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FOUNTAIN WORTH THE TRIP

Black Rock Stable's undefeated **Violence** (Medaglia d'Oro) is the marquee attraction as he makes his sophomore debut in today's GII Besilu Stables Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park, and while he is imposing, he is far from a one-man show. The \$600,000 KEESEP yearling, who counts champion and



Violence

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nine-time Grade I winner Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom {Fr}) as his third dam, defeated the talented Titledown Five (Tiznow) by a neck in his Aug. 18 bow at Saratoga. Given about 10 weeks to regroup, the striking colt picked up where he left off, coming from midpack for a

decisive two-length tally in the GII Nashua S. Nov. 4. From there, it was out to California for the GI CashCall Futurity Dec. 15, and he made light work of an overmatched group, sitting a perfect trip en route to a 1 1/4-length success.

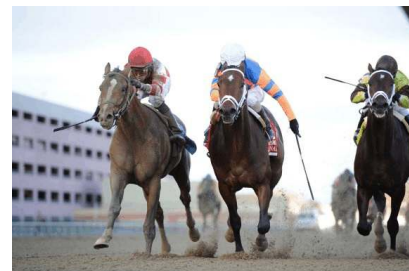
"We got him back here to Palm Meadows right after the CashCall," trainer Todd Pletcher explained recently. "He's done really well so far and everything has gone according to plan while we've focused on getting him ready for the Fountain of Youth. The main thing in choosing to run him in the CashCall was the timing and the fact that Hollywood, although it is a synthetic track, plays more like dirt than any of the other synthetics."

Trainer Eddie Plesa Jr. has GIII Holy Bull S. hero Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron) in the barn awaiting his date in the GI Florida Derby Mar. 30, but is not without a chance here in the form of **Speak Logistics** (Lawyer Ron). Last year's In Reality S. winner against fellow Florida-breds, he didn't land a blow, but neither was he totally embarrassed when seventh to Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday) and **He's Had Enough** (Tapit) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 3. He returned in the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Feb. 2 and struck trouble at the quarter pole before settling for fourth to **Falling Sky** (Lion Heart).

"He certainly would have been closer," Plesa said, referring to the Davis. "At the time he was getting ready to move to the lead, he got shut off and lost all his momentum. He got beat [4 1/4] lengths for the whole thing. I'm not saying he would have won the race because it was his first race back off a layoff, but he would have been right there." **Cont. p4**

SEVERAL CHANCES IN RISEN STAR

Even with the prospect of at least two scratches, today's GII Risen Star S. has attracted a diverse group of runners from coast-to-coast. A case can be made for as many as a half-dozen in the race, and **Normandy Invasion** (Tapit) will face a stiff test on a few levels in this first-up run. The Fox Hill runner breezed home by better than nine lengths going Aqueduct's one-turn mile Nov. 2, but drew widest in the field of 10 for the GII Remsen S. Spotting those rivals significant experience, the bay commenced a rally fully a half-mile from home and looked a winner until Overanalyze (Dixie Union) came and got him in the dying strides. The May foal has trained spectacularly at Palm Meadows and should appreciate this track's long run in, but does face an uncertain pace scenario. One thing that does seem a certainty is that Calumet Farm's **Oxbow** (Awesome Again) will find himself in the early mix. A decent fourth behind Violence (Medaglia d'Oro) in the GI CashCall Futurity Dec. 15, the bay got the services of noted gate rider Jon Court for the GIII Lecomte S. Jan. 19 and led throughout en route to a dominating 11 1/2-length score from **Golden Soul** (Perfect Soul {Ire}). **Cont. p3**



Normandy Invasion (left) just misses in the Remsen *Adam Coglianese*

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Quality over Quantity in Davona Dale

The connections of just five sophomore fillies signed on for today's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream Park, but it is a quintet full of quality. TDN Rising Star Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy) kicks off her 3-year-old campaign, and will be a strong favorite, but will have to deal with upstart rivals in the form of Live Lively (Medaglia d'Oro) and Private Ensign (A.P. Indy).



Dreaming of Julia
Adam Coglianesi

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Running 'Lutes'

Streaks don't come any hotter than the one Hill 'n' Dale young stallion Midnight Lute (Real Quiet--Candytuft, by Dehere) is on. The farm's John Sikura talks with our Marie Kizenko about the sire of Grade II winner Shakin It Up and TDN Rising Star Midnight Lucky.

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Risen Star S. cont.

It's possible that the race will fall into Oxbow's lap again, but California raider **Code West** (Lemon Drop Kid) could have something to say about the early fractions. Owned by Gary and Mary West, who also campaign top Golden Stater and Triple Crown hopeful Flashback (Pulpit), the full-brother to multiple Grade II winner Charitable Man required four starts to graduate, doing so at 1-5 at Santa Anita Oct. 26. The \$340,000 KEESEP yearling purchase had the misfortune of running in to stablemate Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit) in a first-level allowance Jan. 31 in Arcadia and finished a clear runner-up to the next-out GIII Southwest S. winner. He gets blinkers off today and may be ridden forward by Martin Garcia.

