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EL PADRINO LOOMS LARGE IN RISEN STAR

While Lets Go Stable's **El Padrino** (Pulpit) looks like he'll be a handful in today's GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds, his presence hasn't done much to scare off the competition--the chestnut will face 10 foes in search of his first graded stakes victory. After breaking his maiden by 12 3/4 lengths second out in the Belmont slop Oct. 29, El Padrino came up 3/4 of a length short when third in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct. He joined



El Padrino

A Coglianese

conditioner Todd Pletcher's endless string of talented 3-year-olds down at Gulfstream, and drew plenty of attention with a two-length score over the well-regarded and well-bred GSP Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy). El Padrino earned a 100 Beyer for that effort, and was 15 3/4 lengths clear of the third-place finisher. He was subsequently made the third individual betting choice at 16-1 in the first round of Kentucky Derby future wagering. "He seemed to get over it well," assistant trainer Whit Beckman told *Daily Racing Form* after El Padrino stretched his legs at Fair Grounds Thursday. "I've been around this horse a lot, and he just takes everything in stride. He's very easygoing." **Cont. p3**

MEDICATION CHANGES POSTPONED

The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association American Graded Stakes Committee revealed Friday that a ban on the use of race-day medication in 2012 2-year-old graded stakes races will not be implemented as previously decided on last August. "Due to the nature of the various entities involved in implementation of rules governing racing, the policy has taken longer to implement than the Committee hoped when the announcement regarding the ban was made," said Dr. J. David Richardson, chairman of the Committee. "Over the past six months, through the leadership of the American Graded Stakes Committee and others in the industry, a great deal of valuable discussion has occurred regarding the important issue of medication administered to racehorses. Consistent with TOBA's mission to improve the economics and integrity of the sport, the Committee will continue to engage in productive discussions within the industry, to educate the public and to explore all avenues to effect positive changes with regard to the responsible use of medication for the benefit of Graded Stakes races, and the preservation of the integrity of those races."

ROYAL DELTA PREPS FOR DUBAI IN SABIN

Defending champion 3-year-old filly **Royal Delta** (Empire Maker) makes her first start for Besilu Stables in Gulfstream's GIII Sabin S. today as she looks towards a tilt at the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 31. The bay, last seen taking the G1 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic by a decisive 2 1/2 lengths, was purchased by Ben Leon's operation for an eye-popping \$8.5 million at last year's Keeneland November sale. She has been prepping quickly and regularly since re-joining trainer Bill Mott's stable at Payson Park in mid-January. "This is what it's all about," said the Hall of Fame conditioner. "I'd like to see a good, solid effort in this race so we can look forward to Dubai." While Mott has been pleased with Royal Delta's preparations, he acknowledged that the 1 1/16-mile distance of the Sabin is a bit short for his charge. "I don't think the conditions are the most ideal, but we're running in the race that's available," said Mott. Royal Delta's main challenger will be Robsham homebred **Awesome Maria** (Maria's Mon), who hasn't been seen since taking the G1 Ogden Phipps H. by three lengths at Belmont last June. Despite her long absence, which was due to a condylar fracture, trainer Todd Pletcher said, "She's training exceptionally well." He added, "She's a top class filly at a mile and a sixteenth, so we'll hope for the best." **Field p8**



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WALL-TO-WALL RACING COVERAGE



Havre de Grace
Horsephotos

From stakes previews to news and notes, we've got everything you need to know and more... Rick Porter called an audible Friday when he announced a new return spot for reigning Horse of the Year **Havre de Grace** (Saint Liam). Plus we preview the day's big races from Australia to California, and look ahead to key upcoming events, including Sunday's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. and the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct next weekend.

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Response to SB 151's Defeat

TDN's Lucas Marquardt talks with several members of the Kentucky Thoroughbred industry about their thoughts regarding Thursday's defeat of a bill that would have allowed voters to weight in on expanded gaming in the state.

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Presents Today's Graded Stakes

EST	Race	Click for	TV
11:10p	Futurity S.-G1, CAU	(brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
11:50p	Oakleigh Plate-G1, CAU	(brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
12:30a	Blue Diamond S.-G1, CAU	(brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
3:28p	Fair Grounds H.-GIII, FG	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
3:49p	Sabin S.-GIII, GP	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
3:58p	Rachel Alexandra S.-GIII, FG	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
4:10p	Tampa Bay S.-GIII, TAM	(brisnet.com PPs)	HR/TVG
4:45p	The Very One S.-GIII, GP	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
4:59p	Mineshaft H.-GIII, FG	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
5:13p	Davona Dale S.-GII, GP	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
5:55p	Risen Star S.-GII, FG	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
6:36p	San Carlos S.-GII, SA	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV



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NEWS TODAY

Havre de Grace to Return at FG Afterall...

While it was announced on Wednesday that returning Horse of the Year **Havre de Grace** (Saint Liam) would ship away from her current Fair Grounds base to make her 5-year-old debut in Oaklawn's GIII Azeri S. Mar. 17, owner Rick Porter revealed Friday that those plans have changed. She will instead run in the New Orleans Ladies S. on the same day, after Porter was informed that Havre de Grace's weight assignment for the 1 1/16-mile affair would only be 117 lbs.--not the 122 lbs. racing officials originally told him. "The management of the Fair Grounds called me and offered to raise the purse to \$150,000, matching the Azeri's purse if Havre de Grace runs in the New Orleans Ladies S.," Rick Porter said in an announcement on his website, rockportharbor.com. "[Trainer Larry Jones] and I discussed the change and felt it was worth staying in New Orleans since she had been training there very well. She is used to the track, is travelling nicely over it and we avoid shipping a horse of the caliber of Havre de Grace. I hate to change my mind after posting on the web site, but it is the best for Havre de Grace. Joyful Victory (Tapit) will run in the Azeri."

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

RISEN STAR S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Afford	Street Sense	Bridgmohan	Geier	8-1
2	Optimizer	English Channel	Marquez Jr	Lukas	6-1
3a	Mr. Bowling	Istan	Albarado	Jones	4-1
4	Z Dager	Mizzen Mast	Sellers	Asmussen	5-1
5	Ted's Folly	Wild Tale	Zimmerman	Brown	20-1
6b	Adena's Chance	Limehouse	Eramia	Dorochenko	30-1
7b	Hero of Order	Sharp Humor	Graham	Dorochenko	30-1
8	El Padrino	Pulpit	Castellano	Pletcher	2-1
9a	Mark Valeski	Proud Citizen	Napravnik	Jones	4-1
10	Shared Property	Scat Daddy	Goncalves	Amoss	6-1
11	Tizanexpense	Tiznow	Mena	Maker	10-1

El Padrino's main resistance will most likely come from the evenly matched top three finishers of the local Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S.--Brereton Jones's **Mr. Bowling** (Istan), Zayat Stables' **Z Dager** (Mizzen Mast) and Jerry Namy's **Shared Property** (Scat Daddy). Mr. Bowling is coupled in the wagering with recent optional claiming winner **Mark Valeski** (Proud Citizen). Larry Jones, who trains both parts of the entry, told *DRF* of Mr. Bowling, "I really liked the acceleration he showed when Z Dager came to him. He does what he has to do." While Shared Property was a half-length back of Z Dager and another head behind Mr. Bowling in the Lecomte, he suffered serious ground loss on both turns, and may have found the winner's circle with a better trip relative to the top two. The gelding also has back form that makes him competitive with El Padrino, as he bested the aforementioned Take Charge Indy in last September's GIII Arlington-Washington Futurity S.

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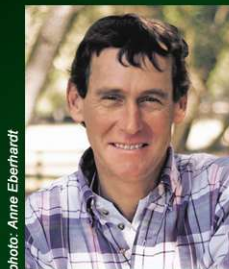


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"My Brother Derek filly skips over the track like a flat stone on a calm lake: she's balanced, athletic and a lovely mover with good size and substance. She's an easy one to like and has a bright future in my view."

-Nick DeMerio



photo: Anne Eberhardt

"I've heard very good reports on the Brother Dereks and I've got a good one. He's a big, rangy colt with a great quarter and acts very much like a quality two-turn type."

-Ciaran Dunne



"I am a big believer in Brother Derek. We bought a filly out of Quick Text that sells in Barretts. She's a head-turner when she breezes, and I rank her right at the top of our filly purchases this year."

-Murette Farrell



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READY FOR ACTION IN BLUE DIAMOND

Vinery Stud and Partners' **Samaready (Aus)** (More Than Ready) looms the one to beat in Saturday's G1 Blue Diamond S., the first of the season's major juvenile events. A debut winner at Flemington Dec. 17, the brown or black filly took her record to a perfect two-for-two with a brilliant off-the-pace victory over **Formidable (Aus)** (Strada {Aus}) in the fillies' division of



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the G3 Blue Diamond Prelude S. Feb. 11. She has firmed this week from 7-5 into 11-10 and is ready to roll, according to her trainer. "She goes into the race a nice forward-going 2-year-old, I couldn't be happier with her," trainer Mick Price said on his website. "I think the 1100-meter

Prelude brought her on a bit, she's nice and bright, and I can't put forward any negatives with her, everything has been forward with her--bring it on!" Trainer David Hayes is in search of a sixth Blue Diamond title and has two in the main body of the field, headed by **General Rippa (Aus)** (General Nediym {Aus}). He recorded a slower time than Samaready, but belied his inexperience to land the colts' division of the Prelude in his career debut. Hayes also saddles longshot **Mama's Choice (Aus)** (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), another debut winner. "General Rippa and Mama's Choice have won their only starts, and the thing I liked about their wins was they did it in slowly-run races," Hayes said on his website. "General Rippa is a bit behind in experience, but both are very good young racehorses. The Blue Diamond has been a terrific race for me and I've got a good feeling about [today]."

