



**DONE TALKING CONFIRMED FOR GOTHAM**

Trainer Hamilton Smith confirmed Monday that Skeedattle Stable's **Done Talking** (Broken Vow) will kick off his 3-year-old campaign in Saturday's \$400,000 GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct. The late-running bay was last seen finishing a close-up fourth in the Big A's



**Done Talking Preps Sat. at Laurel**  
*Horsephotos*

GII Remsen S. Nov. 26--a head behind GII Risen Star S. winner El Padrino (Pulpit), who ran third. Done Talking's 3-year-old bow was temporarily derailed by illness, but the homebred has made up for lost time with a steady string of stamina-building drills at his Laurel Park base.

"He got sick on us a little while after the Remsen," explained the veteran conditioner. "He came up with [equine colitis], so we had to send him up to the New Bolton Center and he had to spend a few days up there. Luckily we caught it in time, but we had to lose a little more than three weeks because of that."

Done Talking recorded his first work since the time off at Laurel Jan. 20, and he has been working weekly ever since--most recently traveling five furlongs in 1:01 1/5 in Maryland Saturday. He drilled an unconventional mile Feb. 18 in 1:43 1/5, and has also been sent six and seven panels during his preparations for the Gotham. "He's doing great," said Smith. "Once he got better, he bounced right back and he's been working well and doing fine." Of the long works, Smith explained, "I do it on occasion--I haven't had too many good horses to work with here lately, but I do do it with some of them depending on how much time they've had off and what I think they need."

Smith is pleased with how his promising sophomore, who broke his maiden at Delaware Park Oct. 18 before taking an allowance at Parx Nov. 7, has progressed from two to three. "After all the works, his rider comes back and says, 'He did it easy' and all that stuff," he said. "So, I think he's been getting better in that respect. He's doing more than what I'm asking of him."

There is a long list of probables at this point for the Gotham, and while full fields usually aren't usually a trainer's best friend, Smith hopes that more runners will equal more pace--especially with 2-year-old champ **Hansen** (Tapit) present. "You can't just let him go," Smith said of the fleet GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner. "I know we can't go with him, but I hope there's some speed to maybe test him a little bit. That's what we need--we need a good pace up front, and I hope Hansen ensures that." --BD

**DELL RIDGE'S FRANK JUSTICE DIES**

Frank D. Justice, who owned Dell Ridge Farm in Lexington with his wife Mattie, passed away Sunday after a long illness. He was 79. Through Dell Ridge, Justice bred and co-owned **Shakespeare** (Theatrical {Ire}), a multiple Grade I winner of nearly \$1.3 million. Dell Ridge also bred **Morning Line** (Tiznow), a \$700,000 yearling who went on to win the GI Carter H. and GII Pennsylvania Derby.

"He was just an absolute true gentleman to work for," said Dell Ridge Farm Manager Des Ryan. "He really liked the horses--he enjoyed the farm, he enjoyed racing, and he enjoyed the business."

A longtime Lexington businessman, Justice purchased Dell Ridge in 1998 and with the help of Ryan established a respected racing and breeding operation. Dell Ridge bred a trio of Japanese millionaires, including **La Verita** (Unbridled's Song), **Victory Tetsuni** (Gone West) and **Trillion Cut** (Swain {Ire}), as well as the North American black-type winners **Fantastic Shirl** (Fantastic Light), **Kid Kate** (Lemon Drop Kid), **Loopy Louie** (Five Star Day) and **Tiger's Rock** (Giant's Causeway). In 2012, Dell Ridge has been represented by the Martha Washington S. heroine **Amie's Din** (Bandini), a half-sister to Kid Kate.

"We've had a lot of success both at the sales and at the track, and it's going to be a big loss," added Ryan.

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Union Rags

Adam Coglianese

In his weekly pedigree column, Andrew Caulfield discusses current GI Kentucky Derby favorite Union Rags (Dixie Union), who kicked off his 3-year-old campaign Sunday with a smashing four-length success in Gulfstream's GII Fountain of Youth S. While Caulfield notes that Dixie Union's influence is often that of speed and precocity, he says, "Union Rags could be an exception, thanks to the presence in his pedigree of his second dam Terpsichorist."

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## Ward Named KY Commission Head



Ward *Equisport*

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear has tabbed veteran trainer John Ward as the new executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. "I am excited to be working with one of the most talented and dedicated staffs of any commission in the country. This is a tremendous honor and I look forward to the challenge," said Ward.

