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THE ROAD TO REDEMPTION

Quality Road (Elusive Quality) crafted a rock-solid sophomore campaign that included a trio of graded victories, including a track-record-setting performance in the GI Florida Derby. But a pair of late defections--first as one of the favorites for the GI Kentucky Derby, due to a quarter crack, then in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, caused by a meltdown at the gate --left the colt without a marquee win and fans with the impres-



Adam Coglianese photo

sion that the colt's best days lay ahead. Back in 2010 hoping to make waves in the handicap division, the big bay kicked off his season in appropriate fashion yesterday by taking the GIII Hal's Hope S. at Gulfstream in wire-to-wire fashion. "It was a good race," said trainer Todd Pletcher. "He likes the Gulfstream track, and we'll point him now for the GI Donn H. [Feb. 6]. Then he might get a little break and point for the big races in summer and fall." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

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Sunday, Gulfstream Park

HAL'S HOPE S.-GIII, \$100,000, GPX, 1-3, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 1/5, ft.

1--**QUALITY ROAD**, 122, c, 4, by [Elusive Quality](#)

1st Dam: Kobla, by Strawberry Road (Aus)

2nd Dam: Winglet, by Alydar

3rd Dam: Highest Trump, by Bold Bidder

(\$110,000 RNA yrl '07 KESEP). O/B-Edward P Evans (VA); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-John R Velazquez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 8-5-2-1, \$1,032,830. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**You and I Forever**, 116, h, 5, [A.P. Indy](#)--You, by

You and I. O/B-Edmund A Gann (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson; \$20,000.

3--**Congressional Page**, 116, g, 5, [Orientate](#)--

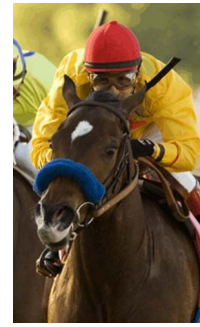
Page Dancer, by Hennessy. (\$37,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL). O-R Larry Johnson; B-Needham/Betz Thoroughbreds Inc, Corner Woods & Peter Lamantia (KY); T-Michael J Trombetta; \$10,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, NK, 4. Odds: 0.40, 13.90, 19.80.

Also Ran: Harlem Rocker, Helsinki, Le Grand Cru, Colonial Causeway, Spin Master, Suyeta.

'EVENING' SETS MONROVIA DOCTRINE

Tuscan Evening (Ire) (Oasis Dream {GB})'s proclamation before yesterday's GIII Monrovia H.? Every placing from second to last is your domain. The rest is mine. And that's just how it unfolded as the Santa Anita faithful's heavy favorite cruised home to an easy win in the 6 1/2-furlong, hillside turf contest. The Euro import was coming off a strong 2009 campaign that included wins in six of 10, including the GII Royal Heroine Mile S. at Hollywood in July and the one-mile GII Las Palmas H. here Nov. 6. One of her best efforts came in defeat, however, as she ran Ventura (Chester House) to 1 3/4 lengths in the GI Matriarch H. across town Nov. 28. She was the 3-2 choice in this seasonal debut and came through for her backers. The bay sat an ideal stalking trip behind the leaders and, once daylight appeared on the inside in upper stretch, she scampered through en route to a comfortable score. "She's the best filly I've got right now on the turf; she loves it," said winning jockey Rafael Bejarano." Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer added that, despite his charges appreciation of the spinach, the seven-furlong, Jan. 31 GI Santa Monica H. on the Pro-Ride could be next. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [brisnet.com PPs](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Chart, p2



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Hal's Hope cont.

Quality Control...

