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ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER FASTNET ROCK

For the second consecutive day, a colt by Coolmore sire Fastnet Rock (Aus) topped the proceedings at the Inglis Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale Tuesday afternoon. It was Coolmore's own Demi O'Byrne who teamed with bloodstock agent James Bester to secure the son of Bellevue Lady (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}) for a session-topping A$500,000 *($537,776)*. Consigned by Musk Creek Farm, agent, the October foal was produced by a half-sister to GSP Mango Daiquiri (Aus) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and hails from the extended female family of champions Mastery (GB) and Kirklees (Ire) as well as French Group 3 winner Bowman. For a great portion of the day, lot 240, another offering by Fastnet Rock, was at the head of affairs. Consigned by Rheinwood Pastoral Co., the bay is a son of So Funny (Aus) (Spinning World), an unraced 3/4-sister to G2 Silver Slipper S. winner Ballybleue (Aus) (Peintre Celebre). He was knocked down to the team of BC3 Thoroughbreds and David Hayes Racing for A$340,000. The colt has further pedigree appeal down the page, as he comes from the family of Bint Allayl (GB), Flying Spur (Aus) and Encosta de Lago (Aus). Through two sessions of the Premier Sale, a total of 287 youngsters have been sold for gross receipts in excess of A$21.4 million. The buyback rate remains under 20%. "To clear 80% of the yearlings offered today at a very handsome average is a great result for our vendors", said Inglis Melbourne Director Peter Heagney. The sale continues today at the company's Oaklands complex. Full results are available at www.inglis.com.au. **Cont. p3**

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INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

CUMULATIVE	2012	2011
Catalogued	410	568
No. Offered	360	340
No. Sold	287	267
RNAs	73	73
% RNA	20.3%	21.5%
High Price	A$500,000	A310,000
No. A$500K+	1	0
Gross	A$21,459,000	A$19,116,500
Average (% change)	A$74,770 (+4.4%)	A$71,597
Median (% change)	A$65,000 (+8.3)	A$60,000

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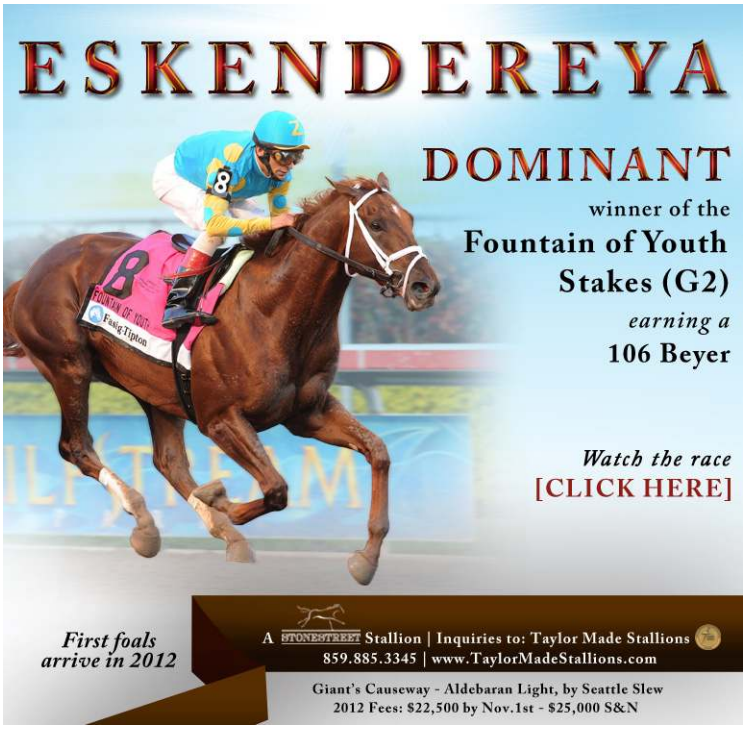
SURGERY FOR ALGORITHMS

Starlight Racing's **Algorithms** (Bernardini--Ava Knowsthecode, by Cryptoclearance), scratched Sunday morning from the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S., will undergo surgery to remove a fractured splint in his right foreleg. Unbeaten in three starts, including the GIII Holy Bull S. (video), the bay colt will ship to Ocala this morning. Dr. John Madison of Ocala Equine Hospital will perform the surgery. "We are hoping that he only requires a minimal amount of time off," said trainer Todd Pletcher. "But he is definitely not going to make the Triple Crown." Starlight's Jack Wolf was philosophical about the news. "It is very disappointing that he will have to miss the spring Classics, but we look forward to having him back in late summer or early fall," Wolf reasoned. "This really is the best long-term option for Algorithms." A $170,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, the 3-year-old is a half-brother to graded winners Keyed Entry (Honour and Glory), Successful Mission (Successful Appeal) and Justin Phillip (First Samurai).

Algorithms winning the Holy Bull
Courtney Stafford photo



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Now I Know Sold to Blue Heaven

GSW Now I Know (Pure Prize) has been sold to Blue Heaven Farm and will be bred to champion Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)

Coady Photography

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Oppenheim's Opinions

Bill Oppenheim takes a look at how the third-crop sires are faring thus far in 2012, and also gives his thoughts on the decision of the Breeders' Cup to forge ahead with its plans to restrict Lasix at this year's championships. And, to lure Bob Baffert to Royal Ascot this year, he's offering to kilt up.

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Happy Leap Day!!!

