressively under a hand ride to score by 9 1/4 lengths; it was the sixth win on the card for trainer Steve Asmussen. She was an \$87,000 KEENOV weanling and \$72,000 FTKOCT yearling. Sainly Spirit (El Prado {Ire}) came on to edge Side Venture for second. [Click for the brisnet.com chart. Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$33,600.

O-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC & Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. B-Springland Farm (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

Friday Night's Results:

TRIPLE SEC S., \$50,000, DED, 1-16, 3yo, 7f, 1:25 4/5, ft.

1--#IT HAPPENED AGAIN, 116, c, 3, Proud Citizen--Quiet Lucky, by Quiet American. O-Brereton C Jones; B-Dede McGehee DVM (KY); T-J Larry Jones; J-Gabriel Saez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$67,200. *3/4 to Murch (Mr. Greeley), GSP, \$163,861; Lucky Sam (Pembroke), SW, \$205,115.

2--Valid Stripes, 121, g, 3, Valid Expectations--Eccentric Lady, by Earn Your Stripes. (\$10,000 yrl '07 TEXAUG). \$10,000.

3--Code of Honour, 118, g, 3, Omega Code--Honour Off, by Honour and Glory. \$5,500.

Margins: 2, 3HF, NK. Odds: 4.40, 1.30, 20.20.

It Happened Again earned his diploma at Philly Park in October, then disappointed as the lukewarm 3-1 favorite in the Dec. 20 Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds, finishing eighth. Backed as the third choice here, he stayed close to the leaders in third, took over in the stretch and drew clear late.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

5th-SAX, \$48,610, Msw, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm. **BURG BERG (f, 3, Johannesburg--Snowberg {SW & MGISP, \$455,728}, by Seattle Sleet)** was let go at 24-1 in her Dec. 27 debut over course and trip, and looked promising when running fourth by two lengths. A 5-1 chance this time, the dark bay went to the lead, cut out a half in :44.80 and outgamed L. A. Devine (Pulpit) for a 2 3/4-length tally. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$29,700. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O/B-John A & Cheri Toffan (KY). T-J Paco Gonzalez. **So. Cal Report cont. p8**



So. Cal Report cont.

3rd-SAX, \$47,876, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43 2/5, ft.

MAYOR MARV (c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Miss Wineshine {SW & GISP, \$189,080}, by Wolf Power {SAf}) hit the board twice from three trips postward in New York, including a head loss at Aqueduct Nov. 15. The chestnut ran second to GII San Rafael S. hero The Pamplemousse (Kafwain) in his route/all-weather debut Dec. 14 at Hollywood, and most recently lost the lead late when runner-up to Papa Clem (Smart Strike) going a mile over this surface Dec. 29. Favored at 3-1 to go one better this time, the Mike Pegram homebred bounced out of the gate to assume command early, straightened for home with the lead and held sway late to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths. Millennium Lakes (Storm Cat) was forced to go five wide, then drifted in before settling for second. Colonel John's full-brother Mr. Hot Stuff (Tiznow), forced to steady at the eighth pole, completed the trifecta at 25-1. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, \$59,208. O/B-Michael Pegram (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

So. Cal Miscellany:

Trainer Bob Baffert did not nominate Hal and Patti Earnhardt's GI La Brea S. winner **Indian Blessing** (Indian Charlie) to next Sunday's six-furlong GII Palos Verdes H. as was widely expected. The conditioner indicated he would likely train the 2007 champion juvenile filly and current Eclipse Award finalist up to a start in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen at Nad al Sheba Mar. 28, though he did leave himself the chance to shift gears. "I'm going to wait for Dubai, but I'm going to nominate her for the [GI] Santa Monica [H., seven furlongs, Jan. 31] and play it by ear."...On the worktab, **Ventura** (Chester House), who defeated Indian Blessing in the Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint Oct. 24, went six furlongs in 1:14.40, while **Tiago** (Pleasant Tap), a candidate for the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 7, breezed five-eighths of a mile in 1:00.80 at Hollywood Park.

