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PREAKNESS TO ALLOW TWO AE'S

A week after Churchill Downs announced next year's Kentucky Derby and Oaks fields could include up to four also-eligible entrants, the Maryland Racing Commission has approved the addition of two also-eligible runners to the field of the GI Preakness S. The also-eligible runners would be allowed to run in the race if any horses are scratched from the field between the



Shackleford Turns for Home in '11 Preakness
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post position draw on Wednesday until scratch time Friday morning. A maximum of 14 horses are allowed to compete in the

Preakness. "It is very similar to what Churchill is doing for the Derby," commented Maryland Jockey Club racing secretary Georganne Hale. "It enables us to still run a full field of 14 if there is a late scratch by 9 a.m. Friday morning. We have set that deadline because on that afternoon, advanced wagering starts on the Preakness." Also

yesterday, the Maryland Racing Commission approved an agreement between the Maryland Jockey Club and Maryland Thoroughbred



Maryland Racing Commission meeting
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Horsemen's Association. Under the agreement, Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course will conduct 146 days of racing next year, the same number scheduled for the last two years. "We are very pleased to be racing next year," said Maryland Jockey Club President Tom Chuckas. "I would like to personally thank Governor O'Malley, his Chief Legislative Officer Joe Bryce and the Maryland Racing Commission, especially John McDaniel, for mediating the process. This agreement provides a foundation for continuing efforts to create a long-term solution to Maryland racing."

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ASMUSSEN TRIO PRIMED FOR MALIBU

Trainer Steve Asmussen, wintering for the second consecutive year at Santa Anita, will saddle three horses for Monday's GI Malibu S. **Wine Police** (Speightstown), third in the GII Amsterdam S., worked five furlongs at Santa Anita Monday in 1:01.40, while stablemate **Rothko** (Arch) went the same distance Sunday in :59.80. Rothko, a winner of three straight, will be making his stakes debut in the Malibu. A maiden winner at Saratoga Aug. 12, the Padua Stables homebred romped home in a Monmouth allowance Sept. 18 and is coming off a 6 1/2-length score at Churchill Nov. 4 ([video](#)). "Rothko is a nice horse," Asmussen said yesterday. "He's got a big future. He's worked really well here." Rounding out Asmussen's Malibu trio is Millennium Farms' homebred **Light Up the Score** (Even the Score), who makes his stakes debut off a pair of victories at Churchill in November.

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

PENDER DUO DOING ALL WRIGHT

Trainer Mike Pender enjoyed a memorable weekend at Hollywood Park last month when he sent out **Jeranimo** (Congree) and **Ultimate Eagle** (Mizzen Mast) to wins in the Nov. 26 GII Citation H. and Nov. 27 GI Hollywood Derby, respectively. The two B.J. Wright runners were on track yesterday at Hollywood, tuning up for upcoming graded assignments at Santa Anita. Jeranimo went four furlongs in :48.00, second fastest of 12 at the distance. The 5-year-old is expected to start next in the Jan. 16 GII San Gabriel S. "Jeranimo came out of his



Jeranimo
Horsephotos

last race like he does every other time, which is perfect," Pender reported. "He's like the little Energizer bunny. He's stepping forward with eyes on a repeat in the San Gabriel."

Ultimate Eagle went five furlongs at Hollywood yesterday in :59.80, fourth fastest of 13 at the distance. The 3-year-old has won four straight on the turf, but will get his first chance to run on conventional dirt in the Jan. 14 GII San Fernando S.

"He'll run on the dirt, which is a surface he seems to like more than the grass," Pender



B J Wright
Benoit

confirmed. "He is four for seven lifetime. His three losses came on Hollywood's synthetic. Had we been running him on dirt, he'd be undefeated. That's how good he's been."

Pender, who has been training for five years, has around 20 horses and has been slowly increasing the quality of his barn. "I've only been training for five years and, until recently, haven't had that many shots to run in stakes," he explained. "For three years, I was just a claiming trainer. The last two years we've had a couple nice horses and we've made the most of the opportunities."

The 74-year-old Wright, owner of the Pasadena-based water purification business LifeSource Whole-House Water Systems, had racehorses when he was in his 20s, then took a 30-year hiatus from the sport before returning again in 2000. He also campaigned Polonius (Broken Vow), who gave Wright his first graded stakes victory in 2008. He also has three broodmares.

Speedy Little Mike Set For Return to Action Thursday

Gulfstream Park turf star **Little Mike** (Spanish Steps) returns to action Thursday over the same course he scored three-graded stakes victories last season. The Dale Romans trainee speedster fired a bullet work over the South Florida lawn earlier this week, cruising five furlongs in 58.95 Monday, the fastest of six recorded works at the distance. "He looked like he worked well. It looked like he did it the right way," said Romans. Joe Bravo was up for the work. "It looked like Joe had plenty of horse, and he galloped out strong," Romans added. Bravo was also impressed with Little Mike's preparation for his first start of the season. "He was so happy," Bravo said. "He worked great. He's a happy horse. I'll tell you what; he really opened my eyes as to how good of a horse he was last year." Little Mike became a fan favorite during the 2011 meeting, during which he captured the GIII Fort Lauderdale S., GIII Canadian Turf and the GIII Appleton S., all in wire-to-wire fashion. In Thursday's return, a \$64,000 optional claiming allowance at one mile on the turf, Little Mike will meet seven rivals, including graded stakes winners **Yankee Fortune** (Yankee Gentleman) and **Telling** (A.P. Indy). Little Mike has been idle since capturing the Appleton on Apr. 3 due to a minor injury. "I think the break did him some good. It looks like he's grown up and filled in a little bit," Romans said. "He's ready for a good campaign."

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Rail Trip Back with Ellis

Jay Em Ess Stable's **Rail Trip** (Jump Start) has returned to the Southern California barn of trainer Ron Ellis after an unsuccessful sojourn on the East Coast with trainer Rick Dutrow. "He got here yesterday," Ellis confirmed. "It's a nice Christmas present. He grabbed a quarter in his last race and required stitches. It was a pretty nasty gash." Rail Trip won the 2009 GI Hollywood Gold Cup for Ellis, but is winless in five starts since. Most recently he stumbled at the break and lost his rider in the Nov. 17 Sunny and Mild S. at Aqueduct. "He'll walk at my barn until Jan. 1 and we'll go from there, so at this point, I don't really have any plans for him," Ellis added.



Rail Trip
Benoit

NEWS TODAY

BERING DIES

Bering (GB) (Arctic Tern--Beaune {Fr}, by Lyphard), the 1986 G1 Prix du Jockey-Club hero and a successful sire, was euthanized last Friday due to complications from lymphangitis. He was 28. Campaigned by his breeders Alec and Ghislaine Head and trained by their daughter Criquette, the chestnut captured five of his seven career starts. In addition to his Classic victory, Bering also landed the G2 Prix Hocquart, G2 Prix Niel and G2 Prix Noialles, and closed out his career by finishing second to Dancing Brave in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He began his stud career in Kentucky, where he sired the likes of French highweight and Classic winner Pennekamp, as well as Group 1 winners Matiara and Peter Davies. Bering was later transferred to the Heads' Haras du Quesnay, and was responsible for another Classic winner in the form of American Post (GB). According to BRIS, he has sired 63 black-type winners to date. Bering was pensioned in 2009.



