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HORSE OF THE YEAR GOES TO CURLIN

It wasn't even close. When the votes were tallied for 2008 Horse of the Year honors, it was **Curlin** (Smart Strike) leading the way, taking the honor with 153 first-place votes. "He has been the horse of a lifetime for us," trainer Steve Asmussen said. Unbeaten on the racetrack, the dynamic filly **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) had to settle for second with 69 votes. Three-year-old **Big Brown** (Boundary) was a distant third with 13 votes. The closest race of the night came in the category of Outstanding Owner, with Frank Stronach's Stronach Stables edging IEAH Stables by a single vote, 47 to 46. A total of 242 voters from the National Turf Writers Association, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association/Equibase and *Daily Racing Form* participated.



Sarah K Andrew

DECLINES AT KARAKA

As expected, the first day of the New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale experienced declines across the board yesterday in Karaka. The day one average of NZ\$150,136 was a 37-percent decline from the day one average of NZ\$205,616 set during last year's record-setting Premier Sale. Meanwhile, the median dropped 35.5 percent to NZ\$100,000 from NZ\$155,000 a year ago and the clearance rate decreased to 73 percent from 84 percent. Those figures are not as bleak as they first appear, according to the sales company, as last year's auction set records for aggregate, average and median. Yesterday's median and aggregate figures are in line with 2007 levels, which satisfied Petrea Vela, the managing director of sales and marketing for New Zealand Bloodstock. "Before the sale began today, the general expectation was that--given the current economic environment and the record-breaking sale last year--if we could produce something close to the 2007 figures, then the sales would be deemed a success," Vela said. "So far, we're on target for that to be the case, so we're pleased with how it has started. We'd like the clearance rate to improve a bit, but with vendors realistic in their expectations, we'd expect to see that as the Premier session progresses." After one session in 2007, the average was NZ\$152,648 and the median was NZ\$110,000, with an aggregate of NZ\$31,445,500. The top lot yesterday was hip seven, an Encosta de Lago (Aus) colt consigned by Lyndhurst Farm. Trainer Lance Noble and his wife Leigh purchased the colt--who is out of the Blues Traveller (Ire) mare Giovana (NZ), New Zealand's highweighted older mare over 2200 meters in 2000--for NZ\$800,000. "We're really chuffed to have secured him," Noble said. "He's a magnificent colt and I think we were lucky to get him for that price. I've got a great group of backers, and once we've tidied up the last shares, we'll get together and map out a plan for him." The Premier Sale concludes Tuesday, while the three-day Select Sale will commence Wednesday. The sales series ends with the two-day Festival Sale Feb. 1 and 2. **Toppers & Stats, p2**



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ECLIPSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2008

Horse of the Year	CURLIN (Smart Strike)
2yo Male	MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song)
2yo Female	STARDOM BOUND (Tapit)
3yo Male	BIG BROWN (Boundary)
3yo Female	PROUD SPELL (Proud Citizen)
Older Male	CURLIN (Smart Strike)
Older Female	ZENYATTA (Street Cry {Ire})
Turf Male	CONDUIT (IRE) (Dalakhani {Ire})
Turf Female	FOREVER TOGETHER (Belong to Me)
Male Sprinter	BENNY THE BULL (Lucky Lionel)
Female Sprinter	INDIAN BLESSING (Indian Charlie)
Steeplechaser	GOOD NIGHT SHIRT (Concern)
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Breeder	Adena Springs
Trainer	Steve Asmussen
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'CAPT.' WORKS IN ADVANCE OF HUTCH

Joseph Rauch and David Zell's **Capt. Candyman Can** (Candy Ride {Arg}) worked an easy four furlongs in :49.75 yesterday morning at Palm Meadows as he prepares for his three-year-old debut in Friday's GII Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream. Regular rider Julien Leparoux, who has ridden the gelding to two wins in four career starts, was aboard for the move, the 19th fastest of 41 at the distance.

"It was just a light work to stretch his legs," trainer Ian Wilkes said. "It was everything I was looking for. The horse is ready and we're looking forward to Friday."

Capt. Candyman Can was tabbed a **"TDN Rising Star"** when he romped by 7 1/4 lengths in his debut at Saratoga Aug. 13. He was beaten two lengths when sixth after a troubled trip over Arlington Park's Polytrack in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity Sept. 13, then rebounded with a sharp three-length tally in the GIII Iroquois S. at Churchill Nov. 1. In his seasonal finale, the \$25,000 KEESEP yearling was third after setting the pace in a three-horse photo for the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. under the Twin Spires Nov. 29. The seven-furlong Hutcheson is Capt. Candyman Can's first race in two months, and Wilkes is hoping it will be a good place to embark down the Derby trail.

"We hope this is the first step in where we want to go, which is Kentucky," he said. "We're looking at this as a nice race to get him back going."

Wilkes said that he had yet to measure up the competition in the Hutcheson and cited some advice offered to him by his mentor, Hall of Fame trainer Carl Nafzger.

"One thing Carl always taught me was to worry about your own horse first--it's the only one you can control," he said.

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NZB PREMIER MONDAY - TOP FIVE LOTS

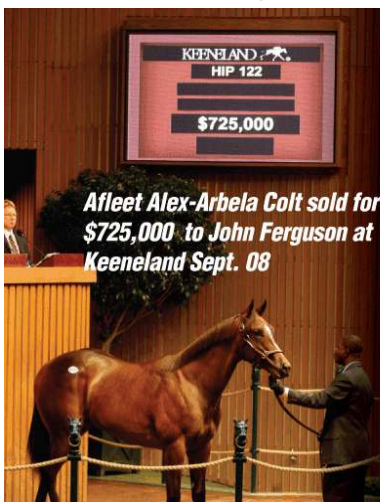
Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$NZ)
<u>07</u>	colt	<u>Encosta de Lago (Aus)</u>	<u>Giovana (NZ)</u>	800,000
Consigned by Lyndhurst Farm Purchased by L R & L Noble				
<u>85</u>	colt	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>La Sizeranne (NZ)</u>	700,000
Consigned by Trelawney Stud Ltd. Purchased by R A James				
<u>98</u>	colt	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>Love Connection (Jpn)</u>	700,000
Consigned by Pencarrow Stud Purchased by D C Ellis Sirecam Video				
<u>209</u>	filly	<u>Redoute's Choice (Aus)</u>	<u>Sarah Vee (Aus)</u>	650,000
Consigned by Curraghmore Stud Purchased by Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock Sirecam Video				
<u>132</u>	colt	<u>Zabeel (NZ)</u>	<u>Miss Power Bird (Aus)</u>	510,000
Consigned by Cambridge Stud Purchased by D C Ellis				



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Monday, Jan. 26, 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cat.	252	255
No. Sold	173	194
Clearance	73%	84%
Top Price	NZ\$800,000	NZ\$925,000
Gross	NZ\$25,973,500	NZ\$39,889,500
Average	NZ\$150,136 (-27.0%)	NZ\$205,616
Median	NZ\$100,000 (-35.5%)	NZ\$155,000
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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

GENERAL NEDIYM EUTHANIZED General Nediym (Aus) (Nediym {Ire}) was euthanized at Widden Stud Jan. 26 following a recurrence of colic he suffered last month. "He became uncomfortable again last night and despite the best veterinary efforts to save him, there was nothing that could be done," said Antony Thompson of Widden Stud. The 14-year-old sire of 22 stakes winners--including G1SW Regimental Gal (Aus)--covered 148 mares last spring for A\$60,500, but had his season cut short by a serious bout of colic, which required surgery Dec. 3.

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To Eclipse Your Competition Buy and Sell At Keeneland.

Curlin *Horse of the Year, Older Male*

2005 September; Buyer–Kenneth McPeck, agent
 Consignor–Eaton Sales, agent
 Breeder–Fares Farm Inc.

Stardom Bound *2-Year-Old Filly*

2007 September; Buyer–Michael Yates
 Consignor–Legacy Bloodstock, agent
 Breeders–Fletcher Gray, Carolyn Gray
 and John Youngblood

Big Brown *3-Year-Old Male*

2007 April; Buyer–Hidden Brook, agent for
 Paul Pompa, Jr.; Consignor–Eddie Woods, agent
 Breeder–Monticule

Zenyatta *Older Female*

2005 September; Buyer–Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Moss
 Consignor–Winter Quarter Farm, agent for
 Maverick Productions, Ltd; Breeder–Maverick
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Benny the Bull *Male Sprinter*

2004 September; Buyer–Greg James
 Consignor–Bluewater Sales, agent
 Breeder–Tomoka Farms, Inc.

Forever Together *Female Turf Horse*

2004 November; Buyer–Allistair Roden
 Consignor–Eaton Sales, agent
 2005 September; Buyer–Pamela Edel
 Consignor–Paramount Sales, agent
 Breeder–White Fox Farm





PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

PALOS VERDES H.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 1-25, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:08 2/5, ft.

1--**JOHNNY EVES**, 118, g, 5, by Skimming

1st Dam: Capote's Halo, by Capote

2nd Dam: Nueces Strip, by Halo

3rd Dam: Satan's Pride, by Crimson Satan

O-Mooncoin LLC; B-Mooncoin LCC (CA); T-Jay M Robbins; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 20-7-4-0, \$581,120. [Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#) Werk Nick

Rating: A.

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Bearing in mind that Nureyev sired over 17 percent stakes winners, despite being compromised by less-than-perfect fertility, breeders had every right to expect this magnificent stallion to make an outstanding sire of sires. This belief gained more credence when Theatrical, a member of Nureyev's first crop, came up with a slew of Grade I winners in his early crops. At that stage, it seemed fair to assume that Nureyev would establish a flourishing dynasty in the U.S. and Europe.

It is easy to forget, though, that the likes of Northern Dancer and Mr. Prospector--with their reliable production line of successful stallion sons--were the exceptions rather than the norm. Most male lines owe their lasting influence to just one or two major sons, a good example being the line descending from the brilliant Mill Reef. This highly effective stallion had only one truly important stallion son in Shirley Heights, and Shirley Heights in turn left a legacy which was very dependent on Darshaan. Similarly, the burden of expanding the Seattle Slew line rests firmly on the strong shoulders of A.P. Indy.

JOHNNY EVES, g, 2004

Skimming	Nureyev	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
		Special	Natalma
	Skimble	Lyphard	*Forli
		Nimble Folly	Thong
Capote's Halo Placed 6FIs, 1GSW	Capote	Seattle Slew	Northern Dancer
		Too Bald	Goofed
	Nueces Strip MSP 12FIs, 1SP	Halo	Cyane
		Satan's Pride	Instant Sin
			Bold Reasoning
			My Chарmer
		Bald Eagle	
		Hidden Talent	
		Hail to Reason	
		Cosmah	
		Crimson Satan	
		Autumn Pride	

The right figures...

2008 General Sire List

Rk	Stallion	2009 Fee \$	Earnings \$
1	Smart Strike	125,000	12,899,525
2	Giant's Causeway	125,000	11,466,543
3	Kingmambo	250,000	10,784,645
4	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	30,000	10,615,534
5	Elusive Quality	75,000	9,241,430
6	Tale of the Cat	30,000	9,122,935
7	Tiznow	75,000	9,089,618
8	Distorted Humor	150,000	8,578,874

Source: www.thoroughbredtimes.com, 31st Dec. 2008

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To return to Nureyev, the reality is that Theatrical is still his most successful stallion son, though the line's future appears to have been secured by Polar Falcon, sire of the highly effective Pivotal. The truth is that there has been no shortage of disappointments among the many Nureyev sons which have received their chance as stallions. For example, the Coolmore/Ashford stallion roster has featured five Group 1-winning sons of Nureyev (including four as recently as 2005), but only Peintre Celebre remains on the team and even this brilliant Arc winner doesn't always receive the respect he deserves.