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Yesterday's Results:

CALIFORNIA DERBY, \$100,000, GGX, 1-17, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--**CHOCOLATE CANDY, 121, c, 3, by [Candy Ride \(Arg\)](#)**

1st Dam: **Crownette (SW, \$184,488), by Seattle Slew**

2nd Dam: **In Memory, by Alydar**

3rd Dam: **Won't Tell You, by Crafty Admiral**

O-Sid & Jenny Craig Trust; B-Sid Craig & Jenny Craig (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Russell A Baze; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 7-3-1-1, \$262,500.

* 1/2 to **Crowning Storm (Storm Cat), MGSP. Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Axel Foley, 121, c, 3, [Officer](#)--Morganza, by Clever Trick. (\$175,000 wlng '06 FTKNOV; \$165,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Kent Bloodstock. \$20,000.**

3--**Merus Miami, 121, c, 3, [Friends Lake](#)--Profit System, by Copelan. (\$125,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL). O-West Point Thoroughbreds. \$12,000.**

Margins: 1 3/4, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 0.90, 8.30, 7.30.

Campaigned exclusive in Southern California prior to this sophomore bow, Chocolate Candy ran sixth in each of his first two outings--both sprints--before improving to be second when stretched out to a mile at Del Mar Aug. 29. The bay duly graduated in a one-mile affair at Oak Tree Oct. 4 and immediately added Hollywood's Real Quiet S. Nov. 8. The Craig Family homebred closed out 2008 with an honorable third in the GI CashCall Futurity Dec. 20 and was odds-on here. Allowed to settle into stride, Chocolate Candy moved to the outside in the lane and finished up nicely to earn his second stakes victory. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

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IN BRITAIN:

Five Star Junior, g, 3, [Five Star Day](#)--Sir Harriett, by Sir Harry Lewis. Lingfield, Britain, 1-17, Hcp, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Robert W Sanford. *\$42,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN; \$140,000 2yo '08 FTFFEB; 8,000gns HIT '08 TATHIT. **Full to Sir Five Star, MSW-US, \$252,821; 1/2 to Overpass (Slavic), SW-US, \$288,666.

Strong Storm, c, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#). See "Britain."

Doubtful Sound, g, 5, [Diesis \(GB\)](#)--Roam Free, by Unbridled. Lingfield, Britain, 1-17, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT). B-Millsec Ltd. *\$12,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

Red Somerset, g, 6, [Red Ransom](#)--Bielska, by Deposit Ticket. Lingfield, Britain, 1-17, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Haras d'Etrehem. *€320,000 yrl '04 DEAAUG. *Full to Angelo Minny (Fr), SW-Fr, \$135,511.




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ACTION THIS DAY (Kris S.), Sprendthrift, \$10K, 148/11/1

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Saganaki, \$40K OBS MAR 2yo

ALKE (Grand Slam), Vinery FL, \$4K, 130/20/0

9-TAM, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Osterville, 8-1

BIRDSTONE (Grindstone), Gainesway, \$10K, 113/12/4

9-OP, Aoc, 6f, Texas Birdstone

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Stone Legacy

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Bugle Ann

BLACK MAMBO (Kingmambo), Bridlewood, \$5K, 120/11/0

7-TAM, Msw, 7f, Southern Mambo, \$9K ESM AY 2yo, 4-1

CANADIAN FRONTIER (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 86/7/0

8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Banker's Choice, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

FRIENDS LAKE (A.P. Indy), Airdrie, \$15K, 154/16/3

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Ultimate Beauty, \$20K KEE SEP yrl

MEDAGLIA D'ORO (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 251/21/4

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Sue's Update

8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Ameribelle, 6-1

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Doo Woppa Do, \$240K KEE SEP yrl

NEWFOUNDLAND (Storm Cat), Brookdale, \$15K, 98/5/1

7-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Pretty Prairie, \$17K FTK JUL yrl

7-TAM, Msw, 7f, Kinichna, \$40K OBS AUG yrl, 5-1

PEACE RULES (Jules), Vinery, \$15K, 187/24/2

4-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Missy Loves Mambo, \$90K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2