REMINDER:

Due to the Christmas holiday, the TDN office will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Dec. 25.

There will be NO newsletter for Sunday, Dec. 25 or Monday, Dec. 26.

All news and results from Dec. 24 and 25 will appear in the Dec. 27 issue.

“Cape Blanco presents strong credentials for the Horse of the Year title”

Thoroughbred Times TODAY, 8th November, 2011

At 2: Unbeaten Gr.2 winner

- 1st Futurity S.-**Gr.2**, 7f, by 1¼ L.
- 1st Tyros S.-**Gr.3**, 7f, by 3½ L.

“Cape Blanco showed much more precocity than Galileo at two” TDN, 29th June 2010.

At 3: Dual Gr.1 & Classic winner

- 1st Irish Champion S.-**Gr.1** by 5½ L.
- 1st Irish Derby-**Gr.1**
- 1st Dante S.-**Gr.2** by 3¼ L.

At 4: Horse of the Year contender in USA

- 1st Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational-**Gr.1**
- 1st Arlington Million-**Gr.1** by 2½ L., from Gio Ponti
- 1st Man O'War S.-**Gr.1** by 2¼ L., from Gio Ponti

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IMPRESSIONS OF ARGENTINA

The intention of owner Charles Fipke to run G1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf winner Perfect Shirl in last Saturday's G1 Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini at the storied San Isidro racecourse just outside Buenos Aires raised the consciousness of the racing world about Argentina; for most of last week it was the headline story in *TDN*. Ultimately Perfect Shirl did not come due to shipping problems, but the publicity her intended trip generated meant our little world was paying attention, and San Isidro's 18-race card (yep, that's what I said), including four Group Is, received tons of coverage, and the Pellegrini was even carried live on HRTV in North America.

As luck would have it, my wife Lou and I had been invited to come to Argentina by Alberto and Renata Stein, owners of a relatively new major farm venture in

Argentina, Haras La Leyenda (pronounced 'Legenda'), and we arrived in Buenos Aires on Dec. 7, along with associate Brianne Stanley and her partner Gary Hadden. We've all now



L to R: Gary Hadden, Dan Rosenberg, Bill Oppenheim, Brianne Stanley, Alberto Stein, Renata Stein, Lou Oppenheim, Ricardo Correias

been in Argentina for the last two weeks--Bri and Gary have gone down to Patagonia, while Lou and I have stayed in Buenos Aires, but I think I can speak for our whole team in saying the weather has been a lot lot lot better than the weather in our respective homes in Scotland and Ireland. No surprise there. Probably no surprise either in reporting the legendary Argentinian hospitality is absolutely everything you've heard about and more--and that this is maybe not the best place to be a vegetarian. I thought the Aussies liked barbeques, but their consumption of beef pales into insignificance compared with the residents of Argentina. David Fiske, long-time manager for the Winchell family, told me the other day he had read that the average consumption of beef in Argentina is around 60kgs annually (132 pounds). "When you run out of clean clothes and Lipitor," quipped David, "it's time to go home."

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Let's begin with Buenos Aires, described as the "crown jewel" of South American cities, and the second biggest megalopolis in South America, after Sao Paulo, Brazil. About three million people live in the actual city, but there are at least 13 million in Buenos Aires province and the city combined. For example, Palermo Racetrack is in a section of the city of the same name, while San Isidro is in the province, roughly 16 km (10 miles) north of Palermo.

There is racing in the Buenos Aires region every day of the week, when you include La Plata, actually the administrative capital of Buenos Aires province, and located about 60 km (38 miles) southeast of the Buenos Aires city center. Buenos Aires, which includes roughly a third of the entire population of Argentina, is roughly the same size, and has roughly the same population as the London metropolitan area. In other words, it's huge.

The racecourse at Palermo is home to 3,000 slot machines, which have been on downstairs (maybe 'subterranean' is a better description) levels since 2002. The racecourse completed a major refurbishment two years ago, and is a world-class facility rivaling the great racecourses anywhere in the world, and inaugurated a turf course last Friday. The hospitality at the two racecourses we've visited has been just fantastic, especially from Antonio Bullrich and Ignacio Pavlovsky at Palermo, and Raul and Joe Nelson at San Isidro, among, really, countless others. I know Dan Rosenberg, Ron Winchell, and David Fiske felt the same way about Saul Sutton and his family's Alvear Palace Hotel in downtown Buenos Aires. Thanks to all of you for making us feel so welcome.

Argentina has been famous for supplying top-class racehorses to the U.S. for more than 40 years at least, ranging from the great *Forli (sire of Special, dam of Nureyev and second dam of Sadler's Wells) and *Cougar II in the heyday of Charlie Whittingham, to the great mares Bayakoa and Paseana, trained by Ron McAnally in the late 1980s and early 1990s, to horses like Candy Ride (also trained by McAnally) and Invasor (bred in Argentina, but bought as a horse in training in Uruguay by Sheikh Hamdan) in the last decade.



Bill Oppenheim and HRTV's Carolyn Conley

Interestingly, both Bayakoa and Paseana carried crosses of the Nashua horse Good Manners, imported to Argentina in the early 1970s. DUGYubU was by Good Manners' very successful son, Ahmad, while 6UrU_cU was by Consultant's Bid, a son of Bold Bidder, out of a Good Manners mare. More recently, the Blushing Groom horse Candy Stripes has been the name.

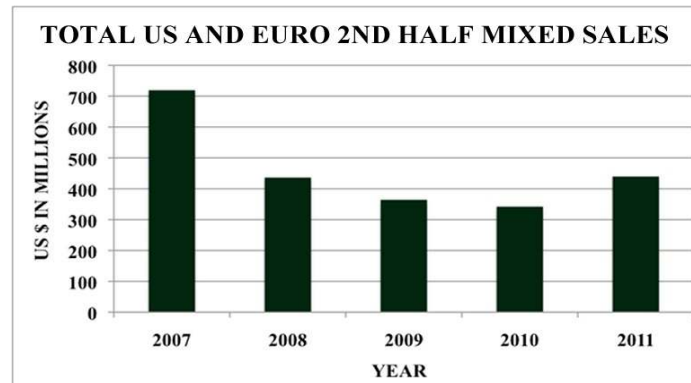
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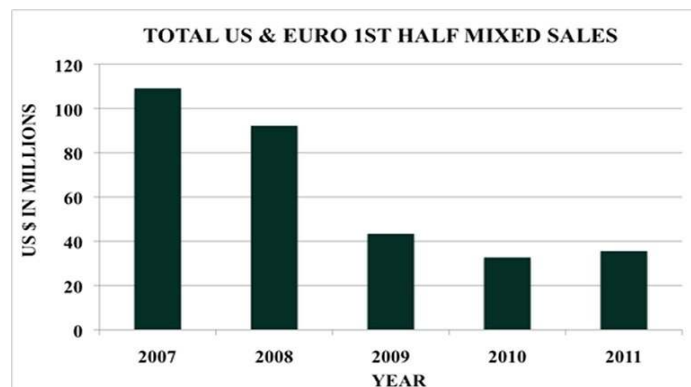
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"Some significant comparisons between second-half North American and European mixed sales from 2008 to 2011: number catalogued down 24%, but number sold down just 8%, so a big 11% improvement in the percentage sold from those catalogued. This year's second-half mixed gross of \$439.8-million is up one percent from the corresponding 2008 gross, and the average, compared to 2008, is up 9%. Of course, the gross is down 39% from the corresponding 2007 figures, but, like they say here in Argentina, that's another story."