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## Breeders' Cup Stays Firm on Lasix Ban

The Breeders' Cup said Monday that they will still carry out a ban on Lasix in 2-year-old events in 2012. The American Graded Stakes Committee announced Friday that they would abandon a similar policy.

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**Justice cont.**

Some of Dell Ridge's biggest success in the sales ring came care of the mare **Call Me Fleet** (Afleet), whom Dell Ridge acquired for \$320,000 in 1998. Dell Ridge sold the foal the mare was carrying, **Folkstone Park** (Dixieland Band), for \$1.15 million, and later sold her son **Needham's Fort** (A.P. Indy) for \$2 million. The siblings Shakespeare and Fantastic Shirl were produced by the mare **Lady Shirl** (That's A Nice), a \$90,000 broodmare purchase in 2000. Dell Ridge later sold Lady Shirl to Charles Fipke for \$485,000, and for Fipke she produced last year's GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf upsetter **Perfect Shirl** (Perfect Soul {Ire}).

Justice is survived by his wife Mattie; children Bridget, Carla Corbin, Frank II and Jason; and nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Ryan said Mattie will continue to operate Dell Ridge.

**WARD TO HEAD KY RACING COMMISSION**

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear has tabbed veteran trainer John Ward as the new executive director of the



**John Ward**  
*Equisport*


Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, effective Apr. 1. Ward succeeds Lisa Underwood, who resigned in November 2011.

"John Ward brings to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission years of experience as a trainer and horseman, and his understanding of the needs of our struggling horse industry make him an excellent choice to oversee the development and regulation of racing and breeding in Kentucky," said Beshear.

The 66-year-old Ward, who trained 2001 GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos, currently serves as a commissioner on the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. He is a founding member and past president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and he also served on the TOBA Sales Integrity Task Force and the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council.

"While Kentucky has made great strides in the past five years to address the safety and integrity of Thoroughbred racing, there is much more we can still do," Ward said. "I am excited to be working with one of the most talented and dedicated staffs of any commission in the country. This is a tremendous honor and I look forward to the challenge."

Ward will surrender his Kentucky trainer's license once he assumes his new position.





# El Padrino

## Let's Go Stable Made An Offer At Keeneland September And It Wasn't Refused.

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Seven of the last eight Kentucky Derby preps were won by Keeneland Sales graduates, including El Padrino, winner of the G2 Risen Star Stakes.

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## BREEDERS' CUP STANDS BY LASIX BAN

A spokesman for Breeders' Cup Ltd. confirmed yesterday that a 2012 ban on raceday Lasix in the five Breeders' Cup events for juveniles would still be carried out as announced last summer. The TOBA American Graded Stakes committee revealed Friday that they would not enforce a similar previously announced ban for juvenile graded stakes, saying that "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 in Aug. 2011." Breeders' Cup spokesman Jim Gluckson said Monday, "Currently we are not planning any changes to our medication policy for the 2012 Breeders' Cup World Championships." The Breeders' Cup plan calls for a ban on raceday medication in all of the event's races starting in 2013. Gluckson did not comment on any potential changes to that policy. The 2012 Breeders' Cup will be held at Santa Anita this year Nov.2-3.



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## MONMOUTH DEAL ADVANCES

According to published reports, a deal for the New Jersey Horseman's Association to lease Monmouth Park took another step closer to being finalized Monday when the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority board gave President Wayne Hasenbalg authorization to sign off on the deal. The agreement calls for the NJTHA to lease the Oceanport oval from the NJSEA for \$1 a year for five years starting May 1 with the option to extend the lease after that for a significantly higher fee. Hasenbalg said that he expected to sign the deal this week, at which point it would be handed over to Governor Chris Christie for final approval. "We're giving [the horsemen] room to get on their feet," NJSEA Vice President Ralph Marra told *NorthJersey.com*. "There's a real desire [by the sports authority] to keep the stakes races going." The NJSEA was scheduled to put on the track's 2012 meet after a lease deal with real estate developer Morris Bailey fell through, but Marra said, "I think the horsemen realized that if we ran the track this year, we'd be on a minimal budget--and that wouldn't be good for Monmouth Park's reputation."



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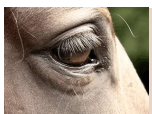
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## PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

**FASIG-TIPTON FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII,**  
\$400,000, GPX, 2-26, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 3/5, ft.

