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Reggane a Live Cup Chance for de Royer-Dupre...

Trainer Alain de Royer-Dupre sent out Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre) to a pair of memorable performances in the G1 Hong Kong Cup, saddling the diminutive bay to a runner-up effort behind Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) in the 2005 renewal before turning the tables on the Hong Kong legend the following year. Pride's success was the second in three years for females in the 2000-meter feature, following on that of Ireland's Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire}) in 2004, and **Reggane (GB)** (Red Ransom) is one of a trio of high-class four-year-old fillies in the field. Runner-up in the 2009 G1 Coronation S. at Royal Ascot, the Haras de la Perelle homebred was a listed winner at Vichy in July, but was only fifth behind Stacelita (Fr) (Monsun {Ger}) in the G1 Prix Jean Romanet at Deauville the following month. Runner-up in



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the G3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte Sept. 24, the bay most recently posted an 11-1 upset in Woodbine's GI E. P. Taylor S. Oct. 16 and is fresh coming into this test. "Reggane is very well," confirmed jockey Gerald Mosse. "She won quite easily in Canada, and she's come here fresh and happy. She loves to travel. Her best form is always when she's been travelling. I've ridden her many times in her races, so I know her very well, and I couldn't be happier with her. She'll prefer a solid pace, not a slow one and she acts on any ground." And, depending on her performance Sunday, she could be back in another 12 months to pull a 'Pride.' Said traveling head lad Serge Renee, "This could be a decider for the rest of her career. If she was to fare well on Sunday, she could very well remain in training next season. It is quite an important test for Reggane."

Jaguar Mail Looking for Better...

Japan's **Jaguar Mail (Jpn)** (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}) returns to Sha Tin for a third straight December crack at the G1 Hong Kong Vase. A well-backed 2.90-1 chance as a four-year-old in 2008, the bay ran extremely well, going down by a short head and a nose in third. He was a 10-1 chance in last year's running and settled in midfield before his late rally came up just short in fourth, but beaten only a half-length for all the marbles. The G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) hero, Jaguar Mail is coming off a strong fourth-place effort in the G1 Japan Cup Nov. 28, and has the full confidence of his connections. "He has been prepared well for the big race," said work rider Masanori Watanabe. "He's eating up well and drinking well. We will get him familiarized with the paddock ring sometime this week. The only concern was how well he could recover from his last race in the Japan Cup, but he has coped with it and is in a good form."



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Green Birdie a Sleeping Giant?...

Since Falvelon (Aus) took the first two runnings of the G1 Hong Kong Sprint for Australia, the local flag has flown over the winner's circle in each of the last eight years. That trend seems likely to continue this season, and the majority would point to **Sacred Kingdom (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) as the most likely suitor. But it would be foolish to overlook **Green Birdie (NZ)** (Catbird {Aus}). The seven-year-old ventured to Singapore for the G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint in May and got up to hand



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Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}) a neck defeat on his home turf. He's had two starts since and was luckless in a runner-up effort in the G2 Centaur S. at Hanshin Sept. 12 and seventh to Hong Kong's Ultra Fantasy (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) in the G1 Sprinters' S. at Hanshin Oct. 3. "He's trouble free and looks a treat," his trainer Caspar Fownes commented. "He didn't have any luck at all in Japan, and since we've been home, he's really come on in the past few weeks. He's had a nice trial and looks to be in great form. He ran very well in the Sprint [fourth] last year when he was back from a long break and was recovering from laminitis. I'll be very disappointed if he doesn't run a great race."

Age, Pace in Way of Ba Ba Four-Peat...

There have been some great milers in the history of Hong Kong racing, Fairy King Prawn (Aus) (Danehill), Electronic Unicorn (Housebuster) and Bullish Luck (Royal Academy), to name



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just a few. None accomplished what **Good Ba Ba** (Lear Fan) has in his storied career, and the eight-year-old is back in search of a fourth consecutive victory in the G1 Hong Kong Mile. A half-length best last year, the Keeneland September graduate hasn't really fac-

tored in six starts since, and, grudgingly, trainer Michael Chang is admitting that Good Ba Ba just may be up against it this time around. "He is still capable of winning, and I still believe he will run a good race, but the key factor will be the pace," Chang told *South China Morning Post*. "I've studied his past three wins and each time he ran home strongly off a fast early pace. I just don't think there is the speed in this field to allow him to storm over the top from last as he has before--and at eight years of age he may just lack the explosive turn of foot we are used to seeing."



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Moore Holds Serve in CXIJC...

England's Ryan Moore, who shared last year's Cathay Pacific International Jockeys' Championship with fellow riders John Murtagh and Christophe-Patrice Lemaire, won two legs of Wednesday's four-race series and ended on 24 points to defeat local favorite Douglas Whyte with 18 points. Fresh off his victory in the World Super Jockeys Series in Japan last month, Moore got off on the right foot, storming down the center of the Happy Valley stretch with Something Special (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) to score by 3/4 of a length over the Olivier Peslier-ridden Jolly Wongchoy (Belong to Me). Australia's Nash Rawiller hit the win column with an all-the-way win aboard Record High (Aus) (Falbrav {Ire}), while 10-time



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champion Whyte struck in the third event astride My Goal (NZ) (Jungle Pocket {Jpn}). The trio was deadlocked going into the final event, but Moore delivered, overcoming a high draw in 12 beneath Fearless (SAf) (Western Winter) and holding off a late charge from Whyte's Ho Wongchoy (NZ) (Cullen {Aus}), who got to within 3/4 of a length in second. "It is really nice to win this event, on my very own this time," commented Moore, who earned HK\$200,000 (about US\$25,000) for the victory. "Especially good as I didn't think I held much chance coming into it. This is a nice warm up for the big races at Sha Tin on Sunday [CXHKIR], which is the last big meeting of the season for me. I have some excellent rides in all four races, on Paco Boy, Snow Fairy, Crystal Capella and Kingsgate Native, not necessarily in that order!" Julien Leparoux, representing the United States, failed to accumulate any points. His best finish was a fifth aboard Travel Guide (NZ) (Al Akbar {Aus}) in the third leg of the series.

BLACK-TYPE PREVIEWS

Saturday, Hollywood Park, post time: 7:35 p.m. EDT
HOLLYWOOD STARLET S.-GI, \$300,000, 2yo, f,
1 1/16m (AWT)

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 True Way of Grace	Yes It's True	Atkinson	Barba	120
2 Nina Fever (K)	Borrego	Gomez	Ward	120
3 May Day Rose	Rockport Harbor	Bejarano	Baffert	120
4 Luna Grande	Mass Media	Espinoza	Mulhall	120
5 Turbulent Descent	Congrats	Flores	Puype	120
6 Big Tiz (K)	Tiznow	Valenzuela	Glatt	120
7 Zazu (K)	Tapit	Smith	Sadler	120
8 Tell a Kelly (K)	Tapit	Rosario	Sadler	120

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QUEENS COUNTY H.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1 Arson Squad	Brahms	Dominguez	Dutrow Jr	123
2 Stormy's Majesty	Stormy Atlantic	Prado	Galluscio	122
3 Pedrolino (K)	Distorted Humor	Luzzi	Runco	117
4 Seniors Pride	Sweetsouthernst	Cohen	Tannuzzo	119
5 More Than a Reason (K)	More Than Ready	Castro	Persaud	117
6 Modern Cowboy (K)	Tiznow	Velazquez	Pletcher	116