- Bill Oppenheim



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	10,868	8,782	6,756	19.2%	76.9%	62.2%	\$439,846,288	\$65,105
2010	12,004	9,543	7,063	20.5%	74.0%	58.8%	\$341,972,160	\$48,417
2009	11,738	9,086	6,919	22.6%	76.2%	58.9%	\$364,385,654	\$52,664
2008	14,324	10,756	7,318	24.9%	68.0%	51.1%	\$436,215,092	\$59,609
2007	15,345	12,538	9,050	18.3%	72.2%	59.0%	\$719,326,510	\$79,484



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011	3,691	2,966	2,130	19.6%	71.8%	57.7%	\$35,614,398	\$16,720
2010	3,783	3,061	2,014	19.1%	65.8%	53.2%	\$32,683,411	\$16,228
2009	4,308	3,232	2,324	25.0%	71.9%	53.9%	\$43,412,413	\$18,680
2008	5,557	4,128	2,980	25.7%	72.2%	53.6%	\$92,283,309	\$30,968
2007	6,441	5,240	3,823	18.6%	73.0%	59.4%	\$109,094,473	\$28,536

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



Candy Ride is by a son of Cryptoclearance called Ride the Rails out of a Candy Stripes mare. Invasor is by Candy Stripes himself.

We very much enjoyed meeting Alessandro Miserocchi, the breeder of Invasor, who invited us to his Santa Ines farm, a few kilometers from La Leyenda



Queen Halo, a Southern Halo half-sister to Invasor and her Orpen foal, owned by Alessandro Miserocchi's Santa Ines Farm.

near San Antonio de Areco. He showed us two half-sisters to Invasor, both by Southern Halo, and both with Orpen foals at foot. Though Argentina gained its international reputation primarily through what Americans know as 'two-turn'

(middle-distance) horses, American sprint/mile sires now dominate the landscape.

Southern Halo, nine-time champion sire in Argentina and at least five-time champion broodmare sire (and sire of More Than Ready from his North American stint), died in 2009 at the age of 26, but not before he pretty much rewrote the record book for Haras Le Quebrada, as Jessica Martini detailed in her excellent piece on Le Quebrada in last Thursday's *TDN* (click [here](#)).

Seeking the Gold's son Mutakddim (2.88 Southern Hemisphere APEX A Runner Index), now a permanent resident at Le Quebrada, has been a very successful sire here, as has Forty Niner's son, Luhuk (3.39), also now a leading broodmare sire. But two Northern Dancer lines are also really strong in Argentina: Easing Along (3.59), who stood at Claiborne in 2009 (2-year-olds of 2012), is the leading Argentine sire by Southern Hemisphere APEX ratings (*see table p11*). The leading South American sire, Ocean Terrace, is actually a son of Saint Ballado who stands in Chile, but among the other very successful sons of Storm Cat in Argentina are the late Bernstein (2.81); Grand Reward (2.35), sire of this year's G1 GP Polla de Potrillos (Argentine 2000 Guineas) winner Chuck Berry, for a syndicate headed by leading South American bloodstock agent and Breeders' Cup South American representative John Fulton; and Pure Prize (1.53 and rising), just to name a few. Grand Reward is now another permanent resident of Argentina, as is Van Nistelrooy, whose first Argentinian 2-year-olds are racing this season.

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The Danzig line is also very strong: Orpen (3.32), by Danzig's two-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner Lure, was voted Argentina's leading sire last year, and last Saturday Orpen had two Group I winners on the Pellegrini card, one at 1000m (five furlongs) and one at 2000m (10 furlongs), and interestingly, both are out of Candy Stripes mares. Danzig scored a one-two in the 10-furlong race, the G1 GP Copa de Plata, as Catch the Mad, by the Danehill horse Catcher in the Rye (2.99), was runner-up to the deeply impressive winner, La Laguna Azul, the Orpen filly. This was all good news to our La Leyenda hosts, as their son of Danzig, Exchange Rate (whose first Kentucky crop ranks him among the top 10 sires of 2-year-olds in North America), will have his first yearlings selling in Argentina later this season in SH time (early 2012).

Having said all that, there's no doubt the Halo line has also been very powerful here, and not just through superstar sire Southern Halo. Orpen is out of a mare by Devil's Bag, by Halo. Southern Halo is inbred 3x4 to Almahmoud, granddam of both Northern Dancer and Halo, while Orpen is inbred 3x4 to Natalma (dam of Northern Dancer and third dam of Orpen), with an additional cross of Natalma's dam Almahmoud through Halo. Additionally, Halo was the sire of Halo Sunshine (0.89), sire of Saturday's upset G1 Pellegrini winner Expressive Halo--whose first three dams, interestingly, are by American-bred sires Ride the Rails (sire of Candy Ride), Equalize (by Northern Jove), and Ringaro (by Caro). Given all that, it was of course very interesting to read Andrew Caulfield's comments yesterday about the Hail to Reason line in Japan.

Old Traditions, New Frontiers

In 2001, the Argentine economy crashed, when their peso, which had been at par with the U.S. dollar, was devalued by over four to one. This was, however, great news for exporters, as it made their products much cheaper to the outside world. The Argentine businessman Alberto Stein was at that time running his family's second-generation steel company. In 2002 he opened an office for the company in Chicago, and in 2003 he went to Poland, set up one factory, and ended up buying another from a competitor. Not only were the Polish factories supplying steel to the region's biggest manufacturers, in Germany, but Stein also knew that in 2005 Poland was due to join the EU common market.

In 2006, he sold the steel company to an American firm. His wife Renata, an architect, said to him, "All right, Alberto, what do you really want to do? What is your dream?" Alberto had been a racehorse owner since 1986. Then a young man of 26 who was working in what is called the ferroalloys, part of the family steel business and doing well enough, he went to an auction and bought a filly named Fiadora. She won three races and was placed in graded races (in fact, only last week, Fiadora had to be put down, due to the infirmities of old age, at 26).

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Of course, Alberto was hooked. He would buy between two and five yearlings a year, always in partnership. His best during that period was the Group 1 winner Espaciado, a son of the Northern Jove horse Equalize. Espaciado (0.86) is still at stud, and in fact, is the sire of last weekend's Pellegrini favorite, Es Richard, who had won all three of his races this season, including a Group 2 and a Group 3, but could only finish seventh on the big day. It didn't take Alberto long to say what was his dream: "Breed horses," he told Renata. He liked the outside life, fresh air, and the countryside. And he liked animals. When he was 30 and still working in the steel business, his family had bought a dairy farm, El Refugio, a few miles west of San Antonio de Areco, about an hour north of Buenos Aires and one of the principal areas for horse farms. He and Renata went to Australia and spent 40 days on dairy farms, learning the business--a methodology they would repeat in 2007, after they decided to breed horses. First they found a farm, La Leyenda, in April of 2007, on land which had, 20 years before, been a successful Thoroughbred farm, but which had fallen into disuse in the meantime. It had good soil and water. "I said to Renata," recalls Alberto, "This is it; it's this farm or nowhere."

