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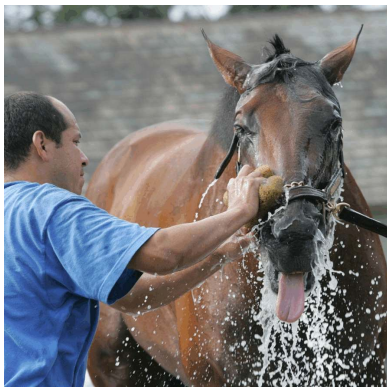
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TDN FEATURE PRESENTATION
Grade I Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H.

QUALITY ROAD TO SKIP CIGAR MILE

Ned Evans's **Quality Road** (Elusive Quality) will not make Saturday's GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H. at Aqueduct and instead be pointed toward a four-year-old campaign, it was announced yesterday. The three-year-old had looked in good form since being scratched at the gate before the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 7, but connections opted to take a cautious approach. "The horse had trained so well and done so well since he returned to New York that we thought maybe we'd be crazy not to run him," said Chris Baker, farm



Quality Road *Horsephotos*

manager for Evans. "But in looking at it, we felt the smart thing was to pass on the race and focus on next year." Quality Road, who was vanned across country to trainer Todd Pletcher's barn following the Breeders' Cup, had schooled uneventfully several times in New York and worked a half in :50.88 over the training track at Belmont Monday. "The gate crew at NYRA has been great working with him, and we are looking forward to a strong campaign next year," said Baker. Still expected for the Cigar are GI Met Mile winner **Bribon (Fr)** (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), GI Vosburgh S. winner **Kodiak Kowboy** (Posse), GI Forego H. hero **Pyro** (Pulpit) and GI DeFrancis Dash winner **Vineyard Haven** (Lido Palace {Chi}), as well as **Driven By Success** (Precise End), third in the Met Mile. The Phipps Stable's **Vacation** (Dynaformer), winner of a 1 1/16-mile main-track optional claimer at Keeneland Oct. 30, remains a possible, according to NYRA stakes coordinator Andrew Byrnes.

THE BELLE TOLLS FOR THEE

Mark Stanley's **Swift Temper** and Team Valor International's **Unbridled Belle** are among those who line up in the Thanksgiving Day feature at Churchill Downs, the



Unbridled Belle *Adam Coglianesse*

nine-furlong GII Falls City H. It's been a tale of two fillies of late. Unbridled Belle, who is scheduled to make her last start here, was a hard-trying second to Music Note (A.P. Indy) in the GI Beldame S. at Belmont Oct. 3 after setting the pace. She then easily won the GIII Turnback the Alarm

S. on Halloween in her latest. Swift Temper, on the other hand, came off a victory in the GI Ruffian H. at Belmont Sept. 12 to be a lackluster 10th in her first try on the Poly in the GI Spinster S. at Keeneland Oct. 10, and comes into this off a sixth-place try in the local GII Chilukki S. Nov. 7. Put through the Keeneland November Sale three days after that, Swift Temper was bought back for \$2.05 million, and aims to reward the faith of her connections.

Thursday, Churchill Downs, post time: 4:24 p.m. EST

FALLS CITY H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Best Lass	Werblin	Desormeaux	McPeck	10-1
2	Morena (Per)	Privately Held	Bridgmohan	Matz	6-1
3	Copper State	Jump Start	Albarado	Werner	7-2
4	Swift Temper	Giant's Causeway	Garcia	Romans	5-2
5	Unbridled Belle	Broken Vow	Dominguez	Pletcher	7-5
6	Serenading	A.P. Indy	Leparoux	J Carroll	8-1

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On November 20th, Graded Stakes winner **BITTEL ROAD**, a \$340,000 yearling, posted a game victory in the Monarch's Maze Stakes at Aqueduct.

He is one of 14 Stakes Winners and 29 Stakes Performers in 2009 for Champion Juvenile Sire Stormy Atlantic who ranks among the Top 10 Sires on the North American Sire List.



NEWS TODAY

SANTA ANITA DROPS 6 GRADED STAKES

Santa Anita has revealed a stakes schedule worth \$9,970,000 for its upcoming winter/spring meeting, which kicks off Dec. 26. Six Grade III races have been dropped, according to *Daily Racing Form*: the Baldwin S., Daytona H., El Conejo H., La Habra S., Thunder Road H. and Tuzla H. The meet's marquee event, the GI Santa Anita H. Mar 6, has had its purse cut to \$750,000 from \$1 million. *DRF* reports that the Big 'Cap, which has carried a seven-figure purse since 1986, is



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one of 19 black-type events with decreased prize money. "We needed to make some reductions," Mike Harlow, Santa Anita's racing secretary, told *DRF*. "Some were newly graded and were previously overnight races. We'll probably replace them with overnights. Hopefully, business will turn around." The meet will kick off on the day after Christmas with the traditional opener, the seven-furlong GI Malibu S. for three-year-olds, which will be accompanied by its sister event, the GI La Brea S. for sophomore fillies. Both the Malibu and the La Brea have had their purses increased from \$250,000 to \$300,000. [Click for the complete stakes schedule.](#)

COURT VISION TO STAY IN TRAINING Multiple Grade I winner **Court Vision** (Gulch), a good fourth behind Goldikova (Ire)

(Anabaa) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile, will return for his five-year-old season, according to owner Michael Iavarone of IEAH Stable. Iavarone said Court Vision, who won the GI Hollywood Derby in 2008 and who, two starts back, got his nose down in the



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GI Shadwell Turf Mile S., could be pointed toward the GI Gulfstream Park Turf H. Feb. 6. "We see him as a top turf horse, but also as a force on synthetics and dirt," Iavarone said. "He's a jack of all trades."

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ECLIPSE BALLOTING WILL NOT INCLUDE CO-HOY OPTION

In an email sent to the membership of the National Turf Writers Association (NTWA), one of the three voting blocs which determine Eclipse Award winners, there will not be an option to select joint winners for Horse of the Year, a battle to be settled between GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) and five-time Grade I victress Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro). NTWA President Tom Law explained that the idea to place such an option on this year's ballot was made by a member of the Eclipse Award Steering Committee in early November and that the topic was discussed at length by the nine-member NTWA board a few days thereafter. The board came to the decision that offering a co-Horse of the Year choice was not a good idea, and the NTWA, in a Nov. 24 teleconference with the Steering Committee, rejected the idea formally. The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA)--a second voting bloc--had already turned down the same idea, meaning that there was a vote of 2-1 to not alter the voting procedure.