SAARLAND (Unbridled), Darby Dan, \$10K, 148/7/0

8-GP, Stk, 1mT, Saar Treaty, \$9K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1

TEN MOST WANTED (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 118/4/0

4-SA, Msw, 6f, +Hudler

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IN ARGENTINA:

Giant's Blondway, f, 4, **Giant's Causeway**--Maha Al Iman, by Pulpit. Palermo, 1-11, Mdn, 6f, 1:12.00.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1-0. O-Stud Pergamino; B-Allen E Paulson Living Trust (KY); T-Juan Javier Etchehoury. * \$100,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

Sparky Joan, m, 5, **Johannesburg**--Abrade, by Mr. Prospector. San Isidro, 1-16, Cond, 5fT, :55.92.

Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2. O-Stud La Pomme, B-Foxfield; T-Facundo Bunge Frers. * \$100,000 wnlg '04 KEENOV, \$50,000 HRA '08 KEEJAN.

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In Argentina cont.

Period, m, 5, **Mr. Greeley**--End of Story, by Sky Classic. San Isidro, 1-10, Cond, 8fT, 1:33.38. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1. O-Stud Pergamino; B-Pink Oak Stud LLC (KY); T-Palomo Abdon. * \$11,000 HRA '08 KEEJAN. **Won by 3 1/2 lengths.

IN PERU:

Aurel, c, 3, **E Dubai**--Timeline, by Opening Verse. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-17, Cond, 5f, :57.00. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$4,600. O-Haras Santa Maria; B-Kenneth A Knight (KY); T-Francisco Arriagada. * \$8,500 yrl '07 KEESEP.

Sparkling Oro, f, 3, **Van Nistelrooy**--Sec Secrets (MSP-US, \$112,426), by Triple Sec. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 1-17, Cond, 6f, 1:13 2/5. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$4,600. O-Stud Couet; B-Mr & Mrs Kenneth P Stripling, Theodore Kuster & Dr Jack Allen (KY); T-Juan Suarez. * \$2,700 yrl '07 FTKOCT.



★ **BRITAIN** ★

GREAT LEIGHS FACES TROUBLED TIMES

Great Leighs racecourse has gone into administration and faces an uncertain future as it battles to regain its licence via the British Horseracing Authority. Just hours after a temporary licence was turned down by the ruling body, the John Holmes-owned venture had gone under the auspices of the business advisory firm Deloitte. They will be seeking to regain the licence to hold fixtures from the BHA tomorrow.

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 13.15, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.35, stn.

STRONG STORM (c, 3, **Giant's Causeway**--Sweeping Story {SW & GISP-US, \$352,762}, by End Sweep), off the board on his sole start at Newmarket in October, was sent off at 4-1 switched to the Polytrack and raced prominently throughout the early stages. Making his move wide on the final turn, the \$260,000 KEESEP yearling and 170,000gns TATAPR juvenile surged when the whip was used and overhauled Badge of Honour (GB) (Storming Home {GB}) in the final strides to score by a neck. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,730. O-Tom Ludt; B-McKee Stables Inc; T-Jeremy Nosedá.



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★ ITALY ★

Yesterday's Results:

PREMIO NASTRO D'ORO DI SICILIA-Listed, €50,400, Siracusa, 1-17, 4yo/up, 1mT, time: n/a, gd/sf.

1--**#ABSOLUT TAFT (IRE), 119, h, 8, King's Theatre (Ire)--Alalja (Ire) (SW-Ity), by Entitled (Ire).** O-Scuderia Andy Capp Srl; B-Allevamento della Berardenga Srl; T-Gianluca Bietolini; J-Gabriele Bietolini; €28,000. Lifetime Record: 58-12-17-8, €324,055. **Werk Nick Rating: A+ . Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Touch of Mida (GB), 119, c, 4, Atticus--Akka Brava (Ire), by Royal Academy.** (€100,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP). €12,320.

3--**Green Chapel (Ity), 119, g, 7, College Chapel (GB)--Plytroca, by Lyphard.** €6,720.

Margins: NK, 8HF, 3/4. Odds: 5.30, 2.00, 22.40.

