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MORE GROUND FOR SECRET CIRCLE IN REBEL

Pegram, Watson and Weitman's **Secret Circle** (Eddington) gets another distance test as he goes a sixteenth of a mile farther than he ever has before in today's GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn. The **"TDN Rising Star"** gave the impression to many that he may be a sprinter when he completed an undefeated 2-year-old season with a display of brilliant speed in the inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint, but he has shown another dimension when given the opportunity this term. The bay came a half-length short of the subsequently injured Out of Bounds (Discreet Cat) when second in Santa Anita's one-mile



Secret Circle (outside) bests Scatman Coady

GIII Sham S. Jan. 7, earning a career-best Beyer Speed Figure of 98. Secret Circle kept progressing last time when he annexed the faster of the two divisions of the eight-furlong GIII Southwest S. here Feb. 20, posting a 102 Beyer while besting pacesetter **Scatman** (Scat Daddy) by a half-length. He meets that foe again, as well as the third-, fourth- and fifth-place finishers behind him—**Adirondack King** (Lawyer Ron), **Pee H Dee** (Tale of the Cat) and **Cyber Secret** (Broken Vow). "He bounced out of his race really well," trainer Bob Baffert told *Daily Racing Form*. "I think he's the kind of horse that's just starting to wake up a little bit. He's done everything on just natural talent. He's kind of the kid who's real smart, didn't do his homework, just gets by on natural talent." Baffert took this race last year with the equally speedy The Factor (War Front), who ultimately found his niche as a one-turn horse, and acknowledges that at some point, Secret Circle could find himself in a similar position. "Eventually, we're going to find his distance limitations," Baffert told the publication. "We'll have to win the Rebel for me to think further distance, so we'll see what he does, if he takes another step forward distance-wise." **Cont. p3**

THE CHAMP IS HERE

Fox Hill Farms's reigning Horse of the Year **Havre de Grace** (Saint Liam) kicks off 2012 in the \$150,000 New Orleans Ladies S. today at Fair Grounds. The 5-year-old has been working quickly over the strip since getting back to action following a fourth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 5, and looks like she'll face little resistance in this springboard to bigger and better. "That work she had Monday (five furlongs in :59.60) was exactly what we were looking for," said Cindy Jones, wife of trainer Larry. "She did it real easy--without being asked for anything extra--we're very pleased with how it went and she came out of it real well." Havre de Grace, whose wins last term included the GI Apple Blossom H., GI Woodward S. and GI Beldame Invitational S., will look to avoid a similar upset to the one 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) endured in the inaugural running of this race in 2010. "You never know what's going to happen in horse racing," noted Jones, "but we're expecting a winning performance from Havre de Grace this weekend... [she] has a bullseye on her back--there's no doubt about that--but that's to be expected considering what she's done in her career so far."



Horsephotos

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:50 p.m. EDT

NEW ORLEANS LADIES S., \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Sterling Madame	Unbridled Energy	Graham	Amoss	8-1
2	Havre de Grace	Saint Liam	Dominguez	Jones	1-5
3	Annabel Lee	J Town	Jacinto	Schwartz	30-1
4	Distorted Love	Distorted Humor	Eramia	Pitts	12-1
5	Juanita	Mineshaft	Naprapnik	Maker	5-1

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2	City Zip	5	3	\$1,379,140
3	Tapit	4	3	\$1,370,475
4	Malibu Moon	3	2	\$1,362,911
5	Speightstown	2	-	\$1,307,527
6	Bernardini	4	2	\$1,229,922

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TWO FOR BAFFERT IN SANTA MARGARITA

Leading trainer Bob Baffert has a big chance to add another Grade I to his resume today as he sends out a pair of runners in Santa Anita's GI Santa Margarita Invitational S. His top shot is D & E Racing's **Ellafitz** (Tiznow), who seeks her fourth-straight victory. "She's in a zone right now," said Baffert of the 5-year-old.



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Gemologist Impressive at Gulfstream



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WinStar Farm's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. hero **Gemologist** (Tiznow) kicked off 2012 the right way and kept his undefeated record intact with a seven-length romp over Grade I winner **Currency Swap** (High Cotton) in a one-mile Gulfstream allowance Friday.

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Presents Today's Graded Stakes

EST	Race	Click for	TV
8:30a	Prix Exbury-G3, STC	-----	----
4:52p	Excelsior S.-GIII, AQU	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
5:35p	Inside Information S.-GII, GP	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
5:43p	Azeri S.-GIII, OP	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
6:48p	Rebel S.-GII, OP	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV
7:07p	Santa Margarita S.-GI, SA	(brisnet.com PPs)	HRTV

Eastern Time



MORE GLOBAL DOMINANCE!

MORE THAN READY sired one of the top fillies at OBS Select, when Hip 196 sold for **\$340,000** to Gainesway & Jon Kelly. Breeder and consignor Shari Eisaman states, "We bred and foaled her, she's done everything right, she's one of the best horses I've ever had; she's that kind of nice."

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The potential for a pace collapse certainly exists in the Rebel, which would benefit the likes of GIII Delta Jackpot S. hero **Sabercat** (Bluegrass Cat), Shadwell's recent track-and-trip allowance winner **Najjaar** (Jazil) and **Jake Mo** (Giacomo), runner-up to Secret Circle's stablemate Castaway (Street Sense) in the other division of the Southwest. While Najjaar, who broke his maiden two-back here in his fifth try Jan. 14, is drawn wide, trainer Dan Peitz was pleased with his late runner's post. "I haven't really looked at all the past performances yet, but I have to think that post should be good for us," Peitz said Friday. "Anything like the Southwest pace should be fine. He can just relax back there. I don't have to worry too much about anything with him. He's really pretty relaxed with everything he does."

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REBEL S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ML
1	Unbridled's Note (K) <i>(c, Unbridled's Song--Siberian Fur, by Siberian Express)</i>	Mike McCarty	Gulf Coast Farms/Unbridled's Song Synd-KY	Asmussen Hill	20-1
2	Scatman (K) <i>(c, Scat Daddy--Hit It Here Cafe, by Grand Slam)</i>	Jeog Racing LLC	Jeog Racing LLC-KY	Lauer Quinonez	8-1
3	Cyber Secret (K) <i>(c, Broken Vow--Stomping, by Dixieland Band)</i>	Charles J Cella	Paragon Farms LLC-KY	Whiting Albarado	15-1
4	Optimizer <i>(c, English Channel--Indy Pick, by A.P. Indy)</i>	Bluegrass Hall LLC	Bluegrass Hall LLC-KY	Lukas Court	30-1
5	Jake Mo <i>(c, Giacomo--Credit Approval, by With Approval)</i>	Stephen R Brown	E H Beau Lane III-KY	Milligan Berry	20-1
6	Sabercat (K) <i>(c, Bluegrass Cat--Miner's Blessing, by Forty Niner)</i>	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Lantern Hill Fm/W J Punk Jr/Lighthouse-KY	Asmussen Nakatani	5-1
7	Secret Circle (K) <i>(c, Eddington--Ragtime Hope, by Dixieland Band)</i>	K Watson/M Pegram/P Weitman	Willmott Stables-KY	Baffert Bejarano	9-5
8	Atigun (K) <i>(c, Istan--Rimini Road, by Dynaformer)</i>	Shortleaf Stable	Brereton C Jones-KY	McPeek Thompson	12-1
9	Reckless Jerry <i>(c, Cactus Ridge--Miss Moneywise, by Crafty Prospector)</i>	Dream Walkin Farms Inc/Lanita Davis	Dream Walkin Farms Inc/Lanita Davis-KY	Smith Rocco Jr	12-1
10a	Ring It Up <i>(c, Toccet--Noontime Angel, by Successful Appeal)</i>	James McIngvale	Clover IV Stables-KY	Richard Wade	20-1
11a	Pee H Dee (K) <i>(c, Tale of the Cat--Trillion Wing {GB}, by In the Wings {GB})</i>	James McIngvale	Omega Fm/B D Gibbs Fm/Chancey Mill Fm-KY	Richard Ocampo	20-1
12	Najjaar <i>(c, Jazil--Hasheema {Ire}, by Darshaan {GB})</i>	Shadwell Stable	Shadwell Farm LLC-KY	Peitz Borel	6-1
13	Adirondack King (K) <i>(c, Lawyer Ron--Jostle, by Brocco)</i>	Marchfore Thoroughbreds	Stonewall Farm Stallions-KY	Servis Elliott	6-1



