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DERRICK SMITH BUYS BRIBON

Bribon (Fr) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), winner of this year's GI Metropolitan Mile H., has been purchased privately by Derrick Smith with the intention of competing in the Mar. 7 Barbados Gold Cup, *Daily Racing Form* reports. Previously owned by Marc Keller and trained by Robert Ribaud, the six-year-old gelding will now be conditioned by Todd Pletcher. "Mr. Smith spends considerable time in Barbados and wanted to purchase horses



Bribon Adam Coglianese

to compete in the race this winter," Pletcher told *DRF*. "We picked up the horse on Thursday and want to try to get to know him a little bit better before making any firm plans. We'll likely run him once at Gulfstream as a prep for the Barbados Gold Cup. After that, if all goes well, he'll come back and be pointed for the Met Mile once again." Bribon was a close second in the GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H. Nov. 28 in his most recent start. **Bad Action** (Brahms), who took the GIII Pegasus S. in November, has also been acquired by Smith and will be pointed toward the Gold Cup following a start in the Jan. 30 Sunshine Millions Turf.



Bad Action Equi-Photo

CORRECTION: In an "In Sharper Focus" feature that ran in Monday's TDN, it was stated that Leanessa, dam of GI Malibu S. hero M One Rifle, and Azeri made their debuts in 1999. The fillies actually debuted in the same race in 2001.

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PEDIGREE INSIGHTS
BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Sunday, Hollywood Park
HOLLYWOOD STARLET S.-GI, \$405,250, HOL, 12-20, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:41 4/5, ft.
1--**BLIND LUCK**, 120, f, 2, by [Pollard's Vision](#)
1st Dam: **Lucky One**, by **Best of Luck**
2nd Dam: **Twilight Spectre**, by **Imp Society**
3rd Dam: **Shall Return**, by **Fair Ruler**
(\$11,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL; \$10,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSAPR). O-Mark DeDomenico LLC, John Carver & Jerry Hollendorfer; B-Fairlawn Farm (KY); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Rafael Bejarano; \$243,150. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-1, \$709,050. **Werk Nick Rating: A + +**.
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I suppose it's inevitable that Overbrook, as a stallion station, will always be best remembered as the home of Storm Cat, but W.T. Young's farm was also home to another very accomplished stallion in Carson City.

Although this son of Mr. Prospector fell just short of joining the select group of stallions with a hundred or more stakes winners to their credit, his 98 stakes winners represented nearly 10 percent of his output during his 14 years at Overbrook. He also sired more than three percent graded/group winners, with a total of 32 (plus others in Brazil, Peru and Japan).

Carson City owed his place on the Overbrook roster to a career that left no doubts about his speed or his precocity. A rather small individual, standing under 15.3 hands, Carson City had carried W.T. Young's colors to three graded victories, starting with the GII Sapling S. over six furlongs in the August of his juvenile season. He could have been said to have been bred for precocity as his grandsires were Raise a Native and Blushing Groom, neither of whom wasted any time in demonstrating their immense talent. **Cont. p2**

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This background helped Carson City pass on his precocity to plenty of his progeny. By the time of his death at the end of 2004, his total of two-year-old winners stood at nearly 200--some 25 percent of his named foals--and no fewer than 14 of his juveniles enjoyed graded/group success at two. These were City Zip (GI Hopeful S. and three other graded races at two), City Band (GI Oak Leaf S.), Cuvee (GI Futurity S.), Boone's Mill (GII Sapling S.), Chace City (GII Saratoga Special), Classic Elegance (GII Schuylerville S.), Paved in Gold (GII Astarita S.), Sir Gerry (G2 Gimcrack S.), Leelanau (GIII Kentucky Breeders' Cup S.), Moonlight Sonata (GIII Arlington-Washington Lassie S.), Dublin (G3 Vintage S.), Dont Tell the Kids (GIII Sapling S.), Effectual (GIII Debutante S.) and Imperfect World (G3 Prix du Bois).



City Zip lanesend.com

In these circumstances, it isn't surprising Carson City's son Pollard's Vision ranks as high as third on the current freshman sires' table in order of prizemoney and joint-second by total of stakes winners, with the admirable total of four. That said, I doubt whether many would have forecast such a bold showing from the Wintergreen Stallion Station resident. He is in the lower price range (which is proving particularly vulnerable in the credit crunch) and received only 36 mares in 2009, his fourth season (which is difficult enough in normal circumstances).