Also Ran: Ceprin (Ire), Silver Arrow (Ity), Great Challenge (Ire), Lord Prospector (Ire), Mr Island (Ire).



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB NAMES RACE FOR SUNLINE

The Auckland Racing Club has announced the newly upgraded three-year-old fillies race on Auckland Cup Day will be known as the Sunline Vase, named after the mare who won 13 Group 1 fixtures and earned more than A\$11.3 million during her racing career. The race was upgraded to Listed for 2009, and club chairman Bill Gianotti said it was an opportunity to honor Sunline. "The Auckland Racing Club is delighted that--with the support of the McKee family--we are able to recognize a true champion in Sunline (NZ) (Desert Sun {GB})," Gianotti said. "As an Oaks winner herself, the Mercedes-Benz Sunline Vase serves as a perfect lead up to the New Zealand Oaks, and as such we believe it to be the perfect fit." The McKee family, which raced Sunline, will donate a vase which will be presented annually to the winner of the Sunline Vase.

GROUP WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:

@**#Court Ruler (NZ), g, 3, Viking Ruler (Aus)--Free Court (NZ), by Pompeii Court.** Trentham (Wellington), 1-17, Trentham S.-G3, 3yo/up, 1 5/16mT, NZ\$62,500 to winner. B-G J Hill; T-John Wheeler.

TDN Euro is:

- England:** Sean Cronin (*CAFE Racing*)
Tom Frary (*CAFE Racing*)
- France:** Claude Beniada
- Germany:** Christa Riebel
- Ireland:** Dave Keena
- Italy:** Giorgio Barsotti



GROUP WINNERS BY U.S. SIRES:

Que Vida Buena (Arg), c, 3, Bernstein--Queen Tango (Arg), by Lode. Argentina, San Isidro, 1-10, Clasico Gay Hermit-G3, 3yo/up, 5fT, :54.26; P40,000 to winner. Lifetime Record: MG1SP-Arg, 8-4-2-1. O/B-Haras Santa Maria de Araras (Arg); T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury. *Full to Que Felicidad (Arg), MGSW & G1SP-Arg.

#**@Fonda Alegre (Arg), f, 3, Thunder Gulch--Ghost Princess, by Silver Ghost.** Argentina, San Isidro, 1-16, Clasico Las Heras-G3, 3yo/up, f&m, 7fT, 1:22.33; P47,370 to winner. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2. O/B-Haras Futuro S R L; T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

LASENORA H., \$125,000, SUN, 1-17, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

1--**#EXCESSIVE VICTORY, 120, f, 3, In Excessive Bull--Victory Girl, by Victory Gallop.** O/B-Frank & Angel Parr & W L & Dee Mooring (NM); T-Carlos Sedillo; J-Ricardo Jaime; \$75,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$102,928.

2--**Winter Mist, 121, f, 3, Ghostly Moves--Tat Two, by Bien Bien.** (\$11,000 yrl '07 RUIAUG). \$25,625.

3--**Devonaire, 117, f, 3, Devon Lane--Girl in the Curl, by In Excess (Ire).** (\$19,000 yrl '07 RUIAUG). \$12,500. Margins: 1 1/4, 1, NK. Odds: 2.00, 3.30, 5.90.

COTTON FITZSIMMONS MILE H., \$75,000, TUP, 1-17, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35, fm.

1--**BINGHAM, 120, g, 4, Monarchos--Forever You and Me (SW, \$159,322), by Sir Ivor.** (\$14,000 yrl '06 KEEJAN). O-Dennis E Weir; B-John C Oxley (KY); T-Kevin Lewis; J-Glenn W Corbett; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-1-0, \$210,187. **Werk Nick Rating: 1st SW. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Highland Games, 120, g, 6, Game Plan--Evergreen Beauty, by Hurlingham.** (\$80,000 yrl '04 BESOCT). \$15,000.

3--**Canard, 117, g, 5, Flying Continental--Strawberry Card, by Prince Card.** \$7,500.

Margins: 3, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 9.60, 22.30.



