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## FULL FIELDS APLENTY IN HONG KONG

The fields for the four races that comprise Sunday's Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Races were drawn Thursday morning, and 55 of the world's top turf runners will vie for their share of HK\$64 million (\$8.2 million) in prize money on offer. Three of the four events have attracted their defending champions, including France's **Vision d'Etat (Fr)** (Chichicastenango {Fr}), who will attempt to become the first back-to-back winner of the day's richest event, the G1 Hong Kong Cup. The five-year-old, who has faced the starter just twice since an unplaced effort in the G1 Dubai World Cup in March, exits a runner-up effort in the G1 Champion S. Oct.



John Warren pulls the 13 for Paco Boy in the G1 Hong Kong Mile [HKJC.com](http://HKJC.com)

16, and has drawn the seven post just like last year. "It seems that we are pretty lucky on this ground," said a smiling trainer Eric Libaud. **Sacred Kingdom (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) should be a warm item to land the G1 Hong Kong Sprint for the second straight year and third time in the last four, but has some questions to answer off a sub-par fifth in the major lead-up, the G2 Jockey Club Sprint Nov. 21. Thursday's draw did little to hurt his chances, as he pulled the two hole.

**Good Ba Ba** (Lear Fan) is after a remarkable fourth consecutive success in the G1 Hong Kong Mile, and his draw in seven will not be an obstacle. The same cannot be said for favored **Paco Boy (Ire)** (Desert Style {Ire}), who will leave one from the outside in 13. "The horse is well and has returned great from the Breeders' Cup [Mile], but I would have been happier not to have been drawn 13," said John Warren, representing Paco Boy's owners. **Americain** (Dynaformer), the French-trained winner of the G1 Melbourne Cup, pulled the nine hole for the G1 Hong Kong Vase. **HK Coverage Cont. p2**

## DISCREETLY MINE RETIRED

E. Paul Robsham Stables' G1 King's Bishop S. hero **Discreetly Mine** (Mineshaft--Pretty Discreet, by Private Account) has been retired after his recovery from a left stifle injury--discovered in October--failed to progress as expected. "The decision was made to give him 60 days off at the farm after the injury was discovered prior to the Breeders' Cup," explained conditioner Todd Pletcher. "After 60 days, he was reevaluated by Dr. Larry Bramlage, and the decision was made to retire him because [Discreetly Mine] hadn't recovered as well as we would have hoped. Also, we didn't know whether he would return to the level of his past performances." The GII Risen Star S. and GII Amsterdam S.-winning three-year-old, out of a G1 Alabama winner who also produced the brilliant G1 Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile H. victor **Discreet Cat** (Forestry), retires with career earnings of \$799,350 from a 13-5-4-0 race record for his owner/breeder. Stallion plans are pending. Pletcher added, "He's a very well-balanced and well-made horse. He has a fantastic pedigree, and also showed that he had the ability to go with it. He's got everything you'd be looking for in a stallion prospect."



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**HK Coverage Cont.**

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG CUP-G1,**

HK\$20,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Vision d'Etat (Fr)	Chichicastenango (Fr)	Peslier	Libaud	126
2	5	Collection (Ire)	Peintre Celebre	Beadman	Moore	126
3	13	Cirrus des Aigles (Fr)	Even Top (Ire)	Blondel	Bmde-Brbe	126
4	1	Super Satin (NZ)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Whyte	Fownes	126
5	4	Glass Harmonium (GB)	Verglas (Ire)	Williams	Stoute	126
6	2	Irian (Ger)	Tertullian	Prebble	Moore	126
7	3	Sri Putra (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Robinson	Jarvis	126
8	6	Packing Winner (NZ)	Zabeel (NZ)	Doleuze	Ho	126
9	9	Super Pistachio (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Coetzee	T Cruz	126
10	10	Planteur (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Dettori	Lellouche	123
11	12	Stacelita (Fr)	Monzun (Ger)	Lemaire	Rouget	122
12	11	Reggane (GB)	Red Ransom	Mosse	de Ryr-Dpre	122
13	8	Snow Fairy (Ire)	Intikhab	Moore	Dunlop	119

**Vision d'Etat**, winner of 10 of his 16 career starts, signs off his career in defense of his Cup title, and has been lightly campaigned with an eye on Hong Kong. He did some light work Thursday morning before drawing mid-gate for Sunday's race. "He just had a canter on the turf track this morning," explained trainer Eric Libaud. "He worked on the all-weather at Chantilly before he came out here, and his preparation has gone well. This will be his last race before he takes up stud duties, and I hope he can go out on a high. The turf is firm, but it's safe, and he bounced off it. That was why he may have gone slightly quicker than I expected; he's in much the same form as he was last year." Trainer Ed Dunlop has visited the HKIR winner's circle before, leading in Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) following the 2005 Vase. Dual Oaks winner and G1 QE II Commemorative Cup victress **Snow Fairy** breaks just outside Vision d'Etat. "I don't think the draw is a huge issue but if I was to choose one, then where we are in eight is good," Dunlop stated.

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG MILE-G1,**

HK\$16,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Paco Boy (Ire)	Desert Style (Ire)	Moore	Hannon	126
2	2	Able One (NZ)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Beadman	Moore	126
3	3	Fellowship (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	Purton	O'Sullivan	126
4	14	Beauty Flash (NZ)	Golan (Ire)	Mosse	T Cruz	126
5	1	Dream Eater (Ire)	Night Shift	Fortune	Balding	126
6	8	A Shin Forward	Forest Wildcat	Iwata	Nishizono	126
7	7	Good Ba Ba	Lear Fan	Doleuze	Chang	126
8	10	Sight Winner (NZ)	Faltaat	Whyte	Size	126
9	11	Thumbs Up (NZ)	Shinko King (Ire)	Doyle	Fownes	126
10	4	Chater Way (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Marwing	Ferraris	126
11	5	Beethoven (Ire)	Oratorio (Ire)	O'Donoghue	O'Brien	125
12	12	Royal Bench (Ire)	Whipper	Peslier	Rob Collet	125
13	6	Rajsaman (Fr)	Linamix (Fr)	Bonilla	Head	125
14	9	Sahpresa	Sahm	Lemaire	Rod Collet	122

No eight-year-old has been successful at the Internationals, but **Able One** has an above-average chance to turn that around, an injury concern aside. "It's not too serious, but he had a bang in the eye--we don't know how he did it, perhaps in his stall--and we've put a pacifier on him to stop the wind and dust and glare getting to it," trainer John Moore explained. "He galloped this morning with the pacifier on.




**Able One**

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It was his first time with that piece of equipment, and that would probably be why his work wasn't particularly impressive." Widely regarded as the main speed of the Mile, Able One will be able to take advantage of his inside two post. "I'm very happy with Able One's draw," commented jockey Darren Beadman. "I'll just have to see who's around me before I decide on the tactics. It would be good not to be hurried in the lead like his last race [the G2 CX Jockey Club Mile], but I don't think it's going to be quite that much of a gimme this time."

**HK Coverage Cont. p3**

 <b>CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RACES</b> Winners by country					
	Cup	Vase	Sprint	Mile	Tot
Hong Kong	5	1	9	7	22
France	3	8	0	1	12
Great Britain	2	6	0	2	10
Australia	1	0	2	3	6
Japan	3	1	0	2	6
New Zealand	4	0	0	1	5
Ireland	1	0	0	1	2
United States	1	0	0	1	2
UAE	2	0	0	1	3
South Africa	1	0	0	0	1

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**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG VASE-G1,**

HK\$14,000,000, 3yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	9	American	Dynaformer	Mosse	de Royer-Dupre
2	13	Viva Pataca (GB)	Marju (Ire)	Beadman	Moore
3	7	Jaguar Mail (Jpn)	Jungle Pocket (Jpn)	Williams	Hori
4	12	Jakkalberry (Ire)	Storming Home (GB)	Lemaire	E Botti
5	2	Mastery (GB)	Sulamani (Ire)	Dettori	bin Suuroo
6	3	Winchester	Theatrical (Ire)	Peslier	Clement
7	8	Indian Days (GB)	Daylami (Ire)	Munro	Given
8	14	Mr Medici (Ire)	Medicean (GB)	Lai	Ho
9	6	Redwood (GB)	High Chaparral (Ire)	M Hills	B Hills
10	4	King Dancer (Ire)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Whyte	Woods
11	1	Mighty High (Fr)	Peintre Celebre	Lloyd	Moore
12	10	Crystal Capella (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Moore	Stoute
13	11	Board Meeting (Ire)	Anabaa	Crustus	Lellouche
14	5	Joshua Tree (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	O'Donoghue	O'Brien

All carry 126 pounds, bar Crystal Capella & Board Meeting, 122; and Joshua Tree, 121.

There were just two horses remaining and post positions seven and 14 left to be filled when the connections of Japan's **Jaguar Mail** came forward. It was a happier ending than it could have been. "The draw's good for us, because we can be aware of horses outside and inside," said Masanori Watanabe, exercise rider



**Joshua Tree**

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of the six-year-old. "Maybe a more inside draw would be better, but there was number 14 left as well, so I am much happier to get seven. He is improving physically with age, so he can handle to be boxed in." **Joshua Tree**, the lone three-

year-old in the field, was subjected to and passed a stalls test earlier this week after acting up prior to his 10th-place finish in the G1 Japan Cup Nov. 28. His jockey Colm O'Donoghue has been overwhelmed with Sha Tin and environs since his arrival. "This is some place isn't it?," he exclaimed. "The standards are so high, and the way they look after you here is amazing."

**Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG SPRINT-G1,**

HK\$14,000,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	2	Sacred Kingdom (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Prebble	Yiu
2	8	J J The Jet Plane (SAF)	Jet Master (SAF)	Styrdom	Houdalakis
3	6	Rocket Man (Aus)	Viscount (Aus)	Coetzee	Shaw
4	7	Green Birdie (NZ)	Catbird (Aus)	Du Plessis	Fownes
5	13	Joy and Fun (NZ)	Cullen (Aus)	Angland	D Cruz
6	1	Kingsgate Native (Ire)	Mujadil	Moore	Stoute
7	4	Ultra Fantasy (Aus)	Encosta de Lago (Aus)	Lai	Yiu
8	14	One World (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	LLoyd	Moore
9	3	Little Bridge (NZ)	Faltaat	Purton	Shum
10	12	Lucky Nine (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mosse	Fownes
11	9	Dim Sum (GB)	Kyllachy (GB)	Doleuze	Moore
12	11	Let Me Fight (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Beadman	Moore
13	10	Cerise Cherry (Ire)	Goldkeeper	Dettori	D Cruz
14	5	Ortensia (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Williams	Noonan

All carry 126 pounds, bar Ortensia, 122.

**HK Sprint Cont. p4**

**2 OUTSTANDING SPRINTERS AT ROYAL ASCOT IN 2010**



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**RACING POST**, 20th June 2010, after Starspangledbanner won the Golden Jubilee Stakes-Gr.1.



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**HK Sprint Cont.**

Away from the barrier draw, the morning's most interesting and surprising development came when trainer John Moore announced that Darren Beadman would pilot **Let Me Fight** in the Sprint and not **One World**, whom he rode to a dead-heat win in the G2 CXJC Sprint Nov. 21. "Darren's going to be riding Let Me



**One World**

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**Fight** because **One World** has had a setback with a capped elbow," Moore revealed. "We had treated the injury and he'll be okay to run, and Jeff Lloyd will take the ride, but now Darren will be on Let Me Fight, who was only a head behind Little Bridge first up and who's a horse

with tremendous potential." **One World** was done no favors by the draw after being assigned the outside in the field of 14, while **Let Me Fight** fared slightly better in 11. **Rocket Man**, who shared the spoils with **One World** in the Sprint Trial, has a comfortable stall. "I've no complaints," admitted trainer Patrick Shaw. "[Jockey] Felix [Coetzee] can ride him any way he wants from gate six."



# RACETRACK Round-Up

## ASMUSSEN BRINGS 30 TO SANTA ANITA

With Santa Anita returning to a dirt surface, perennial leading trainer Steve Asmussen has sent a string out West for the meet, which begins Dec. 26. "We want to do a better job on the top-end of racing," explained Asmussen. "We felt that over the winter this would give our young horses the best opportunity to grow and develop and be all they can be."



**Asmussen's Barn at Santa Anita**

The conditioner, who was at Santa Anita Thursday with assistant Scott Blasi to oversee some of his runner's morning routines, added, "We plan on having 30 horses here this winter. Hopefully, they're the right 30. This is a beautiful place. I think that there's a little excitement going with the raises in purses and going back to dirt. This is a great place to be this time of year." Jess and Barbara Banke-Jackson and Ron Winchell are among the owners whose horses will run for Asmussen at Santa Anita.

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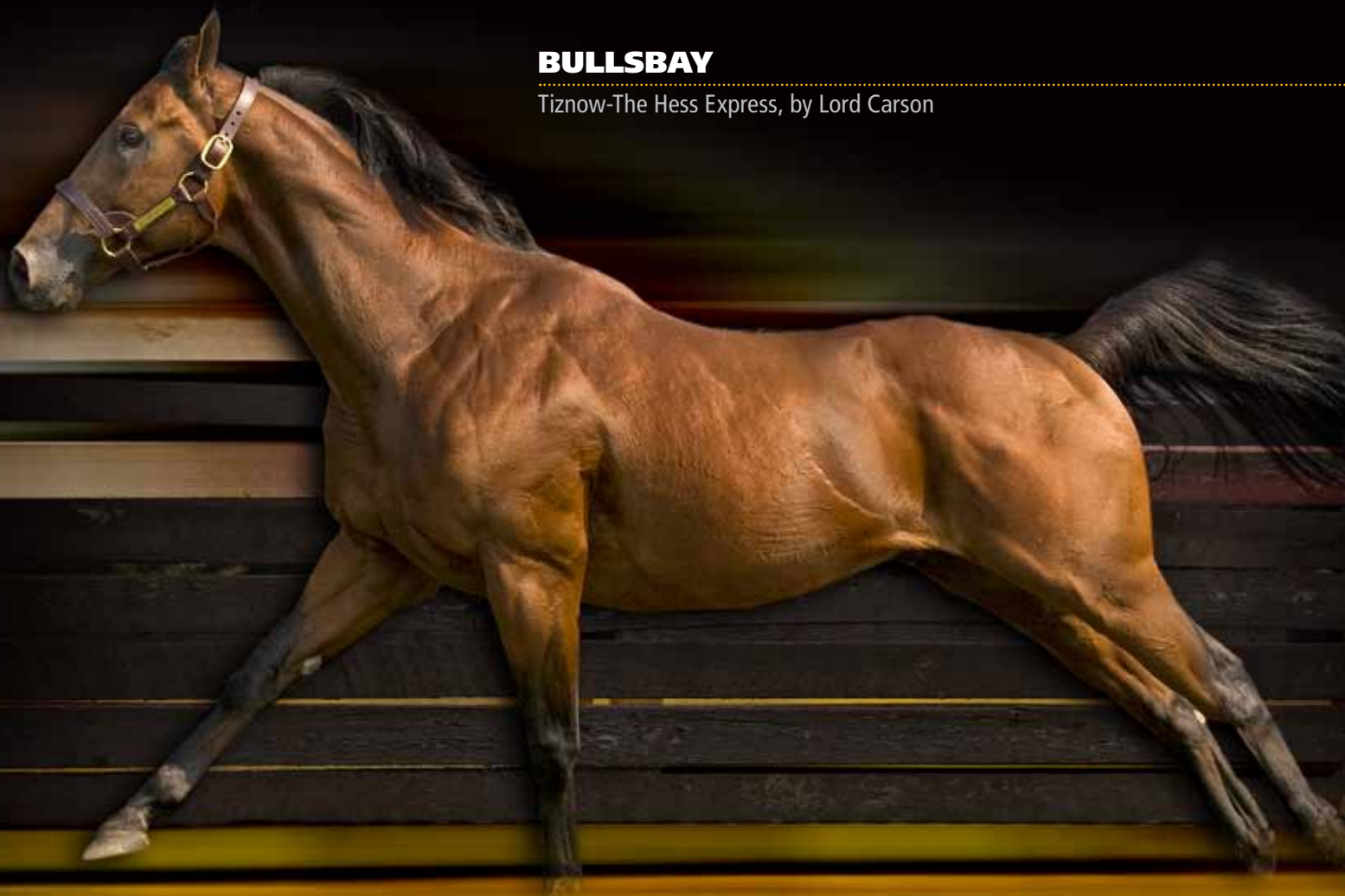
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BULLSBAY also scored in the Gr. 3 Alysheba S. at Churchill Downs and Laurel Park's Johnson Memorial H., the latter over a field that included Gr. 1 winner Richard's Kid.

His stakes-placings included a second to millionaire Delightful Kiss in the Gr. 3 Hal's Hope S., and a third to Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra in the Gr. 1 Woodward S. while posting a 106 Beyer.

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1	<b>Galileo (IRE)</b> (1998) by Sadler's Wells FYR: 2003 (6 Crops), Stands: IR ( Private )	<b>Earnings: \$9,107,249</b> AE/R: \$37,633																
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2	<b>Danehill Dancer (IRE)</b> (1993) by Danehill FYR: 1999 (10 Crops), Stands: IR ( Private )	<b>Earnings: \$5,554,776</b> AE/R: \$19,088																
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3	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b> (2000) by Green Desert FYR: 2005 (4 Crops), Stands: GB ( <small>GB£</small> 65,000 )	<b>Earnings: \$6,335,791</b> AE/R: \$29,332																
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4	<b>Dynaformer</b> (1985) by Roberto FYR: 1991 (18 Crops), Stands: KY ( <small>US\$</small> 150,000 )	<b>Earnings: \$6,227,450</b> AE/R: \$31,293																
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5	<b>Giant's Causeway</b> (1997) by Storm Cat FYR: 2002 (7 Crops), Stands: KY ( <small>US\$</small> 100,000 )	<b>Earnings: \$8,276,457</b> AE/R: \$27,047																
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10	<b>Sadler's Wells</b> (1981) by Northern Dancer FYR: 1986 (23 Crops), Stands: Dead/Retired/Exported ( EUR )	<b>Earnings: \$2,576,428</b> AE/R: \$19,084																
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## CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RACES Previous Winners