Proud Strike (Smart Strike) looks the sleeper of this bunch. A distant third on his Oct. 28 Churchill debut to the well-regarded Titledown Five (Tiznow), he was



Proud Strike Hodges photography

runner-up to Bradester (Lion Heart) beneath the Twin Spires Nov. 24. The latter came back to register a good-looking Gulfstream allowance win Jan. 1, while Proud Strike galloped by 7 1/2 lengths in a local maiden washed

off the turf Jan. 12. The second, third and ninth home that afternoon each won their maidens in their most recent appearances. Proud Strike is a grandson of Charitable donation (Saint Ballado), the dam of Code West.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:57 p.m. EST
RISEN STAR S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1 Proud Strike (K)	Smart Strike	Stevens	Asmussen	8-1
2 Code West (K)	Lemon Drop Kid	Garcia	Baffert	6-1
3 Agent	Dehere	Eramia	McAnally	30-1
4 Golden Soul	Perfect Soul (Ire)	Mena	Stewart	20-1
5 Mylute	Midnight Lute	Bridgmohan	Amoss	6-1
6 Palace Malice (K)	Curlin	Napravnik	Pletcher	8-1
7 Hardrock Eleven (K)	Rock Hard Ten	Theriot	Banks	50-1
8 Ive Struck a Nerve (K)	Yankee Gentleman	Graham	Desormeaux	30-1
9 Normandy Invasion (K)	Tapit	Lezcano	Brown	5-2
10 Oxbow (K)	Awesome Again	Court	Lukas	5-1
11 Bethel	Pulpit	Diego	Dorochenko	50-1
12 He's Had Enough (K)	Tapit	Scr	Scr	Scr
13 Circle Unbroken (K)	Broken Vow	Goncalves	Simms	20-1
14 Departing	War Front	Scr	Scr	Scr
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15 Sunbean	Brahms	Hernandez	Stall	12-1

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Majestic Hussar (Majestic Warrior) has the distinction of owning this field's highest Beyer Speed Figure, earning a 94 for a seven-furlong allowance victory over today's GII Risen Star S. hopeful **Palice Malice** (Curlin) in the slop Jan. 19. Trainer **Eddie Kenneally**, who also trains **Majestic Hussar's** half-sibs **Tiz Sardonic Joe** (Tiznow) and **Joes Blazing Aaron** (Graeme Hall), knows he has a top sprinter and stretches him out here today to see if there's more in the tank.

Orb (Malibu Moon) will get to take the shortest way around, having drawn the fence for his stakes debut. The Janney/Phipps homebred was fourth behind subsequent GII Jerome S. hero **Vyjack** (Into Mischief) and recent Jimmy Winkfield S. hero **Clawback** (Put It Back) in a Nov. 10 maiden at Aqueduct before defeating GIII Withers S. hero **Revolutionary** (War Pass) into third going that track's one-turn mile Nov. 24. Lasix went on for the first time in his career in a first-level allowance over this track and distance Jan. 26, and the colt came from last in a field of seven to take it by a length. Joel Rosario jumps ship in favor of **Speak Logistics**, but John Velazquez is more than an able substitute.

Team Valor International's **Cerro (Ire)** (Mr. Greeley) defeated Sky Captain (Sky Mesa) in a nine-furlong allowance here Jan. 26, but likely faces a more difficult time on the engine here, where he will have to deal with **Majestic Hussar** and **Elmutahid** (Street Cry {Ire}).

