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Owner William Schettine (pronounced Skettine) is certainly not lacking for confidence going into Saturday's GIII Holy Bull S., the South Florida embarkation point to the 2010 Triple Crown trail. "I never say a horse is going to win, but they'd better be ready to run and fit on Saturday," he warned his rivals. Proven on dirt and synthetics, **Piscitelli** (Victory Gallop) was purchased by Schettine for \$60,000 at OBS April last spring. The dark bay won his maiden going long at Monmouth Park at second asking last July, then was third in the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity in September. That result should have been entirely different, Schettine said. "We should have won the race in Chicago, but we got an unusual ride and we should have clearly won that race," he recollected. "The leading rider got off the favorite to ride 'Pisky,' but let's just say it was an unusual ride. I was very confident that he was better than the horse that won that race." An even sixth at 30-1 behind **Noble's Promise** (Cuvee) in the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland Oct. 10, he'd have been worth a \$100 bill had he come through in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He finished fourth, beaten 3/4 of a length for all of it. "I was thinking I was going to cash a big ticket [in the Juvenile]," Schettine stated. "It was a pretty amazing effort. **D'Funnybone** (D'Wildcat) tried him, then **Noble's Promise** challenged him. **Vale of York (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and **Lookin at Lucky** (Smart Strike) came way outside and Pisky never saw him. He's a much nicer horse than casual observers might understand." If Schettine has a concern this weekend, it is that the distance might be short of optimal for Piscitelli. "I think we need to run, and if he wins he's a super horse. But he's about 10 lengths better at a mile and a quarter." Schettine is the owner of Signature Stallions in Reddick, Florida. Among the half-dozen stallions at the farm are former leading freshman sire Chapel Royal (Montbrook) and multiple Grade I winner Shakespeare (Theatrical {Ire}).

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ZENYATTA NOW A UNANIMOUS CHAMP

The three organizations that present the Eclipse Awards--*Daily Racing Form*, the National Turf Writers Association and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association--have announced that the voting in the Older Female category will be revised to reflect that undefeated champion **Zenyatta** (Street Cry {Ire}) garnered each of the 232 votes registered. A reported error in the ballot cast by *DRF* member Duke Dosik resulted in the original tally of 231-1. Dosik reportedly assured Eclipse Award officials that he fully intended to vote for **Zenyatta**, but inadvertently voted for **Icon Project** (Empire Maker) while **Zenyatta** was not listed among his top three finalists. He also stated that the mare was his selection for Horse of the Year. "There's no way I meant to do anything but put **Zenyatta** on top," Dosik offered. With the revision, both **Zenyatta** and Horse of the Year **Rachel Alexandra** (Medaglia d'Oro) were unanimous winners of their respective decisions.



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Legislation which would have placed a constitutional amendment on the expansion of gambling in the Commonwealth of Kentucky before its electorate failed to pass the state senate yesterday afternoon, the *Blood-Horse* reports. The bill, sponsored by Senate President David Williams, was supported by 20 Republicans and one Independent, falling two votes shy of the 23 required for passage. Sixteen Democrats opposed the measure. The measure cleared a Senate subcommittee by a vote of 7-5 along party lines Wednesday afternoon. Democrats have opposed the notion of a constitutional amendment on expanding gaming, claiming it would allow for the process to drag on too long. State Senator Damon Thayer (R), who has close ties to the Thoroughbred industry, previously introduced a bill calling for a constitutional amendment on video lottery terminals at Kentucky's racetracks. The impact Thursday's vote will have on that legislation remains uncertain. Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear (D) unveiled his state budget earlier this week which reportedly relies on \$700 million in revenue from VLTs.