Quality Road stamped himself one of the favorites for the Kentucky Derby after winning the GII Fountain of Youth and Florida Derby for trainer Jimmy Jerkens, but recurring foot problems precluded his participation in any of the Classics. He returned over the summer for the Pletcher barn and set another track record, this time in the 6 1/2-furlong, GII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga, then ran with credit when stretched out in the slop in the GI Travers S., finishing third to Summer Bird (Birdstone). He caught those conditions again when second to that rival in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at



Quality Road (left) and You and I Forever *A Coglianese*

Belmont in October, then came apart at the gate in the Breeders' Cup. Connections considered a run in the GI Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile in November, but opted for this spot instead. Hustled to the fore under jockey John Velazquez from post two, **Quality Road** was allowed soft :25.15, :48.31 and 1:12.03 fractions. Longshot **You and I Forever** came through to his inside in upper stretch and looked like he might pose a problem for the 2-5 pick, but **Quality Road** leveled out nicely and edged away. Velazquez reported no problems, from flagfall to finish. "He was acting perfect in the gate; there were never any concerns there," said Velazquez. "Once we got out, he just did everything nice and easy. With the way we've been breezing him, when that other horse [You and I Forever] came up beside him, I had to let him know it was time to do some running, and he just took off from there. I was never really worried."

Sunday, Santa Anita Park

MONROVIA H.-GIII, \$100,000, SAX, 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, a6 1/2fT, 1:12 2/5, fm.

1--**TUSCAN EVENING (IRE)**, 121, m, 5, by **Oasis Dream (GB)**

1st Dam: **The Faraway Tree (GB) (GSP-Eng)**, by **Suave Dancer**

2nd Dam: **Sassalya (GB)**, by **Sassafras (Fr)**

3rd Dam: ***Valya**, by **Vandale (Fr)**

(4,500gns yrl '06 TATOCT; \$650,000 HRA '09 FTKNOV). O-William Deburgh; B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs (IRE); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; J-Rafael Bejarano; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire, 22-7-4-5, \$639,408. [Click for eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Werk Nick Rating: A + + .

2--**Czechers**, 115, m, 5, **Indian Charlie**--Pine Rob, by Pine Bluff. (\$5,500 wlng '05 KEENOV; \$27,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '07 BESMAR). O-Allen & Susan Branch; B-Scott Goldsher (KY); T-Mark Glatt; \$20,000.

3--**Empressive Lady**, 115, f, 4, **Empire Maker**--Racey Player, by A.P. Indy. (\$200,000 2yo '08 BESMAR; \$165,000 RNA yrl '07 FTSAUG). O-Michael House; B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY); T-J Mullins; \$12,000. Margins: 1, NK, 3/4. Odds: 1.50, 47.00, 41.00.

Also Ran: Pasar Silbano (Ire), Royal Taat (NZ), Hermione's Magic (GB), Reba Is Tops, Lemon Chiffon, Queen Ofthe Catsle, Lindelaan, Lucky Copy.

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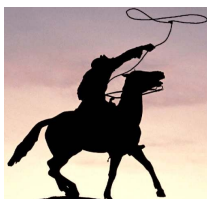
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Hollendorfer's Eclipse finalist **Blind Luck** (Pollard's Vi-

sion) registered her first work of the new year yesterday at Santa Anita, breezing an easy half-mile in :50 flat (41/48) under jockey Rafael Bejarano.

"She was really, really good the last quarter," said Dan Ward, assistant to Hollendorfer. Blind Luck, winner of the GI Oak Leaf S. and GI Hollywood Starlet and



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third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, is expected to make her three-year-old debut in the one-mile GI Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Feb. 6.



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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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

BUDDY'S SAINT ON TRACK FOR FOY Kingfield Stables' **Buddy's Saint** (Saint Liam), impressive winner of both the GII Nashua S. and GII Remsen S. in New York, has settled in nicely in Florida and remains on



Sarah K. Andrew

track for the Feb. 20, GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream after a half-mile breeze at Gulfstream Friday in :50 3/5. "We just wanted to give him a chance to stretch his legs," trainer Bruce Levine said of the move. "He had about a week of galloping when we got

him here from up north, and he'll be on a steady work schedule from here on out." Explaining the decision to target the Fountain of Youth, Levine explained, "The Holy Bull [on Jan. 23] comes up a bit too soon, and if I was going to make that race with him, I would have needed to bring him back earlier than I wanted to, and he wouldn't have had all that much down time since his last start. Plus it gives him a little more time to develop. And I'll have had some more time to get him ready. It's also a two-turn race, and I'd much rather bring him back at that distance than to go a one-turn mile where the pace is usually much quicker, you can catch some sprinters stretching out, and if he were to draw inside you're almost forced to run him hard early."

