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BAKER'S DOZEN FOR LECOMTE

A field of 13 sophomore colts and geldings will face the starter for Saturday's first major step on the road to the \$1-million GII Louisiana Derby, the GIII Lecomte S.



Shared Property
Four Footed Fotos

at the Fair Grounds. Drawn widest is **Shared Property** (Scat Daddy), one of two previous graded winners in the field. The dark bay landed the GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity in September, but is exiting a sixth as the favorite in the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland Oct. 8. **Exfactor** (Exchange Rate) has won three

straight, including the GIII Bashford Manor S. and this track's Sugar Bowl S. Dec. 17.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:55 p.m. EST

LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, 1m70y

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1a	Adena's Chance (K)	Limehouse	St. Julien	Dorochenko	116
2	Ted's Folly	Wild Tale	Medina	Brown	122
3	Mr. Bowling (K)	Istan	Albarado	Jones	122
4	Exfactor	Exchange Rate	Bridgmohan	Flint	122
5b	Dan and Sheila (K)	More Than Ready	Velazquez	Pletcher	116
6b	Z Dager (K)	Mizzen Mast	Sellers	Asmussen	116
7	Seven Lively Sins (K)	Stormy Atlantic	Napravnik	Stall Jr	116
8	Alexander Thegreat	Cat Thief	Jacinto	Barnett	116
9	Hammers Terror (K)	Artie Schiller	Graham	Stidham	118
10a	Hero of Order (K)	Sharp Humor	Diego	Dorochenko	116
11	Chalybeate Springs	Dynaformer	Hernandez	Lukas	116
12	Capetown Devil (K)	Cape Town	Lanerie	Carroll	118
13	Shared Property (K)	Scat Daddy	Goncalves	Amoss	122

LOOKIN AT LUCKY'S FIRST FOAL ARRIVES

Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike--Private Feeling, by Belong to Me), the champion juvenile and 3-year-old male of 2009-10, has his first foal on the ground courtesy of Awesome (Storm Cat). Awesome, a half-sister to champion Inside Information (Private Account), produced a dark bay filly Monday at Mammad Huseynov's Royal Pegasus Farm in Lexington. Among the other mares in Lookin At Lucky's first book are Group 1 winners Lady Carla (GB) (Caerleon), Peeping Fawn (Danehill) and Yesterday (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). The 2010 GI Preakness S. hero stands at Ashford for \$30,000.

BHA WELCOME TRIO OF UPGRADES

Britain's Pattern-race program will be extended in 2012 after three contests have been upgraded from listed to Group 3 status. They are the Pinnacle S. at Haydock June 2, the Thoroughbred S. at Goodwood Aug. 3 and Atalanta S. at Sandown Sept. 1. "The high calibre of past winners speaks for itself as justification for the upgrade of these races," said BHA Director of Racing Ruth Quinn. "All three have produced subsequent Group 1 winners in recent years and we are delighted they have been recognised by the European Pattern Committee. We are very proud of the continuing high standard of the black-type programme in Britain." The Henry II S. at Sandown has been downgraded from Group 2 to Group 3 status and Goodwood's G3 Select S. has been scrapped.

TEOFILO'S SISTER TO SELL AT GOFFS

Teo's Sister (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) will come under the hammer during Goffs' February Sale, it was announced yesterday. Jim Bolger's once-raced maiden winner who is a full-sibling of the champion and sire Teofilo (Ire) will be consigned as hip **415** at the 2-day auction at Kill Feb. 15-16. "I am particularly thrilled that following the outstanding success Jim Bolger experienced at Goffs November Sales last year, he has returned with another unique offering in Teo's Sister who would be an excellent addition to any breeding operation," Goffs Chief Executive Henry Beeby said. The full catalogue is available on www.goffs.com.

Look for the (K) throughout the TDN graded stakes entries, denoting *Keeneland Sales Graduates*.



In This Issue

Top South African Sprinters Square Off Saturday at Kenilworth

J J the Jet Plane (SAf) (Jet Master {SAf}), last seen winning the G2 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan last March, returns to action in this Saturday's G1 Cape Flying Championship over 1000 meters at Kenilworth Racecourse. He faces a less-than-ideal trip and a tough customer in the form of the filly and Equus Champion Sprinter Val de Ra (SAf) (Var), a winner of 10 of her 11 trips to the post and who gets a five-pound weight concession from her male rivals.