SANTA ANITA CANCELS FRIDAY CARD With rains continuing to pelt the greater Los Angeles area, officials at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California, announced the cancellation of Friday's live racing program yesterday afternoon, with hopes that an improved forecast for the weekend will lead to the resumption of racing. "We're told that the heavy rain is supposed to be clear of us by about noon [Friday]" said Santa Anita President Ron Charles. "The weather outlook for the weekend is favorable and we are optimistic that if the forecast holds, we're going to be able to run Saturday and Sunday. As we've said, safety is our number one priority and we'll continue to make all decisions based upon that. Even though it's been raining hard at times over the past four days, we've seen a lot of improvement in the main track and the way it's draining. However, we're told we could get two or more inches of rain today, so we felt it would be in everyone's best interest to make the decision to cancel Friday's program this morning." According to *Daily Racing Form*, the track, which also lost its Monday and Thursday programs to the weather, has taken 5 1/2 inches of rain since last weekend. Another 1 1/2 to two inches was expected to fall before Friday morning.

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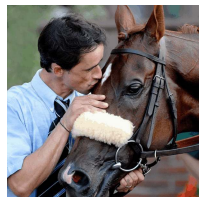
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ENGLISH RACES UPGRADED Following the European Pattern Committee's recent annual meeting, Goodwood's King George S. and York's Middleton S. have been upgraded from Group 3 to Group 2 status. "Both races are fully deserving of the upgrade and are exciting additions to Britain's Group 2 program," the British Horseracing Authority's Ruth Quinn told *Racing Post*. "The upgrade of the King George further strengthens the British summer sprint programme by providing a quality opportunity for high-class sprinters between the [G1] July Cup and the [G1] Nunthorpe. The fact that three of the first four finishers last year are Group 1 winners speaks for itself. The European Pattern Committee has done much in recent years to enhance the programme for fillies and mares to encourage them to stay in training and compete here beyond the age of three. York's Middleton S. consistently attracts quality fillies and mares and as a Group 2 opportunity in the early part of the season it plays a valuable role."



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PREVIEWS

Saturday, Wellington, New Zealand

THE OAKS STUD TELEGRAPH H.-G1, NZ\$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	A Gold Trail (Aus)	Hussonet	Rodd	Portelli	126
2	14	Mufhasa (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Spratt	McKee	126
3	6	Richard Beymer (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Hercocck	Good	126
4	2	Atapi (Aus)	Last Tycoon (Ire)	Bowman	Ottos	121
5	4	Veloz (NZ)	Black Minnaloushe	Hills	Rogerses	121
6	16	Ruud van Slaats (NZ)	Van Nistelrooy	Du Plessis	Sargent	119
7	1	Tavistock (NZ)	Montjeu (Ire)	Waddell	Campbell	119
8	13	Wall Street (NZ)	Montjeu (Ire)	Lammas	Lynds	118
9	3	Keano (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Innes	O'Brien	117
10	5	Kilaton (Aus)	Spinning World	Coleman	Sargent	117
11	11	Coup Align (NZ)	Align (Aus)	Allpress	Pitman	116
12	17	Vonusti (NZ)	Ustinov (Aus)	Harris	Carters	116
13	12	Stupendous (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	Myers	Myers	116
14	9	Tootsie (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	Grylls	Moroneys	116
15	7	Attackum (NZ)	Pins (Aus)	McDonald	Ottos	115
16	10	Wealth Princess (NZ)	San Luis (Aus)	Walsh	Gillovic	115
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1	Aggie Engineer	E Dubai	Solis	Gallagher
2	Pearl Fisher	Smart Strike	Valdivia Jr	French
3	Deal Breaker (GB)	Night Shift	Bejarano	Mitchell
4	Zappa	Afternoon Deelites	Smith	Sadler
5	Muhannak (Ire)	Chester House	Pedroza	B Cecil
6	Loup Breton (Ire)	Anabaa	Gomez	Canani
7	Dynamic Range	Dynaformer	Espinoza	Canani
8	High Court Drama (Ire)	Theatrical (Ire)	M Baze	O'Neill
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DESERT PARTY

1st in '08 GII Sanford S. & '09 G3 UAE Two Thousand Guineas

(c, 4, Street Cry {Ire}--Sage Cat, by Tabasco Cat)
O-Godolphin Racing; B-David Smith, et al (KY);
T- Saeed Bin Suroor
Last Start: 14th in May 2 GI Kentucky Derby.

