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A host of 3-year-olds will be looking for redemption when they line up in this Saturday's Gill Vinery Racing Spiral S. at Turfway Park. Leading the charge is



Mike Maker
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Thomas Conway and Mike Maker's **Mr. Prankster** (It's No Joke), winner of his first two starts of the season in the Jan. 7 Turfway Park Prevue S. at 6 1/2 furlongs and the one-mile WEBN S. Feb. 4 before finishing fourth under John McKee in the 8 1/2-panel John Battaglia Memorial S. Mar. 3. "He broke well [in the Battaglia], but the pace wasn't quick, and John [McKee] should have taken control of the race," offered Maker, who also trains the colt.

"He spent half the race trying to talk him out of running and the other half trying to talk him into it. So I'm throwing that one out." Rosie Napravnik has been pegged to ride the colt for the first time.

Also looking to improve on his latest performance is another Maker trainee, George and Tiffany Veloudis's **Tizanexpense** (Tiznow). A front-running winner in his third career start in a 1-mile-70-yards off-the-turfer at Fair Grounds Dec. 23, the bay added another score over the track against \$50,000 optional claiming company Jan. 26. Most recently, the \$45,000 OBSMAR purchase was seventh in the Gill Risen S. Feb. 25. "His post position in the Risen Star didn't help him and he was really wide around the first turn," admitted Maker. "He also almost dropped [jockey] Miguel [Mena]. He's run well on the turf and dirt, and now we're anxious to get him back on Polytrack." Garrett Gomez will ride the homebred for the first time Saturday. Tizanexpense and Mr. Prankster both worked five furlongs at the Churchill Training Center Mar. 17. The former posted the bullet of five at that distance, breezing in :58.80. Mr. Prankster was fourth-fastest at 1:02.60. Both of Maker's colts will ship to Turfway on race day.

NJ-PA COLLABORATION BEING DISCUSSED

Monmouth Park's Dennis Drazin revealed that he has been engaged in preliminary discussions with Pennsylvania racing authorities about the prospect of Monmouth and Parx Racing entering into a mutually beneficial partnership. "I've had some informal meetings with representatives from Pennsylvania about the possibility of maybe having them close against us in July and August and having us close against them probably at later times in the fall," explained Drazin, whose Darby Development Company was selected to to run the Oceanport oval following the New Jersey Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's recent signing of a five-year lease of the track from the state. "We'd still be running 71 days here--we'd probably run mid-May through the end of September and then not go head-to-head against them," he continued. "There were some discussions about maybe sharing some stall space, allocating a certain number of stalls in New Jersey for Pennsylvania horsemen and they'd allocate a certain number of stalls in Pennsylvania for New Jersey horsemen. We would maybe also try to share different departments, so people that currently work part-time could work full-time--for example, the racing department could work in both states, or the gate crew--things of that nature." **Cont. p4**



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This week, Andrew Caulfield takes a closer look at the brawn--and precocity--of the Mr. Prospector line through the hulking Fappiano and that stallions' own son, Eddington. The Claiborne Farm studs appears to be refuting the belief that stout horses can't produce early developing types, however, as he is already responsible for Secret Circle, winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint last season and victorious in last weekend's GII Rebel S.

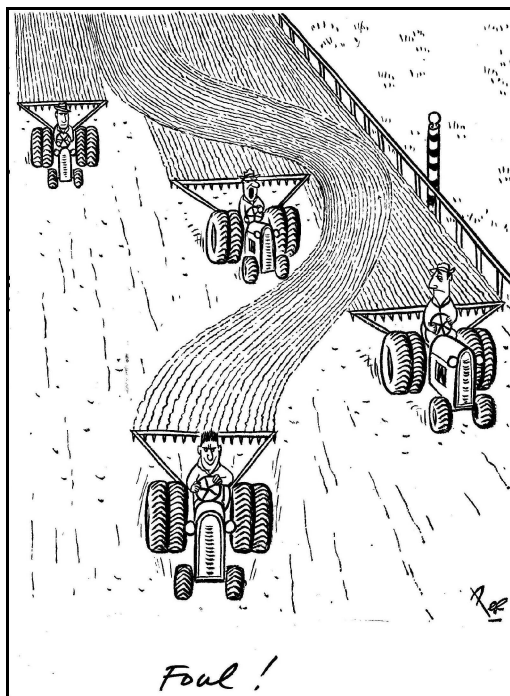
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Bill Finley Looks at Luck

Bill Finley review of episode 8 of HBO's show Luck, which wraps up for the season--and apparently for good--next week.

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GEMOLOGIST POINTED TO WOOD

WinStar's undefeated **Gemologist** (Tiznow), who made an exciting return to the races Friday at Gulfstream ([video](#)), will make his next start in the GI Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct Apr. 7. Gemologist was making his first start since winning November's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S., and immediately put himself back into the Derby picture, romping by seven lengths over GI Hopeful S. winner Currency Swap (High Cotton) in a one-mile allowance. Trainer Todd Pletcher said after the race that connections would decide whether to pick a race on Apr. 7--three weeks after his allowance win and four out from the GI Kentucky Derby--or chose a race on Apr. 14.



Adam Coglianesse

The Wood, the GI Santa Anita Derby and GIII Illinois Derby are on the 7th; the GI Arkansas Derby and GI Blue Grass S. are on the 14th.

"We decided that, since he came out the race so well, we should run him back in three weeks now and save the four weeks for when he comes out of the Wood," explained Elliott Walden, president and CEO of WinStar.

