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On paper, it seemed like a race ripe for an upset. That proved to be the case, but it came from a horse not many viewed as a logical winner, as Reddam Racing LLC's **I'll Have Another** (Flower Alley) was rated along just off a solid pace, took command into the stretch and powered home an easy winner over the rail-skimming **Empire Way** (Empire Maker) to take Saturday's **GII Robert B. Lewis S.** at Santa Anita **Cont. p2.**

Saturday, Santa Anita

ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GII, \$200,000, SAX, 2-4, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:40 4/5, ft.

1--#**@I'LL HAVE ANOTHER**, 118, c, 3, by [Flower Alley](#)

1st Dam: Arch's Gal Edith, by Arch

2nd Dam: Force Five Gal, by Pleasant Tap

3rd Dam: Last Cause, by Caucasus

(\$11,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '11

OBSAPR). O-J Paul Reddam; B-Harvey Clarke (KY);

T-Doug F O'Neill; J-Mario Gutierrez; \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$184,000. **Werk Nick Rating:**

C+. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

Another Successful *Brookdale* Sales Graduate

2--**Empire Way**, 118, c, 3, Empire Maker--Delta Princess, by A.P. Indy. (\$140,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '11 FTFFEB). O-Heinz Steinmann; B-Palides Investments NV Inc (KY); T-Mike Harrington; \$40,000.

*3--**Rousing Sermon**, 118, c, 3, Lucky Pulpit--Rousing Again, by Awesome Again. O/B-Mr & Mrs Larry D Williams (CA); T-Jerry Hollendorfer; \$24,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 2 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 43.30, 11.90, 3.20. Also Ran: Isn't He Clever, Sky Kingdom, Chips All In, Groovin' Solo, Liaison.

*Groovin' Solo finished third, but was Dqd and placed seventh.

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BRINGING HIS 'A' GAME

Godolphin's **Alpha** (Bernardini) was sent off at 35 cents on the dollar for Saturday's **GIII Withers S.** at Aqueduct and made it look very easy. Despite being forced into a three-wide trip, the homebred colt ranged up menacingly to the two pacesetters at the quarter pole, quickly put a couple of lengths on those rivals and scampered home to score by 3 1/4 lengths.



Adam Coglianese

Longshot **Speightscity** (Speightstown) was a good second ahead of Maryland raider **Tiger Walk** (Tale of the Cat). **Cont. p5-6**

A MAIDEN NO MORE

Michael Tabor and Mrs. John Magnier's **Battle Hardened** (Giant's Causeway) entered Saturday's **Sam F. Davis S.** a maiden and exited it a Grade III winner, parlaying a perfect trip beneath Julien Leparoux into a 1 1/4-length victory. **Prospective** (Malibu Moon), last-out winner of the Pasco S., was second, while Gulfstream Park Derby hero **Reveron** (Songandaplayer) was third after a wide journey. **Cont. p9**

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Anything But Common

St George Racing LLC's Mr. Commons (Artie Schiller) proved yet again why he could be America's best hope for this year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile, with a convincing victory in the GII Arcadia S. at Santa Anita. And the Arcadia oval just happens to be hosting this year's championship days.



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Game On Dude Returns

When last seen at the races, Diamond Pride Stable and the Lanni Family Trust's Game On Dude (Awesome Again) was nearly home in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, only to be gunned down by an improbable late rally from Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor). That--or any of his 2011 efforts, for that matter--should be good enough to rule the roost in today's GII San Antonio S. at Santa Anita.



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Triple Crown Noms Jump

Led by the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile trifecta--champion Hansen (Tapit) and Grade I winners Union Rags (Dixie Union) and Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway)--a total of 397 horses have been made eligible during the early nomination phase to compete in the three Classic races that make up America's Triple Crown. That's a 9.1% increase from the 364 horses nominated a year ago and is the largest group since 2009. **Coverage p10-11**



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A Fast Start...

A \$35,000 OBS April purchase, **I'll Have Another** was sent off as a 9-2 chance for his July 3 debut racing 5 1/2 furlongs over the Hollywood Cushion Track, and despite a somewhat long-winded pedigree, managed to lead throughout for a 3/4-length victory. That effort earned the attractive chestnut a spot in the field for the GII Best Pal S. at Del Mar Aug. 7, where he set a solid pace, but proved no match late for the more experienced Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway) and settled for second. Instead of staying in the Golden State for the GI Del Mar Futurity, I'll Have Another was sent cross-country for the GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. at Saratoga Sept. 5, but things didn't work out well, as he raced wide for much of the race over a sloppy surface and trudged home sixth, beaten 19 lengths behind Currency Swap (High Cotton). He hadn't been seen since and was duly left alone on the toteboard at 43-1.

An Upset in the Making...

New Mexico shipper **Isn't He Clever** (Smarty Jones) led from his inside post as expected, but didn't take the turn well, carrying out I'll Have Another. **Liaison** (Indian Charlie), first-up since his December score over **Rousing Sermon** (Lucky Pulpit) in the GI CashCall Futurity, was in close attendance as well, while Empire Way scraped paint towards the tail. Isn't He Clever still held the call entering the turn, but I'll Have Another traveled well to turn up the pressure at the five-sixteenths, while the two race favorites were struggling a bit farther back. I'll Have Another assumed command north of the eighth pole and held well to the wire, as Empire Way closed at the fence for second. **Groovin' Solo** (Bob and John) crossed the line third, but was disqualified for shifting in and causing Liaison to toss jockey Rafael Bejarano in the lane. Both horse and rider were uninjured. "He's an incredibly talented colt and we decided to take a chance in here," said trainer Doug O'Neill. "We thought he could hit the board and we'd move forward, but he ran unbelievable. He's always trained fantastic, but we never saw this coming to be honest with you." O'Neill indicated I'll Have Another would be pointed towards the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 7.

Saturday, Santa Anita

STRUB S.-GII, \$200,000, SAX, 2-4, 4yo, 1 1/8m, 1:47, ft.

1--**ULTIMATE EAGLE**, 123, c, 4, by [Mizzen Mast](#)

1st Dam: **Letithappencaptain** (MSW, \$223,125), by **Captain Bodgit**

2nd Dam: **Dual Crown**, by **Dayjur**

3rd Dam: **Leyali** (GB), by **Habitat**

(\$57,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '10 OBSAPR). O-B J Wright; B-B P Walden & D Hanley (KY); T-Michael Pender; J-Martin A Pedroza; \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 9-5-0-3, \$467,800. **Werk Nick Rating: C+**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

◆ **A WHITECHURCH FARM GRADUATE** ◆

2--**Jaycito**, 118, c, 4, Victory Gallop--Night Edition, by Ascot Knight. (\$110,000 yrl '09 KEESEP). O-Zayat Stables LLC; B-Runnymede Farm Inc & Catesby W Clay (KY); T-Bob Baffert; \$40,000.

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EQB shortlist purchase by owner Zayat Stables



3--**Prayer for Relief**, 123, c, 4, Jump Start--Sparklin Lil, by Mr. Sparkles. (\$39,000 RNA wIng '08 KEENOV; \$80,000 yrl '09 KEESEP). O-Zayat Stables LLC; B-G R Aschinger (KY); T-Bob Baffert; \$24,000.

EQB auction short-list purchase with Zayat Stables.



Margins: 7 1/4, 2 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.50, 9.40, 4.10. Also Ran: Tapizar, Balladry, Clubhouse Ride, Beer Meister, Indian Winter.

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Strub S. cont.

Trainer Mike Pender has thought all along that Ultimate Eagle was a dirt horse. He was proved correct in an unequivocal sort of way Saturday when the 4-year-old dusted an accomplished field of main-track specialists in the Strub. Twice third from three starts on the Hollywood synthetic track to begin his career, Ultimate Eagle broke his maiden in his turf bow at Del Mar July 31 before adding a first-level allowance Sept. 3. Dismissed at 34-1 for the GII Oak Tree Derby Oct. 15, the dark bay led throughout for a half-length upset, and he proved that was no fluke with a front-running success in the GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 27. He proved no match for Mr. Commons (Artie Schiller) when third to that foe in the GII Sir Beaufort S. on opening day of this meet Dec. 26 and was the X-factor in this first dirt attempt.

Away in good order, Ultimate Eagle set the pace, but was joined by favored Tapizar (Tapit) as they raced into and around the clubhouse turn. When it was clear to Corey Nakatani that Ultimate Eagle was committed to a front-running try, he eased his mount back into a clear second, hoping that the pacesetter would burn himself out on the lead. That theory looked to have some degree of validity after Ultimate Eagle went past the three-furlong marker in 1:10.03, but while Tapizar was hard at it, Ultimate Eagle was piling it on, opening an unassailable margin into the final furlong before running up the score late. Jaycito and Prayer for Relief filled the minors for the Bob Baffert barn.

"My plan was to take the lead," commented winning jockey Martin Pedroza. "I wanted to let Corey go but my horse was pulling so hard I didn't want to choke him down. After that he did the rest. Without a doubt this is the best horse. He's like a freak. Believe me this horse is just learning how to run."

And as for a possible appearance in the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 3?

"We'll cross that bridge when we get to it, but we're just so pleased with the horse," said winning conditioner Mike Pender.



Ultimate Eagle

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1st dam

MISTY DANCER, by Lyphard. Dam of 15 foals of racing age, 13 to race, 7 winners, including--

QUIET DANCE (f. by Quiet American). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$224,240, Gala Lil S.-R (PIM, \$19,170), 2nd Demoiselle S. [G2]. Dam of--

SAINT LIAM (c. by Saint Ballado). 9 wins, 3 to 5, \$4,456,995, horse of the year, champion handicap horse, Breeders' Cup Classic [G1] (BEL, \$2,433,600), Stephen Foster H. [G1] (CD, \$513,360), Donn H. [G1] (GP, \$300,000)-ntr, Woodward S. [G1] (BEL, \$300,000), Clark H. [G2] (CD, \$345,960), 2nd Whitney H. [G1] (SAR, \$150,000), Woodward S. [G1] (BEL, \$100,000), New Orleans H. [G2] (FG, \$100,000), Iowa Derby [L] (PRM, \$50,000), 3rd Oaklawn H. [G2] (OP, \$50,000). Sire.