★ **GULFSTREAM** ★

Third Race Declared a No-Contest:

The opening day at Gulfstream didn't go off without a few hiccups. In the third race on the card, a one-mile, \$25,000 claiming event for fillies and mares on the grass, jockeys had to abruptly pull up their mounts turning into the stretch as the starting gate remained partially blocking the lane. A stalled tractor was to blame. A back-up tractor was quickly brought in and had begun to tow the starting gate from the stretch, but by that time an outrider had signaled to the jockeys to pull up. A quartet of riders continued to ride to the wire with no incident. Stewards immediately declared the race a no-contest.



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Yesterday's Results:

6th-GPX, \$39,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.

1--**INKADO, 120, c, 4, Yankee Gentleman--Ambiguous Miss, by Carson City.** (\$27,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA wlng '06 KEENOV). O-Currey Delmer URS Racing; B-Brereton C Jones (KY); T-Michelle Nihei. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$79,201.

2--**Birdrun, 120, c, 4, Birdstone--Run Like Martha, by Jolie's Halo.** (\$95,000 wlng '06 FTKNOV; \$60,000 yrl '07 KEESEP).

3--**Alma d'Oro, 122, c, 4, Medaglia d'Oro--Brenda D S, by Fortunate Prospect.** (\$75,000 wlng '06 KEENOV). Margins: 3, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 30.00, 2.40, 2.00.

Inkado came from off the pace to score sprinting over Presque Isle's Tapeta track Sept. 25 before tiring to fifth most recently on the dirt at Churchill Downs Nov. 21. Sent off at generous odds here, the chestnut lay just behind the front rank through early splits of :24.35 and :46.95, poked his head in front after six panels in 1:11.37 and drew clear to win his first start of the season. Click for the brisnet.com chart.



4th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39 4/5, ft. NEVER QUICKER (f, 3, Hennessy--Topsy Girl {MSW & MGSP, \$285,817}, by Raise a Cup), an \$85,000 KEESEP yearling, was asked to tackle black-type competition in her career debut in the one-mile Junior Champion S. in the slop at Monmouth Aug. 29 and acquitted herself just fine, running third. She was favored in her last two, sprinting six panels at the Meadowlands Oct. 22 and Nov. 20, but settled for second both times under jockey Joe Bravo. Reunited with Jersey Joe and given a 5-1 chance here, Never Quicker was up to contest the lead. She assumed a clear advantage on the turn and never looked back, streaking clear in the stretch to win by 3 1/2 lengths despite being geared down the better part of the final eighth. Alluring Power (Milwaukee Brew) was second best. Never Quicker is a half to Itty Bitty Pretty (El Corredor), GSW & GISP, \$189,767; Greeley's Conquest (Mr. Greeley), MSW & GISP, \$448,763; and Canaan Land (Grand Slam), SP, \$150,478. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-2-1, \$43,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-George & Lori Hall. B-Liberation Farm & Oratis (KY). T-Kelly J Breen.

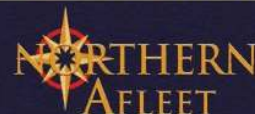
9th-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft. + TAHITIAN WARRIOR (c, 3, Maria's Mon--Chatique, by Deputy Minister) worked briskly in preparation for his debut, firing a pair of bullets over this strip Dec. 5 and Dec. 13. Off at 7-1, the gray broke sharply and traded punches with fellow first-time starter General Song (Elusive Quality) through splits of :22.55 and :45.98. Tahitian Warrior gained the upperhand at the quarter pole and drew off when roused to find the line 4 3/4 lengths to the good of Stormy Ocean (Stormy Atlantic). General Song retreated to finish sixth. Sales history: \$50,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP; \$4,500 RNA yrl '08 FTKOCT. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000.

O-Frank Carl Calabrese. B-Mineola Farm II LLC & David R Houchin (KY). T-Danny L Miller.

