



## SIGN DQ'D FROM POCAHONTAS WIN

Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider's **Sign** (Pulpit) has been disqualified from her victory in last year's GII Pocahontas S. after testing positive for Methocarbamol (Robaxin-V), a muscle relaxant commonly used to treat pain and injury. Methocarbamol is listed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission as a class C drug, the least offensive of three penalty classes and comprised of medications with a therapeutic intent and low potential to influence performance.



**Sign**  
Reed Palmer

According to a ruling posted on the KHRC's website, Sign has been disqualified from the Oct. 28 race for 2-year-old fillies at Churchill Downs, and forfeits all prize money. In

addition, trainer Al Stall Jr. has been fined \$250. According to attorney David Royse, who represented Sign's connections at a hearing at Turfway Park Jan. 26, the decision will be appealed.

"Mr. Stall and the owners of Sign, respectfully, but strongly, disagree with the Stewards' Ruling," Royse said in a release. "The Stewards' decision to disqualify Sign from a Grade II win and require her owners to forfeit the purse of \$101,125 for a first offense class C violation is a sharp departure from 43 Kentucky Stewards' rulings in the last three years in first offense class C violations, where the only penalty was a \$250 fine, and no purse forfeiture."

Sign, who was tabbed a **"TDN Rising Star"** following an 11 3/4-length debut victory at Saratoga Aug. 26, was making her second start in the Pocahontas. Should the appeal be denied, second-place finisher **Gal About Town** (City Zip) would be the official winner. Owned by Iroquois Racing Club and trained by Bret Calhoun, Gal About Town has since finished second in the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Nov. 24, and was most recently second in the Silverbulletday S. Jan. 19 at Fair Grounds.

Sign has been sidelined since the Pocahontas, and had surgery for a condylar fracture of a hind leg last month.

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Date	Race	Cond.
Feb. 7	G2 Al Maktoum Challenge - R2	1900m (AWT)
Feb. 14	G3 Al Shindagha Sprint	1200m (AWT)
	G3 UAE 2000 Guineas	1600m (AWT), 3yo
	G3 Firebreak S.	1600m (AWT)

## LET'S GO STABLE IS BACK WITH VERRAZANO

Let's Go Stable has found itself in a familiar position-- at the forefront of the GI Kentucky Derby conversation. The racing syndicate, managed by Bryan Sullivan and Kevin Scaturchio, own **"TDN Rising Star"** **Verrazano** (More Than Ready), who became a serious Derby contender when he romped to a 16 1/4-length win in an allowance at Gulfstream Park on Saturday. [\(video\)](#)



**Verrazano**  
Adam Coglianesse

It's a little like deja vu for Let's Go Stable, which also owns Verrazano's half-brother **El Padrino** (Pulpit), a similarly impressive colt who became a Derby hopeful last winter. However, Verrazano's path to a potential Kentucky Derby berth is much different than his brother's route a year ago.

Let's Go Stable purchased El Padrino for \$210,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Under the tutelage of conditioner Todd Pletcher, he debuted as a 2-year-old in Saratoga. After graduating by 12 3/4 lengths at Belmont that October, he ran well while third in the GII Remsen S. and would return to take a Gulfstream optional-claimer in January. **Cont. p3**

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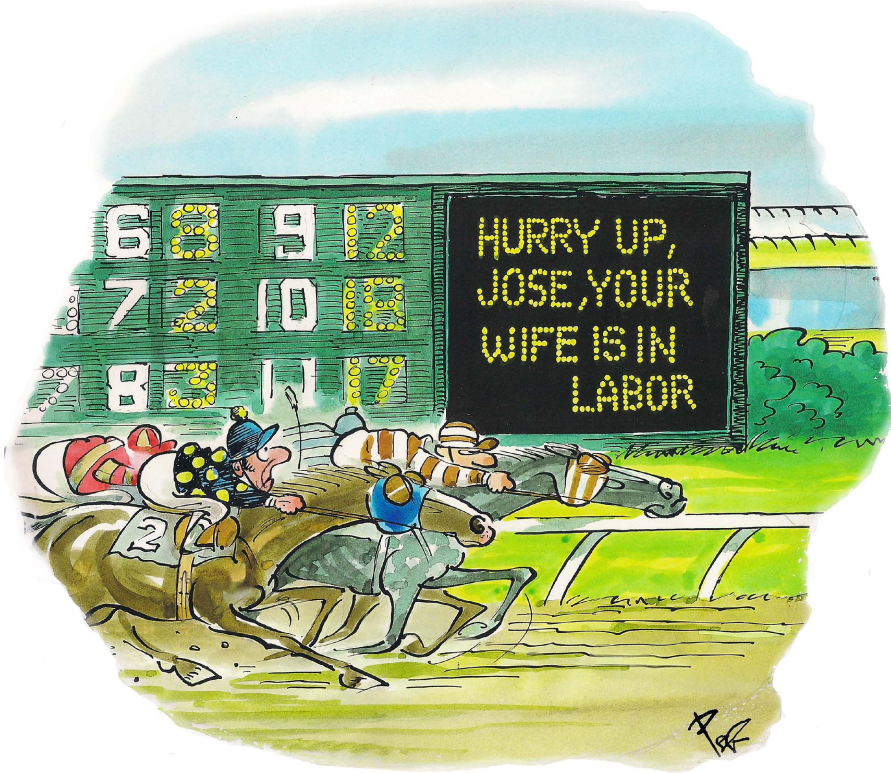
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## Andrew Caulfield



**Flashback**  
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Andrew Caulfield studies the pedigree of GII Robert B. Lewis S. winner **Flashback** (Tapit) and determines whether he can get the Classic distance.