Rachel Alexandra Sarah Andrew



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2:42p **Fall Highweight H.-GIII, AQU** [Click for \(brisnet.com PPs\)](#) **TV** HR/TVG
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Thursday, Aqueduct, post time: 2:42 p.m. EST

FALL HIGHWEIGHT H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Drift King	Concorde's Tune	Chavez	Turner Jr	15-1
2	Sean Avery	Cherokee Run	Prado	Hushion	9-2
3	Hatfield	Proud Citizen	Saez	Contessa	20-1
4a	The Roundhouse	Fusaichi Pegasus	Migliore	Pletcher	5-2
5	Riley Tucker	Harlan's Holiday	Velasquez	Asmussen	4-1
6a	Go Go Shoot	Songandaprayer	Velasquez	Levine	5-2
7	Ah Day	Malibu Moon	Russell	Leatherbury	6-1
8	Formidable	Sky Mesa	Maragh	A Jerkens	12-1
9	Greenspring	Orientate	Rose	Grove	5-1
10	Cherokee Country	Yonaguska	Lezcano	Preciado	10-1

A throwback race if there ever was one, the Fall Highweight has attracted a competitive field of 10, led by the 5-2 favored entry of **The Roundhouse** and **Go Go Shoot**, both of whom are owned by Repole Stable. The preferred part of the coupling is Go Go Shoot, who took a pair of minor stakes at Monmouth over the summer before a close second to Fabulous Strike (Smart Strike) in the GII A.G. Vanderbilt H. Aug. 9.

In his next, the four-year-old gelding caught a sloppy track in the GI Vosburgh S. at Belmont Oct. 3 and, after making the pace, tired to be a well-beaten last-of-four. "Right before the Vosburgh, it rained and all the water went down on the inside," said trainer Bruce Levine, whose charge broke from post one that day. "I thought the Vanderbilt was a fantastic race. That was his best race by far. It took Fabulous Strike all he had to beat him, and I think, when that horse is on his game, he's the best sprinter in the country."

Friday, Aqueduct

TOP FLIGHT H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1a	Skylighter	Sky Mesa	Dominguez	Motion	115
2	Granted Tiger	Tiger Ridge	Napravnik	H Jerkens	112
3	What a Pear	E Dubai	Fuentes	Parker	109
4	Weathered	Key Contender	Luzzi	Grusmark	114
5	Cuvee Uncorked	Cuvee	Shepherd	Walters	114
6	Spritely	Touch Gold	Velazquez	Pletcher	116
7	Porte Bonheur	Hennessy	Hill	Duggan	116
8a	Sara Louise	Malibu Moon	Prado	bin Suroor	118
9	Justwhistledixie	Dixie Union	Lezcano	Mott	117

Saturday, Churchill Downs

GOLDEN ROD S.-GII, \$150,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Sassy Image	Broken Vow	Albarado	Romans
2	All Due Respect	Value Plus	Hernandez Jr	Werner
3	Upperline	Maria's Mon	Baird	Stidham
4	Vivid Colors	Roman Ruler	Borel	McPeck
5	Decelerator	Dehere	Thompson	Lukas
6	Canadian Storm	Stormy Atlantic	Castanon	Oliver
7	Quiet Temper	Quiet American	Torres	Romans

All carry 119 pounds.

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.



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Saturday, Churchill Downs

KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB S.-GII, \$150,000, 2yo,

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	1/16m			
1	King Snake	Midas Eyes	Goncalves	Tomlinson
2	Super Saver	Maria's Mon	Borel	Pletcher
3	Thiskyhasnolimit	Sky Mesa	Albarado	Asmussen
4	William's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Mena	Maker
5	Gleam of Hope	City Zip	Lanerie	Reinstedler
6	Mr. Saturdaynight	Grand Reward	Saez	Romans
7	Worldly	A.P. Indy	Torres	McGee
8	Callide Valley	Indian Charlie	Theriot	Kenneally
9	Activity Report	Bernstein	Thompson	Lukas

All carry 122 pounds.

Saturday, Hollywood Park

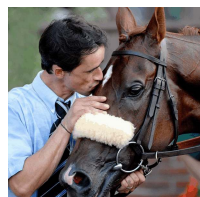
MATRIARCH S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	April Pride (GB)	Falbrav (Ire)	Flores	Cassidy	120
2	Puttanesca (NZ)	Bertolini	Talamo	Canani	123
3	Diamondrella (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Solis	Stevens	123
4	Ventura	Chester House	Gomez	Ascanio	123
5	Rutherienne	Pulpit	Rosario	Clement	123
6	Tuscan Evening (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Bejarano	Hollendorfer	123
7	Taste's Sis	Marquetry	M Baze	Polanco	123

Saturday, Hollywood Park

GENEROUS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 2yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Bridgetown	Speightstown	Gomez	McPeek	122
2	Ace of Aces (Ire)	Antonius Pius	Rosario	Mullins	114
3	Who's Up	Graeme Hall	Espinoza	Walsh	118
4	Coloursoftheglen (Ire)	Le Vie dei Colori (GB)	Quinonez	Truman	116
5	Marcello	Johannesburg	Valdivia Jr	Baffert	118
6	Lucky Rave (GB)	Lucky Story	Solis	Eurton	116
7	Alfarabi	Yes It's True	Bejarano	Harty	118
8	Summer Movie	Holy Bull	M Baze	Sherman	118



WORTH 1,000 WORDS

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Friday, Otaki, New Zealand

LEVIN CLASSIC-G1, NZ\$200,000, 3yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Kaaptan (NZ)	Kaapstad (NZ)	Innes	McKee	123
2	1	Prince of Wales (NZ)	Bachelor Duke	Grylls	Moroneys	123
3	14	The Hombre (Aus)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	Walker	Bary	123
4	4	Sum Up (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Norvall	Hale	123
5	13	Tenkings Road (Aus)	Niello (Aus)	C Lammas	Smith	123
6	10	King Raedwald (Aus)	Red Ransom	Tinsley	Gray	123
7	11	One Court Cat (NZ)	One Cool Cat	B Lammas	Frost	123
8	9	Amazing Spy (NZ)	Danroad (Aus)	Walsh	McNab	123
9	2	Handsome Zulu (NZ)	Hndsme Rnsm (Aus)	Ormsby	Sargent	123
10	3	Green Supreme (Aus)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Johnson	Seguin	123
11	16	Vikja King (NZ)	Viking Ruler (Aus)	No Rider	Lynds	123
12	5	Comme te Veux (NZ)	Howbaddoyouwantit	Spratt	Yuill	120
13	6	St Germaine (NZ)	Keeper (Aus)	Du Plessis	Sargent	120
14	7	Eileen Dubh (NZ)	Storm Creek	Riddell	Finnegan	120
15	8	Zarzuela (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Bosson	Walker	120
16	15	La Collina (NZ)	Van Nistelrooy	Cameron	Bakers	120

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

November 26, 1946...American Air Lines, transporting six horses, flew from Shannon Airport in Ireland to Newark Airport in New Jersey to complete the first trans-Atlantic flight ever for Thoroughbreds. The plane arrived November 27.