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:35 p.m. EST
BESILU STABLES FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP HORSE	OWNER	BREEDER	TRAINER/JOCKEY	ML
1 Orb <i>(c, 3, Malibu Moon--Lady Liberty, by Unbridled)</i>	Stuart Janney & Phipps Stable	Stuart Janney III & Phipps Stable-KY	McGaughey Velazquez	12-1
2 Joshua's Comprise <i>(c, 3, Comprise--Princess Alert, by Katowice)</i>	Rose Family Stable	Rose Family Stable-FL	Rose Prado	30-1
3 Violence Ⓜ <i>(c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Violent Beauty, by Gone West)</i>	Back Rock Thoroughbreds LLLP	Dell Ridge Farm LLC-KY	Pletcher Castellano	9-5
4 Majestic Hussar <i>(c, 3, Majestic Warrior--Distorted Blaze, by Distorted Humor)</i>	Joseph Witek	Joseph Witek-KY	Kenneally Saez	6-1
5 Elmutahid <i>(c, 3, Street Cry {Ire}--Alwajeeha, by Dixieland Band)</i>	Shadwell Stable	Shadwell Farm LLC-KY	McLaughlin Bravo	20-1
6 Cerro (Ire) <i>(c, 3, Mr. Greeley--Ballette {Ire}, by Giant's Causeway)</i>	Team Valor International	Manganaro LLC-Ire	Motion Rocco	4-1
7 Sky Captain Ⓜ <i>(c, 3, Sky Mesa--Anchors Away, by Smarty Jones)</i>	John C Oxley	Three Chimneys & Serengeti Stable-KY	Casse Husbands	10-1
8 Speak Logistics <i>(c, 3, High Cotton--Miss Sabrina, by Summer Squall)</i>	Hardway Stables	Centaur Farms Inc-FL	Plesa Rosario	12-1
9 He's Had Enough Ⓜ <i>(c, 3, Tapit--Amelia, by Dixieland Band)</i>	Reddam Racing LLC	Alexander Groves Matz LLC-KY	O'Neill Gutierrez	8-1
10 Falling Sky Ⓜ <i>(c, 3, Lion Heart--Sea Dragoness, by Sea Hero)</i>	Newtown Anner Stud, Covello & Bulger	Copper Penny Stables LLC-PA	Terranova Espinoza	6-1
11 Sr. Quisqueano <i>(c, 3, Exclusive Quality--Royal Navy, by Polish Navy)</i>	Rosa Stephany Taveras	Do-Little Farm LLC-FL	Olivares Olivero	30-1

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'JULIA' VULNERABLE IN SEASONAL DEBUT?

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Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy) looks to be the clear class of the field in today's GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream Park, but may be for the



Dreaming of Julia A Coglianesse

taking in her dreaded first start since last year's Breeders' Cup. The daughter of dual Grade I winner Dream Rush (Wild Rush) was untouchable in her first two career starts, winning a Saratoga maiden Aug. 6 and the Sept. 9 Meadow Star S. by a combined 26 3/4

lengths. She got the first real

test of her career from My Happy Face (Tiz Wonderful) in the GI Frizette S. Oct. 6 at Belmont, but dug in determinedly to last by a head. She found herself unusually far from the pace in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and turned in a mostly even effort behind Beholder (Henny Hughes), finishing 5 1/4 lengths back in third. She could be sharper for the comebacker, but **Live Lively** (Medaglia d'Oro) is expected to be prominent as she stretches out to a distance of ground for the first time. The Lee Lewis runner defeated **Lady Banks** (Successful Appeal) by three-parts of a length when they squared off in a Nov. 23 maiden at Aqueduct, and, while Lady Banks returned to annex the Jan. 12 Ruthless S., Live Lively led every step of the way to thrash an entry-level allowance field by 11 1/4 lengths Jan. 1. **Private Ensign** (A.P. Indy) could be the beneficiary of any speed duel. A popular graduate in her first two-turn endeavor on Boxing Day, the Siena homebred added a professional allowance victory Jan. 25. She gets a positive jockey switch to Javier Castellano and looks lives in this spot.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 4:35 p.m. EST

DAVONA DALE S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Private Ensign	A.P. Indy	Castellano	Romans	4-1
2	Lady Banks	Successful Appeal	Rocco	Lawrence	6-1
3	Dreaming of Julia	A.P. Indy	Velazquez	Pletcher	4-5
4	Live Lively	Medaglia d'Oro	Rosario	Hennig	5-2
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CARLITO'S WAY

Today's GII San Carlos S. features a number of runners looking to get back on track, but **Midnight Transfer** (Hard Spun) may have been reborn as an off-the-pace sprinter. After winning the 6 1/2-furlong San Pedro S. last winter, the chestnut ran third to Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway) and Bodemeister (Empire Maker) in the GII San Felipe S., but he was sidelined after finishing seventh in the GI Santa Anita Derby. He came back to earn a 103 Beyer Speed Figure in a local optional claimer Jan. 3, and should get the right set up for his new running style. Barry Schwartz's **The Lumber Guy** (Grand Slam) followed up his GI Vosburgh S. victory by running second in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint Nov. 3, but he never fired as the 4-5 chalk in the GI Malibu S. on opening day, fading to seventh. The grey has been training sharply for his return, sizzling five-eighths in :58.40. "Honestly, I thought he went about a minute flat," said Garrett Gomez. "He wasn't doing much down the lane, but he was going fast enough where I felt I was hitting that minute. I didn't want to squeeze him or anything. We liked the work, we liked the way he did it and, hopefully, he'll bounce back and run more like his Breeders' Cup race."