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Arqana's one-day December Yearling Sale brought the curtain down on the European sales season yesterday and it was a colt by More Than Ready that topped the sheets at €58,000. Offered by Haras de Ommeel as hip [1055](#), the April-foaled chestnut, who is from the family of Group 2 winners Epistolaire (Ire) (Alzao) and Epitre (Fr) (Common Grounds {GB}), was sold to Marc-Antoine Bergracht's MAB Agency. Second place on the podium went to Upton Viva Stud's hip [1145](#), offered by Haras du Hoguenet, a bay daughter of Poliglote (GB), with a national hunt profile, who went the way of David Powell's EURL du Chene for €40,000. MAB Agency enjoyed a busy day-- purchasing nine lots--and was responsible for the third-highest price of the session when going to €36,000 for Haras de Sou's hip [1123](#), a daughter of One Cool Cat. She hails from the family of the 2006 G1 Prix du Jockey-Club runner-up Best Name (GB) (King's Best). Hindered by a reduced clearance rate of under 60 percent, the day's yield still managed to break through the seven-figure barrier, but with reduced marks for both average and median. "This year we catalogued and sold 48 more yearlings than last year at the October sale, where the average price was €27,700," said Arqana's president Eric Hoyeau. "Quite logically, the December catalogue is of lesser quality as a result, which affects the average and clearance rate."

"Ideally we would like to restrict this sale to 200 yearlings, and maintain the breeding stock sale over three days so as to avoid selling during [today's] racing at Deauville," he continued. For complete results, visit www.arqana.com.

ARQANA DECEMBER YEARLING SALE WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 2010

SESSION	2010	2009
No. Catalogued	283	271
No. Offered	268	259
No. Sold	160	170
RNA	108	89
% RNA	40.3%	34.4%
Highest Price	€58,000	€48,000
Gross	€1,000,000	€1,244,500
Average (% change)	€6,250 (-14.6%)	€7,321
Median (% change)	€4,000 (-11.1%)	€4,500
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No. Sold	17	15
Gross	€98,000	€64,900
Total Gross	€1,098,000	€1,309,400

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1--▲**MALPENSA (ARG)**, 132, f, 4, by Orpen
 1st Dam: Marsella (Arg), by Southern Halo
 2nd Dam: Riviere (Arg), by Logical
 3rd Dam: Talonada (Arg), by Tatan (Arg)
 O-Stud-Haras Santa Ines; B-Haras Santa Ines;
 T-Juan B. Udaondo; J-Adrian Giannetti; Lifetime
 Record: 14-3-7-1. *1/2 to Marsigliese (Arg)
 (Mutakddim), GSW-Arg. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + .**
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2--**Catch the Mad (Arg)**, 119, f, 3, Catcher In the Rye (Ire)--
 Crazy Wells (Arg), by Poliglote (Eng). O/B-Haras
 Firmamento; T-Juan C Etchehoury.

3--**Ollagua (Arg)**, 134, m, 5, [Pure Prize](#)--Open Secrets,
 by West by West. O-Stud La Providencia; B-Haras La
 Providencia; T-Jose Martins Alves.

Margins: 1 1/2, HF, NK.

Also Ran: Super Carina (Brz), Jumbalaya (Arg), Tradizione Slam (Arg),
 Tattoum (Arg), La Jolla (Arg), Siembra Azul (Arg), Dona Posta (Arg), Ginger
 Beer (Arg), Camioneta (Arg), Foggy Stripes (Arg), Aicega (Arg), Our Donna
 (Arg), Asua (Arg), Body Fighter (Arg).

FEEDBACK

Well, that was disappointing (Value Sires-Kentucky
 `Proven,' Bill Oppenheim, *TDN*, 12/8/10.) Given Bill
 Oppenheim's formidable analytical skills, I was hoping
 to see something more substantive on the issue of
 stallion fees. This is, after all, an existential problem for
 the Thoroughbred industry.

First of all, simply stating that there is good value in
 the current price structure doesn't make it so. And
 providing a list of successful sires at given price points
 doesn't address the economic validity of those prices.
 Finally, relegating the whole issue to the nether regions
 of subjective relativity is just another way of saying "I
 don't want to talk about it."

Actually, the only time Mr. Oppenheim even brushes
 by the crux of the matter is in his dismissive comment
 that "the subjective eagle eye of Rob Whiteley will
 likely tell us there are almost NO stallions which provide
 value." What if that's true? Has anyone done the math
 to prove that it isn't? Stallion fees are part of the cost
 structure of a product, and there is nothing subjective
 about dollars and cents (except, perhaps, in the minds
 of derivatives traders).

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Feedback cont.

The economy, like the universe, may always be expanding (or contracting), but within any given industry, it's a zero-sum game. There is a finite demand for the product and a finite amount of revenue. In a healthy industry this revenue is reasonably distributed along the supply chain. If one part of the chain absorbs too much of this revenue, the system breaks down and the whole industry suffers. Is that what's happening in the Thoroughbred industry? Well, we could do some math--that's pretty objective.

What are the revenues from purses and awards in a given year? How much is paid in stud fees for that same year? What's the comparison between the two? Who, along the supply chain is making money, who's bleeding red ink, and is there a pattern? This isn't about good guys and bad guys, it's just about maintaining the viability of the industry. I spent most of my adult life dealing with customers who needed a better deal and then having the same conversation with my own suppliers. If any one part of the chain can't survive, there's no product.

For the Thoroughbred industry to be self-sustaining, it needs a rational cost structure, with financially sound players at every level. Certainly in an industry so obsessed with statistics, there are the tools to come up with a business model that works. It's a new reality out there, and the industries that survive will be those that adapt to it.

—Michael Gojanovich, Guelph, Ontario

Michael,

Thanks very much for your note, which is certainly thought-provoking. But I fear the business model for the various sectors of the Thoroughbred industry doesn't resemble the one you, like Rob, are suggesting.

Your premise, which, I admit, sounds great on paper, assumes that every horse bred should have a 50-50 shot of breaking even if sold as a yearling. But this economy doesn't work that way. Both Rob and I have seen and worked on statistics that show definitively the range of profit-making yearlings is 13-22 percent, depending on the year and whether the horse market is high or low. Given those statistics--that even in boom years only two out of nine yearlings make money – I'm struggling to understand why a sire's current yearling median should determine his next year's stud fee. In all aspects of this industry, you lose more times than you win; what has to happen to stay in business making a profit is that you have to generate more from your one or two wins than you lose in your seven or eight losses. We're all gambling, and that includes gamblers, owners, and breeders. It's the risk-reward ratio that determines success, not simply the frequency of achieving break-even.