Pollard's Vision
wintergreenstallionstation.com

No doubt demand for his services will now return to previous levels, such as the 133 mares he attracted in his first season and the 102 mares he covered in his second. As so often happens in today's industry, his third-season book showed another decline, to 55 mares, and this widespread trend is making it increasingly difficult for any young stallion to enjoy consistent success with his early crops. Unfortunately, from then on, they are always likely to be vulnerable to fluctuating demand from breeders, with these fluctuations likely to continue being mirrored in their results on the track.

To get back to Carson City, he wasn't just a precocious juvenile. He trained on well enough to gain a further four successes as a three-year-old, including a victory under 131 pounds in the GII Fall Highweight H., and plenty of his progeny also thrived after the age of two, Pollard's Vision being a fine example.

During an admirably consistent sophomore season, Pollard's Vision won a pair of Derbys--of the GII Illinois and GIII Lone Star varieties--and was runner-up in three others--the GII Ohio, GII Pennsylvania and GIII West Virginia. He clearly stayed well for a son of Carson City, and he again showed some stamina at four, when his exploits included a victory in the GIII National Jockey Club H. over a 1 1/8 miles, a second in the GI Pimlico Special and a third in the GI Suburban H. **Cont. p3**

BLIND LUCK, f, 2007

Pollard's Vision	Carson City	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Blushing Promise	Gold Digger
	Etas Unis	Dixieland Band	Blushing Groom (Fr)
		Hometown Queen	Summertime Promise
Lucky One 15-1-2-1 2Fs, 1GSW,	Best of Luck	Broad Brush	Northern Dancer
		Crowned	Mississippi Mud
	Twilight Spectre 5-0-0-0 11Fs, 1GSW	Imp Society	Pleasant Colony
		Shall Return 8Fs, 1SW	Nijinsky Star
			Ack Ack
			Hay Patcher
		Chief's Crown	
		Fair Rosalind	
		Barrera	
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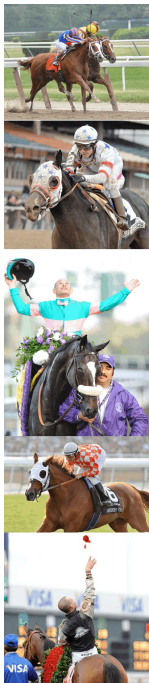


Caulfield cont.

One doesn't have to look too hard for the source of Pollard's Vision's stamina. He is inbred 4x4 to the great Nijinsky, the last winner of the British Triple Crown, and his dam, the unraced Etats Unis, has the Kentucky Derby winners Northern Dancer and Pleasant Colony as her grandsires. Then there's the fact that his fourth dam is none other than Chris Evert, who won the Triple Tiara in the days when the CCA Oaks was contested over 1 1/2 miles. This family isn't all about stamina, though, as Quest to Peak, a mare bred along similar lines to Pollard's Vision, is dam of this year's lightning-fast French filly Special Duty.

It takes a tough and determined character to overcome the lack of sight in one eye, as Pollard's Vision did, and there are encouraging signs that he is passing on this toughness to at least some of his progeny. His Italian son Air Crew has finished first, second or third in six stakes races, winning three listed races at around a mile, while his daughter Blind Luck has been first, second or third in four Grade I contests, winning the Oak Leaf S. and the Hollywood Starlet S. and finishing a good third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Pollard's Vision is also responsible for the dual stakes Vertical Vision, the Grade II-placed Fuzzy Britches and the stakes-winning Dakota Sue, from a total of 19 first-crop winners. He follows City Zip, Cuvee and Flying Chevron as the fourth son of Carson City to sire a Grade I winner, and Carson City's daughters have also produced four Grade I winners, with Barbaro (Dyanformer) leading the way. **Cont. p4**



1ST ANNUAL TDN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

The *TDN* is proud to present our inaugural Readers' Choice Awards. We came up with our favorite performances of the year--and beyond--and added nominations based on your input. (If you voted during the nomination process that ended Dec. 22, but want to change your vote now that we have added nominees, you can vote again).

From now through Jan. 17, we will be accepting votes for the award winners, to be announced in the Jan. 22 edition of the *TDN*. All voters will be entered in a drawing, with five winners getting to choose either a framed 11x14 photo from the Sarah K. Andrew gallery (click [here](#)), or a free full-page ad in the *TDN*.

