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ALWAYS A FACTOR

Trainer Bob Baffert has accrued an impressive amount of trophies in California's biggest races, including a record sixth winner of the GI CashCall



Smash Benoit photo

Futurity last weekend, but one missing is the GI Malibu S. He'll attempt to correct that oversight with no fewer than four runners in Monday's traditional opening day feature at Santa Anita. His quartet is headed by a pair of **"TDN Rising Stars"** in 123-pound

highweight **The Factor** (War Front)--the lone graded winner in the field--and **Smash** (Smart Strike). Smash, who carries the colors of Kaleem Shah, was sidelined following a second-place finish in the GII Carry Back S. at Calder in July. He resurfaced Nov. 27, and punched his Malibu ticket with a determined win over the highly regarded **Centralintelligence** (Smarty Jones) in a Hollywood allowance

([video](#)). When asked what words of advice he had for his four riders, Baffert quipped, "There's a lot of speed in there, so I just let my jockeys ride their race and see what happens. I quit giving instructions. If you have to give instructions [to jockeys], you shouldn't use them." The Hall of Fame conditioner will also have **Hoorayforhollywood** (Storm Cat), who was narrowly beaten last out in the Delta Mile Nov. 19; and **Racing Aptitude** (Aptitude), who posted a 105 Beyer Speed Figure in his latest, an overnight stakes at Hollywood Nov. 11.



Centralintelligence Benoit photo

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SANAGAS SOLD; AIMING FOR MELBOURNE

Sanagas (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), whose superior staying ability led to victories this fall in the GIII Sycamore S. over the Keeneland Polytrack and the GI Hollywood Turf Cup on the grass, has been acquired by BC3 Thoroughbreds and will be set for a Cups campaign in 2012, with the ultimate goal the G1 Melbourne Cup in November. Prominent American owner/breeder David Bernsen has also secured a minority interest. "BC3 is trying to establish some horses that are stayers and get them to races like the Melbourne Cup," BC3 co-founder John Brocklebank told the *TDN*. "We thought this might be an easier way to put horses into the program. This horse looks like he could handle races like that in Australia. We're very excited to have the horse, and he sure looked like a beast in the Hollywood Turf Cup." Sanagas will remain in California with trainer Peter Miller for a winter campaign to include the GII San Marcos S. Feb. 11, the GII San Luis Rey S. Mar. 18 and the GII San Juan Capistrano H. Apr. 22. He will enter quarantine thereafter in preparation for his transfer to Australia. **Cont. p4**



Sanagas Benoit photo



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 **Sun., Dec. 25 or Mon., Dec. 26.** All news and results from Dec. 24 and 25 will appear in the Dec. 27 issue.
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The More, The Merrier...

In addition to the foursome fielded by Baffert, the Malibu will feature a trio of colts from the Steve Asmussen, as well as an unusual New York shipper in the form of **Associate** (Wando). Claimed for \$35,000 by trainer Richard Dutrow Jr. in July, the chestnut will get a class test here after running last out Beyer Speed Figures of 104 and 97, respectively, in lesser company in the Big Apple. "He was a nice-looking horse and we took a shot," Dutrow told *Daily Racing Form*. "I wasn't surprised that he won, but the way he did it."

David Milch, the renowned writer/producer whose credits include the upcoming HBO series, LUCK, will present the trophy to the winning connections of the Malibu.

Bettor Beware: The last favorite to prevail in the Malibu was Afternoon Deelites in 1995.

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Monday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:35 p.m. EST
MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f