TWO SHOTS FOR BAFFERT IN MARGARITAVILLE

Leading trainer Bob Baffert has his sights set on another Grade I with a pair of chances in Santa Anita's Santa Margarita Invitational S. today. First on the depth chart appears to be D & E Racing LLC's **Ellafitz**, who seeks her fourth consecutive victory. The bay took the GII Bayakoa H. at Hollywood by 3 1/4 lengths over **Miss Mittagong** and **Love Theway Youare** (second and fourth, respectively) Dec. 4. She was an easy winner of this track's PaseAna H. Jan. 15, and is coming off a score in the GII Santa Maria S. Feb. 18, again over Miss Mittagong. Love Theway



Ellafitz *Benoit*

Youare was fourth once more, and **Kayce Ace** checked in seventh. "She's in a zone right now," said Baffert of Ellafitz. "[She] runs hard, she runs fast. Last time, they took all kinds of shots at her. She took a lot of heat and kept going. They sent a rabbit out there, but my mare is doing better for this race than she was before the last race." Baffert's other runner is **Awesomemundo**, who is owned by his wife Jill. The 4-year-old romped last time by 7 1/4 lengths in a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer here Feb. 19, earning the field's highest last-out Beyer Speed Figure of 93. "She's just showing that she's getting better and better," Baffert said of Awesomemundo, comparing her to one of the barn's stars. "Once she gets in her groove, she's got a lot of Game On Dude (Awesome Again) in her. She really fought. She's just getting better with age." **Include Me Out** comes off a powerful 4 1/4-length tally in the GII La Canada S. here Jan. 22, and could mow them all down late with some pace help.

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EDT
SANTA MARGARITA INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Miss Mittagong (K)	Pleasantly Perfect	Gutierrez	Cecil	6-1
2	Love Theway Youare (K)	Arch	Rosario	Cho	15-1
3	Kayce Ace	Tiznow	Espinoza	Harty	15-1
4	Ellafitz	Tiznow	Garcia	Baffert	6-5
5	Include Me Out	Include	Talamo	Ellis	9-5
6	Awesomemundo (K)	Awesome Again	Smith	Baffert	5-2

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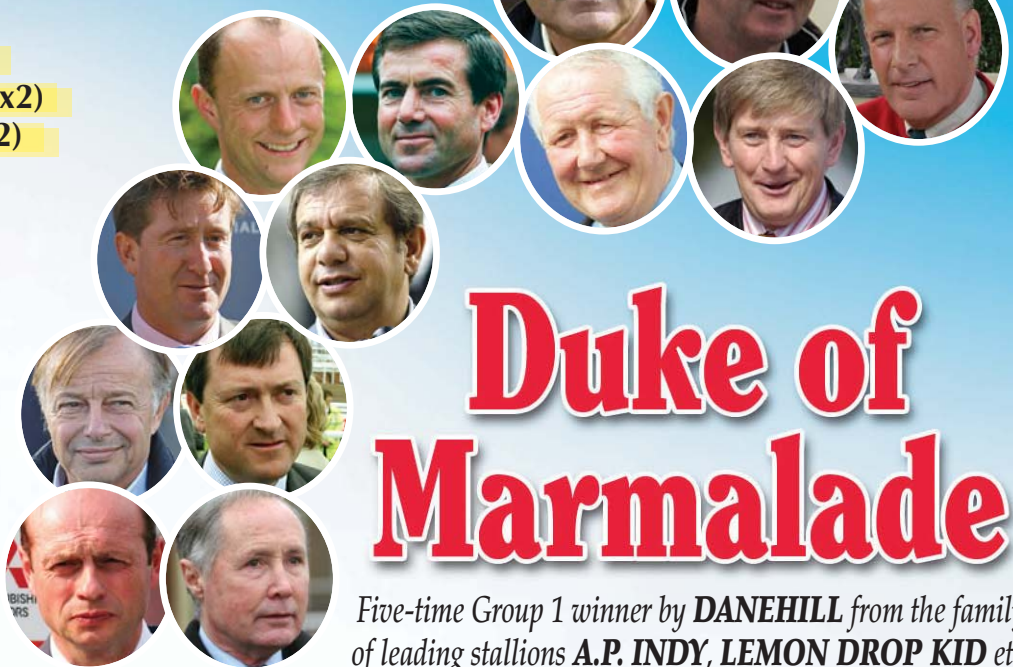
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Kevin Ryan	£1,198,285
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Mick Channon (x3)	£1,037,688



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A full and well-matched group of sprinting fillies squares off in the GII Inside Information S. in Hallandale. A surprising 6-1 on the morning line, **Groupie Doll** could be the one to beat if she runs one of her better races. Last year's GIII Gardenia S. winner earned a 100 Beyer when besting **Persuading** by 2 1/4 lengths in a one-mile allowance here Dec. 22, and gave talented colt Boys At Tosconova (Officer) a run for his money in a similar open spot Jan. 27. The chestnut filly turns back off a pace-setting third behind top female routers Awesome Maria (Maria's Mon) and Royal Delta (Empire Maker) in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Sabin S. Feb. 25. Groupie Doll has a 3-1-2-0 record at the seven-furlong distance of the Inside Info, including a close second in the lucrative Charles Town Oaks last September. Pinnacle Racing Stable and Bill Kaplan's defending female sprint champion **Musical Romance** would have been a heavy favorite here if not for a fourth-place finish in the Sunshine Millions F/M Sprint going a panel shorter Feb. 28. She had a rough start in that 2012 debut and Kaplan, who also trains the GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint heroine, is confident she'll return to top form today with better racing luck. "She grabbed herself pretty good coming out of the gate," he explained of the Sunshine Millions debacle. "A horse outside of her acted up just as the gate opened. She also bent a shoe and took a piece of a quarter off. There was actually a small puncture wound [on her foot], but she's fine now and ready to go." GI Prioress S. winner **Her Smile**, who was put into the Fasig-Tipton November sale by then-owner Bobby Flay after a third-place finish in the Breeders' Cup and scooped up by Stronach Stables for a cool \$1 million, looks to move forward off another third-place showing in her first try for Chad Brown in the 6 1/2-furlong GIII Hurricane Bertie S. behind **R Holiday Mood** and **Funny Sunny** Feb. 19. A bit more ground and maybe some more speed could help the 4-year-old's chances.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:35 p.m. EDT

INSIDE INFORMATION S.-GII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Belle of the Hall (K)	Graeme Hall	Trujillo	Albertrani	12-1
2	Persuading (K)	Broken Vow	Castanon	Romans	12-1
3	Catch a Thief (K)	Flatter	Leparoux	Hills	20-1
4	Funny Sunny (K)	Sharp Humor	Desormeaux	Hess Jr	4-1
5	Musical Romance	Concorde's Tune	Leyva	Kaplan	6-1
6	R Holiday Mood	Trippi	Velazquez	Pletcher	5-1
7	Much Rejoicing (K)	Distorted Humor	Lezcano	Toner	20-1
8	Hot Summer (K)	Malibu Moon	Saez	Fawkes	12-1
9	Groupie Doll	Bowman's Band	Maragh	Bradley	6-1
10	Magical Feeling	Empire Maker	Alvarado Jr	Iwinski	10-1
11	Her Smile	Include	Castellano	Brown	3-1

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Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT

EXCELSIOR S.-GIII, \$150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Redding Colliery	Mineshaft	Garcia	McLaughlin	5-2
2	Birdrun	Birdstone	Alvarado	Mott	5-1
3	Inherit the Gold	Gold Token	Castro	Hooper	6-1
4	San Pablo	Jump Start	Velasquez	Pletcher	2-1
5	Marilyn's Guy	Yonaguska	Lopez	Dutrow	3-1
6	Norman Asbjornson	Real Quiet	Acosta	Grove	15-1

Saturday, Oaklawn Park, post time: 5:43 p.m. EDT

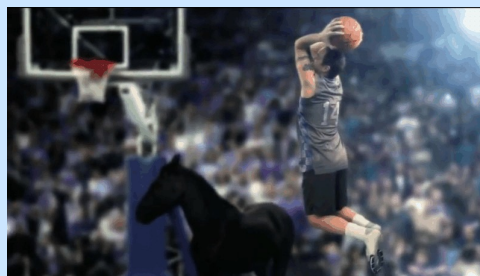
AZERI S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Absinthe Minded	Quiet American	Thompson	Lukas	3-2
2	She's All In	Include	Quinonez	Von Hemel	10-1
3	Ravi's Song	Unbridled's Song	Borel	Bowman	9-2
4	Joyful Victory	Tapit	Albarado	Jones	8-5
5	Tiz Miz Sue	Tiznow	Rocco Jr.	Hobby	4-1

Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 2:30 p.m.