QUIET GIANT (f. by Giant's Causeway). 7 wins at 3 and 4, 2011, \$405,389, Hill 'n' Dale Molly Pitcher S. [G2] (MTH, \$150,000), Lady's Secret S. [L] (MTH, \$60,000), Rare Treat S. (AQU, \$39,000), etc.

CONGRESSIONALHONOR (c. by Forestry). 2 wins at 3, \$112,413, Bay Meadows Derby [G3] (BM, \$55,000). Sire.

DANCE QUIETLY (f. by A.P. Indy). Winner at 2 and 3, 2011, \$123,570, Busanda S. (AQU, \$39,000), 2nd Wanda S. (BEL, \$12,000), etc.

American Dance (c. by A.P. Indy). Winner at 2 and 3, \$119,395, 3rd Remsen S. [G2] (AQU, \$20,000).

Beatem Buster. Unraced. Dam of **BUSTER'S READY** (f. by More Than Ready) 4 wins to 3, 2011, \$354,884, Mother Goose S. [G1], BEL, \$150,000, 2nd Black-Eyed Susan S. [G2], PIM, \$50,000, etc.

Tears (f. by Red Ransom). Dam of **Silver Celebrity** (f. by Quiet American).

2nd dam

Flight Dancer, by Misty Flight. 4 wins in England, 3rd Queen Mary S. Half-sister to **DANCING MOSS**. Dam of 7 winners, including **MINSTRELLA** [G1] (f. by The Minstrel) champion; **MISTY GALLORE-G2** (f. by Halo) \$479,711. Granddam of **COLONIAL MINSTREL** [G2] (f. by Pleasant Colony) \$556,586; **MINIDAR** [G3] (f. by Alydar), etc. Great-g'dam of **A LITTLE WARM** [G2] (c. by Stormin Fever) \$752,280; etc.

Race Record: At 2, unplaced in 2 starts; at 3, three times 2nd, 4 times 3rd; at 4, one win in 1 start. Earned \$42,309.

Produce Record: 2010 f. by Astronomer Royal; 2011 c. by Astronomer Royal. Last mated May 15, 2011 and **BELIEVED TO BE PREGNANT** to--

LOPE DE VEGA (2007) (Shamardal--Lady Vettori), black type winner of 4 races at 2 and 3, \$1,447,691 in France, hwt. at 9 1/2-11 furlongs, Prix du Jockey Club-French Derby [G1], Two Thousand Guineas [G1], 3rd Prix de Fontainebleau [G1]. He entered stud in 2011.

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- 2009 Misty American
\$420,000 Bluegrass Hall
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\$800,000
Besilu Stable
- 2010 Pulpit Colt
\$350,000 Besilu Stable
- 2011 Medaglia d'oro Filly
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Saturday, Santa Anita

ARCADIA S.-GII, \$150,000, SAX, 2-4, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33 2/5, fm.

1--**MR. COMMONS**, 123, c, 4, by [Artie Schiller](#)

1st Dam: Joustabout (SW & GSP), by Apalachee

2nd Dam: Fleetside Review, by Quadratic

3rd Dam: Fleetside, by Fleet Nasrullah

(\$70,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL). O-St George Farm Racing LLC; B-St George Farm LLC (KY); T-John A Shirreffs; J-Mike E Smith; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 11-5-2-1, \$563,660. *1/2 to Jungle Fighter (Wild Rush), MSW & GSP, \$355,971. **Werk Nick Rating: D+ . Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Willyconker (Ire)**, 118, g, 5, Pyrus--Arme Fatale (Ire), by Trempolino. O-Kenney & Vielle Gardner;

B-Islanmore Stud (IRE); T-Doug F O'Neill; \$30,000.

3--**Massone**, 118, h, 6, Menifee--Stoneleigh's Hope, by Damascus. (\$40,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL). O-Frankfurt

Stable; B-Lockhart Spears Estate & Arthur Hancock (KY); T-Tim Yakteen; \$18,000.

Margins: 1, HF, 4HF. Odds: 0.40, 10.60, 45.00.

Also Ran: Calimonco, Dewey's Special, Pathfork, M One Rifle. Scratched: El Gato Malo.

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Mr. Commons was briefly on the Triple Crown trail last winter, finishing a decent third in the GI Santa Anita Derby. He was excluded from the GI Kentucky Derby on graded-stakes earnings, but made the trip east for the GI Preakness S. and didn't completely embarrass himself, checking in eighth, just under 10 lengths behind Shackleford (Forestry). Returned to California and given a couple of months to recover, Mr. Commons was an impressive winner of the July 20 Oceanside S. at Del Mar, then, instead of facing his peers in the GII Del Mar Derby, tried older rivals in the Aug. 27 GII Del Mar Mile H. and hit the front late before getting nosed out by the classy Caracortado (Cat Dreams). He made his next appearance in the GII Oak Tree Mile Oct. 8, settling for a tough 3/4-length defeat at the hands of Jeranimo (Congaree) and followed with a solid fifth in the GI BC Mile at Churchill Nov. 5. He stepped back for one final crack against his own age group in the GII Sir Beaufort S. Dec. 26 and took full advantage with a 3 1/4-length tally. Drawn widest in this field of eight, Mr. Commons was away uneventfully and took up a spot near the tail of the field as Dewey's Special (Skimming) took them along at a moderate gallop. The heavy favorite improved by one spot approaching the half-mile marker and was still traveling well as the field came into the stretch. Put to a Mike Smith drive, Mr. Commons crossed in front of Massone, causing that one's rider to steady ever so slightly, split M One Rifle (One Man Army) and second choice Pathfork (Distorted Humor) under a full head of steam and held on late for a comfortable victory. Mr. Commons is a candidate for the GI F. E. Kilroe Mile on the Santa Anita H. undercard Mar. 3.

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WITHERS S.-GIII, \$200,000, AQU, 2-4, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 1/5, ft.

1--**@ALPHA**, 120, c, 3, by [Bernardini](#)

1st Dam: Munnaya (SW-Eng), by Nijinsky II

2nd Dam: Hiaam, by Alydar

3rd Dam: Kamar, by Key to the Mint

O-Godolphin Racing LLC; B-Darley (KY); T-Kiaran P McLaughlin; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: GISP, 5-3-1-0, \$300,000. *1/2 to Lavender Sky (Mt. Livermore), MGSP, \$195,852;

Mystic Melody (Seattle Slew), SW & MGSP-Fr; 3/4 to Numaany (A.P. Indy), SP-UAE, \$221,452. **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).** Werk Nick

Rating: D+ .

2--**Speightscity**, 118, r, 3, [Speightstown](#)--My American

Girl, by Quiet American. (\$65,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$49,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTMMAY). O-Team Stallion

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3--**Tiger Walk**, 118, c, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--Majestic Trail, by Kris S. O-Sagamore Farm; B-River Bend Farm Inc (KY); T-Ignacio Correas IV; \$20,000.

Dam sells Monday at FT with Polo Green Stable - [Hip 44](#)

THREE CHIMNEYS **THREE CHIMNEYS** Sales Graduate

Margins: 3 1/4, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.35, 44.00, 6.50.

Also Ran: How Do I Win, King Kid, Hakama.

Scratched: Swag Daddy.

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Withers S. cont.

Much has been expected of Alpha right from the get-go, and, despite a blip on the radar in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile last November, looks to be improving and continued that progression in the Withers, earning an important \$120,000.

It was the final Saturday of the Saratoga meet, and Alpha was sent off as part of an entry at 6-1. Under a busy Alan Garcia ride from the opening bell, the bay came calling for the lead in upper stretch and pulled readily clear to score by a half-dozen lengths. Among the vanquished was Hierro (Hard Spun), who would later become a 🌟 **"TDN Rising Star"** 🌟 with a Churchill maiden win in November.

Connections wasted no time in testing the colt for class in the GI Champagne S. He was sent off the 2-1 second choice behind the more seasoned Union Rags (Dixie Union), and Alpha found a bit of trouble at the start, but rallied nicely to complete the exacta, albeit 5 1/4 lengths adrift of the winner. He'd done enough to merit a trip to Churchill Downs, but he effectively lost any chance in the gate, becoming very unruly, and gave way after six furlongs to finish 11th. The colt was equipped with Lasix for the first time when he was sent off the prohibitive 4-5 chalk in the Count Fleet S. Jan. 7, and he made no mistakes after overcoming a bobble at the break, cruising home to defeat Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy) by 2 1/2 solid lengths.

The toteboard read 1-4 at post time here, and Alpha was away without incident, as How Do I Win (Corinthian) showed the way early on from Hakama (First Samurai), who pushed the favorite out wide into the clubhouse turn. But Ramon Dominguez did not panic and allowed his mount to lope along from midfield as a sensible gallop materialized ahead of him. Given his cue on the turn, Alpha began to reel in his rivals approaching the stretch, opened up passing the eighth pole and was never in serious danger late. Speightscity, a distant fifth in the Count Fleet, improved to complete the exacta.

"I was a little concerned, of course [being wide in the first turn]," Dominguez explained afterwards. "You always want to save ground, and after I went wide through the first turn my main goal was to try and get him to relax. I felt like to do that, I had to get him behind the horse that was directly in front of me. He switched off and relaxed to the point that I really had no idea whether I had any horse or not. I was going through the motions. Past the half-mile, when I tried to put a little pressure to start making my run, he jumped on the bridle and was pretty handy from there. I was a little more familiar with the horse [today] and I kind of knew what to expect, but I thought he moved forward from his last race. Although that race was good to begin with, I was very happy with his race today. He finished up nice, and the last eighth he was really doing it on his own and galloped out good. Just the way you want to see."

