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FRESHMAN RACE COMES DOWN TO WIRE

In what has shaped up as one of the tightest freshman sire races in years, Darley stallion **Offlee Wild** (Wild Again--Alvear, by Seattle Slew) and Hill 'n' Dale Farm's **Roman Ruler** (Fusaichi Pegasus--Silvery Swan, by Silver Deputy) come down to the wire together in the battle to determine the leading first-crop sire for the 2009 season. Darley's resident stood at the top of the leader board heading into yesterday's racing action with



Roman Ruler's Tiny Woods winning at Santa Anita yesterday
Benoit photo

\$1,939,243 in progeny earnings. However, Roman Ruler made his final run at the top spot when his final starter of the season--Tiny Woods--triumphed against allowance foes in Santa Anita's second race, thus giving the stallion \$1,939,951 in earnings. Having the opportunity to take the advantage back today, Offlee Wild will be represented by

his final runner, Heavenville, in this afternoon's Louisiana Futurity at the Fair Grounds, in which he needs a fifth or better to secure the title for his sire (earnings courtesy equineline.com).

Also noteworthy is that on only two occasions since 2001 have the top two freshman sires concluded the season with less than \$100,000 in progeny earnings separating them. The first occurred in 2002 when Elusive Quality (Gone West) edged WinStar's Distorted Humor (Forty Niner) (\$1,301,950) by \$14,898. However, the Darley stallion was demoted to third in January of 2003 following the subsequent disqualification of his son Elusive City--and the redistribution of purses--from a pair of British races contested the previous summer. After the dust had settled, Distorted Humor secured the title by a mere \$43,330 over Adena Springs' Awesome Again (Deputy Minister) (\$1,258,620), with Elusive Quality having to settle for third. Most recently, Tiznow (Cee's Tizzy) (\$1,276,285) outearned Hill 'n' Dale stallion El Corredor (Mr. Greeley) (\$1,198,140) by \$78,145 in 2005.

Wild Boy...

Offlee Wild was bred Dorothy Matz, who purchased the dark bay's dam, Alvear (Seattle Slew), for \$100,000 at Keeneland September Yearling Sale in



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1990. A half-sister to Grade II winner and leading sire Dynaformer (Roberto), the daughter of GISW Andover Way (His Majesty) also produced GSW Sangrita (Mr. Greeley). Purchased by Lansdon Robbins' Azalea Stables for \$325,000 at Keeneland September in 2001, Offlee Wild won a single

race from three starts for trainer Thomas Victor Smith during his juvenile season. In his first start at three, the colt took the GIII Holy Bull S., leaving in his wake subsequent GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. hero Funny Cide (Distorted Humor). Third behind Peace Rules (Jules) in the GI Blue Grass S., Offlee Wild--who reported home 12th in the Derby--rounded out his sophomore campaign with a third in a 1 1/16-mile allowance at Keeneland in October. At four, he marked his debut for trainer Richard Dutrow Jr. with a win in a Belmont allowance in the spring before taking the nine-furlong GII Massachusetts H. in his final start of the year. Counted among his best performances during his final season on the track, Offlee Wild was runner-up in the John B. Campbell BC H. and aired by 8 1/2 lengths in the nine-furlong GIII Excelsior BC H. Purchased by Darley following a 5 1/4-length victory in the 10-furlong GI Suburban H. in July, the dark bay concluded his racing career with a fifth in the GII Saratoga BC Cup H. and his connections called it a career soon after.

Offlee Wild, retired to Darley at Jonabell in 2006, stood his first season at the bargain price of \$15,000. From the nine-year-old's first crop of foals to race, a total of 32 horses have started and 17 have found the winner's circle, representing a strike rate of 53 percent.

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“Dan [Pride, formerly Chief Operating Officer of Darley America] gets the kudos for this success,” explained Darley’s Charlie Boden. “Dan solicited the help of [owner/breeder] Bill Heiligbrodt to breed a group of his mares to him. [Heiligbrodt] sent 13 mares to him, had nine to run, and from those, Offlee Wild had nine winners and four stakes horses for him. Those are really remarkable numbers for a stallion.”

Among his best runners to date are She Be Wild, winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies and earner of \$1,311,040. The filly also scored in this season’s one-mile GIII Arlington Washington Lassie S. and was runner-up behind the classy filly Neglige (Northern Afleet) in the GI Alcibiades S. at Keeneland. Also adding some black-type to the young sire’s resume this season is the aforementioned Heavenville, who took the restricted D.S. Shine Young Futurity in July.

“It’s only fitting that it comes down to Heavenville, because Bill Heiligbrodt was so supportive of Offlee Wild in his first season at stud,” added Boden. “He has bred a few mares to him every year, so he has remained a supporter.”

Offlee Wild, who will stand for \$7,500 this year, is currently booked full for the 2010 breeding season with 125 mares.--CB

The Beginning of the ‘Roman’ Empire...