### Hong Kong Cup (2000m)

- 2009 Vision d'Etat (Fr) (Chichicastenango {Fr})
- 2008 Eagle Mountain (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire})
- 2007 Ramonti (Fr) (Martino Alonso {Ity})
- 2006 Pride (Fr) (Peintre Celebre)
- 2005 Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ})
- 2004 Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire})
- 2003 Falbrav (Ire) (Fairy King)
- 2002 Precision (Fr) (Anabaa)
- 2001 Agnes Digital (Crafty Prospector)
- 2000 Fantastic Light (Rahy)

### Hong Kong Vase (2400m)

- 2009 Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk)
- 2008 Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB})
- 2007 Doctor Dino (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB})
- 2006 Collier Hill (GB) (Dr Devious {Ire})
- 2005 Ouija Board (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire})
- 2004 Phoenix Reach (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire})
- 2003 Vallee Enchantee (Fr) (Peintre Celebre)
- 2002 Ange Gabriel (Fr) (Kaldounevees {Fr})
- 2001 Stay Gold (Jpn) (Sunday Silence)
- 2000 Daliapour (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)

### Hong Kong Mile

- 2009 Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan)
- 2008 Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan)
- 2007 Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan)
- 2006 The Duke (Aus) (Danehill)
- 2005 Hat Trick (Jpn) (Sunday Silence)
- 2004 Firebreak (GB) (Charnwood Forest {Ire})
- 2003 Lucky Owners (NZ) (Danehill)
- 2002 Olympic Express (GB) (Bishop of Cashel {GB})
- 2001 Eishin Preston (Green Dancer)
- 2000 Sunline (NZ) (Desert Sun {GB})

\*Run as Hong Kong Bowl over 1400m to 1998

### Hong Kong Sprint (1200m)\*

- 2009 Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})
- 2008 Inspiration (Aus) (Flying Spur {Aus})
- 2007 Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus})
- 2006 Absolute Champion (Aus) (Marauding {NZ})
- 2005 Natural Blitz (Aus) (Maroof)
- 2004 Silent Witness (Aus) (El Moxie)
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- 2002 All Thrills Too (NZ) (St Covet {Aus})
- 2001 Falvelon (Aus) (Alannon {Aus})
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\*Run over 1000 meters 1999-2005.



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## Grade 1 Winners

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## TDN's The Hot List

Don't have time to pore over sire lists? In a new weekly feature, the *TDN* is doing the work for you. We'll tell you which sires are leading the way in their respective divisions, and point out some of the less obvious sires who are quietly making the grade. This week, we focus on sophomore sires, particularly those in Europe.

As a reminder, crop-specific *TDN* Sires Lists (first crop, second crop, third crop) include cumulative earnings and cumulative black-type data. Only Northern Hemisphere earnings and black-type data are used for this column. Also, *TDN* Sire Lists run from Apr. 15 of one year through Apr. 14 of the next. That means Dubawi (Ire), who has two crops to race, will be considered a sophomore sire until Apr. 15, 2011, when juvenile racing begins in earnest, at which point he'll be considered a third-crop sire.

### *In Europe, Darley's Dynamic Duo...*

In this day and age of large books, stallion managers have generally accepted the fact that sire stats--as gauged by percentages--simply aren't going to be what they once were. Where 10-percent stakes winners to foals was once the norm for a 'good' sire; today, those numbers might indicate an exceptional sire.

So, when a sire achieves very high percentages while also having a large number of horses, it is cause for celebration for whichever farm stands said sire. Or sires, as is the case for Darley, home to the dual European sophomore sensations **Dubawi (GB)** (Dubai Millennium) and **Shamardal** (Giant's Causeway).

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**Hot List Cont.**

Dubawi is the sire of Makfi (GB), winner of this year's G1 2000 Guineas S. and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois, the latter over elders Goldikova (Ire) and Paco Boy (Ire). The son of the ill-fated Dubai Millennium is also the sire of Poet's Voice (GB), hero of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot in September. Shamardal, meanwhile, can boast Lope de Vega (Ire), who followed in his hoofsteps to register the G1 Poule d'Essai des



**Dubawi** *darleystallions.com*

Poulains/G1 Prix du Jockey-Club double; and Casamento (Ire), winner of the 2010 G1 Racing Post Trophy S.

The pair's success isn't limited to a small number of high-class performers, however. Both sire quality, and a lot of it. According to the *TDN* Second-Crop Sire List, Dubawi has 18 cumulative black-type winners to his credit. That's easily best among Northern Hemisphere sires, bettering Shamardal's nonetheless very strong 15 black-type winners, and the 11 put up by **Afleet Alex** (Northern Afleet).

It is true that no second-crop sire has as many runner's as Dubawi's 159 (from 208 named foals), and just three sires--Oratorio (Ire) (Danehill), Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus), and Footstepsinthesand (GB) (Giant's Causeway)--had more than Shamardal's 140 runners (from 193 named foals).

But the pair also put up huge numbers by percentage. From black-type winners to runners (*see chart p7*), Dubawi leads all sires on the *TDN*'s top 20 with strike rate of 11.3 percent. Shamardal is close behind a 10.7 percent.

Similarly, the pair go one-two by the next three metrics on the *TDN* Sophomore Sire List we've charted--



**Shamardal** *darleystallions.com*

both by numbers and by percentage. Dubawi has 28 black-type horses (17.6 percent/runner), just in advance of Shamardal's 25 (17.9 percent). Dubawi has 11 graded winners (6.9 percent) to Shamardal's 10 (7.1 percent). Dubawi has a steller 19 graded horses (11.9 percent) to Shamardal's 13 (9.3

percent).

The only column in which Shamardal edges his stablemate is cumulative earnings. Boosted by Lope de Vega's \$1.4 million bankroll, Shamardal's offspring have earned \$7,019,719. Dubawi's have raked in \$6,295,203.

There is a three-way tie in race for Grade/Group 1 winners. As mentioned, Dubawi and Shamardal have two apiece, as does Gaineway's Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet), the sire of GI Travers S. winner Afleet Express (who has now joined his sire at Gainesway), and the 2009 GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. winner Dublin.

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## Breeders' Cup Winners

including: Unrivaled Belle

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The mirrored success of Dubawi and Shamardal is fitting. Both are foals of 2002, both were unbeaten juvenile Group 1 winners (Shamardal in the Dewhurst S., Dubawi in the National S.), and both were Classic winning three-year-olds for Godolphin (Shamardal in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey-Club, Dubawi in the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas). Interestingly, they never faced each other on the track, and won't get to eyeball each other in 2011, either. Dubawi will stand at Darley's Dalham Hall Stud in England for a fee of £55,000 (about \$87,000), while Shamardal will stand at Kildangan Stud in Ireland for €50,000 (\$66,000).

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**New York Daily News editorial**

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**Vincent M. Mallozzi, New York Times**

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**Atlantic City Press editorial**



# TDN SIRE LISTS

## Sophomore Leaders

Sire	B-T Wnrs (Rnrs)	Perc.
Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB})	18 (159)	11.3%
Shamardal (Giant's Causeway)	15 (140)	10.7%
Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet)	11 (134)	8.2%
Wildcat Heir (Forest Wildcat)	8 (135)	5.9%
Footstepsinthesand (GB) (Giant's Causeway)	7 (143)	4.9%
Pollard's Vision (Carson City)	7 (95)	7.4%
Oratorio (Ire) (Danehill)	6 (158)	3.8%
Whipper (Miesque's Son)	6 (106)	5.7%
Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift)	5 (90)	5.5%
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again)	5 (82)	6.1%
Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire})	5 (118)	4.2%
Limehouse (Grand Slam)	5 (99)	5.1%
Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.)	5 (72)	6.9%

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Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB})	28 (159)	17.6%
Shamardal (Giant's Causeway)	25 (140)	17.9%
Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet)	19 (134)	14.2%
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Wildcat Heir (Forest Wildcat)	14 (135)	10.4%
Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus)	13 (144)	9%
Motivator (GB) (Montjeu (Ire))	12 (91)	13.2%
Oratorio (Ire) (Danehill)	12 (158)	7.6%
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Saint Liam (Saint Ballado)	10 (70)	14.3%
Whipper (Miesque's Son)	10 (106)	9.4%
Proud Accolade (Yes It's True)	9 (52)	17.3%
Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.)	9 (72)	12.5%

Sire	GS Wnrs (Rnrs)	Perc.
Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB})	11 (159)	6.9%
Shamardal (Giant's Causeway)	10 (140)	7.1%
Azamour (Ire) (Night Shift)	4 (90)	4.4%
Rock Hard Ten (Kris S.)	4 (72)	5.5%
Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet)	3 (134)	2.2%
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Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet)	2 (134)	1.5%
Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB})	2 (159)	1.3%
Shamardal (Giant's Causeway)	2 (140)	1.4%

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## 7-Figure Yearlings

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### 'Mour to Note...

Several other European-based sires deserve mention.

Coolmore's **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** (Giant's Causeway), a contemporary of Dubawi and Shamardal who

won the G1 2000 Guineas in his lone start at three, currently has seven black-type winners in the Northern Hemisphere, a rate of 4.9 percent to runners. His get include the 2010 G2 Railway S. winner Formosina (Ire), and the three-year-old Group 3 winners Sent From Heaven (Ire) and Steinbeck (Ire). He stands for



**Footstepsinthesand**  
[coolmore.com](http://coolmore.com)

€10,000. **Azamour (Ire)** (Night Shift), a four-time Group 1 winner for the Aga Khan, ended the 2009 season with a single black-type winner. But he came on

strongly this term, adding four more black-type winners for a total of five (5.5 percent from runners). Impressively, four of the five are group winners (4.4 percent), including G2 Blandford S. heroine Eleanora Duse (Ire), also third in the G1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks. He has 11 black-type horses in all (12.2 percent), seven of whom are also graded horses (7.8 percent). His 2011 fee is €15,000.