Walden added that, while the Derby is the prime objective, WinStar isn't shipping in for the Wood to run second. "We are excited about running in a prestigious race like the Wood Memorial, and what the Wood could do for his overall career," he said. "It is a standalone race and should not be considered a prep for anything."

Gemologist won on debut sprinting six panels at Turfway last September, added a two-turn Churchill allowance in October, and beat ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Ever So Lucky (Indian Charlie) by 1 3/4 lengths in the Kentucky Jockey Club S. under the Twin Spires Nov. 26 to complete his juvenile campaign. -LM

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Drazin said that a partnership between Monmouth and Parx could also involve the coordination of stakes schedules in an effort to boost quality and field size. "We could schedule stakes so they're not up against each other, trying to take advantage of the horse colony, particularly in these days of dwindling fields," he offered. "We could maybe set it up so that there are more horses shared instead of everyone going to their own track and going head-to-head." While Drazin maintained that this round of discussions was in its infancy, he said that representatives from both racing jurisdictions have had similar talks on and off for years. "It got some serious attention when [prospective Monmouth Park lessee Morris Bailey] was involved," he said. "He met with them and began the discussions. So, they reached out to me when we signed the lease and asked if we'd be interested in continuing those conversations." While revenues from legalized casino gambling in Pennsylvania have helped the horse racing industry in the state grow and thrive in recent years, Governor Tom Corbett's proposed budget includes a \$72-million reduction in the tracks' share of casino revenues over each of the next three years. Of the prospects for further development of a partnership between New Jersey and Pennsylvania racing, Drazin concluded, "The horsemen groups would have to be involved in the decision. I don't know if the Pennsylvania horsemen would support it or not, but we'd like to do things together to help each other out." For a recent *TDN* Q&A with Dennis Drazin, click [HERE](#).



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Attention for the wrong reasons *'With each passing day, New York racing gains more and more attention--for all the wrong reasons.'* **Bob Ehalt, ESPN.com**



NEWS

VERGE HAS OUTSIDE-THE-BOX CREDENTIALS

It was announced late last week that The Stronach Group was hiring Mark Verge, a Los Angeles businessman, to a senior position at the company. The timing corresponded with the announcement that Greg Avioli, former president of the Breeders' Cup, was resigning from his position as president and CEO of The Stronach Group, Entertainment Division, effective Apr. 1. Verge will assume some of Avioli's duties and will take over the running of Santa Anita Park.

If The Stronach Group's Frank Stronach is looking for an outside-the-box thinker to inject Southern California racing with a shot of adrenaline, he appears to have found the right man.

While the 44-year-old Verge isn't well known in racing circles nationally, he's tight with several members of the SoCal circuit--he and trainer Doug O'Neill are childhood friends. Moreover, Verge has built a reputation as one of Los Angeles's top young entrepreneurs.



Mark Verge markverge.com

To date, he has launched some 20 businesses, including a Westside Rentals, one of the area's top apartment rental websites. He owns a number of bars, including Casey's Irish Pub in downtown Los Angeles and The Hideout in Santa Monica. The latter is a former speakeasy frequented by Will Rogers; the former is where, on Saturday at a block party expected to attract 20,000 people, Verge was to make his official announcement that he was joining The Stronach Group.

Some of Verge's other businesses include a few hotel properties, as well as PerfectBusiness.com, a site that offers entrepreneurial training and business planning software. Lest he sound like an intra-national playboy, Verge is a devoted family man, married to his highschool sweetheart Lani. Together, they have two children, Rex and Malia. In fact, Verge recently penned a book, "Access to the Boys Club," a "how-to guide to staying faithful in marriage," according to Verge's blog.

It's not the typical resume of a horse racing executive. But maybe that's the point. Verge, however, isn't without racing credentials.

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He runs a partnership named, appropriately, Westsiderentals.com, that co-owned Informed (Tiznow), a \$25,000 claim who went on to win a pair of Grade II events in California under O'Neill's care in 2009. Verge also co-owned Maryfield (Elusive Quality), winner of the inaugural Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Monmouth in 2007.

How Verge's business skills will translate into running a racetrack is anyone's guess. But most agree it will be interesting to watch, especially given Stronach's reputation for being a tough boss. Verge, who reportedly will receive an equity share in his new gig, said he plans to walk loudly and carry at big stick. "I operate a lot of businesses and I've never taken orders from anyone," he told *Daily Racing Form* last week. "[Stronach] made me a real nice offer. So I told him you have to either make me the owner or 'the guy.' He gave me both. Staring on St. Patty's Day, I'm 'the guy.'"



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS
BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Oaklawn

REBEL S.-GII, \$500,000, OPX, 3-17, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44 2/5, ft.

1--**SECRET CIRCLE**, 122, c, 3, by [Eddington](#)

1st Dam: Ragtime Hope (MSW, \$127,715), by Dixieland Band

2nd Dam: Good 'n Smart, by Smarten

3rd Dam: Smiling Cece, by *Forli

(\$17,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP; \$165,000 2yo '11 OBSMAR). O-Karl Watson, Michael E Pegram & Paul Weitman; B-Willmott Stables (KY); T-B Baffert; J-R Bejarano; \$300,000. Lifetime Record: 6-5-1-0, \$818,990.

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Size is something we came to expect from the Fappiano branch of Mr. Prospector's male line. Fappiano



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himself stood 16.3 hands, and among his Grade I-winning sons were Cahill Road (17 hands), Unbridled (16.3), Tasso (16.2) and Defensive Play (16.2). Unbridled, too, often passed on plenty of size, prime examples being Unbridled's Song (17 hands) and Eddington (16.3).