Cape Flying Championship field page 3

Black Caviar to Dubai?

As she revs up for a much-anticipated return to the races in next Friday night's G2 Australia S. under the lights at Moonee Valley Racecourse, undefeated Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) has been entered for a pair of Group 1 events on Dubai World Cup night. She could take in the Al Quoz Sprint on the grass or could meet compatriot Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) in the Golden Shaheen on the Tapeta surface.



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Amazombie Resumes in Palos Verdes

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OBS January Sale Concludes

A short yearling colt by Congrats was purchased by Bortolazzo Stable for \$90,000 to top Wednesday's second and final session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's January Mixed Sale.

Coverage ATW p1



CROP LEADER

In 2011, **MAIMONIDES** bred the best book of mares of any stallion in his crop. *And you can look it up.*

Source: TBH MarketWatch, Nov. 2011



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PREVIEWS

Saturday, Wellington, New Zealand

J & N BERKETT TELEGRAPH H.-G1, NZ\$300,000, 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	16	Mufhasa (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	No Rider	McKee	134
2	4	Atomic Force (Aus)	Danehill Dncr (Ire)	N Rawiller	Smith	130
3	12	O'Cartier (NZ)	My Halo (Arg)	No Rider	Parsonses	125
4	15	Vonusti (NZ)	Ustinov (NZ)	Harris	Carter	125
5	10	El Chico (NZ)	Stravinsky	Allpress	Pitman	121
6	18	Atapi (Aus)	Last Tycoon (Ire)	Byrne	Otto	120
7	9	Double Barrel (NZ)	Bertolini	Bradley	Mrch/Olsn	119
8	8	Imani (NZ)	Eltawaasul	No Rider	Rae	119
9	20	The Hombre (Aus)	Lucky Owners (NZ)	Waddell	Bary	119
10	1	Durham Town (NZ)	Falkirk (NZ)	Colgan	Logans	118
11	7	Ego (NZ)	E Dubai	No Rider	Foote	118
12	22	Giuseppina (NZ)	Johar	No Rider	Rmsy/Rtche	117
13	14	Gaston (Aus)	Chrg Frwrd (Aus)	Myers	Rogersons	117
14	11	Upsala (NZ)	Oratorio (Ire)	Cameron	Raes	117
15	21	Baby Guinness (NZ)	Stravinsky	No Rider	Frdsn/Silz	115
16	13	So Elusive (NZ)	Elusive City	Walsh	Pitman	115
17	19	Starguru (NZ)	Ishiguru	Myers	Campbell	115
18	17	Charma (NZ)	Volksraad (GB)	Sweeney	Sanderses	115
Also Eligible						
19	3	Eight Schillings (NZ)	O'Reilly (NZ)	No Rider	McKee	115
20	2	Rough Odds (NZ)	Stravinsky	No Rider	R Collett	115
21	5	Kaptain Kirkup (Ire)	Captain Rio (GB)	No Rider	Mnry/Clrkn	115
22	6	Reuben Thorn (NZ)	Thorn Park (Aus)	No Rider	Searle	115

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa, post time: 5:00 p.m.

CAPE FLYING CHAMPIONSHIP-G1, R600,000, 3yo/up, 1000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	J J the Jet Plane (SAf)	Jet Master (SAf)	Fayd'Herbe	Houdalakis
2	6	What a Winter (SAf)	Western Winter	Neisius	Bass
3	4	Copper Parade (SAf)	Lecture	Hatt	Ramsden
4	5	Captain's Secret (SAf)	Captain AI (SAf)	Byleveld	Bass
5	2	Rabattache (SAf)	Rabah (GB)	Fourie	Puller
6	1	Val De Ra (SAf)	Var	Forbes	Drier

All carry 132 pounds, except Val de Ra, 127.