Saturday, Santa Anita Park, post time: 7:07 p.m. EST
SAN CARLOS S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Comma to the Top	Bwana Charlie	Maldonado	Miller	4-1
2	Capital Account	Closing Argument	Flores	Baffert	4-1
3	Justin Phillip	First Samurai	Smith	Asmussen	8-1
4	Canonize	Aldebaran	Valdivia Jr	Ellis	15-1
5	Midnight Transfer	Hard Spun	Bejarano	Gaines	3-1
6	Sahara Sky	Pleasant Tap	Talamo	Hllndrfr	6-1
7	The Lumber Guy	Grand Slam	Gomez	Drysdale	5-2
8	Drill	Lawyer Ron	Leparoux	Baffert	12-1

'BUDGET' TOPS BIG RACHEL FIELD

Rachel Alexandra (Medaglia d'Oro) included Fair Grounds during her 2009 Horse of the Year campaign, and the big mare has been in the news for over a week since undergoing emergency surgery after foaling. It remains to be seen whether any of these 10 fillies can scale that champion's heights, but Repole Stable's **Unlimited Budget** (Street Sense) has done everything



Unlimited Budget Jessica Hansen

right thus far, and merits top billing in today's GIII Rachel Alexandra S. Tabbed as a **"TDN Rising Star"** following her Nov. 9 debut at Aqueduct, the Florida-bred bay showed she could handle nine panels with a front-running tally in the GII Demoiselle S. 15 days later. She is the 5-2 choice on the morning line, and second to her at 7-2 is Brereton Jones's **Dancinginthecircle** (Divine Park), who shows a pair of bullets in her last two works over this strip. A distant second behind subsequent Grade I winner Pure Fun (Pure Prize) in a Churchill optional claimer Nov. 24, the chestnut trounced her rivals by nine lengths next out in the By the Light S. at Delta Downs Jan. 4. At the rate Gary Stevens is going, **Midnight Ballet** (Midnight Lute) rates a long look. The Stoneway Farm colorbearer has raced just once on conventional dirt, finishing fifth behind runaway winner and eventual champion Beholder (Henny Hughes) in a sprint on the Santa Anita main track. The dark bay rallied next out to claim on the Sharp Cat S. on Betfair Hollywood's Cushion Track Nov. 11, but needs to improve off her latest fifth in the GI Hollywood Starlet S. Dec. 8.

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:25 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Finding More	Trickey Trevor	Jacinto	Gorder	8-1
2	Alluring Lady	Indygo Shiner	Eramia	Werner	12-1
3	Dancinginthecircle	Divine Park	Thompson	Jones	7-2
4	Neith	Dynaformer	Court	Lukas	20-1
5	Blue Violet	Curlin	Guidry	Jones	8-1
6	Promise Me More	More Than Ready	Mena	Hawley	12-1
7	Unlimited Budget	Street Sense	Napravnik	Pletcher	5-2
8	Every Way	City Zip	Lezcano	Stidham	6-1
9	Midnight Ballet	Midnight Lute	Stevens	Proctor	8-1
10	Daddy's Song	Scat Daddy	Bridgmohan	Dsrmeaux	10-1

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park, post time: 5:05 p.m. EST

CANADIAN TURF S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Joels Blazing Aaron	Graeme Hall	Velazquez	Kenneally	6-1
2	Beau Choix	Elusive Quality	Saez	Tagg	6-1
3	Howe Great	Hat Trick (Jpn)	Rosario	Motion	4-1
4	Data Link	War Front	Castellano	McGaughey	2-1
5	Cash Rules	Peace Rules	Trujillo	Fawkes	10-1
6	Empire Builder	Kitten's Joy	Castanon	Duco	15-1
7	Global Power (K)	Pulpit	Lopez	Gibson	20-1
8	Scatman (K)	Scat Daddy	Prado	Mott	12-1
9	Night Party	Rahy	Sellers	Huffman	20-1
10	Za Approval	Ghostzapper	Bravo	Clement	5-1
<i>Also Eligibles:</i>					
11	Gourmet Dinner	Trippi	Madrid	Brown	6-1

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:25 p.m. EST

FAIR GROUNDS H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Major Gain	More Than Ready	Graham	Roussel	20-1
2	Strike Impact (K)	Smart Strike	Bridgmohan	Dupuy	12-1
3	Willcox Inn	Harlan's Holiday	Lezcano	Stidham	4-1
4	Unlatch	Horse Chestnut (SAF)	Hernandez	Stall	6-1
5	Bim Bam	Deputy Wild Cat	Eramia	Asmussen	10-1
6	Two Mnths Rent (K)	Purim	Napravnik	Toner	12-1
7	Optimizer	English Channel	Court	Lukas	3-1
8	Quality Control (Brz)	Northern Afleet	Goncalves	Amoss	15-1
9	Hyper	Victory Gallop	Stevens	Brown	8-1
10	Cavalero	Osidy	Guidry	Catalano	12-1
11	Macho Bull (K)	Macho Uno	Diego	Dorochenko	12-1
12	Golden Yank	Yankee Gentleman	Mena	Thomas	12-1

Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:55 p.m. EST

MINESHAFT H.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Raison d'Etat (K)	A.P. Indy	Court	Lukas	20-1
2	Mark Valeski (K)	Proud Citizen	Napravnik	Jones	2-1
3	Golden Yank	Yankee Gentleman	McMahon	Thomas	12-1
4	Cool Street	Street Cry (Ire)	Jacinto	Flint	6-1
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Rydilluc to Make Next Start in Palm Beach...