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Blind Luck represents a considerable achievement on her sire's part, as she is out of a minor winner by the comparatively little-known Best of Luck. This son of Broad Brush did well as a three-year-old in 1999, notably winning the GII Peter Pan S. and the GIII Stuyvesant H., but failed to win again at four and began his stallion career at a fee of \$4,500. Best of Luck was to sire only one graded winner--the turf horse Best of Buddies--but the fact that he is out of a Chief's Crown mare means that Blind Luck has two lines of Chris Evert in her pedigree, through her daughters Nijinsky Star and Six Crowns. Not only were these mares out of a Triple Tiara winner, but they were both by Triple Crown winners (Nijinsky and Secretariat, respectively).

While this remote duplication is interesting, we mustn't overlook the fact that each of Blind Luck's first three dams has now produced a graded winner. Her dam Lucky One is a half-sister to Ethan Man (Glitterman), winner of the GIII Swale S., while her second dam, the Imp Society mare Twilight Spectre, is a half-sister to the talented sprinter Chas Conerly (Big Burn).



Blind Luck Benoit Photo

The chances are that Blind Luck will stay well enough to make her a contender for the top prizes for three-year-old fillies, and she should continue to be an excellent advertisement for her deserving sire.

In Other News...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

[NYRA will receive subpoena to turn over books to auditors in Belmont crisis](#)

Barbara Ross, New York Daily News



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NYRA RECEIVES SUBPOENA The New York Racing Association has received a subpoena to open its books to state auditors. NYRA President and CEO Charles Hayward last week said the company, unless it is allowed to open a long-awaited casino at Aqueduct or given a \$30 million state bailout, will likely run out of money by late spring and might be forced to cancel the GI Belmont S. Seeking proof of NYRA's financial situation, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli issued the subpoena yesterday. "Less than six months ago, NYRA said it was financially stable," DiNapoli said in a statement. "Now NYRA says without VLT money it may not be able to stay in operation until the Belmont S. In the meantime, it's been trying to hide its books from my auditors. It's the same old NYRA in new sheep's clothing, trying to shortchange taxpayers again. NYRA operates for the benefit of New York. Taxpayers have a right to know what's going on, and we're going to audit NYRA and find out." According to *Daily Racing Form*, NYRA said it denied auditors access to its financial statements because the state constitution prohibits the comptroller from auditing not-for-profit associations, stating, "Any suggestion that taxpayers are placed at risk by the constitutional prohibition on comptroller audits of NYRA is misleading."

Yesterday's Results:

BRANDYWINE S., \$75,000, PHA, 12-28, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.

1--**#ROMANTIC HIDEAWAY**, 116, f, 2, [City Zip](#)

1st Dam: **My Canada**, by **With Approval**

2nd Dam: **My Sweet Country**, by **Bold Ruckus**

3rd Dam: **Devinette**, by **Secretariat**

(\$45,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR; \$13,000 RNA yrl '08 OBSAUG). O-Red Oak Stable; B-Carl Bowling & Doug Branham (KY); T-Gregory D Sacco; J-Mario G Pino; \$44,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$101,020.

2--**Simply Spiteful**, 115, f, 2, [Speightstown](#)--Deb's Charm, by Silver Charm. (\$28,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR). \$15,000.

3--**Vindy City**, 116, f, 2, [Vindication](#)--Squall City, by Carson City. (\$100,000 yrl '08 KEESEP). \$8,475. Margins: 2, NO, 9 1/4. Odds: 1.40, 0.90, 4.70.

Romantic Hideaway was a good second on debut at Monmouth Sept. 5, then graduated as the chalk there 20 days later. She handled the wet-fast going at Philly Park in her latest, skipping to a 3 1/4-length success Nov. 15, and was the second choice in this black-type unveiling. Under a hard hold early tracking just behind the front rank, she angled wide for running room two furlongs out and needed only a moderate Mario Pino drive in the final furlong to get the job done. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).**

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS



TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30:

01-09 \$100,000 **Mr. Prospector-III, GP, 4yo/up, 6f (100)**

01-09 \$100,000 **Sugar Swirl-III, GP, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (100)**

01-09 \$100,000 **Old Hat-III, GP, 3yo, f, 6f (100)**

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★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

8th-FGX, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 2yo, a1mT, 1:41 3/5, fm.

WORKIN FOR HOPS (g, 2, [City Zip](#)--Citi Pearl, by Citidancer) romped clear by seven lengths while racing against \$40,000 maiden claimers at Arlington Sept. 17. He was favored when second in a \$40,000 starter allowance at Keeneland Oct. 24 and was trying the spinach and two turns for the first time here as a 5-1 chance. Coaxed through :25.37 and :50.70 splits as a rival pressed, Workin for Hops lost the lead heading into the far turn, but a patient Brian Hernandez Jr. calmly awaited to pull the trigger and, once he did, his mount sped away with authority to win by five lengths. The 3-5 favorite Mountain Justice (Afleet Alex) had to settle for second. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$43,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Estrorace Stable. B-Amy Bondon & Tom McNally (KY). T-Michael Stidham.