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INGLIS MELBOURNE PREMIER YEARLINGS

- Tuesday's Top Lots -

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (A$)
408	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Bellevue Lady (NZ)	500,000

(Sirecam.com video)
B-Mr D & Dianne Molloy, John & Elizabeth Mortensen, Graeme Orr
Consigned by Musk Creek Farm, agent
Purchased by James Bester Bloodstock/D O'Byrne

240	c	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	So Funny (Aus)	340,000

(Sirecam.com video)
B-G Spratt, Paul Gow, Michael McKelvie, Phillip McClure
Consigned by Rheinwood Pastoral Co
Purchased by BC3 Thoroughbreds/David Hayes Racing

206	c	More Than Ready	Seeking a Way	260,000

B-Glentree Downs Pastoral Pty Ltd
Consigned by Yallambee Stud
Purchased by M G Price Racing & Breeding Pty Ltd

261	f	Snitzel (Aus)	Stella Maree (Aus)	250,000

B-J A Anderson
Consigned by Yallambee Stud
Purchased by Belmont Bloodstock Agency Pty Ltd

239	c	Lonhro (Aus)	Snippety Eve (NZ)	175,000

(Sirecam.com video)
B-Ancroft Stud
Consigned by Eliza Park
Purchased by Beamish Bloodstock

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SESSION TOTALS	2012	2011
Catalogued	205	190
No. Offered	181	167
No. Sold	145	129
RNAs	36	38
% RNA	19.9%	22.8%
High Price	A$500,000	A$260,000
No. A$500K+	1	0
Gross	A$11,105,500	A$9,907,000
Average (% change)	A$76,590 (-0.2%)	A$76,798
Median (% change)	A$65,000 (n/c)	A$65,000

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2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING SALES

Sale	Date	Under Tack
Barretts March	Mar. 5	Mar. 2
OBS Selected	Mar. 13-14	Mar. 8-9
Fasig-Tipton Florida	Mar. 26	Mar. 23
Fasig-Tipton Texas	Apr. 5	Apr. 2
Keeneland April	Apr. 9	Apr. 5

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

GSW Now I Know Sold Privately

GIII Delta Princess S. heroine **Now I Know** (Pure Prize --Now U Know, by Maria's Mon), retired after sustaining an injury when second in the Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn Feb. 11, now has a new home. Bred and trained Don Von Hemel and campaigned by Von Hemel and Wayne Stockseth, the 3-year-old has been sold privately to Bonnie Baskin's Blue Heaven Farm. "We purchased her as a broodmare prospect, and will be sending her to Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)," said Baskin's son Adam Corndorf, who is Blue Heaven's general manager. "She is a beautiful and correct filly with plenty of size, muscle and bone, and she showed tremendous speed and heart on the race track. We feel very fortunate to be adding her to our broodmare band, and look forward to having many years of success with her." An Oklahoma-bred, Now I Know won the first six starts of her career, including a 9 1/4-length romp in the restricted Oklahoma Lassie S. at Remington in October. She concluded her juvenile campaign with a four-length win in the Delta Princess over last weekend's GIII Rachel Alexandra third Inny Minnie (Hard Spun), then wired the Dixie Belle S. at Oaklawn on return Jan. 14. She retires with a record of 7-6-0-1 and earnings of $461,721. The 2010 champion juvenile Uncle Mo is standing his first season at Coolmore for a fee of $35,000.

Coady photography

UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Mar. 3	GI Santa Anita H.	SA
	GI Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile	SA
	GII Top Flight H.	AQU
	GIII Gotham S.	AQU
	GIII Tom Fool H.	AQU
	GIII Canadian Turf H.	GP
Mar. 10	GII Gulfstream Park H.	GP
	GII Swale S.	GP
	GII San Felipe S.	SA
	GII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GIII Cicada S.	AQU
	GIII Honeybee S.	OP
	GIII Razorback H.	OP
	GIII Hillsborough S.	TAM
Mar. 11	GIII Herecomesthebride S.	GP
	GIII Palm Beach S.	GP
	GIII Las Flores S.	SA

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"Cape Blanco was an extremely talented and versatile racehorse with great tactical speed and an unbelievable will to win. Remember he was unbeaten in three starts over seven furlongs as a juvenile and we were delighted with his three Grade 1 wins in America last year. The Galileo's all tend to have good temperaments but Cape Blanco was probably the most laid back individual I've ever come across so all the travelling seemed to take very little out of him."

AIDAN O'BRIEN

"From the day Uncle Mo came to us at Saratoga he was like wow! I don't think I've ever seen a better 2-year-old never mind trained one. He's got some tremendous mechanics and an unbelievable stride, if you see some still shots of him when he's really in full reach he covers so much ground."

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PREVIEWS

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 11:55 a.m. EST
ZABEEL MILE S.-G2, $250,000, NH/SH3yo/up, 1600mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Jaasoos (Ire)	Noverre	Buick	D Slvrtnam	128
2	Dark Matter (Aus)	Stratum (Aus)	Durcan	Burridge	122
3	Always Certain (Aus)	Not a Sgl Dbt (Aus)	Duric	Freedman	128
4	Laa Rayb	Storm Cat	Doyle	D Slvrtnam	128
5	Gingerbread Man (Aus)	Shamardal	Bosson	Marsh	128
6	Derbaas	Seeking the Gold	R Hills	Al Raihe	128
7	Viscount Nelson	Giant's Causeway	Shea	de Kock	131
8	Fanunalter (GB)	Falbrav (Ire)	Demuro	Botti	128
9	Rock Jock (Ire)	Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)	O'Shea	Charpy	128
10	Dux Scholar (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Moore	Brown	128
11	Sandagiyr (Fr)	Dr Fong	Dettori	bin Suroor	128
12	Ibn Battuta Ⓚ	Seeking the Gold	Smith	al Muhairi	128
Also Eligible					
13	Do It All Ⓚ	Distorted Humor	No Rider	bin Suroor	128

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

2012 DUBAI INTERNATIONAL RACING CARNIVAL GROUP RACES

Date	Race	Cond.
Mar. 10	G1 Al Maktoum Challenge - R3	2000m (AWT)
	G1 Jebel Hatta	1800mT
	G2 Dubai City of Gold	2400mT
	G3 Burj Nahaar	1600m (AWT)
	G3 Mahab Al Shimaal	1200m (AWT)