Saturday, Aqueduct

TOBOGGAN S.-GIII, \$150,000, AQU, 2-4, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

1--**CALIBRACHOA**, 123, h, 5, by Southern Image

1st Dam: Fort Lauderdale (GSP), by Montbrook

2nd Dam: Ten Cents a Turn, by Cozzene

3rd Dam: Rub Al Khali, by Mr. Prospector

O-Repole Stable; B-N B Hunt (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; J-Cornelio H Velasquez; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 19-9-3-4, \$546,040. *1/2 to Linnea (Candy Ride {Arg}), SP, \$188,044. **Werk Nick Rating: B+ .** **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#).**

2--**Diski Dance**, 116, g, 4, [Songandaprayer](#)--She Nuit

All, by Lost Soldier. (\$15,000 yrl '09 KEESEP; \$42,000 RNA 2yo '10 OBSAPR). O-Two Hands LLC; B-Kidder, Cole & J & J Mamakos (KY); T-Cathal A Lynch; \$30,000.

3--**Caixa Eletronica**, 123, h, 7, Arromanches--Edyta, by

Skip Away. O-Repole Stable; B-Richard Rowan (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher; \$15,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 0.45A, 19.20, 0.45A. Also Ran: Candyman E, Flat Bold, Rule by Night, Dr Disco. Scratched: J J's Lucky Train.

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Today's Video Highlights

GII Robert B. Lewis S. (SAX) I'll Have Another (Flower Alley) lights up the tote for O'Neill barn.

GII Strub S. (SAX) Ultimate Eagle (Mizzen Mast) proves dirt is no problem in gate-to-wire win.

GII Arcadia S. (SAX) Mr. Commons (Artie Schiller) impressive once again on the California sod.

GIII Withers S. (AQU) Godolphin's Alpha (Bernardini) gets his first graded win in confident victory.

GIII Sam F. Davis S. (TAM) Battle Hardened (Giant's Causeway) graduates in style for Coolmore team.

GIII Endeavor S. (TAM) Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune) outclasses her rivals in 2012 debut.

GIII Toboggan S. (AQU) Calibrachoa (Southern Image) keys a 1-3 finish for Mike Repole.



Black-Type Results cont.

Toboggan S. cont.

He isn't a rags-to-riches story on the order of Lava Man, but Calibrachoa, a \$40,000 claim for Mike Repole in late 2010, has now earned over 10 times that amount following a successful defense of his title in the Toboggan. The dark bay made it four straight wins when adding the GIII Tom Fool H. over this track and trip Mar. 5, but he failed to handle a muddy Belmont main track and the likes of Trappe Shot (Tapit) in a third-place effort in the GII True North H. June 11. A big-figure third in the GI A. G. Vanderbilt H. at Saratoga Aug. 7, he caught another off track in the GI Vosburgh S. Oct. 1 and could do no better than fifth. His two most recent appearances came over the Aqueduct main dirt course, a 2 3/4-length tally in the GIII Bold Ruler S. Nov. 6 ahead of a decent third-place effort behind To Honor and Serve (Bernardini) in the GI Cigar Mile H. Nov. 26. The preferred half of the Pletcher entry, Calibrachoa bobbed a few strides away from the gate, but tugged Cornelio Velasquez up to stalk pacesetter Diski Dance (Songandaprayer) from close range in second. Popped the question approaching the stretch, he overhauled the front-runner at the eighth pole and pulled away as much the best. Entrymate Caixa Electronica rallied late to complete a Repole 1-3. "That was his fourth graded stakes. Bad stumble at the start, he cut himself a little bit, but he had it in hand," Mike Repole commented. "Caixa got caught, trapped a little there, but we'll take 1-3 any day." Calibrachoa is under consideration for the GII General George H. at Laurel Feb. 20 or the GIII Tom Fool S. back at Aqueduct Mar. 3. Longer-term plans could include the seven-furlong GI Carter H. Apr. 4.



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Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs

ENDEAVOUR S.-GIII, \$150,000, TAM, 2-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40 4/5, fm.

1--**ZAGORA (FR)**, 122, m, 5, by **Green Tune**

1st Dam: Zaneton (Fr), by Mtoto (GB)

2nd Dam: Party Zane (GB), by Zafonic

3rd Dam: Party Doll (GB), by Be My Guest

(€95,000 yrl '08 ARQAUG). O-Martin S Schwartz; B-E Puerari & Oceanic Bloodstock (FR); T-Chad C Brown; J-Javier Castellano; \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GISW-US & MGSW-Fr, 15-6-4-2, \$769,577.

Werk Nick Rating: A + + + *Triple Plus.* [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

2--**Exclusive Love**, 116, m, 5, **Bernstein**--Magic of Love (GB), by Magic Ring (Ire). (\$50,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '09 OBSMAR). O-Robert E Masterson; B-Reiley McDonald (KY); T-Mark E Casse; \$30,000.

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3--**Keertana**, 120, m, 6, **Johar**--Motokiks, by Storm Cat. O/B-Barbara Hunter (KY); T-Thomas F Proctor; \$15,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.90, 7.10, 2.00. Also Ran: Jenny's So Great, Martita Sangrita, Dundalk Dust, Crying Lightning (Ire), Abuela.

Scratched: Blue Angel Express, Master Shade (Ity).

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Black-Type Results cont.

Endeavour S. cont.

A dual Group 3 winner in France for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget, Zagora missed by a neck in this track's GIII Hillsborough S. last March before finishing third to Never Retreat (Smart Strike) in Keeneland's GII Jenny Wiley S. the following month. Stretched to 10 panels for her next, she closed fast, but couldn't quite get up in the GII New York S. at Belmont Park June 25, but atoned for those efforts with a smart 1 1/2-length defeat of Aruna (Mr. Greeley) in the GI Diana S. over good Saratoga turf July 30. She faced the starter just once more in 2011 and was bounced around at the start of the Sept. 18 GII Canadian S. at Woodbine and could do no better than a midpack seventh behind Never Retreat. With Javier Castellano at the controls for the first time, Zagora was able to get the box seat from third as Exclusive Love had things her own way on the engine. Just waiting for the signal from her pilot at the quarter pole, Zagora was angled to the outside of the pacesetter, poked her head in front at the furlong marker and drove clear. Second choice Keertana stayed on at one pace for third. "She was doing so well and training really good at Palm Meadows," explained Jose Hernandez, assistant to trainer Chad Brown. "I was concerned about the pace, but as soon as she turned for home she was the best horse in the race. Chad didn't tell me anything, only 'good luck' about a half-hour before the race. We got here around 9 a.m. this morning. It is something amazing to be around a mare like this. Javier had a great hold on her and got great position, the fractions were good and she showed her class." G. Watts Humphrey Jr. and St George Farm's Abuela (Giant's Causeway--Omi, by Wild Again) collapsed and died after being pulled up in the stretch.

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Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs

SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII, \$200,000, TAM, 2-4, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.

1--**#@BATTLE HARDENED**, 116, c, 3, by [Giant's Causeway](#)

1st Dam: **Jen's Fashion (SW)**, by Northern Fashion

2nd Dam: **Be Fine With Me**, by Practitioner

3rd Dam: **Becoming Bee**, by Verbatim

(\$170,000 yrl '10 FTKJUL). O-Michael B Tabor &

Mrs John Magnier; B-Lakeside Farm LLC (KY);

T-Eddie Kenneally; J-Julien R Leparoux; \$120,000.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$138,855. *1/2 to Colonial

Colony (Pleasant Colony), GISW, \$921,345. **Click for**

the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). **Werk Nick**

Rating: B.

2--**Prospective**, 120, c, 3, [Malibu Moon](#)--Spirited Away, by Awesome Again. (\$250,000 yrl '10 FTSAUG).

O-John C Oxley; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY);

T-Mark E Casse; \$40,000.

3--**Reveron**, 120, c, 3, [Songandaprayer](#)--Carolina

Sunrise, by Awesome Again. (\$20,000 yrl '10

KEESEP). O-Stipa Racing Stable Inc; B-Cabotaba

Partnership (KY); T-Agustin C Bezara; \$20,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, NO, NO. Odds: 4.50, 3.60, 5.10.

Also Ran: Ravelo's Boy, Neck 'n Neck, Fox Rules, State

of Play, Burning Time, Moroccan Brew, Holy Highway,

Ecabroni.

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Battle Hardened did not show a whole lot in his six-furlong debut over the Churchill Downs main track Oct. 30, racing evenly en route to a distant fourth-place finish, but improved by several lengths when stretched to two turns, finishing runner-up beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 26. He drew the 11 hole for a nine-furlong maiden at Gulfstream Park New Year's Eve and had enough speed to dispute the pace, only to be caught in the waning strides to miss by a head. The chestnut was cross-entered here and in yesterday's ninth race maiden at Gulfstream, but connections made the right choice. Backed down from his morning line of 12-1, Battle Hardened took full advantage of his low draw to secure a cozy spot at the fence, not far from the pace. Shuffled back a bit entering the second turn, he came under a ride at the three-eighths marker and was steered out four wide into the stretch. Reveron, last-out winner of the Gulfstream Park Derby, sat three wide throughout and made the front in upper stretch, but Battle Hardened caught him soon after entering the final furlong and edged clear. Prospective, also caught off the track for most of the trip, outfinished Reveron for the place spot. "This was a really good bunch of quality horses, but no stars, and that was one reason we decided to take a shot today," explained winning trainer Eddie Kenneally. "He was in a group of horses in tight, but he showed a little bit of gameness and a little bit of toughness like you want to see going forward to the bigger races down the road." Up next for the winner is likely the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 10.