November 26, 1992...Sandy Hawley became the ninth North American rider to win 6,000 races, guiding Summer Commander to victory in the second race at Greenwood Racecourse.

November 28, 1974...Tony Bentley debuts as track announcer at Fair Grounds, a position he held for 22 years.

November 28, 1982...Landaluce, who won her five lifetime starts by a total of 46 ½ lengths, died of a viral infection. She was buried in the infield at Hollywood Park, where she had won her first two races. Trained by D. Wayne Lukas, Landaluce was later voted Champion Two-Year-Old Filly of 1982 over another undefeated filly, Princess Rooney.

November 30, 1989...Jockey Kent Desormeaux surpassed Chris McCarron's 15-year record for most number of victories in a single season when he rode his 547th winner for the year at Laurel Racecourse.



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ROYAL APPLAUSE COLT TOPS TATTS FOAL OPENER

A 41,000gns Royal Applause (GB) colt topped day one of Tattersalls' December Foal Sale in Newmarket yesterday when sold by James Read's Selwood Bloodstock to pinhooker Ciaran 'Flash Conroy' of Co. Tipperary-based Glenvale Stud. **Lot 494** is out of the unraced Three Gifts (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). "He was a great mover, a nice individual and will come back here for October book 2," said Conroy after outbidding Gay O'Callaghan of Yeomanstown Stud. "The stallion gets plenty of



Lot 494 Tattersalls

winners and has been lucky for me. I was happy overall with how we got on at the yearling sales this year, and the market held up very well considering the world economy." The 26-year-old Read led up his homebred colt, who was consigned through Paul and Sara Thorman's Trickle-down Stud, for whom he has worked since July and finished yesterday. "I'm in shock," said Read. "I bought his dam Three Gifts for 10,000gns at the 2006 December Sale. I only have one other mare, who I bought for 800gns in July, but will be looking for another next week." While a lot of yesterday's foals were bought for resale, one that is unlikely to be reoffered as a yearling was a



40,000gns Singspiel (Ire) **Lot 474** out of Ribbons and Bows (Ire) (Dr Devious {Ire}). The brown colt was sold by Voute Sales to Jose Hormaeche, manager of Felipe Hinojosa's 800-acre Yeguada de Milagro in Spain, a stud farm set up four years ago. "I like his sire, he was a very classy individual and moved very well," said Hormaeche. "It's most likely that he'll be kept to race in Spain. Racing has been through a tough time with us, but prize money is steadily increasing and the government is still behind us." The sale continues today with a session starting at 10 a.m.

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719, 722, 729, 763, 764, 776, 777, 778, 779, 789,
790, 795, 798



Hip Happenings

TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOALS

**546, f, Excellent Art (GB)–Rock Candy (Ire),
by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**

Consigned by Tundridge Stud

Spearheading the early action, this is the first foal of her unraced dam, who is out of the 1997 G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Strawberry Roan (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Representing the first crop of her sire (by Pivotal {GB}), she is from the immediate family of dual Derby hero Generous (Ire) (Caerleon) and Imagine (Ire), who went one better than her sister Strawberry Roan in the 2001 renewal of the fillies' Classic at The Curragh.

**661, f, Authorized (Ire)--Wannabe Grand (Ire),
by Danehill**

Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment

This bay is offered by Castlebridge Consignment and forms part of the dispersal by Chippenham Lodge Stud. She is from the first crop of her G1 Epsom Derby-winning sire (by Montjeu {Ire}) and is a sibling of six winners out of the 1998 G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill).



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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (gns)
474	colt	<u>Singspiel (Ire)</u>	<u>Ribbons and Bows (Ire)</u>	40,000

Consigned by Voute Sales Ltd

Purchased by Yeguada de Milagro

Offered by owner Charles Cyzer in foal to Medician (GB) at the 2005 Tattersalls December sale, the SP Ribbons and Bows (Dr Devious {Ire}) was bought back on a bid of 50,000gns. The ensuing foal, a colt by the Cheveley Park sire, made 52,000gns from Blandford Bloodstock at this venue the following winter, and the mare's next produce, a colt by Oasis Dream (GB), was knocked down to Five Star Bloodstock for 65,000gns. Barren to Storming Home (GB) in 2008, Ribbons and Bows was again responsible for a popular offering Wednesday.

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**751, c, Oasis Dream (GB)–Speciosa (Ire),
by Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

Consigned by Trickle-down Stud

This March-foaled bay is the first foal out of the 2006 G1 1000 Guineas heroine Speciosa (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). That Classic-winning dam is out of a half-sister to three-time Group 1-winning distaffer Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre), and is also a half-sister to the State-side black-type performer Major Rhythm (Rhythm).

**761, c, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)–Shemanikha (Fr),
by Sendawar (Ire)**

Consigned by Silfield Bloodstock

This February-foaled bay represents the earliest opportunity to recoup some of the €80,000 outlay his dam cost when purchased from His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs at the 2007 Arqana December Sale. He is the first foal out of an unraced daughter of the 1993 G1 Prix de Diane victress Shemaka (Ire) (Nishapour {Fr}).



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FROM TORONTO TO THE TOP

By Lucas Marquardt

John G. Sikura grew up in Toronto, following the pedigrees and racehorses of breeding powerhouses such as Windfields Farm, Stafford Stables and Jean-Louis Levesque. Their achievements left a lasting impression on the youngster. Today, Sikura has managed to build up his own powerhouse operation--Hill 'n' Dale Farms. Perennially a leading consignor and stud farm that also boasts an enviable broodmare band, Hill 'n' Dale is now putting together a racing stable that Sikura hopes will only add to Hill 'n' Dale's success story.



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"The thrill of a great sale lasts a day, but the thrill of owning a great racehorse, those

good feelings are with you a lifetime," Sikura said.

Lessons From the Rink...

Sikura and his brother Glenn, who heads up Hill 'n' Dale's Canadian division, were introduced to the horse business by their father, the late John Sikura Jr.

Born and raised in Canada, it was natural that Sikura's other great passion, along side horse racing, was hockey. He played collegiately, and even spent time competing professionally in Europe.

"Being a Canadian is kind of like being a Kentuckian, where everybody has to dribble a basketball for at least a little while," Sikura laughed. "In Canada, everybody had to put on skates for a little while. It was fun, but I didn't have the skill to make a living playing hockey."

He did, however, learn lessons playing the sport that he said he's been able to apply to racing.

"I think athletics--at all levels, but particularly at a competitive level--teaches you about life," Sikura said. "When we raise horses, it's kind of like a draft. Every year, you're trying to have a better team. You assemble and disassemble your players, and it's the same with your broodmare band. We're adding and subtracting and tweaking our team for better results."

"Horse racing is a game of inches, and it's a team game, where owner and trainer and jockey have to have a plan. That's a lot like athletics. Accepting a win is easy. It's how you adjust when you don't win. When you get beat, how do you figure out how to improve your performance?"