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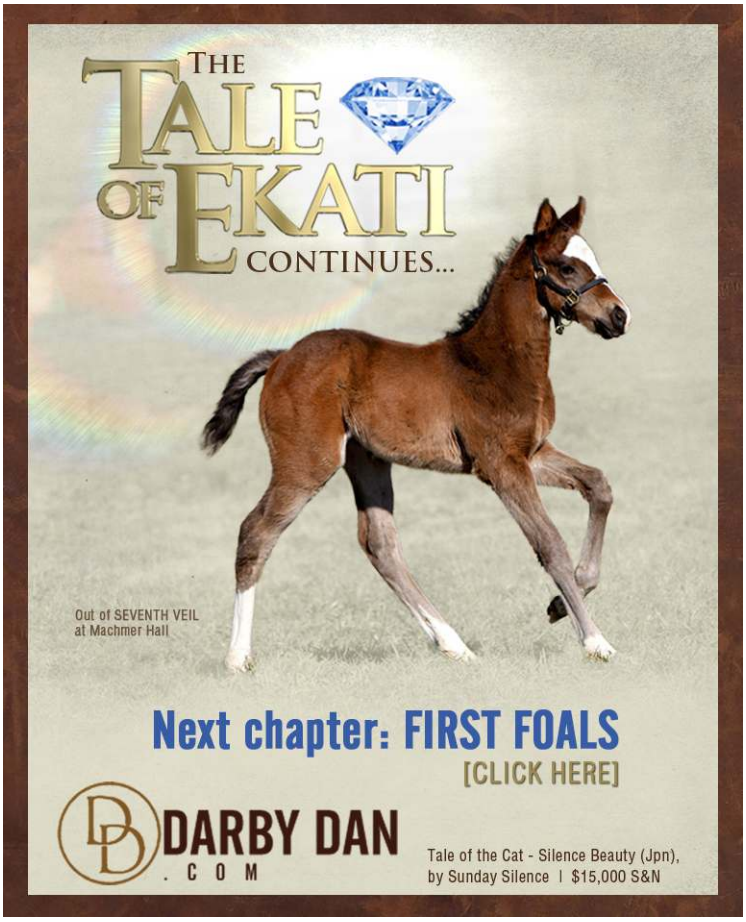
Why Young People Avoid Horse Racing: Fan's View

"Covering horse racing news means getting caught up in the thrill of watching the finish line as well as listening to the passionate people in the equine industry. During the past few years, conversations have revolved around the push to save the declining horse racing industry and bringing younger people to the track. Unfortunately, private conversations and social media reveal that trying to get younger people to the track has major pitfalls."

Maryam Louise, *Yahoo! Sports*



JAKKALBERRY INTEREST SOLD

A 50% interest in **Jakkalberry (Ire)** (Storming Home {GB}) by Darren Dance of Australian Thoroughbred Bloodstock, according to *racingandsports.com.au*. The 6-year-old is expected to target the major staying races in Melbourne later this year. A Group 1 winner in Italy, the Marco Botti trainee has not raced since finishing seventh behind Dunaden (Fr) (Nicobar {GB}) in the G1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin Dec. 11.

Thursday, Meydan, post time: 12:30 p.m. EST
NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY-G3, $200,000, NH4yo/up, SH3yo/up, 2810mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Mashoor (Fr)	Monsun (Ger)	Perez	Al Shaibani	128
2	Electrolyser (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Durcan	Cox	128
3	Averroes (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Demuro	Oertel	128
4	Modun (Ire)	King's Best	de Sousa	bin Suroor	130
5	Jakkalberry (Ire)	Storming Home (GB)	Moore	Botti	128
6	Fox Hunt (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	al Zarooni	130
7	Rostrum (Fr)	Shamardal	Fallon	al Zarooni	128
8	Irish Flame (SAf)	Dynasty (SAf)	Soumillon	de Kock	128
9	Once More Dubai	E Dubai	Buick	bin Suroor	128
10	Glen's Diamond (GB)	Intikhab	Spencer	Fahey	123
11	Opinion Poll (Ire)	Halling	Barzalona	al Zarooni	131
12	Kasbah Bliss (Fr)	Kahyasi (Ire)	Mosse	Doumen	133
Also Eligible					
13	Manjakani (GB)	Barathea (Ire)	No Rider	Mohammed	123
14	Astral Thunder (Arg)	Thunder Gulch	No Rider	Watson	128

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WHO'S HOT?

TDN PROGENY PP COUNTS

General Sires - Past 60 Days

Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	BTWnrs | BTWins	Black-type Horses	GSWnrs | GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners | Wins	G1-G2SWnrs | G1-G2SWins	2012 stud fee
Speightstown	**22**	16	1 | 1	4	0 | 0	2	15 | **19**	0 | 0	$50,000
Bernardini	20	16	3 | **4**	4	2 | 2	2	15 | **19**	0 | 0	$150,000
Giant's Causeway	20	**19**	**4 | 4**	5	**3 | 3**	4	**18 | 19**	1 | 1	$85,000
Empire Maker	19	16	3 | 3	5	2 | 2	3	14 | 15	1 | 1	JPN
Distorted Humor	18	17	2 | 2	4	0 | 0	0	16 | 16	0 | 0	$100,000
Songandaprayer	18	15	2 | 2	5	0 | 0	3	13 | 13	0 | 0	$6,500
Tiznow	18	16	1 | 2	5	1 | 1	1	12 | 13	1 | 1	$75,000
Street Sense	17	13	1 | 1	2	1 | 1	1	13 | 16	0 | 0	$40,000
Awesome Again	16	15	2 | 2	**7**	1 | 1	2	11 | 11	1 | 1	$50,000
Hard Spun	16	13	1 | 1	4	0 | 0	0	10 | 13	0 | 0	$40,000

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SWING AND A MISS

TOBA--the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, based in Lexington--does do some good things. They own *The Blood-Horse* magazine, and because they owned it, years ago a policy was instituted that dictated that the publication report the news, but not comment on it except in editorials; they were afraid of offending their stakeholders (and advertisers). This was great news for me when I came up to Lexington 33 years ago, because it meant there really weren't many journalists, or analysts, at the time who could--or were allowed to--sift through the statistics and the ads to try and make the statistical side of the business more intelligible and user-friendly to the burgeoning number of owners and breeders who were businesspeople as well as farmers. There was actually a need for informed comment, and thus I became, as the late, great John Finney dubbed me, Bill Opinionheim.