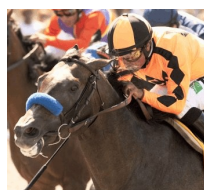
PRIX EXBURY-G3, €80,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
	2	Chinchon (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Peslier	Lafon-Parias	123
	1	Saga Dream (Fr)	Sagacity (Fr)	Jarnet	Lemercier	123
	5	War is War (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Huet	E O'Neill	121
	4	Pump Pump Boy (Fr)	Kingsalsa	Victoire	Pimbonnet	121
	9	Don Bosco (Fr)	Barathea (Ire)	Benoist	Smaga	121
	8	Tip Toe (Fr)	Footstepsinthesand (GB)	Maillot	F Doumen	121
	4	Tryst (GB)	Highest Honor (Fr)	Blondel	Hammond	121
	3	Kya One (Fr)	One Cool Cat	Mendizabal	de Nicolay	120
	7	Amazing Beauty (Ger)	Bahamian Bounty (GB)	Guyon	Figge	118



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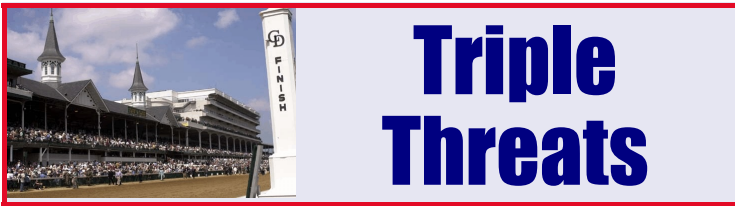
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Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	BTWnrs BTWins	Black-type Horses	GSWnrs GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners Wins	G1-G2SWnrs G1-G2SWins
Speightstown	36	25	2 2	7	0 0	3	23 29	0 0
Empire Maker	30	24	3 4	9	2 3	8	19 21	2 2
Giant's Causeway	29	24	6 6	6	4 4	4	24 28	2 2
Distorted Humor	27	24	3 4	7	2 2	3	21 23	1 1
Hard Spun	26	17	4 4	7	0 0	2	14 20	0 0
Bernardini	25	20	3 4	4	2 2	2	19 24	0 0
Tiznow	25	22	1 2	6	1 1	1	17 19	1 1
Tapit	24	19	4 4	8	3 3	4	16 16	2 2
City Zip	23	13	4 5	9	3 3	5	11 14	2 2
More Than Ready	23	22	0 0	5	0 0	2	17 18	0 0

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Alpha Still on Florida Derby Fence...

Godolphin's **Alpha** (Bernardini), last-out winner of the GIII Withers S. Feb. 4, continues to do his daily training with the Kiaran McLaughlin string at Palm Meadows Training Center in South Florida, though the conditioner has yet to commit to a start in the GI Florida Derby two weeks from today. Another option for Alpha is the GI Wood Memorial Apr. 7. "He's here and his training schedule doesn't change," McLaughlin said. "It's just that he'll probably work the morning of the Florida Derby if he's going to New York instead of racing that day." All else being equal, a start in the Gulfstream centerpiece would be a no-brainer. But not this year. "Union Rags (Dixie Union) is a nose [charted as a head] from being undefeated," McLaughlin explained. "He's a *serious* horse. I don't like our chances of beating Union Rags. I don't like running in races that I don't think we can win. I have that much respect for Union Rags, but then again [GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and recent GIII Gotham S. hero] Hansen (Tapit) is waiting up there, so it's not going to be easy no matter where you go." Alpha could also venture to New Orleans. "If [GIII Risen Star S. hero] El Padrino (Pulpit) is going to the Florida Derby, the [Apr. 1 GII] Louisiana Derby becomes a little bit easier," McLaughlin said. "I have to talk to [Godolphin's] Simon Crisford about all of this, because he's the racing manager."



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Moore Hopeful His Xtension Rings for World Cup...

Trainer John Moore is hopeful of replacing Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) in the G1 Dubai World Cup with **Xtension (Ire)** (Xaar {GB}), who hasn't quite been able to solve Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Ambitious Dragon (NZ)** (Pins {Aus}) this season. "We're sick of running second [to him]," Moore told South China *Morning Post*. With that in mind, the conditioner is lobbying officials at the Dubai Racing Club for a berth in the big race, and should that scenario pan out, Xtension would avoid the G1 Dubai Duty Free-bound



Xtension

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Ambitious Dragon. "Xtension has shown he can run the 2000 meters and I think he will like that type of forgiving surface, he hasn't got the greatest feet and it will soften the impact," Moore told *SCMP*. "We can't jump to any conclusions, but it would be nice to take the place of Animal Kingdom. If we get a call-up, he won't let Hong Kong down, he never puts in a bad run." Xtension, runner-up to Ambitious Dragon in last year's Hong Kong Derby, recorded his most important victory to date in last year's G1 BMW Champions Mile. The 5-year-old has found his arch-rival too tough in their last two meetings, finishing runner-up in the Stewards Cup over a mile Jan. 29 and in the 2000-meter Hong Kong Gold Cup Feb. 26.

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Rocket Man to Reunite With Coetzee for Shaheen...

Rocket Man (Aus) (Viscount {Aus}), who is set to depart Singapore Mar. 24 for his title defense in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen a week later, will be ridden in the big race by Felix Coetzee, who was aboard for last year's success. "Felix rode Rocket Man in Dubai last year and got the title, and we feel that it is best that he be given the chance to defend the title again," explained trainer Patrick Shaw. Jockey Barend Vorster had ridden the gelding in his last three starts, including a handy allowance score Mar. 4. "Barend has done nothing wrong at all on the horse. He'll still go to Dubai and will ride [stablemate] **Ato (SAf)** (Royal Academy) in the other race," Shaw added, referring to the G1 Al Quoz Sprint. Rocket Man returned to the track earlier this week to take a Mar. 13 barrier trial ([video](#)) by an easy five lengths. He covered the 1000 meters on Polytrack in :59.04, easily the morning's fastest clocking.

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Horse	Sire	Trainer	Graded Money
1 Hansen	Tapit	Maker	\$1,400,000
2 Union Rags	Dixie Union	Matz	\$1,070,000
3 Creative Cause	Giant's Causeway	Harrington	\$686,000
4 Sabercat	Bluegrass Cat	Asmussen	\$600,000
5 Wrote (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	O'Brien	\$556,630
6 Dullahan	Even the Score	Romans	\$405,000
7 Liaison	Indian Charlie	Baffert	\$393,000
8 Prospective	Malibu Moon	Casse	\$365,452
9 On Fire Baby (f)	Smoke Glacken	Hartlage	\$286,729
10 El Padrino	Pulpit	Pletcher	\$200,000
11 Alpha	Bernardini	McLaughlin	\$180,000
12 Trinniberg*	Teuflesberg	Parboo	\$174,500
13 Secret Circle	Eddington	Baffert	\$170,000
13 Rousing Sermon	Lucky Pulpit	Hollendorfer	\$170,000
15 I'll Have Another	Flower Alley	O'Neill	\$151,000
16 Castaway	Street Sense	Baffert	\$150,000
16 Currency Swap	High Cotton	Pompay	\$150,000
18 Daddy Nose Best	Scat Daddy	Asmussen	\$145,558
19 My Adonis	Pleasantly Perfect	Breen	\$130,000
20 Battle Hardened	Giant's Causeway	Kenneally	\$127,000
21 Brother Francis	Lion Heart	Cassidy	\$120,000
22 Mr. Bowling	Istan	Jones	\$115,848
23 Lucky Chappy (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	Motion	\$115,000
24 Jack's In The Deck	Love of Money	Graham	\$105,000
25 Gemologist	Tiznow	Pletcher	\$103,855
26 Longview Drive	Pulpit	Hollendorfer	\$102,834
27 Fly Lexis Fly	Badge of Silver	Morales	\$99,481
28 Take Charge Indy	A.P. Indy	Byrne	\$98,400
29 Daddy Long Legs	Scat Daddy	O'Brien	\$94,030
30 State of Play	War Front	Motion	\$90,000
30 Howe Great	Hat Track (Jpn)	Motion	\$90,000

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MEETING THE OBJECTIVE

The decision by TOBA's American Graded Stakes Committee (AGSC) to withdraw the ban on medication in this year's 2-year-old graded stakes races was a crushing blow to the industry and the organization's members.