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

PATINACK FARM BLUE DIAMOND S.-G1, A\$1,000,000 (\$1,062,613), 2yo, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	General Rippa (Aus)	GnrI Ndiym (Aus)	Arnold	Hayes	125
2	20	Jimando (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Shinn	T McEvoy	125
3	17	Cambiaso (Aus)	More Than Ready	Winks	O'Brien	125
4	2	The Travelling Man (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Melham	Laurie	125
5	10	Bush Aviator (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Mott	O'Brien	125
6	4	Ferment (Aus)	Husson (Arg)	Callow	Thompson	125
7	16	Rusambo (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Zahra	Snowden	125
8	13	Andre Roo Hoo (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	King	Laing	125
9	19	No Looking Back (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	N Rwlter	Wtrhouse	120
10	8	Samaready (Aus)	More Than Ready	Newitt	Price	120
11	18	Real Stolle (Aus)	Elusive Quality	Oliver	Thompson	120
12	3	Formidable (Aus)	Strada (Aus)	Symons	Elrtn/Zhra	120
13	7	Members Joy (Aus)	Hussonet	Boss	Smerdon	120
14	1	Applegate (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	McEvoy	Snowden	120
15	12	Mama's Choice (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Dunn	Hayes	120
16	11	Armed for Action (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Williams	Freedman	120
Also Eligible						
17	6	Fire Thunderbolt (Aus)	California Dane (Aus)	No Rider	Stokes	125
18	15	Mrs Gray (Aus)	Hssn Lgtnng (Aus)	Nolen	Hayes	120
19	9	Pronto Pronto (Aus)	Snitzel (Aus)	Hall	Warren	125
20	14	Al Aneed (Aus)	More Than Ready	Oliver	Price	125

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SEPOY PREPS FOR DUBAI

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Sepoy (Aus) (Elusive Quality) tunes up for a tilt in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen in today's G1 Oakleigh Plate, but spots anywhere from two to 13 pounds as a 3-year-old against his elders. Not that the impost is unwarranted. The homebred has tasted defeat just once in his career, and his victories include the 2011 G1 Golden Slipper S. He makes his first start since posting a narrow success in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. at Flemington in early November, and despite a drift in ante-post markets to 2-1, trainer Peter Snowden believes he has his colt primed for a strong return. "It won't be on the score of fitness that gets him beaten," Snowden told an Australian radio program. **Bel Sprinter (Aus)** (Bel Esprit {Aus}) has seen his price slashed over the course of the week and could go favored. In receipt of nine pounds from Sepoy, he enters this off a first-up win in the Listed W. J. Adams S. at Caulfield Feb. 4. The competition also includes defending race champion **Eagle Falls (Aus)** (Hussonet).

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

SPORTINGBET OAKLEIGH PLATE-G1, A\$400,000 (\$425,824),

3yo/up, 1100mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Sepoy (Aus)	Elusive Quality	McEvoy	Snowden	128
2	12	Eagle Falls (Aus)	Hussonet	Dunn	Hayes	126
3	10	Grand Nirvana (Aus)	Scenic (Ire)	B Rwller	Kersley	123
4	8	Woorim (Aus)	Show a Heart (Aus)	Browne	Heathcote	122
5	2	First Command (Aus)	Commands (Aus)	Oliver	Freedman	120
6	5	Bel Sprinter (Aus)	Bel Esprit (Aus)	Melham	Warren	119
7	16	Facile Tigre (Aus)	Catbird (Aus)	Nikolic	McLchln	118
8	1	Yosei (Aus)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Payne	Webb	118
9	4	Master of Design (Aus)	Redte's Chce (Aus)	Williams	Williams	117
10	6	Winter King (NZ)	One Cool Cat	Boss	Payne	116
11	9	Curtana (Aus)	Excd and Excl (Aus)	Nolen	Moody	115
12	17	Panipique (Aus)	Testa Rossa (Aus)	Walker	Moody	115
13	3	Satin Shoes (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Yendall	Connors	115
14	13	Stirling Grove (Aus)	Mossman (Aus)	Moor	Jolly	115
15	15	Diplomatic Force (Aus)	Oamaru (Aus)	Holland	Nichols	115
16	18	Elite Falls (Aus)	More Than Ready	Newitt	O'Shea	115
17	7	African Pulse (Aus)	Johannesburg	Cropp	Moroney	115
18	14	Johannapine (Aus)	Johannesburg	Mertens	Webb	115

Saturday, Caulfield, Australia

CATHAY PACIFIC FUTURITY S.-G1, A\$500,000 (\$531,705), 3yo/up,

1400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Scenic Shot (Aus)	Scenic (Ire)	Arnold	Morton	130
2	6	King Mufhasa (NZ)	Pentire (GB)	N Rwller	McKee	130
3	9	Wall Street (NZ)	Montjeu (Ire)	Oliver	Moroney	130
4	8	Dao Dao (Aus)	Shinko Forest (Ire)	Scr	Scr	Scr
5	2	Playing God (Aus)	Blackfriars (Aus)	S Prnhm	N Prnhm	130
6	7	Niwot (Aus)	Galileo (Ire)	Dunn	Hawkses	130
7	3	Danzylum (Aus)	Danzero (Aus)	Currie	Griffiths	130
8	11	Doubtful Jack (Aus)	Nt a Sngl Dbt (Aus)	Nolen	Moody	130
9	5	Bigelow (Aus)	Al Maher (Aus)	Nikolic	McDonald	130
10	1	Pinker Pinker (Aus)	Reset (Aus)	Williams	Eurell	126
11	10	Adamantium (NZ)	Elusive City	Boss	O'Brien	122

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Graded Stakes	OBS 2YO	All Other 2YO Sales
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G1 Winners	10	5
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Starts	23	16
Wins	3	1

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GRACE HALL KICKS OFF '12 IN DAVONA DALE

Michael Dubb and partners' Grade I winner **Grace Hall** (Empire Maker) gets back into the swing of things in this afternoon's GII Davona Dale S. over 1 1/16 miles at Gulfstream. The 3-year-old filly burst onto the scene last year with a win in the GI Spinaway S. at Saratoga in her second career start. She took an atypical route to the Breeders' Cup--using a 5 3/4-length win in the two-turn Blue Hen S. at Delaware in October to prep--and was clearly second best while no threat to eventual champ My Miss Aurelia (Smart Strike) in the GI Juvenile Fillies. The \$95,000 KEESEP yearling has been working well for her return. "We've had this race picked out for her comeback for some time," said trainer Anthony Dutrow. "Everything in her training has gone on schedule. She's filled out and matured mentally from last year to now. The goal for her is the GI Kentucky Oaks, and hopefully, this will be the first step to get her there." The gray **Disposablepleasure** (Giacomo) looked like any kind last year when she stumbled badly at the break in the GII Demoiselle S. at Aqueduct Nov. 26 and still managed to get up and take it by a nose. Julien Leparoux rides for trainer Todd Pletcher. **Nuffsaid Nuffsaid** (Mutakddim), at 15-1 on the morning line, could add some value to the exotics in search of her third-straight victory.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:13 p.m. EST
DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Nuffsaid Nuffsaid	Mutakddim	Lezcano	Hennig	15-1
2	Grace Hall (K)	Empire Maker	Dominguez	A Dutrow	9-5
3	Captivating Lass	A.P. Indy	Velazquez	McLaughlin	5-1
4	The Cat's All That (K)	Discreet Cat	Lopez	Peery	12-1
5	Frolic's Revenge	Vindication	Leyva	Wolfson	8-1
6	Yara	Put It Back	Castanon	Garoffalo	20-1
7	Disposablepleasure	Giacomo	Leparoux	Pletcher	2-1
8	Taker Home	Vindication	Contreras	Pirie	20-1
9	Salad Girl	Hit the Trail	Trujillo	Plesa Jr	10-1

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Table Three Ten Earning Rave Reviews Graham Ross, SportsNOLA.com "In a restaurant on Short Street in the city of Lexington, Ky., hangs a nicely framed photograph of a nicely made racehorse. The runner is called Table Three Ten, and a look at the menu of this fine dining establishment confirms a title of identical name."



AMAZOMBIE, THE FACTOR SQUARE OFF

It's rare that early season sprints boast the sort of star power that today's seven-furlong GII San Carlos S. does. Santa Anita's Saturday feature finds the defending GI Breeders' Cup Sprint champ **Amazombie** (Northern Afleet) up against arguably last year's top 3-year-old sprinting colt **The Factor** (War Front). The former, who earned an Eclipse Award for his 2011 exertions, won the GI Ancient Title S. here in Arcadia in October, and is three-for-five at the track lifetime. The lone question mark could be the seven furlongs--he ran third in his only other try at the distance. Jockey Mike Smith, who rides for trainer and co-owner Bill Spawr, is optimistic this is the beginning of a big season for the gelding. "We ain't seen the best of him," asserted Smith. "I know he's getting older, but man, he's just getting right. I mean, in November [for the Breeders' Cup], Bill had him really, really good. But from the looks of things, and you don't know it until they run, he seems to have gotten even better." ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ The Factor, who backed up to eighth in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, bounced back to win the seven-panel GI Malibu S. in a scintillating performance at Santa Anita Dec. 26, and a big effort here could punch his ticket to the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen next month. The Steve Asmussen barn has had trouble getting going at Santa Anita, with just three wins from 29 starts, but Malibu runner-up **Rothko** (Arch) is a talented animal with a big kick who could make some noise, particularly if a hot pace falls apart.

**Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 6:36 p.m. EST
SAN CARLOS S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Canonize (K)	Aldebaran	Espinoza	Ellis	12-1
2	Amazombie	Northern Afleet	Smith	Spawr	8-5
3	The Factor (K)	War Front	Garcia	Baffert	7-5
4	Mensa Heat	Unusual Heat	Talamo	West	6-1
5	Rothko	Arch	Rosario	Asmussen	4-1
6	Sway Away (K)	Afleet Alex	Bejarano	Bonde	6-1

PERFECT SHIRL RETURNS IN THE VERY ONE

Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine **Perfect Shirl** (Perfect Soul {Ire}) kicks off her 5-year-old campaign in today's 1 3/8-mile GIII The Very One S. over Gulfstream's sod. Trained by Roger Attfield, the Charles Fipke homebred entered the Breeders' Cup without a 2011 victory to her credit and was subsequently sent off a 27-1 chance, but under expert handling by John Velazquez, she rallied to win by 3/4 of a length. A planned trip to Hong Kong and another to Argentina for the G1 Carlos Pellegrini in December were scuttled by logistical problems, and now she and Velazquez are partnered again as she begins the long road to her Breeders' Cup defense.

Very One cont.

"Mr. Fipke wanted to go to Hong Kong after the Breeders' Cup," explained Attfield. "We were late getting the blood work done, so we had to cancel that trip. Then she was training so well, we made plans to go to Argentina. It turned out to be a mess. There were many cancelled flights." He added, "We would now like to go to Dubai with her. I feel a start in the Very One will give me five weeks to get ready for Dubai." Perfect Shirl won't have it easy today, however. A case could be made for at least half of the field, with the veteran **Keertana** (Johar) posing one of the biggest threats. Making her first start in over nine months in the GIII Endeavor S. at Tampa Feb. 4, Keertana ran third to the first-class Zagora (Fr) (Green Tune), and should move forward. **Here to Win (Brz)** (Roi Normand), looking for her first American win, is an interesting longshot off a troubled-trip allowance third here Jan. 13.

**Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:45 p.m. EST
THE VERY ONE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Here to Win (Brz)	Roi Normand	Bravo	McLaghlin	12-1
2	Hasay (GB)	Lomitas (GB)	Dominguez	Motion	8-1
3	Woodford Belle	Arch	Castanon	Nihe	15-1
4	Perfect Shirl	Perfect Soul (Ire)	Velazquez	Attfield	3-1
5	Casablanca Smile (Chi)	Ocean Terrace	Desormeaux	McGaghy	5-1
6	Keertana	Johar	Lezcano	Proctor	4-1
7	Clarinet	Giant's Causeway	Leparoux	Motion	20-1
8	Good Karma (Ity)	Tobougg (Ire)	Maragh	Clement	15-1
9	Shimmering Moment (K)	Afleet Alex	Rocco Jr.	Abbott	8-1
10	Middle Club (GB)	Fantastic Light	Lopez	Clement	15-1
11	Font	Pulpit	Solis	Tagg	15-1
12	Aquitaine (K)	Empire Maker	Contreras	Matz	15-1
13	Full Moon Party (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Wilson	Frazier	30-1
AE	Dash Dot Dash	Put It Back	Trujillo	Wolfson	4-1

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NO APPLAUDING, BUT 'APPLAUSE'?

This event lost a lot of its luster when **TDN Rising Star** Applauding (Congrats) was scratched, but a solid group of six nonetheless will line up in today's 1 1/16-mile GIII Rachel Alexandra S. at Fair Grounds. Hoping to build off her second-place effort in the Silverbulletday S. is **Summer Applause** (Harlan's Holiday), who has worked brilliantly since that Jan. 21 local feature. Summer Applause won off by daylight in a seven-furlong maiden at Woodbine Dec. 3, then aired by seven lengths when stretched to two turns in an optional claimer at Fair Grounds on New Year's Eve in her last start for trainer Josie Carroll. She was made the even-money choice in the Silverbulletday making her debut for the Bret Calhoun barn, and while she had to settle for second to **Believe You Can** (Proud Citizen), should be right in the mix here if her latest moves are anything to go by: she breezed five panels in 1:00 1/5 (1/45) Feb. 11 and four furlongs in :47 2/5 (1/62) Feb. 18. **Table Three Ten** (El Prado {Ire}) is the wildcard. She raised eyebrows with a sharp debut win over six furlongs at Fair Grounds Nov. 25, then after being purchased privately by Team Valor and moved from Michael Stidham to Graham Motion, added a less flashy victory in a Gulfstream optional claimer Jan. 27. She goes two turns for the first time today. Believe You can won the GIII Tempted S. at Belmont last October and is the logical favorite off her wire-to-wire Silverbulletday score.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 3:58 p.m. EST
RACHEL ALEXANDRA S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Believe You Can (K)	Proud Citizen	Napravnik	Jones	3-1
2	Avie's Sense (K)	Street Sense	Graham	Carroll	6-1
3	Inny Minnie (K)	Hard Spun	Bridgmohan	Margolis	5-1
4	Table Three Ten	El Prado (Ire)	Castellano	Motion	5-1
5	Summer Applause	Harlan's Holiday	Albarado	Calhoun	4-1
6	Applauding	Congrats	SCR	SCR	SCR
7	Annaclone	Flatter	Mena	Flint	20-1

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 3:49 p.m. EST

SABIN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Ghostly Darkness (K)	Ghostzapper	Maragh	Reed	15-1
2	Royal Delta (K)	Empire Maker	Lezcano	Mott	6-5
3	Awesome Maria	Maria's Mon	Velazquez	Pletcher	8-5
4	Groupie Doll	Bowman's Band	Borel	Bradley	3-1
5	Canadian Mistress	Canadian Frontier	Trujillo	Wolfson	8-1

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs, post time: 4:10 p.m. EST

TAMPA BAY S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Roman Tiger	Tiger Ridge	Serpa	Manning	12-1
2	Versailles Road (K)	Street Cry (Ire)	Allen Jr	Wilkes	12-1
3	Union Bowman	Newfoundland	Rossi	Davis	20-1
4	Swift Warrior (K)	First Samurai	Guidry	Terranova	15-1
5	El Commodore	El Prado (Ire)	Coa	Griffith	30-1
6	Hoofit (NZ)	Mossman (Aus)	Homeister Jr	Motion	8-1
7	Duke of Mischief	Graeme Hall	Centeno	Fawkes	8-1
8	Successful Mission (K)	Successful Appeal	Sanchez	Plesa Jr	9-2
9	Guys Reward (K)	Grand Reward	Morales	Romans	6-1
10	Moryba (Brz)	Hard Buck (Brz)	Saez	Mott	3-1
11	Allie's Event	Wild Event	Spieth	Smock	8-1
12	Lentenor	Dynaformer	Garcia	Delacour	8-1
AE	Uptwnchalybrwn (K)	Limehouse	Garcia	Coletti Sr	8-1

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:55 p.m. EST

MINESHAFT H.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Mister Marti Gras	Belong to Me	Bridgmohan	Pessin	9-2
2	Alma d'Oro (K)	Medaglia d'Oro	Castellano	Pletcher	6-1
3	Tres Borrachos (K)	Ecton Park	Prado	Jones	7-2
4	Cool Blue Red Hot	Harlan's Holiday	Cruz	Penna Jr	12-1
5	Nates Mineshaft	Mineshaft	Campbell	Smith	20-1
6	Thiskyhasnolimit (K)	Sky Mesa	Sellers	Asmussen	5-1
7	Pants On Fire	Jump Start	Napravnik	Breen	6-1
8	Fast Alex	Afleet Alex	Albarado	Geier	5-1
9	Gladding	Sarava	Graham	Sadler	6-1

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

FAIR GROUNDS H.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Derby Kitten	Kitten's Joy	Napravnik	Maker	12-1
2	Achaemenes (K)	Empire Maker	Zimmerman	Matthews	12-1
3	Mr. Vegas	Freud	Mena	Scherer	9-2
4	Gleam of Hope	City Zip	Graham	Stidham	6-1
5	Strike Impact (K)	Smart Strike	Castellano	Scherer	8-1
6	Dubious Miss	E Dubai	Lanerie	McGee	8-1
7	Uptowncharlybrown (K)	Limehouse	Lopez	Coletti Sr	12-1
8	Mister Marti Gras	Belong to Me	Bridgmohan	Pessin	5-1
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There seem to be enough reasons to go against both **Union Rags** (Dixie Union) and **Algorithms** (Bernardini) here. The former was a very good, precocious 2-year-old, but he shouldn't be given the benefit of the doubt that he has trained on at three. Obviously, if he has improved since he was last seen, he'll be hard to handle. But at a low number, you have to let him beat you. Algorithms has done nothing wrong in three starts so far, but his five-length, 105 Beyer-earning romp in the sloppy GIII Holy Bull S. seems a bit inflated. He's from a female family that loves mud, and Consortium (Bernardini)'s last-place finish in that race didn't exactly flatter the form of their previous showdown.