I can't help wondering whether the picture would have been somewhat different in the industry of yesterday, when smaller books of mares sometimes allowed less obvious candidates their chance to develop into very useful stallions.

Fortunately for America, some of the regional breeding industries still serve a similar purpose, as we saw last week, when two California-based sons of Nureyev made their mark at stakes level.

Skimming's Grade I-winning son Johnny Eves added the Gil Palos Verdes H. to his fine record a day after Beltene won the Sunshine Millions Oaks to become the latest stakes winner for Old English Rancho's Unusual Heat.

Unusual Heat, who became California's leading sire in 2008, had no fewer than seven representatives in the eight Sunshine Millions races. According to his advertisements, he has been represented by 59 earners of \$100,000 or more, from a total of only 238 starters. No wonder his fee for 2009 is up to \$20,000, as these good winners were sired at a time when Unusual Heat's fee was \$5,000 or lower. For example, his fee was a mere \$2,000 in 2002, the year he sired the Grade III winner Lightmyfirebaby, the graded-placed stakes winner Pass the Heat and the California Cup Classic winner Mr. Chairman.

I remember Unusual Heat from the days he raced in Ireland. He looked an excellent prospect on his debut at two, when he didn't have to extend himself to win a six-furlong maiden race at Leopardstown in early August. Unfortunately, he subsequently required surgery for a knee chip, but recovered well enough to win three Listed races over a mile for Dermot Weld over the next two seasons. Turform said his career was also curtailed by a necessity for good, fast ground (something of a rarity in Ireland) and they rated him at 113 as a four-year-old.

Although Unusual Heat didn't make it to the races at five, he returned to win a pair of turf claiming races over 1 1/16 miles at Hollywood Park as a six-year-old. Trainer Barry Abrams managed to claim him for \$80,000 after the first of those wins. Sadly, Unusual Heat returned lame from his last win and was again absent from the track in 1997 before finally making his stud debut as an eight-year-old in 1998 at Kachina Farm.



Jan. 5

HAYNESFIELD

Wins Count Fleet S. by 3 1/2.
Raised and sold by Denali.

Jan. 5

GEMSWICK PARK

Wins Old Hat S.-G3.
Purchased her dam at
Keeneland January 2008.

Jan. 12

ELUSIVE DIVA

sells for \$825,000
to Claiborne Farm, agt. for Ramona Bass.

Jan. 24

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in her purchase.

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There can't be many successful stallions with a record like this and, equally, there can't be many with a Scandinavian background. Unusual Heat's dam, Rossard, won the Derby and Oaks in Sweden, as well as the 1000 Guineas, Derby, Oaks and St Leger in her native Denmark. Before anyone dismisses these Classic triumphs as of little importance, I should quickly add that Rossard went on to win three of her eight starts in the U.S., including the GI Flower Bowl H. over 1 1/4 miles on turf.

In the circumstances--and remembering his own preference for fast conditions--it is probably no coincidence that Unusual Heat's increasingly impressive achievements as a stallion have coincided with California's switch to synthetic surfaces. His excellent daughters Golden Doc A and Lethal Heat, respectively, gained their victories in the GI Las Virgenes S. and GI Hollywood Oaks on all-weather tracks, while the likes of Bel Air Sizzle and Lightmyfirebaby shone on turf.

The unbeaten Beltene is another gifted all-weather runner, and it would be no surprise if she also proves at home on turf.

It's hard to disagree with Abrams' recent assessment that Unusual Heat is "a great horse, but because he stands in California, there's a tendency on the part of some people to dismiss him as a great sire."

Although he's now 19 years old, Unusual Heat hasn't been heavily used, so there is still every chance that he'll add further to his growing reputation, even if he faces a well nigh impossible task of justifying Abrams' claim that "if we lived in Kentucky, he'd probably be one of the greatest sires of all-time in the world."

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SWAP FLIPAROO, 6, Exchange Rate--Fliparoo, by Buckaroo

Foal born Jan. 22, a filly by Mr. Greeley. Will be bred back to More Than Ready. Owned by My Meadowview Stables. Boarded at Three Chimneys Farm, KY. Accomplishments: GISW, \$664,358.

MAMSELLE BEBETTE, 19, Copelan--Targa, by Cannonade

Foal born Jan. 18, a filly by Seeking the Best. Owned by Jason Allison. Accomplishments: MGSW & MGISP, \$427,082.

MAROUSSIES WINGS (IRE), 6, In the Wings (GB)--Maroussie (Fr), by Saumarez (GB)

Foal born Jan. 20, a colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Will be bred back to Oasis Dream (GB). Owned by/boarded at Newsells Park Stud, GB. Accomplishments: GSW-Fr & MGSP-GB, \$129,441.

EMA BOVARY (CHI), 10, Edgy Diplomat – Coqueta (Chi), by Domineau

Foal born Jan. 21, a filly by Smarty Jones. Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song. Owned by Northwest Farm. Boarded at Three Chimneys Farm, Ky. Accomplishments: MGSW of \$706,119.

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CURLIN JOINS RACING ELITE

Since the Eclipse Awards were first established back in 1971, no less than five horses have been honored as Horse of the Year more than once. The elite quintet is comprised of Triple Crown winners Secretariat (1972-73) and Affirmed (1978-79); the great geldings Forego (1974-76) and John Henry (1981 and 1984); and, as Breeders' Cup announcer Tom Durkin once proclaimed him, "the incomparable, invincible, unbeatable" Cigar (1995-96). That list grew to six with the inclusion of **Curlin** (Smart Strike) last night. The four-year-old did not enjoy quite the dominance he did during his sophomore season, when he went six-for-nine and earned more than \$5.1 million; he was not at his best when trying to repeat in this year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, finishing fourth. But Eclipse voters felt he had done more than enough to merit Horse of the Year honors once again.



Sarah K Andrew

HOW THEY VOTED...

Horse of the Year	Curlin (153) , Zenyatta (69), Big Brown (13)
2-Year-Old Male	Midshipman (195) , Vineyard Haven (32), Old Fashioned (7)
2-Year-Old Female	Stardom Bound (236) , Maram (2), Springside (2)
3-Year-Old Male	Big Brown (219) , Raven's Pass (21), Conduit (Ire) & Tale of Ekati (1)
3-Year-Old Female	Proud Spell (90) , Eight Belles (71), Goldikova (Ire) (41)
Older Male	Curlin (239) , Albertus Maximus, Go Between & Commentator (1)
Older Female	Zenyatta (240) , Ginger Punch (2)
Male Sprinter	Benny the Bull (107) , Midnight Lute (86), Street Boss (40)
Female Sprinter	Indian Blessing (138) , Ventura (88), Intangaroo (13)
Male Turf Horse	Conduit (Ire) (175) , Einstein (Brz) (31), Grand Couturier (GB) (11)
Female Turf Horse	Forever Together (137) , Goldikova (Ire) (94), Cocoa Beach (Chi) (6)
Steeplechase	Good Night Shirt (217) , Be Certain & High Action (1)
Owner	Stronach Stables (47) , IEAH Stables (46), Stonestreet & Midnight Cry (29)
Breeder	Adena Springs (139) , Stonerside Stables (60), WinStar Farm (13)
Trainer	Steve Asmussen (187) , Bobby Frankel (15), Larry Jones (9)
Jockey	Garrett Gomez (210) , Rafael Bejarano (11), Robby Albarado (9)
App. Jockey	Pascacio Lopez (150) , Inez Karlsson (34), Abel Mariano (18)



HORSE OF THE YEAR CH. OLDER HORSE CURLIN

Owner: Stonestreet & Midnight Cry
Breeder: Fares Farm (Ky)
Trainer: Steve Asmussen

In what would be a year of transition, while venturing into new territory, **Curlin** emerged for the second consecutive year with a divisional championship--and Horse of the Year Title--under his belt. But this time, he did it the hard way. Bred by Fares Farm in Kentucky, the chestnut, who cost a mere \$57,000 as a KESEF yearling, was purchased privately by Stonestreet Stables, Padua Stables and George Bolton for a figure reported to be around \$3 million in early 2007.

Shortly after Curlin's brilliant 2007 GI Breeders' Cup score, Jess Jackson's Stonestreet Stables stepped in to purchase a controlling interest in the colt from Padua and Bolton, and promptly plotted a course for a 2008 campaign, which began with a shot at the United Arab Emirate's showpiece; the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 29. Sent to Dubai with trainer Steve Asmussen's assistant Scott Blasi, the Classic winner debuted with a facile score in a Nad al Sheba handicap Feb. 28. On World Cup Day, the four-year-old left little doubt as to who was best, galloping home an authoritative 7 3/4-length winner over Asiatic Boy (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}).

Given some time off for his next start, the colt returned with an equally pleasing victory in the GI Stephen Foster H. [\(video\)](#) at Churchill Downs June 14.

With talk of a possible venture to France for Longchamp's pearl--the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe--in the air, connections decided to test the colt on the turf in the U.S. before venturing overseas. Heavily favored in Belmont's GI Man o' War S. July 12, the son of Smart Strike finished second--beaten two lengths--by 2006



Sarah K Andrew

GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), with 2004 Turf hero Better Talk Now (Talkin Man) back in third. Back on the dirt for his next start, he returned to the winner's circle following a 1 1/4-length triumph in the nine-panel GI Woodward S. [\(video\)](#) at Saratoga Aug. 30 and successfully defended his title in the 10-furlong Jockey Club Gold Cup [\(video\)](#) Sept. 27.

Sent to California to prepare for his final career start in the Breeders' Cup Classic, Curlin--who was getting his first taste of Santa Anita's Pro-Ride--trained well over the synthetic surface. But despite striking the front at the head of the stretch in the Classic, the colt weakened in the final sixteenth to finish fourth behind foreign invader Raven's Pass (Elusive Quality).

"We owe so much to Steve Asmussen and Scott Blasi, who gave up their entire lives so Curlin could race one more year," said Jess Jackson. "I was blessed to watch Curlin conquer his world, and to be rooting for him every step of the way."

He continued, "I hope that everyone in our industry sees that older horses can run and still be sires. Stamina is a great thing. Racing Curlin another year wasn't a hard decision. From the first time John Moynihan and I saw him, we knew he would be a distance champion, and I am so pleased that he proved it."

"We raced him for the fans, for the writers and for the marketing of the Thoroughbred industry. I hope it was a chance for the youth of America to embrace our great sport. It is the greatest spectacle in the world, and it can be elevated here in America."

As for the second straight Horse of the Year title, Jackson said, "This is such an honor, to be ranked with the John Henrys and Foregos and Secretariats and Kelsos. We always believed he was a true champion--we pursued that dream, and now Curlin is among the greats of horse racing." -CB

CURLIN

Smart Strike	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native	Native Dancer Raise You
		Gold Digger	Nashua Sequence
	Classy 'n Smart	Smarten	Cyane Smartaire
		No Class	Nodouble Classy Quillo
Sherriff's Deputy Unraced 5Fls, 1Ch, 1GSW	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent	Northern Dancer Victoria Regina
		Mint Copy	Bunty's Flight Shakney
	Barbarika MGSW 12Fls, 4W	Bates Motel	Sir Ivor Sunday Purchase
		War Exchange 10Fls, 2GSW	Wise Exchange Jungle War

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CHAMPION TRAINER
STEVE ASMUSSEN

2008 Stats: 3002-622-494-416,
\$24,235,247

Top Horses: Curlin, Student Council,
Pyro, J Be K, Zanjero

Trainer Steve Asmussen brought home his first Eclipse Award after winning a record 622 races in 2008. He also led the nation with more than \$24 million in earnings. After campaigning Horse of the Year Curlin (Smart Strike) to a stellar season in 2007--which was highlighted by a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic--the chestnut returned under Asmussen's tutelage in 2008 to add victories in the G1 Dubai World Cup, GI Stephen Foster H., GI Woodward S. and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S.