AMAZOMBIE KICKS OF '12 IN PALOS VERDES

Newly crowned Eclipse champion sprinter **Amazombie** (Northern Afleet) begins his quest for a second championship in Saturday's GII Palos Verdes S. at Santa Anita. The 6-year-old gelding faces seven rivals in his first start since winning the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs last November. "It's hard to surpass the year he had [in 2011], but we feel he could be as good," commented trainer and co-owner Bill Spawr. Also in the Palos Verdes field is **Euroears** (Langfuhr), who is expected to be making his final start before beginning his stud career.

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EST

PALOS VERDES S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	M One Rifle	One Man Army	Talamo	Headley	118
2	Amazombie	Northern Afleet	Smith	Spawr	123
3	Galientos (K)	More Than Ready	Nakatani	Asmussen	118
4	Mensa Heat	Unusual Heat	Bejarano	West	118
5	Frumious	Grindstone	Castanon	Bonde	118
6	Canonize (K)	Aldebaran	Espinosa	Ellis	118
7	Courtside	Cindago	Rosario	Sadler	118
8	Euroears	Langfuhr	Garcia	Baffert	123

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Black-Type Previews cont.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 3:58 p.m. EST

COLONEL E. R. BRADLEY H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Strike Impact (K)	Smart Strike	Albarado	Scherer	117
2	Suntracer	Kitten's Joy	Napravnik	Pessin	118
3	Heavenville	Offlee Wild	Bridgmohan	Milligan	112
4	Dubious Miss	E Dubai	Lanerie	McGee	113
5	Baltimore Bob	Malibu Moon	Eramia	Autrey	113
6	Lonesome Street	Broken Vow	Graham	Maker	115
7	Mr. Vegas	Freud	Mena	Scherer	116
8	Glenwood Canyon (K)	Silver Deputy	Theriot	Stall Jr	114

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 3:28 p.m. EST

SILVERBULLETDAY S., \$125,000, 3yo, f, 1m70y

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Yvete Sangalo (Mex)	Hard Spun	Bridgmohan	Cradock	120
2	Inny Minnie	Hard Spun	Velazquez	Margolis	116
3	Always Here Too	Include	Graham	Amoss	118
4	Believe You Can	Proud Citizen	Napravnik	Jones	122
5	Applauding	Congrats	Sellers	Stall Jr	118
6	Summer Applause	Harlan's Holiday	Albarado	Calhoun	118

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Mark Guidry, *TampaBayDowns.blogspot.com*

As States Weigh Online Gambling, Profit May Be Small

"It has been more than four decades since states began putting numbers runners out of business by starting their own legal lotteries, which now yield them close to \$18 billion a year. But as desperate as states are for new revenue, after four years of often painful austerity, there are questions about just how much income they can expect to receive from online gambling."

Michael Cooper, *New York Times*

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Black Caviar Holds World Cup Night Options...

Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}), who looks to run her record to a perfect 17 for 17 in the G2 Australia S. under the lights at Moonee Valley next Friday night, has been nominated to the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen on the Tapeta and the G1 Al Quoz Sprint on the turf at Meydan Mar. 31. The 5-year-old is scheduled to have three runs in Australia, but could use Dubai as a springboard to a start at Royal Ascot in June. "What racecourse wouldn't want Black Caviar?" Martin Talty, the Dubai Racing Club's international manager, told *Australian Associated Press*. "We are over the moon that she has been entered. We know she is going to have three runs in Australia but there is the option of a \$2-million race or a \$1-million race on the way to Ascot." Should connections opt for the Shaheen, the world's second highest-rated horse could square off with G1 Golden Slipper S. hero **Sepoy (Aus)** (Elusive Quality), and there is financial incentive to do so. "If she contested the Golden Shaheen, she would be running for virtually \$1.8 million because of a bonus put up for winning the [G1] Patinack Farm Classic last November as part of the Global Sprint Challenge," Talty explained.



Black Caviar *Bronwen Healy*

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Giant's Causeway – Crafty Oak, by Crafty Prospector



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CONGRATS COLT TOPS OBS FINALE A short yearling colt by Congrats was purchased by Bortolazzo Stable for \$90,000 to top Wednesday's second and final session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's January Mixed Sale. It was also the second-highest price overall at the auction. Offered by Stroud's Lane Farm as [hip 328](#), the Florida-bred chestnut is out of Summer School (Royal Academy), a half-sister to MGSW Mud Route (Strawberry Road {Aus}). During Wednesday's open session, a total of 174 head sold for \$1,316,000. The average was \$7,565, up from last year's \$4,779. The median rose to \$4,850, as opposed to the \$2,850 achieved in 2011. The RNA rate was 26%, compared to 31.7% 12 months ago. Complete results are available on www.obssales.com.