The Gary Contessa trained **Rydilluc** (Medaglia d'Oro) will make his next start in the \$150,000 GIII Palm Beach S. Mar. 3, according to his conditioner. A winner second out over the Aqueduct turf, Rydilluc romped to a 5 3/4-length win in a Gulfstream optional claimer Jan. 5. "The Palm Beach has been the long-range plan for him for about two months," said Contessa. "He has trained fantastic down there. He trained so good on dirt before his first start I thought he'd gallop, but he never even got involved. Then we said 'maybe he's a turf horse' and he was very impressive winning his second start. However, we still haven't ruled out anything and he still could be on the 'Derby Trail.' If things go well in the Palm Beach, we'll consider the [GI Toyota] Blue Grass [S. at Keeneland Apr. 13] or the [GIII] Spiral [S. at Turfway Park Mar. 23]."

Comments on today's paper 

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Called to Serve Fires Big 'Cap Bullet...

Marc Ferrell's **Called to Serve** (Afleet Alex) tuned up for next Saturday's GI Santa Anita H. Friday morning, drilling a bullet five furlongs in :59 1/5 with Gary Stevens in the irons, just before departing for Saturday stakes in New Orleans.

"I was very pleased with the work," explained trainer Nick Canani, whose father, Julio, saddled Martial Law to a 50-1 upset in the 1989 Big 'Cap. "He worked great. He did it the right way and I really couldn't ask for much more. I'm happy that Gary breezed him a second time [he was aboard for a six-furlong bullet in 1:13 2/5 on Feb. 16]. I think having him work him one more time allowed them to get to know each other a little bit better. The second time's always better than the first."




Called to Serve Jim McCue/MJC

Stevens takes over from Joel Rosario, who has been engaged by trainer Rudy Rodriguez to ride Vyjack (Into Mischief) in the GII Gotham S. next Saturday.

Called to Serve enters the Big 'Cap on a two-race winning streak, having taken the GIII Discovery H. at Aqueduct by 4 3/4 lengths Nov. 17 and Laurel's Broad Brush S. by 5 3/4 lengths Dec. 31.

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This Sire Is On Fire

Midnight Lute at the Oasis

Few things make connections happier than when a young stallion starts getting winners in bunches, and John Sikura's phone at Hill 'n' Dale Farm was ringing off the hook after an exceptional showing by the first-crop progeny of Midnight Lute (Real Quiet). Retired to stud after his historic second victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint in 2008, the 17-hand stallion was represented by

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Midnight Lucky ([video](#)) at Santa Anita, and his Shakin It Up ([video](#)) secured the GII San Vicente S. the following afternoon. He was also represented by Midnight Aria ([video](#)) and Governor Charlie ([video](#)), who broke their maidens at Gulfstream and Santa Anita, respectively.

"He's been a sold-out horse from the beginning," Sikura said. "He's had over a 100 mares every year, but with the weekend he had, I think we sold 46 seasons in two days, Monday and Tuesday.

"He's gotten off the mark flying, which is very exciting," Sikura continued. "I had a strong impression that they were going to be 3-year-olds, rather than 2-year-olds, because they hadn't trained with precocity. If you look at the physical make-up of Midnight Lute, he's a great, big, magnificent horse, but not one that you would think would be nimble and early. They're all big-framed horses that are well-proportioned. There's some variety in the color and the size, but they have great quality and they're long, loose walkers. They're athletes.

"Sometimes if they don't run at two, maybe they just don't run," Sikura added with a laugh, "but in this case, they came around at the end of the year. There were some very impressive maiden winners that have shown real promise, so we're very excited."



Midnight Lute
Sarah K Andrew

Purchased privately by Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman after RNA'ing for \$290,000 at OBS March in 2005 (*see sidebar, p11*), the seal-brown colt captured his lone start at two at Del Mar. He came back at three to annex Keeneland's GIII Perryville S., and was named champion sprinter at four following wins in the GI Forego S. at Saratoga and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint at Monmouth.