"We finished with great momentum at the end of last year," Asmussen said in a *Daily Racing Form* interview last November. "We had a crazy-good meet at Fair Grounds, and it just snowballed. This is simply a matter of the opportunities we were given. Curlin stayed in training. Everybody stayed in. Next year, it's going to be the opposite. Curlin. Zanjero. Pyro. Student Council. Every day, completely irreplaceable horses go walking out of the shed row."



Sarah K Andrew photo

Along with Curlin, the 43-year-old conditioner was represented by the hard-knocking older horse Student Council (Kingmambo), who posted a win in the GI Pimlico Special H. and also placed second in the GI Whitney H. Asmussen campaigned a solid group of three-year-olds last season, led by MGSW Pyro (Pulpit). The Winchell homebred was a leading contender for the GI Kentucky Derby following popular wins in the GIII Risen Star S. and GII Louisiana Derby, but could only manage an eighth-place finish in the Run for the Roses. The dark bay rebounded in the summer to add a win in the GIII Northern Dancer S. and a third-place finish in the GI Travers S. Following a disappointing eighth when stretched out in distance in the Louisiana Derby, J Be K (Silver Deputy) posted tallies in the GIII Bay Shore S., GII Woody Stephens S. and the GIII Jersey Shore S.

Asmussen, brother to Eclipse award winning rider Cash, learned the horse racing business from his parents, Keith, a former jockey and trainer, and Marilyn, a trainer. Asmussen, who rode for three years before retiring due to weight issues, began training Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses in New Mexico in 1986. His first Grade I as a trainer was with Dreams Galore in 1999.

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS

HIS SIRE, GIANT'S CAUSEWAY,
A 6-TIME GROUP 1 WINNER ON TURF, WAS THE
#1 SIRE IN NORTH AMERICA
OF STAKES WINNERS WITH 24 AND
STAKES PERFORMERS WITH 38.



"I have to thank my beautiful wife Julie," Asmussen said as he accepted his first Eclipse. "She makes everything we do worthwhile. Racing has definitely been tremendous to us.

"If I tried to thank all of the owners who have helped us, everybody would be asleep," he quipped. "But I want to say a special thank you to Jess Jackson and his wife Barbara for allowing us to race Curlin another year."

Asmussen also recognized the contributions of his dedicated crew. "This belongs to my staff," he said. "And that's not limited to, but starting with [assistants] Scott Blasi and Toby Sheets and Darren Fleming."

Finally, he added, "Curlin brought us here, and I am very thankful for that opportunity."

ECLIPSE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2008 - PPS

Horse of the Year	CURLIN (Smart Strike) (PPs)
2yo Male	MIDSHIPMAN (Unbridled's Song) (PPs)
2yo Female	STARDOM BOUND (Tapit) (PPs)
3yo Male	BIG BROWN (Boundary) (PPs)
3yo Female	PROUD SPELL (Proud Citizen) (PPs)
Older Male	CURLIN (Smart Strike) (PPs)
Older Female	ZENYATTA (Street Cry {Ire}) (PPs)
Turf Male	CONDUIT (IRE) (Dalakhani {Ire}) (PPs)
Turf Female	FOREVER TOGETHER (Belong to Me) (PPs)
Male Sprinter	BENNY THE BULL (Lucky Lionel) (PPs)
Female Sprinter	INDIAN BLESSING (Indian Charlie) (PPs)



CH. TURF MALE CONDUIT (IRE)

Owner: Ballymacoll Farm
Breeder: Ballymacoll Stud (Ire)
Trainer: Sir Michael Stoute

The American turf scene enjoyed a strong run in recent years with the likes of champions Kitten's Joy, Leroidesanimaux (Brz) and English Channel. But with those horses at stud and stalwarts like Better Talk Now in the twilight of their careers, there was no real stand-out in the division in 2008. That left championship honors hinging on the GI Breeders' Cup Turf, even more than usual. The five-year-old Grand Couturier(GB) (Grand Lodge)--winner of the GI Sword Dancer Invitational S. and GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational S. over rain-softened ground--stood the best chance among the American-based runners. That, at least, was according to bettors, who sent him postward as the 5-1 second choice. But when the gelding faltered and finished last of 11 at Santa Anita, the race and the Eclipse Award were there for the taking. The race went to late-developing **Conduit (Ire)** ([video](#)), and last night, so did the Eclipse.

A homebred for Weinstock family's Ballymacoll Stud, Conduit made three starts as a two-year-old, breaking his maiden in his third trip to the post over Wolverhampton's all-weather in September of 2007. At the time, *Racing Post* termed him, "a fair-looking maiden." In his second start at three, Conduit captured an Epsom handicap in June with flare, and followed up with a good runner-up try in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Ascot.

Conduit was workmanlike in taking the G3 Gordon S. at Goodwood in late July, and had to still be considered somewhat of an unknown quantity when he entered the gate as an 8-1 chance in the oldest of the English Classics, the Sept. 13 G1 St Leger S. at Doncaster.

CONDUIT (IRE), c, 2005

Dalakhani (Ire)	Darshaan (GB)	Shirley Heights (GB)	Mill Reef
		Delsy (Fr)	Hardiemma (GB)
	Daltawa (Ire)	Miswaki	Abdos (Fr)
		Damana (Fr)	Kelty (Fr)
Well Head (Ire) Unraced, 9Fls, 1Ch, 1G1SW, 1GSW, 1SP	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Mr. Prospector
		Fairy Bridge	Hopespringseternal
	River Dancer (Ire) 10-2-1-2, \$81,925, 10Fls, 2GSW	Irish River (Fr)	Crystal Palace (Fr)
		Dancing Shadow (Ire) 13Fls, 2SW	Denia (Fr)
			Nearctic
		Natalma	
		Bold Reason	
		Special	
		Riverman	
		Irish Star (Fr)	
		Dancer's Image	
		Sunny Valley (Ire)	

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS

HIS BROODMARE SIRE, KINGMAMBO, A 3-TIME GROUP 1 WINNER ON TURF, IS THE #1 SIRE STANDING AT STUD IN NORTH AMERICA OF G1 WINNERS, ALONGSIDE A.P. INDY.



Settled well back early, he charged to the front under Frankie Dettori two furlongs from home and leveled out beautifully to give Sir Michael Stoute his first St Leger and Ballymacoll its second.

That was meant to be the end of Conduit's season. But Stoute was impressed with the way he bounced out of the St Leger, and decided to make the trip to Santa Anita. It proved the right call, as Conduit took advantage of a swift pace and rallied once again, beating a game Eagle Mountain (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths, with the American Dancing Forever (Rahy) in third and favored Soldier of Fortune (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) fourth. It was the Weinstock family's second Turf victory. The late Lord Arnold Weinstock and Stoute teamed to win with Pilsudski (Ire) in 1996.

- Conduit is Ballymacoll's second Eclipse winner. Ballymacoll homebred Islington (Ire), winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf in 2003, was named that year's champion grass female

- Conduit is a fifth-generation Ballymacoll product. His dam is an unraced half-sister to Ballymacoll's dual Group 1 winner Spectrum (Ire), and also to the dam of G1 Irish Oaks heroine Petrushka (Ire), who did not race for Ballymacoll. It is also the family of successful Ballymacoll horses Saddlers' Hall (Ire), Sun Princess (GB), etc.



CH. SPRINTER BENNY THE BULL

Owner: IEAH Stables, Greg James & Andy Cohen
Breeder: Tomoka Farm Inc (Fl)
Trainer: Rick Dutrow Jr

He didn't make it to the Breeders' Cup, but veteran **Benny the Bull** did enough between January and July to dethrone GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero Midnight Lute (Real Quiet) as the year's champion sprinter. The dark bay was perfect as the crowd's choice in his four 2008 starts, racing at four different tracks in two different countries to get the nod for the Eclipse.

Benny the Bull started the year in the Jan. 26 Sunshine Millions Sprint at Gulfstream [\(video\)](#), galloping to a 4 1/2-length victory. He then jetted off to Nad Al Sheba and outfinished fellow American Idiot Proof (Benchmark) to take the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen by 1 3/4 lengths. Trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. gave the then-five-year-old a break after his over-



Adam Coglianese

seas adventure, bringing him back for the June 7 GII True North H. A game neck winner over the Belmont strip [\(video\)](#), the "Bull" provided a ray of sunshine on a day dampened by stablemate Big Brown's GI Belmont S. fiasco.

The Florida-bred made it four-for-four in the July 12 GII Smile Sprint H. at Calder [\(video\)](#), coming from far back to score by two lengths, but that would prove to be his 2008 finale.

BENNY THE BULL, h, 2003

Lucky Lionel	Mt. Livermore	Blushing Groom (Fr)	Red God
		Flama Ardiente	Runaway Bride (GB)
	Crafty Nan	Crafty Prospector	Crimson Satan
		Blake's Twin (GB)	Royal Rafale
Comet Cat SW 2Fls, 1Ch, 1GSW	Birdonthewire	Proud Birdie	Mr. Prospector
		Silk and Wrapper	Real Crafty Lady
	Grannys Kitty SP 7Fls, 1SW	Comet Kat	Blakeney (GB)
		Sequel	Regal Twin
		10Fls, 1SW, 1SP	Proud Clarion
		Consequential	Bernie Bird

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You won't find many horses who combine courage, class, speed, versatility, and consistency more than Red Giant. He should be the favorite (in the Breeders' Cup)."

- STEVE HASKIN / THE BLOOD-HORSE, 10/9/08



Benny the Bull suffered a chip in his right front ankle while preparing for the GI Forego S. at Saratoga, and connections, at the time, opted to call it a day.

"He's given us so much," IEAH Stables's Michael Iavarone told *Daily Racing Form* last summer. "He's a horse that hasn't missed a beat the last 15 or 16 months. It's time to retire him."

But those plans have since changed. Iavarone announced last night that Benny the Bull would soon be back at the track and would go after a second straight Eclipse Award.

"He'll be returning to the races," Iavarone said. "We'll be bringing him back this summer to try and defend his title."

As for last night's accolades, he remarked, "It is a fantastic credit to our trainer, Rick Dutrow, who had him ready to run every time, and to Rudy Rodriguez, who had him breathing fire every time."

"Every race, he'd drop back and you'd be saying, 'where is he? where is he? where is he?,' but somehow, every time, he'd find himself in front at the finish line."

IEAH purchased a majority interest in the sprinter after his win in the 2007 Iowa Sprint H. He has compiled a record of 17-9-1-2 and earnings of \$2,221,630.

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CH. 3YO COLT BIG BROWN

Owner: IEAH Stables, Paul Pompa Jr, et al
Breeder: Monticule (Ky)
Trainer: Rick Dutrow Jr

Big Brown didn't make his sophomore bow until early March, but was he ever worth the wait.

Purchased privately for a reported \$3 million by IEAH Stables following a double-digit debut victory over the Saratoga lawn in his two-year-old bow, Big Brown was subsequently sidelined with nagging quarter crack issues, and was put away until the following year's Gulfstream Park meeting. Making his debut in the red, white and blue silks of IEAH in an off-the-turf allowance at the Hallandale oval Mar. 5 ([video](#)), the handsome bay announced his presence with authority, running away with a 12 3/4 length tally, earning **"TDN Rising Star"** status in the process. The victory was so impressive that IEAH principal Mike Iavarone decided to stay in South Florida to watch the colt compete in the Mar. 29 GI Florida Derby ([video](#)), rather than fly to Dubai with likely G1 Golden Shaheen favorite Benny the Bull (Lucky Lionel). It turned into a huge day for Iavarone and IEAH, as Benny the Bull began the day with a score in the desert, and Big Brown followed suit with a dominating five-length triumph, punching his ticket as the GI Kentucky Derby favorite.