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INDUSTRY INFO

Dates Announced for KDFW, KOFW:

Officials at Churchill Downs have announced the dates for the three pools of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager and for the single three-day pool for the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager. Dates for the KDFW, in its 14th year of existence are: Feb. 10-12; Mar. 2-4; and Mar. 30-Apr. 1. The final pool will close prior to the running of races such as the GI Toyota Blue Grass S., the GI Wood Memorial S., GI Arkansas Derby and GI Santa Anita Derby. The single pool for the KOFW is Mar. 2 through 4. Both the KDFW and KOFW feature 23 individual betting interests and a field comprising all other 3-year-olds.

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First/Second-crop starters to watch: Thurs., January 19
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

AFTER MARKET (Storm Cat), Lane's End, \$30K, 165/16/1
 8-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Market Square, \$17K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
 7-GP, Aoc, 5fT, Peggy Joyce, \$27K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
 4-LRL, Msw, 1m, Going to Market, 4-1

COMMANDER'S SHOES (Deputy Commander), 20/0/0
 9-OP, Msw, 6f, Beautiful Shoes

GADDIS (Broad Brush), 3/0/0
 9-OP, Msw, 6f, Harmony Hills

HALF OURS (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$15K, 121/21/1
 4-AQU, Alw, 6f, Half Nelson, \$100K SAR AUG yrl, 6-1
 8-CT, Alw, 6 1/2f, Miss Henny Penny, \$62K EAS SEP yrl, 5-2



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HARD SPUN (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/30/3
 6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Big John B, \$30K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1
 8-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Spun Ribbon, \$185K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
LATENT HEAT (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 156/17/1
 8-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Play Soleil, \$65K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1
LAWYER RON (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 143/16/3
 6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Stealcase, \$320K OBS MAR 2yo, 2-1
MAYBRY'S BOY (Broad Brush), 9/1/0
 4-AQU, Alw, 6f, Sportswriter, \$60K EAS DEC 2yo, 4-1
PRIMARY SUSPECT (Hennessy), McDowell, \$2K, 56/3/1
 9-OP, Msw, 6f, Random Suspect
 9-OP, Msw, 6f, Shesasuspect
STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$75K, 208/16/1
 7-LRL, Msw, 6f, Cytherean, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 2-1
 8-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Street Fantasy, \$9K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

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 **AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS**

IN FRANCE:

+ Studio, c, 3, Political Force. See "France."

BRITAIN 

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 13.55, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:39.33, stn.

SAMEDI (GB) (f, 3, Any Given Saturday--Hush Money {Chi}, by Hussonet), only seventh on debut at Kempton in October, broke quickest and soon led. Kicked clear at the top of the stretch, the 9-2 shot held a 3/4-length margin over the closing Millibar (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}) at the line. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com](#). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,386.
 O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum;
 B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston.

FRANCE 

Yesterday's Results:

Cagnes-sur-Mer, 14.50, Cond, €29,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:35.48, stn.
CASHMERE CAT (IRE) (f, 3, One Cool Cat--Pink Cashmere {Ire}, by Polar Falcon), who scored on debut at Deauville Dec. 17, raced detached from the early tempo with only one behind. Brought with her effort wide in early stretch, the 9-1 chance swept to the front with 150 meters remaining en route to a one-length success from Prinz David (Fr) (Blackdown {Fr}). The winner is a half-sister to Medina (Ire) (Pennekamp, GSP-Ger). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €26,500.
 O-Charlotte Musgrave; B-J F Hanly; T-Thierry Lemer.

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French Report cont.