It would have been hard to imagine ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ **Discreet Dancer** (Discreet Cat) ever going off as a relative overlay in any race for the rest of his career after his first two head-turners, but he should be a decent enough price in this spot simply because he can't take as much action as the aforementioned pair. He has done absolutely nothing wrong in his first two starts, scoring by a combined 15 1/4 lengths with 98 and 96 Beyers, respectively. Those figures compare very favorably with Algorithms' first two figures and hold a slight edge over Union Rags' if he hasn't improved. Something like 7-2 or 4-1 seems fair on a horse with unlimited upside at this point.

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Triple Threats

Saturday, Mar. 3, Aqueduct Race Track

GOTHAM S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

A full field, headed by Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old male **Hansen** (Tapit), is expected to line up for next Saturday's GIII Gotham S., which has seen its purse raised to \$400,000 this year. Trained by Mike Maker



Hansen *EquiSport*

for Dr. Kendall Hansen, the grey colt is scheduled to have one final breeze in South Florida this coming Monday and is expected to board a flight bound for New York Feb. 29. Hansen last worked Feb. 19, going five furlongs in a bullet :59 flat. "His last breeze on Sunday was strong," said Dr. Hansen, who owns the colt in partnership with Dr. Harvey Diamond's Sky Chai Racing. "He actually ran another furlong, and we were pleased with that. It

was actually a six-furlong work. He was running 12-second furlongs, and that's his cruising speed. Since he put up a bullet last week, his next breeze will probably be slower." Hansen suffered his first career defeat last time out, dropping a five-length decision to Algorithms (Bernardini) in the GIII Holy Bull S. Jan. 29. Dr. Hansen had the following warning for would-be competitors. "You don't want to go against the champion in his first start after a loss," he said. "He was really ticked off [after the Holy Bull]."

The Todd Pletcher barn is set to be represented by a pair of sophomores in the Gotham. Dogwood Stable's **Raconteur** (A.P. Indy) needed four tries to break his maiden, but did so going nine panels Jan. 6 and followed back up with a first-level allowance victory Feb. 3. "It's taken him a little while to come around," said assistant trainer Mike McCarthy. "Obviously he's put together some decent races back-to-back. It might be a little bit of a tall order at the moment, but I think he deserves a shot to be in there. We know he likes the racetrack; maybe he can come and mow them down late." Zayat Stable's **Dan and Sheila** (More Than Ready) was a debut winner at Gulfstream Dec. 17 and was part of the favored entry in the GIII Lecomte S. at the Fair Grounds Jan. 21. Trapped three wide into the first turn and well back, he made good ground late to finish fourth, beaten a touch more than three lengths. "I thought he ran a very respectable race at the Fair Grounds," McCarthy offered. "Once Johnny [Velazquez] was able to wheel him outside, he was able to start picking up horses. He finished up strong, and galloped out well. Obviously some seasoning will do him some good."

Tom Morley, the Belmont-based assistant to trainer Eddie Kenneally, said recent Gulfstream allowance winner **Maan** (Maria's Mon) will try two turns for the first time in the Gotham. He is unbeaten in two starts, having graduated in his Churchill debut last July 3. "When we bought him, he was a real sharp-looking 2-year-old type of horse," said Morley. "He broke his maiden at Churchill, and Eddie had the [GII] Saratoga Special in mind for him. We took him to Saratoga, and the horse grew and became a completely different animal. The best thing to do with him was to turn him out and give him a break. He suddenly looked like he was going to mature into a proper-looking horse, so Eddie decided to give him a little break. Eddie is not afraid of doing that with nice horses. He's very, very patient, especially if he thinks they have a smart future in front of them."

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Godolphin's **It's Tricky** (Mineshaft), unraced since her runner-up effort to champion Royal Delta (A.P. Indy) in the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic Nov. 4, will make her 4-year-old debut in the GII Top Flight S. on the



It's Tricky Horsephotos

Gotham S. undercard at Aqueduct Mar. 3. Winner of the GI Acorn S. and GI CCA Oaks, in which she defeated Royal Delta into third, It's Tricky closed the season with second-place efforts in the GI Alabama S. and GII Cotillion S. ahead of the Breeders' Cup. She

returned to serious training at Palm Meadows Dec. 31 and most recently worked five-eighths of a mile in 1:01.89 Feb. 12. She is scheduled to have her final pre-race breeze over the Belmont training track tomorrow morning. "She shipped up carrying great weight," said Art Magnuson, assistant to trainer Kieran McLaughlin. "She looks really rested, and she's been training well."



RESPONSE TO SB 151's DEFEAT

The latest attempt to get expanded gaming passed in Kentucky suffered an ignominious end Thursday when Kentucky Senate President David Williams successfully led the push against legislation championed by Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear and Republican State Sen. Damon Thayer. The process moved swiftly. On Wednesday, Thayer introduced SB 151--which called for a constitutional amendment to be put before Kentucky voters in November--in the Senate State and Local Government Committee. Approved by a 7-4 margin, the legislation was then fast-tracked by Williams for a vote on the Senate floor. With at least one proponent absent (co-sponsor Sen. Gerald Neal had previous engagements), the bill, which needed to pass by a 60% supermajority of 23 votes, went down by a margin of 16 in favor and 21 opposed. Several members changed their votes from 'yes' to 'no' when it became clear the legislation wouldn't pass. Yesterday, the *TDN's* Lucas Marquardt talked with members of the Kentucky Thoroughbred industry about their thoughts regarding the bill's defeat, and what's next for prospect of expanded gaming in Kentucky.



Kentucky Sen. David Williams

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A day after the bill failed in the Senate, what's your take on the situation?

"We were extremely gratified the bill was brought up in committee, and pass out of committee. It's the first time an expanded gaming bill has made it out of a Senate committee, and I think that demonstrates progress. There were some votes that switched at the end because of procedural reasons. Coming into the vote, we knew it was pretty close. With Sen. Neal not being there, we knew we were going to be one vote short, and then two or three members switched at the end when it became clear the vote wasn't going to pass. But we were within a couple of votes, and I think it shows we've made significant progress convincing members of the Senate that our industry needs to be put on a level playing field with our competitors in other states, and we need to continue making progress."



Patrick Neely mycn2.com

Where you surprised the legislation went from committee to a full vote so quickly?

"After a bill passes committee and has had its readings on the Senate floor, it can come up at any time. We weren't sure when the president of the Senate was going to call the bill, but procedurally, it can happen right after coming out of committee, and that's what [Sen. David Williams] chose to do."

Does this represent a death knell for expanded gaming in Kentucky?

"Absolutely not. We have to achieve the goal of putting our industry on a level playing field. That is the end result, and we have to continue working. These things take time, and they happen in steps. Public opinion has completely changed in our favor in the last five or six years. We passed a bill in the House that then died in the Senate. We passed a bill in a Senate committee that then died on the Senate floor. These are the steps you take in getting major legislation passed. This is our latest step, and we'll go right back to work Monday convincing Kentucky voters and legislators that our industry at a competitive disadvantage, and that needs to be rectified." **Cont. p13**

WHO'S HOT?

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Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	BTWnrs BTWins	Black-type Horses	GSWnrs GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners Wins	G1-G2SWnrs G1-G2SWins
Speightstown	22	16	1 1	4	0 0	2	15 19	0 0
Bernardini	20	16	3 4	4	2 2	2	15 19	0 0
Giant's Causeway	20	19	4 4	5	3 3	4	18 19	1 1
Empire Maker	19	16	3 3	5	2 2	3	14 15	1 1
Distorted Humor	18	17	2 2	4	0 0	0	16 16	0 0
Songandaprayer	18	15	2 2	5	0 0	3	13 13	0 0
Tiznow	18	16	1 2	5	1 1	1	12 13	1 1
Street Sense	17	13	1 1	2	1 1	1	13 16	0 0
Awesome Again	16	15	2 2	7	1 1	2	11 11	1 1
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Even with the defeat of the expanded gaming bill, Instant Racing could soon be implemented at many of Kentucky's horse tracks should it survive the challenges it currently faces in court. What's KEEP's take on Instant Gaming?

"We were the organization that really pushed for the adoption of Instant Racing, and we're big believers that Instant Racing can be a good placeholder for the industry. It's already generated revenue for purses and for the KTDF (Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund) just down in Kentucky Downs, and Ellis Park is supposed to start their operation in April. Assuming that it survives the court challenge, I would assume other Kentucky tracks would start offering Instant Racing soon after. I think it's great that we've got it, and it is great that it's producing revenue for the industry, but I don't think it gets us to where we need to be. It's not going to put us on the same level as Pennsylvania or New York in terms of purses and breeder incentive funds. But it at least reverses a trend."

Sen. Damon Thayer (D-Georgetown)
What was your response to Thursday's vote?

"Over the last couple of months, I've tried to fight the good fight, and we came up short. We were up against some very powerful forces who oppose gambling. My approach really wasn't about gambling, it was about letting the people decide about gambling. I was disappointed in the vote, though I wasn't surprised. Unfortunately, a lot of people voted 'no' who had previously campaigned on the platform of letting the people decide."