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## Fort Erie

Fort Erie secures a two-year lease extension, which could help the Ontario track keep live racing in 2013.

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**Let's Go Stable Back in Derby Picture (cont. from p1)**

El Padrino became a serious Derby prospect after winning a thrilling GII Risen Star S., but disappointed when fourth in the GI Florida Derby. El Padrino did make it to the Derby, but clipped heels and finished 13th.

Let's Go Stable is hoping things go more smoothly this time around. Verrazano was also acquired at Keeneland September for \$250,000, but unlike his half-brother, didn't make a start until his 3-year-old season.

"He had some minor things going on," explained Sullivan. "Since Verrazano and El Padrino are very similar, we probably could have made it to the races as a 2-year-old. But Todd said 'You know what, he's such a big horse and I know El Padrino. I think the best thing to do for the horse, and I know you don't want to hear this, is giving him six months and just try and come back in December or January at Gulfstream.' That was the first or second week of July when he already had a few breezes. We all sat down and decided to do what was best for the horse and here we are."



**El Padrino in the Risen Star S.**  
*Hodges Photography*

Verrazano made his debut on New Year's Day at Gulfstream, cruising to a 7 3/4-length win. The big bay proved he came out of the race well, working five panels in 1:00 4/5 with stablemate and Juvenile Champion Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday) at Palm Meadows Jan. 20. Instead of entering him in Saturday's GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa or Gulfstream's GII Hutcheson S., his connections opted for the one-mile Gulfstream allowance.

"We talked about it and it was more 'Let's be patient with him, we don't need to rush into anything right now,'" Sullivan said of the decision. "We felt, with the way the [Kentucky Derby qualifying] point system is shaping up, that you don't need to be rushing into a stakes just yet, especially if you think you have a horse who will, hopefully, only get better. The point system obviously emphasizes the last two preps, so we decided on an allowance. That gives us two shots at it going forward. With El Padrino, we were kind of in a rush to get earnings. There was such a good class of 2-year-olds that year that all were running on in January and February of that year and progressing. No one was falling by the wayside, getting hurt, or not progressing, so we knew we needed earnings. That's why we took that approach with El Padrino."

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**Let's Go Stable Back in Derby Picture (cont. from p3)**

While both El Padrino and Verrazano sport a clear resemblance, their running styles vary.

"The difference between the two is that Verrazano is more athletic," notes Sullivan. "Not that El Padrino wasn't athletic, but if you actually look at the horses side by side, El Padrino is this massive, robust horse, probably 1300 pounds and Verrazano, while he's very big, he's more scopey and just framed differently. The main difference is the speed Verrazano has, which he showed in the allowance race."

Even after winning the mile allowance in 1:34 4/5 while never being asked by jockey Johnny Velazquez, some may still be skeptical. Apollo in 1882 was the last horse to win the Kentucky Derby without having made a start as a 2-year-old. Sullivan, however, is unconcerned.

"People say 'Well, he didn't run as a 2-year-old,' but he was probably ready to run Dec. 15. We were just looking for the right spot and Todd wanted to make sure it was longer than six furlongs because he's always felt that this horse is a two-turn horse. He's not a sprinter, although he's got the speed for it, that's not him."

For a chance at the Derby, Verrazano will need to earn enough points in the Kentucky Derby Championship Series to qualify. As for specifics, his connections are unsure at this time.

"Everything is on the table," said Sullivan. "We want to see how the horse is doing in the next 7 to 10 days, energy level wise, and go from there. I think we can run twice before the Derby, if we get lucky to do that. I think we could probably wait for one of the big ones and put all of our eggs in one basket. Todd will make that decision with me and Kevin [Scatuorchio] in the next two or three weeks."

"You almost feel like you're back for redemption," Sullivan said of returning to the Derby trail. "We tried with his brother last year and, while it went well, we didn't win what we wanted to. And now we're back again trying to do it. You wake up every day and cross your fingers and hope you can move on to the next day." -*Justina Severni*

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Robert Hammond enters his 22nd year in the industry and second as general manager at Darby Dan, where he’s responsible for the farm’s day-to-day management and business development. A native of England, Robert is a well-rounded horseman with a wide range of experiences in the industry in both Europe and in the States. In breeding, Robert has been a boarding farm owner and breeder, a bloodstock agent, and has done a lot of work with top stallions. Prior to his post at Darby Dan, he served as stallion director at WinStar where he worked in stallion marketing and development. Robert helped develop the careers of such leading sires as Tiznow, Speightstown, Harlan’s Holiday, and others. He also played a part in bringing Shackleford and Dialed In to Darby Dan for 2013. Robert has extensive experience on the racing side of the business too. He got his start in Thoroughbred horse racing in Newmarket and has worked as both a trainer and assistant trainer. Robert’s passion is in marketing, stallion & broodmare development, planned matings and enjoying the beauties of the Thoroughbred lifestyle.