But Blood-Horse Publications, as it is now, has an almost total arm's-length relationship with TOBA, which has many other worthy programs, including New Owners seminars and Breeding Clinics. Alberto and Renata Stein of Argentina's Haras La Leyenda attended a four-day TOBA clinic in 2007 when they decided to get into the business full-time, and raved about the clinic they attended. And TOBA also has the Graded Stakes Committee, which has the power and responsibility to oversee the Graded Stakes program in North America. And this is a very powerful committee, make no mistake. Many argue the Graded Stakes Committee is really TOBA's principal influence within the North American industry.

When the Breeders' Cup announced a prohibition on Lasix and other race-day medications for all Breeders' Cup races run during the two-day Championships, it was not done as some off-the-cuff remark. I suppose if you don't have a passport, or don't care what the rest of the world thinks--kind of an old, insular attitude it's easy for a lot of Americans to adopt--then being out of step with most of the rest of the world doesn't matter to you. But, in the view of the Breeders' Cup Board, it does matter; and so it should, for economic as well as moral reasons. I'm continually amazed by breeders who don't seem to care if Europeans and other wealthy owners from big, new emerging nations don't buy horses in America. Since top international buyers traditionally spend twice as much for comparable pedigrees as top American buyers do, it seems to me it would be worth while at least taking their views into account.

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There is an impressive number of horse people who don't live in North America who are deeply suspicious of American form and American pedigrees, because "they all race on drugs." It doesn't wash in athletics, or cycling, so why should race-day medication be all right for equine athletes--especially when there are massive market implications?

So it was fantastic news for the Breeders' Cup's new policy when TOBA's Graded Stakes Committee announced it would follow suit, and it is equally disappointing that they have now reversed themselves, no doubt bowing to pressure from a big majority of horsemen who want to keep race-day medication. Look, it's not as though the case for race-day medication is totally without merit. Even as respected a horseman as Graham Motion is for keeping it; he was quoted as saying, basically, at least that way you can monitor and control it. But you know what? They can't use it in athletics, they can't use it in cycling, and they shouldn't be able to use it in horse racing. It was a gutless turnaround by the Graded Stakes Committee. In protest, I am hereby announcing my resignation, after 30 years of dutifully paying my dues, from TOBA. I shall be sending Dan Metzger an email to that effect today. I don't expect it will make much difference to anybody, but I'll feel better about it. The argument that race-day medication is actually better for horse welfare is ingenious, but the fact is that no race-day drugs is a policy that works perfectly well in most of the rest of the world, and it's another dramatic example of American arrogance to suggest that it's actually okay to use race-day medication. It isn't.

Moreover, TOBA's climbdown down betrays a terminal failure of the will to exercise leadership in an industry where leadership is desperately needed--and wanted. We all extol the virtues of democracy, but we must be aware there is such a thing as the 'tyranny of the majority.' The majority is not always right, which is one reason why leadership in these kinds of situations is needed. TOBA stepped up to the plate, but when the pitch came, they've whiffed it.

THIRD-CROP SIRES

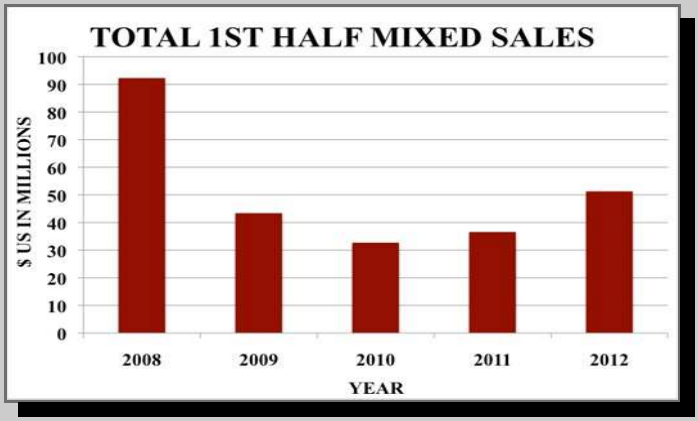
Algorithms, the GIII Holy Bull winner by leading third-crop sire **Bernardini** (A.P. Indy), inconveniently popped a split at entirely the wrong time and had to miss last Sunday's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth, in which Union Rags (Dixie Union) routed the opposition, running a Beyer 95. That won't win the GI Kentucky Derby, but from all accounts trainer Michael Matz left plenty to work on. Union Rags goes next for the GI Florida Derby. When Matz won it with Barbaro in 2006, Barbaro had run a 95 in his previous race, which in his case was the GIII Holy Bull. Barbaro went on to win the Florida Derby with a 103, and the Kentucky Derby with a 111, so there's some precedent for assuming we haven't yet seen the best of Union Rags. **Cont. p8**

Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

"The bottom graph and table look at the mixed sales by covering season, in other words the 2011-12 mixed sales correspond to the 2011 covering season. You can see that the first-half mixed sales are only a tenth or so of the overall total, and have been following the trends established in the fourth quarter of 2011. The 2011-12 gross has reached almost $500-million, up 30% from the corresponding 2010-11 sales though still 40% below the more than $800-million traded in 2007-08 before The Crash. The 62% clearance rate from the catalogues is big news, while the 18% drop in average shows more came off the bottom than the top."