Desert Party, a \$2.1-million FTFEB juvenile, captured the 2008 GII Sanford S. in just his second start and ended his two-year-old campaign with a sixth-place effort in the GI Hopeful S. While wintering in Dubai, the strapping bay captured the G3 UAE Two Thousand Guineas and was second behind stablemate Regal Ransom (Distorted Humor) in the G2 UAE Derby. Returned to the U.S. for the GI Kentucky Derby, Desert Party could manage only a 14th-place showing on the first Saturday in May and has been MIA since that effort. The colt had a small flake removed from his near fore ankle last summer, Godolphin racing manager Simon Crisford reported, but is currently back in training. "Desert Party is doing fine and is in full training at our Dubai stables, Al Quoz," Crisford said. "He should be ready to run by the middle of February and he will make his comeback on the new synthetic surface at Meydan. We will decide exactly which race closer to the time."

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MUSKET MAN

1st in '09 GII Illinois Derby & GIII Tampa Bay Derby; 3rd in '09 GI Kentucky Derby & GI Preakness S.

(c, 4, Yonaguska-Fortuesque, by Fortunate Prospect)
 O-Eric Fein & Vic Carlson; B-Jim E Nelson & Sergio de Sousa (KY); T-Derek Ryan; Last Start: 3rd in May 16 GI Preakness S.

He hasn't been out since finishing third behind Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) in the May 16 GI Preakness S. at Pimlico, but MGSW Musket Man is getting ready for his long-awaited return. No one is happier to have the dark bay back in action than co-owner Eric Fein. "He's going to be even better this year," Fein said yesterday. "He's doing very, very, very well. He has always been a big strong horse, but he has gotten bigger and stronger. The time off did him a world of good." Explaining the colt's extended absence, Fein said, "He got a stone bruise on the bottom of his foot, and that needed some time. The timing hurt us for the summer races. The Triple Crown took a bit out of him, too, and we weren't going to race him in the Breeders' Cup on the synthetic, so there was no reason to rush him back. We're setting him up for a big four-year-old campaign." He added, "He's a May foal, and he did a lot in a short period of time. With some luck, he might have won one of the Triple Crown races. Both of those races, he got into a lot of trouble. But we were very happy with him." Musket Man worked at Tampa Bay Downs Thursday morning, going five furlongs in a bullet 1:00 flat. "He's ready to run," Fein remarked. "He has been ready for a long time--but we haven't been." Connections are sitting on go now, however. "I think his first race back will be the [\$75,000 Super S.] at Tampa Feb. 6," Fein said.

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BEETHOVEN

1st in 2008 GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. & 3rd in GII Fountain of Youth S.

(c, 4, Sky Mesa--Moonlight Sonata, by Carson City)

O-John Oxley; B-Deerbrook Racing Inc (KY); T-John Ward Last Start: Feb. 28 GII FOY S. (3rd)

Beethoven, who graduated at second asking at Turfway in September of 2008, looked like he could be any kind when he came from off the pace to take Churchill Downs' GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. in November. Fourth in Gulfstream's GIII Holy Bull S. last January, the \$300,000 KEESEP yearling closed to be third behind winner Quality Road (Elusive Quality) in the GII Fountain of Youth S. Soon after that effort, Beethoven was taken off the Triple Crown trail after developing an injury to a tendon in his left front leg. According to trainer John Ward, the colt has been galloping at Gulfstream Park and is expected to return to the races later this spring.