1st-GPX, \$35,000, Msw, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft. GRAND CAPTAIN (g, 4, [Grand Slam](#)--Capotiva {MSP, \$129,932}, by Capote), third on Hollywood's Cushion track last July, was a disappointing 10th in his next start on Santa Anita's Pro-Ride surface in October. Most recently, the chestnut was an even sixth on the turf at the Arcadia oval Oct. 15. Sent off the 3-1 third choice for his dirt bow, the gelding settled off the early pace, split rivals to move into contention turning for home and made it to the front in time to score by a neck over Causeway's Kin (Giant's Causeway). Sales history: \$160,000 wlng '06 KEENOV; \$330,000 yrl '07 FTSAUG. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$28,240.

O-Kona Stable LLC & Lewis G Lakin. B-Millennium Farms (KY). T-Patrick L Biancone.

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[Kalookan Queen H.](#) [Free Flying Soul](#) (Quiet American) wins 2010 debut.

[4th-GPX \(\\$35K, Msw\)](#) [Never Quicker](#) (Hennessy) scores at 5-1.

[9th-GPX \(\\$35K, Msw\)](#) [Tahitian Warrior](#) (Maria's Mon) graduates at first asking.

[4th-FGX \(\\$45K, Alw\)](#) [Quiet Temper](#) (Quiet American) records second straight victory.

[10-FGX \(\\$45, Alw, Opt. Clm\)](#) [Stay Put](#) (Broken Vow) comes from off the pace to win.



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★ CENTRAL ★

Yesterday's Results:

4th-FGX, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m40y, 1:40 4/5, ft.

QUIET TEMPER (f, 3, [Quiet American](#)--Dead Aim, by Silver Deputy) ran second in a pair of starts at the Spa before filling the same spot going a mile at Belmont Oct. 4. The \$90,000 KEESEP yearling broke her maiden in style with a 7 3/4-length win in a sloppy edition of the Gill Delta Princess S. Dec. 4. Installed the hot 2-5 choice this time, the bay led through opening splits of :24.36, :48.26 and 1:13.01, was comfortably clear turning for home and crossed the wire a geared-down 1 1/4-length winner over Bella Medaglia (Medaglia d'Oro). "The racing's going to get tougher for her, but she was well within herself today," said winning rider Robbie Albarado. "I didn't ask anything of her. Her speed will be her biggest asset." Speculating as to where the filly might head next, Albarado added, "I've never won the Fair Grounds Oaks [Mar. 26]. I've won every one of the big ones here but that one." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-3-0, \$355,800. O-Mark H Stanley. B-James Jones (KY). T-D Romans.

10th-FGX, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1m40y, 1:40 3/5, ft.

STAY PUT (c, 3, [Broken Vow](#)--O. K. Mom, by Dixieland Band) closed to be third in his second career start while trying 8 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs Nov. 8 before getting the job done in the slop over this track and trip Dec. 7. Given a 7-1 chance this time, the half to Could Be (Geiger Counter), GSW, \$262,922, was unhurried in the early going, made up some ground on the turn, angled out turning for home and jump to the fire late to post a one-length victory over Worldly (A.P. Indy). Walking the Beach (Medaglia d'Oro) faded to ninth. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$59,600. O-Richard, Bertram & Elaine Klein. B-Reklein Stables (KY). T-Steve Margolis.

5th-FGX, \$45,000, Msw, (S), 4&5yo, a1mT, 1:41 4/5, gd. + SNAKEBITE KIT (c, 4, [Sky Classic](#)--Michelle's Crown {SP}, by Glitterman), sent off at 5-1, took command soon after the start, led at every call and was never challenged en route to a 4 1/4-length victory over Precious Metal Man (Gold Tribute). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. O/B-Steve Hartman (LA). T-Edward J Johnston.