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GENESIS S., \$50,000, DED, 1-16, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:26 1/5, ft.

1--**SOUTHERN YANKEE**, 121, f, 3, **Yankee Gentleman--Wanna Kat (SP)**, by Katowice. (\$10,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR). O-Rolando Cabral; B-Do-Little Farm LLC (FL); T-Olivo I Inirio; J-Ricardo Feliciano; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$128,080.

2--**On the Menu**, 118, f, 3, **Canadian Frontier--Don't Trick Her**, by Mazel Trick. (\$40,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$75,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). \$10,000.

3--**Smokin Again**, 121, f, 3, **Smoke Glacken--Broad Hint**, by Broad Brush. (\$50,000 2yo '08 FTFEB). \$5,500.

Margins: NK, 4 1/4, 6. Odds: 4.10, 0.70, 3.40.

FIRE PLUG S., \$50,000, LRL, 1-17, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

1--**SUAVE JAZZ**, 118, g, 6, **Suave Prospect--Cavite Starlet**, by Jazzing Around. O-Michael Dubb; B-Farnsworth Farms (FL); T-Anthony W Dutrow; J-Jeremy Rose; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 35-12-11-3, \$520,286.

2--**Yes It's the Truth**, 120, h, 5, **Yes It's True--Lady Ironwood**, by Housebuster. \$10,000.

3--**Springs Road**, 118, c, 4, **Repent--Saramy**, by Personal Hope. (\$55,000 wlng '05 OBSOCT; \$100,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL). \$5,500.

Margins: 2, NK, 1. Odds: 1.30, 10.00, 16.40.

GLENDALE H., \$50,000, TUP, 1-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 2/5, fm.

1--**SHE'S SENSATIONAL**, 119, m, 5, **Point Given--Blushing Issue**, by Blushing John. (\$115,000 2yo '06 BESMAR). O-La Canada Stables LLC; B-ClassicStar (KY); T-John F Martin; J-Kyle Kaenel; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-2, \$144,540. *1/2 to Smooth Jazz (Storm Boot), GSW, \$321,105.

2--**Star of Whitney**, 120, m, 6, **Bernstein--Miss Green Star**, by Risen Star. \$10,000.

3--**Double Dip**, 117, m, 5, **French Envoy--Looks Like a Lady**, by Proud Truth. (\$8,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG). \$5,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 1.30, 3.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

2nd-**SAX**, \$66,120, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:14 4/5, ft.

LIT'SGOODLOOKNGRAY (g, 5, **Lit de Justice--Color Collection**, by **Souvenir Copy**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 30-6-6-7, \$315,038. O-La Canada Stables LLC. B-Pablo A & Michelle Suarez (CA). T-Jack Carava. *\$23,000 2yo '06 BESJAN.

7th-**FGX**, \$52,000, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

MR. BARRACUDA (g, 7, **Rubiano--Endymion Maid**, by **Storm Bird**) Lifetime Record: SW, 47-12-9-2, \$340,617. O-Larry Benoit. B-Judice Farms Inc (LA). T-Keith G Bourgeois.

8th-**PHA**, \$44,300, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW4X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

KAPER LAKE (g, 5, **Meadowlake--Weekend Kaper {MSP, \$250,070}**, by **Honor Grades**) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-1, \$171,180. O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables & The Elkstone Group. B-Charles T Matses (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

7th-**GPX**, \$41,000, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24 2/5, ft.

STORMIN MON (m, 6, **Maria's Mon--Stormin Cat**, by **Storm Cat**) Lifetime Record: 22-4-3-5, \$175,991. O-Miklin Stable LLC. B-Mace & Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson.

6th-**GGX**, \$33,780, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09 2/5, ft.

MUTAK GOLD (g, 4, **Mutakddim--Honey Grove**, by **Gilded Time**) Lifetime Record: 14-3-4-2, \$61,425. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro. B-Nelson Bunker Hunt Sr (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. *\$14,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

7th-**LRL**, \$32,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, a1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

JEN'S REVENGE (g, 4, **Stephen Got Even--Terra Maria**, by **Citidancer**) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-4-2-2, \$87,705. O-Repole Stable. B-Mrs Frank P Wright (MD). T-Scott A Lake. *Won by 7 lengths.