1--**UNION RAGS, 122, c, 3,** by Dixie Union

1st Dam: Tempo, by Gone West

2nd Dam: Terpsichorist, by Nijinsky II

3rd Dam: \*Glad Rags II, by High Hat

(\$145,000 yrl '10 FTSAUG; \$390,000 2yo '11 FTFFEB). O-Chadds Ford Stable; B-Phyllis M Wyeth (KY); T-Michael R Matz; J-Julien R Leparoux;

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When Dixieland Band died at Lane's End just under two years ago, this son of Northern Dancer had achieved the grand age of 30. Sadly Dixieland Band's demise was followed less than three months later by that of one of his most accomplished sons, Dixie Union. This popular stallion had to be euthanized at the comparatively young age of 13, because of a deteriorating neurological problem.

The problem hadn't prevented Dixie Union from covering a full book of 136 mares in 2010, which means that there will be plenty of youngsters from Dixie Union's 10th and final crop at this year's sales. These yearlings appear to have a first-rate ambassador working for them in Union Rags, an impressive winner of Sunday's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S.

Union Rags would arguably be unbeaten, but for being drawn so wide in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Still, finishing second in the Juvenile didn't prove a lasting setback for the likes of Tank's Prospect, Easy Goer, Bertrando, Point Given, Afleet Alex and Lookin At Lucky. The ease and style of Union Rags's victories in the GII Saratoga Special, GI Champagne S. and Fountain of Youth suggests that he has the talent to follow their example.

In winning his first three starts as a 2-year-old, Union Rags showed that he had inherited much of the precocity which earned Dixie Union graded victories in the July, August and October of his juvenile season. Of course Dixie Union's precocity didn't stop him shining at three. After being sidelined by a knee chip suffered in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Dixie Union missed the Triple Crown, but gained ample compensation when he defeated Captain Steve, Milwaukee Brew and More Than Ready in the GI Haskell Invitational H. **Cont. p6**

# Another impressive Stakes winner!

"Barry K. Schwartz's **The Lumber Guy** (Grand Slam) lived up to the hype with an impressive victory in Saturday's **\$76,500 Miracle Wood Stakes** at Laurel Park. Trained by **Michael Hushion**, the even-money favorite bobbled slightly at the start, then quickly opened a comfortable lead on his five foes and rolled to a **4¼-length** victory... **The Lumber Guy** gained his first Stakes victory in just his second career start. He broke his maiden at Aqueduct in a six-furlong contest in which he won by **9¼ lengths** on January 28."

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Dixie Union was clearly suited to 1 1/8 miles, but his one attempt at 1 1/4 miles, in the GI Travers S., proved inconclusive. The scrimmaging on the first turn resulted in the colt losing a shoe and part of the wall of his left forefoot, so he had every excuse for finishing a soundly beaten fourth. By the time Richard Mandella had him ready to race again at the end of the year, there weren't many options for a colt as good as Dixie Union, and he dropped back to seven furlongs in the GI Malibu S., in which he wore down Caller One to win by a length.

Once again, though, Dixie Union came out of his race with an injury, this time a tendon injury which forced his retirement. No doubt a campaign at four would have given us a much better idea of whether 1 1/8 miles was his limit. One thing's for sure--he possessed a lot of speed, as he demonstrated so well when he covered five furlongs in a very swift :56.71 on his debut at Hollywood Park at two and when he won the Malibu.

Speed, often coupled with precocity, has also proved the main asset of most of Dixie Union's 19 graded/group winners. His Grade I winners prior to Union Rags were Hot Dixie Chick, winner of the seven-furlong Spinaway S. at two, and Dixie Chatter, whose finest moment came in the Norfolk S. over a mile and a sixteenth as a juvenile.

The only ones which have won a graded stakes over as far as nine furlongs are Dixie City (Demoiselle S.), Gone Astray (Ohio and Pennsylvania Derbys) and Justwhistledixie (Bonnie Miss S.). However, Grasshopper proved himself an exception to the rule when he finished a good second to Street Sense in the Travers S.

Union Rags could also be an exception, thanks to the presence in his pedigree of his second dam Terpsichorist. With Nijinsky II as her sire and the English stayer High Hat as her broodmare sire, Terpsichorist had some strong staying elements in her pedigree and this helped her win the GIII Long Island H. over 1 1/2 miles at three and the GII Sheepshead Bay H. over 1 1/4 miles at four.