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Two other points: first, if the economics of the business can be tilted in any direction, I contend that should be in the direction of the racehorse owner, not the breeder. If the racehorse owner has a better chance not to be drubbed (roughly eight percent of racehorses break even), that would help breeders by virtue of raising yearling prices. Second, no matter what theory anybody advances as to why something should happen, or why a certain formula should be in place, in my experience this is overridden by that most basic of economic principles: supply and demand. You may say, "if this happens ..."; "if this doesn't happen ...", etc., but what's even more important is what is happening, now. In Rob's summary of 2010 yearling medians and proposed 2011 stud fees (*TDN, Nov. 4*), for example, his formula would have Stormy Atlantic standing at \$17,500 and Mineshaft at \$12,500, yet I have called both good value at \$30,000 and \$25,000 respectively. The only proof will be in the number of mares bred: supply and demand. Candy Ride, with a yearling median of \$37,000, didn't even make Rob's list, meaning he would have to stand for under \$12,500; yet I'll bet dollars to doughnuts he is oversubscribed at a price (\$40,000) even higher than his 2010 yearling median! Dumb breeders? Maybe. But I'd bet a lot of money Candy Ride's 2013 yearling median (matings of 2011) will be much, much higher than \$37,000.

I don't doubt that this industry would be on a much firmer financial footing, and have many more participants, if your percentage chance of making money on any individual horse was double what it is now, irrespective of which sector you are an investor in--racing or breeding, or both. Personally, I think it is more important to get the percentage of racehorses making money far higher than the eight percent I estimate it is now; only then do I think we'd see the percentages in the breeding sector improve in corresponding fashion.

-Bill Oppenheim

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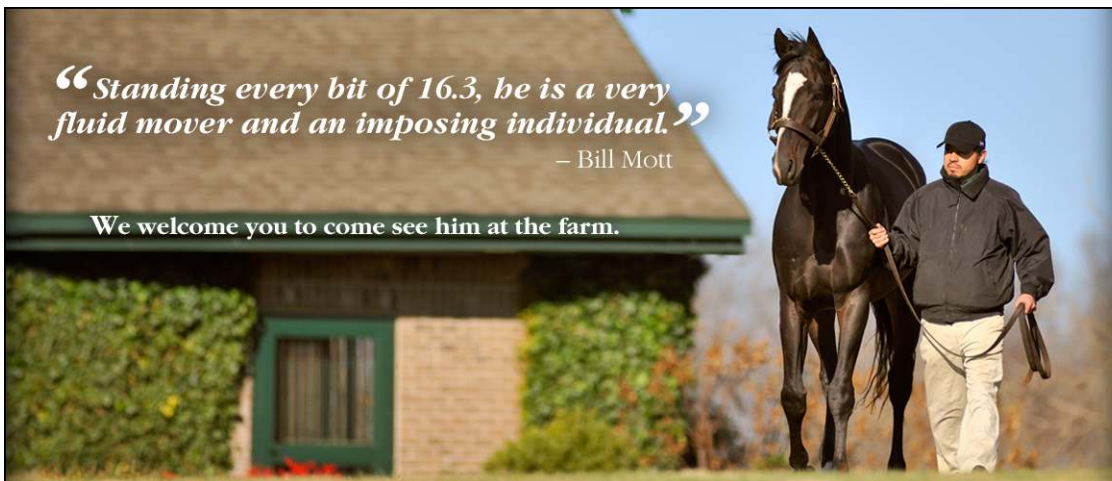
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BIRDSTONE	2001	GRINDSTONE	2006	GAINESWAY	20000	30000
CANADIAN FRONTIER	1999	GONE WEST	2006	AIRDRIE	3500	3500
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDE THE RAILS	2006	LANE'S END	40000	25000
CITY ZIP	1998	CARSON CITY	2003	LANE'S END	15000	10000
CLOSING ARGUMENT	2002	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	2007	MILLENNIUM	5000	5000
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER	2000	WINSTAR	100000	100000
FLATTER	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	CLAIBORNE	7500	5000
GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	1997	STORM CAT	2002	ASHFORD	85000	100000
HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	1999	HARLAN	2005	AIRDRIE	25000	25000
HOLY BULL	1991	GREAT ABOVE	1996	DARLEY	10000	10000
MALIBU MOON	1997	A.P. INDY	2001	SPENDTHRIFT	60000	40000
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	DARLEY	100000	100000
MINESHAFT	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	LANE'S END	25000	20000
OFFLEE WILD	2000	WILD AGAIN	2007	DARLEY	7500	7500
PLEASANTLY PERFECT	1998	PLEASANT COLONY	2006	LANE'S END	7500	10000
PURE PRIZE	1998	STORM CAT	2004	VINERY	5000	10000
SKY MESA	2000	PULPIT	2005	3 CHIMNEYS	30000	25000
SMART STRIKE	1992	MR. PROSPECTOR	1998	LANE'S END	75000	75000
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	WINSTAR	50000	35000
STORMY ATLANTIC	1994	STORM CAT	2000	HILL 'N' DALE	30000	35000
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 **At the RTIP Symposium on Racing and Gaming**


Wednesday's Symposium Report with RTIP Student Jim McVicker...

NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop kicked off Wednesday's panel session of the NTRA's Safety and Integrity Alliance at the University of Arizona's 37th Annual Symposium on Racing and Gaming. "Many changes have occurred during the last three years that have transformed the NTRA and its focus," he said. "2008 proved a challenging year for the racing industry with the highly publicized tragedy at the Derby, steroid controversy and the general downturn in the U. S. economy. These societal and economic impacts served to transform the NTRA's focus and the industry has rose to the challenge by establishing the Safety and Integrity Alliance."

Mike Ziegler, the executive director of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance, began by informing the crowd that Sunland Park had just received full accreditation, bringing the number of fully accredited U.S. tracks to 19. He also said that the Alliance's goal is to update its code of standards annually and that 2010 saw the addition of wagering integrity to the accreditation criteria. He added that tracks accredited in 2009 will require re-accreditation in 2011 based on the updated standards.

A video segment was presented in which independent monitor Tommy Thompson expressed his disappointment that more tracks have not sought accreditation. He commented, "Safety and ethics will be demanded by the public."

Steven Koch, Woodbine Entertainment's vice president of Thoroughbred racing, illustrated the requirements for accreditation and spoke of the merits of the demanding and thorough process. "The extensive application and documentation required is not easy; nor should it be," Koch offered. "The onsite inspections and interviews are thorough, but expectations are reasonable." He lent his support to the Alliance by adding, "The entire industry should embrace this cause. It is not mere window dressing; [accreditation] is earned, and is meaningful." The measurable improvements to track safety can also serve as "a powerful tool for industry lobbying." He commented on Woodbine's effort to package this effort to the public saying "accreditation status was included on Woodbine's webpage, finish line, simulcast screen, and *Daily Racing Form* and daily program."



Show-stopping performances at 2 and 3:


Remsen S. (G2)
Romped by 6 ½ lengths in 1:48.82

Holy Bull S. (G3)
Defeated Scat Daddy

Wood Memorial (G1)
Defeated Any Given Saturday

First yearlings take center stage in 2011.

2011 fee: \$2,500



Tom Metzen, HBPA-Minnesota and Arizona senior president and executive director, closed the session.

"Why get one's track accredited," he asked the crowd. He commented that as a horse owner himself he "wants to run his horses at a safe track." The elements of accreditation, pre-race exams, post-race exams, injury reports, toe grab length requirements, on-track medical compliance, all contribute to improved track safety. He said, "All tracks should conform to the Alliance's standards." A specific example he recalled was a recent spill at fully accredited Canterbury Park. An injured jockey applauded the safety crew for their prompt and effective care in their handling of the accident.