9th-TPX, \$22,399, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1LX, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19 4/5, ft.

HELEN BELEN (f, 2, [Five Star Day](#)--Waterford Express, by Cherokee Run) was going best of all in the stretch over trip and track Dec. 6 and won that debut effort, facing \$30,000 maiden claimers, by 2 1/2 lengths. Always in the mix, Helen Belen opened by daylight in upper stretch, turned back the challenge of Cover Photo (Tenpins) and defeated that foe by a half length. Sales history: \$8,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$12,000 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$21,150. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Desk Farms LLC. B-Dr & Mrs R S West & Mr & Mrs Mackenzie Miller (KY). T-William J Denzik Jr.

7th-FGX, \$43,000, Msw, 3,4,5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

CLEAR SAILING (f, 3, [Empire Maker](#)--Steady Course, by Old Trieste) was third by nearly 10 lengths in her only start before this, which came way back in June of her two-year-old year at Churchill. Showing little rust off the 18-month absence, she rallied to the front at the furlong grounds and pulled clear in deep stretch to win by an unextended 4 1/4 lengths. Cheer Up (Smart Strike) finished second. Sales history: \$255,000 HRA 2009 KEENOV; \$190,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$29,940. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Coteau Grove Farms LLC. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Glenn Delahoussaye.

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2009 Leading first crop sires

(by number of horses in GB & Ire with RPR's 100+)

	115+	100+
Oratorio	2	4
Footstepsinthesand	1	3
Chineur	0	3
Dubawi	0	3
Motivator	0	3
Camacho	0	2
Firebreak	0	2
Shamardal	0	2
Arakan	0	1
Azamour	0	1
Avonbridge	0	1
Le Vie Dei Colori	0	1
Pastoral Pursuits	0	1
Whipper	0	1

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FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND... One of two sons of Giant's Causeway whose stock had some first class results in 2009... they have shown that they are racehorses and that's what counts. His son Steinbeck is a long range favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas with quite a lot of shrewd punters.

James Underwood's Review of 2009

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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

EDDIE LOGAN S., \$72,150, SAX, 12-28, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35, fm.

1--**MACIAS**, 118, c, 2, [Purge](#)--Azeln (Fr) (SP-Fr), by **Tropular (GB)**. (\$170,000 yrl '08 KEESEP). O-Zayat Stables, LLC; B-Rankin, Cummings, Drake & Grant (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Victor Espinoza; \$42,570. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$117,117. *1/2 to Fan Time (Grand Slam), SP, \$153,837.

2--**Alfarabi**, 116, c, 2, [Yes It's True](#)--Linda Coqueta, by Rubiano. (\$165,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$210,000 2yo '09 OBSMAR). O-Abdullah Saeed Almaddah. \$14,190.

3--**Thomas Baines**, 118, g, 2, Johannesburg--Foofaraw, by Cherokee Run. (55,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT; 19,000gns 2yo '09 TATHIT). O-A J L Productions LLC. \$8,514.

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Margins: 3/4, 2, HF. Odds: 2.70, 1.50, 17.80.

Also Ran: Via Verde, Came Aboard, Fog Alert, Mr. Saturdaynight, Lucks Mine.

Macias, third on debut at Del Mar Sept. 6 following a slow start, put it all together next time when he rallied to graduate by two lengths in a six-furlong dash at Oak Tree Oct. 2. Facing three opponents in the Oct. 31 Jack Goodman S. over the same course and distance, he contested the pace and dug in late to prevail by a neck. He faded to fourth last time in the seven-furlong Nov. 21 GIII Hollywood Prevue S. after leading into the stretch, but showed the extra furlong was no problem here in his first start on turf. Allowed to track longshot Lucks Mine (Mineshaft) in second behind honest splits of :23.52 and :46.81, Macias got the jump on his opponents when he collared the pacesetter inside the quarter pole. Jockey Victor Espinoza waited until the furlong marker to put Macias to a drive, and the duo safely held the late charge Alfarabi. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