Damon Thayer

Sen. Neal, a proponent of the legislation, was absent from voting Thursday. Did that make a difference?

"I had actually requested the vote be delayed a day until Friday, but I lost a procedural vote in a caucus meeting, and I had no choice but to move forward and present the bill and accept the fate. But I think his absence played a role. It had a cascading effect on some of the other votes that were cast, and I think the dynamics could have been a little different. There were some people who voted 'no' who, under different circumstances, might have been inclined to vote 'yes.' But it's a tough vote on a controversial issue, and I think some people thought voting 'no' was the safe vote--especially since they could see the vote wasn't going to pass."

What do you see as the future of expanded gaming in Kentucky? "I've been asked that question several times today, and I don't really have an answer. I thought we had a better-than-average chance this year. I think the industry will have to regroup and figure out what its strategy is going to be."

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How has this affected you personally and professionally?

"I'm battle-scarred, that's for sure. It was difficult, and I'm trying to regroup. I was criticized for going across party lines to work with Gov. Beshear and essentially going against the wishes of the leadership of my own party. So I'm just trying to recover from some body blows I've taken."

David L. Switzer, Executive Director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association

"We're very disappointed, of course. I would like to say that we owe a great deal of gratitude to Sen. [Damon] Thayer, who's been a champion of our industry for a number of years, and who has been through some difficult times in relation to this legislation. And he's been a professional handling it. We'd also like to thank the governor [Gov. Steve Beshear], having this as his initiative. The Thoroughbred industry in Kentucky is going to have to regroup and figure out in different ways how to compete with those racing jurisdictions that are being supplemented with alternative forms of revenue." **Cont. p14**

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What do you see as the future of expanding gaming in Kentucky? Should supporters continue to the push the initiative? “As the industry consolidates, not only in Kentucky but nationally, there’s going to be some concern that issues like this need to be discussed. In Kentucky in particular, I think the issue needs to be broadened more than just an issue of the racing and breeding industry. If the economy stays soft, I think others will begin looking at different forms of revenue so the state can run more efficiently, and that may bring in a broader coalition of people who want to support the issue.”

Craig Bendoroff, Denali Stud

“I’m disappointed, like everyone else. As everybody knows, you’ve got one very powerful guy [Senate President David Williams] who is vindictive, he’s mean, he’s nasty, and he doesn’t like the horse business. What his motives are, nobody’s ever really looked into. He abuses the democratic process every chance he gets. He intimidates his caucus, he threatens them, and they don’t stand up to him. I think that’s one big factor.



Craig Bendoroff

To me, and lots of other people, there is no excuse not to let the citizens of Kentucky vote on the issue. We live in the United States of America--that’s what this country is founded on, and that’s why the rest of the world looks to us. This legislative body, even though polls from every faction show that 80 to 90% of the citizens want to vote on the issue, puts it in its own hands and says, ‘No, we’re not going to let you have your vote. We’re going to make the decision for you.’ For me, that’s what’s so upsetting. In 2009, when we wanted the legislature to do something [enable gaming legislation through statute], that was one thing. But this time, it was just a matter of putting it on the ballot and letting people say what they want. The fact they can look democracy in the eye and say ‘no’ makes me think they have a low regard for our political system.

Another factor is that this is a very conservative, right-wing state where the moral majority has a big voice, and they’re carrying sway over everything else, including economic issues and democracy.

I’m sad and disillusioned, and I think until Williams is out of there, it’s going to be very, very difficult to outmaneuver him. This is a guy who lost the general election by 20 points when he ran for governor, but he does this stuff and gets away with it.

I think you have to give big kudos to Damon Thayer. He stood up to them, and it could very well hurt him badly politically. But he stood up for what he believed. The horse business turned its back on him because he wouldn’t support us in 2009, but he always said at that point it had to be done through a constitutional amendment, and he never wavered. He took a lot of bullets, and he tried to do what was right. I think everyone owes him an apology for the way we tore him down, and a thanks for what he’s done for us over the last two weeks.”

It has been almost one year since Japan suffered from the big earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011. Many people lost family members, jobs and homes and the three prefectures (Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima) are still struggling to find ways to recover. Additionally, the Fukushima province is contaminated with radioactive substances. It is hard to explain to you why, but the Japanese government did not show strong leadership to help people to evacuate and they also prohibited the shipping of some horses from Fukushima because they believed those horses would carry radioactive contamination.



Thanks to your support, our global Thoroughbred society joined together and sent approximately 3,000 hats to sell in Japan to support orphan funds, the Japan Retired Horse Association (which cared for suffering horses) and Soma Pony breeders to help protect their long history and their major equestrian event, the ‘Soma Nomaio Festival’. The total amount raised from the sale of the hats, plus generous cash donations for this event, was over US\$120,000.

I am presently working with The Japan Racing Association and TV newscasters who work for horse racing channels to prepare ‘Hats Off for Japan Phase II’ on March 10 and 11, 2012 at JRA Nakayama Racecourse. This event will mark the anniversary of the Japan earthquake.

I am writing this letter to ask you to please donate more of your business, farm or stallion hats to us if possible. Last year’s event had quite a big impact for all the Japanese people, knowing that our industry was thinking of Japan. It also encouraged many people working for horses in the suffering areas. I would be highly obliged if you could support us again, sending your hats to the following address in Japan.

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Thank you,
 Naoya Yoshida

NEW YORK



Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:05 p.m. EST

BUSHER S., \$75,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Sweet Seventeen	Hard Spun	Garcia	Motion	8-5
2	Marvelous Margaret	Put It Back	Curatolo	Martin	12-1
3a	Lisa T.	Awesome Again	Velasquez	Pletcher	2-1
4a	Off Limits	Include	Alvarado	Mott	2-1
5	Better Lucky	Ghostzapper	Castro	Albertrani	4-1
6	Plum	Pure Prize	Dunkelbrgr	Jenkins	6-1
7	Super Quiet	Real Quiet	G Delgado	Wood	15-1

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$62,720, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 3/5, gd.

MYSTICISM (g, 4, A. P. Warrior--Wild Catseye {SW, \$113,134}, by Forest Wildcat) wired NW2L foes on the Aqueduct main track Nov. 10, but couldn't stave off a tough group on this surface Jan. 12 and wound up fourth behind This Ones for Phil (Untuttable). Part of the heavily favored entry with Opening Move (Bernardini) here, the bay assumed command at the outset and kept right on going down the stretch to score by three lengths. De Price (Aldebaran) won the battle for second. Opening Move stumbled badly at the start and was last throughout. Sales history: \$115,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$110,890.

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O-Darley Stable. B-Super Fine Farm (KY). T-Thomas Albertrani.

FLORIDA



Yesterday's Results:

9th-GPX, \$42,500, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 7/16mT, 2:19 4/5, fm.

ZHIVAGO (h, 5, Thunder Gulch--Bluebird Day {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) was benched following a fifth-place finish in a 12-furlong test over this course last February. Available at 7-1 in his first start since, the snowy grey utilized his rail post to secure a ground-saving trip in second as Change of Command (Gators N Bears) set a tepid pace. Zhivago angled out entering the stretch, poked his head in front and determinedly held sway as Devon Rock (Rock Hard Ten) came charging on the outside. Sales history: \$180,000 yrl '08 KEESF. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$62,489. Click for the brisnet.com chart or the video replay.

O-William L Clifton Jr. B-Plantation Stud (KY). T-H James Bond.

EASTERN U.S.



Saturday, Laurel, post time: 4:24 p.m. EST

MIRACLE WOOD S., \$100,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Runnin Bull	Flashy Bull	No rider	Allen	20-1
2	Romp City	Holy Bull	Castillo	Lynch	10-1
3	Pass You Bye Bye	Rock Slide	Pino	Alfano	15-1
4	The Lumber Guy	Grand Slam	Pimentel	Hushion	7-5
5	Bear's Delite	Go for Gin	Peltroche	Ketterman	30-1
6	Mr. Handsome	Rock Hard Ten	Franklin	Tulloch Jr	12-1
7	Brimstone Island	Tiznow	Perez	Campbell	6-1
8	Rocky Gap	Rockport Harbor	Boyce	Gaudet	8-1
9	Friscan	Two Punch	Carmouche	Motion	5-2

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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:53p
HRTV

6th-GP, \$53.5K, Alw/Opt.Clm., 3yo, f, 1m

ZO IMPRESSIVE (Hard Spun) lived up to her name when dashing clear by 6 1/4 lengths in a local six-furlong contest Jan. 22. Produced by GISW Zoftig (Cozzene), the Live Oak homebred is a 1/2 to GISW Zaftig (Gone West). Rajiv Maragh is back in the irons for trainer Tom Albertrani. Also in the field is **In Lingerie** (**Empire Maker**), who was purchased privately by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners after a 6 1/4-length thumping of Turfway maidens Jan. 14. New trainer Todd Pletcher is taking the hood off of the daughter of GSW Cat Chat (Storm Cat) this time. brisnet.com PPs

3:00p
HRTV

7th-FG, \$49K, Alw/Opt. Clm., 4yo/up, 1m70yd

NEHRO (Mineshaft) returns from a lengthy break following a fourth in the GI Belmont S. last June. Prior to that, the dark bay was second by a neck in both the GII Louisiana Derby and GI Arkansas Derby, and was also runner-up in the GI Kentucky Derby. Corey Nakatani was aboard the Zayat Stables colorbearer last spring, but Shaun Bridgmohan takes the helm this time. brisnet.com PPs

Eastern Standard Time



Jockey Javier Castellano after scoring his 3,000th career victory aboard West Point Thoroughbreds' Virtuously (Congrats) in yesterday's sixth race at Gulfstream
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CALIFORNIA

Yesterday's Results:

6th-SAX, \$59,048, Alw, NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37, ft.