PP HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ML
1 El Pocho (Chi) <i>(c, The Mighty Tiger--Troisieme Age {Chi}, by Jeune Homme)</i>	Green Grass Stable	Haras Sumaya-CHI	Cardenas Kriger	50-1
2 Centralintelligence (K) <i>(g, Smarty Jones--Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew)</i>	Amerman Racing/Bongo Racing/G Finder	Patricia L Chapman-KY	Ellis Rosario	8-1
3 Luckarack <i>(c, Lucky Pulpit--Tamarack Bay, by Dehere)</i>	Samo/W C Racing/WestsideRentals	Mr & Mrs Larry D Williams-CA	O'Neill Berrios	30-1
4 Rothko <i>(c, Arch--Raspberry Eggcream, by Time for a Change)</i>	Padua Stables	Padua Stables-KY	Asmussen Nakatani	9-2
5 Racing Aptitude <i>(g, Aptitude--Ecclesiastes, by Saint Ballado)</i>	Donald R Dizney	Donald R Dizney-FL	Baffert Smith	8-1
6 Hoorayforhollywood <i>(c, Storm Cat--Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush)</i>	George Krikorian	George Krikorian-KY	Baffert Gomez	8-1
7 Light Up the Score (K) <i>(c, Even the Score--Agiffromservice, by Service Stripe)</i>	Millennium Farms	Millennium Farms-KY	Asmussen Espinoza	12-1
8 Smash <i>(c, Smart Strike--Dixie Holiday, by Dixieland Band)</i>	Kaleem Shah Inc	Peter E Blum-KY	Baffert Bejarano	9-2
9 Associate <i>(c, Wando--Free as Tristan, by Crafty Friend)</i>	JMJ Racing Stable/Sullivan Lane	Dixie Farm-KY	Dutrow Jr Dominguez	6-1
10 Wine Police (K) <i>(c, Speightstown--Deputy Cures Blues, by War Deputy)</i>	J Kirk & Judy Robison	John & Martha Jane Mulholland-KY	Asmussen Talamo	8-1
11 The Factor (K) <i>(c, War Front--Greyciousness, by Miswaki)</i>	Bolton & Fog City Stable	H & W Thoroughbreds-KY	Baffert Garcia	7-2

All carry 118 pounds, except The Fac tor, 123.



MALIBU FLASHBACK: FANNING'S LITTLE REB BEATS AFFIRMED!! by Ed Golden/Santa Anita

Veteran trainer Jerry Fanning, a Santa Anita regular for more than 40 years, has fond memories of the 1979 Malibu S., which was run on Jan. 7. At that time, Fanning was the co-owner and breeder of a fast son of Reb's Policy named Little Reb.



Jerry Fanning
Benoit photo

"Going into that race, everyone knew that Affirmed would be extremely tough to beat," said Fanning. "He was the (1978) Triple Crown winner and Laz (Barrera) had freshened him for the Santa Anita meet, but I thought we had a shot because my colt had just won up north and he was really sharp at the time. Affirmed had been off a long time (since July 2, '78) and I really thought we could beat him." Affirmed, with Steve Cauthen, was the 126-pound highweight, who drew post position number two, while

Little Reb had the rail in a field of five.

"As it turned out, my colt broke sharp and Frank (Olivares) just let him roll. He won easy and it's a race I'll never forget. He was a real good horse, but to beat Affirmed the way he did, was unbelievable."

Little Reb, who carried 120 pounds, won by 2 1/4 lengths, getting the seven furlongs in 1:21. The son of Reb's Policy paid \$13.80 to win and his effort was described thusly by *Daily Racing Form's* trackman, Jay Woodward:

'Little Reb broke smoothly to use his speed and get a clear lead onto the main track, stayed just off the rail while making the pace to the stretch on mostly his own courage, then responded in the final furlong to hold his margin and won in full stride.'

Radar Ahead, with Darrel McHargue aboard, ran second and the great Affirmed, at odds of 1-5, ended up third, beaten 2 1/2 lengths.

Affirmed would go on to run second in his next start, the Jan. 20 San Fernando S., his final dance with Cauthen up.

Reeling from two consecutive odds-on defeats, Barrera looked to Laffit Pincay Jr. to get his stable superstar back on track. "The Pirate" as he was known in those days, was designated to ride the Harbor View Farm homebred in the GI Strub S. on Feb. 4.

Affirmed and Pincay promptly blistered the track, winning the 1 1/4 miles Strub by 10 lengths while getting the distance in 2:01 over a surface that was labeled "good." Including the Strub, Pincay powered Affirmed into retirement with six consecutive victories, including the GI Santa Anita H.



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'EAGLE' MUST SOAR IN SIR BEAUFORT

Ultimate Eagle heads into Monday's GII Sir Beaufort S. as the one to beat after four straight victories since equipped with blinkers and switched to turf, including wins in the GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 27 and GII Oak Tree Derby at Santa Anita Oct. 7. The 3-year-old has big-time speed from the gate and will likely have to use it from his outside post. Ultimate Eagle spots his rivals five pounds. **Mr.**



Ultimate Eagle
Benoit photo

Commons is another that has blossomed since switching to the lawn. Last seen finishing fifth in the GI Breeders Cup Mile, he should get the first jump stalking what should be a hot early pace. **Venomous**,

who was beaten just a half-length by Ultimate Eagle in the Oak Tree Derby, should enjoy a ground-saving trip from the two post and may be the one picking up the pieces late.