JAPANESE RESULTS

Saturday, Kokura, Japan

KOKURA DAISHOTEN-G3, ¥76,820,000, Kokura, 2-4, 4yo & up, 1800mT, 1:46.30, fm.

1--**@#A SHIN G LINE**, 123, h, 7, by [Giant's Causeway](#)

1st Dam: **Lady Danz**, by Danzig

2nd Dam: **Classic Crown**, by Mr. Prospector

3rd Dam: **Six Crowns**, by Seattle Slew

O-Eishindo Inc; B-Winchester Farm; T-Masanori

Sakaguchi; J-Haruhiko Kawasu; ¥40,574,000.

Lifetime Record: 40-6-5-4. *3/4 to A Shin F Danz

(Forestry), GSP-Jpn, \$990,722. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Smart Gear (Jpn)**, 123, h, 7, Marvelous Sunday

(Jpn)--Squarehead Line (Jpn), by Pas de Seul (GB).

O-Toru Okawa; B-Daiei Farm; ¥16,164,000.

3--**Cosmo Phantom**, 127, h, 5, [Stephen Got Even](#)--

Southern House (Ire), by Paris House (GB). (\$50,000

yrl '08 FTKJUL). O-Big Red Farm; B-Joan Hadley

Thoroughbreds; ¥10,082,000.

Margins: NK, NK, NK. Odds: 15.30, 27.90, 1.90.

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PREVIEWS

DUDE THE ONE TO DOWN IN SAN ANTONIO

When last seen at the races, Diamond Pride Stable and the Lanni Family Trust's **Game On Dude** (Awesome Again) was nearly home in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, only to be gunned down by an improbable late rally from Drosselmeyer (Distorted Humor). That—or any of his 2011 efforts, for that matter—should be good enough to rule the roost in today's GII San Antonio S. at Santa Anita. The dark bay missed the top three just once in eight tries last season, with wins in the GI Santa Anita H. in March and in the GI Goodwood S. in October. He's never tasted defeat over this surface and should be able to validate odds-on favoritism in this prep for a Big 'Cap title defense. Fellow 5-year-old **Uh**



Game On Dude Benoit

Oh Bango (Top Hit) proved that he was more than just a sprinter with a victory in last year's GIII Berkeley S. on the Golden Gate Tapeta and showed that he could repeat that dose on the main track, with a last-out success in this track's GII San Pasqual S. Jan. 7.

Sunday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST

SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Tres Borrachos (K)	Ecton Park	Ser	Ser	5-1
2	Uh Oh Bango	Top Hit	Smith	Owens	7-2
3	Game On Dude (K)	Awesome Again	Sutherland	Baffert	4-5
4	El Gato Malo (K)	El Corredor	Nakatani	Dollase	12-1
5	Ashtar (Chi)	Merchant of Venice	Krigger	Nettles	20-1
6	Victory Pete	Five Star Day	Garcia	Barba	6-1
7	Skipshot (K)	Skip Away	Talamo	Hollendorfer	8-1

NEWS TODAY

397 NOMINEES TO 2012 TRIPLE CROWN

Led by the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile trifecta--champion **Hansen** (Tapit) and Grade I winners **Union Rags** (Dixie Union) and **Creative Cause** (Giant's Causeway)--a total of 397 horses have been made eligible during the early nomination phase to compete in the three Classic races that make up America's Triple Crown. That's a 9.1% increase from the 364 horses nominated a year ago and is the largest group since 2009. This year's early nomination period, during which each nomination was accompanied by a \$600 fee, closed Jan. 21. Todd Pletcher leads all trainers with 32 Triple Crown nominees, well ahead of Bob Baffert's 21 nominated horses. Steve Asmussen and Nick Zito are next with 15 nominees, and Dale Romans nominated 14. Ahmed Zayat's Zayat Stables LLC has 13 nominees to lead all owners, followed by Robert LaPenta's 10 nominees. Among sires, Tiznow and Unbridled's Song share the top spot with 12 nominees, ahead of Malibu Moon and sophomore sire Street Sense, with 11 nominees. The list of nominees includes six fillies, led by Anita Cauley's Grade II winner **On Fire Baby** (Smoke Glacken). A late period for nominations, at a cost of \$6,000 per horse, concludes Saturday, Mar. 24.



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Birthplace		Nominees by Breeders	
Kentucky	303	*W.S. Farish	8
Florida	27	Bluegrass Hall, LLC	6
New York	13	Darley	6
California	12	Ken & Sarah Ramsey	6
Maryland	7	WinStar Farm LLC	6
Pennsylvania	7	*B.P. Walden Jr.	5
Ireland	6	Gulf Coast Farms, LLC	4
Virginia	6	Stonestreet Thoroughbreds	4
Canada	4	Stonewall Farm Stallions	4
Indiana	3	Adena Springs	3
Great Britain	2	Diamond A. Racing Corp.	3
Texas	2	Edward P. Evans	3
Brazil	1	Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson	3
France	1	Brereton C. Jones	3
Michigan	1	Overbrook Farm	3
Ohio	1	*Stone Farm	3
Oklahoma	1	Werthemeler et Frere	3
Nominees by Trainer		Nominees by Sire	
Todd Pletcher	32	Tiznow	12
Bob Baffert	21	Unbridled's Song	12
Steve Asmussen	15	Malibu Moon	11
Nick Zito	15	Street Sense	11
Dale Romans	14	War Front	10
D. Wayne Lukas	9	Hard Spun	9
Kieran McLaughlin	8	Smart Strike	9
Mark Casse	7	Bluegrass Cat	8
Ken McPeck	7	Empire Maker	8
Graham Motion	7	Scat Daddy	8
Nominees by Owner		Bernardini	7
Zayat Stables LLC 13		Giant's Causeway	6
Robert V. LaPenta 10		Indian Charlie	6
*Klaravich Stables Inc. 9		Kitten's Joy	6
Earle I. Mack 7		Lawyer Ron	6
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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Shackleford Tunes Up for Donn...

Michael Lauffer and W.D. Cubbedge's **Shackleford** (Forestry), hero of last year's GI Preakness S., continues to train smartly for next Saturday's GI Donn H. at Gulfstream Park. The well-built chestnut sailed through five furlongs in 1:01.40 beneath regular jockey Jesus Castanon in Hallandale yesterday. "It was what we were looking for," trainer Dale Romans said of the move. Shackleford, an Eclipse finalist for champion 3-year-old, was last seen placing second in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Churchill Downs Nov. 5. "He hasn't missed a beat," Romans continued. "He hasn't missed a beat in his life. It's nature. He's just tough."



Shackleford
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Out of Bounds On Track for San Felipe Start...

Darley homebred **Out of Bounds** (Discreet Cat), upset winner of the GIII Sham S. for 3-year-olds in his latest at Santa Anita Jan. 7, remains on course for the 1 1/16-mile GII San Felipe S. Mar. 10. "He's had three works since we ran him, and he's got four more until he runs again," said trainer Eoin Harty, who said he's been doing his best to avoid Derby Fever. "It's a long time between now and May," he said. Out of Bounds was winning the second of his three career starts in the Sham, following a maiden special victory sprinting seven furlongs at Hollywood Dec. 10. In his most recent work, he breezed five furlongs in 1:00 3/5 (6/19) at Hollywood Jan. 30.

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Dark Bay or Brown Mare		Helen Street (GB)	Coup De Foie
Foaled 2004	Vertigineux (1995)	Kris S.	=Troy (GB)
		For The Flag	=Waterway (FR)
			Roberto
			Sharp Queen
			*Forti
			In The Offing

By **STREET CRY (IRE)** (1996), Black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 160 winners, \$27,852,071. Sire of 9 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Teryns Song (to 2, 2010, \$20,228).

1st Dam

VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year. 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NAUS. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners--

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)). Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks [G1], Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp. [G1], Las Virgenes S. [G1], La Canada S. [G2], Sharp Cat S. [L] (HOL, \$80,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. [G1], Vanity Invitational Handicap [G1], 3rd Ashland S. [G1], La Brea S. [G1], Clement L. Hirsch Handicap [G2], Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap [G2], Hidden Light S. [OR] (OSA, \$8,000).

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Yesterday's Results:

CORRECTION S., \$100,000, AQU, 2-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

1--**NICOLE H, 120, m, 5, Mr. Greeley--Hot Chipotle, by Victory Gallop.** (\$115,000 yrl '08 KEESEP). O-Gem Inc; B-JMJ Racing Stables LLC (KY); T-Michael E Hushion; J-Ramon A Dominguez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 18-7-6-2, \$404,344.

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2--**Honchis'n Ponchis, 117, m, 6, City Zip--Kelli's Song, by Dixieland Band.** (\$50,000 yrl '07 FTMOCT; \$35,000 yrl '07 KEEJAN). O-Dale L Romans. \$20,000.

3--**Golden Mystery, 120, m, 6, Awesome Again--Mysterious Angel, by Saint Ballado.** (\$27,000 2yo '08 ADNMAR). O-Farnsworth Stables LLC. \$10,000. Margins: 2HF, 1, HD. Odds: 0.50, 22.70, 9.10. Also Ran: Love That Dance, Streaker, Cinco de Mayo Mio, Winning Image.