**UNION RAGS, c, 2009**

<b>Dixie Union</b>	Dixieland Band	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
		Mississippi Mud	Natalma
	She's Tops	Capote	Delta Judge
		She's a Talent	Sand Buggy
	Gone West	Mr. Prospector	Seattle Slew
		Secrettame	Too Bald
Nijinsky II		Mr. Prospector	Mr. Prospector
		Glad Rags II	Paintbrush
Terpsichorist MGSW, 28:11-5-4, \$426,986 11Fls, 1SW, 1GSP	Nijinsky II	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
		Secrettame	Gold Digger
		Secrettame	Secretariat
Tempo 3-2-1-0, \$34,400 8Fls, 1GSW, 1SP	Nijinsky II	Northern Dancer	Tamerett
		Glad Rags II	Northern Dancer
Tempo	Nijinsky II	Flaming Page	Northern Dancer
		Dryad (GB)	Flaming Page

# French Classic Entries

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## Stallions by number of entries

GALILEO	57
Dansili	25
Street Cry	22
<b>DYLAN THOMAS</b>	<b>18</b>
ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	17
MONTJEU	16

### FRENCH 1,000 GUINEAS (3 entries)

Holly Polly	Guy Heald	H.A. Pantall
Rio Amable	Marquesa de Moratalla	M. Delzangles
Grimillier	Prime Equestrian S.A.R.L.	X. Thomas Demeaulte

### FRENCH OAKS (12 of the 220 entries)

Shembara	H.H. Aga Khan	A. de Royer Dupre
Anandara	Aleyrion B/S Ltd.	G. Botti
Manssouria	Bouزيد Chehboub	J.M. Beguigne
Vally Jem	Ecurie Saint Martin	D. Sepulchre
Best Of All	Dayton Investments	E. Lellouche
Pretty Please	Dayton Investments	M. Delzangles
Holly Polly	Guy Heald	H.A. Pantall
Devotion	Tabor/Magnier/Smith	A.P. O'Brien
Itasca	Marquesa de Moratalla	A. de Royer Dupre
Rio Amable	Marquesa de Moratalla	M. Delzangles
Grimillier	Prime Equestrian S.A.R.L.	X. Thomas Demeaulte
Quisitor	Prime Equestrian S.A.R.L.	C. Ferland

### FRENCH DERBY (3 entries)

Furner's Green	Smith/Magnier/Tabor	A.P. O'Brien
Athens	Tabor/Magnier/Niarchos/Smith	A.P. O'Brien
Tower Rock	Tabor/Magnier/Niarchos/Smith	A.P. O'Brien

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I deliberately avoided describing Terpsichorist as stoutly bred, as her second dam, Dryad, was a sprinter in England. Dryad produced the high-class English sprinter Victorina and the fast Italian colt Doney, both of these being by stallions with plenty of stamina. It was a similar story with Dryad's High Hat filly, Glad Rags. Fast enough to score over five furlongs on her debut, Glad Rags went on to win the 1000 Guineas, but Timeform concluded that she needed a sound surface to last a mile.

Union Rags's dam, the lightly raced Tempo, gained both her wins over sprint distances, so the colt can't be considered sure to thrive over 1 1/4 miles or more. Fortunately he appears to have an admirable temperament, which should allow him to reach his full stamina potential.

To return to Dixie Union, there were a few parallels between his career and that of his sire Dixieland Band. Dixie Union's graded winners consist of three winners at Grade I level, seven at Grade II and nine at Grade III. It wouldn't surprise me if his proportion of Grade I winners were to become more impressive. Dixieland Band had been represented by only three Grade I winners by the time he turned 19, but ended up with a score of nine.

Dixie Union was unusual in that his fee rose steadily without the benefit of a stream of Grade I winners. After five seasons at \$30,000, his price was increased to \$40,000 in 2006 and then to \$50,000 in 2007 and 2008. In other words, his current 3- and 4-year-olds are members of his highest-priced crops, so ought to make their mark.

Dixieland Band was well-known for his affinity for daughters of Mr. Prospector. This combination's total of 82 foals included 12 black-type winners (an excellent 15%), with the graded/group winners Love That Jazz, Chimes Band, Jazz Club, Didyme and Southern Rhythm among them. He also sired several other stakes winners from granddaughters of Mr. Prospector, so it is no surprise that Dixie Union had a Mr. Prospector mare as his second dam.