The expectations for Roman Ruler were high even before the dark bay set foot in the starting gate. A half-brother to GI Cigar Mile H. hero and successful young sire El Corredor (Mr. Greeley), Roman Ruler brought



John Sikura

\$500,000 as a KEESEP yearling from former Fog City Stable partners David Shimmon and William Lo Bianco. Trained by Bob Baffert, he got off to a quick start as a juvenile, winning his first two starts by a combined 11 lengths, including a runaway tally in the 2004 GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar. Upset as the 1-10 favorite by eventual two-year-old champion Declan’s Moon (Malibu Moon) when second-best in the GII Del Mar Futurity, Roman Ruler got back on track with a sharp

score in Santa Anita’s GII Norfolk S. before closing out his juvenile campaign with a troubled fifth-place finish as the 2-1 favorite in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile at Lone Star Park.

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Roman Ruler’s sophomore campaign got off to a rocky beginning with a well-beaten eighth-place finish in the 2005 GII San Felipe S. in March, and was sidelined with quarter-crack issues. Forced to sit out the Triple Crown races, he resurfaced with a professional score over subsequent GI Travers S. hero Flower Alley (Distorted Humor) in Belmont’s GII Dwyer S. in July. Favored in Monmouth Park’s prestigious GI Haskell Invitational H. ([video](#)), the half-brother to GSW Silver Tornado (Maria’s Mon) and GI Hopeful S. third-place finisher and \$4.6 million KEESEP yearling Maimonides (Vindication) posted a career-best, defeating the hard-knocking Sun King (Charismatic) by 1 1/4 lengths. The son of the 2000 GI Kentucky Derby winner closed out his career with a third-place finish in the Travers and a runner-up effort behind two-time Grade I winner Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.) in the GII Goodwood Breeders’ Cup H. at Santa Anita. Roman Ruler retired with record of 10-5-2-1 and earnings of \$1,220,800, and entered stud alongside his half-brother El Corredor at Hill ‘n’ Dale Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, in 2006 for a \$30,000 stud fee. He was bred in Kentucky by Needham/Betz, Liberation Farm and Ashford Stud.

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Freshman Sire Showdown cont.

Baffert, a Hall of Fame trainer of three Kentucky Derby winners, holds Roman Ruler in the highest regard.

“Roman Ruler was brilliant from the word go, he was just very fast,” the conditioner offered following the retirement of the millionaire. “I’ve been fortunate enough to train some very fast two-year-olds, and Roman Ruler was definitely the fastest two-year-old I’ve ever trained. He combines the three main ingredients you need in a great sire--brilliant speed as a two-year-old, awesome looks and a blue-blooded pedigree. Roman Ruler has it all. When we ran him first time out, we knew he was something special. I can’t say enough good things about this horse.”

Strongly supported at his first season at stud, Roman Ruler’s first two-year-olds have hit the ground running. From his first crop of 135 foals, Roman Ruler is represented by 29 winners, including three black-type



Roman Ruler heads to Monmouth’s winner’s circle following the 2005 GI Haskell Invitational
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winners--GI Champagne S. victor Homeboykris, Gill Boyd Gaming’s Delta Jackpot S. hero Rule and Barretts Juvenile S. winner and Gill Hollywood Prevue S. third-place finisher Seattle Ruler. He has also sired GI Dixiana Breeders’ Futurity third-place finisher Roman Invasion, Gill Miesque S. third-place finisher Connie and Michael, and the stakes-placed Tiny Woods. With the latter’s allowance

score yesterday at Santa Anita, Roman Ruler enters today with a razor-thin earnings advantage. His progeny have won on dirt, turf and synthetics.

“It’s very rewarding,” Hill ‘n’ Dale President John Sikura said of Roman Ruler’s early success. “Everytime you stand a horse, you have enormous hope that they will succeed, and he’s succeeded in every way. It looks like he could be on the verge of being an important sire. His runners are not only fast, they’re also acting like they want two turns. Everything is very promising, not only for this year, but more importantly, for the progeny of three-year-olds. He’s provided great versatility to his offspring. He’s had winners that were early, and has also had a lot of progeny earnings late in the year as well. He gets a very good blend of early, middle and late two year olds--so that’s very positive.”

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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Roman Ruler has also been well-received in the sales ring. His first-crop yearlings averaged two-times his inaugural stud fee, with 82 head averaging \$61,741. His most expensive first-crop yearling, an unraced son of stakes-winner Bam Bam Bull (Holy Bull), brought \$270,000. He had 28 juveniles sell this term for an average of \$49,364, with a \$210,000 FTMMAY colt leading the way. In 2009, 38 second-crop yearlings averaged \$30,985; a \$200,000 KEESEP filly was the highest-priced. Roman Ruler’s 2010 stud fee remains at \$20,000.