VELOCE CANZONE (f, 4, [Songandaprayer](#)--Peppy Lapeau, by French Deputy), a full-sister to the swift Songster, MGSW, \$377,028, debuted with a win in the slop at Gulfstream last January, but hadn't faced the starter since. Dismissed at 11-1 this time, the chestnut jumped away well to set a pressured pace. Despite getting a bit leg-weary late, Veloce Canzone dug in gamely and hit the wire a half-length in front of fellow longshot Mizzen Donald (Mizzen Mast). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$57,900. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-Kona Stable LLC. B-Richard Giacobelli (KY). T-Patrick L Biancone.

Arrived & Thrived at Woodstock Farm

3rd-SAX, \$56,700, Msw, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm. STORMBERG (r, 4, Storm Cat--Serena's Song {Ch. 3yo Filly, MGISW, \$3,283,388}, by Rahy) a full-brother to Sophisticat, G1SW-GB, GSW & G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$444,231; Grand Reward, GSW-US, MGSP-GB & Ire, \$548,995; and Schramsberg, GSW, \$394,626, made one previous appearance on turf, finishing sixth in a Gulfstream maiden 11 months ago when trained by Seth Benzel. Sent to Robert Troeger in California, the chestnut returned from a seven-month hiatus to run a distant fourth in a sprint on the Santa Anita dirt Oct. 9. He was a bit closer when fourth in a Cushion Track route at Hollywood the following month, and made the move to Mike Mitchell's shedrow. Sent off as the 3-1 second choice here, the purple-pedigreed runner settled in fourth as they made their way down the hill. He tipped out to take the lead and held sway by 3/4 of a length from favored Blu Jon (Awesome Again). Stormberg is also a sibling to Serena's Tune (Mr. Prospector), MSW, \$337,260; Arbitrate (Deputy Minister), SP, \$195,390; and Harlington (Unbridled), GSW, \$370,000. Sales history: \$450,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$47,059. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-William J Sims. B-The Robert & Beverly Lewis Trust (KY). T-Mike R Mitchell.

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WESTERN U.S.

8th-GGX, \$32,180, Msw, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:11 1/5, ft.
+ POSSEANTE (g, 4, [Posse](#)--Penny Ante {MSW, \$230,137}, by Fabulous Champ), given a 5-1 chance in his belated debut, stalked odds-on favorite Slycy (Crafty C.T.) through a half in :45.84. The chalk had built up a clear lead at the top of the stretch, but Posseante kicked it into another clear to hand that for a 2 1/4-length defeat. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,100. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#). O-Stewball Stable & Valerie Rhoden. B-Rhoden & Finkel (KY). T-Valerie Ann Rhoden.



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Saturday, Sunland Park, post time: 6:45 p.m. EST

BORDERLAND DERBY, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Zackn'mat	Northern Afleet	Berrios	M Jones	5-2
2	Isn't He Clever	Smarty Jones	Medellin	Dominguez	2-1
3	Strong Resolve	Elusive Quality	Lambert	Koch	15-1
4	So Far So Fast	Cuvee	E Gomez	Dominguez	6-1
5	Tequila Factor	Pure Prize	Robletto	Wilson	5-1
6	Justanoldsong	Unbridled's Song	Eikleberry	Wolochuk	6-1
7	Major Hope	Lemon Drop Kid	Chapa	Asmussen	6-1

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CENTRAL U.S.

Yesterday's Results:

2nd-FGX, \$41,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, a7 1/2fT, 1:34, yl.

ROBI JO (f, 3, [Lemon Drop Kid](#)--Lord Remember Me, by Lord At War {Arg}) rallied five wide to take her career opener in a 5 1/2-furlong dash over this course Jan. 22, and was the 5-2 second choice to Cat Lore (Discreet Cat). Unhurried early, the bay still had plenty to do entering the stretch, but came motoring down the center to reel in the wayward chalk and maintain her perfect record. The final margin was 1 1/4 lengths. Sales history: \$25,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$47,016. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-J Larry & Cindy Jones. B-Brookdale (KY). T-J Larry Jones.

9th-OPX, \$46,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48 3/5, ft.

ZAPPER BELLE (f, 3, [Ghostzapper](#)--Capote Belle {GISW, \$603,314}, by Capote), a non-threatening seventh in her debut in a local sprint Jan. 15, showed some speed in her latest Feb. 4 before setting for fourth. Let go at 7-1 in her first route attempt, the bay filly was in the thick of things from the start. Favored Come Acorkin (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) headed her at the quarter pole, but Zapper Belle dismissed that challenge to earn her diploma by a length. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$29,867. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O/B-Robert E & Lawana L Low (KY). T-Daniel C Peitz.

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Today's Video Highlights

3rd-SA (Msw) Stormberg (Storm Cat) becomes the latest winner from blue hen Serena's Song (Rahy).

9th-OP (Msw) Zapper Belle (Ghostzapper) graduates in her first route attempt.

6th-FGX, \$38,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.
BARBADOS BEAUTY (f, 3, [Speightstown](#)--Beautiful Moment {SP}, by Crusader Sword) was third in a spread-out field on debut at the Spa last July, but was fifth as the chalk back at that track a month later. She didn't give many clues away with her worktab, but received wagering support to be 3-1 here. Off a half-step slow, the chestnut regained her balance and took command through splits of :21.97 and :45.43. She was still clear at the head of the lane, and kept a bid from longshot firster Finallyareallady (Master Command) at bay to graduate by a length. The winner, a \$105,000 KEEJAN and \$150,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to Henny Hound (Henny Hughes), GSW-Jpn, \$490,565. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$29,656. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or the [video replay](#).

O-Vinery Stables. B-Gulf Coast Farms LLC (KY). T-Steven M Asmussen.

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First/Second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, February 25

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

BOB AND JOHN (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, \$13K, 135/23/1
7-AQU, Msw, 1m, Pearl of Wisdom, \$45K SAR AUG yrl, 5-2
7-HAW, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Zuni Women, \$5K KEE JAN 2yo, 10-1
3-GP, Msw, 5fT, +Robert the Bruce, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
CORINTHIAN (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/23/2
3-AQU, Msw, 6f, Capital Goods, \$65K FTK OCT yrl, 3-1
8-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Goinggone, \$70K KEE SEP yrl
7-HAW, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Ravin's Rich Girl, \$25K FTK JUL yrl, 12-1
7-HAW, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Brazen Belle, \$45K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 12-1
8-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, +Cori, \$50K KEE APR 2yo
DISCREET CAT (Forestry), Darley, \$30K, 215/29/1
11-GP, Stk, 1 1/16m, The Cat's All That, \$60K RNA KEE APR 2yo, 12-1
EL NINO (Storm Cat), Martin Stbbs, \$5K, 38/5/0
6-TAM, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Good Harbour, 10-1
ENGLISH CHANNEL (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/17/0
8-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Skyring
10-OP, Msw, 6f, Sark
11-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Optimizer, 6-1
7-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Easy Crossing, \$4K FTK OCT yrl, 12-1
8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Mojo Workin, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
EXCLUSIVE QUALITY (Elusive Quality), Journeyman, \$4K, 122/20/1
6-GP, Aoc, 1m, Sassy Q, \$35K OBS APR 2yo, 20-1
6-TAM, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Howelling Wind, 5-1
FLASHY BULL (Holy Bull), Airdrie, \$10K, 153/21/2
9-LRL, Stk, 7f, Runnin Bull, \$5K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1
HALF OURS (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$15K, 121/24/2
5-OP, Aoc, 6f, Half Pleasant, \$35K KEE SEP yrl
HARD SPUN (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/35/4
2-FG, Msw, 6f, Safely Spun, \$42K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1
7-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Inny Minnie, \$240K KEE APR 2yo, 5-1
6-GP, Aoc, 1m, Zo Impressive, 3-1
9-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Sweet Seventeen, 8-5
ISTAN (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 60/8/1
11-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Mr. Bowling, \$14K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 4-1
2-FG, Msw, 6f, Very Lucky, \$40K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
LATENT HEAT (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/20/1
8-HOU, Msw, 5fT, Latent Prospect, 12-1
4-GG, Aoc, 6f, Hot Dixie, \$54K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
LAWYER RON (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 144/20/3
2-FG, Msw, 6f, Mongol Max, \$100K EAS MAY 2yo, 12-1
2-AQU, Ocl, 1m, Summer Sunset, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1
MUSTANFAR (Unbridled), Shadwell, 16/2/0
5-HOU, Msw, 6f, Ms Mustanfar, \$6K MNS AUG yrl, 12-1
NOBLE CAUSEWAY (Giant's Causeway), Crestwood, \$5K, 153/9/1
5-HOU, Msw, 6f, Maiden's Cause, \$20K TEX APR 2yo, 15-1
PAVAROTTI (A.P. Indy), Hartley DeRenzo, \$7K, 33/3/0
5-LRL, Aoc, 1m, Miss Pavarotti, 5-2
POLITICAL FORCE (Unbridled's Song), Claiborne, \$15K, 122/20/0
6-GP, Aoc, 1m, Goldrush Girl, \$60K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1
8-TUP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Born Force, \$1K FTK OCT yrl, 8-1