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**Motivator (GB)** (Montjeu {Ire}), standing at Highclere Stud, had his share of ups and downs



**Big Bad Bob**  
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before his first crop even made it to the races, with an injury limiting the size of his first book. Now, with 12 black-type horses, his 13.2-percent rate of black-type horses to runners is respectable. His 2011 fee is £8,000.

**Big Bad Bob (Ire)** (Bob Back) might not have the most fashionable pedigree, but if you

sort the *TDN* Second-Crop Sire List by black-type horses to named foals, the 10-year-old German Group 3 winner comes out on top by percentage. That's because six of his 33 named foals (18.18 percent) (21.4 percent of his 28 runners) have earned black-type, including three at the group level (10.7 percent/runners). He is the sire G3 Brownstown S. heroine Berg Bahn (Ire), as well as the two-year-old filly Bible Belt (Ire), who was a narrowly beaten third to Chrysanthemum (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) in the G3 C.L. Weld Park S. at The Curragh in September. He has been moved to the Irish National Stud for 2011, where he'll stand for a fee of €6,000. He previously stood at Islanmore Stud.

# FEEDBACK

As a subscriber from its inception, I appreciate *TDN's* continuing dialogue about the persistent decline of the Thoroughbred industry economy during these last two decades in which I have been along for the ride. Having taken a similar 20-year rollercoaster plunge toward oblivion in my previous life as a newspaper editor and media company executive, amazement at my penchant for choosing failing businesses is exceeded only by my amusement at the delicate and overly cautious nature of the various explanations for horse racing's failures and the absolute futility of proposed fixes.

My two choices for making a living have two major flaws in common--an aversion to change and the inability to recognize and correct its awful mistakes. But there is also a major difference. Unlike the newspaper industry in which all of its segments had a common goal of selling the end product, Thoroughbred horse racing is a combination of endeavors with competing interests, and only about half of them can correctly be defined as a "business." I did not emerge from 13 years of strategic business planning in a Fortune 500 company without learning something about profit and loss--which most of the people who write about horse racing seem to know little about.

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## Active Broodmare Sire of 2010 Graded SWs

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Until Bill Oppenheim's treatise on value sires that drew an insightful response from a perceptive Canadian this week, no one has put their finger squarely on the problem. Michael Gojanovich's point that money concentrating in excess in some industry segments can be devastating to the others not only went unaddressed by Mr. Oppenheim, it has been ignored for as long as I have been associated with horse racing. This is precisely what brought on the global economic disaster--available capital rushing into the greediest, smartest and most unscrupulous hands on Wall Street.

A reasonable business plan requires realistic assumptions of revenue and expense, which is impossible for at least three critical segments of the Thoroughbred industry--breeders, owners and bettors. All three can estimate expenses over which they have control. But they can only guess at and hope for revenue--which is totally unpredictable for all three. Breeding, owning and betting are not businesses. They are gambling, so trying to formulate business models for them is a fool's game at best. The bottom line is, if you can't afford an 8-percent return from your racing endeavor, or a 22-percent return in breeding or a zero profit at betting, you have no business trying to be a business. And the government should not treat you like one.

But if you are a horse transportation company, a veterinarian, a stallion station, a big consignor, a fence builder, a farm real estate company, a hay supplier, a heavy truck seller, a racetrack owner, an advanced deposit wagering platform, an equine sales company--or even an elite trainer or jockey, you can at least make a stab at business planning.

As Mr. Gojanovich pointed out, no one has reliable math to prove where the available revenue has been concentrated in the last 20 years, but odds are good that it has been absorbed at the top of these true business segments. No doubt it has eluded the gamblers, whose participation in the game has been in persistent free fall and whose survival is in doubt. And to my friend Rob Whiteley's point once again, what happens to the true business segments when the breeders who supply the horses and the owners and gamblers who supply the revenue no longer exist? Historical racing?



**Feedback Cont.**

Mr. Oppenheim suggests any tilt should be toward the owners--not the breeders. But both, Mr. Whiteley correctly points out, are consistently subjected to the same predatory practices by the true business segments. Like a lot of other people with opinions about what is wrong, mine do not translate into realistic remedies, because there is no structure to implement necessary change, and no real heart for doing it.

But if there were, I would start with recognizing the awful industry missteps that have led to the obvious concentration to revenue--most of which haven't already been mentioned on these pages.

For one thing, The Jockey Club could refuse to register more than a certain number of foals by each stallion. This would force stallion managers into better mare selection and stop the massive over-breeding. Other breeds control the number and quality of stallions, just as this industry did voluntarily for years--a practice that built the North American breeding dynasty.

Another change in order is the method for rating leading sires, which have set the awful trends that are destroying us. Average and median prices at sales, for example, are a poor barometer of industry health. We have proven that. Rating stallions on the basis of total earnings is another absurd evaluation. Winners to runners and stakes winners to foals would be a more accurate assessment that would halt the rush to 200-mare books and the flooding of sales rings with stallion progeny.

For another, the sales companies could reverse the myriad bad policy decisions that have resulted in disqualifying and discounting the majority of foals and yearlings offered at auction. Everyone knows by now that endoscopic weanlings and yearlings at rest and predicting racing prowess on a subjective assessment of a bone change in progress is more of a revenue enhancement for the veterinary segment of the industry than anything else. Now we are paying for \$600 per baby pre-sale costs that result in a barn sheet report being evaluated by trainers, bloodstock agents and their "pre-lookers." A mark on a barn sheet means the person with the money never sees the horse.

Perhaps even more important is the weighting of stud fees as a factor in the placement of sales youngsters, which results in the higher the stud fee, the better chance of not getting being placed at the tail end of 15-day sales where exposure time and buyers are both in short supply. This practice has been a systematic accelerator of stud fees and as much a threat to breeding profitability as the repository. Maybe commercial auctions could even be shortened or held more frequently with stricter quality assessments employed. Surely this will be subjective, but breeders who can't raise a horse good enough to be selected ought to quit breeding. We don't need more breeders. We need more profitable breeders.

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**Feedback Cont.**

For one thing, it might eliminate the breeders who rely on numbers to survive, or the sportsmen who are forced into commercial breeding in order to show profitability to the Internal Revenue Service. Maybe some of our highly paid lobbyists could explain to Washington why hobby racehorse owners should not be wiped out because they can't make a profit in an endeavor that is eight percent profitable to begin with.

And those who want a tilt to owners can start by revamping the racetrack business model. If we have to live with short fields and fewer races, it might make sense if every horse in the race gets some money back, and that all are running on equal footing and the same chemistry. Why do we have to give the winner 60 percent of a huge purse in the top 25 races in the country, unless our main concern is only for the top owners of the best horses and leading trainers and jockeys and most important stallions at stud? Or is that our main concern?

We talk a lot about leveling the playing fields for trainers and bettors by halting race day medication to get in lockstep with the rest of the world, providing safe uniform surfaces, and policing the criminality that keeps rearing its ugly head and soiling the public image of the sport. Why not start by leveling the game between breeders, owners and bettors and the business segments that depend on them?

This is all Mr. Whiteley and Mr. Gojanovich are suggesting.

-Jim Squires

I thought that Peter Kleinhans's Farewell My Love piece (TDN, 12/8,10) was beautifully written and carried a poignant message for his brethren in the Thoroughbred Industry. Does anyone think the fields of the famous Kentucky "Bluegrass" can't be devoid of horses? Could not the same fate of the Meadowlands fall upon more of our cherished race tracks, like Hialeah? In today's world commerce follows the money. Wake up, my friends. It's happening right here, right now in "River City" as the famous Music Man, Harold Hill, would say.

-Craig Bandoroff

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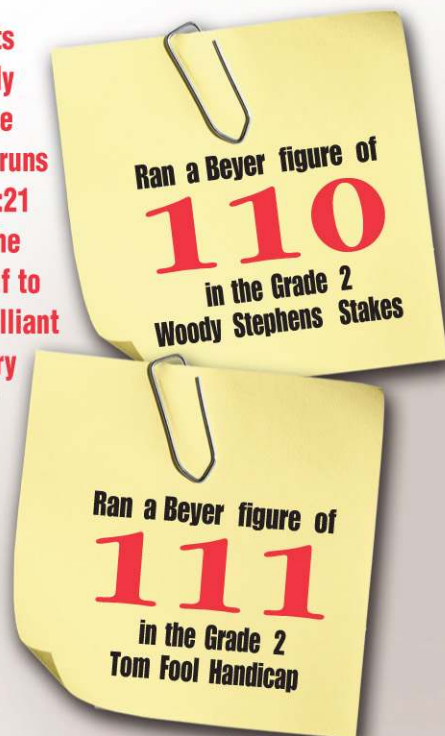
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**NORTH AMERICA**



**At the RTIP Symposium on Racing and Gaming**

**NTRA SUPPORTS INTERNET POKER BILL**

by RTIP Student *Jim McVicker*

On Wednesday at the University of Arizona's 37th Annual Symposium on Racing and Gaming, Peggy Hendershot, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's senior vice president of legislation and corporate planning, shared the lobbying initiatives undertaken by NTRA for the racing industry. Greg Means, co-founder and principal of the government relations consultants Alpine Group, which works on behalf of the NTRA, joined the session via phone from Washington D. C.