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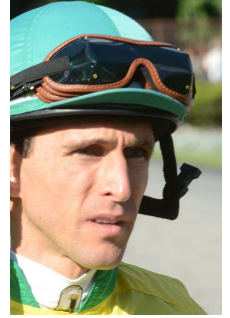
Keeneland has transferred the GI Madison S. to the Apr. 13 card which features the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. Blue Grass day will now include five stakes races--three of them Grade I--worth \$1.625 million. "Moving the Madison S. to Blue Grass Day makes a lot of sense for both the horsemen and the wagering public," said Keeneland Vice President of Racing W. B. Rogers Beasley. "This will make for a terrific day of racing--the strongest in the country on that day." The Madison S., a Grade I event since 2009, is for fillies and mares 4-year-olds and up and is run at seven furlongs on the main track. It was won last year by female sprint champion Groupie Doll (Bowman's Band). Keeneland's spring meeting runs from Apr. 5 through Apr. 26.



Keeneland  
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## DOMINGUEZ BEGINS REHABILITATION

Ramon Dominguez has been transferred to Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains, NY to begin inpatient therapy as he continues to recover from a fractured skull suffered in a spill at Aqueduct Jan. 18. "Ramon continues to do well and is improving every day," said the three-time Eclipse champion jockey's wife, Sharon Dominguez. "He was transferred to Burke on Wednesday, completed initial evaluations on Thursday, and started a brain injury rehabilitation program on Friday. As Ramon takes the next steps in his treatment, he and I would like to thank everyone again for the continued support and prayers. Although his injury will take time to heal, Ramon is on the road to a full recovery."



Ramon Dominguez  
Horsephotos

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### THOROUGHBRED RACING ECONOMIC INDICATORS JANUARY 2013

JANUARY 2013 vs. JANUARY 2012			
Indicator	Jan. '13	Jan. '12	% Change
Wagering on U.S. races	\$802,539,167	\$819,076,428	-2.02%
U.S. Purses	\$66,108,372	\$65,828,965	+0.42%
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Officials at Fort Erie Racetrack in Ontario announced at a press conference yesterday a deal for a two-year extension of its lease, set to expire Mar. 31, from racetrack owner and operator Nordic Gaming. The lease will be reduced from \$650,000 per year to \$395,000 per year.

Fort Erie was one of the first racetracks to come under fire last March when it was announced that the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation was to end the Slots at Racetracks agreement with Ontario's 17 Thoroughbred and Standardbred racetracks. Already threatened by a booming casino industry across the Niagara River in Buffalo, New York, the fledgling track appeared to be facing certain closure when its slots were removed in early May. In June the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, a non-profit organization that has been running the track since 2010, voted to close effective Dec. 31. Nonetheless, Fort Erie applied for 76 Thoroughbred dates and five Quarter Horse dates in 2013, with the hopes that, if a buyer could be found for the facility, live racing could continue.

According to local paper *Niagara This Week*, Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the FELRC, said he hopes this cost reduction will help the track secure live racing dates for 2013. This year, Ontario's tracks must present their financials to a three person government panel--including Rural Affairs Minister Ted McMeekin--for approval.

"We're ready to present this latest proposal to the province for approval," said Thibert. "It's now up to the panel to make a decision."

Thus far, only Woodbine and Mohawk, a Standardbred course, have been granted deals, with further announcements expected in the coming weeks, according to McMeekin's office.

Comments on today's paper 

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T-Carlos Bagu; J-Elias Toledo; Lifetime Record:

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2--Aire Bueno (Chi), c, 3, Ivan Denisovich--Arabian Girl (Chi), by Sadlers Congress. O-Stud La Estrella; B-Haras El Sheik; T-Juan Cavieres.

3--Sabor a Triunfo (Chi), f, 3, Dance Brightly--Sally Mash (Chi), by Mash One (Chi). O-Haras Trafalgar; B-Haras Puerta de Hierro; T-Alejandro Agujado.