It is sometimes tempting to assume that a big horse is going to need time to mature, to fill his frame, but some of the horses mentioned above show the fallacy of such assumptions.

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Fappiano was unbeaten in four starts as a juvenile, earning a weight of 119 lbs. on the Experimental Free Handicap, whereas Unbridled was awarded 116 at the end of a six-race 2-year-old campaign. Tasso and Unbridled's Song did even better, both maturing quickly enough to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

As Eddington is out of a mare by Chief's Crown, another Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner, the possibility existed that he too would prove more precocious than his size suggested. However, it is a considerable help if a big horse is athletic and nimble. I remember once seeing a filly at Keeneland in July who was very big but strikingly athletic. Named Winning Colors, she won both her starts at two and then carried all before her in the first few months of 1988, winning the Santa Anita Oaks, Santa Anita Derby and Kentucky Derby.

Some accounts suggest that Eddington lacked that sort of nimbleness. His trainer Mark Hennig once recalled that: "We had to worry whether he was going to switch leads last year [as a 3-year-old]."

So, although the colt was talented enough to finish third in the Wood Memorial and the Preakness, he didn't become a stakes winner until late October in his sophomore year, when he took the GIII Calder Derby on turf. And he didn't become a Grade I winner until the May of his 4-year-old season, when he proved much too good for the likes of Pollard's Vision, Funny Cide, Eurosilver and Offlee Wild in the Pimlico Special H.



Caulfield cont.

After the Pimlico Special, Hennig voiced some of the problems he had encountered: "It's been a long road, frustrating at times, more frustrating from the standpoint that we always believed in this horse...We all knew he was as good as any of them and it was a matter of him getting it together. It's a shame he didn't come along a little earlier in his career. He's taken a long time to put together."

Only two years earlier the Special had provided the late-developing Mineshaft with his first Grade I success, acting as a launch-pad for a campaign which brought him Horse of the Year honors. Naturally, there were hopes that Eddington would go on to similar success, with the Breeders' Cup Classic a potential target. Unfortunately, he was injured while prepping for the Suburban H. and was retired at a fee of \$20,000 to Claiborne.

Claiborne had secured his stud services a few weeks before his Grade I success, no doubt encouraged by his earlier record-setting victory in the GII Gulfstream Park H. Of course another part of Eddington's attraction to Claiborne was that his sire Unbridled had spent the latter part of his stallion career at the Paris farm, while Eddington's dam Fashion Star was a grand-daughter of the Claiborne stalwarts Danzig and Sir Ivor.

So far Eddington hasn't proved nearly as effective as Empire Maker, Unbridled's Song or Broken Vow among Unbridled's sons. None of the 178 named foals in his first two crops has so far managed to win a stakes race, but his much smaller third crop is riding to the rescue, thanks to the exploits of Secret Circle.

Bob Baffert's colt showed rather surprising speed as a juvenile, when he capped his unbeaten campaign with a win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint. Now he is being asked to prove that he can stay distances commensurate with his pedigree. It has been a case of so far, so good. His wins in the GIII Southwest S. and GII Rebel S. suggest he is beginning to relax and we are likely to learn more about him in the Arkansas Derby, which will stretch his stamina a further 110 yards.



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Secret Circle's broodmare sire Dixieland Band gained both his Grade II victories over a mile and an eighth and the colt's dam, Ragtime Hope, gained one of her stakes successes over 1 1/16 miles.

Having made a point earlier in this piece about the size of some members of the Fappiano male line, it is interesting that several have done well with daughters of Dixieland Band. At 15.3 hands, Dixieland Band was a typical son of the diminutive Northern Dancer, so it is hardly surprising that breeders have been tempted to send his daughters to a sire line often noted for its size.

To the end of last year Dixieland Band mares had 78 foals by 14 different sons of Unbridled. Arguably the finest advertisement for the cross was Unbridled's Song's luckless daughter Eight Belles, but Broken Vow has also hit the target with Cotton Blossom (GI Acorn S. over a mile) and Sindy With An S (GIII Safely Kept S. over six furlongs).

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For what it's worth, Secret Circle's pedigree contains three of the same elements--Unbridled, Northern Dancer and Smarten--as those of Mine That Bird, the unexpected Kentucky Derby winner of 2009, and his half-brother Dullahan, a Grade I winner on the Derby trail.

SECRET CIRCLE, c, 2009

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RACETRACK ROUND-UP

Surgery for Dialed In...

Dialed In (Mineshaft), winner of last season's GI Florida Derby, will have surgery to remove a chip from his right knee, reports *Daily Racing Form*. The surgery, which will be performed by Dr. Larry Bramlage, will force the 4-year-old out of training for approximately 60 days. The Robert LaPenta runner had a chip removed from the same knee by Bramlage last spring following a fourth in the GI Preakness S. In his only start this term, the dark bay finished fourth in an \$80,000 optional claimer at Gulfstream Park Mar. 3.

"He's been a very sound horse all winter, but we noticed a little swelling in his knee last week and, after taking X-rays, discovered a small chip," Zito told *DRF*. "It's just a sliver, not nearly the same type of situation we had to deal with last spring. We could probably have kept him in training without doing the surgery, but after discussing the situation with Mr. LaPenta, we decided it would be in Dialed In's best interests in the long run to have it removed."

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A LOOK AT LUCK

LUCK REVIEW: EPISODE 8

By Bill Finley

For the most part, Luck has been a big tease. They hint at this and they forewarn of that, all the while taking their dear sweet time getting to the point. Episode 8 was more of the same. It moved things along, but only a bit. And maybe that's why the ratings have been so poor. America, the land of the short attention span, has lost patience with this show.