Hendershot reported that legislative advocacy by the NTRA has included campaign contributions of \$2 million to 281 candidates in 45 states. Candidates from racing states are not the only ones considered for contributions from the NTRA; their support has been a balanced bi-partisan effort.

"What committee they might serve on can be more important than which state they represent," said Hendershot, adding, "The mission remains the same...protect the interest of the horse racing industry."

Currently, the NTRA's lobbying efforts are focused on the online poker bill, soon to be presented to the lame duck session of Congress. The "Internet Poker and Games of Skill Regulation, Protection and Enforcement Act" (S. 1597) would legalize federally regulated online poker and other games of skill, while providing important protections for the horse racing industry.

The bill would amend the federal criminal code so that criminal penalties and other provisions of federal law for transmitting bets on sporting events would not apply to any wager permissible under the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978.

Means indicated that the time for getting the legislation passed is now.


"Recent elections will change the make-up of the Senate, and the lame duck session prior to the change may be the best opportunity to get horse racing-favored legislation passed," he said.

The legislation also contains tax advantages beneficial to the racing industry, including the doubling of the reporting requirement on pari-mutuel wagering earnings from the current \$600 to \$1,200; and removal of the automatic tax withholdings on gambling winnings over \$5,000 on bets with odds at 300-1 or greater. Withholding levels have not been changed since 1992, and the reporting level has been in place for more than 30 years.

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The NTRA is also exploring the possibility of getting tax advantages included in alternate legislation. "It is unlikely a Republican-controlled House would approve the tax changes as stand alone legislation," Means explained. "An attempt is being made to include horse racing favored tax changes as part of the bill to the extend Bush enacted tax cuts."

The NTRA Legislative Advocacy Center monitors legislation that impacts the horse racing industry. Visit <http://www.ntra.com/content/learnmore/display/55> for more information. The site provides access to current legislation, as well as contact information for Congressional and State representatives.

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## PANEL ON STATE OF CALIFORNIA RACING

by RTIP Student Jim McVicker

The symposium presented a panel session Thursday entitled, "The State of California Racing" Thursday. Moderated by Jay Privman, national correspondent for *Daily Racing Form*, the panelists were Joseph Harper, CEO, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club; David Israel, vice chairman, California Horse Racing Board; and Norman C. Towne, consulting and advocacy.

Many of the challenges to the state's racing industry were discussed, including the upcoming takeout hike, subsequent potential purse increases and methods to promote the state's racing to a new fan base.

Joe Harper began by expressing regret at having to raise takeout rates, saying, "I hate to do it," but Israel countered, "Our pricing remains competitive; the state's takeout rate remains smaller than many other racing jurisdictions."



Joe Harper *senn.com*

The main goal of the takeout increase is larger purses, which, it is hoped, will lead to larger fields and more favorable betting opportunities for fans. Harper said, "Ultimately, we made this move to stay in the game."

According to the panelists, California has much to offer the sport: a large population, great weather, great trainers and great horses, Zenyatta, Lookin At Lucky and Blind Luck, to name a few. But, unlike many other states, California cannot look to casino subsidies as a revenue stream, since a past state initiative, backed by many in the industry, failed, and left the track/casino relationship severely damaged. Towne described it as a "poisoned well."

Additionally, the tracks have little negotiating power, as the casinos feel the tracks have little to offer them and, with their financial reserves, casinos have a far greater ability to lobby for their own interests.

"Racing lacks financially in comparison, and California's term limits for elected representatives makes annual campaign contributions prohibitive," Towne said.

Consequently, racing is often a low priority in legislative circles.

Israel echoed the sentiment that racing does fly under the radar, but he stressed that many in government do realize, "the economic impact of the industry and that the industry must be sustained."

Israel asserted the importance of improving the game as a way to generate a new fan base, adding that, "the on-track experience is vital to the creation of new fans." Thursday and Friday night racing programs both have shown considerable on-track attendance increases. He continued, "Racing is the only sport where men and women [jockeys, trainers and horses] compete on equal terms," but added that this message is not being conveyed.

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During a discussion of marketing and innovation, Towne warned, "Racing has not been great at attracting new customers, merely providing more of the same for the same customer base." He noted that, while California's population has grown substantially since 1990, in-state handle on races shows almost a \$1-billion decline.

Harper stressed the value of ancillary income from on-track attendance, citing food and beverage receipts that exceeded \$1 million on opening day at Del Mar and after concerts at the tracks. He also mentioned the concept of capitalizing on local college rivalries by pitting one against the other in handicapping contests. Innovation, it was stressed, is the operative word in order to attract a market segment that research revealed had, "no reason to come to the track."

California's sale of Del Mar is still a possibility, but much uncertainty remains. With the likely closing of Hollywood Park, the issue of more racing days at existing tracks was discussed.

Israel said, "The overall year-round racing calendar is very important," with horsemen helping to determine what works best. He added, "We would like to see more racing dates at Del Mar," but concluded, "Perhaps a few weeks off, here and there, may be beneficial to the state's racing product."



**Big A 2011 Winter/Spring Stakes Schedule Out:**

*(Edited Press Release)* NYRA released their stakes schedule Thursday for the 2011 80-day Aqueduct winter/spring meet, which begins Jan. 1. Highlighted by the \$750,000 GI Wood Memorial Apr. 9, there will be 11 graded stakes events--two Grade I's, three Grade II's and six Grade III's--run at the Ozone Park oval with total purse money of \$2.35M. The most significant changes from last year are the additions of the six-furlong GII Tom Fool H. for three-year-olds and up on Mar. 5 and the GII Jerome S. for sophomores at a mile Apr. 23. Both races had previously been run at Belmont for a number of years. The Tom Fool's purse has been increased from \$100,000 to \$150,000 for 2011. The GIII Withers S., typically run in place of the Jerome, will assume that event's prior spot. The schedule now awaits final approval from the New York State Racing and Wagering Board.

**Gracia's Condition Still Improving:**

*(Edited Press Release)* Jockey Jason Gracia, who was badly injured in a spill in the third race at Aqueduct Nov. 27, continues to heal, according to NYRA's jockey advocate. The 28-year-old broke his ribs and collarbone and suffered a hairline fracture in his neck when his mount, Ryan and Jack, stumbled and went down on the Big A turf course and collided with October Dreams. The other horse's rider, Jose Bermudez, escaped with only minor injuries. Gracia, who was upgraded from critical to stable condition a day after the accident, was transferred Wednesday from Jamaica Hospital to North Shore Medical Center to continue the recovery process.

**Yesterday's Results:**

**2nd-AQU, \$45,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11, ft.**  
**ROYAL STRAIGHT (c, 3, [Smarty Jones](#)--Cozzena {SP}, by Cozzene)**, third going six panels at Gulfstream Feb. 13, was a tired fourth while trying a panels further over the Hallandale oval Mar. 27. Asked to go 8 1/2 furlongs on the turf at Belmont May 1, the dark bay set the early pace, but tired late to be seventh. On the sidelines following that effort, he returned with a narrow runner-up finish when dropped back to a sprint for his latest start here Nov. 20. Sent off the 8-5 choice, Royal Straight broke awkwardly and settled in sixth through the opening quarter mile. Making his move four wide turning for home, the sophomore drew clear to graduate by 2 1/2 lengths over Que Posse (Posse). The \$600,000 FTSAUG yearling is a half to Megans Bluff (Pine Bluff), MSW, \$743,263. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$42,854.  
 O-Centennial Farms. B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY).  
 T-James A Jerkens.



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**6th-AQU, \$41,000, Msw, (S), 2yo, f, 1m, 1:39 2/5, ft.**  
**RISK A CHANCE (f, 2, [A.P. Indy](#)--Seeking the Ante {GSW, \$392,829}, by Seeking the Gold)** was fourth behind the well-regarded Yawkey Way (Grand Slam) in her career debut against Empire-bred rivals at the Spa July 25. Given some time off that effort, the homebred returned with a flat eighth going seven panels at Belmont Oct. 3. Backed down to 9-5 favoritism for her route bow, the 3/4 to Mineralogist (Mineshaft), MSW, \$167,249, stalked the early pace from an outside position, collared leader Great Press (El Corredor) on the far turn and drew clear to graduate with ease, scoring by a widening 10-length margin. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,770.  
 O/B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY). T-John C Kimmel.

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 **CENTRAL** 

**Yesterday's Results:**

**2nd-RPX, \$26,500, Msw, 2yo, 1m70y, 1:43, ft. ALTERNATION (c, 2, Distorted Humor--Alternate {MSW & MGSP, \$550,695}, by Seattle Slew),** third sprinting over this track Nov. 11, went off the hot 1-10 choice for his route bow. Content to track early, the dark bay was four wide turning for home, gained command midstretch and drew clear to score by seven lengths over Flyskyfly (Sky Mesa). **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$18,504. O-Pin Oak Stable. B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY). T-Donnie K Von Hemel.