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	GI GP Turf H.	GP
	GII San Marcos S.	SA
	GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint S.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP
Feb. 10	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
	Feb. 16	GII Mac Diarmida S.
Feb. 16	GII Barbara Fritchie H.	LRL
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
	GIII The Very One S.	GP
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG
	GIII Tampa Bay S.	TAM
Feb. 17	GII San Vicente S.	SA
	GIII Sabin S.	GP
Feb. 18	GI Buena Vista S.	SA
	GIII General George H.	LRL
	GIII Southwest S.	OP
	Feb. 23	GII Fountain of Youth S.
Feb. 23	GII Davona Dale S.	GP
	GII San Carlos S.	SA
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# PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

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**ROBERT B. LEWIS S.-GII**, \$196,000, SAX, 2-2, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42 4/5, ft.  
 1--#**@FLASHBACK**, 118, c, 3, by **Tapit**  
 1st Dam: **Rhumb Line**, by **Mr. Greeley**  
 2nd Dam: **Rose Rhapsody**, by **Pleasant Colony**  
 3rd Dam: **Rosy Spectre**, by **Nijinsky II**  
 (\$260,000 wlng '10 KEENOV). O-Gary & Mary West; B-William G Andrade MD & Michael E Hernon (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Julien R Leparoux. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$147,000. \*Full to Zazu, MGISW, \$691,985; 3/4 to Corinthian's Jewel (Corinthian), SW; 1/2 to Art Princess (Officer), GSP-GB. **Werk Nick Rating: A +**. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#), [the brisnet.com PPs](#) or [the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). **VIDEO**.

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Yet both were eclipsed in sensational style by Pulpit's son Tapit three days ago, when three of his sophomores scored at graded level.

Two of Tapit's winners, Flashback (GII Robert B. Lewis S.) and Honorable Dillon (GII Hutcheson S.), are among the 14 sons of the Gainesway stallion which have been entered for the Triple Crown events. Another is He's Had Enough, who gave Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday) such a good fight in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

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## FLASHBACK, c, 2010

<b>Tapit</b>	Pulpit	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
		Preach	Weekend Surprise
	Tap Your Heels	Unbridled	Mr. Prospector
		Ruby Slippers	Narrate
<b>Rhumb Line</b> 9-3-0-1 7Fls, 2GSW, 1SW	Mr. Greeley	Gone West	Fappiano
		Long Legend	Gana Facil
	Rose Rhapsody 13-0-2-1 12Fls	Pleasant Colony	Nijinsky II
		Rosy Spectre 11Fls	Moon Glitter
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At the moment, Flashback looks to have the stronger form, as he had more than six lengths to spare at Santa Anita over Den's Legacy (Medaglia d'Oro) (114 on the Experimental Free H.) and He's Had Enough (Tapit) (123 on the Experimental).

His potential has been obvious from an early age. He made \$260,000 as a weanling at Keeneland November, in a year when the top price for a Tapit foal was \$350,000. At that stage Flashback's elder sister Zazu was just a twice-raced maiden winner. However, she soon started to add to her brother's value, running the future Grade I winner Turbulent Descent (Congrats) to 1 1/2 lengths in the Moccasin S. later in November.

Zazu and Turbulent Descent were destined to meet a few more times. Although Turbulent Descent normally came out on top, Zazu took advantage of a five pound weight concession to beat her in the GI Las Virgenes S. over a mile. There was only a neck between the two at level weights when Turbulent Descent won the GI Santa Anita Oaks. Zazu also took revenge on her GI Kentucky Oaks conqueror Plum Pretty (Medaglia d'Oro) when the pair met again in the slightly shorter GII Hollywood Oaks. She also turned the tables on Ultra Blend (Richly Blended), who beat her in the Clement Hirsch S., in the GI Lady's Secret S.

Typically for a filly who did most of her racing in California, Zazu spent most of her time racing over 1 1/16 miles, so she isn't a great deal of help in deciding whether Flashback will flourish beyond a mile and an eighth.

With A.P. Indy and Unbridled as his grandsires and Seattle Slew and Nijinsky among his great-grandsires, Tapit isn't short of stamina in his pedigree, but then there are his two lines of Mr. Prospector to take into account. Flashback's pedigree carries another line of Mr. Prospector (making it 4x5x4) but also a second line of Nijinsky (4x4) and there are also two lines of Secretariat in the fifth generation.

Tapit has enjoyed graded stakes success over a mile and an eighth and a mile and a quarter, but perhaps not as often as you might expect. This may well owe quite a lot to the fact that his 21 graded winners include as many as 13 fillies. The exceptions over a mile and an eighth are Dance Card (GI Gazelle S.) and Concord Point (GII West Virginia Derby), with his best mile-and-a-quarter winners being Careless Jewel (GI Alabama S.), Headache (GII Hawthorne Gold Cup as a 5-year-old) and the Japanese dirt horse Testa Matta (winner of the Japan Dirt Derby over a mile and a quarter before becoming a G1 winner over a mile).

Flashback can't be expected to inherit much staying power from Mr. Greeley, sire of his dam Rhumb Line. Rhumb Line did her winning at up to a mile, while Mr. Greeley's best effort was arguably his second in the 1995 GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. **Cont. p9**



**Flashback**  
*Benoit*

# Another MAJESTIC performance...

- 02/02 Busher Stakes-L.R. by 7 lengths
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- 12/13 Allowance race by 5¼ lengths
- 11/08 Maiden Special Weight by 19 lengths

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By A.P. Indy and winner of the Hopeful Stakes-Gr.1

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Other big race prospects from his 1st crop include **Majestic Hussar** who booked his spot in the **Fountain of Youth S.-Gr.2** with an impressive win at Gulfstream Park on 19th January.