• ON THE WORKTAB •

PALM MEADOWS

Citrus Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), 5fT, 1:01.40, 12/22
Cool Coal Man (Mineshaft), 4f, :49.10, 28/88
Harlem Rocker (Macho Uno), 5f, 1:03.90, 27/32
Interactif (Broken Vow), 3f, :37.20, 10/15
Pinckney Hill (A.P. Indy), 5f, :59.90, 2/22
Quality Road (Elusive Quality) 5fT, :49.45, 40/88
Take the Points (Even the Score), 4f, :51.40, 85/88

PAYSON PARK

Cable (Dynaformer), 4f, :51.60, 18/20
Forest Trail (Forest Wildcat), 3f, :39.80, 3/3

SANTA ANITA

Blind Luck (Pollard's Vision), 4f, :49.20, 30/50
Dancing in Silks (Black Minnaloushe), 5f, 1:01.00, 28/57

2nd-SAX, \$52,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43 4/5, ft.

1--**PRETTY KATHERINE**, 117, f, 3, [Vindication](#)--**Indigene**, by **Deputy Minister**. O-William DeBurgh, John Sikura, George Todaro & Jerry Hollendorfer; B-Hill 'n' Dale Farm & NETP (ON); T-Jerry Hollendorfer. Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-3-3, \$127,435.

2--**Made for Magic**, 120, f, 4, Cape Canaveral--Only Seventeen, by Exploit. (\$11,000 yrl '06 KEESEP).

3--**Dream Empress**, 117, f, 3, Bernstein--Chinese Empress, by Nijinsky II. (\$60,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). Margins: HF, 1 3/4, 3HF. Odds: 6.60, 1.00, 2.10.

Pretty Katherine took her first victory since February, while the returning Dream Empress, heroine of last year's GI Darley Alcibiades S., ran a solid third in this comeback. Pretty Katherine, an allowance winner at Golden Gate early in the year, placed in a pair of black-type events over the summer and came into this race off a well-beaten third in a NW2X at Hollywood Dec. 3. Well off the pace in fourth as part of a very strung out field up the backstretch, Pretty Katherine looked like she'd have to settle for second as favored Made for Magic spurted four or five lengths clear in the lane, but the dark bay gobbled up ground late and got up. Dream Empress, even farther back than the winner, also closed with a rush to get show honors. It was the three-year-old's first start since running seventh in the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland last April. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

★ WEST ★

Yesterday's Results:

1st-GGX, \$32,768, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10 1/5, ft.

HALLELUJAH TRAIL (f, 3, **Gilded Time**--**Runaway Aly**, by **Alydeed**), off over 13 months from August of 2008 to this past September, was taking her fourth victory in five starts since the comeback. A maiden special weight winner here Sept. 18, she tired to seventh in optional claiming company Oct. 4, then put back-to-back victories together in similar competition Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. Looking for the natural hat track as the 6-5 pick, the homebred filly stalked early, bid four wide into the lane and edged away to defeat Play Nine (Chapel Royal) by three lengths. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$80,250. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Car-Den Racing Stable. B-Dennis & Carol Yokum (KY). T-Dennis M Patterson.

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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

WLKY-TV Receives Local Television Eclipse:

WLKY-TV has won the 2009 Media Eclipse Award for Local Television for its feature on Tom McCarthy, owner/trainer of GI Bluegrass S. winner and GI Kentucky Derby contender General Quarters (Sky Mesa). Produced by John Boel and Scott Eckhardt, the piece followed the 75-year-old McCarthy, a retired Jefferson County school teacher and World War II veteran with a one-horse stable, in the lead up to the Derby. It was the second Media Eclipse Award for WLKY-TV, which received the award in 2006 for its documentary on the last offspring of Seattle Slew. "Given all of the excitement and terrific stories to come out of horse racing this year, we are ecstatic and extremely honored to win the Eclipse Award again," said Eckhardt. "Tom McCarthy was a great story of a local guy taking his best shot at winning the Derby. We loved telling it to everyone." Honorable mention in the Local Television category went to MSG Plus in New York for its live "Saturdays at Saratoga" telecast of the GI Woodward S. Sept. 5. and WAVE-TV for its Kentucky Derby Day coverage.

★ OBITUARY ★

Terrill, Trainer of Turnback the Alarm:

William "Red" Terrill, trainer of MGISW Turnback the Alarm (Darn That Alarm), died Sunday night in Saratoga Springs at the age of 80, *Daily Racing Form* reports. After beginning his career in racing as a jockey, Terrill would go on to train for approximately 50 years. Under Terrill's tutelage, Turnback the Alarm posted Grade I victories in the Mother Goose S., Coaching Club American Oaks, Hempstead H. and Go For Wand S. One of 18 children, Terrill also conditioned Pretty Discreet (Private Account), who upset the 1995 Alabama S. at 42-1 and later became the dam of 2006 GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile winner Discreet Cat (Forestry). "My brother was a good horseman," his brother Robert told *DRF*. "He didn't get the due he should have. He was an old, classic trainer."