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NYSRWB TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT

BETTORS A day after New York City OTB ceased offering wagering, the New York State Racing and Wagering Board met Wednesday and approved "emergency measures designed to safeguard the integrity of the pari-mutuel wagering system." Three branches of NYCOTB--one each in the boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens--will remain open until Dec. 13 to allow customers to withdraw from their accounts. "Our goal is to prevent the potential migration of betting dollars to out-of-state and unregulated entities by allowing in-state account wagering operations to quickly process applications for Internet and telephone betting accounts," NYSRWB Chairman John



John Sabini
NYSRWB photo

Sabini said in a statement. "The closing of New York City OTB opens a gaping hole in the industry here. But this Board stands ready to act in ways that will prevent this unfortunate development from devastating the remaining stakeholders." Among the changes approved yesterday was the allowance for advanced deposit wagering accounts to be processed online, as well as the approving of applications from the New York Racing Association, Yonkers Raceway and the Regional OTBs of Nassau and Catskill to process such applications. New NYRA Rewards account holders will now be eligible for double incentive points. All of yesterday's actions were unanimously approved by Sabini and Board Members Daniel Hogan and Charlie Diamond. *Daily Racing Form* reported that it was possible that New York's racing dates may be reduced in the future, though the state law currently requires that NYRA have 95 live racing dates Dec. 1-Apr. 1. "We have had inquiries about [race dates] as recently as yesterday," Sabini told *DRF*. "I'm not going to comment who made informal inquiries. There is a NYRA board meeting [Wednesday]. If anyone thinks this is not going to change the framework of the business, they're kidding themselves." NYRA was slated to have a monthly board of directors meeting yesterday, but did not issue a statement.

TELL IT TO THE TDN...

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NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



TAX PROPOSAL INCLUDES 100% BONUS DEPRECIATION FOR BUSINESSES

President Obama's agreement with Republican leaders to address the expiring Bush-era tax cuts and an extension of unemployment insurance also includes language that would allow 100% bonus depreciation on certain investments in 2011. New depreciable property, such as certain farm equipment and horses, may be eligible next year.

The Treasury Department estimates that this change in depreciation could create over \$50 billion in additional investments in the U.S. by businesses. The administration expects the measure to also spur job creation.

The House and Senate may vote on the proposal as early as the end of this week. However, the Senate is scheduled to be in session until December 17 and lame duck sessions have a history of continuing until just before the Christmas holiday.

This past September, the [Small Business Jobs Act](#) reinstated 50% bonus depreciation for 2010 only. If passed, the new proposal would allow 100% bonus depreciation of similar property in 2011.



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



Yesterday's Results:

2nd-AQU, \$40,000, Msw, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 3/5, ft.

+ **BELLA LADY (f, 3, Hook and Ladder--Linda Britt, by Cormorant)** posted a bullet five-eighths from the gate in 1:01 over the Belmont training track Nov. 18, but drew the inside for an outfit that is not known for its first-time starters. Dismissed as the 8-1 joint third favorite on debut, the bay filly was hustled away from the gate and led after a furlong, but was content to allow 1-2 Frazzie (Freud) to take command entering the turn. Though Bella Lady lost a bit of ground when forced to switch off the inside, she re-rallied at the quarter pole, tackled Frazzie in earnest at the furlong marker and drew clear late to score by 2 1/2 lengths. Sales history: \$20,000 yrl '08 FTMOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Debi Costabile. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC & John & Kate McMahon (NY). T-Bruce R Brown.

Sold as a yearling by **McMAHON** BLOODSTOCK, LLC



Yesterday's Results:

8th-LRL, \$35,280, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), NW2\$3MX, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

ASPENGLow (f, 4, **Lion Hearted--Holy Princess, by Holy Bull**) won for the ninth time in her last 11 trips to the post, scoring impressively. Sixth in this track's Primonetta S. in April, the West Virginia-bred took a second-level Charles Town allowance by five lengths Sept. 11. The grey followed with a 1 1/4-length success in the \$250,000 West Virginia Breeders' Classic Oct. 16 and successfully stretched to two turns in the Nov. 13 My Sister Pearl S. at Charles Town. Quickly in front, the 13-10 chalk made it to the half-mile in :46.31 and got her final quarter in a sparkling :24.17 for a seven-length score. The winner is a full sister to Silver Heart, SP, \$223,262. Lifetime Record: MSW, 17-12-1-0, \$379,817. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O/B-Nancy L Terhune & Ernest Frohboese (WV). T-Gary Capuano.

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 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. Purses for Canadian races are in Canadian dollars.



APPOINTMENTS

JERRY CRAWFORD

- Appointed to the Board of Directors for the NTRA's federal Political Action Committee Horse PAC
- Crawford, 61, is a partner of the Crawford, Quilty & Mauro law firm in Des Moines, Iowa
- "Joining the Horse PAC Board is a natural extension of my life and unites my twin passions of politics and horseracing," said Crawford, who is a member of the Breeders' Cup Board of Directors and managing partner of Donegal Racing.
- "Jerry Crawford's years of experience in politics and fundraising will make a real impact on the strength and effectiveness of Horse PAC," said Horse PAC President & Treasurer Peggy Hendershot.

Woodbine Handle Ahead for Second Straight Year:

Bucking the nationwide trend, Woodbine Racetrack in suburban Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has reported all-sources wagering of \$393.5 million, an increase of a whopping 8.9 percent over the \$361.4 million from 2009. That result comes on the heels of a seven-percent increase seen in 2009 over 2008. Much of the \$32-million increase came from U.S. sources, according to a release on the track's website. "We are pleased



with the sustained gains in handle," said Sean Pinsonneault, WEG's Chief Operating Officer. "To see a seven percent rise in 2009 and an 8.9 percent jump this year against the softness in the betting marketplace is significant. Customers have responded very well to the strong fundamentals of Woodbine's racing, guaranteed pools and expanded distribution," he continued. "This positive momentum has also resulted in record setting handles in our key stakes events." Woodbine Entertainment Group was awarded its fourth International Simulcasting Award in September. Added Woodbine Entertainment Chairman of the Board David Wilmot, "Given the trends across North America, this was a very satisfactory result and it is further proof that our product continues to look competitive in the simulcasting world. Our broadcasting department works extremely hard to give customers what they want, and our technology, including Trakus, helps watching races that much more convenient." Overnight and stakes purses paid out in 2010 totaled \$86.9 million, for an average of \$520,896.

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2nd-AQU (Msw) Bella Lady (Hook and Ladder) a thing of beauty at first asking.