Midnight Lute may have made his name in one-turn races, but he certainly had the bottom side to carry it further. His third dam Berkut was by *Sea-Bird II out of an Italian Oaks winner, and his granddam Bolt From the Blue (Blue Times) won the 12-furlong GIII La Prevoyante H. His career was limited in distance due to circumstances beyond his control, according to Sikura.

"He had some issues late as a 2-year-old and had a throat operation," Sikura explained. "He won the Breeders' Cup on essentially one breath. He had another throat surgery because the first one didn't work fully. It's a remarkable feat that he could back up and win the Breeders' Cup again with that issue. He had a great throat as a 2-year-old.

"You just have to look at his offspring," Sikura explained. "Some people have said, 'Well, he was a sprinter, and if a sprinter doesn't get 2-year-olds, then it doesn't bode well for the horse.' But if you look a bit further, he wasn't a sprinter, in his make-up or his pedigree. The only reason he sprinted is because he was compromised later in his career. Bob Baffert was able to patch him up and show his one-run speed, but I believe he was a Classic horse, a mile-and-a-quarter horse. I really think that was his aptitude."

With both Pegram and Watson's mares residing at Hill 'n' Dale and having a longstanding relationship with Baffert, the nursery was a natural choice to stand Midnight Lute.

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Midnight Lute cont.

He entered stud in 2009 just as the economic recession made its presence felt on all industries, but Sikura was hopeful the big horse would sell himself.

"The bloodstock market was down across the board," he said. "We priced him fairly, which is first and foremost the most successful denominator. We were sure that when people came to look at the horse, he would satisfy anybody's eye. If I was asked to describe Midnight Lute, I'd say, 'Think of the perfect horse, then make him four inches taller and six inches longer.' He's almost like Michael Jordan--6' 6" and perfectly proportioned. He just looks like an athlete, and has great balance. It's a tribute to the eye of Bob Baffert--he can always spot an athlete at a sale.

"It was a great show of loyalty, and it was a vote of confidence that we could get the job done, and so far it's been very successful," Sikura added.

The Hill 'n' Dale President also made sure to get as many different types of mares as possible to the new recruit.

"It may sound uncomplicated, but you get a large group of mares of varied backgrounds, pedigrees,



Midnight Lucky
Benoit photo

ownership and ability--if you breed enough of those mares and the horse is a good sire, you're going to get runners," Sikura summed up. "All of the hand-picked theories that people say made the horse, they sound good, but what about the

stallion in the next stall that had a better race record that didn't make it? Did they try for him *not* to be a success?

"I have a theory when it comes to sires: the genetic switch is either on or it's off," he added. "If it's on, you can't stop him; if it's off, there's nothing you can really do. So you breed a lot of mares and see what happens. After the fact, when a horse has runners, you can see some affinities, so you try to multiply those opportunities. But going in--year one--you only have opinions of what might work. If you preclude other types of mares or pedigrees from access to the horse based on a theory that's not yet proven, that could be disastrous. You have to try to stay out of the horse's way."

According to *TDN* Progeny PP Counts ([click here](#)), Midnight Lute is atop the sophomore sire standings with seven individual winners during the last 30 days. That could get even better this afternoon, when Mylute tests the Triple Crown trail waters in the GII Risen Star S. and Sharp Cat S. heroine Midnight Ballet looks to continue the hot hand of Gary Stevens in the GIII Rachel Alexandra S.

"We've got another big weekend coming up with two horses running in New Orleans in the premier races, so there's a lot to look forward to," Sikura offered. "We think he's a great opportunity to breed to a multiple champion that's getting runners for only \$15,000. Breed quickly because there won't be any soon!

"That's one of the hallmarks that we've stayed true to, offering the breeders value, so that they have a chance to make money and thrive when they breed to your horses," Sikura pointed out. "Maintaining relationships with customers pays off when you have a quiet year. Breeders seem to make their decision on what they think the market acceptance is for a horse--how well did the yearlings sell? how well did the 2-year-olds sell?--but really, the only way you know if a sire is a good sire is when their offspring run. It may be counterintuitive, but the market is wrong more than it's right.

"The proof is when they open the latch and they run, whether they have heart and can stand the pressure," Sikura summed up. "We've been optimistic and hopeful with Midnight Lute. We hope and think that they're going to get better, and that the horses that are prominent now are going to go on to significant things."

Midnight Lute's three Santa Anita winners last weekend are trained by Bob Baffert--whose Twitter handle is @midnightlute--and are all or partly owned by Pegram. Shakin It Up and Governor Charlie were both produced by daughters of Pegram's champion Silverbulletday, while Midnight Lucky was a \$220,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase. Her dam is a full-sister to Pegram's Grade I winner Hookedonthefeelin (Citidancer). The grey filly just might be any kind after toying with a nicely bred group and earning a 100 Beyer Speed Figure.