How can TOBA, and the breeders it represents, lose another generation? And, how do we avoid the media and handicapping catastrophe when we continue lax med rules for 2-year-old graded stakes, then run the Breeders' Cup without meds?

The people who worked on the AGSC got the objective right, but they went wrong on the strategy to implement the ban. This is too important to fail for lack of a winning strategy.

If you want to fail in this industry, use a strategy that requires approval. Cont. p9



Meeting the Objective cont.

TOBA's original strategy required approval from state regulators who are influenced by many opposed to a ban on drugs, i.e. 40,000 plus horsemen, vets and track operators.

TOBA can change the graded stakes conversation with a creative new strategy that only requires about 400 racehorse owners, many of whom are TOBA members are like-minded about a ban on drugs.

Currently, TOBA awards blanket graded stakes status to every horse in the race.

Instead of awarding blanket race status and walking away, TOBA can make the races *graded stakes eligible* and require each horse be made eligible. Eligibility includes Super-testing your horse. If the horse fails the tests, TOBA will not award graded status. These tests would be independent of the local jurisdiction rules and have no effect on the outcome of the race.

With this simple change in policy and strategy, TOBA can achieve the following objective that is second to none in the world:

"Every 2-year-old in North America that earned graded stakes status in 2012 raced free of medication and performance-enhancing substances."

Then in 2013, those 2-year-olds and others will graduate to become eligible and compete in drug-free 3-year-old graded stakes.

TOBA's original strategy required state regulatory approval that isn't needed. Graded stakes status can be between TOBA and the racehorse owner. Nobody else needs to be involved.

TOBA handles the graded stakes program because it is the breeders' organization.

While graded stakes are important to tracks and horseplayers, they are a tool and method for breeders to prove the breed.

Graded stakes have great value to racehorse owners. Thus, TOBA has something racehorse owners want. That's always a good place to start.

Who pays for the testing? The racehorse owner, who wants the graded status, will find the testing expense is minor compared to the increased value to their horse as a broodmare or stallion prospect.

Under the current system, where state regulators allow permissive medication, racehorse owners have been given an easy out: "It's not me, it's the system". TOBA has the ability and the responsibility to change the conversation and say, "It is you and we're going to make you accountable if you want graded stakes status."

The tracks with the graded stakes will find those races, without performance-enhancing drugs, have much greater value and appeal both on-track and in the off-track market.

What if someone doesn't make his or her horse eligible? That's on them for the entire world to see and media to question. Think about it. With just 45 races, this is a very small pool of owners who want graded status.

What happens if non-eligible horses win or place in the graded stakes-eligible race?

They don't receive the graded status, yet they will receive something of a scarlet letter on their race record. If you see where a horse won a stakes that was graded stakes eligible, but the horse did not get graded status, that's a red flag for breeders and auction buyers.

This isn't the same situation as the fight to prohibit medication in all racing. The majority of horsemen will have no problem with this strategy in graded stakes, as long as it doesn't impact the other 50,000 races. The problem they had with the original TOBA strategy was that it would have changed state rules. Under this strategy, no rules change. This is just between TOBA and the racehorse owner.

If the original TOBA plan had gone forward, the rules for 2-year-old graded stakes in 2012 meant this generation would have been the first in North America to be clean... well, sort of clean.

The reality is, even if our graded stakes were run without race-day medication, the jurisdictions rules on meds are not apples to apples. The rules on what is allowed in Kentucky are not the same as California, New York and Florida. The resulting catalogue pages showing Grade I, Grade II, Grade III means you would need to know what jurisdiction's rules applied. And those question marks equal lower value.

This new strategy of eligibility Super-testing at the national level, through TOBA, means each 2-year-old graded stake can be judged apples to apples.

TOBA's appeal to the international cataloguing standards will be to change policy on 2012 graded stakes for 2-year-olds, from a blanket status based upon the race, to those eligible horses earning graded status. The international community wants North American graded stakes drug free, they will help ease the transition.

Will it complicate catalog pages? Not really, computers do the work. On the horse's page, those awarded graded status by TOBA would have a bold Grade I, Grade II, or Grade III after the race. The race record of those not eligible, or with failed test results, would have no graded designation after the race.

Those of us who have worked in Thoroughbred advertising have always had to be aware of changes in race status. The race could move to first-time Grade III in 1999, then be a Grade II in 2005, and back again. Instead of memory, you go with what Equibase prints out. Will there be an adjustment period? Sure.

But, instead of getting bogged down in details that will be worked out, let's focus on what happens in North America when TOBA delivers on this objective:

"Every 2-year-old that earned graded stakes status in 2012 raced free of medication and performance enhancing substances."

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Op/Ed cont.

Recently, I've been on a writing binge, because some problems that seem hopeless actually have easy solutions, if we just look at them differently.

Instead of an original strategy guaranteed to fail because of opposition by horsemen, TOBA can employ a new strategy where about 400 racehorse owners make their 2-year-olds eligible in 45 Graded Stakes. Many of those owners will be TOBA members and support the ban on drugs.

Can this still be done in 2012? Sure. We're just talking about 45 races. This new strategy needs to be vetted quickly. It isn't any more complicated than state breeding program eligibility, but its impact will be felt around the world.

Right now might be the most embarrassing moment in TOBA's history. We can change that and make TOBA more relevant than ever before. I would like to see a lot of the folks who resigned invited back.

TOBA needs an emergency meeting of the AGSC and if the strategy passes by just one vote, that's enough. They can then turn it over to the lawyers to draft eligibility forms. If they pay the lawyers on a project basis, not billable hours, we might have it next week.

This is a crisis and we need crisis management. TOBA needs to call all-hands-on-deck and make this happen. And it needs the resolve to shake off confidence-busting failure with a clear plan for the future.

At the end of the movie, *The Right Stuff*, the narrator talks about the space program's disappointments, then concludes with, "But on that glorious day in May 1963, Gordo Cooper went higher, farther, and faster than any other American... Gordo Cooper became the greatest pilot anyone had ever seen."

Let's hope the leaders of TOBA have the right stuff.



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North Dayton racino development moving forward
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Joe Cogliano, Dayton Business Journal

MCLAUGHLIN GETS 1,000

Trainer Kieran McLaughlin earned North American career win number 1,000 Friday when Que Posse (Posse) took the eighth race at Aqueduct. "I think it means the most to me that Art Magnuson, and [my



Rider Eddie Castro and Art Magnuson
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brother] Neal, my two main assistants, have been there for all 1,000 wins and that we've been together for all the victories," the 51-year-old said by phone from Florida. "I'd like to thank Sheikh Mohammed [bin Rashid al Maktoum] and all my owners for their support over the years." McLaughlin, whose long list of top-class performers include 2006 Horse of the Year Invasor (Arg), GI Belmont S. winner Jazil and last semester's GI Acorn S. and GI Coaching Club American Oaks heroine It's Tricky (Mineshaft), also recorded more than 300 wins in the UAE. He split his time between New York and Dubai from 1993 to 2003, where he trained for Sheikh Mohammed and Sheikh Hamdan and earned three training titles at Nad Al Sheba. The Lexington, KY, native got his start as an assistant for Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, among others. After a brief stint as a jockey's agent for Chris Antley, he went out on his own as a trainer in 1993, and saddled his first winner that season at Jebel Ali.