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“Within a diameter of 50 kilometers,” he adds, “lived most of the top 3,000 mares in Argentina.” By June of 2007, Renata had shelved her private practice as an architect, and she and Alberto went to Lexington, where they took the TOBA course for breeders. They came back for the Keeneland September sale in 2007, and Chauncey Morris, then of Keeneland, introduced them to Dan Rosenberg, who had resigned his position as general manager of Three Chimneys Farm, and was in the process of training Case Clay to take over from him at the end of that year. Dan was setting up as a consultant. “I needed clients,” he recalls, “but I was in the fortunate position where I could afford to look for interesting projects with interesting people. Alberto and Renata certainly fit the bill in that respect. Alberto’s approach to everything is systematic and analytic, and, being so new in this business, but from a highly successful business background, he wasn’t tied to old assumptions. I loved that.”

Dan came to understand that La Leyenda represented an opportunity to introduce a new business model to the business of breeding horses in Argentina. With its storied traditions and rich and accomplished history, as Dan puts it: “For the most part, the Argentinian model has been that individuals with large farms and large broodmare bands had their own stallions. They bred their mares exclusively to their own stallions, and were owner-breeders who raced their own stock.”

Though the Copa Bullrich Yearling Sale in May, for which Keeneland’s Tom Thornbury has been doing the selecting, sees many of the big farms now consigning yearlings, the farms are not really commercial boarding facilities in the more familiar sense. “Alberto recognized this,” says Dan, “and he recognized that Argentinian people are now in a position to own small numbers of mares, to sell or race out of. He wanted to create an outstanding facility like the more private farms have, but to be more commercial--a boarding facility. He wanted to stand stallions commercially, and offer what he calls ‘a five-star hotel for broodmares.’

Things moved fast. Renata assembled a team to design and build the farm from scratch, which took up most of 2008. At the November sale that year, after the market had crashed, Alberto bought five mares for the farm from Keeneland Books 1 and 2. They made a deal to lease Exchange Rate from Three Chimneys, and Stormello from Vinery, and both horses stood their initial seasons in Argentina in the second half of the calendar year 2009.



A courtyard barn of leading trainer Juan Udaondo at San Isidro Race Course. The Courtyard Barns typically have 12-14 Stalls, tack room and office. The courtyards are self-enclosed, providing a quieter atmosphere for the horses while still at the racetrack

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Interestingly, they found leasing horses for a season expensive, and if the horses were going to be staying only for a season, there was a limit to what marketing could accomplish. Now they try to buy the Southern Hemisphere breeding rights to stallions, which gives their clients the opportunity to buy shares in those Southern Hemisphere rights, plus gives them more time to market the stallions on an ongoing basis. In 2010 they added Freud to the La Leyenda roster, leased Offlee Wild for the season from Darley and bought the Indian Ridge horse Luck Money, who had been third in Henrythenavigator's G2 Coventry S. and later won the Goffs Million, outright from Europe. All three sires now have their first Argentinian foals on the ground.

In 2011, traveling in Europe with Alessandro Miserocchi, they discovered Cima de Triomphe, the 2008 G1 Italian Derby and 2009 G3 Brigadier Gerard S. winner, at the Haras du Thenney in France, where leading Argentinian sire Orpen stands during the Northern season, and 'Cima' has just finished his first season in Argentina. He is the first son of Galileo to stand in Argentina, and was the first Group 1 winner on the magic Galileo-Danehill cross, which produced four Classic winners, including Frankel, this year.

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On another front: the leading freshman sire and leading juvenile sire in North America in 2008 was Tapit, a \$625,000 yearling trained by Michael Dickinson for Winchell Thoroughbreds who had won the GI Wood Memorial in 2004. He had sired the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly winner Stardom Bound and another Grade I winner in Hollywood Starlet victress Laragh in his first crop in 2008. Even in a market which had crashed through the floor, his stud fee for 2009 rose to \$35,000. Realizing they were fortunate enough to still own a big percentage of an emerging star sire, Ron Winchell and manager David Fiske decided to try and expand Tapit's reach by breeding some mares to him on Southern Hemisphere time and looking for a partner 'down south' to work with. Their advisor David Lambert had been down in Chile and been very impressed with what he had seen, but after a few months Winchell and Fiske became nervous that the good relationship they were seeking wasn't panning out. Fiske had heard that Dan Rosenberg was working with a new Argentinian outfit, and before long seven mares in foal to Tapit were en route to La Leyenda. So this month marked the Argentinian debut, not just for my team, but also for 39-year-old Ron Winchell and his family's long-serving farm manager David Fiske, who came down to see their 2011 Southern Hemisphere-bred yearlings by Tapit, now owned in partnership with La Leyenda.

Ron moved from California to Las Vegas in 1986, where he started out building strip malls and doing real estate development ("currently non-existent," he noted), and has ended up owning 12 "restricted gambling sites," as they are called, in some of his strip malls. These are typically around 3,500 square feet in neighborhood shopping centers, and can only have slot machines; no table games.

Naturally, Ron was interested to see not just his horses, but also the 3,000 slot machines underneath the Palermo racecourse buildings in, of course, a purely professional capacity. Of course, I couldn't miss the opportunity to quiz Ron as to what he thought of Buenos Aires and Argentina, as well as his Tapit yearlings. He was--as most people seem to be, once they've been here--pretty impressed, including with his horses. "As far as the horses go, you see pictures, of course, but you don't really know what to expect. I'm very impressed with the team, and we're very happy to be in partnership with La Leyenda."

As for the city: "Buenos Aires really is world-class," he said. "Sometimes people tout a place and it really doesn't live up to it. I had read that Buenos Aires is considered the crown jewel of South America, and it really is." A veteran of an average of a barbeque a day or so, Ron quipped, though: "I didn't get to eat enough." He and David Fiske are pretty good on the quips, I noticed.

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In any organization, the key people are vital, and I think all seven of La Leyenda's Pellegrini week visitors agreed on one thing above all: the operation's general manager, fourth-generation Argentinian horseman Ricardo Correas is a complete superstar.

"Ricardo is among the finest horsemen I've ever met anywhere," says Rosenberg, categorically; "he's a huge asset to the La Leyenda operation." And universally popular, as far as we can determine. "Oh, there's so-and-so," says Ricardo, "he's a good friend of mine," and sure enough they're over there hugging and doing that Argentinian one-kiss-on-the-cheek thing.

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La Leyenda's ambitions are not limited to Argentina. One of their principal aspirations is to apply the commercial principles which they've observed working in Thoroughbred breeding's "first world" to their own environment; but their plans don't stop there. Alberto Stein sees it this way: "There are great opportunities out there for partnerships. Argentinian owners and breeders have fine horses, but they have been reluctant to send the horses outside South America themselves. On the other hand, owners in North America, the Middle East, Australia, South Africa--they're all trying to source good horses, especially with so many million-dollar races now being run all over the world. Maybe we can help bring these two sides together, through partnerships and syndicates. One thing Dan said to me, and we pay attention to: 'Remember,' he said, 'You are a farmer, but you are in the entertainment industry.'"