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The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$28,000 Opt. Clm, at Fair Grounds. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

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8th-FGX, \$43,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.
 + **WHAT'S NEW** (c, 3, [Dixie Union](#)--Hidden Assets {GSW, \$298,313}, by Mt. Livermore) had been working up a storm leading up to this career debut, including a bullet six furlongs in :46 3/5, the fastest of 113 moves at the distance Dec. 19. Sent off the 2-1 second choice, the half to Due Date (El Prado {Ire}), GSP, \$141,018, took control early, repelled the advances of Delong Road (Storm Cat) after a half mile in :46.06 and drew clear late to score by two lengths over closing Berberis (Southern Image). Delong Road held on for third. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

O/B-Bert, Elaine & Richard Klein (KY). T-Steve Margolis.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

'Echo' Ready for Saturday's San Pasqual:

Trainer Todd Pletcher's **Ready's Echo** (More Than Ready), who was flying late at 24-1 odds to be second in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Nov. 7, will give Santa Anita's synthetic Pro-Ride another try in Saturday's 1 1/16-mile GII San Pasqual H. The five-year-old will be reunited with Calvin Borel. Ready's Echo, who had raced exclusively on the East Coast prior to the Dirt Mile, was kept in California following the race and is being pointed to the \$750,000, GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 6. "The horse has trained well here at Santa Anita," said Mike McCarthy, who directs Pletcher's operation in Southern California. "The spacing is perfect from the Breeders' Cup to this race. We hope it leads to a nice winter here." Also probable for the San Pasqual are Dirt Mile hero **Furthest Land** (Smart Strike), as well as **Dakota Phone** (Zavata), **Neko Bay** (Giant's Causeway) and **Nownownow** (Whywhywhy).

Condition Codes for Allowance Races

Code	Description
NW.....	Non-Winner of...
1-6.....	Number of Races
\$.....	Monetary Condition
R.....	Distance Condition
3M, 6M, 9M, Y, Y+, L.....	Time Period (ex: NW2L = NW 2 races lifetime)
X.....	Other-than Condition (ex: NW3X = non-winners of 3 races other than maiden, claiming, or statebred)
C.....	Other Conditions Not Specified

Yesterday's Results:

KALOOKAN QUEEN H., \$67,400, SAX, 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:15, ft.

1--**FREE FLYING SOUL, 121, m, 5, Quiet American--Ruby Surprise (MGSW, \$752,697), by Farma Way.** (\$85,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT; \$125,000 2yo '07 BESMAY). O-Marsha Naify; B-James Temple Hines Jr (KY); T-Bruce Headley; J-Mike E Smith; \$38,280. Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-2, \$283,626.

2--**U R All That I Am, 116, f, 4, Valid Wager--Fort Silver, by Fort Calgary.** O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC. \$16,360.

3--**Rainbow's Song, 115, m, 5, Unbridled's Song--Rainbow Promise, by Known Fact.** (\$425,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Glen Hill Farm. \$7,656.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 6.50, 8.40.

Also Ran: High Resolve, Supermodel.

Free Flying Soul broke through with a black-type victory in the restricted Louis R. Rowan S. over this track and trip Oct. 12 before finishing a bang-up third behind Informed Decision (Monarchos) and Ventura (Chester House) in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint Nov. 6. Favored in her latest start in Hollywood's restricted Winter S. Dec. 4, the bay led most of the way to score by two lengths. Well supported here, the five-year-old pressed early leader High Resolve (Put It Back) through a half mile, overtook that rival turning into the homestretch and was comfortably clear late despite drifting in to score by 2 1/4 lengths over closing U R All That I Am. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

5th-SAX, \$48,000, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, a6 1/2ft, 1:12 3/5, fm.

1--**MR. BOSSY PANTS, 119, g, 4, Victory Gallop--Estrella Voladoras (SP, \$152,014), by Star de Naska.** (\$9,200 yrl '07 BESJAN). O-Ellen & Peter O Johnson; B-Granja Vista Del Rio (KY); T-Alexis Barba. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$57,600.

2--**Rainbow Goose, 119, g, 4, Mongoose--Chasing a Rainbow, by Quest for Fame (GB).** (\$3,000 RNA yrl '07 OBSAUG).

3--**Orient Emperor, 114, h, 5, Orientate--Klassy Kim, by Silent Screen.**

Margins: 3/4, HD, NK. Odds: 7.00, 2.00, 71.70.

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5th-SAX, \$48,000 cont.