Cagnes-sur-Mer, 14.20, Debutantes, €23,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39.96, stn.
 + **STUDIO (c, 3, Political Force--Rare Blend {MGSW-US, \$657,785}, by Bates Motel),** sent off the 6-4 favorite, was forced to race wide initially in mid-division. Responding to driving in the stretch, the grey homebred overhauled Golden Club (Fr) (One Cool Cat) in the final yards to score by a head. Studio is a three-quarter brother to Rare Gift (Unbridled's Song, GSW-US, \$188,220). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €11,500. O/B-Joseph Allen; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ITALY



INDUSTRY CRISIS ABATES WITH NEW INITIATIVE Italy's current crisis met with a change of fortune on Tuesday when parliament threw it a potential lifeline. In the latest twist to the situation, a committee has given the green light to put forward an amendment to the law concerning revenue from slot machines which will allow extra funding to racing. Next week will see a possible resolution to the issue if the amendment continues through its course, but before that is a meeting of the agriculture commission and industry representatives today.



EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN HONG KONG:

Business As Usual (GB), g, 5, Invincible Spirit (Ire)-- Lesgor (GSP-Fr), by Irish River (Fr). Sha Tin, 1-15, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:36.70. B-Paulyn Limited.
 *65,000gns RNA wnlg '07 TATDEC; 460,000gns HRA '10 TATJUL.

ASIA



Yesterday's Results:

TCK JO-OH HAI, ¥22,000,000 (\$285,714) to winner, 1800m, 4yo/up, f/m, 1:53.6, gd.
 1--**#HARU SANSAN (JPN), 119, f, 4, South Vigorous--Haruwaka (Jpn), by Wakao Raiden (Jpn).** O-Shigeru Mimura; B-Takuya Mimura; T-Kenji Sato; J-Tadanari Konno.
 2--**Colorful Days (Jpn), 121, f, 4, Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)--Ivory Color (Jpn), by Kurofune.**
 3--**Precious Gems (Jpn), 123, m, 5, Symboli Kris S.--Precious Cat, by Storm Cat.**
 Margins: HD, 1, NO. Odds: 21.50, 2.30, 3.20.

Recent Eclipse Award winners...

LOOKIN AT LUCKY (Fee: \$30,000)
 2009 ECLIPSE AWARD WINNING 2YO
 2010 ECLIPSE AWARD WINNING 3YO

UNCLE MO (Fee: \$35,000)
 2010 ECLIPSE AWARD WINNING 2YO

CAPE BLANCO (Fee: \$17,500)
 2011 ECLIPSE AWARD WINNING
 TURF HORSE



LOOKIN AT LUCKY wins his 5th Gr.1 race, the Haskell, and he wins it by 4 lengths

UNCLE MO scores in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-Gr.1 by 4¼ lengths

CAPE BLANCO defeats Gio Ponti in the Arlington Million-Gr.1 by 2½ lengths

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SOUTH AMERICA



HARAS SANTA ISABEL OWNER DIES

Manuel Vega, owner of the prominent Chilean stud farm Haras Santa Isabel, died in Santiago Jan. 12 after a long illness. Vega bred and campaigned Chilean standout Prepo (Chi), winner of the 1997 G1 Gran Premio Asociacion Latinoamericana de Jockey Club. Imported to the United States, Prepo subsequently won the 1997 GIII William P. Kyne H. for trainer Ron McAnally. Vega stood the emblematic Chilean stallion Congolese (GB), sire of Chile's iconic dirt horse El Gomero (Chi), as well as the notable stallions Sharp-Eyed Quillo, Inchwood, Winning, Resting Place, Gentleman Time and Riyadian (GB), most recently sire of Peruvian Classic winners Cubillas (Chi) and La Hoja Seca (Chi), both bred by Vega at his Haras Santa Isabel.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-FGX, \$41,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW1X, (S), 3yo, 1m70y (off turf), 1:45 2/5, ft.

FREDDIE ONE BITE (g, 3, Forest Wildcat--Etoile Petite, by Robannier) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-1-2, \$85,483. O-Dan Lynch, Ken Sentel & Merrill Scherer, B-J Adcock & Lon Baronne (LA). T-Merrill R Scherer. *\$15,000 yrl '10 TEXAUG.

8th-CTX, \$31,000, 1-17, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), C, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26 2/5, wf.