NYTHA, NYRA, NYTB LAUNCH TAKE 2 The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), New York Racing Association (NYRA) and New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB) have announced the launch of a program called TAKE 2, which sets out to develop careers for retired racehorses.

"The welfare of our equine athletes, both during and after their racing careers, is of the utmost importance to the owners and trainers competing at NYRA's tracks," said NYTHA President Rick Violette Jr. "NYTHA and NYRA have long offered financial support to organizations such as the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, but we are now expanding our initiatives. We want to give our retired racehorses the opportunity to find new vocations in different equestrian disciplines. This is our Jobs Program. Thoroughbreds are healthier and happier when they have jobs to do."

As part of the initiative, NYTHA, NYRA and NYTB will be the co-sponsors for Thoroughbred-only divisions for hunter/jumpers at the Skidmore College Saratoga Classic Horse Show and Saratoga Springs Horse Show at Saratoga Race Course this spring.

The three organizations have pledged to contribute to a new Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation to retrain and adopt out up to 100 racehorses retired at NYRA tracks in 2012. The NYTHA and NYRA have committed more than a quarter-million dollars to the effort.

New Jersey horsemen also support the undertaking, and will sponsor Thoroughbred-only classes at the AA-rated Garden State Horse Show at the Sussex County Fairgrounds May 2 through May 6. Saratoga Spring Horse Show I will run from May 2-6, 2012, with Saratoga Springs Horse Show II set for May 9-13. The Skidmore College Saratoga Classic I will be held June 12-17; Classic II is scheduled for June 20-24.

All four shows will host a Low Thoroughbred Hunter Division (fences at 2'9"), offering \$2,500 in total prize money. The Division will feature a \$500 Under Saddle Class and two \$1,000 Over Fences Classes. There will also be two Thoroughbred-only Jumper Classes at all four venues, worth \$1,250 apiece. In addition, the Skidmore Saratoga Classic will offer a \$2,500 Thoroughbred Hunter Classic at each of its two shows.

In order to be eligible for TAKE 2 events, Thoroughbreds must be registered with The Jockey Club. Proof of registration is required at the time of entry.

Thoroughbreds dominate the Show Jumper Hall of Fame--15 of the sport's 20 equine inductees are members of the breed. They include superstars Idle Dice and Jet Run; Olympic medalist For The Moment, who was still winning at the age of 21; Snowbound, an unexceptional racehorse turned Olympic gold medalist; the filly Touch Of Class, who posted the first double clear rounds in Olympic history; and three-time American Grandprix Association Horse of the Year Gem Twist.

The Hall of Famers have racing connections that go beyond their bloodlines; Idle Dice was partnered by Thoroughbred trainer Rodney Jenkins, Jet Run was ridden by Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Michael Matz, and Thoroughbred owner Earle Mack campaigned Touch Of Class.

But the Thoroughbred has fallen out of favor in recent years, pushed aside by European Warmbloods.

"Over the last few decades, the Thoroughbreds have been overshadowed by the European sport horses, which are very expensive, but easier to make and maintain for the clients and students of the professional riders," Violette said. "The TAKE2 program, we hope, will go a long way toward reversing that trend."

• ON THE WORKTAB •

SANTA ANITA

- AMAZOMBIE (Northern Afleet), 5f, :59.60, 8/103
- CASTAWAY (Street Sense), 6f, 1:12.40, 4/17
- GAME ON DUDE (Awesome Again), 7f, 1:25.00, 1/4
- PORK CHOP (Ministers Wild Cat), 5f, 1:01.40, 54/103
- PRINCESS ARABELLA (Any Given Saturday), 6f, 1:12, 2/17
- SETSUKO (Pleasantly Perfect), 5f, 1:02.20, 73/103



FLORIDA



Yesterday's Results:

3rd-GPX, \$69,500, Alw, 3yo, 1m, 1:35 4/5, gd.

1--**GEMOLOGIST, 118, c, 3, Tiznow--Crystal Shard, by Mr. Prospector.** (\$310,000 wlng '09 KEENOV). O-WinStar Farm LLC; B-G Watts Humphrey Jr & Louise Ireland Humphrey Revocable Trust - 2 (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-4-0-0, \$184,855. *1/2 to Clear Destiny (Deputy Minister), SW, \$193,667; and Perfect Cut (A.P. Indy), SP, \$164,265.

2--**Currency Swap, 118, c, 3, High Cotton--Echo Bluff, by Pine Bluff.** (\$42,000 wlng '09 OBSOCT; \$70,000 yrl '10 FTKJUL).

3--**Angel's Tune, 118, c, 3, High Cotton--Holiday Tune, by Concorde's Tune.**

Margins: 7, 5, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.70, 1.20, 7.90.

Gemologist, a five-length winner of his career opener on the Turfway Poly Sept. 24, wired the field when stretched out in a Churchill allowance on the first "Stars of Tomorrow" card Oct. 30. The bay colt showed he could stalk the pace when edging the highly regarded Ever So Lucky (Indian Charlie) in the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. under the Twin Spires Nov. 26, and was odds-on to handle GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. hero Currency Swap in their respective sophomore bows. Breaking from the rail, Gemologist went up to set the pace and was allowed to get away with a :24.93 opening quarter. Currency Swap attempted to turn up the pressure through the turn, but the chalk had plenty left in the tank, and cruised through stretch under a motionless Javier Castellano.

"We talked about it before the race and thought he might sit behind a horse, but he broke so sharp that Javier just let him go on and get into his rhythm," explained winning trainer Todd Pletcher. "Physically, I thought he got everything he needed out of the race that we had hoped for, running a mile in 1:35 and four, and he galloped out really well."



Gemologist sparkles at Gulfstream Adam Coglianese

Gemologist has \$103,855 in graded earnings courtesy of his score at Churchill last fall, and will now join the Triple Crown trail in earnest.

"[WinStar Farm President Elliott [Walden] and I will discuss options for his next race over the next few days, but, from a time standpoint, it will be a race on either Apr. 7 or Apr. 14, and we'll decide whether it will be better to have four weeks or three weeks to the [GI Kentucky] Derby [May 5]," Pletcher added.

The Apr. 7 options include the GI Wood Memorial, GI Santa Anita Derby and GIII Illinois Derby. The following Saturday has the GI Arkansas Derby and GI Blue Grass S. as possibilities.

Currency Swap had been sidelined following his Hopeful triumph on Labor Day.

"We just wanted him to lay off the other horse, and the pace was a little slow in the beginning," said trainer Terri Pompay. "The other horse ran away from him a little bit, but he did everything we wanted. We got the race into him. We'll talk about it and see how he comes out of this race." [Click for the brisnet.com chart or video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

NEW YORK



Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:22 p.m. EDT

BROAD BRUSH S., \$75,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Festive Spirit	Malibu Moon	Velasquez	Baker	5-1
2	Swag Daddy	Scat Daddy	Garcia	Dutrow Jr	5-2
3	Jackin My Style	Tapit	Silvera	Persaud	30-1
4	Copy My Swagger	Easing Along	Cohen	Jacobson	3-1
5	Romp City	Holy Bull	Castillo	Lynch	12-1
6	Hard Facts	Hard Spun	Castro	Trombetta	7-2
7	Street Life	Street Sense	Alvarado	Brown	4-1

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Yesterday's Results:

8th-AQU, \$64,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

QUE POSSE (g, 5, Posse--Lavender Baby, by Rubiano), a half-brother to Laureate Conductor (Bernstein), SW & GISP, \$283,734, earned his diploma over this track and trip last February. After pairing up wins at Belmont and Delaware in late spring, the grey ran second in a Saratoga optional claimer July 24, but hadn't seen action since checking in fourth in a similar contest at Monmouth Aug. 21. Let go at 10-1, the 5-year-old settled off the pace, delivered a four-wide challenge and dashed clear by 4 1/4 lengths to notch win 1,000 for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin. Sales history: \$40,000 wlng '07 KEENOV; \$110,000 yrl '08 FTKJUL; \$115,000 2yo '09 OBSFEB. Lifetime Record: 10-4-3-0, \$145,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart or video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

O-NYKY Thoroughbred Stable. B-Mrs O M Patrick (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.





EASTERN U.S.



