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Champion **My Miss Aurelia** (Smart Strike) continues to train up a storm for next Wednesday's GI La Brea S. since suffering her first career defeat in the GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic



My Miss Aurelia
Adam Coglianese

Nov. 2. The Stonestreet Stables and George Bolton representative has worked three times following her strong runner-up performance behind Royal Delta (Empire Maker) in the big one, including a best-of-31 five-furlong bullet in a sharp :59 at Santa Anita Dec. 12.

"Working in :59 from Steve (Asmussen)'s barn is like one of (Bob) Baffert's working in :57," Bolton said when reached by phone yesterday. "She's obviously feeling good and will be entered in the La Brea if she continues to train as well as she has all week."

He continued, "She came out of the Breeders' Cup in real good shape. They were going fast early and came home fast, too. It was just a great race."

The versatile My Miss Aurelia has been brilliant at a variety of distances throughout her career, including a debut win going 5 1/2 furlongs at Saratoga in 2011 and a hard-fought tally in the GI Cotillion S. at 1 1/16 miles in September. Is Bolton concerned at all with his charge cutting back to seven furlongs for the opening day co-feature after a pair of two-turn efforts this fall?

"She has proven that she could win going 6 1/2 (in Saratoga's GII Adirondack S. at two and Mandy's Gold S. in August) and a one-turn mile in the (GI) Frizette (S.), so the hope is that she's got enough natural talent to be able to back it up (to seven)," Bolton replied.

Bolton added that the promising **Spring Hill Farm** (Smart Strike), sidelined with a slight chip in his right knee after finishing fourth as the slight favorite in the GII Tampa Bay Derby Mar. 10, is pointing for a return in a Dec. 29 Gulfstream allowance. -SS

TBA/BHA INCENTIVE SCHEME ON HORIZON

Britain's Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and the British Horseracing Authority's proposed prizemoney initiative, the British Owners and Breeders Incentive Scheme, has moved a step nearer after the Levy Board agreed Monday to fund the scheme. BOBIS will be in operation from next flat season and will offer prizemoney premiums in specific races throughout the campaign, with approximately 450 qualifying events providing a near-£3-million boost per annum. In addition to the Levy Board's commitment, nomination and registration fees will also fund the scheme. For those which fit the criteria of being progeny of a British-domiciled mare or British-based stallion, there is a sliding scale of payments for foals, yearlings and 2-year-olds, and a number of opt-in points for registration. "I am delighted we have succeeded in securing industry-wide agreement and funding for the introduction of BOBIS," the BHA's chief executive Paul Bittar told *Racing Post*. "We hope that the scheme will encourage investment in British bloodstock, stimulate racehorse ownership in Britain, as well as incentivize owners to run their horses more often. We offer our thanks to the TBA, who initiated the concept, but in order for the scheme to be successful, it needed backing from the racing industry, and as such, we are pleased that the scheme has received universal support." The Levy Board's Alan Delmonte added, "The board supported the aims of the scheme and has agreed to provide funding in 2013 with a maximum contribution of £1.1 million. We welcome the undertaking of the BHA and TBA to seek to reduce the number of different incentive schemes."



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PENN ADDS \$500K STAKES FOR GRASS 3YOS

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The long-running saga to establish the official winner of the May 27 G2 Diana-Trial at Hoppegarten has concluded with connections of the race's first two finishers agreeing to share prize money. Gestut Etzean's homebred **Monami (Ger)** (Sholokhov {Ire}) won the 10-furlong contest from **Wasimah (Ger)** (Desert Prince {Ire}), but was later disqualified after connections of the runner-up contested the official result on the grounds that an administrative error incorrectly allowed her late supplementary entry to the race. Etzean counter-appealed that decision and, after another judicial hearing in Cologne, parties on both sides were encouraged to agree to a compromise deal. Under the deal, the race's initial result stands, but first and second prizes will now be shared equally by connections of both horses.



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PIONEEROF THE NILE, MAIMONIDES TO WINSTAR Pioneerof the Nile (Empire Maker--Star of Goshen, by Lord at War {Arg}) and Maimonides (Vindication--Silvery Swan, by Silver Deputy), who both previously stood at Vinery in Kentucky, will be relocated to stand at WinStar Farm for the upcoming breeding season. Zayat Stables owns a majority interest in both stallions and the pair will join Zayat colorbearer Bodemeister (Empire Maker) at WinStar in 2013.

"I am proud that Pioneerof the Nile and Maimonides will stand alongside Bodemeister at WinStar Farm," said Ahmed Zayat. "[WinStar President] Elliott [Walden] and his team have done a tremendous job already with Bodemeister's first book at stud, and I am confident both Pioneerof the Nile and Maimonides will benefit under their management."

Pioneerof the Nile won the 2008 GI CashCall Futurity and 2009 GI Santa Anita Derby and was second in the GI Kentucky Derby. Maimonides was third in the 2007 GI Hopeful S. Both will have their first 2-year-olds hit the track in 2013.

"Even though we are sad to see these two horses leave, we are extremely excited about staying in on Pioneerof the Nile, and look forward to racing his babies," said Tom Ludt, President of Vinery. "We've had many offers to buy our shares, and we are holding every one of them."



"We're thrilled to stand Pioneerof the Nile and Maimonides, who are both nice additions to our expanded and diverse 2013 stallion roster," said Walden. "During the [Keeneland] September sale, I watched the results everyday because 'Pioneer' was breathing down Colonel John's neck for leading average by a freshman sire. The two of them ran away from the pack. I started studying Pioneerof the Nile's stock and was extremely impressed by their athleticism and class. Maimonides was an expensive yearling that broke his maiden as impressively as you'll see at Saratoga. Mr. Zayat has a reputation for having quality horses, and we look forward to working with him on building onto the stallion careers of Pioneerof the Nile and Maimonides."

Pioneerof the Nile will stand for \$15,000 stands and nurses. Maimonides will stand for \$2,500 stands and nurses.