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However, another daughter of Mr. Greeley produced the GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Closing Argument to the speedy Successful Appeal and it is encouraging that Flashback's second and third dams are daughters of Pleasant Colony and Nijinsky. These are the non-winning Rose Rhapsody and the mile stakes winner Rosy Spectre. That said, I still need to see Flashback race some more before he convinces me that he will be suited by the Kentucky Derby distance.

An interesting aspect of Tapit's success as a stallion is that it has been achieved with quite a wide range of bloodlines. Mr. Greeley, the broodmare sire of Zazu and Flashback, is one of 19 different horses who appear among the broodmare sires of Tapit's 21 graded winners. The only other stallion whose name appears twice is Wild Again (sire of the dams of Joyful Victory and War Echo). The dominant force has been mares from the Storm Cat line, with Tapicat's win in the GIII Florida Oaks adding Storm Cat's name to a list which already features Sir Cat (Hansen), Hennessy (Careless Jewel), Tabasco Cat (Tell A Kelly) and Menifee (Dancinginherdreams).

Tapit's 3x4 inbreeding to Mr. Prospector has no doubt limited the number of Mr. Prospector line mares sent to him. However, he sired the Grade II winner Headache from a grand-daughter of Mr. Prospector, by Woodman. And now he has sired two very talented performers from Mr. Greeley's daughter Rhumb Line. Incidentally, Rhumb Line was sold for \$65,000 at Keeneland's 2007 January Sale, when carrying Zazu, but her price soared to \$850,000 when offered again in foal to Tapit at Keeneland's 2011 November Sale.

Part of the family's future lies in Japan, as Zazu was snapped up by Katsumi Yoshida for \$2,100,000 last November. Yoshida also owns Rhumb Line's Officer filly Art Princess. This group-placed 2-year-old visited Tapit in 2011 before being bought for \$400,000. Japanese interests also bought Flashback's sister Star of Sapphire for \$350,000 in 2011.

And for Tapit, the future looks extremely bright. His trio of graded winners on Saturday were sired when his fee was \$35,000, so there is every reason to get excited about his next few crops, sired at the escalating fees of \$50,000, \$80,000 and \$125,000.

A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters, an (S) will be used for state-bred races, a (C) will be used for maiden-claiming races and an (R) will be used for other restricted races.

## IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

### Points make the grade, too

"The new system isn't perfect, nor was the old system. Lost in all the consternation of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner no longer being guaranteed a spot in the Derby starting gate is that the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, Juvenile Turf, and Juvenile Fillies Turf winners aren't, either." **Ed DeRosa, TwinSpires.com Blog**

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"Some pundits might knock Verrazano because a Kentucky Derby victory would break the Apollo Jinx: No horse that did not start as a 2-year-old has won the Kentucky Derby since Apollo in 1882." **Sports Network, The Miami Herald**

### Distraction: Dog pulls horse [cnn.com](#)

### NEWS FROM THE GAMING WORLD:

### Finger Lakes Casino Expansion

"Construction is underway on a \$12 million project at the Finger Lakes Casino and Racetrack in Farmington, where an upgrade is expected to improve the casino and add jobs." **Mary McCombs, Your News Now**

### Lesniak to speak in Atlantic City this week about Internet gambling

"New Jersey's chief proponent of Internet gambling will head a two-day Atlantic City symposium focusing on the legal and regulatory challenges ahead as more and more states consider online wagering." **Donald Wittkowski, Press of Atlantic City**

### Cuomo plans non-Indian casino in Falls

"The Cuomo administration, frustrated with its longstanding financial dispute with the Seneca Nation and seeking more lucrative gambling revenues, will propose a new, non-Indian casino for downtown Niagara Falls." **Tom Precious, The Buffalo News**

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**New York**

**NYTB Seats 2013 Board:**

The Board of Directors of New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. unanimously re-elected Thomas Gallo, III as board vice president and Vivien Malloy as secretary/treasurer during its first meeting of 2013 held Monday. Both will serve two-year terms. Gallagher's Stud manager Mallory Mort was elected to the board in the 2012 election and will serve from January 2013 to Dec. 31, 2014. The complete NYTB board for 2013 is: Jerry Bilinski, DVM, owner of Waldorf Farm and Equine Medical Center; Chester Broman, owner of Chestertown Farm; Lois Engel, owner of Pucker Ridge Farm; Gallo, founder and managing owner of Parting Glass Racing and Thomas J. Gallo III Sales Agency, LLC, and owner of Blue Stone Farm; Michael Lischin, owner of Dutchess Views Farm; Malloy, owner of Edition Farm; Mort; Joanne T. Nielsen, owner of Sunnyfield Farm; Suzie O'Cain, co-manager Highcliff Stallions; Barry R. Ostrager, majority owner of Questroyal North; and Chris Purdy, DDS, owner of Ivy League Farm.