“The horse has been very popular,” Sikura continued. “We left his stud fee the same, and we’re getting a very good response. We’re going to breed lots of quality mares to him; and much-elevated this year compared to last. He’s one of those handful of horses that look like they’re a safe bet, and in a difficult market, he’s a horse people can breed to with confidence. He’s proven to be very popular with breeders this year, and we’ll breed a very good diverse book of mares to him.” --SS

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PREVIEWS

Friday, Auckland, New Zealand

BLANDFORD LODGE RAILWAY S.-G1, NZ\$200,000,

3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	1	Mufhasa (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Spratt	McKee	130
2	17	A Gold Trail (Aus)	Hussonet	Rodd	Portelli	126
3	12	Pinsoir (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Coleman	Duncan	126
4	8	Bulginbaah (NZ)	Starjo (NZ)	Thornton	Cropp/Wilson	124
5	7	Richard Beymer (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Hercock	Good	124
6	18	Accardo (NZ)	Elnadim	Bosson	McRae/N'ham	124
7	9	Ruud van Slaats (NZ)	Van Nistelrooy	DuPlessis	Sargent	124
8	15	Stupendous (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Myers	Myers	123
9	14	Atapi (Aus)	Last Tycoon (Ire)	Bowman	Ottos	121
10	13	Kiloton (Aus)	Spinning World	Ormsby	Sargent	121
11	2	The Chunkster (Aus)	Blevic (Aus)	Cameron	Sherwin	117
12	11	Snipza Gold (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	McDonald	Walker	117
13	6	Jazzella (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Walsh	Logan/Gibbs	117
14	4	Beautiful Girl (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Innes	Franklin	117
Also Eligible						
15	3	Tootsie (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Grylls	Moroneys	118
16	10	Raid (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	No Rider	McKee	118
17	16	Vonusti (NZ)	Ustinov (Aus)	No Rider	Carters	121
18	5	Irish Colleen (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	No Rider	McKee	121

Saturday, Santa Anita

SAN GORGONIO H.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m,

1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Century Park	General Meeting	T Baze	Baffert	116
2	Rosa Grace (GB)	Lomitas (GB)	Talamo	Cecil	114
3	Treat Gently (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Bejarano	Mott	116
4	Life Is Sweet	Storm Cat	Gomez	Shirreffs	122
5	Diamondrella (GB)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	Solis	Stevens	122
6	Czechers	Indian Charlie	Sutherland	Glatt	115
7	Lavender Sky	Mt. Livemore	Ajtebi	Canani	114
8	Teamgeist (Arg)	Mutakddim	Smith	McPeek	116
9	Cat By the Tale	Tale of the Cat	Rosario	Drysdale	115

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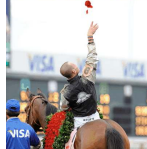
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1ST ANNUAL TDN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

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.



For a list of categories and nominees, please click [here](#).

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★

**3rd-SAX, \$45,800, Msw, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37 3/5, ft.
+ TAKE CONTROL, c, 2, by A.P. Indy**

**1st Dam: Azeri (Horse of the Year, Ch. Older Mare-3x,
MGISW, \$4,079,820), by Jade Hunter**

2nd Dam: Zodiac Miss (Aus), by Ahonoora (GB)

3rd Dam: Capricornia (Ire), by Try Me Best (Ire)

Azeri, retired after a glittering career that saw her enter the winner's circle 17 time in 24 appearances, came up barren when bred to Storm Cat in 2005. She produced a handsome chestnut by A.P. Indy on Valentine's Day in 2007. Offered as a yearling at Keeneland September, the colt then known as Vallenzeri was taken home by the Allen E. Paulson Living Trust for a record \$7.7 million ([click here for TDN coverage](#)). He made another appearance in the auction ring this past spring, and wound up topping the Keeneland April sale when going to Kaleem Shah for \$1.9 million ([click here for TDN coverage](#)). Shah renamed his purchase Take Control, and the youngster--who bears more than a passing resemblance to his dam--compiled a solid worktab while trainer Bob Baffert waited for an opportunity to run him two turns. Sent off as the 5-2 third choice, Take Control broke cleanly from the rail and settled into a ground-saving trip as favored Ivory Fudge (Candy Ride {Arg}) controlled things up front with fractions of :24.14 and :48.61. The blinkered colt looked to be a bit one-paced as they turned for home, but, guided off the rail and given several cracks of the whip by rider Martin Garcia, kicked into gear and scored by 1 1/2 lengths, then galloped out very smartly. Ivory Fudge completed the exacta. "I didn't think he could win first time out," said Baffert, "but he really impressed me. He was green, but he settled well and he overcame a lot of trouble. That was a good one to get; now we've got our two-year-old start out of the way. He'll run all day, and we'll let him tell us what's next." The Hall of Fame conditioner added, "We're not going to ship out of town until March because the weather's terrible all around the country. I think we're seeing two stars develop here--I thought Martin rode him great. He rode him like he had ice water in his veins." Azeri's yearling Giant's Causeway filly sold to Robert and Lawana Low for \$800,000 at KEESEP, and her daughter by Ghostzapper is slated to go under the hammer at the upcoming KEEJAN sale. The champion herself RNA'd for \$4.4 million at that venue at the beginning of 2009, and most recently sold to Katsumi Yoshida for \$2.25 million at KEENOV whilst in foal to Distorted Humor. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. O-Kaleem Shah. B-The Allen E Paulson Living Trust (KY). T-Bob Baffert.