Monday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

SIR BEAUFORT S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Cozy Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Quinonez	Ward	12-1
2	Venomous (GB)	Red Ransom	Rosario	Powell	4-1
3	Comma to the Top	Bwana Charlie	Talamo	Miller	4-1
4	Mr. Commons	Artie Schiller	Smith	Shirreffs	9-5
5	Thirtyfirststreet	Good Journey	Berrios	O'Neill	20-1
6	Irish Art (K)	Artie Schiller	Bejarano	Gaines	10-1
7	Moment of Weakness (Ire)	Big Bad Bob (Ire)	Krigger	Belvoir	30-1
8	Ultimate Eagle (K)	Mizzen Mast	Pedroza	Pender	3-1
9	Riveting Reason (K)	Fusaichi Pegasus	Espinoza	Cho	20-1

Look for the (K) throughout the TDN graded stakes entries, denoting Keeneland sales graduates.



Public Syndicate Groups - Stakes Stats for 2011

	Stk Wnrs	Stk Wins	GS Wnrs	GS Wins
TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL	13	17	6	9
CLASS RACING	4	7	-	-
WEST POINT	4	5	2	3
PINNACLE RACING	2	6	2	2
PEACHTREE	2	5	2	4
STARLIGHT	2	5	1	4
THREE CHIMNEYS	2	2	2	2
BLINKERS ON	1	3	1	3
DOGWOOD	1	2	1	2
FANTASY LANE	1	2	-	-
MAGDALENA RACING	1	1	1	1
MAJESTIC RACING	1	1	1	1
THOROUGHBRED LEGENDS	1	1	1	1
CENTENNIAL	1	1	-	-
VICTORY THOROUGHBREDS	1	1	-	-
WINNERS CIRCLE PARTNERS	1	1	-	-
FUNKY MONKEY STABLE	1	1	-	-
IEAH	1	1	-	-
BONGO	-	-	-	-
ELITE RACING	-	-	-	-
PARTING GLASS	-	-	-	-
PEWTER	-	-	-	-
SACKATOGA STABLE	-	-	-	-
SOVEREIGN	-	-	-	-
STARVIEW	-	-	-	-
TEAM STALLION	-	-	-	-
TEAM VICTORY	-	-	-	-
THOROUGHBRED FUTURES	-	-	-	-
WOODFORD RACING	-	-	-	-

Source: TVI statistician Kathleen Jones, from reports from Bloodstock Journal and TDN
Stats are current through December 22, 2011. *Paid Advertisement

Sanagas Sold (cont. from p1)

Standing a reported 17 hands, Sanagas won four of his five starts in his native Germany before shifting to the U.S. Trained by Graham Motion, the dark bay gelding was victorious in Saratoga's John's Call S. over 13 furlongs in addition to his two late-season successes. His performance in the Turf Cup has already qualified Sanagas for the 2012 G1 Caulfield Cup and the Melbourne Cup, according to Racing Victoria Chief Handicapper Greg Carpenter, and has already been assigned a weight that guarantees him a spot in the 24-horse Melbourne Cup field. Added BC3 CEO Bill Vlahos, "We are canvassing the world for the best stayers, and in Sanagas we certainly got what not only we believe, but in the opinion of many observers, the best stayer in North America." BC3, which employs the services of trainers Mick Price, David Hayes, and Chris Waller in Sydney, has been represented by 55 winners in Australia in 2011.

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3 Gr.1 winners this season...

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Irish Champion Stakes-**Gr.1**
Eclipse Stakes-**Gr.1**
Tattersalls Gold Cup-**Gr.1**

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Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-**Gr.1**

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\$500,000 Northern Dancer Turf Stakes-**Gr.1**

Tai Chi Pointing to French Classic...

Germany's leading juvenile colt **Tai Chi** will make his first start of his 2012 campaign in May's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains... **TDN 20/12/11**

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INSIDE
SPRINT SENSATION - American star trainer Bill Spawr has first Breeder's Cup victory when colt Tai Chi wins the BC Sprint by a neck over Puro Prince in hat-trick over Churchill Downs. **Page 5**
CUP RANCHO DRUMS - All sources handle for the first day of the Breeders' Cup was done. **Page 3** (reprint from 2010)
PARX HEATSE - Romaine Hall, second in Delaware's Dover Stakes last time out, may need to improve upon that performance to secure his second career victory in Monday's allowance feature at Parx. **Page 7**

LEADING EUROPEAN SIRES IN 2011
(In order of Northern Hemisphere prize money)

1	GALILEO	£10,048,451
2	MONTJEU	£6,821,010
3	HIGH CHAPARRAL	£4,848,200
4	DUBAWI	£4,773,738
5	DANEHILL DANCER	£3,841,367

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Zito High on Casual Trick...