**Eastern U.S.**

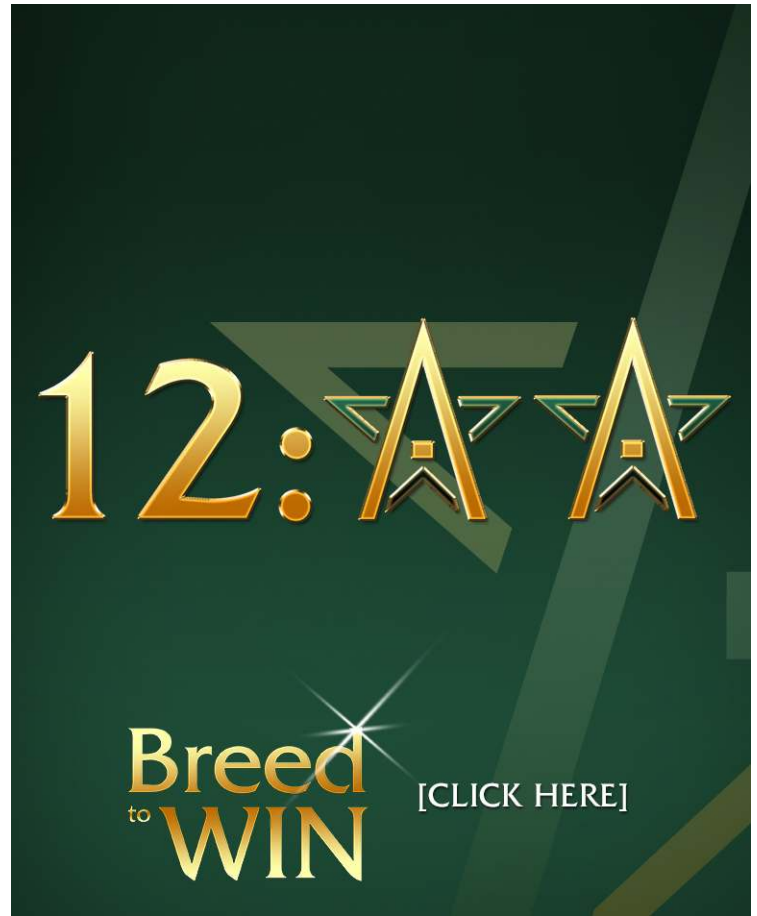
**Yesterday's Results:**

**5th-PRX, \$48,980, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13 1/5, ft.**  
+ **BIG SKY COUNTRY (f, 3, Put It Back--Wings of Gold, by Mineshaft)**, sent off at 6-1, broke well for her career debut, and found her way to a short lead after the opening furlong. Hounded by Rachy Nicole (Indygo Shiner) through an opening quarter in :22.93, Big Sky Country began to edge clear from that rival rounding the turn. Three lengths the best at the top of the lane, she maintained her lead under minimal urging, winning by 1 1/4 lengths over Road to Utopia (Bellamy Road). Rachy Nicole checked in fifth. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). O-Lynch Racing LLC. B-Eico Stable (FL). T-C A Lynch.

**Central U.S.**

**Dreaming of Three to Host OTTB Barrel Race:**

Dreaming of Three, a non-profit organization that raises funds for charities through horse and rodeo events, will host the 'Extreme Retired Racehorse Makeover Barrel Race' at the Simmons Equestrian Center in Negley, Ohio Aug. 2. Twelve off-track Thoroughbreds and 12 trainers will be selected for the event, and they will compete in two segments--a judged free style segment and a timed barrel race. The trainers will be selected by application (deadline March 1), and will have 100 days to train their OTTB. Dreaming of Three will post regular updates on the contestants through social media leading up to the event. Proceeds from the event will benefit CANTER and Ohio OTTB rescue Bright Futures Farm. For more information, visit [www.dreamingofthree.com](http://www.dreamingofthree.com) or call Jackie Harris at 724-272-3351.



**Yesterday's Results:**

**2nd-HOU, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41, ft.**  
**UNRIVALED HONOR (f, 3, Unbridled's Song--Honor Bestowed, by Honor Grades)** was a well-beaten ninth on debut at Fair Grounds Jan. 12, and was sent off the 1-5 favorite to graduate here. Dueling with All Red (Saguache) through tepid opening fractions, Unrivaled Honor drew clear by five lengths at the top of the stretch and extended her advantage, winning by 11 3/4 lengths over Ten is Magic (Tenpins). All Red checked in third. The winner is a half to Taqarub (Aldebaran), MSW & GSP, \$256,962. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,940. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#). O-Phillips Racing Partnership, Hank Snowden & Pam Gartin. B-John W Phillips & Hank Snowden (KY). T-Sтивен M Asmussen.