EAST COAST BETTORS SHUT OUT AT SANTA ANITA, GULFSTREAM Horseplayers who live on the East Coast of the United States are currently being shut out on betting racing at California's Santa Anita Park, which began its current meet Dec. 26, as well as the Gulfstream stand, which kicks off this coming weekend in South Florida. A feud rages on between TrackNet Media Group, a joint venture of Churchill Downs Inc. and Magna Entertainment Corp. which facilitates simulcasting and wagering, and the MidAtlantic Cooperative (MAC), which represents 17 racetracks on the Eastern seaboard. In August 2009, TrackNet proposed a new contract to the Cooperative, which, according to a release from the group, included "an unprecedented increase in host fees--rates higher than paid by other racetracks and simulcast outlets with significantly less volume than the MidAtlantic Cooperative." The Cooperative stated that it forwarded to TrackNet a proposal which included increases in simulcast fees over multiple years, increasing TrackNet's revenue streams while reining in costs for the member tracks. For its part, officials at TrackNet told *Blood-Horse* that the company did not receive the MidAtlantic Cooperative proposal until earlier this month. The length of the contract was reportedly well outside the industry norm with fees that were not acceptable to the provider. TrackNet President Scott Daruty told *Blood-Horse* that fees to the MidAtlantic Cooperative had not been raised for five years prior. Bettors in the Mid-Atlantic region were also shut out from wagering on races from the Fair Grounds and Churchill Downs when racing in November. Despite the apparent impasse and lack of progress in resolving their issues, the two sides will continue to attempt to get an agreement in place. "The MidAtlantic Cooperative remains committed to working with TrackNet Media to arrive at an agreement that benefits all parties involved and intends to pursue all options available to it," said a release from the MAC. "We're always willing to talk," Daruty told *Blood-Horse*.



Taking control in his career debut... Benoit photo



NEW OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING IN NY
 Officials at the New York State Racing and Wagering Board have announced that, beginning New Year's Day 2010, it will be authorized to conduct unannounced drug testing of horses scheduled to compete at New York tracks regardless of where they are domiciled at the time, be it at the track or off site on farms. The new regulation applies to both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds. John D. Sabini, chairman of the NYSRWB, said that the rule applies to horses within six months of a race in the state and empowers the Board to tell owners and trainers that their horses must be transported to a New York track for testing when those horses are stabled out of state, but within a 100-mile radius of a New York facility. "Horses are sometimes drugged by unscrupulous individuals seeking to either strengthen or weaken their performance in the next race," Chairman Sabini said. "These new rules give us the tools we need to go after the cheaters. By adopting out-of-competition testing rules, the Board is protecting not only the wagering public but also the health and safety of the magnificent equine athletes who compete at New York's four Thoroughbred and seven harness tracks." Any party which is non-compliant with the out-of-competition rules can face suspensions, fines and the possible revocation of their licenses. If a horse is not provided for testing when requested to do so, that horse may be declared ineligible for a period of 120 days. "Anyone who flouts our rules will inevitably find out the hard way that we are very serious in promoting integrity in racing," Sabini continued. "By introducing an element of surprise, we are sending a loud and clear message that we have zero tolerance for cheating." Prohibited substances to be tested for include blood-doping agents, gene-doping agents and protein- and peptide-based drugs, i.e. toxins and venoms.

★ NEW YORK ★

Thursday, Aqueduct, post time: 3:44 p.m. EST

GALLANT FOX H., \$65,000, 3yo/up, 1 5/8m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Atoned	Repent	Castellano	Pletcher	4-1
2 Tiger's Rock	Giant's Causeway	Cohen	Pletcher	12-1
3 Lord Kipling	Kipling	Lopez	Lake	10-1
4 Reflect Times (Jpn)	French Deputy	Bisono	Lobo	6-1
5 Medjool	Monarchos	Nappravnik	Contessa	50-1
6 Critical Acclaim	Acceptable	Rocco Jr	Katz	30-1
7 Borrowing Base	Personal Flag	Garcia	Quick	8-1
8 Tango Uno (Brz)	Redattore (Brz)	DeSouza	Lobo	50-1
9 Giant Chieftan	Giant's Causeway	Hill	Brown	12-1
10 Nite Light	Thunder Gulch	Dominguez	Pletcher	8-5
11 Jane's Kid	Tiznow	Samyn	Small	15-1
12 Malibu Moonshine	Malibu Moon	Chavez	Jacobson	20-1

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

12:56p 2nd-AQU, \$43K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f
HR/TVG NEFERTITI (Speightstown), a \$330K KEENOV weanling, sneaks in her career debut on the last day of the year. Trained by Tony Dutrow for Susan Moore and M & M Thoroughbred, the dark bay is the second foal from the solid lawn mower Clearly a Queen (Lucky North), who bankrolled over \$480K in 29 starts. [brisset.com PPs](http://www.brisnet.com PPs)