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INDUSTRY INFO

Voting Underway for NTRA Moment of the Year:

Edited Press Release

Voting has begun at the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's website for the 12th annual "NTRA Moment of the Year." Voters can choose from the following 12 moments at www.ntra.com

- Rachel Alexandra is upset in her 2010 debut at Fair Grounds
- Eskendereya rolls home in Aqueduct's Wood Memorial by nearly 10 lengths
- Blind Luck catches Evening Jewel at the wire in the Kentucky Oaks
- Borel works his Derby magic again as Super Saver captures the Run for the Roses
- Lookin at Lucky avenges Derby loss in taking the Preakness S.
- Zenyatta registers win #17 in the final yards of the Vanity H. at Hollywood
- Lookin at Lucky demolishes the field in the Izod Haskell Invitational at Monmouth
- Blame runs down Quality Road in the Whitney H. at Saratoga
- Calvin Borel and Javier Castellano fight in the winner's circle following the Marathon
- Uncle Mo stays undefeated with a convincing triumph in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile
- Goldikova unleashes powerful turn of foot to win her third straight Breeders' Cup Mile
- Blame wins Breeders' Cup Classic, denying Zenyatta's attempt for a 20th consecutive victory

The winning moment will be recognized at the Eclipse Awards ceremony Jan. 17. "The NTRA Moment of the Year gives fans a voice and sense of ownership at the Eclipse Awards," said Keith Chamblin, NTRA senior vice president of communications and industry relations. "It allows them to salute the people, horses and memories that make our sport so appealing. We look forward to seeing which one of the many outstanding moments from 2010 they select as this year's winner."

Industry Info cont.

NTRA Establishes Co-Op Pricing Program:

Edited Press Release

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association has created a co-op pricing program. Racetracks accredited by the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance will receive a credit against its following-year NTRA membership dues for any Alliance accreditation fee paid during the current calendar year. "The goal here is to create an additional incentive for tracks to avail themselves of the accreditation process," said Mike Ziegler, Executive Director of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. "Complying with the Alliance's Code of Standards can be labor-intensive and costly for some facilities. But we feel it is an investment well worth making on behalf of the sport's human and equine athletes, and we want to make it as economical as possible for tracks large and small to get accredited."



First-crop starters to watch: Thursday, December 9

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2007 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

ARTIE SCHILLER (El Prado {Ire}), Pauls Mill, \$15K, 99/10/1
2-RP, Msw, 1m, Schillerthekiller, \$12K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

BANDINI (Fusaichi Pegasus), Walmac Farm, \$18K, 100/8/0
2-RP, Msw, 1m, Bandit Eyes, \$27K OKL SUM yrl, 5-1

GOOD JOURNEY (Nureyev), Magali, \$8K, 64/2/0
3-HOL, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Farallon

GREELEY'S GALAXY (Mr. Greeley), Sugar Maple Farm, \$8K, 42/5/0
3-AQU, Alw, 6f, Verbosity, \$28K SAR AUG yrl, 7-2

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Mark the Galaxy, \$6K SAR AUG yrl, 30-1

6-AQU, Msw, 1m, Sunny Smiles, 8-1

SILVER TRAIN (Old Trieste), Vinery, \$25K, 125/21/0
6-FG, Msw, 1m, Show Elle Thestage, 3-1

SUAVE (A.P. Indy), Darby Dan Farm, \$18K, 86/13/1
7-TP, Aoc, 6f, Golden Phoenix, \$18K KEE SEP yrl, 9-2

UNBRIDLED ENERGY (Unbridled's Song), Crestwood, \$10K, 79/6/0
6-AQU, Msw, 1m, My Unbridled Storm, \$30K EAS MAY 2yo, 15-1

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HOLLYWOOD PARK

TANDA (Sweetsouthern saint), 7f, 1:26.40, 1/1

PALM MEADOWS

ASPHALT (War Chant), 4f, :52.60, 5/21

CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (More Than Ready), 4f, :48.30, 1/13

ROXY GAP (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:00.00, 1/3



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN BRITAIN:

Cozy Tiger, g, 5, **Hold That Tiger**--Cozelia, by Cozzene. Lingfield, 12-8, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Alan S, Mark T, Mitchell A & Madeline R Kline. *\$27,000 RNA yrl '06 FTKJUL; 20,000gns 2yo '07 DONAPR.



EUROPE

O'BRIEN TO BE HANDED PENALTY NEXT

WEEK After yesterday admitting the charge of "acting in a manner prejudicial to the conduct of horseracing in Great Britain" at a BHA hearing into the incident surrounding Cape Blanco (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) after the G2 Dante S., Aidan O'Brien will have to wait until next week to learn of the resulting outcome. The Ballydoyle conditioner, who was not in attendance at the disciplinary panel hearing into the events at York in May, also admitted two charges of encouraging and/or causing his employee Pat Keating to refuse to comply with two instructions given by the stewards at that track. Keating also admitted to being twice in breach of Rule (B)83 regarding his failure to comply with instructions by the BHA's veterinary officer and senior racecourse veterinary surgeon to trot up the winner and to attend a stewards' inquiry.

Yesterday's Results:

Kempton Park, 15.50, Mdn, £3,350, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:12.99, stn.

BUT BEAUTIFUL (IRE) (f, 3, Pivotal {GB}--Sweet Firebird {Ire} {GSP-Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), off the board on her first try over seven furlongs at Lingfield Apr. 30, was ignored at 12-1. Held under restraint early in mid-pack, the 320,000gns TATOCT yearling was ridden along in the final quarter, found her stride and inhaled Durgan (GB) (Dansili {GB}) in the final 100 yards en route to a comfortable 1 1/4-length success. [Video, courtesy Racing UK](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,286.

O-B Ecclestone, J Humphreys, T G Mills;
B-Gerrardstown House Stud; T-Robert Mills.

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- Maiden Claiming Races** - purses of \$18,000/up and a minimum claiming price of \$40,000



IRELAND



Yesterday's Results:

Dundalk, 14.30, Mdn, €13,500, 2yo, c/g, 1m (AWT), 1:39.17, stn.

LAST CRUSADE (IRE) (c, 2, Galileo {Ire}--St Roch {Ire}, by Danehill), only ninth when positively ridden on debut over this trip at Leopardstown Oct. 25, was sent off at 11-2 and was again taken straight to the front. Maintaining the gallop under pressure from favored stable companion Pirate Chest (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) in the final quarter, the grey asserted to record a length success. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €9,315.

O-Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith;
B-Rockhart Trading Ltd; T-Aidan O'Brien.

Dundalk, 15.00, Cond, €16,500, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38.87, stn.

ALEXANDER POPE (IRE) (c, 2, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Starship {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), not seen since besting the smart A Word Apart (Ire) (Desert Style {Ire}) in a seven-furlong maiden at Leopardstown Aug. 5, was sent off the 2-7 chalk and took command after the initial yards. Extending in the final quarter, the 100,000gns TATDEC weanling registered a seven-length success from Final Recovery (GB) (Refuse To Bend {Ire}). [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, €27,850.

O-Derrick Smith, Susan Magnier & Michael Tabor;
B-T Hirschfeld; T- Aidan O'Brien.



FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

PRIX LYPHARD-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1 3/16m (AWT), 1:57.20, stn.

1--#LIVANDAR (FR), 125, g, 4, Fantastic Light--Luna Caerla (Ire), by Caerleon. (€7,000 HIT '08 ARQNOV). O-Christos Theodorakis; B-Haras de SA Aga Khan SCEA; T-Philippe Van de Poele; J-Ronan Thomas; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 17 starts, 7 wins, 5 places, €120,217. *1/2 to Luna Kya (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), GSW-Fr; King Luna (Fr) (King's Best), SW-Fr, \$138,477.