This productive relationship between Dixieland Band and Mr. Prospector inevitably encouraged breeders to try adding a second line of Mr. Prospector when selecting mares for Dixie Union. The ploy has worked well, with as many as 10 of his graded winners being inbred to Mr. Prospector in the first four generations. Gone Astray, Grasshopper, Sensation and Turf War are all inbred 4x2, while Dixie Band and Dixie City are both 4x3 and Most Distinguished, Bold Union and High Cotton are all 4x4.

The majority of these graded winners also have inbreeding to Northern Dancer. Thanks to having a second dam by Nijinsky, Union Rags is inbred 3x4 to Northern Dancer.

Flower Alley, Commentator, Persistently, Red Rocks, Carry On Katie and Misty For Me are among the other Grade I winners whose pedigrees feature inbreeding in the first four generations to these two great stallions. Interestingly, four of these six enjoyed Grade I success over 1 1/4 miles or more, which must be encouraging to Union Rags's connections.

# GIANT OAK

*Giant's Causeway – Crafty Oak, by Crafty Prospector*

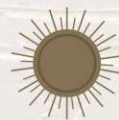


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**RODMAN TO CLOVERLEAF FARMS II**

The recently retired graded stakes winner **Rodman** (Malibu Moon--Crystal Gem, by Affirmed) has been acquired by Woodford Thoroughbreds and will begin his stud career this season at CloverLeaf Farms II in Reddick, Florida. "Rodman is a late-but-welcome addition to CloverLeaf's growing stallion roster," said



**Rodman**  
*A Coglianese*

Matt Lyons, general manager of Woodford and CloverLeaf. "When we heard about his retirement, we had to have him. Breeders really turned out in numbers this past Saturday to see him at the farm for the first time, and he was very well-received."

Racing for Barry K. Schwartz and trainer Mike Hushion, Rodman captured the 2009 GIII Queens County H. He was

second in last year's GI Metropolitan H. and third in the GII Suburban H. On the board in 11 of 18 starts, the 7-year-old won six times and earned \$416,152.

"Rodman had brilliance as a racehorse, and his sire Malibu Moon is emerging as one of the most influential sons from the A.P. Indy sire line--a sire line that has produced top grandsons of A.P. Indy at stud such as Tapit and Sky Mesa," added Lyons.

Rodman will stand for \$2,500, stands and nurses.

**LITTLE INJURED IN RIDING ACCIDENT**

Donald V. Little, who founded the Centennial Farms racing partnership group in 1982, was injured Sunday during a show jumping accident at the Winter Equestrian Festival in West Palm Beach, FL, according to published reports. He was reportedly flown by helicopter to nearby Delray Medical Center, and was said to be stable after sustaining a neck injury. Centennial's top horses include 1992 champion sprinter Rubiano, 1993 GI Belmont S. winner Colonial Affair and, more recently, 2007 GI Metropolitan H. and Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Corinthian. Little's son, Donald V. Little, Jr., currently serves as Centennial's President.

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# EASTERN U.S.

**Yesterday's Results:**

9th-PRX, \$46,390, Alw, NW1X, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:17 4/5, ft.

**THE CAMDEN COMET** (g, 3, Not For Love--Amber Comet {SP}, by Americo's Bullet) won by a big 6 3/4-length margin facing Penn-breds at Penn National Dec. 9. Compromised by a slow start in the Dancing Count S. at Laurel Jan. 28, the gelding could do no better than seventh, and was 5-2 to get back on track here. Headstrong racing behind the front rank while under cover, he split horses nearing the quarter pole and drew off to a 2 1/2-length success. Quotable (Petionville) won a three-way battle for place honors. The winner is a full to Comet Of Love, MSW, \$262,455. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$59,400. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [video replay](#).

O/B-The Elkstone Group LLC (PA). T-Thomas Iannotti IV.

**Graduate of Custom Care Equine LLC**

**Trainer Mix-Up Prompts I Want Revenge Scratch:**

The morning-line favorite for tonight's \$35,000 Harrison Johnson Memorial at Charles Town, IEAH Stable and Resolute Partners's **I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even), has been scratched by the Charles Town Board of Stewards. I Want Revenge has made his previous six career starts for trainer Richard Dutrow, Jr., but was entered in the Harrison Johnson with brother Anthony Dutrow named as the trainer. According to the Charles Town Board of Stewards, officials in New York confirmed that no trainer transfer to Anthony Dutrow had been completed for I Want Revenge and the horse was found to still be in Richard Dutrow's barn. "He [I Want Revenge] is not in the care of the trainer who the horse was entered under," said Danny Wright, Chief Steward at Charles Town. "Mr. Tony Dutrow admitted to us that he is not the trainer of this horse and the horse will be scratched." Winner of the GI Wood Memorial S. as a sophomore, the 6-year-old horse finished second in the Evening Attire S. at Aqueduct Jan. 28 in his most recent.