SILVER HEART (m, 7, Lion Hearted--Holy Princess, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: MSW, 29-12-6-4, \$430,402. O/B-Nancy L Terhune & Ernest Frohboese (WV). T-Gary Capuano. *Full to Aspenglow, MSW & GSP, \$465,698.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Primary Account, g, 3, **Mutakddim--Holly's Promise**, by Corporate Report. CTX, 1-17, (S), 7f, 1:29 1/5. B-Francis W Daniel (WV).

+ **Star of Belen**, f, 3, **Tin Can Sailor--Lauren Lynn** (MSP, \$123,137), by Hadif. SUN, 1-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07. B-Rocking R Farms Ltd & W L Mooring (NM). \$*35,000 yrl '10 RUIAUG.

+ **Wire Me Bessie**, f, 3, **Wire Me Collect--Betsy Holly**, by Grindstone. FGX, 1-18, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 4/5. B-Beth Clavelle & Mike Arnaud (LA).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Gaul Wood (Ire), c, 3, **Amadeus Wolf (GB)--Emly Express (Ire)**, by High Estate (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 1-18, Mdn, 3yo, 7f (AWT). B-Patrick J Monahan. *€38,000 wnlg '09 GOFNOV; £29,000 yrl '10 DONAUG. **1/2 to Damika (Ire) (Namid {GB}), SP-Eng, \$304,702.

• ON THE WORKTAB •

Calder
Say a Novena (Songandaprayer), 5f, 1:00.80, 1/10

Fair Grounds
Nehro (Mineshaft), 4f, :52.20, 40/46

Gulfstream Park
Margano (Dynaformer), 4f, :48.85, 5/16
Trickmeister (Proud Citizen), 6f, 1:13.30, 1/2

Hollywood Park
Cambina (Hawk Wing), 4f, :47.60, 2/25
Empire Way (Empire Maker), 6f, 1:14.00, 5/8

Oaklawn Park
Alternation (Distorted Humor), 6f, 1:13.80, 1/2

Palm Meadows
Union Rags (Dixie Union), 4f, :49.63, 13/25

Santa Anita
Drill (Lawyer Ron), 4f, :46.80, 1/28

Tampa Bay Downs
Customer Base (Lemon Drop Kid), 6f, 1:14.80, 2/2

Two Eclipse Award winners....bred in Ireland!

Male Turf Horse: Cape Blanco (Ire)

Steeplechase Horse: Black Jack Blues (Ire)

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ECLIPSE VOTERS HAVE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO

by Alan Carasso

Listen, I am not the smartest guy in the world. I don't pretend to believe that my opinions are always correct. These aren't sour grapes. But this year's Eclipse results were among the most disturbing and unbelievable outcomes that I can remember in the handful of years that I've had the honor of casting a ballot.

First of all, to the eight percent of voters from the various blocs who did not return their ballots, shame on you. Presumably, there were some extenuating circumstances, but if I represented one of the voting blocs, I'd make sure I found out just why.

Let's start with the night's slam dunks. Havre de Grace was a deserving Horse of the Year and champion older mare, and Thoroughbred racing is thrilled to have its queen back for a 5-year-old campaign. The juvenile divisions were formful (though who thought Stephanie's Kitten over My Miss Aurelia made sense?), and the fact that Royal Delta was not a unanimous selection for 3-year-old filly is nothing short of embarrassing, with no disrespect to Awesome Feather and Kentucky Oaks winner Plum Pretty. The turf divisions went the direction of deserving favorites, and among the human categories, kudos to the voters who gave the nod to Bill Mott, who was quick to credit his sweep of both Breeders' Cup Classics as the key to his victory.

Now, the grayer areas. Let me preface this by saying I am a fan of Thoroughbreds and I appreciate a top performance as much as the next guy. But the results from remaining divisions were puzzling, at a minimum. I'll begin with the least objectionable of the remainder--the 3-year-old colts. By virtue of his win in the Kentucky Derby, Animal Kingdom became just the fourth winner of that race to earn a championship in the last 10 years, and he narrowly outpointed the luckless Caleb's Posse. The latter was clearly the best sprinter of his age group (and arguably the best sprinter, period), and this voter--and 110 of my colleagues--thought he'd earned the award with wins in the GI King's Bishop S. and GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, earning figures in each of those events far superior to Animal Kingdom's Derby. But, you know what? I can live with that result.