Things, though, are apparently about to change. The best part of last night's episode of Luck was not the episode itself but the snippets shown of next week's episode, the conclusion of Year One. With everything having slowly been built to a boil, it looks as if the wraps are finally going to come off the show. We might just have violence, deceit, the emasculation of the perfidious Mike Smythe and more violence. Now we're getting somewhere.

Episode 8 begins with the what-happened-to-Nathan-Israel question. No surprise, he's dead. That blow to the face with a crystal ashtray that Mike delivered the week before was the end for Nathan, whose body parts wind up being dumped in the ocean. Ace feels bad for the kid. Kind of.

Jo the Vet (the closest thing Luck has to a "good guy") gets kicked by a horse in the area of her belly and the accident put her pregnancy in danger. She ends up at the hospital and you just know this is going to end badly.

Walter Smith is preparing his brilliant colt Gettin' Up Morning for the \$1 million Western Derby, all the while having to deal with the lawyer named Bowman who is trying to take the horse away from "The Old Man" and return him to the no good son-in-law of the Colonel.

Smith wins the first legal challenge as the stewards rule that he is the rightful owner and accept his entry for the Western Derby, but we obviously haven't seen the last of Bowman.

As for the Western Derby, Gettin' Up Morning draws the one post and Ace/Gus's horse Pint of Plain draws the two. The two equine protagonists will soon battle it out on the racetrack.

Leon can't make the weight for Mon Gateau's next assignment, an overnight stakes on the Western Derby card, and loses the mount to Rosie. Ronnie Jenkins returns to the saddle and proves that he still has it, oxycontin addiction and all. He's aboard a front-runner who starts falling back through the field. Just when it looks like the horse is going to be eased, new life is found, the horse rebreaks and draws off to win in hand. It turns out that the crafty veteran Jenkins was lulling his rivals to sleep, outriding and outwitting his foes.

(This was the first truly ridiculous racing scene the show has been guilty of. In order for the other riders to make it look as if Jenkins's horse was going slower than theirs, they were literally pulling up their mounts.

Horses were all over the racetrack, half running, half not running. Jockeys were doing everything but jumping off the horses to make them not go. Which begs the question: when it's this difficult to stage a race and bring reality to the process, why stage so many races? Why not just rely on actual footage of real races? And if you stopped staging so many races you wouldn't need so many actor/horses. And if you didn't need so many actor/horses couldn't you have alleviated all the problems with horses dying—the problems that ended the show? Couldn't this alone have saved Luck, if in fact HBO wanted the ratings-challenged Luck saved?)

For the most part, Jenkins, Leon, Walter Smith and the rest were bit players on this episode. The four degenerates all but disappeared and the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation's Claire Lechea was completely absent from this show. That's because so much time had to be devoted to Ace Bernstein and whatever he is up to.

We're pretty sure at this point that everything Ace has been doing was designed to extract some sort of brutal revenge on his three rivals, Mike, Cohen and DeRossi. The trio is sure Ace is going to make a fortune by turning Santa Anita into a casino and they are hell bent on beating him at his own game. By doing so, they're playing right into his hands, though we don't exactly know why.

Anyway, Ace's team catches Cohen on tape trying to bribe the Native American in charge of his tribe's casino interests. Ace and Gus get DeRossi to come to the Santa Anita backstretch with them, where Gus commandeers DeRossi into an empty shed and locks the door behind him. Just when you think Gus is going to go all Tony Soprano on him, they do nothing more than sit around and talk and talk about nothing important. But DeRossi's absence is not going to play well with Mike, who is being duped into thinking DeRossi is a traitor.

Ace goes to Mike's yacht and tells him that he and his two sidekicks are out of the deal. (Is it just me or did we ever really know that they were in on the deal?) We also learn that the photographer Mike hired to surreptitiously shoot pictures of Ace glad-handing the Indians is actually a hitman from Chicago. With Mike and Ace, kissing and making up is apparently not an option.

Though it's unclear whether or not the Season Two episodes that are in the can will ever see the light of day, Luck will, for all practical purposes, come to an end next week. It looks like it's going to go out with a bang and with a person or two ending up dead.

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RETIRED

AIKENITE

Dogwood Stable's **Aikenite** (Yes It's True--Silverado, Saint Ballado), has been retired from racing and will be sent to stud, according to Dogwood President Cothran Campbell. While stud plans are pending, Aikenite will remain at trainer Todd Pletcher's barn at Palm Meadows Training Center. "After a winter break in Aiken, he went back into training, but complications with his ankle made a 2012 campaign unrealistic," explained Campbell. "He has done quite a bit for us and it is time for stallion duty." A \$225,000 OBSFEB juvenile purchase, the colt--who was bred by Brylynn Farm in Ocala--recorded the fastest time of the sale for a quarter-mile in :20.2. A winner at the Spa on debut, he was third in the GI Hopeful S. and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland. Third in the GII Fountain of Youth S. and second in the GIII Derby Trial S. during his sophomore season, he returned at four to take Keeneland's GII Commonwealth S. and the GII Churchill Downs S. He also finished runner-up in the GIII Phoenix S. and third in the GI Forego S. The 5-year-old retires with five wins and four seconds from 23 starts and earnings of \$866,635. "He's been a lovely horse for Dogwood--aptly enough, named for our hometown of Aiken, South Carolina," added Campbell. "Aikenite has been reliable, uncomplicated and is what a Thoroughbred race horse is supposed to look like."