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FAIR GROUNDS

APART (Flatter), 3f, :37.80, 6/8  
AVID (More Than Ready), 4f, :49.20, 10/40

HOLLYWOOD PARK

OUT OF BOUNDS (Discreet Cat), 7f, •1:25.60, 1/3  
ROUSING SERMON (Lucky Pulpit), 6f, 1:13.20, 3/6

PALM MEADOWS

AWESOME FEATHER (Awesome of Course), 5f, 1:02.04, 4/14  
DAYATTHESPA (City Zip), 5ft, 1:00.55, 12/20  
SASSY IMAGE (Broken Vow), 3f, :37.02, 4/4  
WINTER MEMORIES (El Prado {Ire}), 3ft, :35.89, 1/1

PAYSON PARK

CHECK THE LABEL (Stormin Fever), 3f, :39.30, 6/8

SANTA ANITA

ASTROLOGY (A.P. Indy), 5f, 1:03.40, 10/11  
PRAYER FOR RELIEF (Songandapraye), 5f, 1:01.80, 5/11

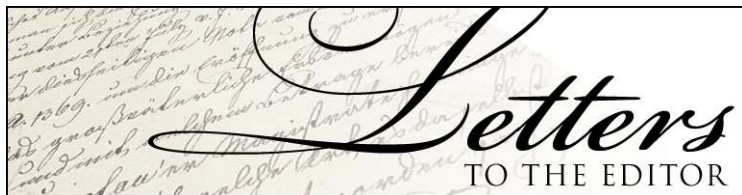
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## INDUSTRY INFO

### StablesOnline.com Launches Partnership:

Gray Writer yesterday announced the formation of a new limited liability partnership called StablesOnline.com, which will offer a low-fee entry into Thoroughbred ownership. StablesOnline plans to acquire seven Thoroughbred colts for "the purpose of racing and breeding for pleasure and profit," according to a release. StablesOnline.com takes the concept of crowd funding--where a community of individuals pool their money via the internet--to Thoroughbred investing in increments of \$250. Writer is teaming up with executive partner John Fulton of John Fulton Bloodstock, LLC, and Lexington, Kentucky-based Chance Timm. The StablesOnline.com business plan is ambitious, assuming that 10,000 units of \$250 will be sold. The business plan outlines the target investment of \$250,000 per Thoroughbred colt, providing a professional team of agents and veterinarians who will be involved in the selection, purchasing process and management of each yearling's racing career. "There is no better time than now to get involved with Thoroughbred racing, and at this low cost of entry, it brings the Sport of Kings to the 'everyman' who seek the thrills and pageantry of the racing industry," said Writer. For more information, visit [www.StablesOnline.com](http://www.StablesOnline.com).



Fred Pope, as usual, makes a lot of sense in his Letter to the Editor yesterday ([click here](#)).

I agree with him that timing is everything.

Now that the proponents for the expansion of gambling in Kentucky have failed once again, is it not possible for their leaders to get behind a concept that will help, instead of one that eventually will accelerate the demise of our sport?

Slots are not the answer, they are the enemy.

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Let's focus on something that can actually strengthen the sport, not eat it alive.

--Barry Irwin



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### First-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, February 28

*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**BOURBON N BLUES** (Lycius), 9/1/0

8-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, Rising Hopes, 20-1

**PRO PRADO** (El Prado {Ire}), 16/0/0

8-SUN, Msw, 5 1/2f, St. Elenita, 12-1

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## AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

### IN JAPAN:

+ **Unavenged**, f, 3, **Empire Maker**--Naughty Natisha, by Known Fact. Nakayama, 2-26, Maiden Race, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$74,070. O-Taiki Farm; B-Dr William B Wilmot & Dr Joan M Taylor; T-Kazuo Fujisawa. \*3/4 to Pupil (Unbridled), SW & MGSP, \$204,280; 1/2 to Naughty New Yorker (Quiet American), GSW & GISP, \$1,089,884. \*\*\$50,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '11 KEEAPR. \*\*\*Broke alertly and was never far back before easily taking control and drawing clear to beat the boys by 1 1/4 lengths. "She has a good mind and responded well," said winning rider Yuichi Fukunaga. "It was a perfect performance."