5:34p 4th-SA, \$44K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT)
HRTV SWIFT BEAUTY (Gone West) earned a bullet for her :33 4/5 blowout Dec. 29 over this surface for trainer and co-owner Bruce Headley. A \$200K KEESEP yearling, the dark bay is out of a 1/2 to champion Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin) and multi-millionaire Mecke (Maudlin). Headley will also send out **Blessed (Kafwain)**, a \$200K KEESEP half to MSW Barrier Reef (Mizzen Mast). The Jay Em Ess colorbearer debuted with a sixth to Gabby's Golden Gal (Medaglia d'Oro) last February before finishing 11th on the turf in March, and has been sidelined since. Headley hits at 28 percent with runners coming off a long layoff. [brisset.com PPs](http://www.brisnet.com PPs)
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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-TAM, \$17,400, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2LX, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22 4/5, ft.

DR. ZIC (f, 3, Milwaukee Brew--Royal Corona, by Holy Bull), a \$40,000 OBSJUN juvenile, scored when unveiled on Keeneland's Polytrack before adding a win in the Sandpiper S. at this track a year ago. The chestnut was sidelined following a non-threatening third in the GII Forward Gal S. last January, and faded to sixth after setting the pace in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 14. Fourth in a similar contest at Churchill Nov. 22, she was 4-5 to get back on track here, and did so with a front-running, 8 1/4-length victory over Technically Wicked (Tour d'Or). [Click for the brisset.com chart](http://www.brisnet.com chart). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 6-3-0-1, \$89,320.

O-Derby Lane Farm, Jim Tom, Murette Farrell & Joan Scott. B-Ronald G McPeck (KY). T-Joan Scott.

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31:

01-09 \$150,000 **San Pasqual H.-II, SA**, 4yo/up, 8.5f (AWT) (150)

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★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-SAX, \$46,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:08 4/5, ft.

TINY WOODS (c, 2, [Roman Ruler](#)--[Brooklynsangel](#), by [Aggressive Chief](#)) became the first winner for Thoroughbred Legends when he bested Sidney's Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}) by a head in a Del Mar maiden July 25. That colt was tabbed as a **★ "TDN Rising Star" ★** when he set a track record at the oceanside oval the following month, while Tiny Woods, sent cross-country, faded to finish seventh behind D'Funnybone (D'wildcat)



Benoit photo

as the 5-2 favorite in the GII Saratoga Special S. Aug. 20. The \$180,000 KEESEP yearling came back to finish third in the Golden Nugget S. at Golden Gate Nov. 21, and was let go at 5-1 here. Breaking alertly under Martin Garcia, the dark bay sped through splits of :22.02 and :44.38. He staved off a threat from Cardiff Giant (Yankee Gentleman) in midstretch to come home 3/4 of a length in front. The winner's purse put his sire narrowly ahead of Offlee Wild on the freshman sire list (see p1). Sidney's Candy, sidelined since his maiden win with shin woes, made a bold move on the turn before flattening out to finish fourth as the 3-5 chalk. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, \$65,200. O-Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable. B-Destiny Oaks (FL). T-Bob Baffert.

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NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



IMMIGRATION EMERGES AS MAJOR ISSUE FOR 2010

Immigration reform legislation is certain to be an emerging area of focus for Congress in the New Year. Earlier this month, as healthcare reform continued to dominate legislators' agendas, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act of 2009 (H.R. 4321) was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The new legislation includes many provisions: border security, detention and enforcement; employment verification; visa reforms; legalizing undocumented immigrants; strengthening America's workforce; and integration of new Americans.

Of particular interest to the horse industry is how work visas would be handled. To help prevent future illegal immigration, H.R. 4321 introduces the Prevent Unauthorized Migration Visa (PUM Visa). The bill calls for 100,000 PUM visas to be distributed through a lottery system over a three-year period. Also included in H.R. 4321 is the AgJOBS Act of 2009. This allows unauthorized farm workers to legalize their status and reforms the H2-A temporary agriculture worker visa program.



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★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

TRF's Koehler to Receive Special Eclipse:

Monique Koehler, who founded the very successful Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation in 1982, will be honored with a Special Eclipse Award at this year's ceremony Monday, Jan. 18, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, CA. A resident of Middletown, New Jersey, the former advertising executive became interested in the plight of horses who did not have a future beyond their racing careers. The TRF has since become the largest equine rescue program in the country, with over 1200 horses under its care on farms all across the nation. In the early stages of or the organization, Koehler negotiated a milestone agreement with the State of New York Department of Correctional Services. In exchange for land use and labor at the state's Walkill Correctional Facility, the TRF would design, staff and maintain a vocational training program in equine care and management for inmates. The prison program has been expanded at Walkill and has been replicated at TRF farms located at the Blackburn Correctional Facility in Kentucky, the Marion County Correctional Facility in Florida, Wateree Correctional Facility in South Carolina, Putnamville Correctional Facility in Indiana, James River Work Center in Virginia, Sykesville Correctional in Maryland and the Plymouth County Jail in Massachusetts. **Cont. p4**



Special Eclipse for Koehler cont.