Alberto agrees with that. "We want to raise world-class horses," he says, "with world-class facilities, for world-class people. This is a very interesting, and very challenging business; you never stop studying, never stop learning. We have accomplished a lot in five years; now we are up and running. Our first crop are yearlings now, and in a few months' time, they will be our first crop at the racetrack. Now they have to run. We hope they do."

Nominations from the Floor

In our two previous columns, we have mentioned some 80 stallions which we thought deserved special mention for the 2012 breeding season, but, as we've noted, we'll never get them all right. Three others suggested by readers: first, in Britain, Whitsbury Manor's Sakhee's Secret (Sakhee, £5,500), the 2007 G1 July Cup winner who had an amazing 56 yearlings sell from 59 offered (that's 95%), averaging a very healthy \$40,413. In Kentucky, Ashford's Lookin at Lucky (Smart Strike, \$30,000), Eclipse Award winner at two and three of five Grade I races; even the Ashford team was surprised at the quality of his book of mares. And here's a really interesting play: Pin Oak's Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway, \$7,500).

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malibu moon

A.P. INDY'S

LEADING SIRE

Malibu Moon's stock continues to rise, both on the track and in the sales ring. He has ranked in the Top 5 on the General Sires list in back-to-back years.

	SWs	2011 Earnings
MALIBU MOON	14	\$7,487,209
Bernardini	8	\$5,410,153
Pulpit	6	\$4,288,990

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It's that nice young man Ron Winchell again: his team was out weanling hunting at the Keeneland November Sale and ended up buying two colts by Cowboy Cal, for \$30,000 and \$36,000. They were so impressed with what they saw, Winchell went and bought a quarter of the horse. This has been a great play for the last 10 years: a first-crop sire, without any obvious reason to be backed (or even with), whose first foals so look the part the market says we'd better be paying attention. Cowboy Cal had 19 weanlings sell (24 offered) that averaged \$20,563 (*Instatistics*, as with Sakhee's Secret), yet had a median of \$25,000. Yes, he's a minor play, but the combination of judges like Team Winchell making a move and a median higher than the average, with significant numbers. The market speaks, and these days, that's a good reason to listen.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Dec. 26	GI Malibu S.	SA
	GII Sir Beaufort S.	SA
Dec. 31	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
Jan. 1	GII Robert J. Frankel S.	SA
	GIII Old Hat S.	GP
Jan. 2	GIII Monrovia S.	SA
Jan. 7	GII San Pasqual S.	SA
	GIII Sham S.	SA
	GIII Marshua's River S.	GP
Jan. 8	GIII Daytona H.	SA
Jan. 14	GII San Fernando S.	SA
	GIII Fort Lauderdale S.	GP
	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
Jan. 15	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
Jan. 16	GII San Gabriel S.	SA
Jan. 21	GII Palos Verdes S.	SA
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
	GIII Col. E.R. Bradley H.	FG
Jan. 22	GII La Canada S.	SA
Jan. 28	GI Santa Monica S.	SA
	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
	GIII John B. Connolly Turf Cup	HOU
Jan. 29	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GIII Holy Bull S.	GP

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				A Index	Rnrs	A Index	Rnrs	A Index	Rnrs	A Index	Rnrs
Ocean Terrace	2000	Saint Ballado	2006	4.27	0	0	0	163	3.99	1	50
Easing Along	1998	Storm Cat	2004	3.57	0	0	0	334	3.59	2	0
Luhuk	1991	Forty Niner	1997	3.20	0	0	0	694	3.39	40	0
Put it Back	1998	Honour and Glory	2003	3.17	0	0	0	211	3.32	10	0
Orpen	1996	Lure	2001	1.70	624	0.48	392	3.32	43	4.65	
Gilded Time	1990	Timeless Moment	1995	1.97	337	1.63	114	3.07	7	0	
Royal Academy	1987	Nijinsky II	1992	1.53	992	1.26	244	3.07	105	0.48	
Catcher in the Rye	2000	Danehill	2005	1.24	196	0.26	117	2.99	9	0	
Signal Tap	1991	Fappiano	1998	2.75	0	0	173	2.89	9	0	
Mutakddim	1991	Seeking the Gold	1998	2.85	0	0	765	2.88	24	2.08	
Bernstein	1997	Storm Cat	2002	2.62	9	0	801	2.81	67	0.75	
Wild Event	1993	Wild Again	2001	2.82	0	0	486	2.78	29	3.45	
Grand Slam	1995	Gone West	2000	2.52	0	0	126	2.78	13	0	
Southern Halo	1983	Halo	1989	2.59	18	0	868	2.71	21	0	
Tumblebrutus	2001	Storm Cat	2006	2.53	0	0	237	2.53	0	0	
Equal Stripes	1999	Candy Stripes	2006	2.33	0	0	181	2.49	12	0	
Grand Reward	2001	Storm Cat	2007	2.27	0	0	85	2.35	3	0	
Not for Sale	1994	Parade Marshal	2001	2.23	0	0	428	2.34	21	0	
Dubai Dust	1994	Broad Brush	2000	1.83	0	0	258	2.33	151	0.99	
Powerscourt	2000	Sadler's Wells	2007	2.25	0	0	89	2.25	0	0	
Silver Planet	1994	Fitzcarraldo	2002	2.35	0	0	272	2.21	5	10	
Hard Buck	1999	Spend a Buck	2006	2.07	0	0	139	2.16	6	0	
American Gipsy	1992	Septieme Ciel	1999	2.00	0	0	269	2.04	6	0	
Sir Cat	1993	Storm Cat	1999	2.03	0	0	395	2.03	0	0	

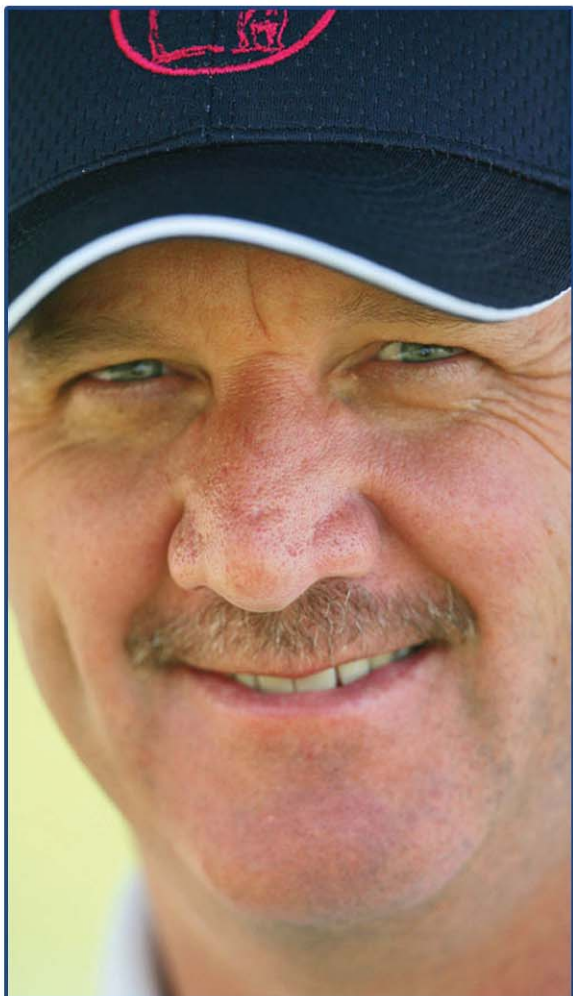


TDN Last WORD

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Trainer Kenny McPeek will race a string of horses at Aqueduct this winter for the first time since 2002. McPeek, whose horses traditionally race on the Kentucky and Florida circuits with a summer base in Saratoga, now maintains a full-time New York presence, thanks to the influx of revenue to purses from expanded gaming in New York. The TDN hunted him down fresh off his winter vacation to let him have this week's Last Word.