**Condition Codes for Allowance Races**

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
NW.....	Non-Winner of...
1-6.....	Number of Races
\$.....	Monetary Condition
R.....	Distance Condition
3M, 6M, 9M,	
Y, Y+, L.....	Time Period (ex: NW2L = NW 2 races lifetime)
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### IN JAPAN:

**Re Avventure**, c, 3, **Unbridled's Song**--Ocean Drive (MGSW & GISP, \$803,986), by Belong to Me. Kyoto, 2-3, Novice Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$67,742. O-Yoshio Oda; B-SyBon Racing Stable LLC; T-Hideyuki Mori. \*\$225,000 yrl '11 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to West Ocean (Elusive Quality), MSW, \$355,840.

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**Thingvellir**, c, 4, **Master Command**--State Cup, by Elusive Quality. Chukyo, 2-2, Plate Race, 9.5f. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$209,677. O-North Hills; B-Boyd Browning; T-Masamichi Wada. \*\$50,000 yrl '10 KEEJAN.

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### IN PERU:

+ **Egmont**, c, 3, **Consolidator**--Just Cozy, by Cozzene. Monterrico, 2-1, Cond, 1000m. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0. O-Stud Paracas; B-Bob & Cathy Zollars (Ky). \*\$4,000 yrl '11 FTKOCT.

**Esttefania's Town**, f, 3, **Speightstown**--Fresh Tracks (MSP-US, \$171,418), by Silver Deputy. Monterrico, 1-31, Cond, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1. O-Stud Doña Licha; B-Fares Farm Inc (Ky). \*\$20,000 yrl '11 KEESEP.

**El Maguito**, c, 3, **Student Council**--Ballybeg, by Bold Ruckus. Monterrico, 2-1, Cond, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0. O-Stud Papo's; B-LaDona Hudson & Millennium Farms (Ky). \*\$5,500 yrl '11 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Devil at the Wire (Devil His Due), SW & GSP-US, \$126,011.

**Cromatico**, c, 4, **Tale of the Cat**--Beatem Buster, by Honour and Glory. Monterrico, 1-31, Hcp, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 15-6-4-0. O-Stud H Fiesta; B-E Evans (Va). \*\$20,000 yrl '10 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Buster's Ready (More Than Ready), GISW-US, \$354,884.

**Zolotoi**, h, 5, **Borrego**--Valliant Dancer (SP-US, \$155,425), by Valiant Nature. Monterrico, 1-31, Hcp, 1000m. Lifetime Record: 20-6-1-3. O-Stud Haras Santa Maria; B-Marion G Montanari (Fla). \*\$12,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

**Mascar Face**, h, 5, **Congaree**--Easy Number, by Easy Goer. Monterrico, 1-31, Hcp, 1100m. Lifetime Record: 16-6-0-1. O-Stud Los Pandys; B-R McPeek & B Stewart (Ky). \*\$2,500 wnlq '08 KEENOV.

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**Full Energy**, h, 5, **Unbridled Energy**--Two Steppin' Toni (MSW-US, \$390,618), by Happy Jazz Band. Monterrico, 2-1, Hcp, 1000m. Lifetime Record: 15-5-4-1. O-Stud Yudhistira MHJ; B-Ironwater Farms Joint Venture (Ky). \*\$7,000 RNA yrl '09 KEEJAN; \$13,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

**Soy Franco**, h, 8, **Gulf Storm**--Letsplayhardball, by Fortunate Prospect. Monterrico, 1-31, Hcp, 1000m. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Per, 38-11-10-6. O-Stud Manning; B-H Crown Thoroughbred Ventures (Fla). \*\$9,000 wnlg '05 OBSOCT; \$1,000 RNA yrl '06 FTMOCT.

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GULFSTREAM PARK

Newsdad (Arch), 6f, 1:15.85, 1/1

PALM MEADOWS

Animal Kingdom (Leroïdesanimaux {Brz}), 5fT, 1:02.02, 17/27

Applauding (Congrats), 4f, :47.80, 1/51

Balance the Books (Lemon Drop Kid), 4f, :50.22, 32/51

Dancing Solo (Giant's Causeway), 3f, :37.11, 1/6

Hard Not to Like (Hard Spun), 4f, :47.80, 2/24

Inglorious (Hennessy), 5fT, :59.52, 1/27

Kya One (Fr) (One Cool Cat), 5fT, 1:04.11, 26/27

Noble Tune (Unbridled's Song), 4f, :50.22, 32/51

R Holiday Mood (Trippi), 4f, :50.60, 38/51

Samitar (GB) (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}), 3f, :37.45, 2/6

Stopshoppingmaria (More Than Ready), 4f, :50.68, 39/51

Tesseron (Tapit), 5fT, :59.67, 2/27

Went the Day Well (Proud Citizen), 5fT, :59.96, 4/27

PARX RACING

Il Villano (Pollard's Vision), 5f, 1:02.19, 1/3

SANTA ANITA PARK

Demonic (Bernardini), 5f, 1:00.20, 8/42

Dhaamer (Ire) (Dubai Destination), 3f, :37.60, 9/11

Goldencents (Into Mischieff), 6f, 1:12.40, 1/17

Lady of Shamrock (Scat Daddy), 5f, 1:00.80, 17/42

Mudflats (Tapit), 6f, 1:14.00, 7/17

My Miss Aurelia (Smart Strike), 4f, :51.80, 43/45

Title Contender (Pulpit), 5f, :59.80, 6/42



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## Australasia

### COMES UP ‘ACE’S’ AGAIN AT KARAKA

Following on a sales-record NZ\$125,000 topper Sunday, Westbury Stud’s freshman sire Swiss Ace (Aus) (Secret Savings) again provided the top price during the second and final day of New Zealand Bloodstock’s Festival Yearling Sale Monday. [Lot 1353](#), a colt out of the stakes-placed Stravinsky mare Poetic Music (NZ), was scooped up for NZ\$95,000 (US\$80,406) by Rogerson Bloodstock. The chestnut was consigned by Westbury.