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1	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	13	\$9,820,522
2	GHOSTZAPPER	10	\$6,248,958
3	PULPIT	9	\$5,146,823

#	STALLION	GSW'S	CUMULATIVE EARNINGS
1	SCAT DADDY	6	\$7,142,691
2	HARD SPUN	5	\$7,350,668
3	STREET SENSE	3	\$4,492,826

#	STALLION	WNRS	SH'S	EARNINGS
1	MAJESTIC WARRIOR	25	4	\$985,674
2	STREET BOSS	19	4	\$810,604
3	BIG BROWN	16	1	\$572,333

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REGIONAL STARS


Florida, once the home of most of the top North American stallions outside Kentucky ('Regional Stallions'), and even a development ground for moves to Kentucky (Mr. Prospector, Fappiano, and more recently Exchange Rate, etc.), has been raided by New York and even Louisiana. Kentucky, once the home of virtually all the top stallions not in development in Florida, is losing stallions to New York, of course; Pennsylvania; Louisiana; and even Indiana. This week, a list of 19 stallions standing in four states, plus the first six 'Nominations From The Floor' (always welcome), from Kentucky.

FLORIDA

The Sunshine State acquired its most expensive stallion in a long while when Stonewall Farm, which developed Medaglia d'Oro, closed up shop in Kentucky and moved its whole operation, including **Leroidesanimaux** (Candy Stripes), to Ocala. 'Leroi,' as he seems to be universally known, won eight in a row under Bobby Frankel's care in 2004-05, including three Grade 1's at a mile and 1 1/16m, before his string was snapped by Artie Schiller in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. He ran Beyers of 111-112-111-112-109-115 during his run--very high for a grass horse--and he sired 2011 GI Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom (what a score for that canny Arrowfield team) in his second crop. By Blushing Groom's son Candy Stripes out of an Ahonoora half-sister to Hasili, dam of Dansili, he's got a very appealing pedigree also. He's listed for \$25,000 for 2013, the highest for any North American sire outside Kentucky.

Awesome of Course (Awesome Again) was only a minor black-type winner (BTW) at Tampa and Calder, and had only 47 foals in his first six crops of racing age. His 2008 crop produced the unbeaten 2-year-old champion filly Awesome Feather, and his 2009 crop includes three BTW, two of whom won divisions of the Florida Stallion Series last year, and the third is Fort Loudon, winner more of those, and of the Gill Carry Back S., in which he defeated GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Trinniberg, this year. Awesome of Course spent 2010 in Oklahoma, but was repatriated to Journeyman Stud in Florida. He has 27 foals of 2012 registered with The Jockey Club, and is listed as having covered 106 mares this year. He's at \$7,500, along with Ocala Stud's **High Cotton** (Dixie Union). He won the Gill Northern Dancer S. at Churchill Downs; the Sir Barton, on the Preakness undercard; and was second, beaten a neck, in the Gill Ohio Derby.

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- #2 **LEADING SIRES BY 2012 CI** (Comparable Index)
 SHAKESPEARE: 2.03 (leader has 2.04)
- #2 **LEADING SIRES OF 2012 CPI** (Class Performance Index)
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Though his form was at 8 1/2-9f, he is proving (as was his sire) a really good sire of 2-year-olds, having had GI Hopeful S. winner (and this year's GI Amsterdam S. winner) Currency Swap in his first crop, and GI Saratoga Special S. winner Speak Precision in his second, 2-year-olds this year. No wonder he's listed as 'book full' in the 2013 Florida Stallion Register (www.ftboa.com).

Hartley/DeRenzo's **City Place** is an unraced half-brother to GI winner Political Force, by Storm Cat out of the \$1.2 million-earner Glitter Woman, who interestingly is herself inbred 3x3 to In Reality. City Place has a good record, with seven individual A Runners (1.56 A Runner Index, through 8-1-12) in his first four crops, but what's even more impressive is when you see how much he has moved up some decidedly average mares. Also at \$5,000 is our pick of the young stallions retiring to Florida for 2013, Journeyman Stud's **Jackson Bend**. He's by a previously unsung son of Carson City called Hear No Evil, and proved himself a top-class seven-furlong horse by winning the GI Forego S. last year as a 4-year-old. But he also stayed well enough to run second to Eskendereya in both the GI Fountain of Youth and the GI Wood Memorial as a 3-year-old, and finished third to Lookin At Lucky in the GI Preakness. Very solid form.

NEW YORK

Sequel Stallions' **Freud** (Storm Cat), little brother to Giant's Causeway, has been the New York stallions' homegrown poster boy; he's rung up a 2.11 APEX A Runner Index, and is 1.92 for ABC Runners (over 15% of runners). The existing New York program has helped him, no doubt, but at the same time he's plenty proven in open company. His numbers figure to just keep improving as the money gets better in a program in which we already know he thrives.

Vinery NY's **Posse** (Silver Deputy) was a relatively early recruit within the current explosion: his first NY-sired crop will be 2-year-olds of 2013. He's had a Grade I winner in each of his final two Kentucky crops: dual GI King's Bishop S. and Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner Caleb's Posse last year, and GI Del Mar Futurity winner Rolling Fog in 2012.

The hot new sire in New York is **Frost Giant** (Giant's Causeway), who was a dual Group 3 winner for Aidan O'Brien before being sold to an IEAH Stable partnership, for whom he won the GI Suburban H. in the U.S. He's had 10 winners from 14 starters in his first crop this year, of which four are black-type horses, and two have won NY-bred stakes--good enough for him to rank sixth on the North American Freshman Sire List. He's a hot commodity. Frost Giant will stand the 2013 season at Keane Stud.