Nicole H came into this a perfect 3-for-3 over the Aqueduct inner track, and also boasted a win in the GII Distaff H. on this oval's main racing surface last April. She was last seen grabbing the Interborough H. Jan. 1 at odds on, and garnered heavy and deserving favoritism again. Occupying the pocket behind a half in :46.78, Nicole H didn't have much racing room entering the lane. The always unflappable Ramon Dominguez seemed unconcerned with a bit of traffic trouble, however, and he guided Nicole H in between horses and to the rail to pull clear to an ultimately facile score. "I was actually trying to work my way out from the half-mile to the three-eighths pole, but unfortunately, horses kept coming to my outside, and really, I was left with no choice," explained Dominguez. "I felt like I had enough horse and she was handy enough where even if the horse in front had come in, even in a split-second, I had the horse to get inside or outside. I would have rather been tracking on the outside, but I was very happy about the way she was taking me. When she finally got through, she continued going. She was a lot handier than last time." Trainer Mike Hushion added, "We've always felt she was one of the best fillies in the country. We have the rest of the year to prove it." He noted that Nicole H could seek a repeat of her Distaff win Apr. 14. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

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2nd-AQU, \$59,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, (S), 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:41, ft.

LUNAR VICTORY (h, 5, Speightstown--Lunar Colony, by A.P. Indy), a \$350,000 KEESEP yearling, began his career in Great Britain for John Gosden, posting a 1-for-8 record. He was second in a first-level allowance here going an extended mile Dec. 7, and was coming off a six-length tally in a similar spot Dec. 28. The 1-2 shot stalked out wide behind a half in :47.94, and edged closer ominously entering the far turn. He pulled clear from there, taking a several-length advantage into the lane, and upped that margin to 6 1/4 lengths under a statuesque Junior Alvarado. Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, \$94,792. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-Juddmonte Farms Inc. B-William Parsons Jr & David S Howe (NY). T-William I Mott.

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Indicator	U.S. Wagering*	U.S. Purses
January 2012	\$818,695,886	\$65,827,045
January 2011	\$827,788,242	\$64,068,357
% Change	-1.1%	+2.75

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New York Report cont.

4th-AQU, \$60,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:10 4/5, ft. **INFLATION TARGET** (c, 3, [Tapit](#)--Prall Street, by Cherokee Run) was third behind last week's Dancing Count S. winner Beggarthyneighbor (Half Ours) here Jan. 1, and was backed down to even-money with a four-furlong bullet in :48 flat over the strip in tow for this second try. The bay stalked from the inside behind a half in :45.80, and tipped out turning for home while traveling well. He switched leads and leveled off as he took command in upper stretch, and held sway from there to best Wild Target (Kafwain) by 1 3/4 lengths. The \$200,000 KEESEP yearling is a full-brother to last year's GI Travers S. runner-up Rattlesnake Bridge, SW and GISP, \$463,300. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$42,000. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).**

O-Klaravich Stables Inc & William H Lawrence.

B-William Graves & Dennis Lynch (KY). T-Richard A Violette Jr.

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:53 HRTV 6th-GPX, \$52K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

An impeccably bred group lines up here, and while the Todd Pletcher-trained **WAIT TIL DAWN** ([Giant's Causeway](#))--produced by Spain's stakes-winning full-sister Path of Thunder (Thunder Gulch)--has been pegged at 6-5 on the morning line coming off a close second in her dirt debut at Gulfstream Jan. 6, the race seems more open than that. Darley's **Closing Move** ([Bernardini](#)), trained by Tom Albertrani, finished second in her first start going a mile at Aqueduct Nov. 27 and gets the services of Javier Castellano. She's coupled with the Kiaran McLaughlin-conditioned **Glorietta Bay** ([A.P. Indy](#)), a daughter of Grade II winner Miss Coronado (Coronado's Quest), who makes her unveiling. Mt. Brilliant's **Forbidden Gift** ([A.P. Indy](#)) makes her own debut for the Bill Mott barn. Produced by a stakes-winning half to GI Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Status (A.P. Indy), she was bought back at the 2010 KEESEP sale for \$1.25 million. First-timer **Ghost of Sage Cat** ([Ghostzapper](#)) is a half to MGSW Desert Party (Street Cry {Ire}). [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

4:17 HRTV 9th-GPX, \$52K, Msw, 3yo, 6f

Trainer Nick Zito isn't known for getting his runners cranked up at first asking, but it's hard to overlook the morning drills of **SPIN OUT** ([Hard Spun](#)), who has posted 11 bullets in 16 published works. Not included was his latest, a :47 4/5 move from the gate at Palm Meadows Jan. 31 (2/31). The \$250k KEESEP yearling, who was not offered as a juvenile-in-training like many of owner Robert LaPenta's 2-year-olds, is partnered with Johnny Velazquez breaking from post 12. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

FLORIDA



Yesterday's Results:

FLORIDA OAKS, \$105,000, TAM, 2-4, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5, fm.

1--**DIXIE STRIKE**, 116, f, 3, by Dixie Union

1st Dam: Noble Strike (SW, \$235,456), by Smart Strike

2nd Dam: Green Noble, by Green Dancer

3rd Dam: Hattab Voladora, by Dewan

(C\$45,000 yrl '10 ONTSEP). O-John C Oxley; B-Arosa Farms (ON); T-Mark E Casse; J-Jose Lezcano; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$278,064. *1/2 to Sebastian's Song (Cherokee Run), SP, \$164,143; and Inglorious (Hennessy), MSW & MGSP, \$1,307,032.

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2--**More Than Love**, 122, f, 3, [More Than Ready](#)--I'm in Love, by Zafonic. (\$130,000 yrl '10 KEESEP).

O-Newtown Anner Stud; B-Loft Hall Stud, Galleria Bloodstock & Samac (KY); T-John P Terranova II; \$20,000.

3--**Regalo Mia**, 116, f, 3, [Sligo Bay \(Ire\)](#)--Shake It Up, by Red Bullet. O-Steven W Ciccarone; B-Juvenal Diaz (FL); T-Michelle Nihei; \$15,000.

Margins: NO, NK, HF. Odds: 0.80, 2.60, 7.80. Also Ran: Northern Passion, Sisterhood, Customer Base, Spielzeit, Shezmyten.

Dixie Strike came from out of the clouds to break her maiden at second asking on the Woodbine Poly last October, and annexed the Ontario Lassie S. by 5 1/2 lengths two starts later Dec. 3. She was part of an odds-on entry with Northern Passion (First Samurai), winner of last year's GIII Natalma S. and seventh in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies last time. More Than Love, last seen scoring in Hollywood's GIII Miesque S. in November, grabbed command with little resistance while Dixie Strike took a good hold off the pace, three deep through six furlongs in 1:15.06. The entry-mates circled up in tandem at the head of the lane, while More Than Love dug in and Regalo Mia dove to the rail. Dixie Strike got up by a nose in the shadow of the wire, but there was little separating the top four finishers. "I love Tampa. I love Tampa Bay Downs, and my wife [Debby] loves it too. And I love her," said John Oxley, owner of Dixie Strike and Northern Passion. "We were worried because they were laying back pretty far and the pace was slow. I had my fingers crossed because I think she is such a gorgeous filly and so well bred. She ran up to her potential today. Our other filly, I think she had a little traffic trouble when she was moving into the far turn and I thought she might win. But we'll take the win." Trainer Mark Casse added, "They are both Canadian-breds, so they both have a big future in Canada. I think Dixie Strike could be a GI Kentucky Oaks filly. We're going to have to map out a plan to get there. They won't see each other for a while, unless it's on a van." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).**



Florida Report cont.

NEEDLES S., \$60,000, GPX, 2-4, 3yo, 5fT, :57 2/5, gd.

1--**MUSICAL FLAIR**, 122, c, 3, **Songandaprayer**--

1st Dam: Highwaytohappiness, by Catiemus

2nd Dam: No Deadline, by Skywalker

3rd Dam: Coax Classic, by Caveat

(\$47,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-Kathleen Amaya & Raffaele Centofanti; B-Three Lyons Racing LLC (KY); T-Sal Santoro; J-John R Velazquez; \$36,000.

Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, \$88,580.

*2--**Martini Madness**, 118, g, 3, Sabre d'Argent--

Absolute Madness, by West Acre. O-Gilbert G

Campbell. \$12,000.

3--**Silver Menace**, 118, c, 3, Silver Wagon--Catmaker,

by Magic Cat. (\$10,000 yrl '10 FTKOCT). O-Reeves

Thoroughbred Racing. \$6,000.

Margins: 3/4, NK, HF. Odds: 1.10, 9.20, 7.80.

Also Ran: Diez, Indirectly A. P., Hello Prince. Scratched:

Town Prize. *Hello Prince (Halo's Image) finished

second, but was disqualified to sixth.

Musical Flair took the Fasig-Tipton Turf Dash S. over this surface and distance at Calder last August, but was beaten more than 20 lengths when 11th after setting the pace in Keeneland's GI Breeders' Futurity Oct. 8. He showed an

upbeat worktab at Calder in the interim, and was backed all the way down to 11-10, from his 4-1 morning line.

Musical Flair didn't show much speed despite his freshness, and was hard-riden in the second flight.

He still hadn't done much running when they hit the

top of the lane, but he worked his way into the clear in midstretch and turned it on to get up comfortably.

Hello Prince was disqualified from second for coming out on Indirectly A. P. (Yes It's True) in the run to the wire and forcing that rival to take up sharply. "He led for

three-quarters in the Breeders' Futurity and stopped. He had an entrapped epiglottis and we sent him to Ocala to be operated on," explained winning trainer Sal

Santoro. "Obviously, it was successful. I have to give a lot of credit to the owners. They said, 'Take your time with him and bring him back when he's ready.' We

chose this spot because of the timing and he showed he liked turf last year. He's worked bullets on the dirt and we plan to stretch him out again. We'll see how he

comes out of it, but the [Feb. 26 GII] Fountain of Youth is one possible option." Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#)

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10th-GPX, \$45,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35 4/5, gd.