Hall of Fame trainer Nick Zito is thinking big with impressive maiden winner **Casual Trick** (Bernardini), who he plans on running in the inaugural running of the \$100,000 Gulfstream Park Derby Jan.1 in his next start. "I think I'm going to run him in the Gulfstream Derby," Zito said. "He only broke his maiden in his last race, but I think it's a good place to start." Casual Trick caught the eye at Churchill on Nov.18 ([video](#)), when he pressed the early pace between horses before opening up in the stretch and going on to score by 2 1/2 lengths. He debuted over the summer at Saratoga with a fifth-place finish in a key race won by run away winner ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Fire On Ice (Unbridled's Song). Last season, Zito saddled Dialed In (Mineshaft) to a victory in the Gill Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream off an impressive maiden victory at Churchill Downs. Dialed In went on to win the GI Florida Derby, giving Zito his third win in Gulfstream's premier race, joining 2010 winner Ice Box (Pulpit) and 2005 victor High Fly (Atticus). Like Dialed In and Ice Box, Casual Trick races in the colors of owner Robert LaPenta. The son of 2003 G1 Epsom Oaks heroine Casual Look (Red Ransom) was acquired by LaPenta for \$425,000 as a yearling at KEESEP before RNA'ing at \$775,000 in March at Fasig-Tipton's Florida Sale.

LEADING SIRES BY 2011 NORTHERN HEMISPHERE GRADE/GROUP 1 WINNERS (through Dec. 22) standing in U.S. and Europe www.thetdn.com

Stallion	Sire	G1 Winners
Galileo (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	10
Montjeu (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	8
Dubawi (Ire)	Dubai Millennium (GB)	3
Dynaformer	Roberto	3
Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat	3
High Chaparral (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	3
Mr. Greeley	Gone West	3
Oasis Dream (GB)	Green Desert	3

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Natalie Keller Reinert, *Retired Racehorse Blog*

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Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	BTWnrs BTWins	Black-type Horses	GSWnrs GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners Wins	G1-G2SWnrs G1-G2SWins
Speightstown	42	27	7 8	15	1 1	4	20 28	0 0
Galileo (Ire)	40	35	6 6	17	6 6	12	25 26	4 4
Giant's Causeway	33	30	4 4	12	3 3	9	23 23	2 2
Dubawi (Ire)	32	28	9 9	16	3 3	6	21 23	1 1
Empire Maker	31	22	5 5	8	2 2	4	20 22	1 1
Lion Heart	31	25	2 2	8	0 0	2	19 23	0 0
Officer	31	25	3 4	7	0 0	1	22 26	0 0
Pivotal (GB)	31	25	4 5	12	2 2	6	18 20	0 0
Tapit	31	25	4 5	14	3 3	6	16 18	3 3
Indian Charlie	30	23	3 4	9	2 2	4	19 23	2 2

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FLORIDA

Yesterday's Results:

3rd-GPX, \$47,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$80,000), NW3\$X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35 3/5, ft.

1--BOYS AT TOSCONOVA, 116, c, 3, Officer--Little Bonnet (SP, \$143,716), by Coronado's Quest.

(\$25,000 wIng '08 KEENOV; \$35,000 yrl '09 KEESEP). O-Jay Em Ess Stable, Hot Racing Stable LLC, R Hale Jr, T Cady & D Kanakaris; B-Hertrich/McCarthy Livestock LLC (KY); T-R Dutrow Jr. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-4-2-1, \$628,360.

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2--Where's Sterling, 119, c, 4, Northern Afleet--Twinkler, by Benny the Dip. (\$13,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '09 OBSAPR).

3--Nacho Friend, 115, c, 4, Friends Lake--You're not listening, by Kennedy Road. (\$62,000 wIng '07 KEENOV; \$30,000 yrl '08 KEESEP).

Margins: 1, 3 1/4, 17 1/4. Odds: 0.70, 1.00, 7.20.