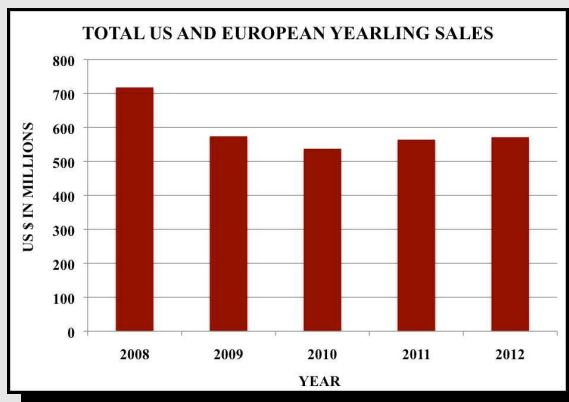
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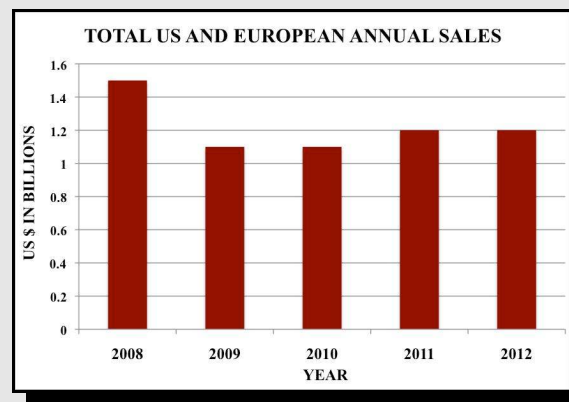
"It's pretty astounding when you think about it: over the course of this year, over 32,000 horses were catalogued to the North American and European sales we covered. Over 21,500 were sold – one percent fewer than last year – for a little over \$1.2-billion, up by 1.4 percent from last year; the average was up by 2.3 percent (around \$1,300). It's a huge, unconscious market, really, so that the numbers are so close is probably significant."

– Bill Oppenheim



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN YEARLING SALES AS OF DEC 17, 2012

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	12,166	10,796	8,499	11.3%	78.7%	69.9%	\$571,607,590	\$67,256
2011	13,160	11,572	8,948	12.1%	77.3%	68.0%	\$564,433,531	\$63,079
2010	15,301	13,420	9,820	12.3%	73.2%	64.2%	\$537,606,118	\$54,746
2009	15,698	13,544	9,976	13.7%	73.7%	63.5%	\$574,219,412	\$57,560
2008	16,955	14,694	10,497	13.3%	71.4%	61.9%	\$718,060,179	\$68,406



TOTAL US AND EUROPEAN ANNUAL SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2012	32,001	26,508	21,522	17.2%	81.2%	67.3%	\$1,214,914,646	\$56,450
2011	33,487	27,616	21,728	17.5%	78.7%	64.9%	\$1,198,643,197	\$55,166
2010	36,713	30,355	22,721	17.3%	74.9%	61.9%	\$1,069,610,836	\$47,076
2009	38,130	30,568	23,121	19.8%	75.6%	60.6%	\$1,144,516,885	\$49,501
2008	43,926	34,844	25,121	20.7%	72.1%	57.2%	\$1,481,067,680	\$58,957

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley



A big score for New York, I reckon, is McMahon of Saratoga's new import from Florida, **Teuflesberg**, by budding sire of sires (I know, who saw this coming?) Johannesburg, sire also of Scat Daddy and leading French freshman sire Sageburg. Teuflesberg has sired four black-type horses, but his headline horse is Trinniberg, winner of four graded sprints this year, including the GII Woody Stephens S. and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. He looks a 'best buy' to me at \$5,000.

Sheikh Mohammed's team is also among those who are standing stallions in New York: they have just sent GII Sanford S. winner **Desert Party** (Street Cry), a former \$2.1-million 2-Year-Old, to McMahon's, and last year they retired **Girolamo**, a beautifully-bred son of A.P. Indy who had won the GII Jerome S. as a 3-year-old and the GI Vosburgh S. at four, to Sequel Stallions.

PENNSYLVANIA

Before New York, Pennsylvania became the latest slots-fueled state to enhance its state-bred program and attract mares and stallions from Kentucky. It all seems to have stalled a little bit now, but one development has been that Maryland's very successful Northview Farm branched out to Pennsylvania, and stands arguably the state's two most promising Kentucky imports--**E Dubai** (Mr. Prospector), sire of 2012 GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Fort Larned, and **Jump Start** (A.P. Indy).

The latter has 72 foals of 2011, which will be 2-year-olds of 2013, in his first PA crop. E Dubai's first PA-breds are foals of 2012.

Darley also sent **Offlee Wild**, by Wild Again out of a Seattle Slew half-sister to Dynaformer, up to Pennsylvania's Pin Oak Lane in 2012. He had been leading freshman sire of 2009, courtesy of She Be Wild's win in that year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. His numbers dropped off, though, and he's not a speedball sire, so he's fallen off a few lists along the way. Go look at him, though. If you're breeding in Pennsylvania, for \$4,000 he looks a righteous proposition to me.

And what about the sire of this year's pro-tem Horse of The Year, Wise Dan (I know, some will argue he won't even be turf champion, that Little Mike will; Wise Dan's getting my vote in both categories, though)? Yes, I refer to none other than **Wiseman's Ferry**, a heretofore obscure son of Hennessy (sire of Johannesburg, would you believe?) who is listed at Dana Point Farm, for \$5,000 in 2013. Just go find a Wolf Power mare, and off you go. Seriously, though, Wise Dan is the real deal; Wiseman's Ferry, who is out of a half-sister to Bernstein and Caress (dam of Sky Mesa), was co-bred by Bob Manfuso and sold for \$300,000 as a yearling to Hugo Merry. He was group-placed behind stablemate Johannesburg at two for Aidan O'Brien, then was sold to America where he won the GIII West Virginia Derby for a partnership including Wise Dan's owner/breeder, Morton Fink.

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Wiseman's Ferry eventually repaid Mr. Fink's confidence in spades, and Wise Dan surely makes him one of the more notable stallions standing in Pennsylvania.