Last I Thought 'God I Love My Job':

I think it every time I work a yearling sale. I was lucky. I was taught about pedigree when I was young, and I like to say I've trained enough bad horses to know what they look like and enough good ones to know the difference. It's a combination that has worked for me for years in buying horses. And then, I get to see those young horses progress from yearlings to racing prospects and see how their careers unfold. It's a unique study of the Thoroughbred.

Last Great NY Moment:

Winning the 2002 Belmont Stakes with Sarava at 70-1, the longest shot in the race's history. The funny thing is that my mother was in Manhattan, and decided not to come to the race because she didn't think I could win.

Last Road Trip:

I just got back from Brazil. I went to one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, Bahia. It's on the northeast coast. There's only been an airport there for 15 years. I also went to Santa Catarina on the southern coast. I speak a little Portuguese. I started going to Brazil about 10 years ago, so I decided to learn the language.

Last Time I Hugged My Kids:

I hugged my 11-year-old daughter Jenna this morning. She's down in South Florida for the Christmas holiday, and she still didn't want to get out of bed.

Last Time I Thought 'I Really Need a New Line of Work':

Never. I don't know what else I would do. I feel really lucky to do what I do.

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MONMOUTH DEAL IN PLACE Following a marathon negotiating session which lasted until 10:30 Monday night, officials from the state of New Jersey and representatives of the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association agreed to a deal which will keep Monmouth Park open for the 2012 racing season, albeit with a much lower overnight purse structure. Dennis Drazin, representing the NJTHA and Ralph J. Marra, an attorney representing the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, were responsible for putting the final pieces of the contract together. "Today, we are very happy," Drazin commented. "I am thrilled that we have a deal. Thoroughbred racing will survive into the future, and hopefully we'll bring things back to where we can flourish." While celebrating the 11th-hour rescue of the state's Thoroughbred industry, Drazin isn't resting on his laurels. "The hard part has just begun," the horseman explained. "Everyone goes forward, Monmouth is saved, and now we begin the process of rebidding." Under the agreement, the Horsemen's Association has agreed to daily overnight purses of \$150-175,000 on a 141-day racing schedule from May 12 to Nov. 25. In exchange, the NJTHA has received a commitment from the state to re-bid a lease for the track which would likely result in much richer purses. Real estate mogul Morris Bailey was expected to sign a five-year lease, but the horseman pulled out of the negotiations earlier this month. When the lease is re-bid, it is expected to include a provision for about 70 live dates with purses around the \$500,000-mark. Not included in the agreement is funding for the track's marquee event, the GI Haskell Invitational S. As it stands presently, the gross purses for 2012 will fall about \$4 million short of maintaining the track's stakes program. Drazin is reported to have "respectfully requested" that the NJSEA fund the stakes races to "keep the quality of Monmouth Park racing up," the *Asbury Park Press* reported. Whether that actually happens is subject to some debate, Drazin says. "I think it's a bad idea to make a demand on the governor," he explained. "So, instead we appeal to him to help the industry and to do what's right for the strength of racing in New Jersey. At the end of the day, I'm hopeful, and I think there will be strong consideration for it, but I have to leave that to the governor."

BLACK-TYPE STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22:

04-07 \$750,000 *Santa Anita Derby-I, SA, 3yo, 9f (300 EB)*

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CORRECTION: Yesterday's *TDN* incorrectly reported that Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones returned to Ghost Ridge Farms for the Northern Hemisphere breeding season. He, in fact, returned to Northview Stallion Station in Pennsylvania. We regret the error.



SPEIGHTSTOWN
Gone West - Silken Cat, by Storm Cat | 2012 Fee: \$50,000 LFSN

**LEADING FOURTH-CROP SIRE
BY STAKES WINNERS IN 2011**

	SWrs	2012 Fee
CANDY RIDE (ARG)	15	\$50,000
SPEIGHTSTOWN	14	\$50,000
TAPIT	13	\$125,000
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BERTRANDO PENSIONED

Bertrando (Skywalker--Gentle Hands, by Buffalo Lark) has been pensioned from stud duties it was announced yesterday by his syndicate manager Ballena Vista Farm. The 22-year-old stallion will be pensioned at River Edge Farm. Bred by the late Edward Nahem and campaigned by Nahem and Marshall Naify, Bertrando won the 1991 GI Norfolk S. and GI Del Mar Futurity and was second in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. In 1993, the dark bay won the GI Pacific Classic and GI Woodward S. and was runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic before being named the year's champion older horse. On the board in 17 of 24 starts over five seasons, Bertrando retired with nine wins and earnings of \$3,185,610. Standing at stud for a syndicate that included Nahem, Martin Wygod, Marsha Naify and Ballena Vista Farm, Bertrando was the leading sire in California five times. He produced over 50 stakes winners and the earners of over \$40 million. Bertrando is the sire of 2001 GI Champagne S. winner Officer, as well as Grade I winners Unfurl the Flag and Bilo. He also sired multiple graded stakes winners Smooth Player and Queenie Belle. "I am glad that Bertrando is coming home to spend the rest of his days with us," commented Russell Drake, farm manager of River Ridge Farm. "He was a great sire who provided River Edge with many stakes winners. He remains one of my favorite horses of all time because of his wonderful demeanor and his productivity."



EASTERN U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

VALLEY FORGE S., \$75,000, PRX, 12-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, ft.

1--**ROYAL CURRIER**, 120, g, 3, Red Bullet--Top of the League, by Lite the Fuse. (\$5,500 2yo '10 ADNAPR). O-MAT Stables LLC; B-Adena Springs (FL); T-Patricia Farro; J-Stewart Elliott; \$43,700. Lifetime Record: 19-8-6-1, \$464,550.

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2--**J J's Lucky Train**, 122, c, 3, Silver Train--Delta Sensation, by Thunder Gulch. (\$35,000 2yo '10 FTMMAY). O-Fresh Start Stable. \$14,900.

3--**Poseidon's Warrior**, 120, c, 3, Speightstown--Poised to Pounce, by Smarten. (\$90,000 2yo '10 FTMMAY). O-Swilcan Stable LLC. \$8,420.

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Royal Currier belied 18-1 odds to land this track's Gallant Bob S. Sept. 24, where he thumped Poseidon's Warrior by 3 3/4 front-running lengths, covering the six panels in a track-record time of 1:07.51. He took a bit



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of a backwards step in his last two appearances, running second to Ben's Cat (Parker's Storm Cat) in the off-turf Laurel Dash Oct. 29 ahead of a 3 1/2-length defeat at the hands of Poseidon's Warrior in the Nov. 23 Le Bagoter S. at Penn National. Content to rate off the pace this

time as three-way duel ensued on the front end, Royal Currier went up four wide to bid in upper stretch and edged away through the final furlong for a daylight victory to take his record over the local strip to three for four. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](http://www.brisnet.com) or a [video replay](#).