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Midnight Lucky as a yearling
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"I thought she was the most impressive 3-year-old filly I've seen in a long time," Sikura said. "She was just awesome. She went very fast and she won with authority. You don't see that very often. It's one thing to win by a big margin on a sloppy track or something, but to do it out there in California against a nice group of horses is something else. The sky's the limit for her."

From Hidden Gem to Top Prospect...

Before Midnight Lute was a promising young stallion, he was a promising young racehorse. Bred by Tom



Midnight Lute
Lee Thomas

Evans, Macon Wilmil Equines and Marjac Farm, Midnight Lute was produced by Candytuft (Dehere), an unraced daughter of Grade III winner Bolt from the Blue (Blue Times). To be frank, when he was offered at the 2004 Keeneland September Sale, Midnight Lute wasn't getting much help from his catalogue page. It's fair to say the bloom was off Real Quiet's rose as a sire, and his dam had produced nothing of merit. But none of that mattered to Tom McGreevy, not after the bloodstock agent eyed the colt

deep into the marathon sale, and McGreevy purchased him for \$70,000 in the last hour of selling on Day 10 of the auction.

"I had seen him the day before and just loved him--at that point in the sale, you don't expect that kind of horse, and I was lucky enough to buy him for \$70,000," said McGreevy, who now as the principal buyer for Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm has also purchased horses like Horse of the Year Havre de Grace (Saint Liam).

McGreevy purchased Midnight Lute as Caldera Racing, a partnership made up of his brothers Mark and Dan, and the original plan was to race the colt. But early reports from Florida, where he was in training with Jeff Kirk, spoke to a horse that was progressing in leaps and bounds, and McGreevy asked juvenile consignor Eddie Woods--who already had some of McGreevy's horses--to go check out Midnight Lute.



Midnight Lute's Shakin It Up
Benoit photo

"They pulled this big, beautiful, black horse out of the stall, and I thought, 'Oh s**t, yeah, that'll work,'" said Woods.

Transferred to Woods's farm, Midnight Lute kept impressing his new conditioner, who wasn't concerned with the colt's unfashionable pedigree. "He was always such a beautiful mover, and them beautiful movers just do stuff that other horses don't," he said. "For as big as he was, he wasn't ever really gangly--he just got stouter and stouter." **Cont. p12**

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Midnight Lute cont.

Expectations were high when Midnight Lute was entered in the 2005 OBS March Sale. But when he worked a quarter in :22 flat at the under-tack show--a good breeze that nonetheless didn't threaten the day's :21 2/5 bullet time--he didn't meet those expectations in the sale ring, and McGreevy bought him back for \$290,000.

"He was by Real Quiet, and nobody wanted a Real Quiet at that time," said McGreevy. "But I just loved this horse, and I stood my ground. I said to Eddie, 'I'm not going to sell this horse for less than \$300,000.' I know people thought I was crazy, but he was real well received at the sales. I think he was scoped 10 times, and by the right people. But nobody wanted to step up and buy him, so I bought him back."

Woods admitted Midnight Lute's workout time was a bit of a hindrance. "I actually thought he'd go a hair quicker," said Woods. "He went in :22 flat, but that wasn't good enough--they're not brave enough to buy them off a work like that. So I did think he'd go quicker, but then again, being a way-back, come-from-behind sprinter, he never ran :22 flat again. Anyway, we thought we had a fairly good horse, and for once, we were right."

The McGreevy brothers wouldn't continue to own Midnight Lute for long, however. Just after the sale, trainer Bob Baffert called and said that, after seeing the breeze video, he was interested in the colt. McGreevy told Woods, "He knows the price--I'm not coming down." The future Hall of Famer didn't haggle. Midnight Lute went on to make nearly \$2.7 million.

Both McGreevy and Woods now have some experience with Midnight Lute's offspring. Woods pinhooked a handful of Midnight Lute juveniles last year--he said he doesn't have any for the 2013 season--while McGreevy's purchases included the promising 3-year-old filly Midnight Rider. That \$140,000 FTKJUL acquisition recently ran second in a six-furlong Fair Grounds maiden special after attending a hot pace in her second career start. Steve Asmussen trains the filly for Fox Hill, and McGreevy said he's eager to stretch Midnight Rider out to two turns.

"I think one misconception people have about him as a sire is that he is going to get sprinters," said McGreevy. "He wasn't bred to be a sprinter, and he didn't look like a sprinter. I think they're going to be later-developing, and I think people are going to be surprised how many of them are going to go two turns. I think later in their 3-year-old years, they're really going to start showing up. We've got a horse [Normandy Invasion] in the Risen Star [tomorrow], and we're up against one [a Midnight Lute colt] who won by 10 lengths last time going around two turns."