Boys At Tosconova, hero of last year's GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. and runner-up to champion Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs, kicked off his belated sophomore campaign with a good third-place finish behind Tapizar (Tapit) and Uptowncharlybrown (Limehouse) in a salty \$50,000 optional claimer at Belmont Oct. 8. The dark bay improved nicely off that effort, recording a 2 1/2-

length tally against an overmatched field of \$35,000 optional claimers at the Big A Nov. 11, and was favored to make it two straight here. Facing heavy pressure while racing on the inside through an opening quarter in :23.87, the dark bay began to enjoy some breathing room following a rapid half mile in :45.94. With Ramon Dominguez in the irons, he drew off to a clear lead as they straightened for home, and was in no serious late danger as Where's Sterling rallied to cut the advantage. "We're happy with him," trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. reported. "I'm not sure that he's shown that he's the horse he was last year, but the way the race set up today and breaking from the one post, we really didn't have much choice but to go to the front and run those fast fractions. If he'd drawn outside I would preferred to see him sit back off the pace, maybe third. I don't want to bring him back in three weeks in the [GI] Hal's Hope. I want to give him at least five, six, seven weeks, and then pick out the right spot." **Click for [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#).**



Boys At Tosconova
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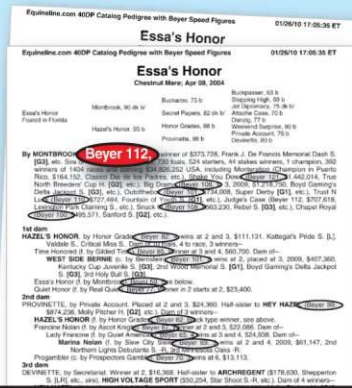
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6th-GPX, \$40,500, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44, fm. DREAM MAN (c, 3, [Unbridled's Song](#)--Dream Time, by Storm Cat) failed to land in the money following his first three trips to post, then stepped up with a runner-up effort over the Belmont lawn last time Oct. 9. Drawn widest in post 10 here, the 5-2 chance was content to trail the lot for the opening half mile. With Edgar Prado aboard, he catapulted to the lead with an impressive sweep on the turn for home and streaked under the line a 2 1/4-length winner over Where's the Baby (Castledale {Ire}). Dream Man is the first winner for his dam, a full-sister to MGISW Finder's Fee that was acquired by Don Adam for \$1.4 million at Keeneland November in 2006. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$38,304. **Click for [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#). O-Donald A Adam. B-Courtlandt Farm (KY). T-William I Mott.**



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5th-TAM, \$17,000, Msw, 3yo/up, a1mT, 1:36 3/5, fm. UNDER CONTROL (BRZ) (g, 3, [Northern Afleet-Heavenly Dancer {Brz}](#), by [Fitzcarraldo {Arg}](#)) showed little when a distant fifth in his debut over the Laurel dirt Oct. 11, but looked like a new animal with the switch to the infield here. Sent off at 5-2, the Live Oak colorbearer was settled toward the back after a tardy beginning. The bay began to roll down the backstretch, and made a flashy move to gain command on the turn for home. He opened a three-length advantage in the stretch, and enjoyed a 2 1/4-length advantage over Bodie Island (Kafwain) at the wire. The victor is a half-brother to Out Of Control (Brz) (Vettori {Ire}), MGSW & MGISP-US & G1SP-Brz, \$809,546; Notre Dame (Brz) (Royal Academy), GSW-Brz, SP-US, \$110,374; Princesa Carina (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}), MGSW-Arg; and Send Inthe Clowns (Brz) (Know Heights {Ire}), G1SW-Arg. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,100. [Click for brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#). O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Stud TNT (BRZ). T-H Graham Motion.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:12 p.m. ET

GINGER BREW S., \$60,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Sisterhood	Kitten's Joy	Garcia	Ward	12-1
2	Shirley Says So	Closing Argument	Maragh	Woodard	20-1
3	Ann of the Dance	English Channel	Saez	Ma Wolfson	10-1
4	Welcome Dance	Henny Hughes	Bravo	Matz	5-1
5	Sky High Lady	Sky Mesa	Velazquez	Casse	8-1
6	Wholelottashakin	Scat Daddy	Solis	Bush	12-1
7	Almusafa	Haafhd (GB)	Lezcano	McLaughlin	6-1
8	Karlovy Vary	Dynaformer	Cruz	Arnold	7-2
9	Sinister Brew	Milwaukee Brew	Trujillo	Pinchin	6-1
10	Spirited Miss	Sky Mesa	Contreras	Casse	10-1
11	Macanuda	Sweetsouthernst	Sanchez	Duco	20-1
12	Frolic's Revenge	Vindication	Lopez	Mi Wolfson	12-1
13	Ready Signal	More Than Ready	Leyva	Tarrant	20-1

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Memorial Service For Julian "Buck" Wheat Set:

A memorial service for Julian Logan "Buck" Wheat, the longtime director of Horsemen's Relations and the unofficial "Mayor of the Backside" at Churchill Downs, will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the Triple Crown Room at the Louisville track. Wheat, 78, died Dec. 21 of complications from injuries suffered in a fall at his home a day earlier. Wheat was known simply as "Buck" to friends throughout the horse industry he encountered in his unofficial role as an ambassador to the industry, Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs.