LOUISIANA

Louisiana's foal crop has more than doubled in the last 10 years; according to The Jockey Club's On-Line Fact Book, Louisiana was third in foal production in the 2010 crop, and closing fast on second-placed Florida. No wonder they are raiding stallions from everywhere. **Closing Argument** (Successful Appeal), who was second to Giacomo in that wild 2005 GI Kentucky Derby, stood two seasons in Florida, then four in Kentucky before coming to Louisiana for 2012 (stands at Louisiana Stallion Station North in 2013); he has five BTW this year and progeny earnings of over \$3.5 million with just four crops racing, making him far and away the leading sire standing in Louisiana in that category. Number two in Louisiana is **D'Wildcat** (Forest Wildcat) (Louisiana Stallion Station South), who in an unprecedented move became probably the first really successful sire moved from Florida to Louisiana; usually when they make that trip it's because of the opposite reason, lack of success. Third in 2012 progeny earnings among Louisiana stallions is another Kentucky import, **Yankee Gentleman** (Storm Cat) (Le Mesa Stallions). He's a very well-bred Storm Cat who had 15 BTW in his first three crops, but then the momentum slowed and his numbers fell.

Still, he has a very credible record-- and he had speed and gets it--so he should fit well there.

If you don't follow Louisiana racing a little bit, maybe you haven't heard of **Star Guitar**, a son of Quiet American who was the King of Louisiana.

He ran 30 times in six seasons, winning 24 times, of which 22 came in stakes races. He won over \$1.7 million overall, and in four of his six racing seasons he was undefeated. He was really a complete regional superstar, and I'm glad to see he's going to Clear Creek Stud, my old stomping grounds from 1976-79. Val Murrell came to work there during that time, and he's still the GM. He does a great job, and I'm sure he'll get this local legend the kind of numbers and support he needs to get a real shot. He sure deserves it.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Wherein readers tell us the horses they think we should have included in our earlier editions, but somehow missed; these are six nominated by readers, all in Kentucky:

Include (1997 Broad Brush, 1st Foals 2004, Airdrie, \$12,500): He had three 2yo SW in his first crop in 2006, then 125 named foals in his 2008 crop, of which 11 were SW including two Grade I winners (Include Me Out and Her Smile) and two Grade II winners (Redeemed and St. John's River). Four GSW this year.

Pollard's Vision (2001 Carson City, 1st Foals 2007, Wintergreen, \$7,500): It's not all just Blind Luck--his champion, six-time Grade I-winning filly who made over \$3.2 million; she was one of nine SW in his first crop.

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He's also sired three other earners of over \$300,000, with his oldest crop now five. Give him another look (arrgh, these puns).

Paddy O'Prado (2007 El Prado, F2013, Spendthrift, \$15,000): He won five graded stakes on the grass, including the GI Secretariat S.; ran second in the GI Blue Grass on the all-weather; and ran third to Super Saver and Ice Box in the 2010 GI Kentucky Derby on the dirt. He's by El Prado, sire of Kitten's Joy, Artie Schiller, and Medaglia d'Oro; and he comes from the family of Carols Christmas, developed by the late Verne Winchell and now carried on by his son, Ron, and which has produced Olympio, Cuvee, Pyro, and this year's GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner, Tapizar. Big shot at a farm which is making stallions again.

Hansen (2009 Tapit, F2014, Ashford, \$12,500): Number three in a string of four consecutive champion 2-Year-Olds bought by Coolmore to stand at Ashford, following Lookin At Lucky, Uncle Mo, and now including Shanghai Bobby. I think we should regard that as a statement. Tapit must be the best young sire in America now: in five crops--10 Grade I winners, 18 GSW, 31 BTW, 71 black-type horses, according to the TDN Sire Lists. Don't spend too much time looking for the black type on the dam's side of this page--which is one reason we know Tapit is so good.

The Factor (2008 War Front, F2014, Lane's End, \$15,000): If Tapit is the number one young sire in America, War Front is arguably number two. Once again (Distorted Humor, Dansili, Pulpit) we have a Grade II winner siring horses at least as good as, if not better, than themselves.

The Factor won two Grade I races at seven furlongs (one dirt, one AW) and three Grade II races, two at seven furlongs and the GI Rebel S. at 1 1/16m (slamming none other than Caleb's Posse, who admittedly was not a two-turn horse, by almost seven lengths). He should be popular.

Dialed In (2008 Mineshaft, F2014, Darby Dan, \$7,500): We consider it an integral part of the story when a horse goes to stud and the trainer is quoted as saying something including the phrase, "the best I ever ..." So, even though he beat Shackelford (also at Darby Dan, and reportedly full) and To Honor And Serve in the GI Florida Derby, Dialed In's Beyer was relatively low (93), and he made no show in the GI Kentucky Derby or GI Preakness. However, there can be mitigating circumstances: both Shackelford and To Honor And Serve ran Beyers 104 later, so if Dialed In's form in the Florida Derby was right, he would have also improved to at least that number; 3-year-olds' Beyers should naturally improve as the year goes on, actually (typically 6-10 points). But it was the note from the reader which really impressed me; this is a pro, a colleague of mine on the Breeders' Cup Board. Basically, what he said is: believe it. He followed this colt from when he saw him as a yearling at Saratoga, and he said he was always impressive. If injury had not intervened his view is we would be speaking of him in the same class as Shackelford and To Honor And Serve--\$20,000 and \$30,000 respectively. Only for \$7,500, that's the angle.