Following a pair of fifths--including an attempt on the sod--against open maiden special weight company last winter, Mr. Bossy Pants was dropped into \$50,000 maiden company and crossed the wire in third after a problematic trip going a mile on the Pro-Ride here last April. Sent to the sidelines following that effort, the gelding broke through while sprinting against \$40,000 company at Hollywood Nov. 26 and added another to the win column last time out over the Inglewood oval Dec. 20. Content to stalk the early pace, the grey angled in for the stretch drive, exchanged bumps with Orient Emperor in the final furlong and prevailed in the final strides to get the best of closing Rainbow Goose.

9th-SAX, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 2/5, fm.

TANDA (f, 3, Sweetsouthernsaint--Doc's Stormy Girl, by Dr. Caton), a \$145,000 OBSAPR two-year-old purchase, was an honest fifth at 9-2 odds debuting in a six-furlong off-the-turf contest at Hollywood Park Dec. 11. Making it to the sod this time as the 2-1 pick, the bay steadied a bit early as she pressed the pace, but forged to the front in midstretch and reported home a clear-cut 3 1/2-length winner. I'mneverwrong (Ire) (Compton Place {GB}) was second best. Modality (Distant View) was pulled up at the furlong grounds and vanned off. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,120. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**

TANDA - Another 2yo Auction Purchase by IBS

O-Tommy Hutton's Dream Stable LLC. B-Kristine L Mitchell (FL). T-Dan L Hendricks.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

SANTA ANITA

Blind Luck (Pollard's Vision), 4f, :50.00, 41/48
 Chocolate Candy (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:00.00, 11/58
 Connie and Michael (Roman Ruler), :59.60, 5/58
 Muhannak (Ire) (Chester House), 5fT, 5f, 1:03.00, 4/7
 Witty (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:00.40, 16/58

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IN FRANCE:

La Biriquina, m, 5, Aljabr--Samut (Ire), by Danehill.
 Deauville, France, 1-3, Hcp, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT).
 B-Rick Nichols & Bernie Sams. * \$6,500 yrl '06
 KEEJAN; €45,000 yrl '06 DEAAUG. ** 1/2 to luturna
 (Intidab), MSW, \$135,861.



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Monday, Jan. 4

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

BEN BULBEN (Pioneering), 17/0/0
 6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Forthelonghaul, 5-1
VALUE PLUS (Unbridled's Song), Stonewall, \$10K, 174/18/0
 6-FG, Msw, 1mT, Reba's Values, \$2K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR GROUNDS

Denis of Cork (Harlan's Holiday), 4f, :51.00, 38/59

GULFSTREAM

Furthest Land (Smart Strike), 5f, 1:00.15, 3/25
 Mary's Follies (More Than Ready), 4fT, :54.20, 5/7
 Stardom Bound (Tapit), 4fT, :53.80, 4/7

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Crisp (El Corredor), 6f, 1:13.40, 5/12
 Kinsale King (Yankee Victor), 5f, :59.60, 2/24

PALM MEADOWS

Aikenite (Yes It's True), 5f, 1:02.05, 8/20
 Mission Impazible (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:02.05, 8/20
 Rule (Roman Ruler), 3f, :38.65, 14/16
 Munnings (Speightstown), 5f, 1:00.60, 1/20

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★ FRANCE ★

Yesterday's Results:

PRIX MISS SATAMIXA-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.50, stn.

1-#**ROCKETTE (FR)**, 123, m, 5, **Ange Gabriel (Fr)--Racoon (Fr)**, by **Be My Guest**. O/B-Mme Henri Devin; T-Yves de Nicolay; J-Stephane Pasquier; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 24 starts, 5 wins, 15 places, €132,750.

2--**Eire (GB)**, 123, m, 6, Medicean (GB)--Mavourneen, by Dynaformer. (26,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT; €25,000 RNA HIT '07 DEADEC). €10,400.

3--**Samara Valley (Ire)**, 123, f, 4, Dalakhani (Ire)--Slap Shot (Ire), by Lycius. (150,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT). €7,800.