☆ TRACK OPENING ☆

SANTA ANITA - Arcadia, CA

Opens: Monday, Dec. 26

Closes: Sunday, Apr. 22

Racing Days: Thursday through Sunday

Post Time: Opening Day 12:00 p.m.

Stakes Schedule: 9 GI Events

Highlights: \$300,000 GI Malibu S.-Dec. 26 •

\$150,000 GII Sir Beaufort S.-Dec. 26 •

\$300,000 GI La Brea S.-Dec. 31 • \$150,000 GII

Robert J. Frankel S.-Jan. 1 • \$300,000 GI

Santa Monica S.-Jan. 28 • \$200,000 GII Robert

B. Lewis S.-Feb. 4 • \$200,000 GII San Carlos S.-

Feb. 25 • \$300,000 GI Frank Kilroe Mile-Mar. 3

• \$250,000 GI Las Virgenes S.-Mar. 3 •

\$750,000 GI Santa Anita Handicap-Mar. 3 •

\$300,000 GI Santa Margarita Handicap-Mar.

17 • \$300,000 GI Santa Anita Oaks-Mar. 31 •

\$750,000 GI Santa Anita Derby-Apr. 7 •

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Apr. 22

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DAILY SELECTIONS

FULL-CARD ANALYSIS FOR THE NATION'S TOP TRACKS



CENTRAL U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

8th-FGX, \$38,000, Msw, 2yo, 1m70y (off turf), 1:44 2/5, ft.

TIZANEXPENSE (c, 2, [Tiznow](#)--Rezister, by Deputy Minister) was a well-beaten ninth in his debut over the Keeneland Polytrack Oct. 20, then placed fourth when stretched to a route over the Churchill lawn Nov. 26. Making his first start over dirt in this off-the-turfer, the 5-1 chance took advantage of his inside draw to set the early pace. Coasting along through a half mile in :49.29, the bay was briefly headed by 5-2 favorite Major Hope (Lemon Drop Kid) in deep stretch, but battled back gamely to get the nod by a nose. Sales history: \$45,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR; \$70,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$25,051. [Click for brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#).

O-George & Tiffany Veloudis. B-George M Veloudis Jr (KY). T-Michael J Maker.

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First-crop starters to watch: Saturday, December 24

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

DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 119/19/0
7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Panthro, \$50K FTK OCT yrl, 15-1

ENGLISH CHANNEL (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 110/12/0
8-GP, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Ann of the Dance, \$3K FTK OCT yrl, 10-1

HARD SPUN (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 143/26/3
7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Lightly Wound, \$160K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

LAWYER RON (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 80/13/3
7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Stealcase, \$320K OBS MAR 2yo, 3-1

SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 111/26/4
8-GP, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Wholelottashakin, \$70K RNA KEE JAN yrl, 12-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, December 24

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

A. P. WARRIOR (A.P. Indy), Stonewall Farm Ocala, \$20K, 92/29/2
7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Thunder Moccasin, \$95K FTK JUL yrl, 4-1

BERNARDINI (A.P. Indy), Darley, \$100K, 219/56/10
7-GP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Ragazzi, 6-1

HENNY HUGHES (Hennessy), Darley, \$40K, 215/69/5
8-GP, Stk, 1 1/16mT, Welcome Dance, 5-1

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Monday, Wolverhampton, Britain

4.05, £3,500, Cond, 2yo, 1m 141 yds (AWT)

HARVARD N YALE ([Smart Strike](#)) goes for a point-and-shoot in this Boxing Day three-runner affair. Earle Mack's chestnut juvenile transfers to the polytrack after three turf runs and sets out in his quest for a spot in the May 5 GI Kentucky Derby. The Jeremy Nosedo trainee broke through at his local Newmarket track in his second go--annexing the same August maiden as Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) did last year--and comes into this off a second in a hot conditions event at Newbury in September. Racing manager Fiona Shaw told *Racing Post*, "Mr. Mack has always wanted to have a runner in the Kentucky Derby and we hope that Harvard n Yale can make the grade. We intend to start off here to give him some experience of going left-handed around a bend. Beyond that, the next step is to go for a trial in the U.S. early in the New Year with all roads leading to the Kentucky Derby on May 5."