"As much as I love Benny the Bull, I felt like I had to be at the Florida Derby," Iavarone explained. "You may only get one chance at the Kentucky Derby, and Big Brown had to win the Florida Derby even to have a shot to get in the gate. So, it was an all or nothing situation. We had a lot of confidence in our colt and wanted to see what he could do in hopes of getting to the next level, and he lived up to it. To win both races was amazing. The excitement at Gulfstream over Big Brown was incredible, and I was glad to be there."

BIG BROWN, c, 2005

Boundary	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
			Natalma
	Edge	Damascus	Admirals Voyage
			Petitioner (GB)
		Ponte Vecchio	Sword Dancer
			Kerala
Mien Winner 5FIs, 1GSW	Nureyev	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
			Natalma
	Miasma SP 9FIs, 4 Wnr	Special	*Forli
			Thong
		Lear Fan	Roberto
			Wac
Syrian Circle 11FIs, 1SP	Damascus	Friendly Circle	

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS

THE BEST 2008 BEYERS
OF THE TOP PERFORMERS IN 2008

RED GIANT - 112 Beyer

CURLIN - 112 Beyer

MIDNIGHT LUTE - 112 Beyer

RAVEN'S PASS - 110 Beyer

BIG BROWN - 109 Beyer

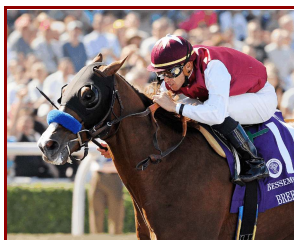
KIP DEVILLE - 109 Beyer

ZENYATTA - 108 Beyer

Big Brown's shining moment came on racing's biggest stage. Slightly favored at 2-1 in the Derby ([video](#)), he overcame post 20 to score by an eye-opening 5 1/4 lengths. The Kentucky-bred remained unbeaten following an effortless tally in the GI Preakness S. ([video](#)), but came unglued before a packed house in the GI Belmont S. and was pulled up by Kent Desormeaux. While his Belmont flop remains a mystery, Big Brown certainly helped clear his name in two subsequent starts on the Jersey Shore. He won his first five starts on raw ability, but had to rely on determination in his final two. Heavily favored in the Aug. 3 GI Haskell Invitational S. ([video](#)), Big Brown showed the heart of a champion, digging down deep to rally for a 1 3/4-length tally. He made his first start on grass since his career opener in the Sept. 13 Monmouth S. ([video](#)) against older horses and, after dictating the early pace, gamely held off the classy Proudinsky (Ger) (Silvano {Ger}) by a neck.

"Big Brown was such a brilliant horse and personality to be around, and we enjoyed the whole ride," Iavarone said. "His race record and dominance speaks for itself, but he created memories for us that are hard to put into words or put a value on. He brought out a passion in so many people and fans and really seemed to create an excitement that we will never forget."

Big Brown was retired after grabbing a quarter in a work leading up to the Breeders' Cup, and stands his first season at Three Chimneys for a fee of \$65,000.



CH. 2YO MALE MIDSHIPMAN

Owner: Darley Stable
Breeder: Stonerside Stable (Ky)
Trainer: Bob Baffert

The coronation of Midshipman represents the achievement of not one but two major operations in racing--Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stable and Bob and Janice McNair's Stonerside Stable. It was back on Sept. 1, 2008 that Sheikh Mohammed purchased just about all of Stonerside's Thoroughbred holdings. Included was the Bob Baffert-trained Midshipman, who at the time had made but one start--taking his debut at Del Mar Aug. 17 ([video](#)).

Two days after the deal was announced, Midshipman got his nose down to defeat the Coronet of a Baron (Pure Prize)--owned by none other than Sheikh Mohammed--in the seven-furlong GI Del Mar Futurity ([video](#)). In the winner's circle that day was a symbolic and literal coming together of Darley and Stonerside, as the latter's racing and bloodstock manager, John Adger, and the former's president, Jimmy Bell, accepted the winner's trophy together. While Midshipman wore the green and white of Stonerside that day, he donned Darley's maroon silks in his next, a runner-up try to Street Hero (Street Cry {Ire}) in the GI Norfolk S. Sept. 28 ([video](#)).

Turning the tables when it counted, Midshipman was sent off at 7-2 in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and led every step, beating Square Eddie (Smart Strike) and Street Hero. The win secured the Eclipse and made him one of the early favorites for the GI Kentucky Derby.

Like many of Sheikh Mohammed's promising juveniles, Midshipman will take the Dubai route to Louisville. He left Baffert's barn in November and is now under Saeed bin Suroor's care at the Al Quoz training center near Nad Al Sheba.

MIDSHIPMAN, c, 2006

Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	Fappiano	Mr. Prospector Killaloe
		Gana Facil	Le Fabuleux Charedi
	Trolley Song	Caro (Ire)	Fortino (Fr) Chambord (GB)
		Lucky Spell	Lucky Mel Incantation
Fleet Lady MGSW & GISP, 23-10-3-12, \$631,190 8FIs, 1Ch, 2GSW	Avenue of Flags	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning My Charmer
		Beautiful Glass	Pass the Glass Beautiful Spirit
	Dear Mimi 2-0-0-1, \$417 10FIs, 1GSW	Roberto	Hail to Reason Bramalea
		Carnival Princess 11FIs, 1GSW	Prince John Carnival Queen

THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS

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- TRAINER TODD PLETCHER

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Stonerside rep John Adger accepted the Eclipse last night. He took a moment to praise Midshipman's conditioner.

"I am so proud of Bob Baffert," Adger said. "He has been a great trainer for us at Stonerside for so many years. I want to congratulate him and his fine team.

"I am also proud of the two fine riders who were on Midshipman--Garrett Gomez, who rode him in the Breeders' Cup, and Tyler Baze," he added.

- First Eclipse champion bred by Stonerside. Stonerside campaigned 1999 two-year-old filly champ Chilukki (Cherokee Run), who was acquired as a juvenile in training
- Second Eclipse champion owned by Darley, following homebred Bernardini (A.P. Indy), 3yo Colt, 2006. The Maktoum family's Godolphin has had three Eclipse champions: Tempera (A.P. Indy), 2yo Filly, 2001; Fantastic Light (Rahy), Turf Male, 2001; and Daylami (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), Turf Male, 1999; Sheikh Mohammed also owned Pebbles (GB) (Sharpen Up {GB}), Turf Female, 1985.
- Trainer Bob Baffert's 10th individual champion, his second male juvenile after Vindication (Seattle Slew, 2001), and his fifth overall juvenile champion, in addition to the fillies Silverbulletday (Silver Deputy, 1998), Chilukki and Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie, 2007)



CH. OLDER FEMALE ZENYATTA

Owner: Mr & Mrs Jerome S Moss
Breeder: Maverick Production Ltd (KY)
Trainer: John Shirreffs

When 2008 began, ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Zenyatta was perfect in two starts and about to head into stakes company. The quality of her competition kept getting tougher, but the rangy filly put forward her patented wide move on the far turn on every occasion, finishing up the year with a comprehensive score in the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic ([video](#)) at Santa Anita.

She kicked off the year with a win against fellow four-year-olds in the GII El Encino S. ([video](#)) in January, then headed out of town to trounce defending Eclipse Award winner Ginger Punch in the GI Apple Blossom H. ([video](#)) in April--her lone start on conventional dirt. In each subsequent outing back in California, the dark bay was odds-on, and toted home trophies in the GII Milady H. ([video](#)), GI Vanity H. ([video](#)), GII Clement L. Hirsch H. ([video](#)) and GI Lady's Secret S. ([video](#)) before her Breeders' Cup triumph. Her unbeaten sequence included almost every sort of synthetic surface offered in North America: Santa Anita's original Cushion Track and Pro-Ride; the Polytrack at Del Mar and the Cushion Track offered by Hollywood.



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David Flores rode Zenyatta to her first three victories, but Shirreffs' first-call rider Mike Smith took over for the Apple Blossom and kept her winning streak intact.

ZENYATTA, f, 2004

Street Cry (Ire)	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
		Coup de Folie	Halo Raise the Standard
	Helen Street (GB)	Troy (GB)	Petingo (GB) La Milo (GB)
		Riverway (Fr)	Riverman Boulevard (Ire)
Vertigineux 7-2-0-0, \$60,480 5Fls, 1Ch, 2GISW, 1SW	Kris S.	Roberto	Hail to Reason Bramalea
		Sharp Quillo	*Princequillo Bridgework
	For the Flag 9-1-2-0, \$7,230 13Fls, 3SW	*Forli	Aristophanes (GB) Trevisa (Arg)
		In the Offing 9Fls, 1GSW	Hoist the Flag Mrs. Peterkin

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Sent off at 1-2 in the Ladies' Classic, the towering filly launched her wide move on the turn and blew past a field that included multiple Grade I winner Cocoa Beach (Chi) and Eclipse Award finalist Music Note, as well as Ginger Punch and Grade I winner Hystericalady.

"She's just amazing," said Smith, who also piloted 2002 Horse of the Year Azeri. "As soon as we got away in good order, I knew it was good. I knew [her run] was there any time I asked her. I've never seen a horse go past other horses like this filly can. She sets herself up to come to them, and she just blazes by them. That was a field of world-class fillies. I've been on other horses that have speed and can pass other horses, but none like her."

Jerry and Ann Moss, who acquired Zenyatta for just \$60,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September, will keep their first Eclipse Award winner in training for 2009. The big filly took it easy following her Breeders' Cup triumph, but recently began galloping at her Hollywood Park base.

Jerry Moss, the M in A & M Records, gave a nod to the Police album, *Zenyatta Mondatta*, from which the great filly got her name.

"In sanskrit, Zenyatta means 'top of the world,' and I want to let you know, that's where we are right now," he said.



CH. TURF FEMALE FOREVER TOGETHER

Owner: Augustin Stable
Breeder: White Fox Farm (KY)
Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard

A rare juvenile purchase by popular owner/breeder George Strawbridge Jr., Forever Together captured the GII Forward Gal S. going seven panels on the dirt at Gulfstream early in her three-year-old campaign, but really took it to the next level when switched to turf in 2008. She came running five wide to land Arlington's Reluctant Guest S. May 17 ([video](#)), and that set the course for the rest of her season. Let go at 44-1 in the GI Just a Game S. at Belmont June 7 ([video](#)), the grey had some trouble before finishing third to division heavyweights Ventura and Lady of Venice (Fr). She bounded past her rivals to take the GI Diana S. at Saratoga July 26 ([video](#)), then ran third in the GII Canadian S. at Woodbine Sept 7 ([video](#)).

Forever Together capped her season by defeating a host of tough distaffers in her final two outings, the GI First Lady S. at Keeneland Oct. 3 ([video](#)) and the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf at Santa Anita Oct. 24 ([video](#)). In the First Lady, she defeated the likes of Grade I winners Precious Kitten and Rutherford, as well as champion Dreaming of Anna. Stretching out to 10 panels for the first time in the Breeders' Cup, she put her late kick to good use, driving past champions Sealy Hill and Wait a While--and six other Grade I winners--to land the championship event.

"I think the first time we realized how good she might be was after she ran third in the Just a Game," trainer Jonathan Sheppard told *Daily Racing Form*. "That was a pretty good jump in class from an overnight stakes right to a Grade I. She finished third that day and had to steady a little on the turn."

FOREVER TOGETHER, f, 2004

Belong to Me	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
		Pas de Nom	Admirals Voyage Petitioner (GB)
	Belonging	Exclusive Native	Raise a Native Exclusive
		Straight Deal	Hail to Reason No Fiddling
Constant Companion Unraced 8FIs, 1Ch, 1GISW	Relaunch	In Reality	Intentionally My Dear Girl
		Foggy Note	The Axe II Silver Song
	Wedding Picture SW, 14-8-2, \$152,997 11FIs, 1GSW, 3SW	Blushing Groom (Fr)	Red God Runaway Bride (GB)
		Strike a Pose 11FIs, 2SW	Iron Ruler Take a Stand

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Sheppard continued, "[Jockey] Ramon Dominguez told me afterwards that if he didn't have to take up he thought he would have won. That's when I knew we really had something."