LOUVAKHOVA (f, 4, **Maria's Mon**--Louvain {Ire} {GSW-US, MSP-Fr, \$223,742}, by Sinndar {Ire})

was first once and second five times in France last season for Jean-Claude Rouget, and romped over the yielding sod in the Frances A. Genter S. at Calder Oct. 15 in her first stateside start. She was 12th last time in the GIII Marshua's River S. here Jan. 7. The 4-1 shot stalked in the pocket early, and put a head in front between horses turning into the stretch. She pulled clear as she straightened, and dug in to deny Safe Crossing (Stormy Atlantic) by a length. Sales history: 55,000 EUR yrl '09 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: SW, 9-3-5-0, \$116,316. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-Michel Jean Zerolo. B-Edmund A Gann (KY). T-Martin D Wolfson.

6th-GPX, \$42,500, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 1/5, gd.

CASINO HOST (c, 4, **Dynaformer**--Ensenada {SP, \$127,265}, by Seeking the Gold) broke his maiden here in March, and spent most of the rest of the year in top class races. He was third in the GII Virginia Derby in July, but did not hit the board in the GI Secretariat S. in August, GI Jamaica H. in October or the GI Hollywood Derby in November. Backed down to 6-5 in his first start of the year, the \$290,000 KEESEP yearling bided his time, came with a wide rally turning for home and wore down Hothersal (Smart Strike) to prevail by a half-length. Lifetime Record: GSP, 10-2-3-1, \$156,175. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY). T-Chad C Brown.

9th-GPX, \$40,500, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:51, ft.

TEETH OF THE DOG (c, 3, **Bluegrass Cat**--Deputy Reality, by Deputy Minister) reported home a well-beaten third behind One Sock Down (Dehere) at Gulfstream Dec. 8, then ran a much-improved second when stretched to a mile Jan. 7. Slightly favored at 2-1 here, he rated kindly on the front through fractions of :24.61 and :49.39, and fought off all challengers in the stretch to hold on by a head over Dynamical (Hard Spun). Sales history: \$80,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$36,450. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-JW Singer LLC. B-Royal Pegasus (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

Today's Video Highlights

FLORIDA OAKS (TAM) Dixie Strike (Dixie Union) gets up in a tight one.

ESSEX H. (OP) ☆ "TDN Rising Star" ☆ Alternation (Distorted Humor) gets back on track.



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9th-TAM, \$17,000, Msw, 3yo, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.
 + **BELLEFIRE (c, 3, Proud Citizen--Lovely Langfuhr, by Langfuhr)** lit up the tote board at 15-1 here. Placed within striking distance in fourth through an opening quarter in :22.74, he hit the front as Jeffrey Sanchez snuck a peak in the rear view mirror on the far turn. The chestnut didn't corner well, but kept on finding more in the stretch en route to a 3 1/2-length victory. Smart and True (Smarty Jones) was second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,200. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O/B-Joseph J Balsamo (MD). T-Leo Azpurua Jr.

6th-LRL, \$34,300, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), NW1X, 3yo, 6f, 1:11, ft.

COP A TUDE (c, 3, Officer--Emotional Storm, by Storm Boot), a debut winner at Laurel Jan. 4, was 2-1 to stay perfect here. Fourth at the head of affairs, he was swung out four wide for his stretch run, split foes down the lane and outkicked even-money favorite Rocky Gap (Rockport Harbor) for a 1 3/4-length score. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$37,050. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O/B-High Five Racing Stables II LLC (KY). T-H Graham Motion.

EASTERN U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

MARSHUA S., \$75,000, LRL, 2-4, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10, ft.

1--**DANCE TO BRISTOL, 122, f, 3, Speightstown--**

Dance to Dawn, by Louis Quatorze. (\$42,000 2yo '11 FTMMAY). O-Copperville Farm; B-Mr & Mrs David Garner (KY); T-Ollie L Figgins III; J-Elias Peltroche; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$123,350.

2--**Terralba, 116, f, 3, Langfuhr--**Marquee Attraction, by Storm Cat. (\$140,000 wlng '09 KEENOV). O-Pozo de Luna Inc. \$15,000.

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3--**Defy Gravity, 122, f, 3, Bandini--**Quickest, by Forest Wildcat. (\$2,500 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$19,000 yrl '10 FTMOCT). O-R N R Stable. \$8,250.

Margins: 5 3/4, 3 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 11.30, 14.90. Also Ran: Double the Energy, Dancing Anna, Lady June Bug. Scratched: Doe, Pennies Appeal.

Dance to Bristol, second behind Defy Gravity in this track's Smart Halo S. Nov. 19, came out on top by a nose in Aqueduct's Pandera S. Dec. 17, then finished fourth in the Ruthless S. at the Big A



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Jan. 14. Favored here, she chased in second, pounced at the top of the lane and spread-eagled the field in the stretch. "She's just growing up a little, I believe," trainer Ollie Figgins commented. "She likes this

track. We were quietly confident. It's not out of the question that we'll stretch her out." [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

CENTRAL U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

ESSEX H., \$100,000, OPX, 2-4, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 4/5, ft.



1--**ALTERNATION, 118, c, 4, Distorted Humor--** Alternate (MSW & MGSP, \$550,695), by Seattle Slew. O-Pin Oak Stable; B-Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY); T-Donnie K Von Hemel; J-Luis S Quinonez; \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 10-5-1-1, \$405,004.


2--**Color Me Blue, 118, g, 6, Flatter--**Lady of Blue, by Danzig Connection. O-Russell L Reineman Stable Inc. \$20,000.

3--**Twice the Appeal, 116, c, 4, Successful Appeal--** Double Boarded, by Cormorant. (\$4,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '10 BESMAY). O-Edward J Brown Jr, Victor Flores & Henry Hernandez. \$10,000.

2 Year Old Sale Graduate of Hartley De Renzo

Margins: 3HF, 4 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.10, 6.60, 3.30. Also Ran: Ballyjamesduff, It Happened Again, A Student, Racing Bran.

Alternation earned the  **"TDN Rising Star"**  tag after winning his third straight here a year ago, but was scratched from the GII Rebel S. after flipping in the gate. He came from far out of it to be fifth in the GI Arkansas Derby in April, then put it all together at Belmont when he defeated Adios Charlie (Indian Charlie) in the GII Peter Pan S. May 14. After bypassing the GI Belmont S. in June, the homebred resurfaced in the GII Jim Dandy S. at Saratoga, where he was a well-beaten fourth. He filled the same spot in Louisiana Downs's GII Super Derby Sept. 10, then dropped a close one to Redeemed (Include) in the Oklahoma Derby at Remington Park last time Oct. 16. Alternation bided his time behind the first flight in fourth through a half in :46.24, and raced closer nearing the top of the lane. Pilot Luis Quinonez peeked under his arm at that point, and his mount began to take command. Color Me Blue briefly the straight, but Alternation leveled off nicely to hold his pursuer safe. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).



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WEBB S., \$50,000, TPX, 2-4, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:39, ft. 1--**MR. PRANKSTER, 122, c, 3, It's No Joke--**

Cremedelacramer, by Avenue of Flags. (\$8,600 RNA yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '11 OBSJUN).

O-Thomas F Conway & Michael J Maker; B-Colby Fields LLC, Greg & Valorie Scherr (KY); T-Michael J Maker; J-John McKee; \$29,760. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$118,372. *1/2 to Atticus Jack (Atticus), SW, \$238,240.

2--**Phantom Fury, 118, g, 3, Devil His Due--Beautiful Vision, by Aljabr.** O-Smokey Lynne Bare & Ira P Mersack. \$9,600.

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3--**Magical Season, 118, g, 3, Value Plus--Silkweed, by Vigors.** O-William Butler. \$4,800.

Margins: 7HF, 2 1/4, 5HF. Odds: 1.90, 2.30, 5.00. Also Ran: Frankie Is Rock, Tiz Tee Time, Sunday Mass, Hand I Was Dealt, Tigerdude, Texas Josh. Scratched: Antique Wedding.

Mr. Prankster was a distant last in in his only previous route try in Churchill's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. Nov. 26, but bounced back with a 3 1/2-length victory last time in the 6 1/2-furlong Turfway Prevue S. Jan. 7. He proved this time that distance wasn't the issue. Biding his time in mid-pack early, the bay made an inside-to-out move and blew away his competition in the lane, receiving several exuberant reminders from pilot John McKee despite no challengers in sight. "Yes, I was worried about the distance," admitted winning conditioner and co-owner Mike Maker. "But last time [he went long] he came off a layoff and he had some issues in-between. And obviously the competition was stiffer than it was today. So I thought it was worth a shot today because, one, I'm half-owner and I stable here, and two, he ran well over the [synthetic] at Presque Isle, so I thought I'd keep him here for the stakes and try [two turns] again."

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3rd-FGX, \$43,480, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1mT, 1:40 2/5, gd.

ALLURING SQUALL (f, 4, Bernardini--Appealing Storm, by Valid Appeal), a half-brother to Vacare (Lear Fan), GISW, \$1,269,086; Single Solution (Flatter), GSW, \$199,439; and Abtaal (Rock Hard Ten), GSW-Fr, began her career for Chris Block, graduating over the Arlington sod in July and cruising by nine lengths in an off-the-turf allowance at Hawthorne Oct. 21. She was fourth in another off-the-turfer in her first try for Neil Pessin here Dec. 23, and was 3-1 getting back on the lawn. Hung a bit wide on the first turn, Alluring Squall took up a stalking spot behind six furlongs in 1:16.61, kicked on at the top of the lane and strode out to a two-length success from Fantastique (More Than Ready). Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-3, \$84,740. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O/B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY). T-Neil L Pessin.

5th-OPX, \$40,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$65,000), NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45 2/5, ft.