2--Le Roi Mage (Ire), 125, g, 5, City on a Hill--Lycius Girl (Ity), by Lycius. (€9,000 wnlg '05 DEADEC; €12,000 yrl '06 DEAOCT; €16,000 2yo '07 GOFFRA). O-Mlle Sybille Gillet, Moise Ohana, Michele Montibus, Jean Solanet & Tristan Lallie & Mme Pascale Graton; B-Glending Bloodstock; T-Tristan Lallie. €10,400.

3--Lake Palace (GB), 125, f, 4, Nayef--Lia (Ire), by Desert King (Ire). O-Lady O'Reilly; B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd; T-Nicolas Clement; €7,800.
Margins: HD, 1, HF. Odds: 33.00, 9.00, 17.00.



PRIX LYPHARD-Listed cont.

Also Ran: Charybde en Scylla (Fr), Lowenherz (Ger), Pallodio (Ire), Russian Cross (Ire), Pont des Arts (Fr), Usbeke (Ger), Charlotte Point. Also Ran: Beauchamp Xerxes (GB), Cool Star (Fr), Willywell (Fr), Aristote (GB), King of Sydney, Rostrum (Fr), Eire (GB), Magic Moon (Fr).

Livandar, who started off his career in Greece, had struggled to make an impact in this country following a promising third in the Listed Prix Servanne at Chantilly Apr. 27. Back to winning ways in a course-and-distance claimer last time Oct. 21, the bay stepped up again to show his liking for this fibresand surface. Held up towards the rear early, he was delivered down the centre of the track in a blanket finish and held a slight edge over Le Roi Mage in the final yards.

Deauville, 11.20, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.70, stn.

HANDHELD (GB) (c, 3, [Observatory](#)--Kid Gloves {GB}, by In the Wings {GB}), third on his first try over a sprint trip at Maisons-Laffitte last time Nov. 12, was reserved behind the early leaders. Temporarily short of room in early stretch, the 7-1 shot found space in time to hit the front in the final yards and assert to best Miss Spinamix (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}) by a half-length. The winner is a half to Treat Gently (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), MGSW-US, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$592,824. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 1 win, 2 places, €19,450. O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Andre Fabre.



Yesterday's Results:

CRITERIUM DEL MEDITERRANEO-Listed, €50,400, Siracusa, 10-8, 2yo, 1mT, time: n/a, gd.

1--#CAST AWAY (IRE), 123, c, 2, by [Refuse To Bend \(Ire\)](#)

1st Dam: Corgetta (GB), by Hernando (Fr)

2nd Dam: Petite Mou (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)

3rd Dam: Petite Bourguoise (GB), by Crowned Prince (€31,000 yrl '09 ITYSEP). O-Scuderia Bosco Srl Unipersonale; B-Razza Montalbano Srl; T-Sebastiano Cannavo; J-Gabriele Bietolini; €28,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, €35,276.

2--Super Swellegant (Ire), 123, c, 2, [Dubai Destination](#)--Swellegant (GB), by Midyan. (4,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT). O-Scuderia Bosco Srl Unipersonale; B-I A Southcott; T-Sebastiano Cannavo; €12,320.

3--Mr Lavallette (Ire), 123, c, 2, [Verglas \(Ire\)](#)--Betelgeuse (GB), by Kalaglow (Ire). (€22,000 yrl '09 DONAUG). O-Mark Cuschieri; B-Seamus and James McMullan; T-Giuseppe Bordonaro; €6,720.

Margins: 3 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 13.40, 13.40, 11.80. Also Ran: Copreopasso (Ire), Charlemagne Wood (Ire), Palazzo Reale (GB), Kephass (Ire), Inglas (Ire), Solomar (Ity), Manu Militari (Ire), Noir Lumiere (Ire), Dizalmo (Ity), Baganzola (Ire).

CRITERIUM DEL MEDITERRANEO-Listed cont.

Cast Away, successful in an Oct. 28 course-and-distance conditions event in his third go, slipped to fourth dropped back 100 meters here last time Nov. 20, but rebounded in style to register a personal best here. Reserved off the pace in sixth until coming under pressure to close turning for home, he made relentless headway in the straight and quickened smartly inside the final furlong to easily best stablemate Super Swellegant, who got up for the exacta on the line. [Click for a video replay.](#)

PREMIO MEDITERRANEO MEM F FARACI-Listed, €50,400, Siracusa, 10-8, 3yo/up, 1 7/16mT, time: n/a, gd.

1--CAPE MARTIN (IRE), 121, h, 8, Polish Precedent--Clara House (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB).

O-Antonino Rubera; B-Marcello Lazzeri; T-Vincenzo Caruso; J-Salvatore Basile; €28,000. Lifetime Record: 44-10-7-7, €186,882. *1/2 to Cockayne (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}), SW-Ity, \$128,443.

2--Permesso (GB), 121, h, 5, Sakhee--Persian Filly (Ire), by Persian Bold (Ire). (€110,000 yrl '06 ITYSEP).

O-Allevamento la Nuova Sbarra SRL; B-Azienda Agricola Razza del Sole SRL; T-Girogio Pucciatti; €12,320.

3--Chicchirichi (Ire), 118, h, 6, Celtic Swing (GB)--Vellate, by Spend a Buck. (€30,000 yrl '05 SGASEP).

O-Francesca Turri & Giuseppino Bicca Snc; B-Antonio Boesso; T-Soc Al Marco Gasparini Corse Srl; €6,720. Margins: HF, NK, HD. Odds: 4.20, 1.10, 4.20.

Also Ran: Elleno (Ire), Ceprin (Ire), Russian King (Ger), Heedas (GB), Ponticelli (Ire), Golden Mutakddim, Splinter Cell. [Click for a video replay.](#)

European Report cont.

APPOINTMENTS

IAN D. HIGHET

- The secretary-treasurer of The Jockey Club has been appointed to the Equibase Management Committee
- Fills The Jockey Club-appointed seat vacated by chairman Alan Marzelli
- "Ian's passion for the Thoroughbred industry and his incisive business acumen will serve Equibase well in the years ahead," Equibase Chairman Nick Nicholson said. "We welcome him to the committee and look forward to working with him to move the industry and the organization forward."
- Highet, a member of The Jockey Club since 2006, is a partner at the private equity firm Court Square Capital; he races under the name of Tic Stable.




GERMANY



KONIGSTIGER TO ZOPPENBROICH

Gestut Fahrhof announced that **Konigstiger (Ger)** (Tiger Hill {Ire}--Kittiwake {GB}, by Barathea {Ire}) will be moved to Gestut Zoppenbroich for the upcoming breeding season. Winner of the G1 Gran Criterium at two, the Schlenderhan homebred went on to add the 2005 G2 Oppenheim-Union-Rennen to his resume and was also fourth in that year's G1 Deutsches Derby. He is the sire of the useful black-type performer Devilish Lips (Ger). "We've had various offers from abroad, but we do not want to sell Konigstiger yet as we still have faith in the horse," said Andreas Jacobs. "In Gestut Zoppenbroich, we have found a valuable partner with great experience in standing and managing stallions. Konigstiger has covered 50 mares this year and his coming three-year-olds will represent his best crop so far, thus we have a lot to look forward to." Alexandra Bresges-Jung of Gestut Zoppenbroich added, "We are happy to stand a Danehill sire-line representative from a family of proven sires like Shirley Heights and Pentire. To use a stallion of his quality abroad would cost the German breeder a lot of money and Konigstiger is here to offer it all at a fee of €2,500."