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“He was the nicest horse here today and he proved that because he was the top lot of the day,” said Graeme Rogerson. “I think that by next year I’ll have to go to the Premier Sale to buy yearlings by Swiss Ace. I have backed him with my purchases in the sale and I think he’s going to make it as a sire.” He added, “Overall I think good horses sell well and they have here at Karaka this week.”

Rogerson also bought the previous session’s topper, and was the Festival Sale’s top buyer, taking home six yearlings for NZ\$339,000, good for an average of NZ\$56,500. The veteran horseman bought 21 horses in total during Karaka’s seven days of selling for a total of NZ\$1,662,000.

Gerry Harvey’s Westbury Stud was the leading vendor at the Festival Sale, selling 29 yearlings for an average of NZ\$23,707 and total of \$687,500. Over the entire week, Westbury’s 69 offerings to sell went for NZ\$4,040,000.

Aggregate sales for the Festival Sale totaled NZ\$3,429,200, compared to last year’s gross of NZ\$3,197,800 when the sale was held during only one session. The 2013 average dropped by 21% to NZ\$12,117.

“It has been a big week of selling, and with some apprehension leading into sales week there’s a sense of relief about how the market has performed and the results achieved given the economic challenges both here and overseas,” said NZB Co-Managing Director Petrea Vela of Karaka 2013, which also included the Premier Sale and Select Sale. “The crowds and activity at Karaka have been very buoyant right up until the rain came on the last day, and there has been good competition for good horses across every session. We would have liked to have seen a bit more firepower from our domestic market, but the slight increase from last year is encouraging. There have been a number of local trainers, owners and syndicators who have stepped up with confidence and we hope that they are well-rewarded. We are very grateful to everyone who has participated at Karaka over the past week, we thank them for their support and wish all our buyers the very best of luck with their Karaka purchases.”

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-PRX, \$64,540, NW1X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:43, ft. DILATORY (g, 4, Grand Reward--Golddigger Beware {MSP, \$155,289}, by Prenup) Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-4, \$179,530. O-William J Hartwell. B-Frances M Hartwell (PA). T-Ramon Preciado. \*1/2 to Golddigger's Boy (Jump Start), MSW, \$553,303; and Ucan'tcme (Bowman's Band), SW, \$104,780.**

**6th-HOU, \$21,500, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44 4/5, fm. ALLURE (m, 5, Invisible Ink--Hierarchy, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-3, \$64,843. O-Alvin Wong. B-Peachtree Stable (FL). T-Cary R White. \*\$25,000 2yo '10 OBSJUN.**

**7th-HOU, \$21,000, NW1X, (S), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5, ft. SHAWNEE JONES (c, 4, Seneca Jones--Sunnie Shawnee, by Sunny Clime) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$23,990. O/B-Sunny Sunset Ranch (TX). T-Danny Pish.**

**TDN TODAY**

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**9th-HOU, \$24,500, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW16MX, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:37 2/5, fm. MARINOUS (FR) (g, 7, Numerous--Marende {Fr}, by Panoramic {GB}) Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr & SW-Qat, 32-5-7-6, \$570,623. O-Eric & Randi Moreau-Sipiere. B-David, Julien, & Virginie Elias De Proenca (FR). T-Jerenesto Torrez. \*€70,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG; €105,000 RNA HRA '09 ARQARC; €190,000 RNA HRA '11 ARQARC. \*\*1/2 to Marende (Fr) (Green Tune), GSW-Fr, \$390,492.**

# BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Marseille-Pont-de-Vivoux, 20.10, 2-4, €17,000, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.61, stn. MAJESTIC OASIS (GB) (f, 4, Oasis Dream {GB}--Mycenae {GB}, by Inchinor {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11 starts, 3 wins, 6 places, €51,750. O-Ahmed Mouknass & Pandora Stud LLC; B-St Clare Hall Stud; T-Rod Collet. \*20,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT; €60,000 2yo '11 ARQMAY.**

**ITALY, Pisa, 15.20, 2-3, €9,000, 3, 6fT, time: n/a, hy. VIRGIN QUEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Iffraaj {GB}--Glencoe Solas {Ire}, by Night Shift) Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 7-3-1-1, €42,687. O-Dioscuri Srl; B-E Tynan; T-Stefano Botti. \*€9,000 yrl '11 TATIRE.**

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