CYBER SECRET (c, 3, Broken Vow--Stomping, by Dixieland Band), a \$110,000 KEENOV weanling, won at 11-1 odds at first asking in the slop at Belmont Oct. 20 for trainer Chad Brown. Tried in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill, he tired to seventh behind Gemologist (Tiznow), then was moved to Lynn Whiting's barn at Oaklawn. A troubled ninth in his local bow Jan. 15, he was nonetheless the 2-1 second choice here to get his second win for Oaklawn's track owner. Making every pole a winning one, Cyber Secret set a pressured early pace, began to get away from them a quarter mile out and cruised home clear by 5 1/4 lengths as favored Ring it Up (Toccet) gave futile chase. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$56,244. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#).

O-Charles J Cella. B-Paragon Farms LLC (KY). T-Lynn S Whiting.

6th-TPX, \$24,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:39 3/5, ft.

OPEN WATER (f, 3, Include--Biscayne Bay, by A.P. Indy), a \$75,000 KEENOV weanling, stumbled and lost her jockey in her local and two-turn bow Dec. 10, but rebounded to air by five lengths in a one-mile maiden special Jan. 15. The crowd made her the 6-5 pick to beat winners at first asking and she came through big time, launching an eye-catching four-wide bid and sailing home a 10 1/2-length winner. Allegory (Unbridled's Song) was second. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$33,500. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#).

O-Jorge Cardemil. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Oscar Modica.

9th-OPX, \$40,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

+ **BONNIE'S EMPIRE (f, 3, Empire Maker--Bonnie Bear, by Gone West)** was overlooked at 13-1 here.

Outsprinted in sixth early, she began to roll while five wide on the turn for home, and came charging down the lane on her wrong lead to get the money by a half length. Appealing Susan (Successful Appeal) was second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O/B-Maynard Farm & B A Man Inc (KY). T-James A Dodgen.

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5th-FGX, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo, a1 1/16mT, 1:47 3/5, gd.

COTO BRUS (c, 3, [Indian Charlie](#)--Legs Lawlor, by **Unbridled**) didn't show much as a 39-1 shot in his debut over course and distance Jan. 8, and was the second-longest shot on the board in this second go at 12-1 odds. Up to take a narrow lead from post nine, he lulled the field to sleep through splits of :24 3/5, :51 3/5 and 1:17 3/5. Challenged by Vasten (Speightstown) and Dreams Cut Short (Belong to Me) in earnest two furlongs out, he gamely turned back the pair and won by a widening length over Dreams Cut Short. Vasten completed the trifecta. Sales history: \$110,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR; \$155,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,736. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or video replay.](#)

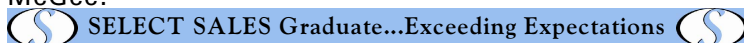
O/B-Greenwood Lodge Farm Inc (KY). T-Neil J Howard.




9th-FGX, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45 3/5, sy.

BOLD FRONT (c, 3, [War Front](#)--Red Taffeta, by **Charismatic**) was off slowly and finished seventh on debut at Keeneland Oct. 13, and was second with a nightmare trip over the Churchill lawn Nov. 13. He finished fourth as the chalk here Jan. 8, and was 7-2 in his rain-forced dirt debut. Unhurried in second-to-last behind a half in :48.44, Bold Front looped the field along the home bend. He swerved a number of times in pursuit of Fleurdefortyfour (Any Given Saturday) in the stretch, but grabbed the lead close to home to best that foe by 3/4 of a length. Sale history: \$55,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$145,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$34,365. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or video replay.](#)

O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Fran Stolich (KY). T-Paul J McGee.



CALIFORNIA



Yesterday's Results:

10th-SAX, \$60,100, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:41, ft.

SETSUKO (g, 5, [Pleasantly Perfect](#)--Dance With Grace {SW}, by Mr. Prospector) held a big class edge on his fellow first-level allowance rivals considering he came just a nose--and/or a lengthy stewards' inquiry--from winning the GI Santa Anita H. last March. He also hit the board in the GII Californian S. in June at Hollywood and the GIII Cougar II H. at Del Mar in July, but was last seen finishing last in the GI Pacific Classic S. at Del Mar Aug. 28. The 8-5 choice stalked a half in :46.02 and six furlongs in 1:10.08 along the inside before tipping out for clear sailing. He took over turning for home, and won free and easy by 2 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Indy Dancer (A.P. Indy), GISP, \$164,580. Lifetime Record: GISP, 17-2-6-3, \$506,486. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or the video replay.](#) O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (KY). T-Richard E Mandella.

5th-SAX, \$58,450, Msw, 3yo, f, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm. **BELLE PASSE** (f, 3, [Van Nistelrooy](#)--Charlotte Corday {GB} {MSP-Eng}, by Kris {GB}) came up a head short in her lone race at two for David Wachman at The Curragh May 21, and entered this with a six-furlong bullet in 1:13 3/5 over the Hollywood all-weather Jan. 25. Like many European imports, the 4-1 shot did not break sharply, and dropped to the back of the pack. She spun out wide crossing the dirt at the top of the stretch, and battled Miss Communication (Langfuhr) down to the wire, prevailing by a head. Sales history: \$10,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$37,467. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or the video replay.](#)

O-Always Believe Inc. B-March Thoroughbreds (KY). T-Peter Eurton.

4th-SAX, \$57,400, Msw, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15 3/5, ft. **REAL CONUNDRUM** (c, 3, [Tale of the Cat](#)--La Maitresse {Ire} {GSP-US}, by Desert King {Ire}) was a well-beaten third at Hollywood Dec. 16, and was given a 3-1 chance while switching to the conventional stuff. He stalked his way to a 3 3/4-length success here from heavily favored Jonny's Choice (Unusual Heat). Sales history: \$40,000 yrl '10 BESJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$39,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or the video replay.](#)

O-Judi Partridge. B-Scott Gross (CA). T-Dan L Hendricks.



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California Report cont.

1st-SAX, \$57,050, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:09, ft.
IMMACULATE (c, 3, [Distorted Humor](#)--Folklore {Ch. 2yo Filly & **MGISW**, \$945,500}, by Tiznow), a \$450,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, showed speed and tired to finish a well-beaten ninth at first asking at Santa Anita Jan. 16. Chasing in second through scorching early fractions of :21.53 and :43.62, the 8-1 chance surged in deep stretch to hit the front and held off 4-5 favorite Mile High Magic (Roman Ruler) to graduate by a half length. The talented Folklore carried Bob and Beverly Lewis's green and yellow silks to a championship season in 2005, capped by a tally in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Belmont Park.

Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$33,950. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).
 O-Southern Equine Stable LLC. B-The Robert & Beverly Lewis Trust (KY). T-Eric J Guillot.

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First/Second-crop starters to watch: Sunday, Feb. 5
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

- [ANY GIVEN SATURDAY](#) (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 193/11/0
 10-GP, Aoc, 1 1/8mT, Saturday Launch, \$65K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
- [BOB AND JOHN](#) (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, \$13K, 135/22/1
 2-OP, Aoc, 6f, Fast Resource, \$22K TEX AUG yrl
- [DISCREET CAT](#) (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 215/26/1
 7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Sharilyn Jean, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
- [ENGLISH CHANNEL](#) (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/14/0
 7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Queen of the Waves, 5-1
- [FLASHY BULL](#) (Holy Bull), Airdrie, \$10K, 152/20/2
 6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Flashy American, \$5K KEE NOV wnl, 5-1
- [HARD SPUN](#) (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/34/4
 4-GP, Msw, 1m, Dynamical, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1
- 9-GP, Msw, 6f, Spin Out, \$250K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
- [HAT TRICK \(JPN\)](#) (Sunday Silence), Gainseway, \$15K, 114/9/2
 9-FG, Msw, 6f, Miss Slap Shot, \$2K RNA BSC YRL yrl, 15-1
- [JAZIL](#) (Seeking the Gold), Shadwell, \$13K, 71/7/0
 5-OP, Ocl, 1m, Perdido Pass, \$10K RNA KEE SEP yrl
- [LATENT HEAT](#) (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/18/1
 9-FG, Msw, 6f, Nola Tip, \$20K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
- 5-OP, Ocl, 1m, Dogwoods Barto, \$19K RNA KEE NOV wnl
- [SCAT DADDY](#) (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 180/33/5
 7-OP, Msw, 6f, Coach, \$370K KEE SEP yrl
- 9-GP, Msw, 6f, +Scatter Joy, \$15K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 12-1
- 10-GP, Aoc, 1 1/8mT, Scudero, \$26K FTK OCT yrl, 20-1
- [SIMON PURE](#) (Silver Deputy), Hartley DeRenzo, \$5K, 86/10/1
 3-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Chubbalita's Joy, \$2K OBS OPN 2yo, 15-1
- [STREET SENSE](#) (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$75K, 210/18/1
 9-GP, Msw, 6f, Closerwalk, \$125K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2
- 7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Street Fantasy, \$9K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
- 7-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Extra Cool, 20-1
- 6-GP, Msw, 1 1/16m, S S Pinafore, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

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AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN IRELAND:

Gort Na Mona, f, 4, **Aldebaran**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."



Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 3:35 a.m. EST
CHAIRMAN'S SPRINT PRIZE, HK\$4,500,000 (\$580,246), 3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Lucky Nine (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Prebble	Fownes
2	12	Sacred Kingdom (Aus)	Encsta de Lgo (Aus)	Mosse	Yiu
3	7	Little Bridge (NZ)	Faltaat	Purton	Shum
4	10	Joy and Fun (NZ)	Cullen (Aus)	Doyle	D Cruz
5	5	Sunny King (Ire)	Desert Sun (GB)	Clark	Moore
6	2	Eagle Regiment (Aus)	El Moxie	Doleuze	Man
7	1	Let Me Fight (Ire)	Hawk Wing	Lloyd	Moore
8	6	Rich Unicorn (Aus)	Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Whyte	Size
9	8	Leading City (Aus)	Shamardal	Callan	Moore
10	11	Dynamic Blitz (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Du Plessis	Yiu
11	4	Blaze King (NZ)	Elusive City	Guyon	A Cruz
12	9	California Choice (Aus)	Redte's Choice (Aus)	Chadwick	A Cruz

All carry 126 pounds.