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

PRIVATE TERMS S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Romp City	Holy Bull	Castillo	Lynch	10-1
2	Cop a Tude	Officer	Russell	Motion	5-1
3	Street Life	Street Sense	Franklin	Brown	10-1
4	Raconteur	A.P. Indy	DeCarlo	Pletcher	3-1
5	Brimstone Island	Tiznow	Perez	Campbell	12-1
6	Hakama	First Samurai	Pimentel	Trombetta	5-1
7	Yo Koffy	Kafwain	Flores	Anderson	6-1
8	Charge	Jump Start	Boyce	Barr	12-1
9	Dangerous Lad	Bob and John	Castellano Jr	Terranova	5-2

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CALIFORNIA



Yesterday's Results:

3rd-SAX, \$59,416, Msw, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35 4/5, fm. FORDHAM ROAD (r, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Brulay {GSW, \$190,714}, by Rubiano), a full-brother to Neko Bay, GSW & GISP, \$473,020, returned from a six-month hiatus to run fourth on the Hollywood weeds Nov. 26. Second by a head over this course and distance Jan. 5, the dark bay was runner-up once more in a similar affair Feb. 5. The 4-5 chalk settled into a perfect stalking trip as 69-1 Lethal Intent (Unusual Heat) led. He came three wide into the lane and finished up stylishly to take it by 1 1/4 lengths from 39-1 Yomybato (Mineshaft). Lethal Intent rounded out the \$842.70 trifecta. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$59,100. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video](#), sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.

O/B-Mr & Mrs Jerome Moss (KY). T-John A Shirreffs.

6th-GGX, \$29,697, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:40, ft.

BELLAMINE (f, 3, [Bellamy Road](#)--Teton Park, by Ecton Park) ran a close third when unveiled for a \$75,000 tag on the Gulfstream grass Feb. 19 by trainer Jimmy Jerkens, was sold privately and headed cross-country. Sent off as the 6-5 choice against her elders, the bay sat in third, took over approaching the quarter pole and stretched clear for a four-length graduation. Sales history: \$13,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$20,100. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video](#), sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.

O-Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig, Roger Newman & Ray Pagano. B-Scuffle Hill Farm & Ed Tivol (KY). T-William E Morey.

Lobbyist Rodney Blonien Dies at 65:

Rodney Blonien, a long-time lobbyist for horse racing and gaming interests in California, died earlier this week of an apparent heart attack. He was 65. "Rodney was my friend and colleague for over 35 years and he will be dearly missed by the horsemen and the gaming industry," said California Horse Racing Board Executive Director Kirk Breed. "His contributions have been made on behalf of the industry--both horse racing and card rooms--on every piece of meaningful legislation that has gone across every Governor's desk from George Deukmejian to the present administration. He was instrumental in the formation of the satellite wagering network in California. He was a one-man lobbying firm who believed strongly in personal relationships between his clients, legislators and legislative staff." Blonien had at one point represented racing entities such as Hollywood Park and the Thoroughbred Owners of California, and was more recently connected with Los Alamitos Racecourse. Blonien is survived by his wife Noreen, four children and 11 grandchildren, as well as one brother and one sister. A service was scheduled for Friday morning in Sacramento.

CENTRAL U.S.



Yesterday's Results:

9th-OPX, \$52,000, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$65,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, ft.

ZAPPER BELLE (f, 3, [Ghostzapper](#)--Capote Belle {GISW, \$603,314}, by Capote) put it all together when stretched out for the first time over this track and trip Feb. 24. Sent off at 5-1, the Lows' homebred had the lead early before settling in second. She regained command turning for home and gamely fended off favored Psycho Chick (Thunder Gulch) to take it by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$61,067. Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [video](#), sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.

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



TODAY'S INSIGHTS

5:34p HRTV 5th-SA, \$56K, Msw, 3yo, 6f REGULUS ([Distorted Humor](#)) kicks off his career for Darley and trainer Eoin Harty. He is the first foal to race from MGISW Stellar Jayne (Wild Rush), a 1/2 to MGISW Starrer (Dynaformer) who was acquired by Darley for \$3.6 million at KEENOV in 2004. The bay colt has been training forwardly at Hollywood and will break from post two. Alongside him is **French Storm (A.P. Indy)**, a \$250K FTFEB purchase 12 months ago by Heinz Steinmann. The bay ridgling is out of GISP Ile de France (Storm Cat), a 1/2 to Bernardini (A.P. Indy). He has a solid series of morning drills for trainer Mike Harrington. [brisnet.com PPs](#)



INDUSTRY INFO

Grayson-Jockey Club Approves Research Funding:

Edited Press Release

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's board of directors has approved funding for 16 research projects in 2012 for a total of \$845,646. The board selected eight new projects to be launched in 2012, and funding will cover the second year of eight projects begun in 2011. The new research projects cover a wide range of problems that can affect horses of any breed or discipline. They include foal pneumonia, laminitis, vitamin D's role in immunity, and stem cell therapy. Universities receiving funding for new projects are the University of Georgia (two), The Ohio State University, Michigan State University, University of Florida, Cornell University, University of Kentucky and University of Pennsylvania. Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation is traditionally the nation's leading source of private funding for equine medical research, and the new slate of projects brings the foundation's total since 1983 to 287 projects funded for \$19 million at 40 universities. Descriptions of each project are available at grayson-jockeyclub.org.

Simulcast Conference to be Held in Clearwater Beach:

Edited Press Release

The Thoroughbred Racing Associations (TRA) has announced Clearwater Beach, Florida, as the host city for the 20th annual International Simulcast Conference. The 2012 conference will be held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort Oct. 1-3. The TRA co-sponsors the annual event with the Harness Tracks of America (HTA), in conjunction with the American Greyhound Track Operators Association (AGTOA). Each year the conference attracts more than 250 racing executives and personnel to address the topics of chief importance to the pari-mutuel industry, including simulcasting, account wagering, wagering security and technology. The Sheraton Sand Key Resort is located on the Gulf of Mexico, adjacent to Sand Key Park and Preserve. A special conference room rate of \$139 per night will be offered. More information will be available on the TRA website, tra-online.com, as the conference nears.

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3rd-GP (Alw) Gemologist (Tiznow) sparkles in his return to action.

OBITUARIES

FORTUNATE PROSPECT (Northern Prospect--Fortunate Bid, by Lucky Debonair), a top sprinter, successful sire and broodmare sire, was euthanized Mar. 15 at his retirement home at Michael Blowen's Old Friends near Georgetown, Kentucky. "Grandpa was our oldest retiree and one of our flagship residents," said Blowen. "He was incredibly gentle and was beloved by everyone at Old Friends and by every visitor. He was the kindest, sweetest stallion we've ever had, and he will be greatly missed. His offspring are still filling race cards all over the country, and we're incredibly happy to have been a part of his amazing legacy." Bred in Florida by M&M Bloodstock Agency, Fortunate Prospect became a leading sprinter, with the GIII San Vicente S. his biggest career victory. He spent some 20 years at stud at Michael Sherman's Farnsworth Farms and sired 28 black-type winners. His progeny, including MGSW Suave Prospect and SW Fortunate Card, amassed earnings of nearly \$38 million. Daughters of Fortunate Prospect are responsible for the likes of Successful Appeal, recent GI Santa Anita H. hero Ron the Greek and current GI Kentucky Derby hopeful Mark Valeski. A recent [video](#) was produced by WinPlaceShow.com and is available on YouTube.



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN BRITAIN:

Bordoni, c, 3, [Bernardini](#). See "Britain."

Moataz, g, 3, [Elusive Quality](#)--Ramatuelle (Chi) (GSP-US), by Jeune Homme. Wolverhampton, 3-16, Hcp, 3yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC. *\$30,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; £35,000 2yo '11 DONAPR.