– Bill Oppenheim



TOTAL US AND EURO 1ST HALF MIXED SALES AS OF 2/29/12

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	3,403	2,779	2,074	18.3%	74.6%	60.9%	$51,260,937	$24,716
2011	3,707	2,995	2,995	19.2%	70.1%	57.4%	$35,614,398	$16,728
2010	3,783	3,061	3,061	19.1%	65.8%	53.2%	$32,683,411	$16,228
2009	4,308	3,232	3,232	25.0%	71.9%	53.9%	$43,412,413	$18,680
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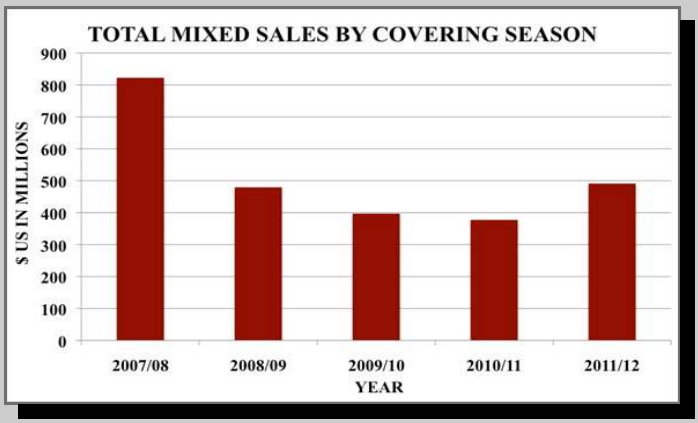

TOTAL MIXED SALES BY COVERING SEASON

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2011/12	14,271	11,561	8,830	19.0%	76.4%	61.9%	$491,107,225	$55,618
2010/11	15,711	12,538	9,192	20.2%	73.3%	58.5%	$337,586,558	$41,078
2009/10	15,521	12,147	8,933	21.7%	73.5%	57.6%	$397,586,558	$44,450
2008/09	18,632	13,988	9,642	24.9%	68.9%	51.7%	$479,627,505	$49,744
2007/08	20,902	16,666	12,030	20.3%	72.2%	57.6%	$811,609,819	$67,465

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley

Though Algorithms didn't get a chance to advance his sire's cause last weekend, Darley's Bernardini (APEX A Runner Index through end 2011: 3.11) remains miles clear among third-crop sires, ranked by 2012 progeny earnings, according to the *TDN* Year-to-Date Third Crop Sire List **(click here)**. In fact, his 2012 earnings of over $1.08 million are more than double those of his nearest pursuer, Airdrie's **Badge of Silver** (Silver Deputy, 0.71). Darley's **Henny Hughes** (Hennessy, 1.38) holds down third spot at the moment; another Darley stallion, **Rockport Harbor** (Unbridled's Song, 1.38) is also among the top 10, ranking seventh. **With Distinction** (Storm Cat, 0.85), who stands at the Hartley/DeRenzo Farm in Florida, is in fourth spot, just ahead of Three Chimneys' **Flower Alley** (Distorted Humor, 1.47). Flower Alley has a live Derby candidate in I'll Have Another, who won the GII Robert B. Lewis S. and is pointing, along with the Baffert legions, to the GI Santa Anita Derby. The other major second-crop son of Distorted Humor, **Sharp Humor** (0.96), is sixth, but he was sold by WinStar to South Korea earlier this year.

Rockport Harbor is seventh, then comes Vinery NY's **Bluegrass Cat** (Storm Cat, 1.52) and **Bandini** (Fusaichi Pegasus, 0.00). The latter was sold to Saudi Arabia, but does have a couple of useful 3-year-old fillies this year, including Amie's Dini, winner of the Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn Park.

Rounding out the early 2012 top 10 is Vinery's **Congrats** (A.P. Indy, 1.45), who was the leading freshman sire of 2010 and is generally considered to be among the top three in this sire crop, along with Bernardini and **War Front** (Danzig, 3.78). The latter ranks just 15th among third-crop sires by progeny earnings so far this year, but is tied with Bernardini in 2012 black-type winners (three each), his including last weekend's GII San Carlos H. winner The Factor. Speaking of The Factor, I read in yesterday's *Racing Post* that Ascot's Nick Smith has been campaigning co-owner George Bolton to bring him to Ascot to take on Black Caviar in the Group 1 six-furlong sprint on the Saturday. One of the issues, Bolton is reported as saying, is Bob Baffert bridling at the idea of wearing a top hat. Bob, listen to me, and ask Mark Maronde and Steve Nagler if you need confirmation--if I can do it, you can do it. We express our individuality through our ties (yes, those too). It's the greatest week of racing in the world and a complete gas. I might even wear my kilt, as I'm a resident of Scotland, if you come--but only if those noted Scotsmen, Mark Johnston and Angus Gold, agree to, too. I asked Mark once before if he would do it if I would, but he declined: "What if one got loose and I had to chase it down the straight?" he asked.

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But I digress. Number 11 among third-crop sires by 2012 progeny earnings is Northview PA's **Silver Train** (Old Trieste, 0.28); 12th is **A.P. Warrior** (A.P. Indy, 0.00), who had no A Runners through the end of 2011, but has the impressive GII Hutcheson S. winner Thunder Moccasin in his second crop of 3-year-olds, this year. Next is WinStar's **Artie Schiller** (El Prado, 1.81), sire of Mr. Commons, who took his second one-mile turf Grade II race of the current season at Santa Anita in the Arcadia. Then it's on to Claiborne's pair of **First Samurai** (Giant's Causeway, 1.59) and War Front, followed by another WinStar sire, **Bellamy Road** (Concerto, 2.68). It's very early in the year, of course--we're only through the first one-sixth of it--but these are the names in play so far.

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I have read the letter sent to you by Mr. Fred Pope published on the *TDN* of Monday Feb. 27, 2012. I totally disagree with what Mr. Pope stated.