NTRA REPORT FROM CAPITOL HILL



SECOND SESSION OF 112TH CONGRESS UNDER WAY

The second session of the 112th Congress is just getting under way as members of the U.S. House of Representatives return from recess this week and the Senate does the same next week.

The second session creates a firm deadline for Congressional action on outstanding legislation. This means lawmakers must act on all pending bills from the first session of the 112th Congress prior to the end of the second session, or be prepared to introduce the bill as new when the 113th Congress convenes in January 2013. The same time constraint exists for additional legislation introduced this year.

The process for a federal bill to become law consists of these steps: (i) introduction, (ii) committee referral and action, (iii) publication of a written report, (iv) floor action, (v) conference committee (if necessary), (vi) action by the president, and (vii) veto override (if necessary).

Of immediate concern for lawmakers is how to proceed with the payroll tax cut issue beyond the temporary two-month extension Congress passed last December that expires on February 29, 2012. This process may impact certain tax incentives already in place for small business including many in the horse racing and breeding industry. Watch this space for updates.



For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of membership development, (859) 422-2677 or visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org.

It was a good night for California and Cal-breds Monday. In hindsight, I probably didn't give Amazombie the credit he deserved for his 2011 campaign, but I still voted for Caleb's Posse, and I almost wish they'd gone in the Sprint with him to settle this one on the track. The fact that Amazombie won is less surprising to me than the margin of victory. As an aside, I declared that Regally Ready would win the Turf Sprint when he won down the hill at Santa Anita last winter, but was he a better or more talented sprinter than Jackson Bend, who didn't even get a spot on the ballot? Um, no. I'll get to the other Cal-bred at the back end of this.

In preparing to interview Adam Lazarus for a TDN Take Two piece back in October, I reviewed Musical Romance's record and was struck by her consistency, if not her brilliance. Looking ahead, I thought if you could get past Turbulent Descent in the F/M Sprint, anyone else could win it and why not her? So, when Adam said it was going to take a Powerball jackpot to motivate him to supplement her, I was seriously bummed. Then, when trainer Bill Kaplan posted on his website that they reasoned the F/M Sprint was a chance of a lifetime, I told almost everyone I knew to bet her. Apparently, I don't know all that many people, because she was 20-1 on the big day and I cashed a nice ticket (thanks, Steve D.!).

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Now, I am thrilled on a personal level for Adam, more than I can say in words. That Musical Romance not only won the Eclipse, but swamped arguably more accomplished rivals was, to me, the night's biggest surprise and upset. That said, heartfelt congratulations to Adam!

And now to Acclamation, who not only won older male but was closest to Havre de Grace in HOY balloting. Wow. What can I say? This blows me away. I love a good turf horse, and his relentless running style led to five wins from seven starts, including the GI Pacific Classic. A great season? No doubt about it. A championship campaign? Can't see how. In his one trip beyond the borders of California, Acclamation was 10th of 10 in the GIII Charles Town Classic. I'd have gone for Game on Dude, who was one game dude all season long, ahead of Acclamation, but I voted for Tizway. Frankly, I'd have included Tizway in the slam dunk category going in. OK, he was down the field in West Virginia as well, but he returned to run a monster race in the GI Met Mile and silenced his critics by seeing out the nine furlongs of the GI Whitney H. Both races earned Beyers north of 110. Acclamation didn't run anything close to that. Tizway missed the Jockey Club Gold Cup and was training extremely well for the Breeders' Cup Classic when he suffered a career-ending injury. The emotional toll it exacted on owner William Clifton and trainer Jim Bond was palpable in phone conversations with each the day of the injury.

But this isn't about tears or sentiment or voting with one's heart. I voted for the fastest horse in training in 2011, whose season was cut short. In the end, I couldn't take that away from him. Criminal Type and In Excess (Ire) completed the Met Mile/Whitney double in consecutive years in 1990 and 1991, but it hadn't been done since, and for that, I felt he deserved top billing. He, in fact, got my vote for Horse of the Year.

Eclipse Award voting can be a very personal exercise, with a wide range of opinions. Here's hoping it's never this confusing or disappointing again.

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