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First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, December 29

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2006 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

AFLEET ALEX (Northern Afleet), Gainesway, \$40K, 138/20/2

1-MNR, Msw, 1m, William Paley, \$375K FTS AUG yrl, 7-2

CLOSING ARGUMENT (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 99/20/1

1-MNR, Msw, 1m, Jazzy Girl, 10-1

CONSOLIDATOR (Storm Cat), Darley, \$20K, 102/18/1

1-MNR, Msw, 1m, Bare Advantage, 20-1

DANCE WITH RAVENS (A.P. Indy), Northview, \$8K, 85/8/0

1-PEN, Msw, 6f, Ravens Bid, \$14K OBS APR 2yo, 30-1

DARK KESTREL (Stormy Atlantic), 8/2/0

1-PEN, Msw, 6f, Key to Brooklyn, \$17K OBS APR 2yo, 3-1

EUROSILVER (Unbridled's Song), Dromoland, \$13K, 143/14/0

1-MNR, Msw, 1m, Sweden, \$8K FTK OCT yrl, 5-1

1-PEN, Msw, 6f, Euro Ghost, 7-2

REVOLVER SIX (Fort Chaffee), 1/0/0

1-MNR, Msw, 1m, Ruler Boy, 8-1

SOUTHERN IMAGE (Halo's Image), Taylor Made, \$15K, 95/14/0

10-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Calibrachoa, 3-1

SPECIAL RATE (Pulpit), Key Ranch, \$3K, 20/2/0

10-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Valid Heart, \$8K TEX AUG yrl, 6-1

WIMBLEDON (Wild Rush), Valor, \$4K, 41/8/0

10-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Chicks a Flyin, 8-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, Dec. 29

Sire (Sire's Sire), Farm, 2005 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

LION HEART (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 289/113/10

8-MNR, Stk, 6f, Lexy May Blessing, 30-1

MEDAGLIA D'ORO (El Prado {Ire}), Stonewall, \$35K, 252/74/12

1-PEN, Msw, 6f, +Trialsntribution, 5-2

NEWFOUNDLAND (Storm Cat), Brookdale, \$15K, 99/40/1

9-PHA, Stk, 1m, Our Khrysty, \$25K ESM AY 2yo, 7-2

PLEASANTLY PERFECT (Pleasant Colony), Lane's End, \$40K, 116/43/3

8-TUP, Stk, 1m, Perfectionism, 15-1

ROARING FEVER (Storm Cat), Questroyal, \$5K, 100/29/1

8-TUP, Stk, 1m, Lesson in Deceit, 9-2

SEATTLE FITZ (ARG) (Fitzcarraldo (ARG)), Buck Pond, \$7K, 69/21/2

10-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Pyrite On My Mind, \$2K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

SPANISH STEPS (Unbridled), Martin Stables, \$5K, 104/30/2

10-SUN, Stk, 6 1/2f, Lydia's Last Step, 7-2

TEN MOST WANTED (Deputy Commander), Gainesway, \$13K, 120/37/0

4-MNR, Msw, 1m, +Little Miss Outlaw, \$4K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

TOCCEI (Awesome Again), Castleton Lyons, \$15K, 158/71/4

8-TUP, Stk, 1m, Toccei to Me, \$2K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1

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★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Capricornus, c, 2, [Rahy](#). See "Britain."

IN JAPAN:

Apollo No Samurai, c, 2, [Grand Slam](#)--Limbo, by A.P. Indy. Nakayama, 12-27, Novice Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$73,913. O-Apollo Thoroughbred Club; B-Mr & Mrs John Kerber; T-Takaki Iwato. *1/2 to Gentleman Chester (Chester House), MSW & GSP, \$257,054.

Fred Barows, g, 3, [Canadian Frontier](#)--Glamour Bar, by Risen Star. Chukyo, 12-27, Plate Race, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 13-2-8-0, \$393,152. O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Brereton C Jones; T-Kazuya Nakatake. *\$90,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL; \$100,000 2yo '08 KEEAPR.

Imbarco, c, 3, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#)--Personal Delight, by Personal Flag. Nakayama, 12-27, Farewell S., 9f. Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-1, \$529,783. O/B-Takeshi Fujita; T-Yasutoshi Ikee.