7th-**GGX**, \$31,320, 1-16, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38 2/5, ft.

RENDEZVOUS (c, 3, **Victory Gallop--Halo Babe**, by **Southern Halo**) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$43,467. O-Hollendorfer, Todaro & Team Green. B-Lee Christian, Bill Nicholls & WinStar Farm LLC (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

8th-**DED**, \$24,720, 1-16, NW1X, 4/up, 5f, :58 4/5, ft. **FIVE FOOT MIKE** (g, 4, **Boundary--Seer of Gold**, by **Fast Gold**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$52,540. O/B-Italo-Erin Stable (KY). T-Keith G Bourgeois. *1/2 to One Tuff Fox (Foxhound), SP, \$219,885.

10th-**TPX**, \$24,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05 4/5, ft.

DANA'S BELL (f, 4, **Explicit--Donttreatmewrong**, by **Fast Play**) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-0, \$63,267. O/B-Alice Sparks (KY). T-John Good.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bodazzle, f, 3, **Albert the Great--Wild Ride**, by Wild Again. TPX, 1-17, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:47 2/5. B-Steven Petit (KY).

Chapel Run, c, 3, **Chapel Royal--Lost Judgement** (SW, \$266,159), by Judge Smells. GPX, 1-17, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:19. B-Rustlewood Farm Inc (FL). *\$60,000 yrl '07 OBSAUG.



Jarett's Cat, c, 3, **Elegant Cat**--Jarett's Choice, by Choosing Choice. SUN, 1-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Rogers Farms (NM).

Inflight, c, 3, **Indian Charlie**--Heroic Flight, by Salt Lake. OPX, 1-17, 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Gay H VanMeter & Kate B Hendrickson (KY). *\$115,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY.

Sandi's Ready, f, 3, **More Than Ready**--Snickeez, by Mr. Greeley. GPX, 1-17, (C), 1mT, 1:36. B-B & B Thoroughbreds Inc, Mountain States Stables Inc & Marty Hughes (KY). *\$70,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

Crafty Joi, f, 3, **Mr. Groush**--Joiski's Prize, by Prized. SUN, 1-16, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Jeffrey B & Mary W Keckley (NM).

Collection Plate, f, 3, **Pulpit**--Paga (Arg) ((Ch. Miler-Arg, MG1SW-Arg & GSW-US, \$163,537-US), by Montreal Marty. SUN, 1-17, 1m, 1:38 3/5. B-R D Hubbard & Dr E C Allred (KY).

Platinum Van, c, 3, **Van Nistelrooy**--Platinum Streak (SP, \$119,821), by Fight Over. TPX, 1-17, 1m (AWT), 1:40 1/5. B-Oak Haven Farm (KY).

Rietief, g, 5, **Deputy Diamond**--Summer Style, by Bag. FGX, 1-17, (S), a5 1/2fT, 1:05 4/5. B-D Viator (LA).

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

+ **Stormy Atorranta (Arg)**, f, 2, **Bernstein**--La Vagoneta (Arg), by Luhuk. San Isidro, 1-10, Mdn, 5fT, :56.19. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Haras La Biznaga; T-Roberto Bullrich.

Tango Viejo Cat (Arg), c, 2, **Easing Along**--La Mistonga (Arg), by Tempranero (Chi). San Isidro, 1-10, Mdn, 5fT, :55.53. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1. O/B-Haras El Alfalfar; T-Guillermo Frenkel Santillan.

Miss Waikiki (Arg), f, 3, **American Chance**--Miss El Paso (Brz), by Dr. Carter. Palermo, 1-12, Cond, 5f, :58.11. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0. O-Stud Rio Quinto; B-Haras La Providencia; T-Victor Canivares.

El Excentrico (Arg), c, 3, **Easing Along**--La Logica (Arg), by Logical. San Isidro, 1-10, Cond, 10fT, 2:01.11. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0. O/B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Roberto Pellegata.