PURIM (Dynaformer), Richland Hills, \$10K, 124/12/0
7-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Gold Megillah, \$50K FTF FEB 2yo, 4-1
7-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Godard, \$75K FTK JUL yrl, 8-1
7-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16mT, Two Months Rent, \$17K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 180/36/6
2-FG, Msw, 6f, +Madris, \$14K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 8-1
11-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Shared Property, \$90K EAS MAY 2yo, 6-1
SECOND IN COMMAND (Silver Deputy), Road's End, \$2K, 37/4/0
8-TUP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Taylors Deal, \$20K BRC OCT yrl, 6-1
SPELLBINDER (Tale of the Cat), 14/4/0
6-LRL, Aoc, 5 1/2f, Houdini's Bluff, \$2K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1
STORMELLO (Stormy Atlantic), Vinery, \$15K, 64/8/0
5-HOU, Msw, 6f, Stormy Donna Gail, \$7K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1
STREET SENSE (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$75K, 210/20/2
8-FG, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Street Serenade, \$90K RNA FTF FEB 2yo, 10-1
11-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Afford, 8-1
2-FG, Msw, 6f, +Parabellum, 10-1
7-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Avie's Sense, \$120K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 6-1
STREET THEATRE (Theatrical {Ire}), 3/0/0
6-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, G'night, 9-2
WILD TALE (Tale of the Cat), Mighty Acres, \$2K, 20/4/2
11-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Ted's Folly, \$1K HER NOV yrl, 20-1
WILL HE SHINE (Silver Deputy), Millennium, \$7K, 56/5/0
3-AQU, Msw, 6f, Luckysdream, \$24K OBS AUG yrl, 6-1



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN FRANCE:

Be Perfect, c, 3, **Street Cry (Ire)**. See "France."

IN BRITAIN:

Into Wain, g, 5, **Eddington**--Serene Nobility (MSW-US, \$264,778), by His Majesty. Kempton Park, 2-23, Cond, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-Don M Robinson. * \$70,000 yrl '08 KEESEP; 92,000gns HIT '10 TATHIT. ** 1/2 to Mutaahab (Dixieland Band), GSW-Eng, MSP-SAf, \$173,292; and Courtly Jazz (Dixieland Band), SW-US, \$260,385.

IN UAE:

Mushreq, g, 5, **Distorted Humor**--Casual Look (G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Ire, G1SP-US, \$604,422), by Red Ransom. Jebel Ali, 2-24, Hcp., 1800m, 1:49.20. B-W S Farish. * 1/2 to Casual Trick (Bernardini), SP-US. ** \$850,000 yrl '08 KEESEP.

Youm Mutamiez, h, 5, **Seeking the Gold**--Shy Lady (Fr) (SW-Ger), by Kaldoun (Fr). Jebel Ali, 2-24, Hcp., 1400m, 1:24.10. B-Rabbah Bloodstock LLC. * 1/2 to Ya Hajar (GB) (Lycius), GSW-Fr; Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic), Hwt. 3yo Colt-Eng, G1SW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$557,860; and 3/4 to Atlantic Sport (Machiavellian), SW-Eng, SP-Ity, \$150,083.

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FRANCE



Saturday, Cagnes-sur-Mer, post time: 2:30 p.m.

PRIX POLICEMAN-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Mobaco (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Blondel	Rossi	128
2	8	Espero (Fr)	Verglas (Ire)	Mendizabal	Rouget	123
3	9	Sir Jade (Fr)	Gentlewave (Ire)	Boudot	Capitte	123
4	5	Glamour Star (Ger)	Shirocco (Ger)	Bonilla	Baltromei	123
5	2	Saonois (Fr)	Chichicstnngo (Fr)	Hamelin	Gauvin	123
6	7	Remus de la Tour (Fr)	Stormy River (Fr)	Doreau	Borgel	123
7	3	Swing Alone (Ire)	Celtic Swing (GB)	Forest	Kelleway	123
8	4	Correct (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Perret	Borgel	120
9	1	Private Riviera (GB)	Stormy River (Fr)	Victoire	C Boutin	120

Yesterday's Results:

Lyon la Soie, 12.30, Cond, €17,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:52.48, stn.

BE PERFECT (c, 3, [Street Cry {Ire}](#)--Binya {Ger} {GSW-US & MSW & GSP-Fr, \$176,746}, by Royal Solo {Ire}),

who was third over a mile here on his sophomore bow Jan. 18, stalked in second early and was given some backhanders on the final turn. Responding to his jockey's urgings, the 1-2 pick drew steadily away from the top of the straight to beat Silver Northern (Fr) (Voix du Nord {Fr}), geared down, by four lengths. Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 1 place, 19,850.

O/B-Joseph Allen; T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

SOUTH AFRICA



KAHAL COLT TOPS SUMMERHILL SALE A colt by Kahal (GB) brought a bid of R440,000 (*US\$57,920*) from Brian Burnard to top Wednesday's Emperors Palace Summer Ready to Run Sale at Summerhill Stud. Offered as [lot 31](#), the chestnut is the third foal from stakes winner Coastal Waltz (SAf) (Rambo Dancer). He is named No Worries. Burnard also purchased the top-priced filly for R240,000. [Lot 20](#) is by Mullins Bay (GB) out of Class Will Sell (SAf) (Jallad). In all, 45 of the 48 offerings sold for a total of R3,006,000. The average price was R66,800.

ASIA



HUGHES FACES LENGTHY BAN Richard Hughes may be out of action until late April after picking up a suspension in Mumbai. After being judged to have not ridden to instructions at Mahalaxmi last week, Richard Hannon's number one rider learned of the ban at a disciplinary hearing yesterday and is set to appeal. British Horseracing Board spokesman Robin Mounsey told the *Racing Post*, "We await being informed by the relevant racing authority regarding any suspensions, and subsequently how they would expect the suspension to be reciprocated in our jurisdiction. Once this information has been received, we will subsequently uphold it in the manner requested. Once a jockey has exhausted the appeal process in a jurisdiction where a ban is imposed, they have 48 hours to ask their home authority not to reciprocate the ban."

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Moonlight Dash (GB), g, 4, **Monsun (Ger)**--Kind Regards (Ire) (SW-Eng, \$122,641), by Unfuwain. Jebel Ali, 2-24, Maiden, 1600m, 1:38. B-Darley.

Russian Rock (Ire), h, 5, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Mala Mala (Ire) (G1SP-Eng & Ire), by Brief Truce. Jebel Ali, 2-24, Cond., 1000m, :57.90. B-Barronstown Stud & Mrs T Stack. *3/4 to Contest (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, SW-Ire, SP-Eng, \$209,291. **21,000gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; £20,000 yrl '08 DONAUG; £26,000 2yo '09 GOFMAR; 11,000gns HRA '10 TATHIT.

Aqmaar (GB), h, 8, **Green Desert**--Hureya, by Woodman. Jebel Ali, 2-24, Hcp., 1400m, 1:25.70. B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd. *1/2 to Muthabara (Ire) (Red Ransom), GSW-Eng, \$117,747.

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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rockgoat (Ire), g, 3, **Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)**--Queveda (Ire), by Mark of Esteem (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-24, Mdn, 3yo, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Tullpark Limited. *€21,000 yrl '10 GOFSP.

Destiny's Child (Ger), f, 3, **Soldier Hollow (GB)**--Dushinka (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Titus Livius (Fr). Dundalk, Ireland, 2-24, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT). B-Philipp Baron von Kap-Herr.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-SAX, \$58,700, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13 2/5, fm.

STARSPANGLED HEAT (g, 4, Unusual Heat--Bel Air Belle, by Runaway Groom) Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-3, \$128,010. O-M Auerbach LLC & Vincenzo Loverso. B-Madeline Auerbach, David Abrams & Vincenzo Loverso (CA). T-Barry Abrams. *Full to America's Friend, SW, \$282,244; Bel Air Sizzle, SW & GISP, \$515,646.

7th-AQU, \$52,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, gd.

FIDDLERS DIVA (f, 4, Bandini--Somebody Dear, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: 19-3-4-4, \$95,482. O-Randy Stasi & Giorgi Stable. B-Fiddlers Green Stable LP (NY). T-Juan Carlos Guerrero. *\$55,000 RNA yrl '09 FTNAUG. **1/2 to Traffic Update (Souvenir Copy), SP, \$289,963.

7th-OPX, \$47,500, NW2X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 1/5, ft. **CASCABELLA (m, 5, Afleet Alex--Island Rhythm, by Skip Trial)** Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, \$125,502. O-Cheyenne Stables LLC. B-William Duignan, Vision TBs, Waterville Bloodstock & Gabriel Duignan (KY). T-W Bret Calhoun. *\$200,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. **1/2 to Tenfold (Tiznow), GSP, \$122,021.