Forever Together is the second Breeders' Cup winner campaigned by Strawbridge, following 1994 Breeders' Cup Turf hero Tikkanen (Cozzene). Strawbridge was also the co-owner of Waya (Fr), who was honored as champion older mare in 1979. In 2008, the Pennsylvania native was also represented by unbeaten Rainbow View (Dynaformer), who won the Cartier Award as Europe's top two-year-old filly.



George Strawbridge and Forever Together
Horsephotos

"It's an honor," Strawbridge said last night. "Jonathan Sheppard did a sensational job--with innovation, with imagination and with, for those in the know, patience."

Forever Together has been given the winter off, but is scheduled to return to action at Keeneland this spring.



CH. FILLY SPRINTER INDIAN BLESSING

Owner: Hal & Patti Earnhardt
Breeder: Hal & Patti Earnhardt (Ky)
Trainer: Bob Baffert

The decision to turn back 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies heroine **Indian Blessing** (Indian Charlie) to sprints following her first two career defeats when second behind Proud Spell (Proud Citizen) in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks Mar. 8 and Zaftig (Gone West) in the GI Acorn S. June 7, made for a second straight championship season for the Hal and Patti Earnhardt homebred.

Heavily favored while facing only four rivals in the GI Prioress S. July 5 ([video](#)), the dark bay showed a



Hal & Patti Earnhardt
Benoit Photo

new dimension rallying from off the pace. Surprisingly outsprinted in fourth through an opening quarter of :22 1/5 in the muddy conditions, Indian Blessing was guided to the outside by Johnny Velazquez after breaking from post two, revved up four wide on the turn for home and drew away with ease in the

stretch, scoring by 5 1/4 lengths. It was another walk in the park for the champion two-year-old filly in Saratoga's prestigious GI Test S. Aug. 2 ([video](#)), a seven-length tour-de-force.

"She's gotten better," trainer Bob Baffert said of the daughter of Shameful (Flying Chevron) following the Test. "After [the Prioress] we found a dimension where she can relax. We were afraid to take her back and thought it would be disastrous. She's matured and learned how to relax."

INDIAN BLESSING, f, 2005

Indian Charlie	In Excess (Ire)	Siberian Express	Caro (Ire) Indian Call
		Kantado (Ire)	Saulingo (GB) Vi (GB)
	Soviet Sojourn	Leo Castelli	Sovereign Dancer Suspicious Native
		Political Parfait	Diplomat Way Peach Butter
Shameful SW & MGSP, 12-4-3-2, \$241,345 5FIs, 1Ch, 1G1SW	Flying Chevron	Carson City	Mr. Prospector Blushing Promise
		Fly Me First	*Herbager Flying Fable
	Lady's Legacy SP, \$22,367 7FIs, 2SW	Matchlite	Clever Trick Light Up My Life
		Wavering Lady 9FIs, 2SP	Wavering Monarch Pia's Lady

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*Airdrie would like to send our deepest Congratulations and Gratitude for the second year in a row to owner/breeder Hal & Patti Earnhardt and trainer Bob Baffert on their Champion filly **INDIAN BLESSING**.*

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Freshened for a fall campaign, the sophomore handed her elders a 6 1/4-length defeat in the GII Gallant Bloom H. Sept. 20 ([video](#)) before finishing a creditable second behind fellow champion female sprinter nominee Ventura (Chester House) in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint Oct. 24 ([video](#)). The ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ put an exclamation point on a brilliant season with a 1 1/2-length tally in the GI La Brea S. Dec. 27 ([video](#)), which was marred by the tragic break down of Indyanne (Indian Charlie).

Accepting the award last night, owner/breeder Hal Earnhardt said, "She is truly a special horse. I have to thank the team at Hill 'n' Dale--John Sikura and Donato Lanni--who raised her and did a fantastic job with her.

"And we entrusted her God-given gifts to the only trainer we've ever had, Bob Baffert. Bob and his wife Jill have been great friends and have done so much for us over the years. With Indian Blessing in Bob's capable hands, it's no wonder I'm standing here accepting another Eclipse Award.

He added, "I am also lucky to be sharing this with my wife, Patti, who happens to be the love of my life."

Indian Blessing has been kept in training for 2009 and is expected to take on the boys in her seasonal debut in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen Mar. 28.



CH. 3YO FILLY PROUD SPELL

Owner: Brereton C Jones
Breeder: Brereton C Jones (Ky)
Trainer: Larry Jones

The hard-knocking **Proud Spell** started her sophomore campaign at Fair Grounds in February and kept right on rolling through September. She ran eight times at seven different tracks, all in graded stakes company, and was never off the board while winning four times. Brereton Jones's homebred, from the first crop of Airdrie stallion



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Proud Citizen, started 2008 with a strong second behind 2007 Eclipse champ Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie) in the GIII Silverbulletday S. It was a familiar outcome--Proud Spell had run second behind that rival four months earlier in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Monmouth Park--but she turned

the tables on the champ with a win in the Mar. 8 GII Fair Grounds Oaks in her second sophomore start.

Proud Spell suffered her worst finish of the year when trying Keeneland's Polytrack, running third in the Apr. 5 GI Ashland S. But she more than redeemed herself with a return to conventional dirt in the GI Kentucky Oaks ([video](#)), splashing home an authoritative five-length victress in the 134th running of the Classic.

Proud Spell began the second half of her season in the June 28 GI Mother Goose S. at Belmont Park where she ran into Godolphin's talented Music Note. The nine-furlong event ([video](#)) proved an adventure from start to finish. The filly stumbled badly at the break, but recovered to press the pace. She tried to force her way through an opening on the rail into the stretch, only to be cut off, but still finished well to be second before being disqualified and placed third.

PROUD SPELL, f, 2005

Proud Citizen	Gone West	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native Gold Digger
		Secrettame	Secretariat Tamerett
	Drums of Freedom	Green Forest	Shecky Greene Tell Meno Lies
		Danseuse Etoile	Buckpasser Arctic Dancer
Pacific Spell 16-2-2-0 5 Fls, 1 Ch., 1 MGISW	Langfuhr	Danzig	Northern Dancer Pas de Nom
		Sweet Briar Too	Briarctic Prima Babu Gum
	Malibu Magic 10-2-3-2 10 Fls, 1 SW	Encino	Nijinsky II Crimson Saint
		Dream Harder 14 Fls, 1GSW	Hard Work Great Squaw

PROUD CITIZEN A Proud Moment



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Proud Spell returned to the winner's circle with a professional victory in the July 12 GII Delaware Oaks ([video](#)), but it was the filly's epic battle with fellow Eclipse finalist Music Note in the Aug. 12 GI Alabama S. at Saratoga ([video](#)) that truly stamped her a champion. Joined by Music Note in upper stretch, Proud Spell quite simply refused to be passed and gutted out a narrow victory.

That race might have taken something out of the filly, who ended her championship season with a runner-up effort in the Sept. 20 GII Fitz Dixon Cotillion S. Connections decided against another try over a synthetic track in the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita, instead freshening Proud Spell for a four-year-old campaign.

"This is something I've dreamed about all my life, starting out on a dairy farm in West Virginia as a young kid," said an emotional Brereton Jones on the podium last night. "People would ask me, 'what are you going to do when you grow up,' and I'd say, 'I'm going to raise horses in Kentucky.' And they'd say, 'where did you get that crazy idea?'"

He continued, "I got an envelope on my table tonight that said I was limited to just one minute--but if you think you're going to give the thrill of a lifetime to an old ex-governor and limit him to 60 seconds, you've got another thing coming. That's like expecting Rush Limbaugh to vote for Barack Obama--it just doesn't work that way."



CH. 2YO FILLY
STARDOM BOUND

Owner: Charles Cono LLC
Breeder: Fletcher & Carolyn Gray & John Youngblood (Ky)
Trainer: Christopher Paasch

When a gray filly by freshman sire Tapit from My White Corvette (Tarr Road) worked three-eighths of a mile in a seemingly effortless :33 3/5 over the OBS SafeTrack surface, trainer Christopher Paasch sensed that she was no ordinary filly. When she went through the ring a couple of days later, the California-based conditioner, who purchases horses for his longtime client Charles Cono of San Diego, was atypically deep into his pockets. The tote read \$375,000.

"I don't usually go that strong on a horse, so if I am spending that kind of money, she had to be something special," Paasch said by phone last week. "With the advent of Polytrack, we were looking for something that had a little bit different stride than on dirt. She just seemed to do everything so easily and the surface really accentuated her stride."

A few years ago, Paasch had reserved the name Stardom Bound, but hadn't found the horse worthy of the moniker. It was around May 15 of last year that Paasch knew his Tapit filly was the one.

"I worked her with some really nice fillies and she wouldn't just go out there and beat them, she'd run right by them by five or six lengths," he recalled. "Let's say we were very excited."

One of the barnmates left in her wake was Cosmic Queen, a Stormy Atlantic filly that won her maiden first time out, going 4 1/2 furlongs in :50 3/5 at Hollywood. Stardom Bound debuted with a slow-starting, fast-finishing second at Del Mar July 20 (video), but was nonetheless dispatched the favorite for the GIII Sorrento S. at the seaside oval Aug. 6. Off tardily again, she found the line willingly, but too late, and settled for yet another runner-up effort (video). It would be the final time she'd taste defeat during the season.

Paasch had clearly lost little faith in his filly and pressed on to the GI Del Mar Debutante, but Stardom Bound was up to her old tricks in the stalls, missed the break and was far back for the opening half-mile. But, when given her cue by Mike Smith, she looped the field on the turn, ran to the front past midstretch and had 4 1/4 lengths on her ambushed rivals at the line (video).

Her two races at a distance of ground were no less impressive. Switched off near the back of the field in the GI Oak Leaf S. Sept. 27, she was forced to cover ground on the turn and into the lane, but blew by for a 3 1/2-length success (video). With all the marbles on the line on Breeders' Cup Ladies' Day Oct. 24, Stardom Bound proved more than equal to the task, and, in a near copycat effort from the Oak Leaf, took flight five wide leaving the three-eighths marker and clinched her championship with a 1 1/2-length victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Paasch believes the sky's the limit for new owners IEAH Stables, which bought the filly for \$5.7 million at Fasig-Tipton November. "To see a two-year-old filly race so wide, but still remain focused, that's just amazing," he stated. "I feel lucky to have been a part of her career. If she stays healthy and sound, I truly believe that she can be one of the all-time greats."

STARDOM BOUND, f, 2006

Tapit	Pulpit	A. P. Indy	Seattle Slew
		Preach	Weekend Surprise
	Tap Your Heels	Unbridled	Mr. Prospector
		Ruby Slippers	Narrate
My White Corvette SW, 6 Fls, 1 G1SW, 1 Ch.	Tarr Road	Grey Dawn II	Fappiano
		Pure Reason	Gana Facil
	Wind Chime Wnr 6Fls, 1SW	Marfa	Nijinsky II
		Belles Native 9Fls, 2 SW	Moon Glitter
			*Herbager
			Polamia
		Chieftain	
		Reason to Earn	
		Foolish Pleasure	
		Gray Matter	
		Raise a Native	
		Belle's Pocket	

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2008 Owner Stats: 466-114-84-63, \$6,677,124

2008 Breeder Stats: 3,679-604-518-514, \$19,247,705

Top Horses: Fatal Bullet, Ginger Brew, Ginger Punch, Harlem Rocker, Spring Waltz

Since the Eclipse Awards were begun in 1971, no operation has been more lauded than Frank Stronach's Stronach Stables and his nom de course as breeder, Adena Springs. Coming into last night, the Stronach mantle sported a total of 14 statuettes--six for Stronach-owned or co-owned horses (Glorious Song, Macho Uno, Perfect Sting, Ghostzapper [x2], and Ginger Punch), as well as three for Outstanding Owner and five as Outstanding Breeder.