"I am very honored and humbled to have been selected as a recipient of this year's Special Eclipse award," said Koehler, who is board chairman emeritus of TRF. "When I established the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation nearly three decades ago, it was out of my personal concern for these noble animals and for humane causes in general. I was not involved with racing in any way except as a casual fan. However, as the years went by, the success of my personal mission became inexorably linked to that of dedicated members of the racing community including Penny Chenery, Allaire DuPont, Skip and Mary Shapoff, and many others. Without their support, understanding and guidance, my goals and those of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, could never have been accomplished. Through this award, I firmly believe that the Committee is recognizing all of us who have taken part in this life-enriching, life-saving quest. It has been a wonderful and fulfilling journey and I am able to take a large measure of satisfaction in what the TRF has been able to accomplish, and the thousands of horses we have saved, the many thousands more whose rescue, rehabilitation or adoption we have facilitated, and the men, women and children whose lives we have changed for the better through our pioneering vocational training programs."



First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 31

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
6-FG, Msw, 1mT, La Gran Bailadora, \$90K KEE NOV wnl, 6-1
- BEN BULBEN** (Pioneering), 14/0/0
6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Forthelonghaul, 6-1
- CLOSING ARGUMENT** (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 99/20/1
7-AQU, Alw, 1m, Vital Argument, 7-2
- DEPUTY RUMMY** (French Deputy), 7/1/0
7-CT, Alw, 7f, Rummy's Command, 6-1
- EUGENE'S THIRD SON** (Indian Charlie), Red River, \$2K, 15/5/0
7-FG, Stk, 6f, Geniesthrewishes, \$20K LOU OCT yrl, 6-1
- FORD EVERY STREAM** (Seeking the Gold), Clear Creek, \$3K, 45/3/1
5-FG, Stk, 6f, Perilous Crossing, \$35K LOU OCT yrl, 20-1
- KITTEN'S JOY** (El Prado {Ire}), Ramsey, \$25K, 104/18/5
4-AQU, Msw, 6f, It's the Big Cat, \$50K OBS APR 2yo, 5-1
- LUNARPAL** (Successful Appeal), Le Mesa, \$3K, 23/4/0
7-FG, Stk, 6f, Lunar Fest, 5-2
- OFFLEE WILD** (Wild Again), Darley, \$15K, 70/17/2
5-FG, Stk, 6f, Heavenville, 4-1
- ONE NICE CAT** (Storm Cat), Sequel FL, \$4K, 41/8/0
7-AQU, Alw, 1m, Papa's Nice Cat, 5-2
- ROCK HARD TEN** (Kris S.), Lane's End, \$50K, 82/8/3
6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Tenacious Allison, 10-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thursday, Dec. 31

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

- SPEIGHTSTOWN** (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 195/71/9
2-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Nefertiti, \$330K KEE NOV wnl, 3-1
- TETON FOREST** (Forestry), Spendthrift, \$5K, 105/23/1
5-FG, Stk, 6f, Ragin Run, \$42K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Tulipano, c, 2, **Johannesburg**. See "Breeders' Edition, Europe."

Pegasus Again, g, 4, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Chit Chatter (MSP, \$120,945), by Lost Soldier. Lingfield, Britain, 12-30, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Stonestreet Mares LLC. * \$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP. ** SP-GB.

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COLINA VERDE (BRZ), 6, Know Heights (Ire)--Verdadeira (Brz), by Purple Mountain Booked to Tiznow.
Owned by Team Valor & Gary Barber.
Boarded at Denali Stud.

INSPIRING, 7, Golden Missile--Arches of Gold, by Strike Gold
Booked to Dixie Union.
Owned by The Robert and Beverly Lewis Family Trust.
Boarded at Denali Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW, \$147,388.

LADY DIGBY, 5, Grand Slam--Compete, by El Prado (Ire)
Booked to Giant's Causeway.
Owned by Earle I Mack.
Boarded at Denali Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW, \$323,386.

MRS KIPLING (IRE), 3, Exceed and Excel (Aus)--Quinzey (Jpn), by Carnegie (Ire)
Booked to Giant's Causeway.
Owned by Bobby Flay.
Boarded at Denali Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW-US, SW-Ity & GSP-GB, \$132,596.

SHEETS, 5, Scatmandu--One Hot Minute, by Relaunch
Booked to Distorted Humor.
Owned by Joan & Robert Masterson.
Boarded at Denali Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW, \$460,369.

TOUCH MY SOUL (FR), 5, Tiger Hill (Ire)--Topline (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger)
Booked to Kitten's Joy,
Owned by Team Valor.
Boarded at Denali Stud.
Accomplishments: GSW-Ger & GSP-US, \$163,077.