8th-OPX, \$47,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39, ft. **ISMAEL GRANDE (c, 4, Hennessy--This Is Crazy {Aus}, by Nureyev)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$97,981. O-Joseph F Novogratz. B-John T L Jones Jr (KY). T-McLean Robertson. *\$17,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

8th-HAW, \$44,640, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12, my. **MISSJEANLOUISE (f, 4, Victory Gallop--Allurable, by Regal Classic)** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-5-1-1, \$111,508. O/B-Charles Galli (IL). T-Wayne M Catalano. *\$24,000 RNA yrl '09 FTKOCT.

1st-DED, \$44,500, 2-23, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), C, (S), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25 4/5, ft.

PIRATE ISLAND (g, 4, Storm Day--Jaycor Pass, by Pikepass) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-3, \$109,542. O/B-Maurice W Smith (LA). T-Ricky Bourque.

7th-LRL, \$37,000, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000-\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, gd.

ROCK SOLID ARCH (g, 5, Arch--Gambader, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-3-5, \$136,480. O-Paul A Hirsimaki. B-Get Away Farm (FL). T-Damon R Dilodovico. *\$57,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dicey Girl (Yonaguska), MSP, \$244,426.



Elm Tree Sales Graduate

9th-SUN, \$35,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

GOSSIP DOME (f, 4, Dome--Theater Gossip, by Phone Trick) Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-2, \$58,071. O-Pesikan & Kilgroe Stables. B-Dream Walkin' Farms Inc (NM). T-Jamie Zamora.

10th-SUN, \$27,000, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW1RYX, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37, ft.

TRICKY CAUSEWAY (g, 9, Giant's Causeway--Commodities, by Private Account) Lifetime Record: SW, 40-8-5-10, \$351,522. O-Joey Keith Davis. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). T-Chris A Hartman. *\$350,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$80,000 HRA '07 KEENOV. **1/2 to Rey de Cafe (Kingmambo), MGSW, \$302,638; and El Crespo (A.P. Indy), GSW, \$236,662.

9th-TAM, \$21,400, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, a1mT, 1:34 1/5, fm.

WAIT'N ON SUMTHIN (g, 5, Three Wonders--Homebody, by Homebuilder) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$52,519. O-Elaine M Vinson. B-Verbarctic Farm (FL). T-Garner H Vinson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Silver Wings, c, 3, Badge of Silver--Mattie Kate, by Major Impact. GPX, 2-24, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5.

B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *\$40,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Emma's Encore, f, 3, Congrats--French Opera, by Wild Again. GPX, 2-24, (S), 6f, 1:11 1/5. B-Equest Thoroughbreds Inc (FL). *\$2,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Take No Prisoners, g, 3, Giant's Causeway--Sophie, by Pulpit. SAX, 2-24, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17 3/5. B-Johann Pavenstedt (KY). *\$85,000 wlng '09 KEENOV; \$75,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Galloping Game, g, 3, Orientate--Missgallopinggulch (SP), by Gulch. DED, 2-23, (S), 5f, :58 3/5. B-Carrol J Castille (LA). *\$27,000 2yo '11 EVDMAR.

Fivefourthreetwone, g, 3, Outflanker--Bella Rouge, by A. P Jet. PEN, 2-23, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Scott Lake (PA).

My Rikely, g, 4, Day of the Cat--Catch the Joy, by Bertrando. SUN, 2-24, 5 1/2f, 1:04. B-Bradford Thoroughbred Farm (TX).

Dustincase, g, 4, Indy Snow (GB)--Marian Francis, by Twining. HAW, 2-24, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5. B-Frederick B Kuen (IL).

Milazzo, g, 4, Old Topper--Racy Broad, by Broad Brush. GGX, 2-24, 1m (AWT), 1:40 2/5. B-Todd Sheehan (CA). *\$1,500 wlng '08 BESNOV.

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A Visit With Tiffany Catledge, Solidify, and High Level... Story and photos by Sarah Andrew

Much to my delight, the Retired Racehorse Training Project's Trainer Challenge has developed quite a rabid following. It seems like every time I visit a barn, one of my friends asks if I have seen Eric's latest video (which is FANTASTIC), or Kerry's newest blog post (which is so much fun!). Links are being shared all over forums, Facebook, and through emails. We all have our favorite horses and our favorite trainers. We all beam with pride when the horses learn something new, and we all study the trainers' methods.

This week, I had the pleasure of catching up with trainer Tiffany Catledge and her two trainees, Solidify and High Level, at her barn in Middleburg, Va. Tuesday was the first time that I saw the horses since the beginning of the Challenge in January (you can read my accounts of [Day One](#) and [Day Two](#), and my [Wrap-up](#) of the training progress so far). Solidify, the tall bay from MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, has blossomed in Tiffany's care. He has gained weight and muscle from the training, and the farrier did a fantastic job with his newest set of shoes.

Here's Solidify at the MD Horse World Expo Jan. 20:



And here he is on Tuesday after a month of work

His topline, neck, and hind end all show great improvement. How does Tiffany build this muscle? Through a carefully-planned regimen of under-saddle work, with a focus on developing strength, suppleness, and a happy, forward attitude. She is careful to keep the training regimen varied, both to keep the horse mentally stimulated and to keep the horse from feeling overfaced. Her rotation consists of one day of dressage work, one day of stretchy work, one day of poles/jumps, one hack day, a day off as needed, and some "field trips" off the farm property.





While Tiffany rode Solidify in the outdoor arena, I noted the different ways that she used to guide and reward him. He was perfectly in tune to her voice, hand, seat, and leg aids. He has quite the work ethic— as soon as they were in the arena, he had his game face on. I saw a marked improvement in the rhythm of Solidify's gaits. He is more free in his shoulder at all three gaits, and he is learning how to engage his hind end.

Lateral work provided Solidify with the balance and power he needed to do more precise transitions and relax over his topline.

The Pennsylvania Horse World Expo is this weekend, and Tiffany is schooling Solidify's mind as well as his body. Nothing spooked him during her session, and he remained very focused on Tiffany throughout the ride. This weekend, in a strange arena full of spectators, he will need to focus on Tiffany in order to do his job and maintain his confidence.

One of my favorite things about visiting Tiffany was seeing her beam with pride at the horses' progress. We discussed how much both horses improved, and some of the video highlights that she has on her trainer blog.



Not only has Tiffany worked diligently on the horses' under-saddle skills, but she has also worked on their barn manners. Both Solidify and High Level were perfect gentlemen around the barn.

Adaptability is one of the key attributes of a good trainer. Overnight, High Level had bonked the side of his muzzle, and as a result, he was tender on his cheek where the bit rests. No worries, Tiffany went into her tack room and produced a hackamore. Her confidence radiated to her horse, and High Level worked hard to learn about his new tack. I could see his mental wheels turning as he figured out that he could stretch into the contact just like he could with a bit in his mouth.

At the Maryland Horse World Expo, High Level had the misfortune of getting a sole bruise. While his hoof healed, he was out of training, and missed out on a few weeks. Tiffany had to play catch-up with him, and the game Thoroughbred that he is, he is doing his best. His latest jumping video shows his excellent attitude and style.

Both Solidify and High Level are tremendously athletic horses. In Solidify, I see the potential for collection and lift, both in dressage work and over fences— his canter is lofty and round. In High Level, I see a forward personality with good natural tempo. He was able to keep his trot rhythm as they worked on bending and changed directions. If he was confused, he did not rush or balk, he kept going as he figured it out.



Since High Level was not ridden at the Maryland Horse World Expo, this was the first time I saw his lovely, sweepy canter in person. His athleticism allows him to progress through the training steps with confidence.

Unfortunately, I don't have a conformation photo of High Level from the Expo, but I can see excellent muscle development on him. He looks strong and balanced. Like Solidify, this horse has a very bright future as an athlete.

One of the goals of the Trainer Challenge is to show owners of racehorses the progress that a horse can make with a month of quality training, and how the value as a sporthorse can increase well above the horse's claiming tag. I hope that hunter/jumper/dressage/eventing trainers take note as well, and use the work of Tiffany, Kerry, and Eric as an inspiration for their own projects.

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Thank you, Tiffany, for letting me visit and watch your training sessions, and best of luck to all the horses and trainers this weekend. I know it will be a great success.

I don't envy the task that the judges of the Trainer Challenge face this upcoming weekend. Every time I watch a training video, I have a new favorite horse. Be sure to tune in on the RRTP's website this Saturday, where they will be streaming the PA Horse Expo events live. Keep track of up-to-the-minute news on their Facebook page. All of the horses participating in the Trainer Challenge are available for sale or adoption, so be sure to contact the RRTP if you are interested in taking the next step with one of these promising athletes.

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Date	Race	Cond.
Mar. 1	G2 Zabeel Mile	1600mT
	G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy	2810mT
	G1 Al Maktoum Challenge - R3	2000m (AWT)
Mar. 10	G1 Jebel Hatta	1800mT
	G2 Dubai City of Gold	2400mT
	G3 Burj Nahaar	1600m (AWT)
	G3 Mahab Al Shimaal	1200m (AWT)
	G1 Dubai World Cup	2000m (AWT)
Mar. 31	G1 Dubai Sheema Classic	2400mT
	G1 Dubai Duty Free	1800mT
	G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen	1200m (AWT)
	G1 Al Quoz Sprint	1000mT
	G2 UAE Derby	1900m (AWT), 3yo
	G2 Godolphin Mile	1600m (AWT)
	G3 Dubai Gold Cup	3200mT

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