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EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN DUBAI:

Al Sharood (GB), f, 3, **Shamardal**--Massomah, by Seeking the Gold. Meydan, 12-23, Cond., 1400m (AWT), 1:26.49. B-Darley. *1/2 to Abishena (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), SP-Eng.

Jamr (GB), g, 3, **Singspiel** (Ire)--Never Enough (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Meydan, 12-23, Hcp., 2000m (AWT), 2:07.88. B-J Knight & E Cantillon. *23,000gns wnlg '08 TATDEC; €70,000 yrl '09 GOFMIL.

Mark To Market (Ire), g, 4, **Clodovil** (Ire)--Genetta (GB), by Green Desert. Meydan, 12-23, Hcp., 1400m (AWT), 1:26.59. B-N Hartery. *€16,000 RNA yrl '07 GOFNOV; €35,000 yrl 08 TATIRE.



European-Bred Winners cont.

Russian Rock (Ire), c, 4, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Mala Mala (Ire) (G1SP-Eng & Ire), by Brief Truce. Meydan, 12-23, Hcp., 1200m (AWT), 1:12.66. B-Barronstown Stud & Mrs T Stack. *3/4 to Contest (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, SW-Ire, SP-Eng, \$209,291. **21,000gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; £20,000 yrl '08 DONAUG; £26,000 2yo '09 GOFMAR; 11,000gns HRA '10 TATHIT.

Clasp (GB) g, 9, **Singspiel (Ire)**--Embrace Me (GB), by Nashwan. Meydan, 12-23, Hcp., 1600m (AWT), 1:38.93. B-Taker Bloodstock. *MSP-UAE. **25,000gns wnlg '02 TATDEC; 25,000gns RNA yrl '03 TATOCT; 75,000gns 2yo '04 TATAPR.



Yesterday's Results:

NAGOYA GRAND PRIX-Listed, ¥46,500,000, Nagoya, 12-23, 3yo/up, 2500m, 2:45.60, gd.

1--**#NIHONPIRO OURS (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, **White Muzzle (GB)**--Nihon Pillow Lupinus (Jpn), by **Admire Vega (Jpn)**. O-Hyakutaro Kobayashi; B-Kataoka Bokujo; T-Yuki Ohashi; J-Manabu Sakai; ¥31,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Jpn, 15-7-4-3.

2--**A Shin Moreover (Jpn)**, 123, h, 5, Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)--Oregon Girl, by Rubiano. O-Eishindo Inc.; B-Eishin Farm; ¥8,060,000.

3--**Meiner Hourglass (Jpn)**, 123, h, 7, Brian's Time--Meine Pretender (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ). O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm; ¥4,030,000.

Margins: 2, 7, 4. Odds: 0.80, 8.10, 22.70.



3rd-GPX (Alw Opt Clm) GISW **Boys At Tosconova** (Officer) looks good annexing his second straight victory.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

Calder
MUSICAL ROMANCE (Concorde's Tune), 5f, 1:01.60, 1/30

Fair Hill
UNBRIDLED HUMOR (Distorted Humor), 4f, 50.40, 7/11

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-FGX, \$43,000, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 1/5, ft.

BELOVEDA (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Mysterious Angel, by Saint Ballado) Lifetime Record: 15-7-3-0, \$117,026. O-Maggi Moss. B-Mike Abraham (KY). T-Thomas M Amoss. *\$20,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **3/4 to Golden Mystery (Awesome Again), SW, \$268,073.

3rd-FGX, \$41,000, Opt. Clm. (\$17,500), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

ACCESSORIZE (f, 4, Fusaichi Pegasus--Crystal Downs {G1SP-Fr & Ire, \$115,950}, by Alleged) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$55,598. O-Thoroughbred Legends Racing Stable. B-Monticule (KY). T-Ronny W Werner. *\$300,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. **1/2 to Prussian (Danzig), GSW, \$279,969.

6th-PEN, \$40,000, 12-22, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 4/5, gd.