### IN BRITAIN:

+ **Mon Ami Jolie**, c, 4, **Maria's Mon**. See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

## IRELAND



### KILBOY ESTATE CONTINUES CURRAGH SPONSORSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Shane Ryan's Kilboy Estate has extended its sponsorship of the Curragh's Kilboy Estate S. until 2014. The Group 3 nine-furlong race is scheduled for July 22 this year. "I am pleased that, since we sponsored the first running of the Kilboy Estate S. in 2004, it has gone from strength to strength and has proved to be a very worthwhile initiative for us to support Irish Thoroughbred racing and breeding, in addition to encouraging owners to keep their best fillies and mares in training," said Shane Ryan. Evan Arkwright, Commercial Manager of the Curragh Racecourse, added, "We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Shane Ryan and their team at Kilboy Estate for continuing their support of the Curragh. Their race has grown in stature and prestige and has become an important part of our strategy to provide opportunities for the best fillies and mares to compete here during the year."



# AUSTRALASIA

**FASTNET ROCK FILLY TOPS PREMIER OPENER** A filly by Fastnet Rock (Aus) topped yesterday's opening session of the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale, attracting a final bid of A\$300,000 (US\$323,264) from Gary Mudgway and John McArdle. The yearling is out of the unraced Scenario (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), a half-sister to the group-placed Sahool (GB) (Unfuwain). She was consigned by the Scone-based Kia-Ora Stud, which sold South African Horse of the Year Igugu (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}) at this sale three years ago.



**Hip 200**  
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A total of 179 yearlings sold yesterday for a gross of A\$10,201,500. The first-day average rose 12% to A\$73,392, while the median was up 30% to A\$65,000. The buy-back rate was 22%.

"Defying the trend of recent sales, it is very satisfying to see the average and median up on last year's figures, especially with the knowledge that there are plenty of attractive horses still to be offered in the coming three days," commented Inglis Melbourne Director Peter Heagney.

The leading buyer during yesterday's session was trainer Peter Moody, who picked out Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) for A\$210,000 from this sale in 2008. Moody signed for five yearlings yesterday for a total of A\$500,000. Among the foreign buyers, trainer Mike de Kock purchased a son of Encosta de Lago (Aus) ([hip 113](#)) on behalf of leading South African owner Marcus Jooste for A\$130,000. The buying bench also included representatives from Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore.

"We've accumulated a vast local, interstate and international buying bench for the sale and it is great to see our vendors being rewarded for bringing quality yearlings to the sale," Heagney said. "Melbourne Premier has a proven record of producing world-class racehorses that perform to the highest levels all over the globe and, as we saw again today, athletic yearlings are highly sought after."

The sale continues through Mar. 1 with sessions beginning daily at 11 a.m.

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A\$)
<a href="#">200</a>	filly	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	Scenario (GB)	300,000
Consigned by Kia-Ora Stud Purchased by Gary Mudgway/Redgum Racing				
<a href="#">033</a>	colt	<a href="#">Fastnet Rock (Aus)</a>	Litwinda (Aus)	250,000
Consigned by Millford Thoroughbreds Purchased by Anthony Cummings Thoroughbreds				
<a href="#">111</a>	colt	<a href="#">Not a Single Doubt (Aus)</a>	<a href="#">On the Loose (Aus)</a>	200,000
Consigned by Supreme Thoroughbreds Purchased by Heinrich Bloodstock				
<a href="#">163</a>	colt	<a href="#">Bernardini</a>	Reggae (Ire)	200,000
Consigned by Kia-Ora Stud Purchased by K S Yeung				



### INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

SESSION TOTALS	2012	2011
Catalogued	205	190
No. Offered	179	173
No. Sold	139	145
RNAs	40	28
% RNA	22.3%	16.2%
High Price	A\$300,000	A\$310,000
Gross	A\$10,201,500	A\$9,519,500
Average (% change)	A\$73,392 (+11.8%)	A\$65,652
Median (% change)	A\$65,000 (+30.0%)	A\$50,000

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-HOU, \$26,000, 2-26, Opt. Clm.** (\$25,000), C, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 4/5, ft.