Make some more room on the mantle. Voters recognized Stronach with two more Eclipse awards--first as Outstanding Owner and then as Outstanding Breeder r. It is the unprecedented fifth straight year Adena Springs Farms has been named outstanding breeder; Frank Stronach also won under his own name in 2000.

In 2008, horses bred or co-bred by Adena Springs banked \$19,247,705--which easily bested runner-up Stonerside Stable's total of \$8,521,912. The sheer size of Adena's program left the others fighting for minor honors. Adena was represented by 573 starters, who made 3,679 starts and accounted for a cumulative record of 604 wins, 518 seconds, and 514 thirds. Stonerside, by contrast, had 131 starters who made 711 starts, with 130 wins, 105 seconds and 93 thirds. Adena received 139 votes as leading breeder, ahead of runner-up Stonerside, who bred Breeders' Cup winners Midshipman and Raven's Pass, who had 60 votes. Stronach Stables' victory in the Outstanding Owner category was by a razor-thin margin. Stronach got 47 votes, just one more than IEAH Stables's 46.

In 2008, Stronach achieved much of his success with homebreds, including MGISW Ginger Punch (Awesome Again); MSW Ginger Brew (Milwaukee Brew), named champion three-year-old filly in Canada in 2008; and GSW Harlem Rocker (Macho Uno). Others bred by Adena but not raced by Stronach include GI Breeders' Cup Sprint runner-up Fatal Bullet (Red Bullet), named champion sprinter and Horse of the Year in Canada in 2008; and graded winners Buffalo Man (El Prado {Ire}), My Princess Jess and The Niagra Queen (Langfuhr).

Stronach's current count of 16 Eclipse Awards outpaces Phipps Stable, which has accounted for no fewer than 10 Eclipse-winning horses as owner (not including Cynthia Phipps's Christmas Past), as well as two Eclipses for Outstanding Owner ('88, '89) and one for Outstanding Breeder ('88), for a total of 13 statuettes.

This marks the fourth time an operation has won an Eclipse as owner and breeder on the same night. Harbor View Farm was the first to do it in 1978. Ogden Phipps was honored with both in 1988, followed by Stronach himself in 2000 and Juddmonte Farms in 2003.

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1st **Irish 2,000 Guineas-Gr.1**, 8f., Curragh, beating New Approach.

1st **St James's Palace S.-Gr.1**, 8f., Royal Ascot, in track record time again beating Raven's Pass.

1st **Sussex S.-Gr.1**, 8f., Goodwood, again beating Raven's Pass.

2nd **Breeders' Cup Classic-Gr.1**, 10f., Santa Anita, with Curlin fourth.

Gr.2 winner at 2

1st **Coventry S.-Gr.2**, 6f., Royal Ascot, in track record time.

1st **Maiden**, 7f., by 7 lengths on his debut.

2nd **Phoenix S.-Gr.1**, 6f., Curragh.

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CHAMPION JOCKEY GARRETT GOMEZ

2008 Stats: 1023-214-163-158, \$23,344,351
Top Horses: Go Between, Nashoba's Key, Ventura, Hystericalady, Colonel John, Midshipman, Champs Elysees (GB), Albertus Maximus, Midnight Lute, Pioneer of the Nile

After winning nine Grade I events in North America and nearly breaking the record earnings in a single year, Garrett Gomez has received outstanding jockey honors for the second straight year. Hailing from Tucson, Arizona, Gomez captured a pair of Grade I \$1 million races on opposite sides of the country on consecutive days when he rode Colonel John (Tiznow) to a narrow victory in the Travers S. at Saratoga Aug. 23, then captured the Pacific Classic at Del Mar the following day with Go Between (Point Given).



Sarah K Andrew photo

Gomez, now 37, took advantage of the expanded Breeders' Cup format by winning four races: the Filly & Mare Sprint with Ventura (Chester House), the Dirt Mile with Albertus Maximus (Albert the Great), the GI Juvenile with Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) and the GI Sprint with Midnight Lute (Real Quiet). Bolstered by eight wins in races with purses equal to or greater than \$1 million, Gomez was poised to break Jerry Bailey's single-season earnings record when he went down in a spill at Santa Anita Dec. 27. Despite losing teeth, receiving a gash to his left knee and suffering a swollen hand, Gomez missed only one day of racing and returned to compete Dec. 29, but would fall \$10,609 short of the record.

"I'm very honored to be up here accepting this award," said Gomez, who still has a way to go before he can break Bailey's mark of seven Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Jockey. "First of all, I want to thank the horses, because they are the most important part. And I'd like to thank my beautiful wife Pam for sending me out the door every day at 4 a.m.

"And I have to thank someone who is very, very important in this process, and that's my agent, Ron Anderson. Thank you."



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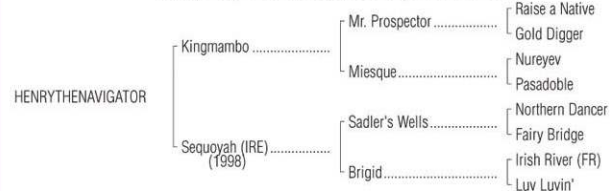
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THE pedigree...

HENRYTHENAVIGATOR

Dark Bay or Brown Horse; foaled 2005



By KINGMAMBO (1990). Classic winner of \$733,139, French Two Thousand Guineas [G1], St. James's Palace S. [G1], etc. Sire of 12 crops of racing age, 799 foals, 632 starters, 73 stakes winners, 6 champions, 392 winners of 1125 races and earning \$83,191,519, including Lemon Drop Kid (\$3,245,370, Belmont S. [G1], etc.), Divine Proportions (\$1,-553,790, French Oaks [G1], etc.), Russian Rhythm [G1] (\$1,260,794), El Condor Pasa [G1] (\$3,502,404), Rule of Law [G1].

1st dam

SEQUOYAH (IRE), by Sadler's Wells. 2 wins at 2, €162,514, in Ireland, hwt. filly at 2 on Irish Hand., Moyglare Stud S. [G1], 2nd Debutante Fillies' S., 3rd Railway S. [G3]. (Total: \$150,825). Sister to **LISTEN**. Dam of 3 foals, all winners, including--

HENRYTHENAVIGATOR (c. by Kingmambo). Classic winner, see record.

QUEEN CLEOPATRA (f. by Kingmambo). Winner at 3, €108,865, in Ireland, Derrinstown Stud One Thousand Guineas Trial S. [G3], 2nd Loughbrown S., 3rd Irish One Thousand Guineas [G1]; placed in 2 starts at 3, €99,440, in France, 3rd French Oaks [G1]. (Total: \$265,573).

2nd dam

BRIGID, by Irish River (FR). Winner at 3, €15,093, in France. (Total: \$18,073). Sister to **OR VISION**, **Litani River**, half-sister to **NIJINSKY'S LOVER** [L] (\$179,275), **DIXIE FINE** [L] (\$74,426), **Hip to Time** (sire), Dam of--

LISTEN (f. by Sadler's Wells). Winner at 2, €117,155, in Ireland, hwt. filly at 2 on Irish Hand., Balanchine Saoire S., 2nd Moyglare Stud S. [G1], Ballygallon Stud Debutante S. [G2]; winner in 1 start at 2, £123,942, in England, Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile [G1]. (Total: \$412,709).

SEQUOYAH (IRE) (f. by Sadler's Wells). Stakes winner, above.

OYSTER CATCHER (IRE) (f. by Bluebird). 3 wins at 3, €66,164, in Ireland, Belgrave S., 3rd Coolmore Stud Home of Champions Concorde S. [G3]. (Total: \$69,686).

Lady Windermere. Unraced. Dam of 4 foals, 3 to race, including--
ABSOLUTELYFABULOUS (f. by Mozart). 3 wins at 3 and 4, €66,309, in Ireland, Cork S., 3rd Ballyogan S. [G3], Woodlands S. (Total: \$92,988).

RACE RECORD: In Europe; at 2, two wins, Coventry S. [G2], 2nd Phoenix S. [G1], 3rd Futurity S. [G2]; at 3, four wins, Irish Two Thousand Guineas [G1], Two Thousand Guineas [G1], Sussex S. [G1], St. James's Palace S. [G1]. In North America at 3. 2nd Breeders' Cup Classic [G1] from one start. (Total: \$1,644,501).

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**CHAMPION
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PASCACIO LOPEZ**

2008 Stats: 1060-229-198-142, \$3,929,612
Top Horses: My Sweet Natalie, Big Drama, Ashley River, Yesbyjimminy

Pascacio "Paco" Lopez led apprentice jockeys in North America with 171 wins before he lost his "bug" in October. The native of Veracruz, Mexico, won the 2008 Calder riding title by compiling a record of 639-161-139-97. He never had the chance to repeat during the Tropical at Calder meeting, however, as Churchill Downs Inc. banned Lopez from all CDI tracks through Jan. 2 while the rider appealed 65 days worth of suspensions. The Florida Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering later commuted the suspension to 27 days, which allowed Lopez to compete at Tampa Bay Downs when that track opened Dec. 13. He is now splitting his time between the Tampa and Gulfstream Park. Lopez started his riding career by participating in unregulated Quarter Horse races in Mexico. After moving to the United States in 2006, Lopez won his first Thoroughbred race at Calder July 13, 2007.



**CH. STEEPLECHASER
GOOD NIGHT SHIRT**

(Concern-Hot Story, by Two Punch)
Owner: Sonny & Ann Via
Breeder: Dr. & Mrs. T. Bowman
Trainer: Jack Fisher
2008 Record: 5-5-0-0, \$485,520

How do you follow a year where you set a single-season earnings record of \$314,163 and earn champion steeplechaser honors? If you're **Good Night Shirt**, you go undefeated in five starts and break your own earnings record en route to your second straight Eclipse title. Good Night Shirt kicked off his seven-year-old campaign by winning the GI Georgia Cup at Atlanta Apr. 12, then took the GI Iroquois S. for the second straight year at Percy Warner in Nashville May 10. Next came a repeat success in the GI Lonesome Glory S. at Belmont Sept. 21, where he took nearly 10 seconds off the previous course record. The gelding then returned to Far Hills in New Jersey to seek vindication in the GI Grand National. Fourth in that race over soft turf to the now-retired McDynamo (Dynaformer) in his only off-the-board performance in 2007, Good Night Shirt came back to win the Grand National by four lengths and break his 2007 earnings mark. The chestnut faced his sternest test in his final outing of 2008, where he was all out to preserve his perfect season and edge and Preemptive Strike (Roanoke) by a quarter in the GI Colonial Cup at Camden in South Carolina Nov. 16. Good Night Shirt will seek his third straight championship in 2009.

THE experts...

“Despite owning a classic pedigree, **Henrythenavigator** captured the Coventry S. (Eng-II) over six furlongs at Royal Ascot at 2. At 3, he took in succession the Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-I), the Irish Two Thousand Guineas (Ire-I), the St. James's Palace S. (Eng-I) in a new course record, and the Sussex S. (Eng-I). Those races saw him twice defeat New Approach, and gain three victories over Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) victor Raven's Pass. He ended his career with an excellent second in the Breeders' Cup Classic (Gr. I), when making his only start on a synthetic surface.”

Alan Porter, TrueNicks, 18th Dec. 08.