Today's Video Highlights

Valley Forge S. (PRX) Royal Currier (Red Bullet) changes tactics for another black-type win.

7th-PRX (Alw) Love Contract (Consolidator) registers a second straight daylight victory.


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LEADING FOURTH-CROP Sires
BY 2-YEAR-OLD STAKES WINNERS IN 2011

	2yo SWrs	2012 Fee
SPEIGHTSTOWN	4	\$50,000
MEDAGLIA d'ORO	1	\$100,000
CANDY RIDE (ARG)	1	\$50,000
TAPIT	1	\$125,000


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7th-PRX, \$65,698, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:26, ft.
LOVE CONTRACT (f, 2, Consolidator--Option Contract, by Forty Niner), claimed for \$25,000 out of an Oct. 1 maiden win over this track, was haltered for that same tag from non-two-lifetime test Nov. 5. The chestnut closed from midpack to round out the exacta in the Blue Mountain S. for Pennsylvania-breds at Penn National Nov. 23 and was entering this off a 5 1/2-length defeat of fellow Keystone staters in a first-level allowance just eight days prior. Soon in front here, the half-sister to Shake the Dice (Boundary), SW, \$523,851, accelerated into the lane and was 7 1/4 lengths best at the wire. Maples Way (Ecclesiastic) was a distant second. Sales history: \$3,000 yrl '10 FTMOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-4-3-0, \$149,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](http://www.brisnet.com) or a [video replay](#). O-Two Tone Farms. B-Michael Rainier (PA). T-David W Geist.

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in sharper focus.

Sunday, Fair Grounds

LETELLIER MEMORIAL S., \$57,600, FGX, 12-18, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11 2/5, ft.

1--#**GOOD DEED**, 120, f, 2, by [Broken Vow](#)

1st Dam: **Hidden Assets (GSW, \$298,313)**, by Mt. Livermore

2nd Dam: **Silken Ripples**, by Roberto

3rd Dam: **Minnetonka**, by Chieftain

O/B-Bert, Elaine & Richard Klein (KY); T-Steve Margolis; J-Corey J Lanerie; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$88,600. *1/2 to Due Date (El Prado {Ire}), MSW & MGSP, \$276,788; Country Day (Speightstown), MSW & MGSP, \$458,829.

Assets For Sure, But Not Hidden...

This past weekend, Richard Klein--who along with his parents Bert and Elaine Klein runs a nationally successful racing and breeding operation--enjoyed a nice getaway with his daughter Chelsea in New Orleans. They took in some sights, enjoyed weather appreciably warmer than back home in Louisville, and most importantly, cheered home some winners at Fair Grounds. Things got off to a rough start Friday when their 2-year-old filly **Ocean Bertie** (Posse) was DQ'd from third to fifth in a two-turn maiden special. But on Saturday, another homebred juvenile filly, **Flame Run** (Hard Spun), quickly



Lanerie & Chelsea & Richard Klein
Lou Hodges, Jr. photo

turned things around, winning a six-panel MSW, and doing so at 11-1 odds. One race later, stable star **Country Day** (Speightstown), recently runner-up in the GII Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, ran second to Chamberlain Bridge (War Chant) in the featured \$75,000 Bonapaw S. after being soundly bumped at the start.

But the real highlight came on Sunday. That's when the Kleins' 2-year-old filly **Good Deed** (Broken Vow), a half-sister to Country Day, lived up to her 3-5 odds with a three-length win in the \$60,000 Letellier Memorial S. It was Good Deed's first black-type win, and improved her record to three wins in four starts. It also stamped her as a filly to watch in next season's sophomore sprint races.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, \$22,000 Alw/Opt. Clm., at Fair Grounds. For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Put on the lead under Corey Lanerie, the Steve Margolis-trained filly sped through :22 and :45 2/5 splits and kept on motoring in the stretch. "Corey thought at the top of the lane that, because she was going so fast, that those other horses were going to make a dog fight out of it," said Richard. "But he said when they came to her, he chirped at her, and she just had another gear. She just pinned those ears back. He said she did get a little tired at the end, but lately, the track's been deep down there. She's a very special filly for us right now."

Good Deed is now the sixth winner from as many starters for her dam Hidden Assets (Mt. Livermore), and the 14-year-old's third black-type winner. The 5-year-old Country Day won stakes on both dirt and synthetics last year, and turned into a rock-solid grass sprinter this season, with placings in the \$100,000 Arlington Sprint S. and Keeneland's Gill Woodford S.--both to Havelock (Great Notion)--preceding his 33-1 Breeders' Cup effort. Hidden Assets' third stakes winner is the now-retired Due Date (El Prado {Ire}), another fine turf sprinter who won three stakes and placed in two other graded events while earning over \$275,000.

The Kleins acquired Hidden Assets as a juvenile in training at the 1999 Keeneland April Sale, paying \$230,000 for the half-sister to GSW Smooth Runner (Local Talent).

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"I remember going to the sales with [trainer] Bernie Flint, who was the one who picked her out," said Richard. "As we were leaving the sale, we happened to catch a few of the turf breezes, and she was out there. I just said, 'Wow, Bernie, look on the stride on *that* one,' and we went back to watch the replay. I wasn't looking for a turf filly, and I guess they breezed her there because she was a Mt. Livermore out of a Roberto mare. But we really liked the way she looked, and we paid \$230,000 for her. It was one of the highest-priced horses we ever bought."

Hidden Assets proved worthy of the price tag. First or second in eight of 13 starts, she beat Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold) in the 2001 renewal of the Gill Shirley Jones S. at Gulfstream and placed in two other graded events. Notably, she ran seven triple-digit BRIS figures and earned nearly \$300,000.

Ironically, Hidden Assets never raced on grass. "We actually did try to race her on the turf one time," said Richard. "It was during Derby week [in 2001], and they had a five-furlong sprint on Thursday, when they used to have the bands in the infield and the college kids and all. I remember we had [Jorge] Chavez on her, and something spooked her just as she was about to get on the turf. She dumped Chavez and went running down the chute, and we never did run her on the grass after that."

Retired to the breeding shed, Hidden Assets passed on her considerable speed to her offspring. In addition to her aforementioned stakes winners, she produced a horse named What's New (Dixie Union), who made a promising debut in January of 2010 as a 3-year-old. "He could have been the best of them all," said Richard. "He ran his only race at the Fair Grounds, and was probably only 80% fit to run that day. He won by two lengths in a very fast time under a stranglehold, and I think everybody was buzzing about what an impressive performance it was. Nine days later, Steve [Margolis] breezed him back, just a little easy work, and there was a little heat in an ankle the next day. We x-rayed it, and it was a condylar fracture, so we sent him up to [Dr. Larry] Bramlage [in Kentucky]. He got him on the table, and there was nothing he could attached the fragment back to. The whole thing had exploded. He said he'd never seen anything like it. We had to put him down right there."


Blows like that are hard to recover from, but certainly having What's New's half-sister emerging as a nice horse helps. Good Deed was the 5-2 favorite when she debuted at Saratoga in August. She finished a well-beaten sixth, but had excuses. "If you look at the chart, it says fractious in the gate," said Richard. "We'd never had any gate problems with her, and what happened was that the horse next to her got worked up, and it got her worked up, too, and she reared in the gate and got left behind. Then she rushed up, and at the top of the lane got squeezed behind two horses again. Shaun didn't persevere with her after that."