On the Right Track...

While Hill 'n' Dale has primarily been a commercial operation, Sikura and his team are working to build a strong breed-to-race program, too.

"We want to shift our focus a little bit," he explained. "It's always been our goal to have a small but very elite racing stable of predominantly fillies. The demands of running a business like ours are large, and you have to sell a lot of horses and raise a lot of money to stay in business."

"But we've had some good fortune over the past few years and are in a position where we have started to retain some fillies, and buy some fillies to race privately. It's taken longer than I expected, but we have some fillies in training I'm very happy with."

Sikura has good reason to be pleased with his small but select racing string.

"We have a filly named Smart Surprise (Smart Strike) who's impeccably bred, a stakes winner of nearly half a million, and has just been retired to the broodmare band," he said. "And we have Serenading, a homebred A.P. Indy filly who we've retained. She's going to run in Thursday's GII Falls City H. We also have [the two-year-old] Cascading (A.P. Indy), a granddaughter of Better Than Honor that won the Glorious Song S. [Nov. 15], and her half-sister, a yearling by Bernardini, who we're going to keep and train. We'd like to have more and more fillies in training, but still maintain a balance in racing and selling."



Cascading M Burns Photo

Soft Spot for the Fillies...

Sikura has worked hard to land top prospects not only for his stallion roster, but for Hill 'n' Dale's broodmare band as well. Over the past decade, he has owned or co-owned some of the premier mares in the business, including Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour; the top producer Silvery Swan, dam of El Corredor, Maimonides and Roman Ruler; and the up-and-coming Madcap Escapade, whose first foal to the races, Mi Sueno, won this year's GI Darley Debutante. Sikura sees the long-term success of Hill 'n' Dale intrinsically tied to the cultivating of fillies and mares from top families. It's something that was imparted to him back when he was learning the game in Toronto.

"I was particularly in love with Fanfreluche and all her daughters," Sikura explained. "To see them run at Woodbine and see those unique pedigrees and the success of those fillies, I think you wind up being a dream chaser, which is great. It's always been my goal to raise horses like that."

Asked if having that sort of mare power has helped Hill 'n' Dale attract stallion prospects, Sikura said, "Well, I don't know. But I could certainly say that we're in the fortunate position where, if we bred our 10 best mares to a particular stallion, I would think those 10 mares would rival any 10 mares in the world. It's certainly important--the quality of mares you breed--so I would think it is an asset."

At the recently completed Keeneland November Sale, Hill 'n' Dale consigned Horse of the Year Azeri--long a resident at Hill 'n' Dale--to be the event's third-highest-priced horse at \$2.25 million. Last year, Hill 'n' Dale made headlines when Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister), whom it co-owned and consigned, made a world-record \$14 million when selling to fellow co-owner Southern Equine Stable.

Sire Power...

Hill 'n' Dale stallion Stormy Atlantic is currently ranked 11th on the General Sire List, while another member of the roster, Roman Ruler, is the nation's second-leading freshman sire with two graded stakes winners already to his credit. Former residents Candy Ride (Arg) and Medaglia d'Oro--Rachel Alexandra was bred at the farm--are top sophomore sires.



Stormy Atlantic
Joy Gilbert Photo

While justifiably proud of these accomplishments, Sikura isn't about to start patting himself on the back, and deflects credit where others might eagerly accept it.

"Our employees are a key component to our success, and in particular our farm manager Joe Ramsey, in whom I have implicit trust like a family member," he stated.

Asked what Hill 'n' Dale has done to help 'make' its stallions, Sikura replied, "I think a stallion either has the genetic make-up to be a success or they don't. Certainly, you want to breed as many quality mares to him as you can and give him to the opportunity to succeed, but I don't think I've ever seen a stallion who's been 'made.' I think they get runners or they don't."

Hill 'n' Dale's newest addition is the top three-year-old sprinter Zensational (Unbridled's Song), a treble Grade I winner this season who will stand his first season for a fee of \$25,000.

"I think he's a horse of extreme brilliance," said Sikura. "He was a horse that was beyond fast. We're going to load up and breed some of our very best mares to him. We're going to breed Indian Blessing and Behaving Badly to him, a champion and a Grade I winner [respectively] for Hal Earnhardt. [Trainer] Bob Baffert is someone who is unpersuaded; he thinks what he thinks. It's not that often he is just overwhelmed by a horse, but he has that feeling about Zensational."

Hill 'n' Dale, in fact, has enjoyed plenty of success with ex-Baffert runners. Siblings El Corredor and Roman Ruler, champion sprinter Midnight Lute, the late Vindication, and even Mr. Sekiguchi, recently transferred to Florida, were trained by the Hall of Famer. Broodmares like Mike Pegram's champion Silverbulletday and the aforementioned Indian Blessing and Behaving Badly were also Baffert pupils.

Sikura said that the connection with Baffert, and with several of his clients, has been rewarding for everyone involved.

"It's been great to be around someone of Bob's talent, and quality people like Mike Pegram and Hal Earnhardt," Sikura said.

Finger on the Pulse...

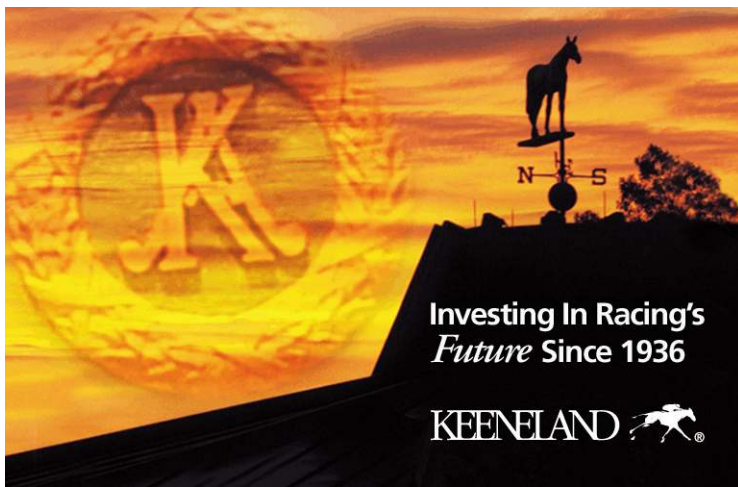
John Sikura isn't gregarious, but that doesn't mean he's shy to give an opinion. He involved in several industry organizations, and sits on the Breeders' Cup Board of Members and Trustees.

When talking about what is ailing the industry, Sikura said he finds the corporate ownership of racetracks has a particularly "troubling trend."