The U.S. racing and breeding industry is very healthy, and this is due to the great success of the what we call Racinos.

Mr. Pope and everybody who is involved in the industry should bear in mind that racing is part of what we call the leisure business, so it's perfectly compatible with gaming.

Unfortunately, in Italy we have a centralized wagering platform, and Mr. Pope and your readers should be aware of what's happening in my desolate country (desolate racing and breeding wise).

If the Americans want to kill racing and breeding, they have to implement the centralized wagering platform.

Racecourses must deal among themselves without any "centralized organization" unless the Americans want to kill the industry, as I said before.

Please don't destroy a system which goes very well and which should be a model of efficiency for the whole racing world.

Every racecourse is able to sell its TV signal as well as the betting rights worldwide on a base of what we call simulcasting or, in Europe, commingling of pools betting.

Best regards,
Carlo Zuccoli

BRIS Speed Ratings
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Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
The Factor	War Front	San Carlos S.-G2	109
Awesome Maria	Maria's Mon	Sabin S.-G3	108
Here to Win (Brz)	Roi Normand	Very One S.-G3	108
Simmard	Dixieland Band	Mac Diarmida S.-G2	108
Yara	Put It Back	Davona Dale S.-G2	104
The Lumber Guy	Grand Slam	Miracle Wood S.	103
Union Rags	Dixie Union	Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S.-G2	103
El Padrino	Pulpit	Risen Star S.-G2	101
Country Day	Speightstown	Colonel Power S.	100
Nates Mineshaft	Mineshaft	Mineshaft H.-G3	100
Mizdirection	Mizzen Mast	Clocker's Corner H.	99
Opus a	Read the Footnotes	Hildy's Grey S.	99
Roman Tiger	Tiger Ridge	Tampa Bay S.-G3	99
Comedero	Posse	Nodouble Breeders' S.	97
Daisy Devine	Kafwain	Mardi Gras H.	97
Smart Bid	Smart Strike	Fair Grounds H.-G3	97
Summer Applause	Harlan's Holiday	Rachel Alexandra S.-G3	97
All About Allie	Storm and a Half	Downthedustyroad Breeders' S.	96
Sweet Seventeen	Hard Spun	Busher S.	95
Glinda the Good	Hard Spun	Island Fashion S.	94
Lotta Lovin	Repent	Valdale S.	94
Isn't He Clever	Smarty Jones	Borderland Derby	91

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Albert the Great – Chasethewildwind, by Forty Niner
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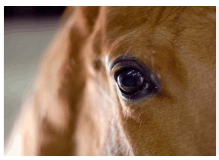
SILKEN CAT, 19, Storm Cat--Silken Doll, by Chieftain
Foal born Jan. 19, a filly by Tiznow.
Will be bred back to Tiznow.
Owned by Aaron & Marie Jones.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: Ch. 2yo Filly-Can, SW, $102,120.
Dam of Speightstown (Gone West), Ch. Sprinter, GISW, $1,258,256.



EYE ON THE PRIZE...
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PREAKNESS HIGHLIGHTS PIMLICO SCHEDULE The $1-million GI Preakness S. is the marquee event of the 2012 spring stakes schedule at Pimlico, whose meeting will run Mar. 30-May 19. The stakes schedule will consist of 22 events worth a total of $3.425 million. The Preakness will be run on the meet's closing day, and anchors a card that also features the $300,000 GII Dixie S. and $150,000 GIII Gallorette H. Pimlico will run the $300,000 GII Black-Eyed Susan S. and $300,000 GIII Pimlico Special on the eve of the Preakness May 18. "Having a strong stakes schedule at Pimlico is important," said Maryland Jockey Club President Tom Chuckas. "The return of the Special, combined with the purse increases for the Black-Eyed Susan, Dixie and six other stakes races over Preakness weekend, improves our profile. We are working hard to make the other races desirable to the horsemen and bettors. Increased purses will, hopefully, lead to larger fields and more wagering."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway), 6f, 1:11.80, 1/1
Morning Line (Tiznow), 5f, 1:01.60, 5/7
Nereid (Rock Hard Ten), 4f, :49.80, 15/24

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

4:05p HRTV **7th-GPX, $51,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f**
Donald Adam's homebred **ADRINA** (**A.P. Indy**), a daughter of MGSW Ready's Gal (More Than Ready), debuts for trainer Bill Mott. The chestnut half-sister to GSW Machen (Distorted Humor) carries a pair of Payson Park bullets into this unveiling. Also debuting is Paula C Racing's **Buleria (Empire Maker)**, a daughter of MGSW Wend (Pulpit). A pair of Marylou Whitney homebreds make their first starts. **Smarty Bird** (**Smart Strike**) is a Nick Zito-trained half-sister to GISP Mountain Town (Cape Town); while Ian Wilkes sends out **Night at Siros** (**Stormy Atlantic**). brisnet.com pps