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Connections made the decision to quickly regroup. "I said to Steve, 'Let's bring her back home and, I don't care, let's run her at Hoosier Park,'" said Richard. "The purses were good, and it would let her get her confidence back, so we took her there. It was on the undercard of the Indiana Derby. She didn't break that sharp, but she went to the lead, and just kept on going."

Good Deed won the race by six lengths Oct. 1, then returned to knocked out a first-level allowance at Churchill Oct. 30. "Bernie Flint had a real nice horse in there that day, and he really thought she was going to win," said Richard. "But [Good Deed] just drew off there, too. Bernie just couldn't believe his horse got beat. But he was happy for us, especially since he'd picked the mare out for us." In the 6 1/2-furlong dash, Good Deed won by 2 1/2 lengths and earned a smart 97 BRIS. For Sunday's Letellier, she got a 92.

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As for what's next, Richard said he and Margolis would just keep an eye on the condition books, but said whatever the target, it will likely be a sprint. "She's very ratable, and even though Broken Vows can run all day, I think her limitation is going to be seven-eighths," he said. "The rest of the family's generally been from five furlongs to 6 1/2 furlongs. So if they come up with a stakes race going three-quarters at the end of January--there's nothing in the book right now--then we'd stay at Fair Grounds. Otherwise, we'll have to ship out of town, maybe to Gulfstream for the GII Forward Gal S., which is seven-eighths. They just don't write a lot of sprint races for 3-year-old fillies early in the year."

Country Day, meanwhile, will be pointed to the grassy Colonel Power S. Feb. 25, a race his brother Due Date won last year. "I was a little disappointed about losing Saturday, but there's nothing wrong being beaten by a Breeders' Cup champion who's won \$1.7 million," Richard reasoned. "He was really compromised when he was squeezed at the start, but he came out of the race well, and we'll go on to the Colonel Power with him and hope we can turn the tables on Chamberlain Bridge. He's named after my kid's school here in Kentucky, and she's got a strong attachment to the horse. He's got a great personality. I'd like to ultimately knock off a Grade I or II with him this year and, hopefully, be able to stand him and breed a few of my mares to him."

Richard Klein, 53, is the youngest of Bert and Elaine's three sons. His wife Beth designed the stable's familiar lime green silks with black diamonds. The couple have two children, Casey and Chelsea, and just as Richard followed in his father into a career in banking, Chelsea, 19, has adopted her family's love of racing. The sophomore at Centre College is a biology major and wants to be a equine surgeon. She has worked with Dr. Bramlage for three summers now at Rood and Riddle.

The Kleins have 14 mares, which are boarded at Fred and Nancy Mitchell's Clarkland Farm in Lexington. Trainer Charles Lopresti and his wife Amy break all of the Kleins horses and handle their lay-ups. "They do a remarkable job for us," said Richard. "They have an indoor ring, and they also take them up and down hills and train them the old-fashioned way."

Hidden Assets currently has a yearling filly by Henny Hughes and a weanling filly by Pioneer of the Nile. Bred to Speightstown in 2011, she absorbed the foal, and is booked to Congrats for 2012. -L Marquardt

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 21

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

NOBLE CAUSEWAY (Giant's Causeway), Crestwood, \$5K, 87/8/1
7-HAW, Msw, 6f, Georgie My Boy, 12-1

STRAIGHT LINE (Boundary), 12/1/0
7-HAW, Msw, 6f, Redbone, 8-1

THREE HOUR NAP (Afternoon Deelites), 1/1/0
6-FG, Aoc, 1mT, Family Icon, 8-1



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN BRITAIN:

Caldercruix, g, 4, **Rahy**--Al Theraab, by Roberto. Wolverhampton, 12-19, Hcp, 3yo/up, 5f 206yds (AWT). B-Bjorn Nielsen. *\$140,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; 6,000gns HIT '11 TATJUL. **1/2 to Albert Hall (Danehill), GSW-Ire & G1SP-GB, \$215,552.

Archie Rice, g, 5, **Arch**--Gold Bowl, by Seeking the Gold. Wolverhampton, 12-19, Hcp (Amateurs), 3yo/up, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Baltusrol Thoughtbreds LLC, Kobak Thoughtbreds LLC & James Green. *\$65,000 wnlg '06 KEENOV; \$115,000 yrl '07 KEESEP; 18,000gns HIT '09 TATHIT.

APPOINTMENTS

Brad Kimbrell

- Appointed president of the racetrack software company InCompass Solutions Inc.
- Had served as InCompass executive vice president since Mar. 2009.
- "Over the course of the past year, and in the aftermath of the retirement of former InCompass President David Haydon, Brad has clearly demonstrated his leadership capabilities as well as his knowledge of the Thoroughbred industry and his business acumen," Jockey Club President and CEO James Gagliano said. "He is the right person to lead the InCompass team into the future as it continues to serve the industry."
- Kimbrell joined McKinnie Systems in 1982 and moved to Lexington in 1994 when The Jockey Club acquired a majority interest in the software company, which was renamed InCompass in 2001.
- Gagliano also appointed Chris Dobbins business development manager of InCompass.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dash Ta Fame, g, 3, **Devon Lane**--Hulie, by High Brite.
SUN, 12-20, 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-C L Felkins.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

ITALY, Naples, 17.15, 12-19, €13,020, 2yo, 1 1/4mT,
time: n/a, hy.

**VALVIBRATA (ITY) (f, 2, Mujahid--Victorian Girl {Ger},
by Lomitas {GB})** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, €12,646.
O-Giorgio Fabbri; B-Azienda Agricola Ste.Ma. SRL;
T-Castrese Felaco.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Gris Caro (GB), c, 2, With Approval--Aviane (Ger) (SW-
Ger & Ity),** by Winged Love (Ire). Marseille Pont de
Vivieux, France, 12-20, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 1 1/4m
(AWT). B-Elevage Haras de Bourgeauville.
*€25,000 yrl '10 ARQOCT.

Lancaster Gate (GB), c, 2, Zamindar--Bayswater (GB),
by Caerleon. Kempton Park, Britain, 12-20, Mdn,
2yo, 1m (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd.

Ariyfa (Ire), f, 3, Cape Cross (Ire)--Arameen (Ire), by
Halling. Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-19, Mdn, 3yo/up,
1m 141yds (AWT). B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC.
*€21,000 HIT '11 GOFNOV.

Cliffords Reprieve (GB), g, 3, Kheleyf--Bijan (Ire), by
Mukaddamah. Kempton Park, Britain, 12-20, Mdn,
3- 5yo, 5f (AWT). B-D R Tucker. *£14,000 RNA yrl
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Boys At Tosconova (Officer), 4f, :52.40, 18/19
Flat Out (Flatter), 4f, :46.70, 1/19

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Comma to the Top (Bwana Charlie), 4f, :49.40, 7/12
Jeranimo (Congaree), 4f, :48.00, 2/12
Ultimate Eagle (Mizzen Mast), 5f, :59.80, 4/13
Smash (Smart Strike), 6f, 1:10.80, 1/2

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