**6th-FGX, \$37,000, Msw, 2yo, f, 1m40y, 1:42 2/5, ft. LITTLE MISS HOLLY (f, 2, Maria's Mon--Common Hope, by Storm Cat),** a half-sister to Double Major (Bertrando), SP, \$157,439, debuted with a runner-up effort to subsequent Grade I winner R Heat Lightning (Trippi) at Delaware July 5. Fourth at the same track Aug. 4, the chestnut came up a nose short when stretched out on Turfway's Polytrack Sept. 18. She was fourth again in a Keeneland route Oct. 8, and came into this off a third, beaten a neck, at Churchill Nov. 11. Bet down to even-money here, Little Miss Holly broke alertly from her inside post, but conceded the lead to Chive Blossom (Unbridled's Song) on the first turn and settled into second. She ranged up turning for home, hit the front and drew off through the final furlong to graduate by six lengths. Wahoo Babe (Jump Start) was second best, while Chive Blossom faded to finish seventh. Sales history: \$115,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$43,430. O-Gold Square. B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY). T-Steve Margolis.

 **INDUSTRY INFO** 

**Richard Englander Joins Forces with IEAH:**

Richard Englander, a two-time Eclipse Award winner as the nation's leading owner, has been hired as IEAH Stables's Director of Bloodstock Affairs. "Richard has a great deal of quality experience and success in the racing business, and we are excited and proud to add him to our team," said IEAH President Michael Iavarone. "Our management team is strong and this only helps. We are all looking forward to working with him." The 51-year-old will be instrumental in evaluating IEAH's current roster as well as managing the selection, acquisition, and selling of its bloodstock. Iavarone also announced that Michael Sherack, employed by IEAH since its 2003 inception, has been promoted to Director of Stables Operations. He will oversee all aspects of IEAH Stables' racing and bloodstock. "Mike has been an enormously valuable asset from day one here, and combining his expertise with Rick's only strengthens our management system," Iavarone offered. "The changes to our structure will only help us focus on improving everything about our operation."



**Richard Englander**  
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 **CALIFORNIA** 

**Yesterday's Results:**

**3rd-HOL, \$44,174, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW1\$X, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04 2/5, ft. ALEC'S MOON (f, 2, Malibu Moon--Bello Cielo {GISP, \$154,165}, by Conquistador Cielo)** finished second when unveiled on the Tapeta at Golden Gate June 11, but earned her diploma with a 5 1/2-length success at Santa Rosa July 31. The half-sister to Ayla Bella (Touch Gold), SW, \$107,206; and Jobe (Johannesburg), GSP-GB, followed that with second in an optional claimer at the Berkeley oval Oct. 1, but faltered in the Golden Gate Debutante S. Nov. 6 and wound up fifth in a five-horse field. Dismissed at 14-1 here, the blinkered bay took a page from the book of stablemate Blind Luck (Pollard's Vision) and caboosed the field early. She wound up her run on the turn, set her sights on Teroda (Limehouse) and forged past her late to take it by a length. Sales history: \$125,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#). [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$52,100. O-Mark DeDomenico LLC, John Carver & Jerry Hollendorfer. B-David Garvin (KY). T-Jerry Hollendorfer.

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**2nd-AQU (\$45K Msw) Royal Straight (Smarty Jones)** wins second off the layoff.

**6th-AQU (\$41K Msw, {S}) Risk a Chance (A.P. Indy)** graduates by 10 lengths.



**So. Cal Report cont.**

**7th-HOL, \$40,800, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$25,000), NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10, ft.

**WARREN'S BLOSSOM** (f, 3, Extra--Past 'n Present, by Present Value), a winner against open company over this track and trip Nov. 6, was given a 4-1 chance this time. Up to press the early pace set by Fullbridled's Sis (Buddha), the dark bay overtook that rival at the head of the stretch and was 2 1/2 lengths clear at the wire. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$56,920. O/B-Benjamin C Warren (CA). T-Jorge Gutierrez.

**5th-HOL, \$40,400, Alw, Opt. Clm.** (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:27 3/5, fm.

**IMPONENTE PURSE (BRZ)** (g, 4, Public Purse--White Tea {Brz}, by Sunny's Halo), winner of the Listed Classico Emerson and third in the Brazilian Derby last term, hit the board in a pair of starts earlier this summer, including a third-place finish in a \$40,000 optional claimer at Ellis Aug. 7. In his final start for trainer Eduardo Caramori, the gelding came home fifth over the yielding turf in the GIII Kentucky Cup Turf Sept. 11. Trying allowance foes while dropping back to a mile here Nov. 19, the Brazilian bred was sixth. Sent off the 5-2 second choice while losing the blinkers here, the bay stalked the early pace, split foes turning for home and was up in time to post a neck victory over No Dream (Anabaa). Further back in third was Grade I winner and millionaire Interpatation (Langfuhr), who was being offered up for a tag here. [Click for the brisnet.com chart.](#) [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP1-Brz, 12-4-2-1, \$79,157. O-Coudelaria Jessica. B-Ulisses Lignon Carneiro (Brz). T-A C Avila.



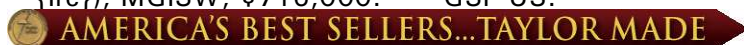
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**IN FRANCE:**

**Salorina**, f, 2, [A.P. Indy](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."  
**Mont Pelato**, c, 2, **Forest Danger**. See "France."  
**Malicia**, f, 2, [Tapit](#). See "France."  
**Polytechnicien**, c, 4, [Royal Academy](#). See "France."

**IN DUBAI:**

**Reynaldothewizard**, c, 4, [Speightstown](#)--Holiday Runner (MSW & GSP, \$232,073), by Meadowlake. Meydan, 12-9, Hcp., 1400m (AWT), 1:23.62. O-Zabeel International Racing Corp; B-Gibraltar Group LP; T-Satish Seemar. \*\$400,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; \$775,000 2yo '08 FTFFEB. \*\*1/2 to Seventh Street (Street Cry {Ire}), MGISW, \$716,000. \*\*\*GSP-US.



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**First-crop starters to watch: Friday, December 10**

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- A. P. WARRIOR** (A.P. Indy), Stonewall Farm Ocala, \$20K, 31/5/1 8-CRC, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Enable, \$3K OBS OPN 2yo, 10-1
- BLUEGRASS CAT** (Storm Cat), Winstar Farm LLC, \$50K, 118/20/2 8-CRC, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Bluegrass Jet, \$100K OBS MAR 2yo, 4-1
- 10-TP, Msw, 1m, Hellcat Senior, \$12K KEE SEP yrl
- 8-PEN, Msw, 6f, Systems Go, \$28K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1
- FIRST SAMURAI** (Giant's Causeway), Claiborne Farm, \$40K, 88/10/1 8-CRC, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Swift Warrior, \$80K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- 10-CRC, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Deed It Is, 6-1
- FOREST GROVE** (Forestry), Canmor Farms, \$8K, 68/10/1 9-FG, Msw, 1m, +S. C. Forest, \$20K MNS AUG yrl, 8-1
- GOOD REWARD** (Storm Cat), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15K, 77/14/0 5-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Queens Reward, 8-1
- HENNY HUGHES** (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 100/17/0 7-GG, Alw, 6f, Wealthy Aviator, \$275K BAR MAR 2yo
- LION TAMER** (Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud LLC, \$5K, 25/2/0 3-DED, Msw, 1m, Toothpicksandwater, \$11K EVA MAR 2yo, 15-1
- REY DE CAFE** (Kingmambo), Double Diamond Farm, \$5K, 33/1/0 8-CRC, Alw, 1 1/16mT, Rio Bonita, \$11K OBS AUG yrl, 8-1
- ROCKPORT HARBOR** (Unbridled's Song), Darley, \$20K, 118/17/2 5-CRC, Msw, 6f, Jewel of Rockport, \$25K OBS AUG yrl, 20-1
- SILVER TRAIN** (Old Trieste), Vinery, \$25K, 125/21/0 5-CRC, Msw, 6f, +Oriental Queen, \$20K BAR MAY 2yo, 5-1
- STRONG CONTENDER** (Maria's Mon), Stonewall Farm Ocala, \$10K, 50/4/0 9-FG, Msw, 1m, Strong Appeal, \$42K OBS MAR 2yo, 10-1
- THE DADDY** (Valid Expectations), Airdrie Stud, \$5K, 48/6/0 10-TP, Msw, 1m, Fire Angel, \$21K OBS OPN 2yo
- 6-PHA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Uniquely, 15-1
- WITH DISTINCTION** (Storm Cat), Hartley, 116/18/0 8-PEN, Msw, 6f, Freshcat, \$5K EAS MAY 2yo, 20-1

**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

**6:06p 6th-HOL, \$38K, Msw, 2yo, 6.5f**  
**HRTV/G TEMP (Mr. Greeley)** showed speed and gave a good fight but had to settle for second in his debut over this track Nov. 13 and will get fair support to get the job done this time. Conditioned by Bob Baffert, who recently collected his 2000th career victory, the \$1-million KEESEP yearling is campaigned by Thoroughbred Legends and Gainseway Thoroughbreds. Pam and Martin Wygod homebred **Recap (Storm Cat)** tries to make amends for a flat 11th in his debut going a mile over the Santa Anita turf Sept. 30. Getting blinkers for the first time here, the full brother to MGISW After Market and MGSW & MGISP Courageous Cat gets the services of Patrick Valenzuela for this first attempt on the main track. [brisnet.com PPs](#)



**Rookies cont.**

**First/Second-crop starters to watch: Friday, Dec. 10**

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

**DANCE WITH RAVENS** (A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station, \$8K, 161/41/0

6-PHA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Capital Fellow, 12-1

**GHOSTZAPPER** (Awesome Again), Adena Springs, \$200K, 174/51/5

6-PHA, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Greek Warrior, \$175K FTK NOV wnl, 10-1

**KITTEN'S JOY** (El Prado {Ire}), Ramsey Farm, Inc, \$25K, 206/75/5

4-HAW, Msw, 6f, +Lying Czars, \$25K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1



**Yesterday's Results:**

**Kempton Park, 17.00, Mdn, £2,400, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.27, stn.**

+ **SEEKING MAGIC (GB)** (c, 2, Haafhd {GB}--Atnab, by Riverman), sent off the 2-1 second choice, raced freely behind the leaders throughout the early stages. Forging his way to the front before the final furlong, the 7,000gns TATDEC weanling and 35,000gns TATOCT yearling drew away to record a convincing 2 1/2-length success from Take Your Partner (GB) (Piccolo {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £1,638. [Video, courtesy of Racing UK.](#)

O-The Seekers; B-R, J D & M R Bromley Gardner; T-Clive Cox.