Margins: HF, 1HF, HF. Odds: 2.10, 5.70, 8.50.
Also Ran: Marny (Ger), Go Lovely Rose (Ire), Belliflore (Fr), Street Romance, Without Precedent (Fr), Reine des Mers (Ire), Surpressa (Fr). Also Ran (not classified): Flower (GB), Added Attraction (Fr), Galixi (Fr), Zibeling (Ire).

Rockette had failed to hit the board in four prior attempts at this level before finishing runner-up to the classy Dalghar (Fr) (Anabaa) in the listed Prix Luthier over course and distance when last seen Dec. 3. Building on that smart effort, the chestnut produced a decisive kick to lead inside the final 100 yards and readily hold the late flourish of Eire.

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.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-FGX, \$50,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW4L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, a5 1/2fT, 1:05 3/5, gd.

SHUTUPANDDANCE (f, 4, Brassy Wells--Cobilion {SW}, by Royal Pavilion) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-4-1-2, \$169,865. O-Bill & Denise Morrison; B-Bill Morrison (LA); T-M Lovell. *\$32,000 2yo '08 TEXMAR.

2nd-DED, \$37,000, NW2L, (S), 3yo, 7 1/2f, 1:35 1/5, ft.

JOSIAH (c, 3, Storm Day--Jenny O, by Gold Case) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$56,560. O-Rolando Cabral. B-Oak Tree Stables LLC (LA). T-Olivo I Inirio. *\$6,500 yrl '08 TEXAUG; \$10,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR.

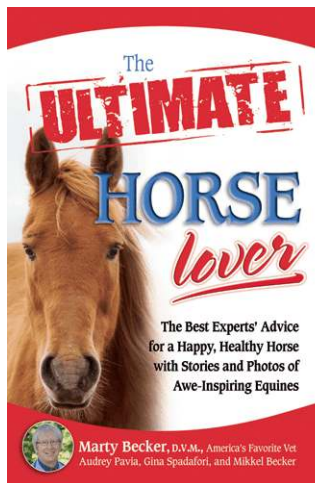
4th-TAM, \$23,500, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:46, gd.
RIVERSRUNRYLEE (g, 6, Outflanker--Ponderway, by Prized) Lifetime Record: SW, 43-10-8-2, \$200,015. O-L and D Farm. B-L & D Farms Inc & Anise Pendleton (FL). T-Juan Camilo.

9th-TAM, \$20,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 2/5, gd.
LEMONETTE (m, 7, Lemon Drop Kid--Believability, by Southern Halo) Lifetime Record: MGSP-US, SP-Ger, 24-5-10-2, \$218,016. O-Jerry Jamgotchian. B-Castleton Lyons (KY). T-Eric R Reed. *25,000gns HRA '06 TATDEC; \$90,000 HRA '08 KEENOV; \$195,000 RNA wing '03 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lou's Angel, f, 3, **Cactus Ridge**--Natural Genius (SP, \$153,016), by Beau Genius. TPX, 1-3, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19 3/5. B-John T L Jones Jr (KY). *\$1,200 yrl '08 KEEJAN; \$15,000 2yo '09 OBSJUN.

Evening Concerto, g, 3, **Concerto**--Almost Aprom Queen, by Montbrook. CTX, 1-2, 6 1/2f, 1:20 3/5. B-Ocala Stud (FL). *\$50,000 2yo 2009 OBSAPR.



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Grandtastic, c, 3, **Grand Slam**--Stylish Beauty, by Pleasant Colony. SUN, 1-3, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Stonewall Farm Stallions (KY). *\$40,000 yrl '08 FTKOCT; \$17,000 RNA 2yo '09 TEXMAR.

Holy Motion, f, 3, **Holy Bull**--Tuft of Flowers, by Two Punch. SUN, 1-3, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Berkshire Stud (NY). *\$35,000 yrl '08 FTKOCT; \$47,000 RNA yrl '08 FTNAUG; \$64,000 RNA 2yo 2009 TEXMAR.

+ **Outlaw Avenue**, c, 4, **Avenue of Flags**--I've Got an Itch, by Bertrando. SUN, 1-3, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19 4/5. B-James Wasson (NM).

Starboardlights, g, 4, **Helmsman**--Allitup, by Allen's Prospect. GGX, 1-3, 6f (AWT), 1:11. B-Leland Garner (CA). \$1,000 yrl '07 CTNSEP.