• **ON THE WORKTAB** •

BELMONT

More Than Love (More Than Ready), 4f, :49.99, 18/41

CHURCHILL DOWNS TRAINING

Furthest Land (Smart Strike), 3f, :36.40, 1/1

FAIR GROUNDS

Macho Macho (Macho Uno), 4f, :49.80, 11/36

Nehro (Mineshaft), 6f, 1:13.00, 1/8

Shared Property (Scat Daddy), 5f, :59.60, 1/20

Z Dager (Mizzen Mast), 6f, 1:13.00, 1/8

HOLLYWOOD PARK

Ultimate Eagle (Mizzen Mast), 4f, :46.20, 1/20

Rousing Sermon (Lucky Pulpit), 5f, 1:00.40, 5/18

The Factor (War Front), 6f, 1:11.20, 1/8

PALM MEADOWS

And Why Not (Street Cry {Ire}), 5f, 1:02.44, 12/27

Brilliant Speed (Dynaformer), 5f, 1:01.44, 6/27

Discreet Dancer (Discreet Cat), 5f, 1:01.01, 2/27

Ender Knievel (Distorted Humor), 5f, 1:01.01, 2/27

Inglorious (Hennessy), 5fT, 1:00.22, 1/16

Mission Impazible (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :47.90, 1/25

Sassy Image (Broken Vow), 5f, 1:01.00, 1/27

Table Three Ten (El Prado {Ire}), 5fT, 1:04.90, 15/16

Travelin Man (Trippi), 4f, :48.40, 4/25

Winter Memories (El Prado {Ire}), 4fT, :47.01, 1/19

SANTA ANITA PARK

Switch (Quiet American), 3f, :36.60, 1/2

NEW YORK



Schedule Set for '12 NY Stallion Series:

Edited Press Release

The New York Racing Association released the schedule for the New York Stallion Stakes (NYSS) series. The series, which runs from May to November at all three NYRA racetracks, is worth \$950,000 and is restricted to the progeny of registered New York stallions who were nominated to the NYSS in the year of the foal's conception. Eligible foals may be nominated to the series for as little as \$200 in their weanling year. The 2012 edition of the NYSS series will consist of eight stakes races (plus two bonus stakes) and begins May 6 when Belmont hosts male and female divisions of 6 1/2-furlong dirt sprints for 3-year-olds (the Times Square S. and Park Avenue S.). Male and female divisions of seven-furlong turf sprints for 3-year-olds will be run June 3 (Spectacular Bid S. and Cupecoy's Joy S. divisions). The NYSS series moves to Saratoga in August, with the Cab Calloway S. division for 3-year-old males Aug. 8 and Statue of Liberty S. division for 3-year-old females Aug. 9, both run at one mile on the turf. The Nov. 11 Belmont card will be dominated by the final four NYSS races: a pair of six-furlong sprints for 2-year-olds (the Great White Way S. division for males and Fifth Avenue S. division for females) and a pair of seven-furlong "bonus" races for 3-and-ups (the Thunder Rumble S. division for males and Staten Island S. division for females).

"This series has so many positives," said Jeffrey Cannizzo, Executive Director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. "It's a great opportunity for stallion owners to showcase the progeny of their New York-based sires. Winning breeders earn incentive awards at the 30% level on some very healthy purses. And the first four 3-year-old races at Belmont give owners a great platform for launching the sophomore campaigns of stakes-bound horses."

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First bookings for maiden mares of consequence

HUNGRY TIGRESS, 2005, Hold That Tiger-Baldski's

Finesse, by Clever Trick

Booked to: Exchange Rate

Race record: SW, \$262,388

Owned by Bernard G. Schaeffer

Boarded at Watermill Farm, Lexington, Ky.



CENTRAL U.S.

Ethics Panel Says Ward's Wife Can Train/Not Race in Ky:

The Kentucky ethics commission approved an advisory opinion which would allow Donna Ward, the wife of trainer John T. Ward Jr., to continue to train horses in Kentucky, but should not be permitted to race horses in the state, according to *DRF* Monday. The decision was handed down so as to avoid a conflict of interest with her husband, who inherited the title of executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. Ward, who has trained since the mid-1960s, already indicated that he would surrender his trainer's license before assuming the new position. Ward, who requested the meeting earlier this month to address the issue of conflict of interest, was in attendance of the meeting Monday morning. Attorney John Steffen, who serves as executive director of the ethics commission, issued an eight-page advisory, in short, stating that Donna could live and train in Kentucky, but that she would not be permitted to do so at KHRC-sactioned facilities and must race outside the state.

Kentucky Derby Dream Wager Returns: *Edited Release*

For the third consecutive year, Churchill Downs and NBC have partnered to give one person the chance to place a \$100,000 win bet in the May 5 GI Kentucky Derby. Two years ago, Glen Fullerton of Houston won \$900,000 when Super Saver won the Kentucky Derby at odds of 8-1. Last year, Dave "Rico" Flores of Chicago came close but fell short when Mucho Macho Man finished third behind Animal Kingdom. U.S. residents age 21 and over can enter this year's \$100,000 Kentucky Derby DreamBet contest online via Twitter and/or Facebook until Saturday, Apr. 14 at 11:59 p.m. ET. To enter, follow CNBC on Twitter and send the following tweet: "I want to win the @CNBC #derby the contest dreambet." Also, Facebook users can enter by visiting the CNBC (www.facebook.com/cnbc), NBC Sports (www.facebook.com/NBCSports) or Kentucky Derby (www.facebook.com/KentuckyDerby) Facebook pages and complete the sweepstakes entry form appearing on each page to be considered for the grand prize. One fan will be selected at random at the end of the promotion period to win a VIP trip for two to the 2012 Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks (includes airfare, lodging and ground transportation) and the chance to place a \$100,000 win bet on any horse in the Kentucky Derby. If the horse wins, they'll keep the winnings. NBC Sports' exclusive coverage of Kentucky Derby 138 on Saturday, May 5 will air from 4-7 p.m. ET--the centerpiece of 14 hours of Kentucky Derby Week coverage on NBC Sports and NBC Sports Network.