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 The *TDN's* second quarterly magazine piece is now available for download on the *TDN* website, and examines one of the most controversial topics in racing: synthetic surfaces. Are they good for horses, or bad? Are there fewer breakdowns, or more? Are




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## GROUND CONTROL: The (Real) Truth About Synthetic Surfaces

By Bill Finley

Richard Shapiro doesn't have much of anything to do with horse racing these days, something he never imagined possible. His grandparents owned three-time Hollywood Gold Cup winner Native Diver, and he still remembers the thrill he felt every time he'd go to the track to watch the great gelding run. He went to college, ran a harness track, owned horses himself and built a successful real estate business. In 2005, he accepted the position as the chairman of the California Horse Racing Board, bringing with him a passion and enthusiasm for the job and a clear goal: he wanted to make California horse racing every bit as great as it once was.

These days, his work hours are spent in his office in Calabasas, California, where he runs Winco Asset Management. He resigned from the CHRB position Dec. 16, 2008, before his term had expired. He rarely goes to the racetrack. It's not that Richard Shapiro doesn't like horse racing. It's that horse racing doesn't like Richard Shapiro.

His crime? He's the guy who forced synthetic racing surfaces on California racing.

"I'm labeled the poster boy for synthetic surfaces," Shapiro said. "I get quite a bit of hate mail and hate e-mail."

To prove it, he pulls out a folder filled with letters and e-mails he has received. It is large and jammed with papers.

"One guy said I should be hung from the Seabiscuit statue at Santa Anita," Shapiro said.

In 2006, Shapiro ordered that all major California racetracks switch to synthetic surfaces by the end of the following year. He did so in the midst of a turbulent time in racing, nationally and in California. Barbaro's breakdown in the Preakness stunned and angered an entire nation. The 2006 Del Mar meet was among the deadliest in the track's long history. According to California Horse Racing Board records, 14 horses died that year as the result of training or racing accidents.

Shapiro believed he had found a solution, a way to end the destruction of so many horses. It was a new racing surface, one that had received nothing but favorable reviews among European horsemen and racetrack officials, and had a proven record of success at Turfway Park, where fatal injuries had become nearly non-existent and weather-related cancellations had become a thing of the past.

"In May of 2006, the issue of synthetic tracks came up for a vote at the board level," Shapiro said. "Every organization--the Jockeys' Guild, the trainers, the Thoroughbred owners, every track--was in support of this. Every board member but one was in full support of this and that member [Jerry Moss] abstained. We went into this with high hopes and felt maybe we could stem the increasing number of fatalities that were occurring."

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As loud and as angry as the critics may be, the facts are not on the side of the legions of synthetic-surface haters who insist the switch to Polytrack, Cushion Track, Tapeta and Pro-Ride is well on its way to destroying the sport. While synthetic surfaces are far less than perfect and have not been the panacea that many had hoped they would be, they have fulfilled their most important promise, to reduce the number of horses that die on the racetrack.

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## In Other News...

A Daily Roundup of  
Racing Articles in Other Media

[Distaff duo made 2009 a great year](#)

"Rachel Alexandra and Zenyatta deserved to share some kind of honor for overshadowing horse racing's recent troubles."

Eric Crawford, Louisville Courier-Journal

# FIRST ANNUAL TDN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS AND THE WINNERS ARE....

The results are in...and while Zenyatta had to settle for second in the Horse of the Year voting, she was clearly the choice of the TDN readers, prevailing in all three of the 10 categories for which she was nominated. Her trainer, John Shirreffs, was the choice in his category as well. Thank you to the nearly 500 voters who participated! And congratulations to the five winners of the random drawing, who are: Bill Barone, Kelly Colliver, Russ Flinchum, Hugh Galbraith and Marl Novaki.