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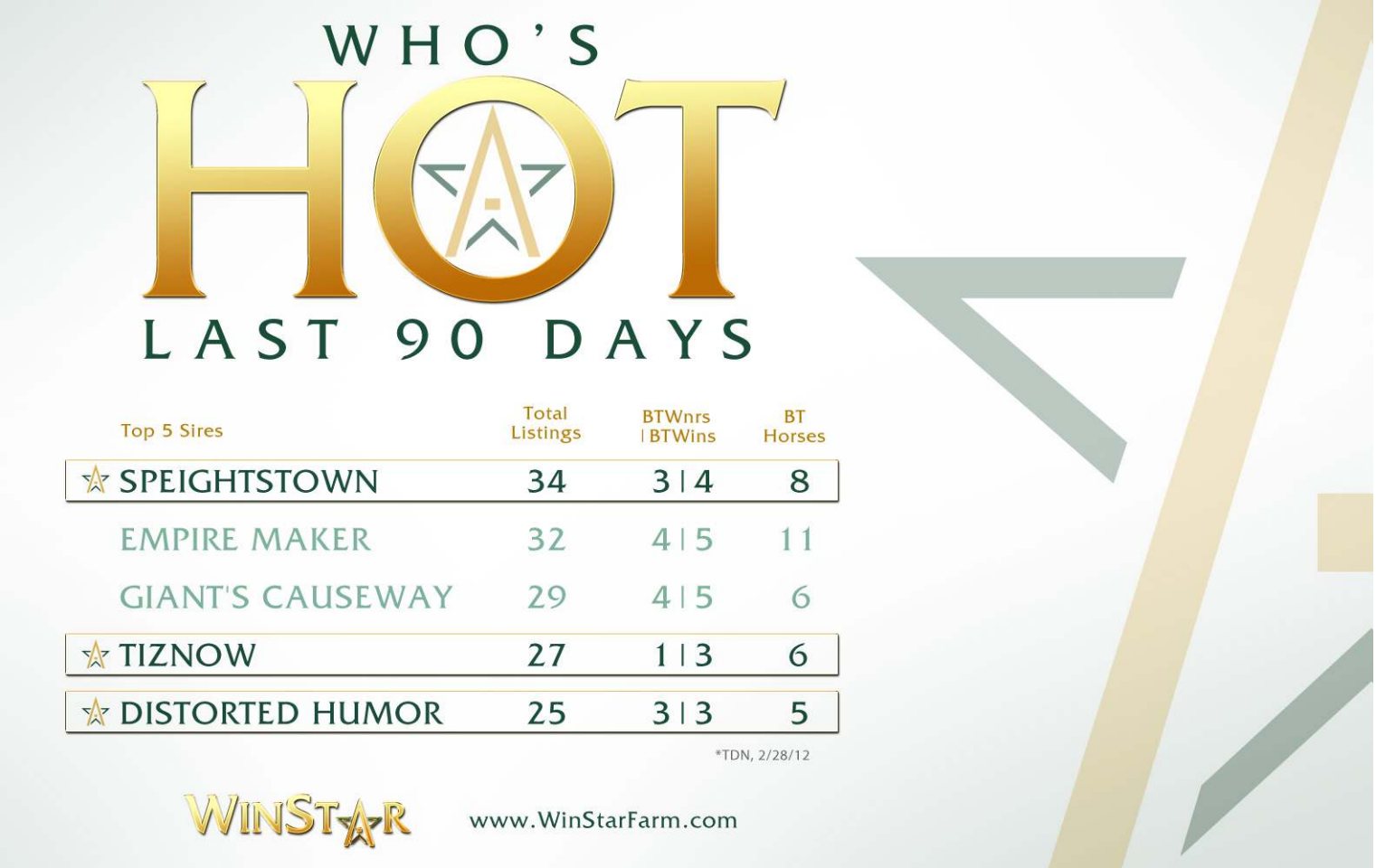
PALM MEADOWS

Big Blue Nation (Bluegrass Cat), 4f, :49.14, 18/37

SANTA ANITA

Hierro (Hard Spun), 6f, 1:13.20, 1/2
Tapizar (Tapit), 6f, 1:13.20, 1/2



INDUSTRY INFO

TIP Approves 167 Shows, Launches Website:
The Jockey Club revealed Tuesday that 167 horse shows across 26 states and a pair of Canadian provinces have been approved for participation in the Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP). Created last fall to reward the athletic potential of the Thoroughbred, the TIP offers sponsorship of restricted classes and high point awards at sanctioned horse shows. The Jockey Club has committed $100,000 to the program this year. "The response to the Thoroughbred Incentive Program has been immensely gratifying," said Kristin Hix, legal associate for The Jockey Club and the administrator of T.I.P. "This program will help showcase and reward the breed's many talents at all levels of competition, and will encourage the retraining of Thoroughbreds once they have finished their racing or breeding careers." A new website for the program, located at www.tjctip.com, features a searchable calendar of events. There are also two annual, non-competition awards through TIP. The T.I.P. Thoroughbred of the Year Award will recognize a Thoroughbred that has excelled in a non-competitive career, such as equine-assisted therapy or police work. The award will include a $5,000 grant to the non-profit organization associated with the horse or, if not associated with a non-profit organization, to a horse-related charity chosen by The Jockey Club. The T.I.P. Young Rider of the Year Award will recognize a young rider, 18 or under, who owns or leases a Thoroughbred for use in 4-H, Pony Club or other activities. The winner(s) will be determined through an essay contest with a total award of $5,000 annually that can be applied to the college of their choice or to their participation in an event that furthers their involvement with horses. The application for both is June 30.

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, Feb. 29
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/ BlackTypeWnrs * Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*
AFTER MARKET (Storm Cat), Lane's End, $30K, 165/21/1
7-GP, Msw, 6f, Volcat, $149K RNA FTK JUL yrl, 4-1
8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Mark It Man, $9K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 3-1
BOB AND JOHN (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, $13K, 135/23/1
7-GP, Msw, 6f, Cowgirl Kitty, $19K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 15-1
CORINTHIAN (Pulpit), Gainesway, $40K, 241/24/2
7-AQU, Msw, 1m, +Lil'bella, 15-1
DEFER (Danzig), Empire Stud, $7K, 38/6/0
7-AQU, Msw, 1m, Buck Stops Here, 10-1
FIBER SONDE (Unbridled's Song), 26/5/0
4-CT, Alw, 7f, Just Fuhr Real, 5-1
4-CT, Alw, 7f, I'm All Spotted Up, 5-1
SCAT DADDY (Johannesburg), Ashford, $30K, 180/36/6
9-DED, Alw, 5f, Little Miss Muffet, $45K KEE SEP yrl, 7-5
SORCERER'S STONE (Gulch), Judice, $2K, 54/5/0
9-DED, Alw, 5f, Sorcerer's Urge, $25K RNA BSC YRL yrl, 12-1
SPELLBINDER (Tale of the Cat), 14/4/0
9-DED, Alw, 5f, Lotta Zalotta, 4-1