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Florida:							
LEROIDESA NIMAUX	2000	CANDY STRIPES	2007	FL	STONEWALL FL	25000	2.56
HIGH COTTON	2003	DIXIE UNION	2009	FL	OCALA STUD	7500	2.38
AWESOME OF COURSE	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	2005	FL	JOURNEYMAN	7500	
CITY PLACE	2000	STORM CAT	2006	FL	HARTLEY/DE RENZO	5000	1.56
JACKSON BEND	2007	HEAR NO EVIL	2014	FL	JOURNEYMAN	5000	
New York:							
POSSE	2000	SILVER DEPUTY	2005	NY	VINERY NORTH	12500	1.40
FREUD	1998	STORM CAT	2003	NY	SEQUEL STALLIONS	10000	2.11
FROST GIANT	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2010	NY	KEANE STUD	7500	
TEUFLESBERG	2004	JOHANNESBURG	2009	NY	MCMAHON	5000	1.32
GIROLAMO	2006	A.P. INDY	2013	NY	SEQUEL STALLIONS	15000	
DESERT PARTY	2006	STREET CRY	2012	NY	SEQUEL STALLIONS	7500	
Pennsylvania:							
E DUBAI	1998	MR. PROSPECTOR	2004	PA	NORTHVIEW	7500	1.73
JUMP START	1999	A.P. INDY	2004	PA	NORTHVIEW	10000	1.93
OFFLEE WILD	2000	WILD AGAIN	2007	PA	PIN OAK LANE	4000	1.16
WISEMAN'S FERRY	1999	HENNESSY	2005	PA	DANA POINT	5000	0.91
Louisiana:							
CLOSING ARGUMENT	2002	SUCCESSFUL APPEAL	2007	LA	LA ST STATION NO.	7500	1.10
D'WILDCAT	1998	FOREST WILDCAT	2005	LA	LA ST STATION SO.	4500	2.27
YANKEE GENTLEMAN	1999	STORM CAT	2005	LA	LA MESA	5000	1.50
STAR GUITAR	2005	QUIET AMERICAN	2014	LA	CLEAR CREEK	4000	
Nominations From the Floor:							
INCLUDE	1997	BROAD BRUSH	2004	KY	AIRDRIE	12500	1.59
POLLARD'S VISION	2001	CARSON CITY	2007	KY	WINTERGREEN	7500	1.32
PADDY O PRADO	2007	EL PRADO	2013	KY	SPENDTHRIFT	15000	
HANSEN	2009	TAPIT	2014	KY	ASHFORD	12500	
THE FACTOR	2008	WAR FRONT	2014	KY	LANE'S END	15000	
DIALED IN	2008	MINESHAFT	2014	KY	DARBY DAN	7500	



#750 Zenyatta 2004

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Zenyatta	Street Cry (IRE)	Machiavellian	Mr. Prospector
Dark Bay or Brown Mare		Helen Street (GB)	Coup De Foie
Foaled 2004	Vertigineux (1995)	Kris S.	=Troy (GB)
		For The Flag	=Waterway (FR)
			Roberto
			Sharp Queen
			*Fori
			In The Offing

By **STREET CRY (IRE)** (1986), Black type winner, \$943,674. Sire of 5 crops, 428 foals, 287 starters, 41 black type winners, 160 winners, \$27,852,071. Sire of 9 producing daughters, 10 foals, 1 winner, including Teryns Song (to 2, 2010, \$20,228).

1st Dam

VERTIGINEUX, by Kris S. Broodmare Of The Year. 2 wins at 4, \$60,480, in NA/US. Dam of 5 foals to race, 4 winners--

ZENYATTA (f, by Street Cry (IRE)). Champion, see records.

BALANCE (f, by Thunder Gulch). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$1,048,491, in US. Won Santa Anita Oaks [G1], Santa Margarita Invitational Hcp. [G1], Las Virgenes S. [G1], La Canada S. [G2], Sharp Cat S. [L] (HOL, \$80,000), 2nd Hollywood Starlet S. [G1], Vanity Invitational Handicap [G1], 3rd Ashland S. [G1], La Brea S. [G1], Clement L. Hirsch Handicap [G2], Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap [G2], Hidden Light S. [OR] (OSA, \$8,000).

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Rank	Stallion	YOB	Crops	Earnings	Rnrs	Wnrs	BT Wnrs	BT Horses	GS Wnrs	GS Horses	G1S Wnrs
1	Henrythenavigator Sire: Kingmambo Stands: KY [US\$25,000]	2005	1	\$1,231,860	44	16	2	6	2	4	2
2	Spring At Last Sire: Silver Deputy Stands: KY [US\$7,500]	2003	1	\$1,175,537	29	12	4	5	3	3	1
3	Into Mischief Sire: Harlan's Holiday Stands: KY [US\$7,500]	2005	1	\$1,091,149	21	7	3	3	1	2	0
4	Majestic Warrior Sire: A.P. Indy Stands: KY [US\$10,000]	2005	1	\$988,098	70	25	0	4	0	2	0
5	New Approach (IRE) Sire: Galileo (IRE) Stands: GB [GB£22,500]	2005	1	\$904,309	38	12	3	4	2	3	1
6	Street Boss Sire: Street Cry (IRE) Stands: KY [US\$15,000]	2004	1	\$810,604	51	18	1	4	0	1	0
7	Frost Giant Sire: Giant's Causeway Stands: NY [US\$5,000]	2003	1	\$783,743	14	10	2	4	0	0	0
8	Midnight Lute Sire: Real Quiet Stands: KY [US\$15,000]	2003	1	\$638,651	38	11	1	4	0	2	0
9	Tiz Wonderful Sire: Tiznow Stands: KY [US\$12,500]	2004	1	\$624,941	38	13	1	2	1	1	0
10	Run Away and Hide Sire: City Zip Stands: KY [US\$5,000]	2006	1	\$572,304	26	8	1	5	0	1	0
11	Big Brown Sire: Boundary Stands: KY [US\$35,000]	2005	1	\$571,439	29	15	1	1	0	1	0
12	Sightseeing Sire: Pulpit Stands: KY [US\$3,500]	2004	1	\$570,868	28	9	1	1	1	1	1
13	Raven's Pass Sire: Elusive Quality Stands: IRE [Eu €22,500]	2005	1	\$570,184	47	15	1	4	1	3	0
14	Curlin Sire: Smart Strike Stands: KY [US\$40,000]	2004	1	\$558,774	41	12	0	2	0	1	0
15	Indygo Shiner Sire: A.P. Indy Stands: KY [US\$10,000]	1998	1†	\$508,540	44	13	0	1	0	0	0
16	War Pass Sire: Cherokee Run Stands: DEA [US\$15,000]	2005	1	\$484,559	21	7	1	1	0	1	0
17	Circular Quay Sire: Thunder Gulch Stands: FL [US\$6,500]	2004	1	\$478,027	23	10	1	2	0	0	0
18	Salute the Sarge Sire: Forest Wildcat Stands: LA [US\$2,500]	2005	1	\$455,093	28	11	1	1	0	0	0
19	Tamayuz (GB) Sire: Nayef Stands: IRE [Eu €15,000]	2005	1	\$409,278	34	11	2	5	2	4	0
20	Heatseeker (IRE) Sire: Giant's Causeway Stands: CA [US\$6,500]	2003	1	\$401,287	30	11	1	3	0	0	0
21	First Defence Sire: Unbridled's Song Stands: KY [US\$7,500]	2004	1	\$372,776	27	8	1	1	1	1	0
22	Ready's Image Sire: More Than Ready Stands: KY [US\$5,000]	2005	1	\$366,971	21	7	1	1	0	0	0
23	Street Hero Sire: Street Cry (IRE) Stands: KY [US\$5,000]	2006	1	\$352,497	19	8	1	3	0	0	0
24	Student Council Sire: Kingmambo Stands: KY [US\$7,500]	2002	1	\$345,058	24	7	1	4	0	0	0