Champagne Jane, f, 4, **Hero's Tribute**--Silver Hiawatha, by Silver Buck. TPX, 1-3, 1m (AWT), 1:40 1/5. B-C Bruce Hundley & Doug Arnold (KY). *\$31,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP. **1/2 to Silver Chele (Cahill Road), SP, \$196,288; Cherish Destiny (Grand Slam), SW & GSP, \$121,303.

All I Need to Know, f, 4, **Luftikus**--Happydazrhereagain, by Hail Emperor. CTX, 1-3, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21 2/5. B-Michael G Atkins (WV).

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IN ARGENTINA:

Afortunado Soy (Arg), c, 3, **Mutakddim**--Rinfy (Arg), by Ringaro. Palermo, 12-31, Mdn, 7f, 1:23.48. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. O-JCG; B-La Quebrada; T-Miguel Diaz.

Pure Revelation (Arg), f, 3, **Pure Prize**--Batty Resbalosa (Arg), by Batty. San Isidro, 1-1, Mdn, 6fT, 1:10.91. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2. O/B-La Biznaga; T-Roberto Bullrich.

+ **Sticky Fingers (Arg)**, f, 3, **Yonaguska**--Lettered, by Mr. Greeley. La Plata, 12-29, Mdn, 6f, 1:13.84. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O/B-Arroyo de Luna; T-Horacio Torres.

The Credit (Arg), h, 5, **Indygo Shiner**--Legend (Arg), by Salt Marsh. Palermo, 12-31, Hcp, 5f, :55.86. Lifetime Record: 18-6-5-3. O/B-Green & Black; T-Jose Gimenez.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 14.20, 1-3, €19,000, 5yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.30, stn.

FLORENTINER (GER) (g, 7, Waky Nao {GB}--Fatagiro {Ger}, by Mandelbaum {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 26 starts, 7 wins, 11 places, €66,620. O-Gestut Weiherwiesen; B-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee; T-Andreas Trybuhl.

FRANCE, Deauville, 12.20, 1-3, €19,000, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:34.70, stn.

CARAZIYAN (FR) (c, 4, Slickly {Fr}--Carlitta {SW-US, \$109,780}, by Olympio) Lifetime Record: 12 starts, 3 wins, 5 places, €42,000. O-Jean-Louis BURGAT, Mme Marie-Helene Doux, Mme Françoise BURGAT & Thierry Delegue; B-Haras de SA Aga Khan SCEA; T-Philippe van de Poele. *3/4 to Carlotamix (Linamix {Fr}), Hwt. 2yo Colt-Fr, G1SW-Fr, \$262,536.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Doun Pearl (Fr), f, 3, **Blackdoun (Fr)**--Elite Super, by Shadeed. Deauville, France, 1-3, Cond, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-G Samain.

Avenuesalleyways (Ire), c, 3, **Bertolini**--Princess Mood (Ger), by Muhtarram. Kempton Park, Britain, 1-3, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-P G Lyons. *€30,000 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; £31,000 yrl '08 DONAUG. *1/2 to Kingsgate Prince (Ire) (Desert Sun {GB}), MSW & GSP-Eng, \$177,810; and Captain Ramius (Ire) (Kheleyf), SW-Ire.

Fred Lalloupet (GB), c, 3, **Elusive City**--Firm Friend (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-Ity, SP-US, \$152,537), by Affirmed. Deauville, France, 1-3, Mdn, 3yo, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-M Lagasse & Pontchartrain Stud. *1/2 to Mon Pote le Gitan (Thunder Gulch), SW & GSP-Fr, \$152,537.

El Suacillo (Ire), c, 3, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--Max Almabrouka, by Hennessy. Rome, Italy, 1-2, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Scuderia Colle Papa Srl.

Honey Gem (Fr), f, 4, **Gold Away (Ire)**--Hokey Pokey (Fr), by Lead on Time. Deauville, France, 1-3, Cond, 4yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-M Motschmann. *1/2 to Herculano (Fr) (Subotica {Fr}), MGSP-Fr.

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