EUROPE



BIG SHUFFLE DIES Gestut Auenquelle's resident sire **Big Shuffle** (Super Concorde--Raise Your Skirts, by Elevation) died Tuesday. He was 25. The multiple champion sire and leading sire of two-year-olds had proven himself one of the leading sire imports into Germany of all time, as well as enjoying success as a damsire and sire of sires, with Areion (Ger) and Auenadler (Ger) topping the list of his sons making an impact at stud. Bred and owned by Moyglare Stud Farm and trained by Dermot Weld, the former Irish champion sprinter was mainly responsible for the rise of Auenquelle as an owner/breeder after entering stud in 1990 with his progeny amassing earnings of over €20 million worldwide. His black-type winners number 81 worldwide, including 29 individuals at group level.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Rome, 15.50, 12-29, €13,500, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:24.70, stn.

GOLDEN ACCLAMATION (IRE) (c, 2, Acclamation {GB}--Nelly Golden {SP-Ity}, by Pentelicus) Lifetime Record: SP-Ity, 9-2-1-1, €28,866. O-A C Company Sas di Celati-Angioli; B-Scuderia Golden Horse Srl; T-Armando Renzoni.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

The Fairy Queen (Ger), f, 2, **Big Shuffle**--Tennessee Waltz (GB), by Caerleon. Pisa, Italy, 12-29, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-Gestut Auenquelle.

Just Maybe (Fr), f, 2, **Coroner (Ire)**--Chaoyangia (Ire), by Kendor (Fr). Deauville, France, 12-30, Cond, 2yo, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Marquise de Moratalla.

Josephines Baby (Fr), f, 2, **Great Pretender (Ire)**--Reine Josephine (Fr), by Loup Solitaire. Deauville, France, 12-30, Cond, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-M Keane.
*First winner for freshman sire (by King's Theatre {Ire}).

Tulipano, c, 2, **Johannesburg**--Tulipe Royale (Fr) (G1SP-Fr, \$128,381), by Java Gold. Deauville, France, 12-30, Cond, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Paul Nataf.
*€145,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG.

Shakalaka (Ire), g, 3, **Montjeu (Ire)**--Sweet Times (GB), by Riverman. Lingfield, Britain, 12-30, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Swordlestown Stud. *1/2 to Stonemason (Nureyev), GSW-Ire.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

RILEY ALLISON FUTURITY, \$107,000, SUN, 12-29, 2yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5, gd.
 1--**GRAND SLAM ANDRE**, 122, c, 2, **Grand Slam--Spring Free**, by **Royal Academy**. (\$95,000 yrl '08 KEESEP). O-J Kirk Robison; B-Michael Rainier (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Luis Contreras; \$64,200. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$257,342.
 2--**Lydia's Last Step**, 122, g, 2, Spanish Steps--Justin's Lydia, by L'Enjoleur. \$22,470.
 3--**Storming Saint**, 118, c, 2, Sweetsouthernsaint--Tomisue's Storm, by Storm Bird. (\$1,000 yrl '08 OBSAUG; \$12,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR). \$10,700. Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 4.80, 6.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SUN, \$34,000, 12-29, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41 2/5, gd.
CIMPLY DONE (g, 3, **Dome--R Excess**, by **In Excess {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: SP, 20-3-6-4, \$127,259. O-Pierre Jean & Leslie A Amestoy. B-W L Mooring Jr & Frank Parr (NM). T-Andres Gonzalez. *\$24,000 yrl '07 RUIAUG.
9th-HAW, \$29,500, NW2LX, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft.
HOLY GERI (f, 4, **Holy Bull--Clever Geri**, by **Geri**) Lifetime Record: 28-7-5-2, \$123,213. O-Blue Grass IV, Jay Hammerman & Sherwin Landerman. B-George Mellon (IL). T-Wayne M Catalano.
8th-TAM, \$20,200, NW1LX, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.
LAWYER JEN (f, 3, **Winged Foot Willie--J J Silver Blush**, by **Silver Buck**) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$28,230. O-Tom Gibbs & Frances Gogas. B-Rolando Rodriguez (FL). T-Frances Gogas.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

FLYING PEGASUS (Fusaichi Pegasus), 4f, :48.80, 5/49
 SILVERFOOT (With Approval), 3f, :38.80, 15/17
 YOGI AND BOO BOO (Not for Love), 5f (g), 1:00.80, 1/36

GULFSTREAM

BACKSEAT RHYTHM (El Corredor), 6f, 1:15.60, 3/4
 ELDAAFER (A.P. Indy), 3f (g), :37.15, 7/11
 RADIOHEAD (GB) (Johannesburg), 3f, :39.00, 9/11
 SHE BE WILD (Offlee Wild), 4f, :47.25, 4/44