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MJC ANNOUNCES 2013 STAKES SCHEDULE

Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course will conduct 146 days of racing in 2013, the same number that was scheduled the past three years, it was announced yesterday after the Maryland Racing Commission, Maryland Jockey Club and Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association's monthly meeting held at Laurel Park. The Maryland Jockey Club will conduct a winter meeting at Laurel Park, a spring campaign at Pimlico Race Course and a fall meeting at Laurel. There will be no live racing at the major Maryland tracks during the summer. The 2013 winter meeting, highlighted by 16 stakes races worth nearly \$2.3 million, will be headlined by the GI Barbara Fritchie H. Feb. 16 and the GIII General George H. two days later. Held over a 13-week period, the meet kicks off Jan. 1. Racing shifts to Pimlico for the spring meeting, which runs between Apr. 4 and June 8. The 36-day stand will feature the 138th running of the GI Preakness S. May 18. After a 14-week break, which will include racing at Timonium during the State Fair, live racing will return to the major tracks at Laurel Park for a 59-day fall meeting beginning Sept. 19. It was revealed last Friday that a 10-year agreement for sustained racing at Pimlico and Laurel was reached. "The long-term agreement will provide stability after years of uncertainty," Maryland Jockey Club president Tom Chuckas said. "Next year is a year of transition with most of the changes beginning in 2014."

NJ ASSEMBLY PASSES INTERNET GAMBLING BILL

A bill authorizing internet wagering at Atlantic City casinos was approved by the New Jersey State Assembly Monday by a vote of 48 to 25, with three abstentions. The State Senate is expected to vote on the measure Thursday. If it receives the required 21 votes in the Senate, the bill would then head to the desk of Governor Chris Christie. Christie vetoed a similar bill last year. The bill passed by the Assembly Monday removed a \$30-million subsidy for the state's horseracing industry. It also prohibits internet gambling at sites outside of Atlantic City. "It's a big step and we have to be really cautious," Assemblyman John Amodeo, a co-sponsor of the bill, told the *Press of Atlantic City*. "I think it's good for the economy and right for Atlantic City." Assemblyman Ralph Caputo, who opposed the measure, told the paper, "On the one hand, they're talking about destination resort. Now they want gambling with the Internet. This Internet gaming is not going to solve the problem."

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Ever So Lucky (Indian Charlie), 5f, 1:00.12, 3/17
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Spring in the Air (Spring at Last), 3f, :39.33, 7/7
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TODAY'S INSIGHTS

1:41p HRTV **3rd-GPX, \$52.5K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT**
CREATION (Mizzen Mast) fetched a solid bid of \$110K at KEESEP in 2010 from the farm that raced and stands the stallion, and the Bill Mott trainee has the license to factor in this belated first trip to the post. The 3-1 morning-line favorite is a daughter of Lil Sister Stich (Seattle Bound), winner in her racing days of the GIII Monrovia H. down the hill at Santa Anita. Creation has back-to-back bullet works at Payson Park for a barn not noted for its first-time starters. Jonathan Sheppard saddles a pair for Augustin Stables, each with a chance to excel here off pedigree. **Spring Reason (El Prado {Ire})** is a produce of Spring Season (Seeking the Gold), a SW & GSP performer on turf and herself a daughter of the top-class turf mare Alice Springs. **Bettina J. (Stormy Atlantic)** has the rail and is out of Rendezvous Point, a Kingmambo half-sister to the fleet Five Star Day (Carson City). brisnet.com [pps](#)

2:09p HRTV **4th-GPX, \$60.5K, Alw/Opt. Clm. (\$80K), 3yo/up, 1m**
 Let's Go Stable's **EL PADRINO (Pulpit)** makes his first start since a disappointing 13th in last year's GI Kentucky Derby and looks to have these over a barrel on class. The chestnut beat Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy) in a first-level allowance here last January, then shipped to New Orleans and handed Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen) a nose defeat in the GII Risen Star S. the next month. El Padrino was an excuse-free fourth to Take Charge Indy when they rematched in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 31 before his effort at Churchill. A strong performance today will likely earn him consideration for the GI Donn H. Feb. 9. brisnet.com [pps](#)

3:35p HRTV **7th-GPX, \$52.5K, Msw, 2yo, 6f**
QUIROS (Street Cry {Ire}) gets his career started for trainer Michael Matz and owner Ned Moore. The dark bay is out of Quendom (Arg) (Interprete {Arg}), making him a half-brother to Horse of the Year and near \$8-million winner Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes). **Oistin's Town (Speightstown)** has a pedigree tilted somewhat towards grass, being out of Tweedside (Thunder Gulch). The latter won the GII Sheepshead Bay H. and four of 12 overall on the infield in the silks of Eugene Melnyk, but was also a runaway winner of the GI CCA Oaks in 2001. brisnet.com [pps](#)

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Yesterday's Results:

VALLEY FORGE S., \$75,000, PRX, 12-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10, my.