INDUSTRY INFO

Pace and Track Bias Latest Night School Lesson Plan: *Edited Press Release*

Night School, the racing industry's national online fan education program, presents dual topics of pace and track bias this evening. The 90-minute, free program welcomes horseplayers of all levels to join each Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (ET) throughout the year. Presenting sponsors of Night School are the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Keeneland, Churchill Downs Inc. and *Daily Racing Form*. Tuesday's session on pace and track bias will be hosted by Horse Player NOW's Joe Kristufek and Jeremy Plonk, along with guest instructors Caton Bredar and Jill Byrne. The panelists will provide specific tips in evaluating how a race may play out, what to look for in evaluating the pace scenario and which situations are most advantageous to a handicapper. The discussion also will dive into identifying track biases, and what to do with them when you find one. Next week, Night School's Mar. 27 edition next week will include a mini-documentary featuring legendary handicapper Andy Beyer as he presents a first-person account of "Speed Figures." The first-of-its-kind mini-documentary for Night School will air within the Night School 90-minute live chat/blog session and be accompanied by lesson plan material as well. For a video preview of Tuesday's Night School program, visit: youtube.com/watch?v=bA90tWVJ8w0.



First/Second-crop starters to watch: Tuesday, Mar. 20

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

CORINTHIAN (Pulpit), Gainesway, \$40K, 241/28/2

8-PRX, Alw, 1m, Preach Easy, \$27K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 5-2

EMBLAZON (Giant's Causeway), 17/1/0

6-WRD, Msw, 5 1/2f, Aint No Mo Blues, 5-2

GOT THE GOODS (Pulpit), R&R, \$2K, 31/1/0

1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Good's Letter, 9-2

LAWYER RON (Langfuhr), Stonewall, \$30K, 144/23/4

7-PRX, Msw, 1m, Lawyer Dave, \$22K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

8-PRX, Alw, 1m, Winiliscious, \$15K KEE SEP yrl, 8-5

SCIPION (A.P. Indy), Murmur, \$6K, 62/11/0

8-PRX, Alw, 1m, Victoria's Comet, \$8K EAS SEP yrl, 20-1

SPANKEY COME HOME (Come Home), 7/0/0

11-SUN, Msw, 6f, Retreat Home, 15-1

SUN KING (Charismatic), Darby Dan, \$10K, 176/10/0

6-WRD, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Gospel Connection, 10-1

TOMPEST (Storm Cat), 10/0/0

11-SUN, Msw, 6f, +Platinum Bracelet, 7-2



AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

American Winner, c, 3, **Bernardini**--Zappeuse, by Kingmambo. Nakayama, 3-17, Plate Race, 9f. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$164,286. O-Katsumi Yoshizawa; B-Woodcote Stud Ltd; T-Hirofumi Toda. * 1/2 to Danzon (Royal Academy), MGSW & GISP-US, GSW-Fr & GSP-Ger, \$603,976. ** \$140,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Bagdad Cafe, f, 3, **Broken Vow**--Honorable Peace, by Honor Grades. Nakayama, 3-18, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$59,524. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Dr Charles S Giles; T-Toru Kurita. * \$100,000 yrl '10 KEESEP; \$190,000 2yo '11 BESMAR.

AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS...TAYLOR MADE

Synesthesia, f, 3, **Gone West**--Honest Cause, by Giant's Causeway. Chukyo, 3-17, Novice Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$75,000. O-Yoshio Oda; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC; T-Hideyuki Mori. * \$85,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Sound Volcano, c, 4, **Henny Hughes**--Cosmic Wing (MSP, \$114,106), by Halo. Chukyo, 3-17, Suzuka Tokubetsu, 7f. Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-4, \$469,286. O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Santa Rosa Partners; T-Akio Adachi. * \$165,000 wnlg '08 KEENOV; 150,000gns 2yo '10 TATAPR.

Shigeru Sosai, c, 4, **Tale of the Cat**--Princes Melissa (GSP), by Marquetry. Hanshin, 3-17, Naniwa S., 6f. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-0, \$710,833. O-Shigeru Morinaka; B-F & F Investmants; T-Sachio Yukubo. * \$65,000 wnlg '08 KEENOV; \$50,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL; \$50,000 2yo '10 BESMAR.

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APPOINTMENTS

LINDA RAINEY

- Appointed Co-ordinator of the Canadian Racing Hall of Fame.
- Linda has an extensive background in event management, strategy, advertising, and marketing. In the role of co-ordinator she will act as the public face of the organization and be responsible for managing the strategic and financial direction of the Hall as well as its day-to-day operations.
- "Anyone who has had the opportunity to spend time with horses knows they get in your blood. As an adult, I have returned to my roots by getting involved in the Canadian Road Horse Association where I currently hold the position of 1st Vice President, utilizing my professional skills to help advance the awareness of Road Horses as an alternate use of Standardbred trotters once their race careers have concluded."