HOLLYWOOD PARK

TRES BORRACHOS (Ecton Park), 3f, :37.40, 3/8

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sharp Instinct, f, 2, **Awesome Again**--Forty Paulina (Arg) (G1SW-Arg), by Roar. AQU, 12-30, (C), 1m70y, 1:43 2/5. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$275,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. **Won by 8 3/4 lengths.
Mickejoe, c, 2, **Bernstein**--Harmattan, by Thunder Gulch. MNR, 12-29, 1m, 1:38. B-Robert L Losey & Castleton Lyons (KY). *\$6,500 yrl '08 KEESEP.
 + **Good Turn**, g, 2, **Rio Verde**--Deeds Speak, by Alydeed. SAX, 12-30, (S), (C), 6f (AWT), 1:10 2/5. B-Terry C Lovingier (CA).
Classy Ghost, f, 3, **Silver Ghost**--Classical Display, by Spend a Buck. HAW, 12-30, (S), 6f, 1:12 1/5. B-Quarter B Farm (IL).

★ WINNERS BY U.S. SIRE ★

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Fuzzle (NZ), f, 3, **Johar**--Eftee One (NZ), by Volksraad (GB). Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-28, Mdn, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-Mrs F Torrance.
No Fear (NZ), g, 3, **Johar**--There's No Doubt (NZ), by Pompeii Court. Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-28, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-D W Butler, G R Cunningham & J A Walker.
Midnight Wine (NZ), f, 4, **Black Minnaloushe**--Rapunzel (NZ), by Star Way (GB). Sandown (Melbourne), 12-23, Hcp, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT. B-Windsor Park Stud Ltd.
Ego (NZ), c, 4, **E Dubai**--Buckling (Aus), by Redoute's Choice (Aus). Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-26, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7fT. B-Mrs J M & T M Henderson.
St Pedro (Aus), g, 4, **Stravinsky**--Kirov Dancer (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-26, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7fT. B-B J Lindsay.
Here de Angels (Aus), g, 6, **Dehere**--Angelic Belle (Aus), by Kenmare (Fr). Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-26, Christmas S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 6fT, A\$60,000 to winner. B-Mrs L Randle.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

OAKLAWN

DUBLIN (Afleet Alex), 4f, :52.00, 46/60

SANTA ANITA

CLUTCH PLAYER (Malibu Moon), 6f, 1:13.40, 5/13
 FREE FLYING SOUL (Quiet American), 4f, :47.20, 2/46
 GOBBLER'S KNOB (Worldly Manner), 5f, 1:03.80, 48/50
 HAKA (Dynaformer), 4f, :49.60, 32/46
 QUIET INVADER (Songandaprayer), 5f, 1:00.00, 6/50
 RICHARD'S KID (Lemon Drop Kid), 6f, 1:11.80, 1/13
 TIZ CHROME (Tiznow), 5f, :59.60, 4/50



★ WINNERS BY EURO SIRES ★

IN AUSTRALASIA:

Brave Warrior (NZ), g, 2, **Ekraar**--Phero Flight (NZ), by Straight Strike. Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-28, Mdn, 2yo, 6fT. B-Stoney Bridge Thoroughbred Ltd.

Green Supreme (Aus), c, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Haibah (GB), by Rainbow Quest. Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-28, Mdn, 3yo, 1mT. B-R A Emery.

The Handsome One (Aus), c, 3, **Shamardal**--Dehere and Now (Aus), by Dehere. Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-26, Hcp, 3yo, c/g, 6fT. B-Donland Pty Ltd.

Altered Boy (Aus), g, 4, **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**--Floridays (Aus), by Kenmare (Fr). Randwick (Sydney), 12-26, Hcp, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT. B-Mr K J Pooley.

Dasoudi (NZ), f, 4, **Elusive City**--Culburra Beach (Aus), by Scenic (Ire). Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-26, Hcp, 3yo/up, 6fT. B-L A Humphries & G C Sandford.

Apprehend (Aus), g, 4, **Hold That Tiger**--Regal Touch (NZ), by Touching Wood. Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-26, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT. B-Limerick Lane Thoroughbreds.

Seventh Reason (Aus), c, 4, **Sadler's Wells**--Sunday Joy (Aus), by Sunday Silence. Canterbury (Sydney), 12-23, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT. B-Strawberry Hill Stud.

Keffiya (Aus), m, 5, **Cape Cross (Ire)**--Howkudai (NZ), by Don't Forget Me (Ire). Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-28, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1mT. B-J & J Todd.

Calatrava (NZ), m, 5, **Desert Prince (Ire)**--Emerald Zeel (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). Ellerslie (Auckland), 12-26, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 5/16mT. B-Karreman Bloodstock Ltd.

Sadalbari (Aus), g, 5, **Orpen**--My First Star (Ire), by Caerleon. Caulfield (Melbourne), 12-26, Lord S.-Listed, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, A\$60,000 to winner. B-Mr R Pietrykowski.

Joku (Aus), g, 5, **Xaar (GB)**--Biru Lang, by Pine Bluff. Doomben (Brisbane), 12-26, Bernborough H.-Listed, 3yo/up, 1m 30ydsT. B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd.

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