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- 10) Big Brown - 2008 GI Kentucky Derby ([video](#)) 13
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- 12) Street Sense - 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile ([video](#)) 4
- 13) Candy Ride (Arg) - 2003 GI Pacific Classic ([video](#)) 3
- 14) Discreet Cat - 2006 GI Cigar Mile H. ([video](#)) 3



- 4) Hal Wiggins - Rachel Alexandra - 58
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 **NORTH AMERICA** 

**BRAKE LIGHTS SIDELINED** Mr. & Mrs. William K. Warren Jr.'s **Brake Lights** (Saint Liam), tabbed a  **"TDN Rising Star"**  off a 9 1/2-length maiden victory at Aqueduct Jan. 2, will miss his intended start in the Feb. 6 Whirlaway S. after being diagnosed with a chip in his left front ankle. The colt underwent surgery about two weeks ago and is recuperating on a farm in Lexington, according to Daily Racing Form. "Unfortunately timing," trainer Kieran McLaughlin told *DRF* Thursday from South Florida. "Nice horse. He should be back this summer." Brake Lights was fifth in his Dec. 5. bow sprinting over the Aqueduct inner. He was expected to take on fellow  **"TDN Rising Star"**  **Eightyfiveinafifty** (Forest Camp) in the Whirlaway.

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**3rd-GPX, \$41,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$80,000), NW3\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36 2/5, ft.

1--**CHAMPAGNE EYES, 120, m, 5, Flatter--Corking (MSP), by Sensitive Prince.** (\$30,000 yrl '06 FTKJUL; \$95,000 HRA '09 KEENOV). O-Farnsworth Farms; B-B D Gibbs Farm LLC & Fleetwood Bloodstock (KY); T-Martin D Wolfson. Lifetime Record: SW, 13-4-2-0, \$194,703.

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2--**Song of Solomon, 122, f, 4, Unbridled's Song--Regal Miss Copelan, by Copelan.** (\$525,000 yrl '07 KEESPE).

3--**Impossible Time, 120, m, 5, Not Impossible (Ire)--Classiest Carat, by Pleasant Colony.**

Margins: 1HF, 1HF, 2HF. Odds: 3.70, 1.30, 12.10.

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(500)

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

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**3rd-GPX, \$41,000, Alw**

Champagne Eyes enjoyed a fruitful 2009 season that included a victory in the restricted Santa Lucia H. at Santa Anita last April, a big allowance romp at Hollywood in July, and a good neck second in the Las Madrinan H. at Fairplex in September. Interspersed were a few understandably lax efforts against Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}) in the GII Milady H. in May and the GI Clement Hirsch H. in August, and to Proviso (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the GI Spinster S. at Keeneland in October. That last effort was her final start for Suarez Racing and trainer Doug O'Neill, and after being bought for \$95,000 at KEENOV by Farnsworth Farms, she was turned over to trainer Marty Wolfson, who is connecting at a 37-percent clip with horses making their first start for his barn. Offered a 7-2 chance facing  **"TDN Rising Star"**  Song of Solomon, Champagne Eyes went to her nose after stumbling at the break, but recovered nicely under Elvis Trujillo and was up to attend the pace from a wide perch. Easing back a bit to fourth off of :24.52, :47.35 and 1:11.48 fractions, she took command heading into the stretch and, having got the jump on the chalk, strode powerfully to the wire to post the mild upset. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video](#), sponsored by [Taylor Made](#).

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## ★ CENTRAL ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**8th-OPX, \$40,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$65,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40 4/5, ft.

**WIN WILLY (c, 4, Monarchos--City Fair {MSW, \$299,527}, by Carson City),** a \$25,000 KEESEP yearling, rallied into the Triple Crown picture last year when he chased down Old Fashioned (Unbridled's Song) at



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56-1 odds in the GII Rebel S. over this surface in March. He finished fourth in April's GII Arkansas Derby behind a talented trio in Papa Clem (Smart Strike), Old Fashioned and Summer Bird (Birdstone), but he was scratched on the eve of

the GI Kentucky Derby when x-rays revealed a small line in an ankle. After some cautionary time off, Win Willy returned to the races in an Arlington Park allowance in September, where he ran a close-up third as the chalk. The tepid 5-2 choice in the GII Indiana Derby at Hoosier Park Oct. 3, the gray could do no better than fifth to Misremembered (Candy Ride {Arg}), and he again got some time off before this confidence booster. In his typical stalking position early, he appeared a bit uncomfortable up the backstretch as he climbed into Oaklawn's surface. Already under a ride three furlongs out, he began to make headway into the stretch, then found his best stride and finished full of run to best Marilyn's Guy (Yonaguska) by 2 1/2 lengths. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-4-0-1, \$302,643. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Jer-Mar Stable LLC. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-McLean Robertson.