**Yesterday's Results:**

**PRIX LUTHIER-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-9, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27.10, stn.**

1--**POLYTECHNICIEN, 123, c, 4, Royal Academy--Golden Party, by Seeking the Gold.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere; T-A Fabre; J-M Barzalona; €26,000. Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 4 wins, 4 places, €81,650.

2--**As De Trebol, 123, c, 4, Tapit--Adelphi, by Danzig.** (€50,000 yrl '07 ZRASEP). O-Sunday Horses Club SL; B-Santa Escolastica; T-Maruicio Delcher-Sanchez; €10,400.

3--**Chopastair (Fr), 123, g, 9, Astair (Fr)--Very Sol (Fr), by Solicitor (Fr).** O-Mme Geraldine Bouquil & Pierre Blazy; B-Alain Chopard & Mme Maryse Delteil; T-Thierry Lemer; €7,800.

Margins: 3, HF, HF. Odds: 9.30, 10.00, 4.30.

Also Ran: Desertar (Fr), Slickly Royal (Fr), Amazing Beauty (Ger), Dam d'Augy (Fr), Le Big (Ger), Polarix (GB), Beauchamp Viceroy (GB). Also Ran (not classified): Kite Hunter (Ire), Salut l'Africain (Fr), Gold Harvest (Fr), Mary's Precedent (Fr), Entre Deux Eaux (Fr). Scratched: Mariol (Fr).

**Prix Luthier cont.**

Successful in an Oct. 8 Lyon-Parilly conditions event, Polytechnicien dropped to eighth in the Oct. 31 G3 Prix Perth at Saint-Cloud and slipped further off the radar in the Listed Prix Tantieme back there last time Nov. 18. Settled in rear until coming under stern pressure on the home turn here, he made relentless headway along the rail in the straight to lead at the eighth pole and drew clear of toiling rivals from there to easily impose authority for a first black-type score.

**Deauville, 13.20, Cond, €29,000, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT), time: n/a, stn.**

**MALICIA (f, 2, Tapit--Malia, by Regal Classic),** a course-and-distance winner on debut here Oct. 21, was restrained in a midfield seventh after an alert break in this one. Making smooth headway rounding the home turn, the 24-5 chance made her bid approaching the final eighth and quickened smartly for one tap of the persuader in the closing stages to score by two lengths from Art of Dance (GB) (Medicean {GB}). Sales history: \$120,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '10 KEEAPR. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €26,500. O-Prime Equestrian SARL; B-Blandford Stud; T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte.

*Blandford Stud Bred and Sold*  
**Broken, Trained & Sold by Scanlon Training Center**  
**A Hubert Guy Recommended 2YO in Training**

**Deauville, 10.50, Mdn, €24,000, 2yo, 1 3/16m (AWT), time: n/a, stn.**

+ **MONT PELATO (c, 2, Forest Danger--Zada Rae, by Unbridled's Song),** a \$20,000 FTKJUL yearling, raced in a handy fourth after the initial exchanges of this first go. Cruising to the front with 300 meters remaining, the 92-5 outsider was coaxed clear inside the final furlong to easily best Parkori (Fr) (Vatori {Fr}) by two lengths. Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €12,000. O-Frederic Sauque; B-McKee Stables Inc; T-Christophe Ferland.

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## EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN DUBAI:

**Mark to Market (Ire)**, g, 3, **Clodovil (Ire)**--Genetta (GB), by Green Desert. Meydan, 12-9, Mdn, 1600m (AWT), 1:38.47. O-EERC Mark to Market; B-N Hartery; T-Doug Watson. €16,000 RNA wnlg '07 GOFNOV; €35,000 yrl '08 TATIRE.

**Trois Rois (Fr)**, h, 5, **Hernando (Fr)**--Trevise (Fr), by Anabaa. Meydan, 12-9, Cond., 1900m (AWT), 1:58.27. O-Sheikh Juma bin Dalmook al Maktoum; B-Alec & Ghislaine Head; T-Ismail Mohammed. \*SW & GSP-Fr. \*\*€120,000 HRA '09 ARQARC.

**Inestimable (GB)**, g, 5, **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**--Tiyi (Fr), by Fairy King. Meydan, 12-9, Cond., 1600m (AWT), 1:37.78. O-Sheikh Mansoor bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Wertheimer et Frere; T-Musabah al Muhairi. \*1/2 to Tiganello (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), GSW & G1SP-Ger, SW & MGSP-Fr, MSW-US, \$395,863. \*\*GSP-Fr. \*\*\*€125,000 HRA '09 ARQARC.

**Africanus (Ire)**, h, 8, **Dubai Millennium (GB)**--Asfurah (Hwt. 2yo Filly-Ire, GSW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$117,622), by Dayjur. Meydan, 12-9, Hcp., 1400m (AWT), 1:25.28. O-Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed al Maktoum; B-Hadi al Tajir; T-Musabah al Muhairi.



## ASIA



**RECORD-SETTING VERMILION RETIRED Vermillion (Jpn)** (El Condor Pasa--Scarlet Lady {Jpn}, by Sunday Silence), whose nine Group 1 victories--seven domestic and two international--represent an all-time Japanese record, has been retired to stud following his run in last Sunday's G1 Japan Cup Dirt, a race he won back in 2007 ([video](#)). He will stand as a Shadai stallion on the island of Hokkaido. Bred by Northern Farm and raced by Sunday Racing Co. Ltd., the grandson of Kingmambo was third in defense of his Japan Cup Dirt title in 2008 and eighth in 2009 before establishing the Group 1 mark with his victory in the Kawasaki Kinen this past January. He retires with 15 wins from 35 career starts and earnings in excess of \$11 million.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-DED, \$43,000**, 12-8, NW3L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27 1/5, ft.

**SAINT BELINDA (f, 3, Ocean Terrace--Impassable Gal, by Sir Richard Lewis)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$80,580. O/B-Eddie Moore (LA). T-James S Schultz.

**8th-FGX, \$47,000**, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43 4/5, ft.

**JOIN IN THE DANCE (c, 4, Sky Mesa--Dance Darling, by Devil's Bag)** Lifetime Record: GSP, 17-2-5-3, \$420,820. O-Jake Ballis, R Lewis, R Swinbank, R Ballis and William Swinbank. B-The Answer LLC (KY). T-Steve Margolis. \*\$130,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '08 FTFEB. \*\*1/2 to Bearrock N Roll (Kafwain), SW, \$110,004.

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**8th-AQU, \$44,000**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

**LAYLABEN (f, 4, Not for Love--Pentatonic {GSW & GISP, \$601,860}, by Cure the Blues)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-3, \$116,364. O-Five Ways Farm & Sherry Brothers Stable. B-Dr Herb Sherry (NY). T-Richard E Schosberg. \*\$30,000 RNA yrl '07 FTKJUL.

### AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

**3rd-AQU, \$42,000**, NW1X, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

**BAMBI BOUND (g, 2, Midas Eyes--Trust in Gold, by Golden Missile)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$54,134. O-Our Blue Streaks Stable, John M McCarthy & Kevin Kuhn. B-Bowman Mill LLC (NY). T-Bruce N Levine. \*\$5,000 yrl '09 FTNAUG.

**6th-DED, \$37,590**, 12-8, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1Y, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26 3/5, ft.

**MR. PORTER (g, 6, Road Rush--Wishihadwings, by Malagra)** Lifetime Record: 45-7-8-6, \$316,100. O-Carlton J Foster. B-Ellis Land Company Inc (LA). T-Alex K Dunn. \*1/2 to Mr. Porter (Road Rush), MSW, \$316,100.