A Shin Madam G, f, 3, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Mission Girl, by Deputy Minister. Chukyo, 12-27, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$241,304. O-Eishindo Inc; B-Winchester Farm; T-Shigeki Matsumoto.

A Shin Foward, c, 4, [Forest Wildcat](#)--Wake Up Kiss (SW, \$248,997), by Cure the Blues. Hanshin, 12-27, 2009 Final S., 8fT. Lifetime Record: MSP-Jpn, 15-4-2-1, \$1,091,739. O-Eishindo Inc; B-Edition Farm; T-Masato Nishizono. *\$125,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG; \$290,000 2yo '07 FTFFEB.

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From Scratch, f, 4, [Grand Slam](#)--Snow Dance (MGSW & GISP, \$938,597), by Forest Wildcat, Hanshin, 12-26, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-2, \$347,174. O-North Hills; B-John C Oxley; T-Yoshio Oki. *\$385,000 yrl '06 FTSAUG.

Danon Muro, g, 5, [Gone West](#)--Final Destination (NZ) (G1SW-NZ, GSW-US, \$224,411), by O'Reilly (NZ). Nakayama, 12-27, Happy End Cup, 7fT. Lifetime Record: 23-4-2-2, \$871,956. O-Danox Inc; B-Fontainebleau Farm Inc; T-Yukihiko Kato.

IN PERU:

Al Dasawi, c, 2, [Posse](#)--Rakida B (MSP, \$362,364), by Mari's Book. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-27, Cond, 1300mT, 1:15.40. Lifetime Record: SP-Per, 7-2-1-0, \$5,500. O-Manning; B-James M Herbener Jr & Dr & Mrs Kenneth Canterbury (KY); T-Juan Suarez. *\$20,000 wnl '07KEENOV; \$38,000 RNA '08KEESEP.

Chipriota, f, 3, [Pure Prize](#)---Damie's Sis (GSW, \$112,625), by Sunny Clime. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-27, Cond, 9fT, 1:50.40. Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-0. O-Stud Soribel; B-Gary Bogue (KY); T-Felix Banda. *\$10,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to Chin High (Smart Strike), GSW, \$249,929.



EUROPE



★ BRITAIN ★

OWNER-BREEDER BRIDGET SWIRE DIES

Bridget Swire, owner/breeder of the 2007 G1 July Cup hero **Sakhee's Secret (GB)** (Sakhee), passed away Sunday after a long struggle with cancer. She was 85. "She apparently died peacefully in her sleep with her carer Cathy," trainer Jonathan Geake told *Racing Post*. "She had had cancer for some time." Former trainer Toby Balding added, "She was stricken with a stroke at an early age, so she never had the best of health, but she was very, very tough, and her horses gave her the most pleasure in the world. She was an amazing lady, she had never been very healthy, but she had the heart of a lion. She was certainly my best owner and certainly my best friend. We had immense fun and success together." Balding trained Swire's black-type winning distaffer **Palace Street** (Secreto), a 145,000gns purchase who produced 10 winners. Palace Street, the dam of Sakhee's Secret, is also the granddam of Swire's last major winner, Classic prospect **Queen's Grace (GB)** (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), who won the Oct. 30 Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. at Newmarket for trainer Hugh Morrison. "Last time I saw her, she said she didn't feel there was any reason why [Queen's Grace] shouldn't stay a mile, so the target was always going to be the [1000] Guineas," said Morrison. Funeral details have yet to be announced.

Yesterday's Result:

Wolverhampton, 15.15, Mdn, £5,000, 2yo, 7f 32yds (AWT), 1:31.50, stn.

CAPRICORNUS (c, 2, [Rahy](#)--Silent Partner, by Capote), a \$65,000 KEESEP yearling, ran fourth on debut at Kempton Dec. 16, and led from the outset this time. Maintaining control throughout, the 13-8 chalk kept on well under urging in the straight to hold Mnasikia (Rahy) by a half-length. The winner is a full to Megan's Tough Love, SW-US. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,527. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Dr H G White Jr, Dr T Keenan & Gainsborough Farm LLC; T-Mark Johnston.



12.15 Southwell, Mdn, £4,000, 2yo, 6f (AWT)

DUELLIST (GB) ([Dubawi {ire}](#)) is a half-brother to 1998 G1 Middle Park S. winner Lujain (Seeking the Gold) and 2005 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen third Botanical (Seeking the Gold). He was scratched from an intended introduction at Kempton two weeks ago, and faces six rivals in this belated bow.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-CRC, \$23,700, NW1LX, 2yo, f, 5fT, :56 4/5, fm. MYAKKA CITY (f, 2, City Place--Hold Your Place, by Out of Place) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-2-1, \$66,304. O-Dean De Renzo & Randy Hartley. B-Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds & Joseph Allen (FL). T-Terry Oliver. *\$60,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSAPR.