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|----|-----------------------|------|--------|
| 1  | Giant's Causeway      | 24   | 3      |
| 2  | <b>A.P. Indy</b>      | 18   | 4      |
| 3  | <b>Lemon Drop Kid</b> | 17   | 2      |

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**3rd-GP (Alw)** 5yo mare **Champagne Eyes** (Flatter) posts mild upset over **TDN Rising Star** Song of Solomon (Unbridled's Song).

**3rd-AQU (Alw)** 4yo filly **Pamona Ball** (Pleasantly Perfect) dominates by 9 3/4 lengths.



## ★ NEW YORK ★

### NYRA Launches "Backstretch Buzz" Series:

Officials at the New York Racing Association have launched a new video series called "Backstretch Buzz" at [www.nyra.com/backstretchbuzz](http://www.nyra.com/backstretchbuzz). The series will feature jockeys and trainers opining on events, stories and issues impacting Thoroughbred racing. The first installment in the series discusses cold weather training with trainers Glenn DiSanto, Bruce Brown and David Donk while the next video debates apprentice vs. journeyman riders with trainers Rick Schosberg, Mike Hushion and Leah Gyarmati, jockey Maylan Studart and jockey agent Al Dellape.

### Yesterday's Results:

**3rd-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:42 1/5, ft.

**PAMONA BALL (f, 4, [Pleasantly Perfect](#)--Fireman's Ball, by Hennessy)** showed promised at two, winning the Sharp Cat S. at Hollywood in November of 2008 for Eoin Harty. She missed the spring and fall of her sophomore campaign, however, before returning on the East Coast with Kiaran McLaughlin, for whom she placed in Belmont's Cat Chat S. in September and a pair of optional claimers in October and November. In her latest, she finished second to 🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟 Song of Solomon (Unbridled's Song)--herself second in a salty Gulfstream allowance yesterday--in an optional claimer over the inner track Dec. 3. The 8-5 second choice here, Pamona Ball was put on the lead for the first time in her career under Ramon Dominguez and clicked off sensible :24 1/5, :49 and 1:13 2/5 fractions. Opening up at will in upper stretch, she galloped home clear by 9 3/4 lengths. Favored McVictory (Victory Gallop) was second. Sales history: \$120,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$380,000 2yo '08 BESMAR. Lifetime Record: SW, 10-3-2-2, \$155,640. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

O-Darley Stable. B-Diamond A Racing Corp (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$50,000 Allowance, at Churchill. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

## ★ EAST ★

### OBS February Catalogues Online:

The catalogue for the Ocala Breeders Sales Company's February Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training is now available at [www.obssales.com](http://www.obssales.com). A total of 160 juveniles are catalogued for the one-day event Feb. 16, which kicks off at 12 noon. The single undertack show is scheduled for Feb. 12, and, like the sale, will be streamed live on the OBS website. The February sale has produced 19 millionaires and eight champions, including Horses of the Year Skip Away and Favorite Trick.

## ★ INDUSTRY INFO ★

### TwinSpires.com to Offer Video from NHC:

TwinSpires.com, the official betting platform for Churchill Downs Incorporated, will again offer horseplayers an inside look at the Daily Racing Form/NTRA National Handicapping Championship from Las Vegas's Red Rock Casino, providing live video coverage Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30. "We are delighted TwinSpires.com will again give horseplayers an inside look at the richest, most prestigious handicapping tournament in the world," said Keith Chamblin, senior vice president of the NTRA. "The video coverage not only keeps fans well informed, it showcases the NHC in a way that makes it an even more coveted goal for fans throughout the country." Churchill Downs's Jill Byrne will be on site to anchor the coverage.

## TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**4:12p HRTV 7th-GP, \$45K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m**  
Wertheimer et Frere's **COLIZEO ([Distorted Humor](#))** looks poised to graduate. The Todd Pletcher-trained colt was second in his route debut at The Meadowlands Oct. 12 and was just beaten a nose by Wordly (A.P. Indy) in a Churchill maiden Nov. 8. Jay Em Ess's **Unprecedented ([Saint Liam](#))** rates an upset chance at 10-1 on the morning line. A \$400K KEESEP yearling, he was an even sixth to Launch and Relaunch (Harlan's Holiday) in his bow at the Big A Nov. 28. Edgar Prado retains the mount for trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. Darley's **Dreaming Blue ([Street Cry \(Ire\)](#))**, a \$290K KEESEP yearling, finished third in the same race, but has to overcome the outside 12-post here. [brisnet.com PPs](#)

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**IN BRITAIN:**

**Dance the Star**, h, 5, **Dynaformer**--Dance the Slew (SW, \$204,970), by Slew City Slew. Wolverhampton, 1-21, Hcp, 4yo/up, 12f 50yds (AWT). B-B M Kelley & B P Walden. \* \$120,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

**Cozy Tiger**, g, 5, **Hold That Tiger**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."



**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Jan. 22**

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

**CALKINS ROAD** (Illinois Storm), 13/2/0

8-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Sweep the Road, 3-1

**CLOSING ARGUMENT** (Successful Appeal), Sequel FL, \$10K, 190/23/1

5-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Ponzi, \$42K EAS SEP yrl, 4-1

**CROWNED KING** (Barkerville), 8/0/0

3-DED, Msw, 5f, +First Crowned, 12-1

**GHOSTZAPPER** (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 174/8/0

6-FG, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Daddy Forty Nine, \$75K ADS SPR 2yo, 4-1

**GRAND REWARD** (Storm Cat), Hill 'n' Dale, \$13K, 201/25/0

8-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Mimi's Reward, \$4K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1

6-FG, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Nocknonheavensgate, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

**OFFLEE WILD** (Wild Again), Darley, \$15K, 126/17/2

3-AQU, Alw, 1m, Offlee Cool, \$160K KEE SEP yrl, 1-2

**SAINT LIAM** (Saint Ballado), Lane's End, \$50K, 98/17/1

7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Unprecedented, \$400K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

**SPACE SHOT** (Seattle Slew), 12/0/0

3-DED, Msw, 5f, +More Space, 7-2

**VALUE PLUS** (Unbridled's Song), Stonewall, \$10K, 174/18/0

7-GP, Msw, 1 1/8m, Celeritas Plus, \$110K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1

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**BUICK LANDS GOSDEN APPOINTMENT** William Buick, who rode his first winner in September 2006, has garnered the plum role as number one jockey for



**John Gosden**  
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trainer John Gosden. Successful aboard Lahaleeb (Ire) (Redback {GB}) in last term's GI E.P. Taylor S., Buick succeeds Jimmy Fortune as retained rider for the Newmarket powerhouse. "It's a dream come true to ride for Mr. Gosden," Buick, the 2008 champion apprentice, told *PA Sport*. "He has some great horses and I can't wait to get started. While I feel bad for Jimmy [Fortune], it is the opportunity of a lifetime and it is up to

me to take that opportunity and make the most of it. I hope to continue to ride for Andrew Balding when I can. The whole Balding family have been great to me over the years and I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for their support and encouragement." The 21-year-old has been based at Balding's Kingsclere yard from the outset of his career. "Obviously we are very sad to lose William," Balding said. "He's been a valuable asset to the yard, but I think there's no mistaking it's a good career move for him and we wish him well. He's come a long way in a short time and you don't do that unless you've got a lot of natural talent, which he has. He's by no means the finished article, but there's better yet to come. From the minute he started riding on the track, he was always instinctively making the right decisions. Horses run for him and that's the main thing. We are sorry to lose him, but I hope he will be able to ride for us again in the future at some stage."