**FLAT BLACK (g, 4, Flatter--Trailena {MSW}, by Trail Dancer)** Lifetime Record: SP, 13-4-1-2, \$77,634. O-Tony Jones & Tim Williams. B-Tony Jones (KY). T-Tim G Williams. \*\$11,000 RNA wlng '08 KEENOV. \*\*Dead-heated with Deliverer (American Champ), who was in for a tag.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Victoryville, f, 3, Evansville Slew--Victory Woman,** by Victory Gallop. HOU, 2-27, (S), 1m70y, 1:46 1/5. B-Jeanne Stasny Blossom Racing Stable LLC (TX). \*\$1,000 RNA wlng '09 TEXDEC.

**Dilatory, g, 3, Grand Reward--Golddigger Beware (MSP,** \$164,209), by Prenup. PRX, 2-27, 1m, 1:39 4/5. B-Frances M Hartwell (PA). \*1/2 to Golddigger's Boy (Jump Start), MSW, \$420,868; Ucan'tcme (Bowman's Band), SW, \$104,780.

**Kissable, f, 4, Bernardini--Alphabet Kisses (GISW,** \$590,270), by Alphabet Soup. GGX, 2-26, 1m (AWT), 1:40 2/5. B-Harris Farms Inc (KY).

**Truvictoria, f, 4, Truluck--Mean Screen, by Silent Screen.** HOU, 2-26, (S), 1m, 1:41. B-K Sheena MD (TX). \*\$1,000 RNA yrl '09 TEXAUG.

**Paradise Panther, g, 5, El Leopardo--National Canyon (SP),** by National Match. HOU, 2-26, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5. B-Jack W Powers (TX).



## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**FRANCE, Mont-de-Marsan, 14.35, 2-27, €27,000, 3yo,** 1 1/4mT, 2:16.00, gd/sf.

**FLAVII (FR) (c, 3, Anabaa Blue {GB}--Zurita Blanca {Spa},** by Okawango {Spa}) Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €20,500. O-Zafonic SL; B-Zafonic SL & Castillo de Jara SL; T-Christophe Ferland.

**FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 15.20, 2-27, €17,000, 3yo,** 1 1/8mT, 1:51.44, gd.

**SINKOSAKO (FR) (c, 3, Anabaa--Reinamixa {Fr}, by Linamix {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €25,550. O-Mme Laurence Samoun; B-Bertrand Gouin & Georges Duca; T-Francois Rohaut. \*1/2 to Natagora (Fr) (Divine Light {Jpn}), Ch. 2yo Filly-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Filly-Eng, MG1SW-Eng, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$1,608,016.

**FRANCE, Marseille-Borely, 13.15, 2-27, €16,000,** 4yo/up, 12f 55ydsT, 2:36.48, gd.

**PUMP PUMP BOY (FR) (c, 4, Kingsalsa--Pump Pump Girl {Fr},** by Kendor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 20 starts, 5 wins, 12 places, €119,800. O-Benoit Bouret; B-Jean-Claude Bouret; T-Marc Pimbonnet.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Bryanka (Fr), f, 3, Anabaa Blue (GB)--Brusca, by Grindstone.** Nimes, France, 2-26, Mdn, 3yo, 1 3/16mT. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC. \*1/2 to Bruxcalina (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}), SP-Fr; Brampour (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}), MSW-Eng & SP-Fr; Baraan (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$329,300.

**Faraway Run (Ire), c, 3, Hurricane Run (Ire)--Melatonina (Ire),** by King Charlemagne. Marseille-Borely, France, 2-27, Mdn, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/8mT. B-Compagnia Generale SRL. \*38,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; €58,000 RNA 2yo '11 ARQMAY.

**Beaute Corse (Fr), f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--Corse (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire).** Marseille-Borely, France, 2-27, Mdn, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT. B-P Chiaroni. \*€5,000 yrl '10 ARQOCT.

+ **Ogaritmo (GB), f, 3, Manduro (Ger)--Querida (GB), by Rainbow Quest.** Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-27, Mdn, 3yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Dr Ornella Cozzi Carlini.

**Bint Alzain (Ire), f, 3, Marju (Ire)--Barconey (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire).** Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-27, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1m 141yds (AWT). B-Philip Brady. \*€26,000 RNA wnlg '09 GOFNOV; 3,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; €27,000 2yo '11 ARQMAY.

+ **Mon Ami Jolie, c, 4, Maria's Mon--Lasting Pleasure,** by Theatrical (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 2-27, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 216yds (AWT). B-Haras La Madrugada SA. \*\$15,000 wnlg '08 KEENOV; 5,500gns yrl '09 TATOCT; 35,000gns 2yo '10 TATAPR.

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