"I don't think racetracks on their own are profitable enough to a corporation that they can be run in a manner that's fair to all its constituents," said Sikura. "If your mandate as a publically traded company is to maximize your share values, then things such as backstretch improvements aren't major issues. There's really a dichotomy between a Keeneland approach and a corporate approach, and I'm not sure the corporate approach works for our business. I always thought a racetrack should be like a great restaurant, where the person who owns it is there, cares about the experience you have, and wants to be part of making sure you have great entertainment. I'm not sure you have that experience in many places anymore."

Sikura said he is more encouraged by the way November bloodstock sales responded to the uneven economic conditions facing the market.

"I thought there was very good trade, and there was a real market for horses," he said. "And even if the market is down somewhat, as long as there's trade and there's buying and selling, I think that will give people confidence. I had the impression a month before the sale that nobody wanted to buy or sell anything, but during the last couple days of the sale, people asked me about buying seasons and selling shares, and mares for sale, and it kind of seemed like business as usual again."



Family Man...

While driven to succeed, Sikura is a private person who prefers to spend time with his wife, Angela, and sons John Edward, Jackson and Jaden.

"I've got three young boys and I'm always at the farm," he explained. "I'm probably not very social. I like to fly fish, so I try to take a trip once a year. And I have a cabin on Lake Cumberland, so I go there once a month or so. I like to be outside and I like to be unencumbered by a lot of people. I like open spaces. But I have great friends who are always there for me and faithful in their loyalty, and give advice when needed, and a business that inspires me every day. I'm enthused and excited about where I am and what I'm doing, and I feel very fortunate. I read the *TDN* every night before I go to sleep, and wake up and get the *Daily Racing Form*. I get to live my dream in the horse business."



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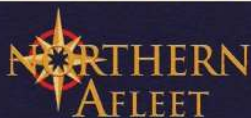
★ **NEW YORK** ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$45,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

MONTECORE (c, 3, **Hold That Tiger--French Factor**, by **Gulch**) graduated second time out at the Fair Grounds in January before tiring to third going two turns in the slop Valentines Day. Off for the next two months, the chestnut returned with a 6 3/4-length victory sprinting against state-breds here Apr. 4. Trying black-type company for the first time in the 6 1/2-furlong Professor S. May 6, the sophomore tired in the final furlong and had to settle for the runner-up spot. Sent off the even-money choice in this comebacker, the colt stalked the early pace in third, angled three wide into the stretch and held on for a neck victory over Strummer (Phone Trick). [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Sales history: \$75,000 yrl '07 FTNAUG; \$400,000 2yo 2008 OBSFEB. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-1-2, \$107,110. O-Puglisi Racing LLC. B-David Knisely & Bradley B Browne (NY). T-Steve Klesaris.

TODAY'S VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



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8th-AQU (\$45K Alw) **Sheikh's Serenade** ([Unbridled's Song](#)) gains the narrow decision.


9th-AQU (\$44K Alw) **Sea Road** (Tale of the Cat) graduates at 5-1.

2nd-HOL (\$38K Alw) **Conveyance** ([Indian Charlie](#)) becomes newest Rising Star.

6th-HOL (\$38K Msw) **Glory Pride** ([Candy Ride {Arg}](#)) outgames Flourish (Distorted Humor).

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 10th Race, \$50,000 Allowance, at Churchill. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

8th-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 1/5, ft.

SHEIKH'S SERENADE (f, 3, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Desert Stormer {GISW, \$862,950}, by Storm Cat), a half-sister to Sahara Gold (Seeking the Gold), GSW, \$248,742, debuted last October with a second to **TDN Rising Star**  Elusive Heat (Elusive Quality).

A close third next out at Aqueduct, the Live Oak homebred duly graduated by 4 1/4 lengths in November, but had been missing in action since. Sent off at 3-1 in her first start back, the big grey filly set out in front and shook loose in the lane. She got a bit leg weary late, but found the wire first to defeat Qualia (Saarland) by a neck. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$68,100.

O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Live Oak Stud (KY). T-W Mott.

9th-AQU, \$44,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 8.5T, 1:49 3/5, yl.

SEA ROAD (f, 2, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Packet {MSW, \$228,505}, by Polish Navy) settled for second behind Rose Catherine (Speightstown)--subsequent runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf--in her Oct. 11 debut on the Belmont lawn. After vying for the lead early in a local off-the-turfer Nov. 1, the dark bay faded to seventh, and was accorded a 5-1 chance this time. Sea Road settled in second through soft splits of :52.09 and 1:19.12 over the squishy going. She got first run on her rivals and flashed under the line a head in front of Senada (Pulpit), with Vee (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) finishing stoutly on the outside to claim third. The winner is a half-sister to Shop Hill (Red Ransom), SP, \$241,909; and 3/4 sis to Great Intentions (Cat Thief), MGSW, \$425,272. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$36,320.

O/B-Alex Rankin & Richard M & Patricia Lenihan (KY). T-Stanley M Hough.



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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

6:05p TVG

6th-HOL, \$38K, Msw, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT
SCHRAMSBERG ([Storm Cat](#)), out of champion Serena's Song (Rahy) debuted with a lackluster ninth while trying this distance at Churchill Downs June 19. Losing the blinkers for this second try, the chestnut worked five furlongs in a handy 1:00 3/5 at Churchill Nov. 8. Making his second start since joining Mike Mitchell's West Coast string, Zayat Stables' **Sir Ben** ([Fusaichi Pegasus](#)) was a respectable fourth on the Pro-Ride at Santa Anita Oct. 17. The \$500,000 KEESEP yearling gets the services of Garrett Gomez for his turf debut. [brisnet.com PPs](#)



★ CENTRAL ★

More than 500 Receive Food Baskets from Churchill:

More than 500 families and individuals received frozen turkeys and boxes of food that contained canned



goods and other holiday trimmings at Churchill Downs Tuesday, Nov. 24, as The Lord's Kitchen conducted its annual Thanksgiving Family Food Box Giveaway at the home of the Kentucky Derby. Volunteers from The Lord's Kitchen joined team members from the Churchill corporate offices in distributing the frozen turkeys and food boxes to needy residents who filed through the track's Paddock Pavilion.

Tuesday's giveaway marked the third consecutive year in

which the Thanksgiving Family Food Box Giveaway had been held at Churchill. "To help families is, I think, one of the most honorable acts in life, and The Lord's Kitchen has been doing this work since Christmas Day of 1988," said Rev. Larry Coleman, the director of the Lord's Kitchen. "When you help someone else in life, you always know that you've made a difference in their life. It's exciting to be able to help people in this, and we thank Churchill Downs for the way it has partnered with us to reach members to the community."