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ENVIRONMENT FRIEND DEAD

The 1991 G1 Eclipse S. hero **Environment Friend (GB)** (Cozzene--Water Woo, by Tom Rolfe) has died at the age of 24, according to *Racing Post*. Having won York's G2 Dante S. for owner-breeder Bill Gredley, the grey finished off the board behind Generous (Ire) in the G1 Epsom Derby, but rebounded to cause a 28-1 shock when registering his sole top-level success in Sandown's annual feature. Environment Friend raced on until he was a 7-year-old--at one point combining stallion duties with racing--but was unable to add to his win tally. The veteran was due to stand this season at Mellon Stud in Co. Limerick. "He was a very talented horse and he got in the shake up on so many occasions," Gredley told the trade daily. "He was a good, tough horse and such a nice horse. I made a bit of a mistake trying to use him as a stallion while he was racing, but we all make mistakes. He was a favourite and I'm very, very sad to hear he's died." To view Environment Friend's G2 Dante S. and G1 Eclipse S. victories, click for the **YouTube video**.

Yesterday's Result:
Lingfield, 16.10, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:25.92, stn.
+**ALKADI (IRE) (f, 3, Oasis Dream {GB}--Vista Bella {GB} {SW & G1SP-Eng, $114,461}, by Diktat {GB})** bounced from the gate to stalk the pace through the early stages of this first go. Coming under pressure rounding the home turn, the 11-8 chalk challenged entering the final eighth and was ridden out in the latter stages to score by 1 3/4 lengths from Sugar Prince (Ire) (Strategic Prince {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,386. **Click for the Racing Post chart. Video courtesy of attheraces.com.**
O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston.

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SPAIN

DYHIM DIAMOND DEAD

Spain's Champion Sire of 2011, **Dyhim Diamond (Ire)** (Night Shift--Happy Landing {Fr}, by Homing {GB}), died Monday--of a suspected heart attack--while preparing to cover the mare Castalia (GB) at Dehesa de Milagro in the Navarre region of Spain. The MGSW 18-year-old was standing this season, for a fee of €3,000, alongside Diktat (GB) and Caradak (Ire). An autopsy has been undertaken to establish cause of death. Dyhim Diamond–the sire of last term's leading Spanish juvenile Abdel (Fr)--has sired two Group 1 winners to date--Bannaby (Fr), who garnered the 2008 G1 Prix du Cadran; and the 2005 G1 Prix Jean Prat victor Turtle Bowl (Ire), himself the sire of last term's G1 Criterium International winner French Fifteen (Fr).

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-PRX, $59,870, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43 1/5, ft.

LUCKY LEWIS (g, 4, Forest Camp--Holy Wish, by Lord At War {Arg}) Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-5-3-3, $237,966. O-Winter Park Partners. B-Anthony Grey (PA). T-Richard E Dutrow Jr. *1/2 to Wishful Tomcat (Tactical Cat), GSW, $665,754; Uncle T Seven (Freud), MSW, $413,015.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

St. Elenita, f, 3, **Pro Prado**--Primetime Girl, by Victory Speech. SUN, 2-28, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05. B-Larry Codling (NM).

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fugitive Motel (Ire), g, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Zing Ping (Ire), by Thatching (Ire). Lingfield, Britain, 2-28, Mdn, 3yo, 6f (AWT). B-Michael Begley. *30,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; 8,000gns HIT '12 TATFEB. **1/2 to Fear and Greed (Ire) (Brief Truce), G1SP-Ire.

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the 8th Race, $35,000 Allowance, at Laurel Park. For pps and a complete race analysis, click here.

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NAVIGATOR, 6, Stormy Atlantic--Princess Birdeye, by Indian Charlie
Foal born Jan. 16, a colt by Candy Ride (Arg).
Will be bred back to Street Sense.
Owned by Samantha Siegel.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: SW.

CRITICAL CREW, 21, Dr. Blum--Sounding Off, by Silent Screen
Foal born Feb. 1, a colt by Unbridled's Song.
Will be bred back to Unbridled's Song.
Owned by Pollock Farms, Arthur Maberry & Taylor Brothers Properties.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: Dam of Critical Eye (Dynaformer), MGISW, $1,060,984; Personable Pete (Personal Flag), MSP, $244,648.

MAGIC MERGER, 17, Corporate Report--Wicked Ways, by Devil's Bag
Foal born Feb. 2, a colt by Henrythenavigator.
Will be bred back to Bernardini.
Owned by Mike Abraham.
Boarded at IR Bloodstock.
Accomplishments: Dam of Rumbling Cloud (Cloud Hopping), SW, $311,251; Hooh Why (Cloud Hopping), GISW, $654,182; D'wild Beach (D'Wildcat), SP, $147,255.

MINING MY BUSINESS, 19, Mining--Really Blue, by Believe It
Foal born Feb. 7, a colt by Bernardini.
Owned by Mik Abraham.
Boarded at IR Bloodstock.
Accomplishments: Dam of Real Cozzy (Cozzene), GSW & MGISP, $464,840.

INDIGENE, 14, Deputy Minister--Aishah, by Alydar
Foal born Feb. 8, a filly by Zensational.
Will be bred back to Zensational.
Owner: Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings & N.E.T.P.
Boarded at Hill 'n' Dale Farm, KY.
Accomplishments: Dam of Pretty Katherine (Vindication), SW, $179,721.

MASADA, 16, Pleasant Tap--Mertensia, by Green Forest
Foal born Feb. 9, a colt by Lemon Drop Kid.
Will be bred back to Quality Road.
Owned by Robert S. Evans.
Boarded at Taylor Made.
Accomplishments: MSW of $267,139. Dam of Menacing (Lemon Drop Kid), SP; Lemondropsmypop (Lemon Drop Kid), SP.