ASIA



JAPAN



Yesterday's Results:

PRIX DE QUEEN-Listed, ¥42,500,000, Funabashi, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1800m, 1:52.50, hy.

1--**MIRACLE LEGEND (JPN)**, 121, f, 3, by **Fuji Kiskei (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Personal Legend (GSW & GISP-US,**

\$744,805), by **Awesome Again**



2nd Dam: **Highland Legend**, by **Storm Bird**

3rd Dam: **Santella**, by **Coastal**

O-Teruya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-H Fujiwara;

J-Y Iwata; ¥25,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 9-5-0-1, ¥103,133,000.

2--**Sacher Mine**, 128, m, 5, Mineshaft--Pulsatilla, by Gone West. (\$300,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Kazuko Yoshida; B-R Evans (KY); T-Katsumi Degawa.

 **Hip 777** - ½ by Dynaformer selling KeeJan with **DARBY DAN FARM** 

 **HIP 1597** - ½ by Pleasantly Perfect selling at KeeJan with **TAYLOR MADE**

3--**Tohoku Bijin (Jpn)**, f, 4, Smart Boy--Miryoku, by Riverman. O-Horse Care Inc.; B-Grand Farm; T-Teruhisa Yamanaka.

Margins: 1HF, 6, 1HF. Odds: 2.30, 2.50, 242.40.

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BREEDERS' EDITION

AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-AQU, \$41,160, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

ZEALOUS BOY (c, 3, Here's Zealous--At the Helm, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-0-3, \$66,867. O/T-Peter Kazamias. B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY).

1st-HAW, \$27,000, NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

TESSIES TILBURY (f, 4, Chief Seattle--Tessies Courage, by Iron Courage) Lifetime Record: 21-4-3-3, \$99,468. O-Dean Caras. B-Jupiter Farms (IL). T-Thomas H Swearingen.

NTRA SAFETY & INTEGRITY ALLIANCE

Track Accredited: SUNLAND PARK

- "Sunland Park should be commended for the sustained effort it made to satisfy the standards necessary for Alliance accreditation," said Mike Ziegler, Executive Director of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. "Many of the areas in question were addressed very quickly, while others took longer due to necessary regulatory changes."
- "The Sunland Park model is a good illustration of the Alliance operating to its fullest effect," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA. "The Alliance's Code of Standards was an essential agent for change during the time that Sunland Park was working diligently with the State of New Mexico to bring its racing regulations into greater uniformity with those in other states."
- Last May, Sunland Park was granted provisional accreditation by the Alliance after the New Mexico racetrack was found to be in compliance with the majority of standards set forth in the Alliance code, but in need of upgrades.
- Tracks previously accredited by the Alliance are Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Belmont Park, Delaware Park, Hollywood Park, Monmouth Park, Arlington Park, Saratoga Race Course, Calder Race Course, Turfway Park, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Oak Tree at Santa Anita/Santa Anita Park, Fair Grounds, Aqueduct Racetrack, Golden Gate Fields, Woodbine, Pimlico and, most recently, Canterbury Park.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Majestic Raffy, c, 2, **Raffie's Majesty**--Badger Pocket (MSP, \$201,787), by Badger Land. AQU, 12-8, (S), 1mT, 1:44 3/5. B-Wellspring Stables (NY). *\$2,500 yrl '09 FTMOCT.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 15.55, 12-8, €24,000, 3yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.20, stn.

OTOU (GER) (c, 3, Big Shuffle--Old Tradition {Ire}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 13 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €70,500. O-Stall Moorlage; B-Gestut Kussaburg & R Stoeckli; T-Sascha Smrczek. *€1,500 RNA wnlg '07 DEADEC.

IRELAND, Dundalk, 17.30, 12-8, €16,500, 3yo/up, 10f 150yds (AWT), 2:14.54, stn.

ELUSIVE RIDGE (IRE) (g, 4, Elusive City--Woodwing, by Indian Ridge {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-2-0, €32,657. O-Nap Racing Syndicate; B-Michael Harty; T-H Rogers. *€8,000 RNA yrl '07 TATIRE.

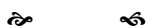
ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Venetien (Fr), c, 2, **Iron Mask**--Vassia, by Machiavellian. Deauville, France, 12-8, Mdn, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT). B-Haras du Quesnay. *€90,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Villadolide (Fr) (Anabaa), GSW-Fr.

Ivan Vasilevich (Ire), c, 2, **Ivan Denisovich (Ire)**--Delisha (GB), by Salse. Kempton Park, Britain, 12-8, Mdn, 2yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Liam Butler. *17,000gns 2yo '10 TATGNS. **1/2 to Al Qasi (Ire) (Elnadim), GSW-Ire, MGSP-Eng, \$312,168. ***10th winner for freshman sire (by Danehill).

Suntrap (GB), g, 3, **Desert Sun (GB)**--Regal Gallery (Ire), by Royal Academy. Lingfield, Britain, 12-8, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-Mrs B Sumner.

Baroness (Fr), f, 3, **Okawango**--Danira (Ire), by Danehill. Deauville, France, 12-8, Cond, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-A Broder & S Pynt. *€2,000 HIT '08 ARQFEB.



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- Ireland:** Dave Keena
- Italy:** Giorgio Barsotti



WRITERS UP

Publishers' note: While this beautifully written column by owner/trainer Peter Kleinhans was specifically written about harness racing and is being published with the permission of [Harness Racing Update](#), where it originally appeared, we thought that the sentiments expressed were so applicable to the current state of the Thoroughbred industry as to be very relevant to our audience. We hope you enjoy.

FAREWELL MY LOVE; A FAN AND HORSEMEN REFLECTS ON THE SADNESS THAT IS THE MEADOWLANDS SITUATION

By Peter Kleinhans

"Don't let the past remind us of what we are not now." --Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young, "Suite Judy Blue Eyes"

Like most 15-year-old boys, I thought about girls a lot.

My imagination was host to countless rescues, seductions, weddings, and other cringe-worthy embarrassments. I was fully aware of the irony that the hero of these dreams was capable of pulling girls from underneath the oncoming wheels of recklessly-driven cars, but that the dreamer of these dreams couldn't even muster the courage to ask one of them out on a date.