Indygo Mountain Returns Friday:

Clarence Scharbauer's **Indygo Mountain** (A.P. Indy), who stamped himself a promising Triple Crown prospect last fall when he romped in a Churchill maiden, is set to return to the races Friday at Churchill Downs. The chestnut colt, sixth in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds in January, is unraced since emerging from a seventh-place effort in February's GIII Risen Star S. with a knee chip. Indygo Mountain is entered in Friday's 10th race, a seven-furlong main track allowance test. Regular rider Jamie Theriot has been named to ride. Indygo Mountain is trained by Bret Calhoun.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), 4f, :50.00, 25/32

PALM MEADOWS

Royal Ballade (Elusive Quality), 4f, :49.05, 3/11

SANTA ANITA

Coronet of a Baron (Pure Prize), 4f, :49.40, 16/36

Pasar Silbano (Ire) (El Nadim), 6f, 1:13.20, 1/13

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Yesterday's Results:

9th-CDX, \$49,655, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36 4/5, fm.

- 1--**SHELTERED**, 117, f, 4, **Touch Gold**--Miss Pickums (GSW, \$376,809), by **Afternoon Deelites**. O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Mace & Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Paul J McGee. Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-3, \$119,032.
- 2--**Lemon Twirl**, 120, m, 5, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Longing to Dance, by Nureyev. (\$37,000 wlng '04 KEENOV; \$37,000 yrl '05 KEESEP).
- 3--**Brezing Rain**, 110, f, 3, **Whywhywhy**--Madam Brezing, by Marfa.

Margins: NO, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 6.50, 6.50, 2.40.

Sheltered needed six attempts, but finally got off the mark sprinting five furlongs in an off-the-turf event at Arlington Aug. 26. Back in the winner's circle going seven panels over that track Sept. 18, the bay tired to ninth most recently at Keeneland Oct. 23. Switching to the turf for this one, the four-year-old pressed the early pace in second, took over at the head of the stretch and held on for the narrow victory.

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Central report cont.

2nd-HAW, \$26,650, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m70y (off turf), 1:44 1/5, ft.
 + **MS. NANCY LOU** (f, 3, Century City {Ire}--Come On Louise, by Iron Courage), sent off at 7-1, was off slowly, closed five wide turning for home and powered to the front in the stretch to graduate by 3 1/4 lengths over Dear Friend (Friends Lake). The winner is a half to Come On Jazz (Jambalaya Jazz), GSP, \$267,712; Come On Chas (Jambalaya Jazz), SW, \$321,312. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#)**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,000.
 O-Nancy A Vanier & Charles Nuckols Jr. B-Nuckols Farm Inc (KY). T-Brian Williamson.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Lava Man Point Toward Native Diver:

Lava Man (Slew City Slew) is likely to make his comeback in the Dec. 12 GIII Native Diver S. at Hollywood Park, reports *Daily Racing Form*. The eight-year-old gelding, who hasn't started since finishing sixth in the GI Eddie Read H. at Del Mar in July of 2008, worked six furlongs in 1:12 1/5 Saturday morning in Inglewood. "He worked great, and he looked great the morning after the work," said trainer Doug O'Neill.

Yesterday's Results:

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★

2nd-HOL, \$38,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:09, ft.

CONVEYANCE c, 2, [Indian Charlie](#)

- 1st Dam: Emptythetill, by Holy Bull
- 2nd Dam: In The Till, by Mr. Prospector
- 3rd Dam: Silent Account, by Private Account

Conveyance debuted with a solid 1 1/2-length tally in his debut at Santa Anita Oct. 31 and was installed the 3-5 choice to make it two straight. Up to take a narrow advantage through opening splits of :22.20, :44.83 and :56.65, the \$240,000 KEESOP yearling switched into overdrive in the stretch and cruised home an easy seven-length winner over Joyful Success (Successful Appeal). The winner's dam was purchased for \$125,000 at OBSOCT in



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2005. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#)**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$44,400.

Dam Emptythetill bred to **MIDNIGHT LUTE**
 O-Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable. B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY). T-Bob Baffert.



NUNO SANTOS

Accomplishment: Santos, a former Bobby Frankel assistant, saddled his first winner with his first starter when Our Dahlia (Belong to Me) won the seventh race at Calder Nov. 20.
Birthplace: Santarem, Portugal
Family: Brother in California, a sister and parents are in Portugal.
Current residence: Hallandale Beach, Florida.
How did you celebrate your first win? We went out for dinner at a Mexican restaurant, had a couple of drinks--that's it.
How did you first become involved in racing? My brother was a jockey here in America and he brought me here from Portugal. We had been riding since we were kids.

Santos and Ghostzapper

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Who has been your favorite horse to work with? It would have to be Azeri and

Ghostzapper because of their personalities and the feeling that they would give you--everything. They had different personalities, but the same attitude. You can always tell the good ones, just from the way they gallop, the way they travel on the track, the way they act. It was just everything.

Who was the most difficult to deal with? Fusaichi Pegasus. He was a powerful horse. He loved to rear up, he would refuse to go the track. Just a headache.

What is your favorite memory of working with Bobby Frankel? Winning the Breeders' Cup with Ghostzapper. That was unbelievable.

What is one thing he taught you that you use now? Patience. He told me one thing. He said training horses is just common sense. But patience, that's what I learned with him.

What is your favorite racetrack and why? I love Saratoga and Del Mar. Racing-wise I love Saratoga, but for beauty and atmosphere, I love Del Mar.

Most fascinating backstretch character you've met? Bobby Frankel. He was fascinating to work for.

What's playing on your CD player right now? Right now, I'm fishing. But in my CD is...who sings 'Thank you India?' Alanis Morissette.

Where would you like to go that you haven't already been? I would love to go to Australia. The country fascinates me.

What would you do if you weren't in horse racing? I would do dressage shows or jumping shows. Something like that.

What was your childhood ambition? I wanted to be one of the best riders in the world.

You hit the Pick Six for \$1 million. What do you do with the money? I would go to the Bahamas for a week and then I'd go back to work. I would buy a nice house and I would just save the rest of the money.

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So. California cont.

6th-HOL, \$40,168, Msw, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:37, fm. **GLORY PRIDE** (f, 2, [Candy Ride {Arg}](#)--Pride N Glory, by Danzig), seventh in her bow going 5 1/2 panels on the Polytrack at Del Mar Aug. 23, was an improved third while trying the sod for the first time at Santa Anita Oct. 10. Sent off at 7-2 here, the dark bay tracked early pacesetter Flourish (Distorted Humor) through modest opening splits, challenged that rival for the lead in the stretch and battled past that game rival in the final strides to eke out a nose victory. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#)**. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$30,040. O-Sid and Jenny Craig Trust. B-Sidney H & Jenny Craig (KY). T-Ronald L McAnally.

★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

Thompson Soliciting Public Comment for Report:

Tommy G. Thompson, independent monitor of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance, has established a special email that the public may use to comment on any aspect of the Alliance. Thompson, the former four-term Governor of Wisconsin and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, will review all comments as he prepares a comprehensive public report on Alliance progress to date in implementing safety and integrity standards and reforms. The report is expected to be issued by year's end. Contributors are urged to turn in their comments by Dec. 1. The email address is: NTRAindependentmonitor@akingump.com.