The playing field will be considerably more level this afternoon as Hong Kong's top sprinters take on the 1200-meter distance of the Chairman's Sprint Prize. **Eagle Regiment** will attempt to add this second leg to his victory in the Centenary Sprint Cup Jan. 15, when he took his record down the 1000-meter straight course to six wins from nine tries. In his only attempt at today's distance, the 4-year-old was down the field, but had some excuses. "The one time he ran at 1200 meters he lost a front shoe," explained trainer Manfred Man. "It is difficult to say whether or not he can handle the distance as well as he does the straight 1000 meters--I think, in this race, we will learn something. He is the 1000-meter expert and he showed that last time --now we have to take it step by step going up." A good showing could earn Eagle Regiment a berth in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint Mar. 31. **Lucky Nine** cut back to the minimum trip last time out, but returns today to the distance at which he landed the G1 Hong Kong Sprint Dec. 11. Though sixth in the Centenary Sprint Cup, he was beaten a little more than a length and can make amends here. "The 1000 meters was always going to be a bit sharp for him and he was closing nicely at the end," said trainer Caspar Fownes. "He's going to be hard to beat at 1200 meters, and it would be nice if we could get another Group 1."

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BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

NON-BLACK TYPE:

LA. BRED PREMIER NIGHT BON TEMPS STARTER S.,

\$55,000, DED, 2-4, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59 1/5, sy.

1--#**SWEET LITTLE SLEET, 123, f, 4, Seattle Sleet--**

Duel Authority, by Conte Di Savoya. O-The Five Horsemen LLC; B-Belinda Donaghey (LA); T-Carl J Deville; J-CJ McMahon; \$33,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-1, \$133,955.

2--**Ruston Kitty, 120, f, 4, Eugene's Third Son--Halo Kitty Kat, by Cat Thief.** (\$3,200 yrl '09 LOUAUG). O-Candace Altman. \$11,000.

3--**La Belle Te Fille, 118, f, 4, Cactus Ridge--T Storm, by Salt Lake.** O-Jamie Myers. \$5,500.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.10, 5.70, 29.20.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SAX, \$62,538, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47 1/5, fm.

TIPPETY TAP TAP (g, 5, Pleasant Tap--Variety, by Theatrical {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$92,612.

O/B-Derrick Fisher (KY). T-Patrick Gallagher.

7th-FGX, \$41,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16mT, 1:48 2/5, gd.

STARRY EYED KATE (f, 4, Roar of the Tiger--Adoring, by Wekiva Springs) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-2, \$63,560. O-Hugh H Robertson & Barry Butzow. B-Mr & Mrs Tom E Lewis Jr (FL). T-Hugh H Robertson. *\$9,500 yrl '09 OBSAUG; \$2,000 yrl '09 OBSJAN.

4th-LRL, \$38,220, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

AFTER THE APPLAUSE (m, 6, Lost Soldier--Cades Cove, by Kayrawan) Lifetime Record: SP, 31-6-13-4, \$252,753. O-Richard Dancsok. B-Hal Snowden Jr (KY). T-Michael W Salvaggio Jr. *\$13,000 RNA yrl '07 KEESEP.

9th-DED, \$30,410, 2-3, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58 4/5, ft.

MY THREE GIRLS (f, 4, Eddington--Shannons Valentine {MSP, \$144,660}, by Hadif) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-0, \$45,220. O/B-Shrum Racing Inc (KY). T-George Northrop Jr. *\$1,000 RNA yrl '09 FTKOCT.

6th-SUN, \$30,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38, ft.

TART N SMART (g, 4, Hennessy--St Francis Wood {SP-Eng}, by Irish River {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-0, \$47,279. O-Jeffrey & Chris Meyers. B-Lazy Lane Farms Inc (VA). T-J Owen Bringham. *\$80,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

8th-CTX, \$26,300, 2-3, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21 2/5, ft.

WAVES AND TIDES (g, 4, Cape Town--Heater, by Dixieland Heat) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$39,150. O/B-Coleswood Farm Inc (WV). T-Jeff C Runco. *1/2 to Sea Rescue (Brahms), SW, \$345,796.

4th-CTX, \$26,200, 2-3, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21, ft.

SIR MARION LEWIS (g, 4, Peak Dancer--Mimi's Dancer, by Fred Astaire) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$32,600. O/B-Tamara K Reightler (WV). T-Stacey R Viands.

5th-GPX, \$25,500, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), C, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38, ft.

BELOVEDA (f, 4, Ghostzapper--Mysterious Angel, by Saint Ballado) Lifetime Record: 16-8-3-0, \$132,326. O-Farnsworth Stables LLC. B-Mike Abraham (KY). T-Martin D Wolfson. *\$20,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **3/4 to Golden Mystery (Awesome Again), SW, \$268,073.

10th-TPX, \$25,300, 2-3, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW2\$X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18 3/5, ft.

BEE LINE'S EDGE (g, 6, Syncline--Bee Line Genius, by Beau Genius) Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-1, \$73,781. O-Gail D & Donald E Hughes Sr. B-Donald Hughes (KY). T-Donald E Hughes Sr.

2nd-TAM, \$21,200, Opt. Clm. (\$16,000), NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m40y, 1:41 1/5, ft.

VITAL VICTORY (f, 4, Bwana Charlie--Victory Chime {SW & GSP, \$210,180}, by Polish Numbers) Lifetime Record: 28-3-7-2, \$67,897. O-James W Steil. B-Thomas-Narlinger LLC & A R Properties (FL). T-Joseph G Calascibetta. *\$20,000 2yo '10 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Glorification (Buddha), SW, \$102,720.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

7th-TAM, \$27,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43, ft.

WIKI (g, 5, Arch--Database {SW, \$232,140}, by Known Fact) Lifetime Record: 15-7-4-1, \$163,270. O-Midwest Thoroughbreds Inc. B-Stuart S Janney III LLC (KY). T-Jamie Ness.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sea Master, g, 3, Dance Master--Seadrift, by Open Forum. HOU, 2-3, 5 1/2f, 1:06. B-James E Helzer (OK). *\$5,000 yrl '10 TEXAUG.

+ **Parranda, f, 3, English Channel--Dynamic Feature, by Rahy.** GPX, 2-4, (C), 1mT, 1:38 1/5. B-Kinsman Farm (FL). *\$13,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR.

Romp City, c, 3, Holy Bull--Dominica (SP, \$189,557), by Housebuster. LRL, 2-4, 7f, 1:24 3/5. B-Lavin Bloodstock & Kenowa Stable (KY). *\$35,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Kiss My Interest, f, 3, Interest Rate--Lady Victoria, by Contested Colors. DED, 2-3, (S), 5f, :59 4/5. B-Louis E Anderson (LA).

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One Survivor, c, 3, **Leestown**--Royal Street, by Royal Anthem. FGX, 2-4, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Dede McGehee DVM (LA). *\$40,000 yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$5,000 2yo '11 EVDMAR.

+ **Apricey Gun**, g, 3, **Mingun**--Aprice, by Repriced. TPX, 2-3, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:06. B-Gerald W Holt (IN).

Posey Rose, c, 3, **Purim**--Countus Affair, by Black Tie Affair (Ire). TPX, 2-4, 1m (AWT), 1:40 4/5. B-Charles G Middleton III (KY). *\$4,500 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$4,700 RNA yrl '10 KEEJAN. **1/2 to Imelda Oh (Banker's Gold), SW, \$159,576; and Pajjan (Mingun), MGSW-Per.

Zetterholm, c, 3, **Silver Train**--Holy Wish, by Lord At War (Arg). AQU, 2-4, (S), 1m70y, 1:45 1/5. B-Anthony Grey (NY).

Smoking Green, g, 3, **Teton Forest**--On the Green, by Green Forest. CTX, 2-3, (S), 4 1/2f, :51 4/5. B-Michael Sterling (WV).

Aftermeyourefirst, c, 3, **Top Venture**--Queen of Dixie, by Jambalaya Jazz. DED, 2-4, (S), 1m, 1:42 1/5. B-Roy Matranga (LA).

Southpaw Who, g, 4, **Ghostly Moves**--Fortunate Kate, by Fortunate Prospect. SUN, 2-4, (S), 1m, 1:40 4/5. B-Richard L. Parrish (NM). *\$47,000 yrl '09 RUIJUL. **1/2 to Lefty Who (Quinton's Gold), MSW, \$635,994.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, **Cagnes-sur-Mer**, 14.15, 2-4, €37,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:00.39, stn.

SIR JADE (FR) (c, 3, **Gentlewave {Ire}**--**Jade Colour {Ire}**, by **Peintre Celebre**) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €34,400. O/B-Guy Pariente; T-Jean-Marc Capitte.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Burnhope (GB), g, 3, **Choisir (Aus)**--Isengard, by Cobra King. Lingfield, Britain, 2-4, Mdn, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT). B-Mrs Susan Roy.

Palmyra (Ire), f, 3, **Haafhd (GB)**--Tasjeel, by Aljabr. Lingfield, Britain, 2-4, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1m (AWT). B-Thurso & Hyphen Bloodstock. *34,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT.

Gort Na Mona, f, 4, **Aldebaran**--Autumn Rhythm (GB), by Hernando (Fr). Dundalk, Ireland, 2-3, Mdn, 4yo/up, 10f 150yds (AWT). B-Flaxman Holdings Ltd. *\$1,700 yrl '09 KEESEP.



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