AUSTRALASIA

CHOISIR COLT TOPS MM QTIS YEARLING

SALE A colt by Choisir (Aus) attracted a top price of A\$150,000 (US\$159,167) when selling to At the Wire Thoroughbreds during yesterday's second and final



Lot 368
Magic Millions

session of the Magic Millions QTIS Yearling Sale on the Gold Coast. Catalogued as [lot 368](#), the chestnut is out of Another Syn (Aus) (Mukaddamah), a half-sister to Group 1 winners Seachange (NZ) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and Keepa Cruisin (NZ) (Keeper {Aus}). He was consigned by Grandview.

"He's a really nice horse with a huge pedigree," At the Wire's Rodney Holt said. "For a November foal, he's very forward. He's correct and strong and he will join the stables of Jason McLachlan on the Sunshine Coast. Jason trains the half-sister, Redsyn (Aus) (Red Dazzler {Aus}), and I am a big fan of Seachange, who is high up in his pedigree."

Through two days of selling, 317 yearlings grossed A\$7,019,000. The average was A\$22,142--up 14.8% from a year ago, while the median rose 14.3% to A\$16,000.

"It's been a very good sale by all measures," reported Magic Millions Managing Director Vin Cox. "To see the average, gross and clearance all rise is very pleasing. We are thankful for the support of our leading southern friends, including Tony Gollan, Bryan Guy, Pat Duff and Bruce Hill, who were amongst the sale's biggest buyers. I'd like to congratulate vendors on presenting their yearlings in excellent fashion--this aided the sale immensely. This sale has as much potential as any sale in the country."



Rodney Holt
Magic Millions



MAGIC MILLIONS QTIS YEARLING SALE

Monday, March 19, 2012

CUMULATIVE	2012	2011
Catalogued	444	545
No. Offered	412	489
No. Sold	317	347
RNAs	95	142
% RNA	23.1%	29.0%
Highest Price	A\$150,000	A\$120,000
Gross	A\$7,019,000	A\$6,692,500
Average (% change)	A\$22,142 (+14.8%)	A\$19,287
Median (% change)	A\$16,000 (+14.3%)	A\$14,000

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BRITAIN



BBC GIVE UP RACING COVERAGE

Coverage of British racing on terrestrial TV will be exclusively in the hands of Channel Four after the BBC announced that it has opted not to buy rights to the sport from 2013. The corporation had already cut its coverage to a bare minimum in recent months and has finally surrendered its longstanding interest in the major events, led by Royal Ascot, due to budgetary cuts.

FRANCE



Yesterday's Results:

Compiègne, 14.20, Cond, €34,000, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.45, vsf.

FAIRLY FAIR (FR) (f, 3, Sinndar {Ire}--Fairly Grey {Fr} {MGSP-Fr}, by Linamix {Fr}), third in her first outing at Fontainebleau in late November, was sent straight to the lead. Pressured by Miss Carmie (Fr) (Excellent Art {GB}) approaching the final furlong, the 27-10 second favorite gave extra to beat that rival by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is a half-sister to Fairy Ransom (Red Ransom, GSW & GISP-US, SW & GSP-Fr \$418,509). Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 1 win, 1 place, €20,600. O-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair; B-6C Racing Ltd; T-Alain de Royer-Dupre.

GERMANY



Sunday's Results:

Krefeld, 14.00, Mdn, €5,100, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:53.01, sf.

+ **GIROLAMO (GER) (c, 3, Dai Jin {GB}--Golden Time {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Surumu {Ger})**, sent off the 11-10 favorite, was green and keen in last early. Coaxed into the race by Andrasch Starke, the homebred was given a backhanders when looming on the front end with a quarter mile remaining and duly stretched away thereafter to score by 11 lengths. Girolamo is a half-brother to Grantsville (Ger) (Tremolino, SW-Ger, \$111,602); Go East (Ger) (Highest Honor {Fr}, SW-Ger & Ity); Gereon (Ger) (Next Desert {Ire}, GSW-Ger, \$114,190). Lifetime Record: 1 start, 1 win, €3,000. O/B-Gestut Ebbesloh; T-Peter Schiergen

The **brisnet.com** 'Race of the Day' is the
2nd Race, \$26,000 MSW, at Charles Town.
For pps and a complete race analysis, click [here](#).

Krefeld, 15.00, Cond, €5,100, 3yo, 7fT, 1:31.19, sf.
AL MALEK (FR) (c, 3, Anabaa--Rouge {Fr}, by Red Ransom), off the mark in authoritative style over 6 1/2 furlongs on the all-weather at Deauville in December, was up to lead early. Never in any danger, the 11-10 pick drew clear and was eased down late to register an emphatic 13-length score. Sales history: €60,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2 starts, 2 wins, €15,000. O-Stall Mabrouk; B-Haras du Quesnay; T-Mario Hofer.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PRX, \$49,560, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW2X, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft.

GLACIER BAY (h, 6, Distorted Humor--Abbott's Bay, by Devil's Bag) Lifetime Record: 23-7-5-1, \$208,329. O-Louis Zito. B-Eugene Melnyk (KY). T-Bruce N Levine. *\$210,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

9th-WRD, \$22,800, NW1X, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 4/5, sy.

FLATTERIFIC (f, 3, Flatter--Trailena {MSW}, by Trail Dancer) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$43,392. O-Tony Jones & Timothy Williams. B-Tony Jones (OK). T-Tim G Williams.

9th-MNR, \$20,200, 3-18, NW2L, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 2/5, ft.