First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, November 26
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- EDDINGTON** (Unbridled), Claiborne, \$20K, 86/12/0
1-WO, Msw, 5f, +Variable Rate, \$73K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1
- FOREST DANGER** (Forestry), Taylor Made, \$20K, 84/6/0
12-CD, Msw, 6f, Spooky Hollow, \$85K OBS FEB 2yo, 20-1
- ROMAN RULER** (Fusaichi Pegasus), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30K, 155/25/3
8-CD, Msw, 6f, Mandoorule, \$50K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- SIR SILVER BERRY** (Silver Ghost), 1/0/0
8-CD, Msw, 6f, Chuckie, 30-1

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



HOUSE CRAFTING TAX EXTENDERS BILL

House Ways and Means Committee members released a summary of the as-yet-unavailable Tax Extenders Act of 2009, a \$30 billion, one-year tax extenders bill that may move as early as the week of November 30.

The bill would extend through 2010 more than 40 tax relief measures set to expire in 2009 for individuals and businesses. It contains more than \$5 billion for individual tax benefits and more than \$17 billion in business tax benefits, including a provision to extend five-year depreciation for farming business machinery and equipment.

Charitable provisions and other miscellaneous provisions account for the balance of traditional tax extenders in the bill. One example of a charitable provision in the bill is an extension of a provision encouraging contributions of appreciated real property for conservation purposes.

The Tax Extenders Act of 2009 also extends tax incentives for expiring community assistance programs and general disaster tax relief and energy tax provisions.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of membership development, (800) 792-6872, ext. 677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Nov. 26
Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs
Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

- CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 279/94/3
12-CD, Msw, 6f, +Honour Rocket, \$110K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1
- MEDAGLIA D'ORO** (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 252/67/12
12-CD, Msw, 6f, +Walking the Beach, \$325K FTF FEB 2yo, 8-1
- OMEGA CODE** (Elusive Quality), Hartley, 177/53/2
8-CD, Msw, 6f, +Omricon, \$10K KEE NOV wnl, 12-1
- WERBLIN** (Unbridled's Song), Hartley, 93/16/1
11-CD, Stk, 1 1/8m, Best Lass, \$120K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Dynamo Dave, g, 4, [Distorted Humor](#)--Nothing Special (SW & GSP, \$266,589), by Tejabo. Lingfield, 11-25, Hcp (Apprentices), 3yo/up, 7f (AWT). B-Barry Weisbord & Margaret Santulli. *\$250,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '07 FTFEB. ** 1/2 to Mama Theresa (Carson City), MSP, \$240,898; Haynesfield (Speightstown), GSW, \$417,680.

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★ EUROPE ★

MAMOOOL TO GESTUT ISARLAND Champion miler Mamool (Ire) (In The Wings {GB}--Genovefa, by Woodman) will stand the 2010 breeding season at Gestut Isarland. The 10-year-old stallion, who will stand for €5,000 (Oct. 1 terms), joins Desert Prince (Ire) (Green Desert) at the German stud. The multiple Group 1 winner is out of Genovefa, a Group 3-winning half-sister to group winners Miss Turkana (Turkoman) and Grafín (Miswaki). "It is a long tradition that we are standing stallions who were proven champions during their racing career," said Isarland stud's manager Ulrike Castle. "Beyond that, the miler Desert Prince is ideally complimented by the stayer Mamool now." Named Champion German Older Horse in 2003, the bay retired with eight wins and nine runner-up finishes in 22 lifetime starts and earnings of \$1,175,015. Included among his five group scores were the G1 Grosser Bugatti Preis, G1 Grosser Preis von Baden and G1 Preis von Europa.

VITA ROSA ITALY BOUND Vita Rosa (Jpn) (Sunday Silence--Rosa Nay {Fr}, by Lyphard), who completed the recent breeding season by getting all mares covered in foal, is leaving Lanwades Stud and will stand next season at Marco Lucarelli's Allevamento Renaccino, near Siena. "We are delighted to be standing such a tough and brilliant racehorse in Italy," commented Lucarelli. "Vita Rosa will suit a wide variety of mares, and we look forward to introducing him to Italian breeders soon. This new co-operation with Lanwades Stud will certainly benefit the Italian breeding industry." Vita Rosa, a three-time Group 2 winner in his native Japan, will be shown at Lanwades' stallion show Sunday, after which he will ship to Italy. His fee for 2010 has been set at €3,500 on Oct. 1 Special Live Foal terms.

★ IRELAND ★

Naas, Wexford Meetings Rescheduled:

Horse Racing Ireland has announced new dates for two recently abandoned meets. The Naas meeting which was cancelled yesterday due to waterlogging will be held Dec. 3. Entries for the meeting close at noon on Nov. 30, with declarations to run to be made by 10 a.m. Dec. 2. The Wexford meeting scheduled for Saturday, also cancelled because of waterlogging, will now take place Dec. 7. Entries close at noon Dec. 2, with declarations by 10 a.m. Dec. 6.

BRIS Speed Ratings
Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Twin Sparks	Twining	Caballos Del Sol H.	110
Acoma	Empire Maker	Cardinal H.-G3	102
Haynesfield	Speightstown	Discovery H.-G3	102
Custom for Carlos	More Than Ready	Bet on Sunshine H.	101
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Yesterday's Results:

Dundalk, 20.00, Mdn, €13,500, 2yo, c/g, 1m (AWT), 1:38.40, st.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN (GB) (c, 2, Oasis Dream (GB)--Return, by Sadler's Wells), 14th of 16 in his seven-furlong debut over the turf at Leopardstown Nov. 5, was sent off at 9-1 in his all-weather bow. Rated in



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mid-division early, the Juddmonte homebred took charge with a furlong to run and powered clear to win by three lengths. "He's a nice horse and we fancied him to run a big race at Leopardstown, but he got very upset in the stalls and ran no race," winning jockey

Pat Smullen told *ishracing.com*. "The idea was to give him plenty of time to warm into it and educate him as he got such a fright on his first run." Address Unknown is a half to To Sender (GB) (King's Best, SW-US, \$120,483). [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](http://www.attheraces.com). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €9,328.

O-Khalid Abdullah. B-Juddmonte Farms. T-D K Weld.



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★ JAPAN ★

Yesterday's Results:

URAWA KINEN-Listed, Urawa, 11-25, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:07.1, hy.

1--**#BLUE LAD (JPN), 119, c, 3, Ciro--Maruzen Lad (Jpn), by Mill George.** O-Daisuke Mayuzumi; B-Maruzen Hashimoto Farm; T-Katsuhisa Adachi; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥40,000,000. Lifetime Record: 12-7-1-1, ¥85,365,000.