7th-MNR, \$22,400, 12-27, NW2L, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:08 1/5, my.

CHEQUE APPEAL (g, 2, Successful Appeal--Big Cheque {SP, \$363,690}, by Regal Classic) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$36,577. O-Guy Mogge, John T L Jones Jr, Dream Walkin Farm. B-John T L Jones Jr, Dream Walkin Farm & La Ciega (KY). T-Wayne D Mogge. *\$20,000 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV.

8th-MNR, \$22,400, 12-27, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:47 4/5, my.

CONDITION RED (c, 3, Red Bullet--Addicted, by Broad Brush) Lifetime Record: 9-2-5-1, \$41,282. O-Janet & Chris Morris. B-Adena Springs (FL). T-Kellyn Gorder. *\$10,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bulletproof Spirit, c, 2, Roman Ruler--Nijinskys Princess, by Gulch. PHA, 12-28, 1m70y, 1:43 4/5. B-Dell Ridge Farm LLC (KY). *\$45,000 RNA wlng '07 KEENOV; \$30,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '09 OBSFEB. **29th winner for freshman sire (by Fusaichi Pegasus).

High Success, g, 2, High Demand--Excessful, by In Excess (Ire). SAX, 12-28, (S), 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16 4/5. B-Tom Nowlan & John Treasure (CA). *\$20,000 2yo '09 BESMAY.

Why Not Be Perfect, c, 2, Whywhywhy--Perfect Time, by Matchlite. FGX, 12-28, a5 1/2fT, 1:06 3/5. B-Gerard Ramos (KY).

Surf Babe, f, 3, E Dubai--Subtle Wave (MSW), by Wavering Monarch. TPX, 12-28, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:20 1/5. B-Joseph J Perrotta (KY). *\$62,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP.

Speed Limit, c, 3, Storm Cat--Unbridled Breeze, by Unbridled. MNR, 12-27, 5 1/2f, 1:08 1/5. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). *\$30,000 HRA '09 KEENOV.

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN ARGENTINA:

Titio (Arg), c, 2, Grand Slam--Double Lark (Brz), by Tumble Lark. San Isidro, 12-27, Mdn, 5fT, :59.75. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O-Sol y Luna; B-Firmamento; T-Joaquin Wessolowski.

Queen Stage (Arg), f, 3, Honour and Glory--Last Stage (Arg), by Afleet. San Isidro, 12-27, Mdn, 5fT, :58.33. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0. O/B-La Esperanza; T-Roberto A Pellegata.

Revenger (Arg), c, 3, Mutakddim--Revoltosa (Arg), by Southern Halo. San Isidro, 12-27, Cond, 7fT, 1:23.65. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0. O/B-La Quebrada; T-Roberto Bullrich.

IN JAPAN:

Mieno Grace (Jpn), f, 2, Sky Mesa--In On the Gossip, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Nakayama, 12-27, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, \$142,391. O-Mieko Satomi; B-Shigeki Tomimoto; T-Yuichi Shikato.

IN PERU:

#Patola (Arg), f, 3, High Yield--Sweet Speech (Arg), by Victory Speech. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-27, Clasico Lutz, 8f, 1:39.20. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Per, 8-2-2-2. O-Stud El Catorce; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Augusto Olivares.

Essien (Arg), c, 3, Mutakddim--Whoopee (Arg), by Southern Halo. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-27, Cond, 6.5f, 1:20.20. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1. O-Stud El Catorce; B-Haras La Quebrada; T-Augusto Olivares.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tarragona (Ger), f, 2, Auenadler (Ger)--Tiana (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). Dortmund, Germany, 12-27, Mdn, 2yo, 6f (AWT). B-Olivier Dine. *€5,000 RNA 2yo '09 BBAMAY.

Sabine Wild (Ire), f, 3, High Chaparral (Ire)--Stefania (Ire), by Monsun (Ger). Dortmund, Germany, 12-27, Cond, 3yo, 9f 165yds (AWT). B-B Schoeler. *€45,000 wnlng '06 GOFNOV; €43,000 yrl '07 BBAAUG.

Levitation (Ire), f, 3, Vettori (Ire)--Uplifting (GB), by Magic Ring (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-28, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-The Hon Mrs R Pease.