### • ON THE WORKTAB •

BELMONT (Training Track)  
FORT HUGHES (Henny Hughes), 4f, :51.25, 17/18

AQUEDUCT (Inner Track)  
I WANT REVENGE (Stephen Got Even), 5f, 1:00.51, 1/4

PALM MEADOWS  
SOVEREIGN DEFAULT (Northern Afleet), 3f, :37.95, 2/4  
TIZ SENSATIONAL (Tiznow), 4f, :47.60, 1/15

GULFSTREAM  
BOYS AT TOSCONOVA (Officer), 5f, 1:04, 2/2

HOLLYWOOD  
ALCINDOR (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :46.60, 2/36  
CRISP (El Corredor), 3f, :34.40, 1/16  
ECLAIR DE LUNE (GER) (Marchand de Sable), 7f, 1:28.80, 2/2  
HARMONIOUS (Dynaformer), 6f, 1:14.80, 3/8  
SIDNEY'S CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), 5f, 1:00, 4/39  
TWIRLING CANDY (Candy Ride {Arg}), 7f, 1:26.60, 1/2



**5th-PEN, \$35,840, 12-8, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48, ft.**  
**TAP SOFTLY (f, 4, [Tapit](#)--Silentlea {GSW, \$103,753}, by Cherokee Run)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3, \$103,558. O-Rodney Chronister. B-Grace E Ritzenberg (PA). T-Bruce M Kravets.

**9th-RPX, \$32,260, 12-8, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.**  
**GLEAMING (f, 3, [Dehere](#)--Cupid's Comet, by End Sweep)** Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, \$79,854. O-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch. B-John James Revocable Trust (OK). T-W Bret Calhoun. \*\$52,000 yrl '08 KEESEP.

**10th-RPX, \$30,400, 12-8, Opt. Clm. (\$35,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.**  
**LACEY OFFICER (f, 3, [Officer](#)--Taylor's Queen {MSW, \$181,656}, by Crowning Decision)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$65,945. O-Jerry Durant. B-JMJ Racing Stable (KY). T-W Bret Calhoun. \*\$45,000 yrl '08 KEEJAN; \$50,000 2yo '09 TEXMAR; \$42,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP.

**8th-LRL, \$30,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.**  
**ROCKIN CLOCKIN (f, 3, [Forest Danger](#)--Rockin' Kate {SW, \$132,970}, by Seneca Jones)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$49,827. O/T-Charles Assimakopoulos. B-Town & Country Farm Corp (FL). \*\$100,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$14,000 RNA 2yo '09 FTMMAY.



**9th-CTX, \$28,100, 12-8, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47 1/5, ft.**  
**ROY L. (g, 4, [Empire Maker](#)--Hair Spray {GSW, \$202,027}, by Pentelicus)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-2, \$67,790. O-Herman M Braude. B-Fitzhugh, LLC (MD). T-John J Robb. \*1/2 to Sticky (Concern), MSW, \$381,650.

**7th-CRC, \$28,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05, ft.**  
**APRIORITY (c, 3, [Grand Slam](#)--Midway Squall, by Storm Bird)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$69,195. O/B-Donald R Dizney (FL). T-David Fawkes. \*1/2 to Squall City (Carson City), SW, \$173,190; British Attitude (Broad Brush), MSP, \$183,583; Acadia Breeze (Royal Academy), SP, \$152,066.

**5th-HAW, \$25,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft.**  
**SOUL COAXING (g, 4, [Sunday Break](#) {Jpn}--Eden Isle, by Cox's Ridge)** Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-2, \$82,165. O-Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Roger Eugene Burton (KY). T-Jamie Ness. \*\$21,000 yrl '07 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Biblical (Malagra), SW, \$104,508; and Dimple Pinch (Smoke Glacken), MSW & GSP, \$259,083.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Roma Jean, f, 2, [Bandini](#)--Taylor's Wish, by Dynaformer.** RPX, 12-8, 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Brandywine Farm (KY). \*\$6,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

**Miss City Slicker, f, 2, [Grand Reward](#)--City Terms, by Carson City.** CTX, 12-8, (S), 4 1/2f, :53. B-Karen E Steele (WV).

**Oakie Flash, c, 2, [Marquetry](#)--Intimate, by Topsider.** RPX, 12-9, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Van & Margie French (OK). \*1/2 to Marq French (Marquetry), MSW, \$486,624.

**Norman Asbjornson, c, 2, [Real Quiet](#)--Merryland Missy (SW, \$138,670), by Citidancer.** PEN, 12-8, 1m, 1:42 3/5. B-Thomas G McClay, Harry C Nye III & Horseshoe Valley Equine (PA). \*1/2 to Essenceofthemoon (Malibu Moon), SW, \$206,357.

**Whenislifeaholiday, f, 2, [Harlan's Holiday](#)--Forthelife-ofme (SP), by Indian Charlie.** RPX, 12-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-J Lloyd Yother, J Garvan Kelly & Nancy W Yearsley (OK). \*SP.

**Hoosier Honey, f, 2, [Southern Image](#)--Amanda's Crown (MSW, \$160,992), by Crown Ambassador.** GGX, 12-9, 1m (AWT), 1:41 2/5. B-Swifty Farms Inc (IN). \*\$20,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

**Tellum Berto, g, 3, [Brushing Up](#)--Astar, by Semoran.** CRC, 12-9, 6 1/2f, 1:18 3/5. B-Elena Arocha (FL).

**Circa'sgoldengear, g, 3, [Golden Gear](#)--Circa, by Nijinsky's Table.** HOL, 12-9, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5. B-Earle Malley & Sue Hubbard (CA).

**Celadon, f, 3, [Gold Halo](#) (Jpn)--Chalna (Ire), by Darshaan (GB).** FGX, 12-9, a5 1/2fT, 1:05 3/5. B-Nakamura Chikusan, Ltd. (KY). \*\$12,000 RNA yrl '08 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Moere Genius (Jpn) (Fusaichi Concorde {Jpn}), SW-Jpn, \$557,178.



**Baton Roo, g, 3, [Poteen](#)--Unusual Babe, by Unusual Heat.** GGX, 12-9, 6f (AWT), 1:09 3/5. B-Valley Livestock (CA).

**Polly's Pro, g, 3, [Sasha's Prospect](#)--Goodgollymisspolly, by Lil E. Tee.** RPX, 12-8, (S), 1m70y, 1:45 3/5. B-CresRan LLC (OK).



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### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**FRANCE, Deauville, 11.50**, €29,000, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.50, stn.

**VENOMOUS (GB) (c, 2, Red Ransom--Snake Dancer {Ire}, by Golden Snake)** Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €38,150. O-Mme Magalen Bryant; B-St Clare Hall Stud; T-T Clout. \*€55,000 yrl '09 ARQOCT.

**ITALY, Siracusa, 18.10**, 12-8, €13,500, 3yo, 6fT, time: n/a, gd.

**TIDAL FORCE (ITY) (c, 3, Blu Air Force {Ire}--Princess Avalon {Ire}, by Desert Prince {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-1, €17,935. O-D'Amico Giuseppe; B-Azienda Agricola Luciani Loreto; T-Stefano Postiglione.

**ITALY, Siracusa, 18.40**, 12-8, €13,500, 3yo/up, 7fT, time: n/a, gd.

**TULIANGREEN (ITY) (c, 4, Tertullian--Green Reew {Ire}, by Sikeston)** Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 25-8-3-2, €103,360. O-Scuderia SIBA di Azienda Agricola Antezzate Srl; B-Azienda Agricola Antezzate Srl; T-Stefano Botti. \*1/2 to Grenso (Ity) (Martino Alonso {Ire}), SW-Ity, \$144,975.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Salorina, f, 2, A.P. Indy--Chaibia (Ire) (GSW-Fr, MGSP-US, \$163,404)**, by Peintre Celebre. Deauville, France, 12-9, Mdn, 2yo, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Malcolm Parrish. \*\$300,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP.

**Flying Power (GB), g, 2, Dubai Destination--Rah Wa**, by Rahy. Kempton Park, Britain, 12-9, Mdn, 2yo, 1m (AWT). B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited. \*1,200gns yrl '09 TATOCT.

**Privy Garden (Ire), f, 2, Oasis Dream (GB)--Mixed Blessing (GB) (GSW-Eng)**, by Lujain. Lyon la Soie, France, 12-8, Cond, 2yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Mixed Blessing Syndicate. \*125,000gns wnlg '08 TATDEC; €75,000 yrl '09 ARQAUG; 60,000gns 2yo '10 TATAPR.

**Casta Diva (Fr), f, 3, Linamix (Fr)--Street Maya (Fr)**, by Mtoto (GB). Deauville, France, 12-9, Cond, 3yo, f, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Elevage de Courteilles. \*€130,000 RNA yrl '08 ARQAUG.

**Private Joke (GB), g, 3, Oasis Dream (GB)--Wink (GB) (SP-Fr)**, by Salse. Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-9, Mdn, 3yo/up, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Whattton Manor Stud. \*75,000gns yrl '08 TATDEC. \*\*1/2 to Secrecy (GB) (King's Best), GSP-Eng, \$114,476.

+ **Eratostem (Fr), g, 3, Panis--Eleora (Fr)**, by Highest Honor (Fr). Deauville, France, 12-9, Cond, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-EARL Beguerie. \*€11,000 RNA yrl '08 ARQOCT.

**Bel Herve (Fr), c, 3, Slickly (Fr)--Zafonia (Fr)**, by Zafonic. Lyon la Soie, France, 12-8, Cond, 3yo, 2150mT. B-J P H Dubois. \*€70,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG; €12,000 2yo '09 ARQAPR.

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November 2010

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