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 **SOUTH AMERICA** 

**ASIATIC BOY RETIRES TO HARAS ABOLENGO**

Globetrotting millionaire **Asiatic Boy (Arg)** (Not For Sale {Arg}--S.S. Asiatic, by Polish Navy), conqueror of the 2007 United Arab Emirates Triple Crown, has been



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retired and will return to his native Argentina to stand privately at Haras Abolengo during the upcoming 2010 Southern Hemisphere season. The seven-year-old also won the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 and the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint and placed second behind Curlin (Smart Strike) in the 2008 G1

Dubai World Cup. Transferred stateside to the care of trainer Kiaran McLaughlin in 2009, Asiatic Boy finished second in both the G1 Stephen Foster H. and the GII Suburban H. On the board in 11 of 16 starts, Asiatic Boy won six times and earned \$3,311,708.

**BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**6th-AQU, \$41,000, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1m70y, 1:43 2/5, ft.**

**MOST HAPPY FELLA (g, 3, Ecton Park--Doyenne, by Deputy Minister)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$75,563. O-Robert J Quigley. B-Dr William B Wilmot & Dr Joan M Taylor (NY). T-William Badgett Jr. \*\$25,000 yrl '08 FTNAUG. \*\*1/2 to Time's Mistress (Mr. Greeley), GSW, \$260,581.

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Court Vision (Gulch), 6f, 1:11.60, 1/1  
She Be Wild (Offlee Wild), 5f, :58.80, 1/19

PALM MEADOWS

Grasshopper (Dixie Union), 6f, 1:15.90, 1/1

TAMPA BAY DOWNS

Musket Man (Yonaguska), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/23

**8th-AQU, \$41,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45 4/5, ft.**

**MIGHTY MORRIS (g, 5, Wheelaway--Bid O'Powdre, by Talc)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$70,120. O/B-Five Ways Farm (NY). T-Thomas M Bush.

**5th-PEN, \$37,440, 1-20, NW1X, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.**

**BELLFLOWER (f, 3, Cherokee Run--Princess Par, by Chief's Crown)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$52,760. O-Tom Coulter. B-Arrowwood Farm Inc (KY). T-T Bernard Houghton.

**8th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16m, 1:45 3/5, ft.**

**PATCH OF FIRE (m, 5, Van Nistelrooy--Miners Girl, by Miner's Mark)** Lifetime Record: 19-5-2-4, \$68,120. O-Chuckie Inc. B-Maple Lawn Farm (KY). T-Donnovan Haughton. \*\$1,500 yrl '06 FTMOCT; \$11,000 RNA wlng '05 KEENOV.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Rosesandlightning, f, 3, Lightnin N Thunder--Send Out Funny,** by Dr. Schwartzman. LRL, 1-21, 1m, 1:38 2/5. B-Phyllis & Joe Everman (FL).

+ **Ready to Score, f, 3, More Than Ready--Dontgetinmyway,** by Machiavellian. OPX, 1-21, (C), 6f, 1:14. B-Guida Racing Stable Inc. (KY). \*\$160,000 wlng '07 KEENOV; \$60,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP.

**Awesome Truth, f, 4, Proudest Romeo--Heavens Passport,** by Awesome Again. OPX, 1-21, (S), 6f, 1:16 1/5. B-Dr K K Jayaraman & Dr V Devi Jayaraman (AR).

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Sternlight (Ire), c, 3, Kheleyf--Sail by Night,** by Nureyev. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-21, Hcp, 3-5yo, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-Fin A Co SRL. \*€14,500 wnlg '07 GOFNOV; £30,000 yrl '08 DONAUG.

**Cozy Tiger, g, 5, Hold That Tiger--Cozelia,** by Cozzene. Southwell, Britain, 1-21, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Alan, Mark, Mitchell & Madeline R Kline. \*\$27,000 RNA yrl '06 FTKJUL; 20,000gns 2yo '07 DONAPR.

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