CHAOTIC CAT (f, 3, Tale of the Cat--Joyful Chaos {SW, \$235,761}, by Rahy) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$29,684. O-Alan Tennenbaum. B-Lewis Schaffel (KY). T-Brian Michael. *\$45,000 2yo '11 OBSJUN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Elusive Sabu, f, 4, Elusive Quality--Sabu, by Deputy Minister. WRD, 3-19, 1m, 1:43 2/5. B-Monticule (KY). *\$130,000 yrl '09 KEESEP. **1/2 to Mykindasaint (Saint Ballado), MSW, \$171,228.

Broke and Trained by Randy Bradshaw

Mountain Gulch, h, 5, Gulch--Brazen Virtue, by Storm Broker. WRD, 3-19, 1m, 1:42 1/5. B-Dwain Keel & Mark Toothaker (KY).



AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Moere Maria (Jpn), f, 2, Scat Daddy--Moere Gold, by Sunday Silence. Chukyo, 3-17, Novice Race, 10fT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$80,952. O/B-Kazuo Nakamura; T-Shigeyuki Kojima.



BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Compiegne, 14.50, 3-19, €34,000, 3yo, c/g, 1mT, 1:38.39, vsf.

CABIDOCHOP (FR) (c, 3, Indian Rocket {GB}--Very Sol {Fr}, by Solicitor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 6 starts, 3 wins, 1 place, €35,850. O-Emilie Lafeu; B-A Chopard; T-A de Watrigant. *1/2 to Chopastair (Fr) (Astair {Fr}), MGSW-Fr, \$742,429.

FRANCE, Angers, 15.15, 3-19, €27,000, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:12.45, sf.

PRINCE MAG (IRE) (c, 3, Zamindar--Princess d'Orange {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Anabaa) Lifetime Record: 4 starts, 2 wins, 2 places, €23,950. O-Comte Antoine-Audoine Maggiar & Alain Couetil; B-Haras du Mezeray SA; T-Alain Couetil. *€15,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQAUG.

FRANCE, Lyon-Parilly, 11.45, 3-18, €27,000, 3yo, 1mT, 1:54.08, sf.

BEAT CHRIS (FR) (c, 3, Chichicastenango {Fr}--Folle Biche {Fr}, by Take Risks {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 8 starts, 2 wins, 4 places, €38,900. O-Beatrice Rossio & Emile Eyvaso; B-Beatrice Rossio & Mme C Pastor; T-Jehan Bertran de Balanda. *€32,000 RNA yrl '10 ARQOCT.

FRANCE, Compiegne, 15.50, 3-19, €24,000, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.96, vsf.

UNNEFER (FR) (h, 7, Danehill Dancer {Ire}--Mimalia, by Silver Hawk) Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Eng, MSP-Fr, 24 starts, 6 wins, 13 places, €180,975. O/B-Niarchos Family; T-Pascal Bary.

ITALY, Rome, 15.40, 3-18, €22,500, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:53.80, gd.

MACHIVAN (IRE) (f, 3, Ivan Denisovich {Ire}--Machaba, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-3, €25,794. O/T-Giuseppe Ligas; B-M Mahon. *€5,200 2yo '11 GORMAY.

ITALY, Milan, 15.20, 3-18, €22,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:14.80, gd/sf.

SILVER ARROW (ITY) (h, 7, Silver Wizard--Eros Love {Ity}, by Love the Groom) Lifetime Record: GSW-Ity, 81-16-14-11, €313,616. O/B-Agricola dell'Olmo Srl; T-Soc All M S Srl di Salvioni M Rita. *1/2 to Rob's Love (Ity) (Rob's Spirit), G1SP-Ity, \$1,072,569.

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ITALY, Milan, 15.55, 3-18, €19,800, 3yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.40, gd/sf.

SMOKING JOE (ITY) (c, 3, Mujahid--Occhi di Giada {Ger}, by Shantou) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, €29,206. O-Dioscuri Srl; B-Soc Ag Al Deni Srl; T-Stefano Botti. *1/2 to Sneak a Peek (Ity) (Doyen {Ire}), GSW-Ity, \$277,286.

ITALY, Pisa, 16.05, 3-18, €12,600, 3yo, 1 1/4mT, 2:07.00, gd.

WILD WOLF (IRE) (c, 3, Rail Link {GB}--Mary Rose {Ity}, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €10,200. O-Scuderia Effeve Snc di Villa FEC; B-Razza Ascagnano; T-Stefano Botti. *€30,000 yrl '09 ITYSEP. **1/2 to Mary Pekan (Ire) (Sri Pekan), GSP-Ity.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

- Cockney Sparrow (GB)**, f, 3, **Cockney Rebel (Ire)**--Compose (GB), by Anabaa. Kempton Park, Britain, 3-19, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-P Cunningham.
- Indian Drawn (GB)**, f, 3, **Daggers Drawn**--Indian Filly (GB) (SW-Ity, \$262,304), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Milan, Italy, 3-18, Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Az Agr delle Groane di Bedini Enobaldo.
- Lexis (Ire)**, c, 3, **Gentlewave (Ire)**--Florance (Ger), by Orpen. Milan, Italy, 3-18, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8mT. B-Edy Srl. *€9,500 wnlg '09 ARQDEC; €13,000 2yo '11 GORMAY.



EUROPEAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Zundamochi (Jpn), h, 6, **Smadoun (Fr)**--Heavenly Song, by Machiavellian. Hanshin, 3-18, Sumoto Tokubetsu, 6f. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$400,000. O-Tetsuya Yoshida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Hiroyuki Nagahama.



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