1--**#ROD'S FIVE STAR, 120, g, 4, [Five Star Day](#)--Lady Silverrod, by Marquetry.** O-Silver Rod Stables Inc; B-Silverrod Stable Inc (PA); T-Edward Lehman; J-Angel S Arroyo. \$43,400. Lifetime Record: 12-7-2-2, \$292,770.

2--**Harbor Kid, 120, g, 4, Rockport Harbor--Ten's Testamony, by Deputed Testamony.** (\$30,000 yrl '09 FTMOCT). O-Richard Malouf. \$14,800.

3--**Head Heart Hoof, 116, g, 6, Intidab--Trustees Gray, by Flying Chevron.** (\$19,000 wIng '06 NYBSEP). O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC & Gary Aisquith. \$8,365.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3HF, 3/4. Odds: 3.70, 12.30, 2.40.

Poseidon's Warrior (Speightstown) took most of the pari-mutuel action, but it was Rod's Five Star who parlayed a perfect trip beneath Angel Arroyo into a first black-type badge. Victorious in four of his five starts last season, Rod's Five Star resumed with a runner-up effort in this track's Bensalem S. Mar. 13, then was fourth, but placed third in the restricted Lyman H. Apr. 14. The easy and popular winner of a third-level allowance May 28, the homebred was a closing third in the Donald LeVine Memorial H. June 23 and was a last-out near-miss second in the Banjo Picker Sprint S. for Penna-breds Sept. 8. Allowed to bide his time behind the leading trio while saving ground, Rod's Five Star switched out at midstretch and rallied past his rivals for the victory. Poseidon's Warrior, this year's GI A.G. Vanderbilt H. hero, attended the pace while three wide, but weakened in the final furlong to be fourth as the 4-5 chalk. Rod's Five Star is interestingly bred, as his sire's dam, Reggie V (Vanlandingham), is a half-sister to his broodmare sire Marquetry. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

5th-PRX, \$45,500, Msw, 3,4,5yo, 1m70y, 1:43, my.
SAN CRISTO (c, 3, [El Prado {Ire}](#)--Powerful Nation {GSP, \$176,245}, by Turkoman), fifth in a lone start on the Gulfstream turf earlier this year for Chad Brown, was switched to the barn of Mark Frosted for two Canadian appearances, finishing eighth on the Woodbine grass Sept. 21 and seventh in an Oct. 20 maiden rained onto the Polytrack in Toronto. Now stabled in Maryland, San Cristo was trying a conventional dirt surface for the first time as an 11-1 gamble. Sent through at the rail to lead going into the clubhouse turn, the dark bay was able to slow things down in the middle of the race. He was tackled by Input (Empire Maker) on the turn, but found another gear in the stretch for a good-looking 1 1/2-length success. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$28,217. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made Sales.](#)

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First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, December 19

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

[BROTHER DEREK](#) (Benchmark), Airdrie, \$10K, 42/5/0
6-DED, Msw, 7 1/2f, Brother Day, \$6K TEX APR 2yo, 20-1

[CURLIN](#) (Smart Strike), Lanes End, \$75K, 104/14/0
7-GP, Msw, 6f, Jay Eye See, 7-2

[FIRST DEFENCE](#) (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte, \$20K, 63/8/1
3-TAM, Msw, 5 1/2f, Recriminate, 9-5

[NOTIONAL](#) (In Excess {Ire}), Spendthrift, \$10K, 54/6/1

4-FG, Msw, 5 1/2fT, +Southern Nights, \$10K OBS OPN 2yo, 6-1

[PRIVATE VOW](#) (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, \$2K, 65/9/0
7-FG, Alw, 6f, Tensas Harbor, \$11K TEX AUG yrl, 8-1

6-DED, Msw, 7 1/2f, Klozer, \$7K BSC YRL yrl, 3-1

6-DED, Msw, 7 1/2f, Royal Mocha, \$10K TEX APR 2yo, 4-1

6-DED, Msw, 7 1/2f, Private Reed, 20-1

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Wed., Dec. 19

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

[HALF OURS](#) (Unbridled's Song), Taylor Made, \$15K, 121/55/2
3-TAM, Msw, 5 1/2f, +Master Jordan, \$14K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

[LATENT HEAT](#) (Maria's Mon), Woods Edge, \$15K, 157/46/2
1-GP, Msw, 7f, +Latent Fire, \$90K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

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OBSERVATIONS on today's European racing scene

13.30 Lingfield, Mdn, £4,900, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT)
FLIRTINI (GB) (Nayef) is a 3/4-sister to the 2005 G2 Ribblesdale S. Thakafaat (Ire) (Unfuwain); and a half-sister to last term's G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. and this year's G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Power (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The John Gosden-trained newcomer's rivals include Saeed Suhail's **Desert Sunrise (GB) (Green Desert)**, who is a half-sister to the 1999 G1 Middle Park S. victor Primo Valentino (Ire) (Primo Dominie {GB}), from the Sir Michael Stoute stable.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-SUN, \$29,100, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

PATTY'S PULPIT (f, 3, Lucky Pulpit--Sky of Diamonds, by Banker's Gold) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$46,543. O-J Kirk & Judy Robison. B-Bruce Chandler (CA). T-Henry Dominguez.

8th-MNR, \$20,200, 12-17, NW2L, 3yo 5 1/2f, 1:06, sy.

ROMAN RAIDER (g, 3, Roman Ruler--Miss Sand Bar {SP}, by Glitterman) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$17,165. O-Preston Stables LLC. B-Hill N Dale Farm, Richard Reed, Tiffany Zammit, Hal & Kathy Baerg (KY). T-Tim Schuh. *\$80,000 wnlg '09 KEENOV; \$45,000 RNA yrl '10 FTKJUL; \$38,000 yrl '10 FTKOCT; \$44,000 RNA 2yo '11 FTMMAY.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Carmen's Rocket, g, 2, Rocket Included--Carmen's Delight, by Carmen's Glory. SUN, 12-18, 1m70yds, 1:45. B-Lucky Six Inc (NM). *Third winner for freshman sire (by Include).