BATTLEGROUND (g, 4, Forest Wildcat--Boom Bah Yay, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 33-6-7-8, \$151,767. O-Ken Russell. B-Arrowwood Farm (PA). T-Timothy C Kreiser.

6th-SUN, \$30,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39 3/5, ft. **FOG ALERT (g, 4, Thunder Gulch--Champ's Rocket {SP, \$211,029}, by Fabulous Champ)** Lifetime Record: 22-4-1-5, \$159,460. O-Art & Robin Olivier & David Wolochuk. B-Tom Capehart (KY). T-David Wolochuk.

2nd-DED, \$29,120, 12-22, NW2L, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:27 1/5, my.

GOSPEL GAL (f, 2, Repent--Mary Kies {SW & GSP, \$178,480}, by Opening Verse) Lifetime Record: SW, 9-2-4-0, \$65,101. O-Terry Propps. B-Clover Leaf Farms II Inc (KY). T-Charles Edwin Smith. *\$5,000 yrl '10 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Jungle Tale (Lion Heart), GSP, \$177,406.

3rd-TUP, \$22,200, Alw, 3yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:36 2/5, gd.

RARE SUNSET (m, 6, Anziyan--Rare Royalty, by In Excess {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW, 37-10-5-1, \$130,291. O-Canadian Sunshine Stable. B-Nick Cafarchia (CA). T-Miguel Angel Silva. *\$1,000 yrl '06 BESNOV.

9th-TAM, \$21,400, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :58, fm.

BECAUSE I'M WORTH IT (f, 3, Indian Express--Because a Bonnie, by Eastover Court) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-1-1, \$56,433. O-Ups and Downs Racing. B-Ups and Downs Farm (FL). T-Monte R Thomas.



8th-TPX, \$21,182, 12-22, NW1\$X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17 4/5, ft.

M. MCGONAGALL (f, 3, City Zip--Helaine's Honour, by Honour and Glory) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$27,715. O/B-Marilyn S Bramlage (KY). T-Byron G Hughes.

7th-TAM, \$17,400, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, a1 1/16mT, 1:40 4/5, fm.

LENTENOR (c, 4, Dynaformer--La Ville Rouge {MGSP, \$262,594} by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-3, \$127,181. O-Lael Stables. B-Mr & Mrs M Roy Jackson (KY). T-Leigh Delacour. *Full to Barbaro, MGISW, \$2,302,200.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hud's Rebellion, c, 2, **Ole Rebel**--Jazzy Gin, by Albert the Great. FGX, 12-23, (S), 6f, 1:10 4/5. B-Dr Glen Warren (LA). *Placed first via DQ.

Royalty Rex, g, 2, **Royal Strand (Ire)**--Gal's List, by List. DED, 12-22, (S), 5f, 1:00 3/5. B-Delmar R Caldwell (LA). *\$18,000 yrl '10 LTBSEP; \$30,000 2yo '11 TEXMAR. **Full to Costa Rising, MSW, \$901,616.

Boxeo, g, 3, **Bellamy Road**--Marquetta, by Marquetry. HAW, 12-23, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:47 4/5. B-Good Luck Farm (IL).

WHAT RECENT KENTUCKY DERBY WINNERS WERE UP TO AS 2-YEAR-OLDS...

2011 ANIMAL KINGDOM - *Earned his diploma in his second start at Keeneland Oct. 23.*

2010 SUPER SAVER - *Capped his first season with a win in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S.*

2009 MINE THAT BIRD - *Canada's champion two-year-old male concluded his 2008 campaign with a 12th-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.*

2008 BIG BROWN - *Aired in only juvenile start, an 11 1/4-length success on the turf at Saratoga Sept. 3.*

2007 STREET SENSE - *Capped championship season with a 10-length score in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.*

2006 BARBARO - *Won Laurel Futurity Nov. 19 by 8 lengths.*

2005 GIACOMO - *Broke maiden Oct. 22 at Santa Anita. Second to champion Declan's Moon in GI Hollywood Futurity Dec. 18.*

2004 SMARTY JONES - *Won Pennsylvania Nursery S. Nov. 22 by 15 lengths.*

2003 FUNNY CIDE - *Completed unbeaten two-year-old campaign with a win in the Sleepy Hollow S. at Belmont Oct. 19.*

2002 WAR EMBLEM - *Won a Fair Grounds allowance Nov. 23.*

2001 MONARCHOS - *Third in a Churchill Downs maiden Nov. 24.*

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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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 Sun., Dec. 25 or Mon., Dec. 26.

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

Have a wonderful holiday season!