Big Brown's Dam Going to 'Henry'

Mien, the dam of 2008 Kentucky Derby (gr. I) and Preakness Stakes (gr. I) winner Big Brown, will be bred to **Henrythenavigator** in 2009. An English and Irish classic winner, **Henrythenavigator** (by Kingmambo) finished second in the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I)...

“It's an absolutely beautiful physical fit,” said Dr. Gary Knapp, the breeder of Big Brown and the owner of Mien. “It (the resulting foal) ends up with inbreeding 4 (X5) X 3 to Northern Dancer, and that pattern has been highly successful with Kingmambo (the sire of **Henrythenavigator**). Then, when you look for female families, when you breed Mien to **Henrythenavigator**, you end up with inbreeding to Special and you end up with inbreeding to Rough Shod II. I just thought, ‘Wow! Those are nice mares.’ That's the thought process.”

Deirdre B. Biles, The Blood-Horse, 26th Nov. 08.

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Who's Hot, Who's Not.

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Jack Werk, werkhouse.com, 5th Jan. 09.

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Yesterday's Results:

5th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:39 3/5, fm. MORE OF THE BEST (f, 3, [Langfuhr](#)--Skye Castles, by Sky Classic) finished first, but was disqualified and placed third, in her second start at Ellis Park last July. Second in the Aug. 30 Bassinet S. at River Downs while still a maiden, the chestnut filly was third over this course and trip Nov. 21 and was coming off a runner-up effort in an off-the-turf special weight Jan. 5. The 2-1 favorite went right to the lead, set fractions of :24.51, :48.98 and 1:14.47 before reporting home a 2 3/4-length victress. The winner is a half sister to Unbridled Express (Unbridled's Song, GISP). Oakshela (Mineshaft) was fourth. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-1-3-1, \$69,170.

O-L T B Inc and Hillerich Racing LLC. B-Conway & Hillerich Racing, Inc & Bernard Flint (KY). T-Bernard S Flint.

7th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, a1mT, 1:40, fm. RABBIT TRACKS (c, 3, [Mizzen Mast](#)--Mystery of Faith, by Polish Navy), a \$90,000 KEESEP yearling, missed by just a neck in a Jan. 4 off-the-turf affair last time out. Back on the turf here, the 3-2 favorite rallied four wide into the stretch and forged to the lead in the middle of the track to win by a head over Just Right (Fr) (Pleasantly Perfect). Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$41,820. O-Ashland Park Stables LLC. B-Mr & Mrs Edmond Hogan (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

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9th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo, f, a1mT, 1:40, fm. TSUNAMI BERTIE (f, 3, [Langfuhr](#)--Thunder Bertie {GSW, \$122,950}, by Thunder Gulch) finished first only to be disqualified and placed fourth in her turf bow at Churchill Nov. 27, but was a dull ninth as the favorite in a yielding course-and-trip special weight Dec. 21. Adding blinkers for this third try on the lawn, the bay filly attended the pace through moderate splits, took charge in upper stretch and opened a clear advantage before determinedly holding off favored Ochoa (Grand Slam) by a neck. Indy Game (A.P. Indy) finished fifth and Awesome Fleet (Awesome Again) sixth. The winner is a half sister to Ballad of Bertie (Saint Ballado, SW, \$198,675). Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$37,878. O-Richard, Bertram & Elaine Klein. B-Bertram W Klein (KY). T-Steve Margolis.

★ **WEST** ★

Sunday Night Results:

EL PASO TIMES H., \$50,000, SUN, 1-25, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.

- 1--**#CHERRY ONE, 120, f, 3, Sir Cherokee--One Accord (MSW, \$153,169), by El Gran Senor.** O/B-Cleber J Massey (KY); T-Joel H Marr; J-Carlos D Madeira; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$59,340. *First stakes winner for sophomore sire (by Cherokee Run).
- 2--**A Day for Dancing, 122, f, 3, Dance Master--More d'Amour, by Tour d'Or.** \$11,000.
- 3--**Lady Hi Teck, 120, f, 3, Hi Teck Man--Miraclesdocometrue, by Golden Gear.** \$5,000. Margins: 2 1/4, 1, 2HF. Odds: 13.40, 1.70, 1.30.

Cherry One, a debut winner at Zia Park Nov. 4, was coming off a two-length allowance tally at Sunland Dec. 16. Never far from the front, the chestnut filly moved closer on the turn, took over in upper stretch and drew clear to the wire.

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★ CANADA ★

Fort Erie Licence Extended Through March:

The Ontario Racing Commission has extended Nordic Gaming Corporation's licence to operate Fort Erie Race-track until Mar. 30. In a release, the ORC's acting Executive Director Rob McKinney said the action was taken to avoid an interruption of customer service, to work towards the continuation of live racing, and to allow Nordic Gaming Corporation added time to resolve outstanding financial issues. The extension includes all terms and conditions existent in the 2008 licence. Nordic was ordered to continue simulcasting through the extension period and to provide written updates to the ORC. If the company's financial issues are not resolved by Mar. 16, Nordic will have to withdraw its applications for 2009 racing dates.

★ EAST ★

Alex's Pal to Pennsylvania:

Alex's Pal (Valid Expectations--Successful Dancer, by Fortunate Prospect) has relocated from Randolph Thoroughbreds in Florida to Ghost Ridge Farm near York, Pennsylvania for the 2009 breeding season. A stud fee is still to be announced. A three-quarter brother to Successful Appeal, the 10-year-old Alex's Pal is the sire of three winners from 13 runners in his first crop.

★ GULFSTREAM ★

Horsemen's Golf Tourney Set for Feb. 24:

The second annual Horsemen's Golf Tournament to benefit the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation will be held at the Diplomat Country Club in Hallandale Beach, Florida on Tuesday, Feb. 24. The \$225 entry fee includes BBQ lunch, refreshments on course and cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner during the Awards Reception following golf. To register, or for more information, call Bill Hirsch at (954) 454-9375. Sponsorships are also available.

Condition Codes for Allowance Races

Code	Description
NW.....	Non-Winner of...
1-6.....	Number of Races
\$.....	Monetary Condition
R.....	Distance Condition
3M, 6M, 9M, Y, Y+, L.....	Time Period (ex: NW2L = NW 2 races lifetime)
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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Ziegler Named Executive Director of NTRA Alliance:

Mike Ziegler has been named executive director of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's Safety and Integrity Alliance. Ziegler will be based in Lexington and will manage several alliance projects, as well as securing industry support for the alliance's initiatives. He has been serving as senior vice president at Youbet.com and has previously held senior vice president management positions with Hollywood Park, Bay Meadows and Santa Anita. "We are pleased to bring in someone with Mike's experience and passion to head up the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance," said NTRA president and CEO Alex Waldrop. "His role will be crucial to the future of the Thoroughbred industry as we implement a series of important national integrity standards." Ziegler added, "The success of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance is essential and I am proud to be entrusted with this challenge. I look forward to working with everyone associated with the racing industry as we build support and strive for vital safety and integrity improvements all across North America." The NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance was formed to implement reforms and to act as an accreditation body to recognize and provide incentives for compliance by all stakeholders.



★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Muktasb, g, 8, **Bahri**--Maghaarb (GB), by Machiavellian. Wolverhampton, 1-26, Hcp (Amateurs), 4yo/up, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-Shadwell Farm LLC. *10,000gns HIT '04 TATJUL.

IN JAPAN:

Z Sun Sun, c, 3, **Officer**--Stormy Surprise, by Mr. Greeley. Kyoto, 1-24, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$208,989. O-Forest Inc; B-Sebastian L Varney; T-Kenji Yamauchi. *\$210,000 wnlg '06 KEENOV; €120,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL. **After settling in fourth early, Z Sun Sun shifted outside in the stretch before he pulled away to win the Saturday's lower plate race by 1 1/4 lengths. "He gained lots of weight compared to his previous start, but he responded incredibly well and showed brilliant acceleration," said the colt's jockey Mirco Dimuro.

A Shin Lead-Oh, f, 3, **Oriente**--Eishin Linden, by Alydeed. Kyoto, 1-25, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$76,404. O-Hirotsugu Hirai; B-Winchester Farm; T-Ken Kozaki. *1/2 to A Shin B L (Sakura Bakushin-Oh {Jpn}), SP-Jpn, \$530,469.

Casino Drive, c, 4, **Mineshaft**--Better Than Honour (Broodmare of the Year, GSW & MG1SP, \$250,920), by Deputy Minister. Nakayama, 1-24, Alexandrite S., 9f. Lifetime Record: GSW-US, 6-4-0-0, \$471,685. O-Hidetoshi Yamamoto; B-Shell Bloodstock; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. *\$950,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. **3/4 to Rags

to Riches (A.P. Indy), Ch. 3yo filly, MGISW, \$1,342,528; and 1/2 to Jazil (Seeking the Gold), GISW, \$890,532. **Casino Drive returned to the winner's circle a 3 1/2-length victory in the Alexandrite S. at



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Nakayama Saturday. Competing in the slop for the first time here, Casino Drive broke sharply and raced in second early before he took the lead at the top of the stretch. He then displayed an impressive burst of speed to open on his rivals and earn his first victory since winning the GII Peter Pan S. last May. "I actually wanted to settle further back," said winning rider Katsumi Ando. "But the pace was slow and we took the forward position. I could not hold him up while turning for home, because he had such a strong power to go." Casino Drive was last of 12 in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Oct. 25, then was sixth in the G1 Japan Cup Dirt Dec. 7 most recently.

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Agnes Kalmia, m, 5, **Came Home**--Morning Star (MSP, \$154,793), by Shotiche. Nakayama, 1-24, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 21-4-4-1, \$530,674. O-Takao Watanabe; B-Fred M Allor; T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$100,000 wnlg '04 KEENOV.

Ottima Luce, m, 5, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Leading Light (GISP, \$326,226), by Mr. Leader. Chukyo, 1-25, Plate Race, 11.5f. Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-1, \$236,517. O-Green Farm; B-Shadai Farm; T-Yoshihiro Hatakeyama.

IN ARGENTINA:

Childish, f, 4, **Theatrical (Ire)**--Child Bride, by Coronado's Quest. San Isidro, 1-25, Mdn, 1400mT, 1:22.83. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0. O-Stud La Quebrada; B-B Walden, J Bohanon & L Jones (KY); T-Alfredo Gaitan Dassie. *\$21,000 HRA '06 KEEJAN.

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

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

7-TAM, Msw, 6f, Mr No Socks, \$22K OBS APR 2yo, 8-1

BURNING ROMA (Rubiano), Jublice, \$7K, 72/5/0

7-TAM, Msw, 6f, Burning Light, 4-1

CANADIAN FRONTIER (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 86/8/0

9-TAM, Aoc, 5fT, Maxy Levens, \$4K KEE SEP yrl, 30-1

CONGAREE (Arazi), Adena Springs KY, \$15K, 142/21/3

7-TAM, Msw, 6f, Conchacer, \$85K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

LION HEART (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 288/35/4

7-SUN, Msw, 6 1/2f, Fly'n Lion, \$130K OBS JUN 2yo, 3-1

MEDAGLIA D'ORO (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 251/22/4

4-PHA, Msw, 6f, +Casa d'Oro, \$70K KEE SEP yrl, 8-5

MO MON (Maria's Mon), Four Winds, \$3K, 40/2/0

7-TAM, Msw, 6f, +Falcon's Mo, 15-1

PERFECT SOUL (IRE) (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 158/7/0

9-TAM, Aoc, 5fT, Classy Gem, 30-1

SARAVA (Wild Again), Martin Stables So, \$5K, 76/2/0

6-MNR, Msw, 1m, Sarava Java, \$4K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1

TAPIT (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$15K, 171/27/3

7-SUN, Msw, 6 1/2f, Just Tap It, \$85K BAR MAR 2yo, 6-1

UNBRIDLED'S IMAGE (Unbridled), Bridlewood, \$2K, 61/3/0

7-TAM, Msw, 6f, Erotick Image, \$16K OBS JUN 2yo, 10-1



SOUTH AMERICA ☆

GROUP WINNER BY U.S. SIRE:

@#Notavel Surena (Brz), f, 3, **Redattore (Brz)**--Estrela

Surena (Brz), by Music Prospector. Brazil, Cidade

Jardim, 1-25, Grande Premio 25 De Enero-G2,

3yo/up, f&m, 10f, 2:04.95; R18,000 to winner.

Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1. O/B-Haras Old Friends Ltda

(Brz); T-Selmar Lobo. *Won by 7 1/2 lengths. **With

her victory Sunday, Notavel Surena became the fifth

graded stakes winner from Redattore's (Brz) first

Brazilian crop.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.



EUROPE



CIMA DE TRIOMPHE TO CUMANI Last term's G1 Derby Italiano hero Cima de Triomphe (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) has been transferred from the care of leading Italian trainer Bruno Grizzetti to Luca Cumanì's Bedford House base in Newmarket, according to the *Racing Post*. "Cima de Triomphe came to me in December and has settled in well, but he is only doing steady canters at this stage," Cumanì said of the Teruya Yoshida-owned colt. "We will just feel our way with him and see how he goes before we start thinking of any plans."

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN DUBAI:

Aqmaar (GB), h, 5, **Green Desert**--Hureya, by Woodman. Abu Dhabi, 1-25, Hcp, 1400mT. O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd; T-Erwan Charpy. *1/2 to Muthabara (Ire) (Red Ransom), GSW-Fr, \$117,747.

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PHA, \$44,430, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:43 2/5, ft.

BLUSHING JULIET (f, 4, Macho Uno--Dearest Juliet, by Lyphard's Ridge) Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-3, \$96,660. O-Repole Stable. B-Dr K K & Dr Vilasini Jayaraman (FL). T-Scott A Lake. *1/2 to Stolen Time (Time Bandit), SW & GSP, \$426,261.

8th-GGX, \$42,708, 1-25, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5, ft.

REALITY NOW (g, 6, Cutlass Reality--Anyport Ina Storm, by Desert Wine) Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-2, \$129,324. O-Jerry Hollendorfer & George Todaro. B-Harris Farms Inc (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

My Sister Margaret, f, 3, **Bop**--Rite of Spring (SP), by Feel the Power. MNR, 1-25, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-O'Sullivan Farms (WV).

Fearful Woman, f, 3, **Drewman**--Heaven's Tear, by Open Forum. MNR, 1-25, 1m, 1:45. B-Save & Beverley Tortora (FL). *\$8,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR.

Ideseeyouinhouston, g, 5, **Ide**--Cherokee Avenue, by Houston. FGX, 1-26, (S), 6f, 1:12 3/5. B-Harvey Peltier III & Linda Peltier (LA). *\$10,000 wIng '04 OBSOCT; \$15,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG.

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★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

+ **Che Beauty (Arg)**, f, 2, **Indygo Shiner**--Che Filly (Arg), by Luhuk. San Isidro, 1-25, Mdn, 6fT, 1:12.78. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud Las Telas; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Edmundo Rodriguez.

#**Comadre Cat (Arg)**, f, 3, **Easing Along**--Comadrea (Arg), by Compatible (Arg). Argentina, San Isidro, 1-25, Clasico Francia-L, 3yo/up, f&m, 5fT, :54.87; P37,250 to winner. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1. O/B-Haras El Alfalfar (Arg); T-Eduardo Siele.

Forlida (Arg), f, 3, **Indygo Shiner**--Fisgona (Arg), by Mutakddim. San Isidro, 1-25, Cond, 5fT, :55.31. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-0. O-Stud Las Telas; B-Haras Santa Ines; T-Orosman Toscano.

IN URUGUAY:

+ **Storm Ultralight (Arg)**, c, 2, **Bernstein**--Ultrasexy (Arg), by Equalize. Maronas, 1-25, Mdn, 5f, 1:00.89. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud Hacheerre; B-Haras La Biznaga (Arg); T-Mario Gonzalez.

+ **Southern Dance (Uru)**, c, 3, **Brahms**--Southern Crocus, by Southern Halo. Maronas, 1-25, Mdn, 5.5f, 1:06.87. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Montana Ranch (Uru); T-Nelson A Migues.

IN BRAZIL:

Sagacita (Brz), f, 3, **Redattore (Brz)**--Sarada (Brz), by New Colony. Cidade Jardim, 1-25, Mdn, 10fT, 2:03.74. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1. O/B-Haras Sao Jose Da Serra (Brz); T-Emerson Garcia.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 13.30, 1-26, €37,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38.98, stn.

BROKEN IN LIGHT GB (c, 3, Divine Light {Jpn}--Broken Innate {Ire}, by Broken Hearted {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10 starts, 5 wins, 5 places, €84,600. O-Mme Marie-Louise Fischini; B/T-Thierry Larriviere.

FRANCE, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 14.35, 1-26, €25,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:01.69, stn.

MENESTROL (FR) (h, 7, Dyhim Diamond {Ire}--Magaletta {Fr}, by Galetto {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 45 starts, 9 wins, 27 places, €257,435. O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-M Rohaut-Leger; T-Didier Prod'homme. *€120,000 HIT '05 GOFARC.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tartan Gunna (GB), g, 3, **Anabaa**--Embraced (GB) (SW-Eng), by Pursuit of Love (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-26, Mdn, 3yo, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *55,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

Malkovich (Ire), c, 3, **Iron Mask**--Ektebaat (Ire), by Machiavellian. Dortmund, Germany, 1-25, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/16mT. B-John Kenny. *€4,200 yrl '07 GOFFEB.

★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRE ★

IN BRAZIL:

I Remember (Brz), c, 4, **Sagamix (Fr)**--Positive Assertion, by Affirmed. Cidade Jardim, 1-25, Cond, 2400mT, 2:33.88. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1. O/B-Haras Torrao de Ouro; T-D L Albres.

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BELMONT PARK
Haynesfield (Speightstown), 5f (tr), 1:03.72, 4/8

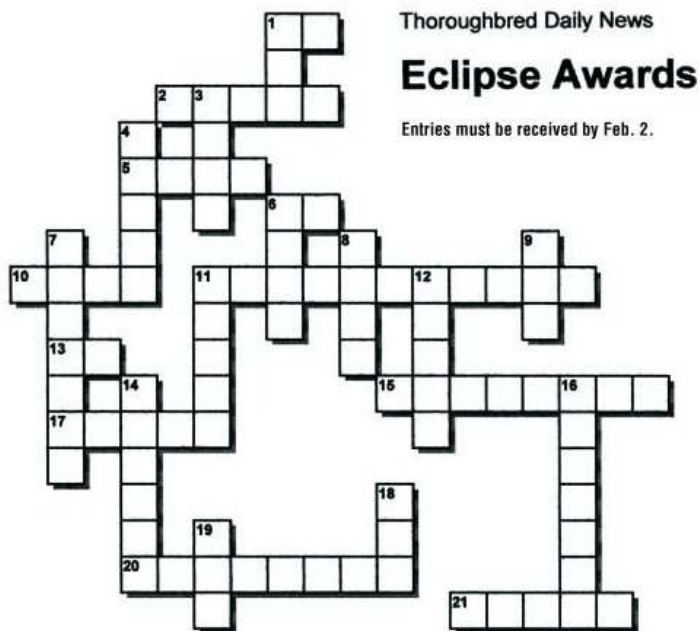
FAIR GROUNDS
Au Moon (Malibu Moon), 4f, :50.60, 37/70
Flying Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus), 5f, 1:00.60, 3/38
Four Gifts (Even the Score), 6f, 1:14.40, 4/6
Gun Salute (Military), 4f, :48.60, 5/70
Hightap (Tapit), 4f, :51.80, 58/70
Jimmy Simms (Lost Soldier), 6f, 1:14.20, 1/6
Mythical Pegasus (Fusaichi Pegasus), 5f, 1:03.00, 28/38
Retap (Tapit), 5f, 1:02.80, 25/38
Uno Mas (Macho Uno), 6f, 1:14.20, 1/6
War Echo (Tapit), 6f, 1:14.40, 4/6

HOLLYWOOD
Artiste Royal (Ire) (Danehill), 3f, :37.60, 15/20
Church Service (Pulpit), 6f, 1:15.80, 6/6
Obrigado (Fr) (Enrique {GB}), 3f, :38.60, 18/20
Reynaldothewizard (Speightstown), 3f, :37.80, 16/20
Sharp Susan (Touch Gold), 5f, :58.80, 1/20
Swiss Diva (Swiss Yodeler), 4f, :46.80, 1/22

PALM MEADOWS
Capt. Candyman Can (Candy Ride {Arg}), 4f, :49.75, 19/41
Lady Carlock (Chester House), 5fT, 1:05.00, 14/14
One Caroline (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :51.00, 34/41
Sir Whimsey (Jump Start), 4f, :49.85, 23/41
Stevil (Maria's Mon), 4f, :50.00, 12/24
The Niagara Queen (Langfuhr), 4f, :52.00, 19/24
Wicked Style (Macho Uno), 5f, 1:01.00, 4/21

PAYSON PARK
Jazzy (Arg) (Mutakddim), 4f, :49.20, 6/22
Red Rocks (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), 5f, 1:04.00, 6/10

SANTA ANITA
Baroness Thatcher (Johannesburg), 4f, :46.40, 1/37
Brother Keith (Johar), 5f, 1:00.60, 14/54
Medici Code (GB) (Medicean {GB}), 3f, :36.80, 10/20
Roshani (Fantastic Light), 5f, 1:01.40, 30/54
Visit (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), 6f, 1:12.80, 2/14
Zambezi Sun (GB) (Dansili {GB}), 5f, 1:00.20, 11/54



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Across

- 1 - California Commish
- 2 - Curlin's pilot
- 5 - 2-time BC Sprint champ
- 6 - Pletcher's go to jockey
- 10 - Zenyatta's Streak
- 11 - Randy Moss
- 13 - Great Race Place
- 15 - Smart horse
- 17 - Austrian roots
- 20 - Banned
- 21 - Top BC jock

Down

- 1 - Peagram's friend
- 3 - Thoroughbred fuel
- 4 - Midshipman
- 6 - Good Night Shirt
- 7 - Bill and Kenny's farm
- 8 - Dutrow's owner
- 9 - Namath's roommate
- 11 - Long legged So. Am. beauty
- 12 - Stardom bound sire
- 14 - McNair's team
- 16 - Foundation Sire
- 18 - Big Brown
- 19 - punt

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THIS WEEK IN RACING HISTORY...

January 27, 1973... Penny Chenery accepted the Eclipse Award for Horse of the Year on behalf of **Secretariat**, who was also voted champion two-year-old of 1972.

January 28, 1928... Kentucky Derby winner **Black Gold** broke down during the running of the Salome Purse at Fair Grounds and is buried in the track's infield.

January 29, 1960... Future Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner **Carry Back** finished 10th in his first start ever, a three-furlong race for two-year-old maiden runners at Hialeah. Sired by Saggy, the only horse to defeat Citation during his three-year-old season, out of an undistinguished mare named Joppy, Carry Back became a popular runner and was dubbed, "the people's horse."

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- 02-14 150 Richter Scale-II, **GP**, 4/up, 7f (150), **01-31**
- 02-16 150 General George H-II, **Lrl**, 7f (0), **02-05**
- 03-14 75/50 Duncan F Kenner, **FG**, 6f (75), **02-28**
- 03-28 2000 Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1, **Nad**, 1200m (2000), **2-18**
- 04-04 300 Carter H.-I, **Aqu**, 7f (300), **03-21**
- 04-10 150 Count Fleet Sprint H.-III, **OP**, 6f (100), **03-28**

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