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Waltzing Rose, f, 3, Henny Hughes--Rosehearty (GSP-Eng), by Rahy. SUN, 12-18, 6 1/2f, 1:17 1/5. B-Darley (KY). *\$1,200 2yo '11 KEEJAN. **Won by 8 1/4 lengths.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Marseille Pont-de-Vivieux, 18.35, €20,000, 2yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:25.22, stn.

LA SAINTE VICTOIRE (FR) (f, 2, Stormy River {Fr}--Tulipe Noire, by Alleged) Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €18,000. O-Ecurie Camacho Courses; B-Haras du Ma; T-Michel Gentile. *€17,000 yrl '11 ARQOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ishi (GB), f, 3, Ishiguru--Chorus (GB), by Bandmaster. Lingfield, Britain, 12-18, Mdn, 3-5yo, 6f (AWT). B-Mrs L S Millman. *£3,000 RNA yrl '10 ASCNOV.



AN ECLIPSE AWARD FOR MOST RACE TRACKS VISITED?

By *Mark Cramer*

As increasing numbers of horseplayers are staying home, making on-line bets in their pajamas, we need to reward folks who actually get out to the track.

So I propose an Eclipse Award for the person who has visited the most race tracks. I was going to nominate myself, but I've already found one person who has outdone me by one T-bred track. (We're not counting harness and jumpers).



Tim at St. Moritz in 2009

The nominees are Tim Herboth, from Chicago, and his wife Tracy. (We could say that the couple that plays together stays together). Thus far, Tim has attended the races at 46 different Thoroughbred tracks, including 13 abroad, quite often with Tracy at his side. (If you can beat 46, you can nominate yourself right now. I intend to forward the nomination to the Eclipse people themselves).

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Tim and Tracy's foreign track visits include Ascot, Chantilly, The Curragh, Epsom, Deauville-Clairefontaine, Deauville La Touques, Epsom, Kyoto, Longchamp, Maisons-Laffitte, Nad Al Sheba, Saint-Cloud, St. Moritz (The White Turf), where they race in the snow, and Tokyo, though they didn't attend all these tracks in alphabetical order.

I asked them how they adjusted to such a dazzling, but confusing array of horse betting scenes, especially with language concerns and just getting around where there are no signs in English.

"Amazingly," says Tracy, "almost every track has the instructions posted or printed somewhere! Japan is so fond of betting that they gave foreigners a free sleeve to insert your ticket into so you could fill in the tickets similar to voting ballots."

She adds, "We also always learn our numbers 1-10, how to say win or place and the currency, as well as please, thank you, where and how much in the language of every country, before we go. Many a teller has blanched at our pronunciation, but we get the job done, eventually. And yes, we get lost everywhere we go taking public transportation. On big days, follow the ladies wearing hats. Otherwise, do your best with the language, pointing, playing charades, to get folks to understand "horse," and visit a pub and pull out your form to handicap before you actually locate the track. Generally it turns out fine and fun, or we get lots of exercise."

But surely, it must not be so easy to place a bet on the precise horse you want.

"In fact, no betting of any kind is permitted in Dubai," Tim says. "I heard of the existence of 'black-market bookies' lurking around, but never saw any. So I went to the hotel business center earlier that day to make some bets thru my ADW account, only to have a screen ceremoniously pop up informing me that site was blocked. Drinking, oddly enough, is tolerated, but only in the International Village and "Bubble Lounge," a sequestered area where cases of champagne bottles were uncorked well beyond post time of the last race."



Tracy watching the races on the snow-covered lake of St. Moritz

and chairs set on the snow, drinking champagne, dressed up in winter finery, watching the races on the snow-covered lake of St. Moritz...

I asked Tracy for some word images from her racing voyages.

"--the crowds in Japan are unbelievably huge. Yet, after the race, everyone gets in orderly single file queues to board the trains back to the City. Very crowded, but not a single person pushing! ...Everyone sitting outside at tables

Getting up at dawn to watch the horses swimming in the North Sea (with riders aboard) as part of morning workouts in Deauville. Spectacular." Among Tracy's favorite tracks in the U.S. are Saratoga, Del Mar and Keeneland. Getting used to seeing larger fields has prompted Tim and Tracy to alter their language learning process.

"We used to learn our numbers 1-10. Once in France, Tim was making a bet in French at the Arc, with confidence, as he had made several bets previously, and was sure that he didn't need me to translate (my French is passable for purposes of general speaking and translating after several years in school). Suddenly he comes literally running back to the seats, calling out to me 'What's the word for 11?!' His bomb longshot was the 11 horse (which came in) and of course he hadn't learned to count in French to 11, only 10! The Brits seated around us were laughing out loud at the explanation, and after learning that 'yes, we know there are English windows but what fun is that?' Always bring your translation book or learn more than 1-10, just in case!"

But should our readers be fearful of confronting foreign racing? Not according to Tim.

"We've found international racing to be remarkably universal. There's the racing surface, betting windows, paddock, walking ring, bars, guys selling tip sheets outside. The punters (bettors) yell and scream for their horse, curse in whatever universal language when they lose. You don't need to speak French or Japanese to know someone's horse was just head-bobbed at the wire. A few idiosyncrasies might be betting with the bookies in the U.K. and Ireland and the absence of betting in Dubai. Even in English you can get confused, as 'place' really means 'show' in Europe."

So how do to get people to fall in love with racing again, and actually show up at the track?

"I think the question comes down to overcoming instant gratification and away from the norm," Tracy says. "Part of the issue is bringing the younger crowd back in to the fray. Big days are always well attended around the world, which means the interest is there, right?"

So Tim and Tracy are my Eclipse nominees for the most T-bred race tracks visited. If any reader has attended more than 46 tracks, please nominate yourself by posting a comment in the comments section of our blog [here](#).

The winner will be published in the *TDN* later this week.



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