2--**Loose Limbed (Jpn), 123, h, 8, El Condor Pasa--Loose Bloomers,** by Deputy Minister.

3--**Testa Matta, 123, c, 3, Tapit--Difficult,** by Concern. (\$20,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '08 BESMAR).

Margins: 2, 2, 4. Odds: 31.20, 59.80, 5.40.

★ INDIA ★

ROI MAUDIT TO INDIA Roi Maudit (Elusive Quality--Captivant, by Deputy Minister), a multiple stakes winner and graded stakes placed on dirt in the United States, has been purchased privately by Tiranga Bloodstock in conjunction with Peter Bradley Brokerage. The



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five-year-old will stand at The Country Stud Farm in Jaipur, India, according to Peter Hickey, director of Tiranga Bloodstock, an Anglo-Indian bloodstock company that specializes in stallion selection and sourcing. He is expected to take up stud duty at Govind

Gupta's Jaipur facility for the 2010 Northern Hemisphere season. Winner of the 2007 Maria's Mon S. and 2008 Eillo S., the bay was third in the 2008 GIII Sports Page H. He compiled a record of 15-4-1-4 in three racing seasons in North America, and earned \$196,377. "He is a very strong, impressive-looking son of a sire that is fast gaining a reputation as a sire of sires," said Hickey. "Roi Maudit will prove a very good match for the daughters of all India's top five stallions."

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 16.20, 11-25, €17,000, 3yo, 7f 165ydsT, 1:37.87, gd/sf.

MAYOUTA (FR) (f, 3, Highest Honor {Fr}--Mia's Baby, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 26 starts, 3 wins, 17 places, €62,840. O-Paul Nataf & Bernard Goudot; B-Haras de Manneville; T-Bernard Goudot. *€12,000 wnlg '06 DEADEC; €11,000 yrl '07 DEAOCT.

ITALY, Varese, 14.45, 11-23, €10,800, 2yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), time: n/a, stn.

SCHIFANO (GB) (c, 2, Sakhee--Icy Dream {Ire}, by Zilzal) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €9,350. O/B-Aldo & Carlo Borsani; T-Bruno Grizzetti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Anabaa Empress (Fr), f, 2, Anabaa--Last Empress (Fr) (MSW-Fr, \$133,874), by Dernier Empereur. Marseille-Borely, France, 11-25, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 165ydsT. B-Alec Head & Lucien Bermond. *€50,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG.

Saint Homme (Fr), c, 2, Bahhare--Saint Helens (Fr), by Verglas (Ire). Marseille-Borely, France, 11-25, Mdn, 2yo, 1 1/4mT. B-Mlle Charline Markiwicz & Steave Simon.

Wit and Wisdom (Ire), g, 2, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Yellowroseoftexas (Ire), by Alhaarth (Ire). Dundalk, Ireland, 11-25, Mdn, 2yo, 6f (AWT). B-Tony & Mary McKiernan. *€16,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; 9,000gns RNA yrl '08 TATDEC

Whistleinthewind (Ire), g, 2, Oratorio (Ire)--Lady Scarlett (GB), by Woodman. Lingfield, Britain, 11-25, Mdn, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-Mervyn Stewkesbury. *40,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT. **13th winner for freshman sire (by Danehill).

Spinning Bailiwick (GB), f, 3, Spinning World--Zietunzeen (Ire), by Zieten. Kempton Park, Britain, 11-25, Mdn, 3-5yo, 5f (AWT). B-Mrs M Shenkin. *5,000gns RNA yrl '07 DONSEP.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-CDX, \$46,040, NW2L, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.

WHITLEY (g, 4, Menifee--Firey Affair, by Explodent) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-3, \$116,590. O/B-Arthur B Hancock III (KY). T-George R Arnold II. *1/2 to Firey Jennifer (Tilt Up), GSP, \$153,115; Swearingen (Deposit Ticket), MSW & MGSP, \$673,203; and Adage (Tale of the Cat), GSP.

7th-HOL, \$38,800, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16 1/5, ft.

TACTFUL (g, 3, Bertrando--Scare Tactics, by Moscow Ballet) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$69,400. O/B-Harris Farms Inc (CA). T-Carla Gaines. *1/2 to Green Team (Huddle Up), SW, \$620,827; Spot the Diplomat (Worldly Manner), MSW & GSP, \$291,591.

7th-HAW, \$36,960, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000-\$25,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

CRUISE (f, 3, Posse--Dark City, by Crafty Prospector) Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$91,152. O-David Campbell & Carson Springs Farm. B-Scott Goldsher & Carson Springs Farm (IL). T-Christine K Janks.

5th-PEN, \$36,792, 11-24, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, sy.

CHECK POINT (f, 3, Posse--Turning Point, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-2, \$113,960. O-Jayeff B Stables. B-A Lakin & Sons (KY). T-Alan E Goldberg.

8th-LRL, \$34,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 4/5, sy.

HUGE (f, 3, Meadowlake--Wonders Delight {MGSW, \$481,521}, by Icecapade) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-4-2-2, \$97,625. O-Hidden Point Farm Inc. B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA). T-John E Salzman Jr. *\$20,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT; \$32,000 RNA 2yo '08 OBSJUN.

7th-LRL, \$30,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), NW1X, 2yo, 6f, 1:11 3/5, sy.

MORUMSCO (c, 2, Not For Love--Rich Legacy, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$36,140. O-Mrs Frank P Wright. B-Frank P Wright (MD). T-Christopher W Grove. *Won by 4 1/2 lengths.

8th-HAW, \$27,500, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:47 2/5, ft.

STORMY APRIL (f, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Plus Beau, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$52,828. O-Dundalk 5 LLC. B-Judy Dorris (IL). T-Chris M Block. *\$50,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT.

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6th-MNR, \$22,400, 11-24, NW2L, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.

RELUCTANT STEP (f, 3, Luftikus--Reluctant Bride, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$48,450. O-James M Casey. B-James W Casey (WV). T-Lewis E Craig Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN RESULTS:

Fortunate Run, g, 2, Cherokee Run--Hope's Ahead, by Alwuhush. AQU, 11-25, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:39. B-Hidden Lake Farm LLC, Richard K Gallagher & Joan T Simpson (NY). *\$50,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR; \$70,000 RNA yrl '08 FTNAUG.

Crack the Opus, g, 3, Disco Rico--Curable Pessimist, by Cure the Blues. LRL, 11-25, 7f, 1:25. B-Kelly Snovell (MD).

Ride On Josephine, f, 3, Johannesburg--Running Debate (SW, \$178,198), by Open Forum. CDX, 11-25, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC. (KY). *\$375,000 yrl '07 FTSAUG.

Princess Suances, f, 3, Suances (GB)--Princess Leela, by Dixie Union. HOL, 11-25, (S), 1mT, 1:36. B-Red Baron's Barn (CA).

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