+ **Rinimapu (Arg)**, c, 3, **Easing Along**--Incentivada Girl (Arg), by Roy. Palermo, 1-12, Mdn, 7f, 1:23.11. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud Las Canarias; B-Fernando Roberto Garcia; T-Maria Virginia Pascual.

La Cailene (Arg), f, 3, **Indygo Shiner**--La Maitresse (Arg), by Southern Halo. La Plata, 1-13, Cond, 7f, 1:24.27. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1. O-Stud Rincon de Piedra; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Roxana San Millan.

Liberaria (Arg), f, 3, **Indygo Shiner**--Library (Arg), by Victory Speech. Palermo, 1-11, Mdn, 6f, 1:11.95. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1. O-Stud Tres Jotas; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Enrique Rodriguez.

Brazilian Beat (Arg), c, 3, **Pure Prize**--Brahma (Arg), by Green Means Go. San Isidro, 1-10, Mdn, 6fT, 1:09.86. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0. O-Stud Chazon; B-Haras La Providencia; T-Edgardo Zuin.

+ **Pure Native (Arg)**, f, 3, **Pure Prize**--Native Star (Arg), by Rule Britannia. San Isidro, 1-10, Mdn, 6fT, 1:10.36. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud Pergamino; B-Del Piano Jorge Rodolfo & Lagos Marmol; T-Palomo Abdon. *Won by 5 lengths.

Salty Bambina (Arg), f, 3, **Salt Lake**--Fornalina (Arg), by Forlitano (Arg). Palermo, 1-11, Mdn, 8f, 1:37.94. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0. O-Stud Don Quijote; B-Gustavo Armando Triganes; T-Carlos Daniel Etchechoury.

Lady Gulch (Arg), f, 3, **Thunder Gulch**--Rifleza (Uru), by Ritz. San Isidro, 1-10, Mdn, 6fT, 1:10.19. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1. O-Stud Bilo y Cochile; B-Victor y Carlos Tarigo; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

Thunder Stone (Arg), c, 3, **Thunder Gulch**--Interwine (Arg), by Interprete (Arg). Palermo, 1-12, Mdn, 7f, 1:23.44. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. O-Stud Le Fragole; B-Haras Arroyo de Luna; T-Juan Carlos Viviani.

Umore (Arg), c, 3, **Vision and Verse**--Unitaria (Arg), by Mariache (Arg). Palermo, 1-12, Cond, 7f, 1:23.98. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0. O-Stud Agus; B-Haras Vacacion; T-Raul Tavella.

Unico Rey (Arg), c, 4, **American Chance**--United Nations (Arg), by Dark Brown (Brz). San Isidro, 1-16, Cond, 8fT, 1:35.08. Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1. O/B-Haras La Providencia; T-Diego Pena.

Pure Bossy (Arg), f, 4, **Pure Prize**--Shy Mandona (Arg), by Shy Tom. San Isidro, 1-14, Cond, 8f, 1:36.33. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0. O-Stud Rubio B; B-Haras La Biznaga; T-Juan Carlos Etchechoury Jr.

IN CHILE:

Currency Rate (Chi), c, 3, **Muqtarib**--Vamos Chica (Chi), by Jaded Dancer. Club Hipico de Santiago, 1-16, Hcp, 1200m. O-Stud Haras Lizzie; B-Haras Porta Pia; T-Juan Carlos Pichara.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 13.45, 1-17, €25,000, 4yo, 1 1/2mT, 2:50.88, hy.

BASSEL (FR) (c, 4, Daliapour {Ire}--Bint El Hawa {Fr}, by River Mist) Lifetime Record: 16 starts, 3 wins, 7 places, €68,390. O-Elias Zaccour; B-Mlle A Zaccour; T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 14.50, 1-17, €16,000, 5yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.59, stn.

STARACO (FR) (h, 5, Loup Solitaire--Linorova, by Tremolino) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 35 starts, 7 wins, 19 places, €169,350. O-Mathieu Offenstadt, Sylvain Fargeon, Julien Phelippon & Rodolphe Collet; B-J L Blot; T-Rod Collet.