IN HONG KONG:

Emperor Claudius, g, 5, [Giant's Causeway](#)--Virginia Waters (G1SW-Eng, SW & G1SP-Ire, \$589,211), by Kingmambo. Happy Valley, 3-14, Hcp. (\$155k), 1650mT, 1:40.52. B-Barnett Enterprises. *SW-Ire & SP-Eng. **\$35,000 yrl '08 KEESEP. ***Emperor Claudius raced successfully in Europe in the colors of Michael Tabor, finishing a short-head runner-up in the Listed Chesham S. at Royal Ascot in 2009 before signing off that portion of his career with a popular victory in the Listed Celebration S. at The Curragh in June 2010. Acquired privately by former Hong Kong Jockey Club Chairman Ronald Arculli, he failed to make any sort of impact in his first three local tries, but hinted at better form with a fourth-place effort going seven furlongs at Sha Tin Mar. 4. The recipient of a perfect trip here from third, Emperor Claudius took a few strides to pick up cornering for home, but got through at the fence with a furlong to race and stayed on well to score by a half-length as a 13-1 chance.

Click for the [HKJC.com video replay](#).



BRITAIN



SADLER'S WELLS' SYNCHRONISED IS PURE GOLD

Former champion jockey Jonjo O'Neill, who experienced the highs of Cheltenham's winner's circle when lifting Dawn Run (Ire) Deep Run {GB} home in the 1985 G1 Gold Cup, was back on the hallowed turf yesterday after saddling JP McManus' homebred **Synchronised (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) to win a stellar renewal of steeplechasing's "Blue Riband." Former dual champion **Kauto Star (Fr)** (Village Star {Fr}) was greeted with a loud chorus of cheers when he exited the 3 1/4-mile test before halfway, pulled up without showing his usual sparkle.

Synchronised, who lined up off a score in December's G1 Lexus Chase at Leopardstown, raced in snatches at the back of the pack until jumping into contention over the fourth fence from home. Losing ground after the next, the 8-1 chance found a prodigious leap at the last to join 50-1 outsider **The Giant Bolster (GB)** (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}) upon landing, and jockey Tony McCoy's brute force carried the famed green-and-gold silks 2 1/4 lengths clear of that rival up the hill, with defending titleholder **Long Run (Fr)** (Cadoudal {Fr}) a further 3/4 of a length adrift in third.

"It's great for [trainer] Jonjo [O'Neill] and [owner] JP McManus, and Synchronised has really delivered today," said the 16-time champion jockey, who was winning his second Gold Cup. "He was off the bridle pretty much the whole way and, when I missed the third-last [fence], I thought my chance had gone. He is an amazing horse, and it was an amazing performance. I'm especially pleased to win it for JP, as he has been so good to me. Jonjo has done an incredible job--I've had a Grand National and a Gold Cup out of the man, and I love him to bits. [O'Neill's training complex] Jackdaws Castle may look a closed shop with JP, Derrick Smith and a few other owners, and I can't understand why he doesn't get more horses because he deserves them. The man's a genius."

Thursday's Results:

Wolverhampton, 19.15, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo/up, 9f 103yds (AWT), 2:01.17, stn.

+ **MODERNISM (GB)** (c, 3, **Monsun {Ger}**--**La Nuit Rose {Fr}** {G1SP-Fr & Ire}, by **Rainbow Quest**) stalked the pace in second for most of this first go. Sent to the front on the home turn, the 11-2 chance was safely clear at the top of the stretch and kept on well under urging to hold **Ruacana (GB)** (Cape Cross {Ire}) by a length. The winner is a half-brother to **Tam Lin (GB)** (Selkirk), GSW-US, MSW & GSP-Eng, MGSP-UAE, \$546,642. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,264. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston.

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 15.45, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:37.72, stn.

MARGATE (GB) (f, 3, **Mizzen Mast**--**Cinnamon Bay {GB}** {SW-Fr}, by **Zamindar**), who hit the board in her Jan. 27 debut at Wolverhampton, settled on the lead after 100 yards of this second go. Maintaining control thereafter, the 7-2 second choice was stoked up at the end of the backstretch and kept on strongly under continued urging to comfortably best **Imtithal (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) by 2 3/4 lengths. The winner hails from the female family of top Juddmonte runners **Beat Hollow (GB)** (Sadler's Wells) and **Oasis Dream (GB)** (Green Desert). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £2,723. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Charlie Hills.

Lingfield, 17.40, Mdn, £3,500, 3yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:31.21, stn.

BORDONI (c, 3, **Bernardini--**Argentina {Ire}** {SW & MG1SP-Fr, MGISP-US, \$655,408}, by **Sadler's Wells**), a debut seventh going one mile here Feb. 11, raced in third for most of this return. Roused along to challenge with three furlongs remaining, the well backed 8-11 chalk was driven out inside the final eighth to assert by 2 1/4 lengths from **Benbecula (GB)** (Motivator {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £2,386. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)**

O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Darley; T-Mark Johnston.

IRELAND



Yesterday's Result:

Dundalk, 18.30, Mdn, €10,000, 3yo, 1m (AWT), 1:40.61, stn.

+ **PENNISTON LINE (IRE)** (g, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**--**Willowbridge {Ire}**, by **Entrepreneur {GB}**), stalked the pace in second from the outset of this opening show. Making headway off the home turn, the 6-5 favorite edged to the front inside the two pole and kept on well for coaxing to best **Rasputin (Ire)** (Marju {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Sales history: €28,000 yrl '10 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,900. [Video, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Susan Magnier; B-Swettenham, Carradale, S Cosgrove & T Stack; T-Tommy Stack.

All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated



FRANCE



Saturday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 1:00 p.m.

PRIX MAURICE CAILLAULT-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, c/g, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Lidari (Fr)	Acclamation (GB)	Lemaire	Rouget
2	2	Tifongo (Fr)	Dr Fong	Guyon	Pantall
3	5	Sinnkosako (Fr)	Anabaa	Bertras	Rohaut
4	1	Mobaco (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Blondel	Rossi
5	4	Gentle Storm (Fr)	Gentlewave (Ire)	Mendizabal	Barberot

All carry 123 pounds.

Saturday, Saint-Cloud, post time: 1:30 p.m.

PRIX ROSE DE MAI-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	3	Samba Brazil (Ger)	Teofilo (Ire)	Mendizabal	Rouget
2	4	Regatta (Fr)	Layman	Soumillon	Sepulchre
3	6	Trois Lunes (Fr)	Manduro (Ger)	Bertras	Rohaut
4	5	Mirandola (Fr)	Anabaa Blue (GB)	Boudot	de Nicolay
5	1	Crecy (GB)	Refuse to Bend (Ire)	Peslier	Fouin
6	2	La Peinture (Fr)	Muhtathir (GB)	Blondel	F Rossi

All carry 123 pounds.

AUSTRALASIA



GROUP WINNERS BY EUROPEAN SIRES:

#@Highly Recommended (Aus), c, 3, [Fastnet Rock Aus](#)--

Suggestive (Aus), by Al Hareb. Moonee Valley (Melbourne), 3-16, Alister Clark S.-G2, 3yo, 10f 40ydsT, A\$120,000 to winner. B-Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd; T-Peter Moody. * 1/2 to Sky Love (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}), MGSW-Aus; Sky Cuddle (Aus) (Snippets {Aus}), G1SW-Aus; and full to Undeniably (Aus), GSP-Aus.



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, March 7

*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, 165/22/1

2-TAM, Aoc, 5f, Silver Market, 3-1

[ANY GIVEN SATURDAY](#) (Distorted Humor), Darley, \$40K, 193/12/1

8-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, Just Jan, \$35K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

[ATTILA'S STORM](#) (Forest Wildcat), JEH-NM, \$2K, 48/10/0

10-SUN, Alw, 5 1/2f, Dashkova, \$900 RUI YRL yrl, 4-1

[AWESOME SPIRIT](#) (Awesome Again), Special T, \$3K, 29/4/0

8-TUP, Stk, 1mT, Awesome in Black, 15-1

[BOB AND JOHN](#) (Seeking the Gold), Pin Oak, \$13K, 135/25/1

9-LRL, Stk, 1m, Dangerous Lad, \$39K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

[BOURBON N BLUES](#) (Lycius), 9/1/0

10-SUN, Alw, 5 1/2f, Belleza Negra, 10-1

[CORINTHIAN](#) (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/27/2

11-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Cori, \$50K KEE APR 2yo

[ENGLISH CHANNEL](#) (Smart Strike), Lane's End, \$25K, 161/19/0

11-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Skyring

10-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Optimizer

8-TAM, Msw, 8.5fmT, Channelofdreams, \$3K RNA EAS MAY 2yo, 30-1

[EXCLUSIVE QUALITY](#) (Elusive Quality), Journeymen, \$4K, 122/21/1

8-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +R E Lee, 7-2

2-TAM, Aoc, 5f, Backstage Magic, \$12K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