But as I pitied myself about my haplessness with girls that year, my first true love--my first real emotional relationship, was already beginning. It sung siren songs to me from the pages of *Sports Eye* as I rode the New York City subway back and forth to school each day, reading tales--the race charts--of Afton Gallant, Fight The Foe, and Embassy Effort, horses I never met but whose very names became legend to me. It taught me to love the smell of stale air and smoke in the dirty 14th Street OTB office, where I would place \$2 show bets, trying to look 18 and legal. It gave me a brief peek into its secret world through Channel 9's "Racing From Yonkers" and "Racing from Roosevelt," life-changing shows for me, produced by Stan Bergstein. It enchanted me so that I had to admit that the corny theme song from the Yonkers show, "I Believe in Yonkers," was actually somewhat true in my case. But most of all I fell in love with that Mecca across the river. The place where Cam Fella beat It's Fritz in the ultimate contest between speedball and grinder. The place where every level of the grandstand beat with its own pulse. Where horses stacked eight wide from last and charged past the field. Where Hilarion shocked in the Pace, and where Probe and Park Avenue Joe dead-heated in the Hambo. Where the food and the festivity of Pegasus made racing seem like the center of the world's attention. Where the sky over the swamp glowed with hope, opportunity, anticipation.



Where the action was. The Meadowlands.

But the Meadowlands of 2011 does not look like the Meadowlands of 1976, when 42,133 fans swarmed the gates on opening day. It does not look like the Meadowlands of 1980, when Niatross destroyed the field in the Pace, the first million-dollar purse in the history of horse racing of any breed. It does not look like the Meadowlands of the 1987 New Jersey Classic, where Jate Lobell flashed his fluid brilliance. Indeed, it doesn't even look like Hambletonian Day 2010, when a gorgeous day lured 26,712 for a glimpse of what had once been. The Meadowlands of 2011, on the contrary, looks like what a non-slot enhanced harness track looks like these days (in the rare cases where a slotless track is still running). Nine- or 10-race cards, with fields full (when we're lucky) of a motley assortment of \$8,000 claimers and mediocre conditioned horses. Crowds of 2,000 or so, which are rarely reported (the certainty of racing's inexorable decline can be traced from the night Yonkers Raceway first listed its attendance as "N/A"). Of the fans who are still at the track, most are watching the Thoroughbred simulcasts; the energy is stale.

Meanwhile, on the track, the racing is dominated by trainers whose uncannily consistent 10-length-move-up-off-the-claim statistics turn even casual fans into detectives concerned more with "who has the juice" than with normal handicapping approaches. When the night's first race is run, with no dramatic build-up, no sense that what is happening is important or has real value, nothing changes in the air; the announcer is practically inaudible, and the race going on might as well be the fifth at Delta Downs, a world and a bayou away.

As everyone knows, even this diminished Meadowlands is in jeopardy of vanishing, something lovesick harness fans like myself are having a difficult time processing in a rational manner. The feeling of betrayal is palpable, and brings to mind a heart-rending sequence from John Updike's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece *Rabbit At Rest*. Updike's protagonist Harry Angstrom is driving down Route 95 from Pennsylvania to Florida, alone and aging, listening to oldies, reflecting on feelings of loss. He recalls how the downtown he had grown up in had been anchored by a large department store named Kroll's:

He can remember standing as a child in the cold with his mother gazing into this world of tinselled toys as real as any other, the air biting at his cheeks, the sound of the Salvation Army bells begging, the smell of the hot soft pretzels sold on Weiser Square those years, the feeling around him of adult hurrying--bundled-up bodies pushing into Kroll's where you could buy the best of everything from drapes to beds, toys to pots, china to silver.

Kroll's was the kind of place we all know, or wish we knew, a kind of home, so central to our identities and to those of the people around us that it feels like part of the family.

The kind of place where memories are formed and shared, and to which memories adhere. The kind of place we count on to be there, fixed and steady, while everything else in our lives swirls with uncertainty.

So when the system just upped one summer and decided to close Kroll's down, just because shoppers had stopped coming in because the downtown had become frightening to white people, Rabbit realized the world was not solid and benign, it was a shabby set of temporary arrangements rigged up for the time being, all for the sake of the money. You just passed through, and they milked you for what you were worth, mostly when you were young and gullible. If Kroll's could go, the courthouse could go, the banks could go. When the money stopped, they could close down God Himself.

For many of us in harness racing, the Meadowlands is our Kroll's. It's not as if everyone in harness racing has been based at the Meadowlands, or that everyone has even raced at the Meadowlands. But the Meadowlands is always there, with its classic summer stakes schedule and even its signature set of Winter Late Closing series, its consistently cutting-edge driving colony, its Saturday night photo finishes, its beautifully produced simulcast broadcast. No racing aficionado's dreams are complete without at least a cameo appearance by the Big M.

Without the Meadowlands, what is harness racing? A collection of speed-biased small tracks racing for slot-machine-enhanced purse money, in front of no one? Stakes races, thrown to the wind, retaining their names, maybe, but with no sense of history or heritage? Consider the fall of the mighty Messenger Stakes, still a leg of the Triple Crown, but which since becoming unmoored from harness racing's first shuttered version of Kroll's--Roosevelt Raceway--has drifted from track to track with no connection to its storied past. Imagine the same cheapening effect taking its toll on the Titan Cup, the Peter Haughton Memorial; indeed the Hambletonian.

Walk into a barn at the Meadowlands and the horses--bless them--are as wonderful as ever; they do their daily work with a generosity so pure it still takes our breath away, and after their work is done, their bodies still steam in the cold winter air. They still dive into their feed tubs with abandon, they still nicker at the sound of a visitor with the curiosity and excitement of the innocent. Handle, takeout, slot machines, commission reports: these are nothing to our Standardbred companions. But it's tougher for us humans. Many of us genuinely love horses, but what we are in love with is the game. And that game will never be the same.

Writers Up cont.

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On the same lonely drive down route 95 to Florida, Harry Angstrom hears a song from his teenage years, reminding him of the first girl he had ever kissed, an echo from the unforgettable time in his life when girls, and everything else, were new and inexhaustibly exciting, when being 15 seemed like a permanent condition. The song reaches Harry over the airwaves from 40 years in the past, but seems close enough to touch:

Vaya con Dios, my love. Oh my. It hurts. The emotion packed into these phrases buried in some d j.'s dusty racks of 78s like the cotton wadding in bullets, like those seeds that come to life after a thousand years in some pyramid. Though the stars recycle themselves and remake all the heavy atoms Creation needs, Harry will never be that person again, that boy with that girl, his fingertips grazing the soft insides of her thighs, a few atoms rubbing off; a few molecules.

The demise of the Meadowlands speaks to all of us in harness racing. For some, there is no time to waste on nostalgia: jobs and survival are at stake; the track is the hub of a \$1 billion/year industry that employs a huge number of people in multiple capacities. For some comes the simple realization that the seat in the grandstand that we thought of as our seat for 20 years was never really ours to begin with. And for many of us, it is a simple, yet extraordinarily difficult reminder of the obvious: nothing lasts forever.

In 1642, there was a night that Shakespeare's Globe Theater held its final performance. In 1957, there was a day that the Dodgers played their final game in Brooklyn's Ebbetts Field. One day or night, probably sooner rather than later, the gate will roll and the starter will say "Go" to a field of 10 impossibly beautiful horses, their polished coats reflecting the light at a thousand angles. They will fly around the track, these miracles of modern breeding, and 10 brilliantly talented drivers will try to get them to the wire first. The numbers will go up on the tote board, and then the OFFICIAL sign, and then the payoffs. They will shimmer there for a moment, perhaps acquiring the magical cast we save for only those most intense moments of our lives, like our first kiss. And then the lights will go out.

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