[FLASHY BULL](#) (Holy Bull), Airdrie, \$10K, 153/22/2

4-GP, Aoc, 1m, Isutalkintome, \$10K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

[GENUINE TALENT](#) (Gibson County), 10/2/0

7-TAM, Aoc, 7f, Talented Whiz, \$4K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1

[GHOSTLY NUMBERS](#) (Polish Numbers), 11/0/0

2-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Wv Baby, 6-1

[HARD SPUN](#) (Danzig), Darley, \$50K, 244/37/7

8-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Soapstone Prairie, 8-1

2-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Hard Facts, \$150K KEE SEP yrl, 7-2

[INTEREST RATE](#) (Storm Cat), Ackel T'bred, \$2K, 27/2/0

5-DED, Msw, 5f, Over Taxed, 15-1

[INVASOR \(ARG\)](#)(Candy Stripes), Shadwell, \$35K, 96/9/0

8-GP, Msw, 1m, +Fortin, 10-1

[ISTAN](#) (Gone West), Airdrie, \$10K, 60/9/1

10-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Atigun, \$42K KEE SEP yrl

[JAZIL](#) (Seeking the Gold), Shadwell, \$13K, 71/7/0

10-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Najjaar

[LATENT HEAT](#) (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/20/1

3-GG, Aoc, 6f, Hot Dixie, \$54K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-2

[LAWYER RON](#) (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 144/21/4

10-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Adirondack King, \$55K KEE SEP yrl

8-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, +Brooklyn Proud, \$55K RNA FTK JUL yrl, 15-1

[MASTER COMMAND](#) (A.P. Indy), Taylor Made, \$15K, 179/20/1

9-OP, Msw, 1 1/16m, Master Rick, \$47K OBS APR 2yo

[NOBLE CAUSEWAY](#) (Giant's Causeway), Crestwood, \$5K, 153/11/1

7-WRD, Msw, 1m, Whoosh, \$2K OKL SUM yrl, 15-1

[PURIM](#) (Dynaformer), Richland Hills, \$10K, 124/15/0

8-TAM, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Horvat Clan, \$27K RNA OBS AUG yrl, 7-2

[SCAT DADDY](#) (Johannesburg), Ashford, \$30K, 180/37/6

2-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Swag Daddy, \$170K OBS MAR 2yo, 5-2

10-OP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Scatman, \$14K RNA KEE SEP yrl

4-GP, Aoc, 1m, Scatter Joy, \$15K RNA OBS APR 2yo, 2-1

[SIMON PURE](#) (Silver Deputy), Hartley DeRenzo, \$5K, 86/12/1

5-SA, Msw, 6f, You Know I Know, \$22K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1

[STEVIE WONDERBOY](#) (Stephen Got Even), Airdrie, \$18K, 111/17/2

8-TUP, Stk, 1mT, Jazz Wonder, \$10K KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

5-SA, Msw, 6f, +Craqui, \$70K RNA I '12 OBS WIN, 12-1

[STREET SENSE](#) (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$75K, 210/24/2

2-AQU, Stk, 1 1/16m, Street Life, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

9-LRL, Stk, 1m, Street Life, \$130K KEE SEP yrl, 10-1

7-TAM, Aoc, 7f, In the Beat, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 5-2



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-SAX, \$58,700, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14 4/5, ft.

CYCLOMETER (c, 4, Cyclotron--Moana Loa, by Eastern Echo) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$90,180. O/B-Bruce Headley & Irwin & Andrew Molasky (CA); T-Bruce Headley. *1/2 to Sangay (Stormin Fever), SW, \$117,274.

8th-OPX, \$52,000, NW2L, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44, ft.
Z ROCKSTAR (g, 3, Rockport Harbor--Nasty Little Star {SW, \$134,261}, by Nasty and Bold) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-3-2, \$86,439. O/B-Robert H Zoellner (OK). T-Donnie K Von Hemel. *1/2 to John's Burger (Johannesburg), SP, \$165,813.

8th-DED, \$42,100, 3-15, Opt. Clm. (\$20,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 5f, :58, ft.
COME ON LENARD (g, 5, Ford Every Stream--Kookalou, by Rail) Lifetime Record: 16-5-3-1, \$105,954. O-Virginia Lazenby. B-Ron Aime (LA). T-David P Banks.

7th-DED, \$41,500, 3-15, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46 1/5, ft.
CAT SHOES (g, 5, Wildcat Shoes--Meadow Sunrise, by Time for a Change) Lifetime Record: 31-6-4-2, \$124,254. O-Dale White. B-Joseph Sylvester, Ronald Sylvester & Abhay Misra (LA). T-Keith G Bourgeois. *\$3,200 2yo '09 EVDMAR.

8th-LRL, \$35,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, a1 1/16m, 1:46 2/5, ft.
OVER THE MOON (f, 4, Malibu Moon--Clever Phrase, by Clever Trick) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$64,390. O/B-Dark Hollow Farm (MD). T-Rodney Jenkins. *1/2 to Ready's Image (More Than Ready), GSW & GISP, \$310,542.

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FAIR GROUNDS

ST. JOHN'S RIVER (Include), 4f, :49.00, 13/73

FAIR HILL

SUMMER SOIREE (War Front), 4f, :50.20, 1/3
TOBY'S CORNER (Bellamy Road), 5f, 1:02.00, 3/3

PALM MEADOWS

SOMALI LEMONADE (Lemon Drop Kid), 5f, 1:02.88, 4/7

TAMPA BAY

CUSTOMER BASE (Lemon Drop Kid), 5f, 1:01.60, 2/12

5th-PEN, \$32,704, 3-15, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m70y, 1:43 2/5, ft.

ROCKHARD N NOBLE (f, 4, Rock Hard Ten--Noble Idea, by Deputy Minister) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$67,160. O-Galena Springs Farm. B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY). T-Sharon Banford. *\$12,000 RNA yrl '09 KEESEP.

8th-CTX, \$26,100, 3-15, NW2LX, 4yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53, ft.

STORMY PASS (f, 4, Deputy Storm--Pass the Plate, by Aaron's Gold) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$36,400. O/B-Gordonsdale Farm (PA). T-Christopher L Kolb.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Indio Carlos, c, 3, Indian Charlie--Mrs. Coolidge, by Quiet American. HAW, 3-16, 1m70y, 1:47. B-Bloodstock Holdings LLC (KY). *\$135,000 RNA yrl '10 FTSAUG; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '11 OBSMAR; \$35,000 2yo '11 OBSJUN.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Deauville, 12.30, €28,000, 4yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:36.40, stn.

VAL DE SAONE (FR) (c, 4, Hurricane Run {Ire}--Celebre Fragrance {Fr}, by Peintre Celebre) Lifetime Record: 9 starts, 2 wins, 7 places, €50,600. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras d'Etream; T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *110,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT.

FRANCE, Deauville, 13.30, €28,000, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.60, stn.

STORMY OCEAN (FR) (c, 4, Verglas {Ire}--Miss Bio {Fr}, by River Mist) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €59,750. O-Michel Delaunay & Jean-Baptiste Robin; B-Jean Collet & Mlle Marie-Laure Collet; T-Christophe Lotoux. *€25,000 yrl '09 ARQOCT. **Full to Stormy River (Fr), Hwt. 3yo Fr at 7-9.5f, G1SW-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$895,581; and Mary d'Or (Fr), MSP-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Gothic Dance (Ire), f, 3, Dalakhani (Ire)--Future Flight (GB),** by Polar Falcon. Rome, Italy, 3-16, Mdn, 3yo, f, 7 1/2fT. B-Ennistown Stud.

Morocco Moon (GB), f, 3, Rock of Gibraltar (Ire)--One Giant Leap (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Wolverhampton, Britain, 3-16, Mdn, 3yo/up, 5f 20yds (AWT). B-R J Cornelius. *£1,800 RNA yrl '10 DONNOV; 5,500gns HIT '11 TATDEC.