McGreevy said he felt Midnight Lute didn't develop into a Classic-type horse himself only because of documented breathing problems. "He had a few tie-back surgeries," said McGreevy. "But those great horses, they can do anything. If he could have got some air, he would have been a Classic horse. It also shows what kind of horse he was mentally. A lot of horses can't handle multiple tie-back surgeries mentally, but he was just such a quiet, collected horse who went about his business. He had a great attitude, nothing ever bothered him, and he was just a very kind horse. When you get to that level, that means a lot. He was a pleasure to be around, and never had any problems. He went right through the program."

Woods said that trait--a good mind--is something Midnight Lute is passing on to his offspring.

"We've had several, and while none of them has looked much like him, for the most part, they're like him in that they're pretty quiet horses and they're good movers," he said.

McGreevy recalled the first time he saw Midnight Lute galloping at Eddie Woods's training center. "I turned to Eddie and said, 'THAT'S the horse,'" said McGreevy.

He was right, of course, and it looks like he continues to be.

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STEVE SHERACK:

GII Risen Star S. - Not the biggest fan of the three likely favorites here--**Normandy Invasion** (Tapit), **Oxbow** (Awesome Again) and **Mylute** (Midnight Lute)--despite career-best performances from all three last time out. I landed on the lightly raced **Proud Strike** (Smart Strike), who continues to improve nicely with each attempt for the always dangerous Steve Asmussen barn. A strong second behind the promising Bradester (Lion Heart) while making his two-turn debut at Churchill Downs in late November, Proud Strike returned to post a visually impressive 7 1/2-length maiden victory over track-and-trip in a deep off-the-turfer Jan. 12 ([video](#)). The strength of that performance has held up quite well thus far, already producing a trio of next-out winners, including the second- and third-place finishers that day. Proud Strike, a \$240k KEESEP graduate from a nice Edward P. Evans family, should receive a perfect ground saving trip from his inside draw here, and is tactical enough to stay within striking distance. Picking up the red-hot Gary Stevens certainly adds to his appeal at a very likely generous price in this wide-open affair. **Selection: #1 Proud Strike (8-1).**

GII Fountain of Youth S. - Have been following the career of **Orb** (Malibu Moon) very closely since his remarkable debut third behind **Violence** (Medaglia d'Oro) at the Spa after dramatically blowing the break. In the patient hands of Shug McGaughey, Orb broke through with a two-length maiden win (well-regarded Revolutionary was third as the heavy chalk that day) at fourth asking going a one-turn mile at the Big A in late November, then cleared his first condition when adding Lasix and stretching to nine furlongs over this course Jan. 26. Stone-closer should get a dream set-up in a race loaded with speed here, and the jockey change from Rosario to Johnny V. can only help as well. Speed figures say that he's not quick enough to win this, but think there's still plenty of room for improvement in the Janney & Phipps colorbearer if he can handle the rail draw, which proved to be an issue in his first two tries. Violence is clearly the one to beat and is a well-deserving favorite courtesy his perfect three-for-three juvenile season, but this is the time to go against him in his first start off the bench at a very low price in a full field. **Selection: #1 Orb (12-1).**



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BRIAN DIDONATO:

GII Risen Star S. - While **Normandy Invasion** (Tapit) is a deserving favorite and logical horse to lean on to hit the board here, there are *just* enough knocks for me to look elsewhere. I'm just not sure there's enough early pace to set up his late kick, and I'm uncomfortable relying on a performance last time that hasn't been subsequently confirmed by the winner or third-place finisher, who also haven't come back yet. The 104 Bris Speed Rating Normandy Invasion earned represented a 12-point improvement from his maiden-breaker, and the form of other also-rans doesn't really offer much evidence one way or the other that the Remsen was as strong as it looks on paper. Instead I'll go with Bob Baffert charge **Code West** (Lemon Drop Kid). Baffert doesn't really ship to Fair Grounds with the frequency he does a track like Oaklawn (where's he's deadly), but I'm guessing he means business here. The full-brother to Charitable Man, a GSW at seven and nine furlongs, comes off a runner-up effort to stablemate Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit), who was super impressive in Monday's GIII Southwest S., in a Santa Anita allowance Jan. 31. Code West might have suffered a bit from Super Ninety Nine getting the jump on him in that heat, but he has the early speed to work out a good trip here and figures to fire considering who his conditioner is. **Selection: #2 Code West (6-1).**

GII Fountain of Youth S. - Four runners in this race ran what could probably be considered career bests on the front end last time, so it seems likely that this race will feature a hot pace and set up for closers. **Violence** (Medaglia d'Oro) would be the obvious choice, but I just can't seem to get past how absolutely perfect a trip he had last time when winning the GI CashCall Futurity--he should have won by more. **Sky Captain** (Sky Mesa) interests me as an under-the-radar off-the-pace alternative. A visually impressive second-out graduate under the Twin Spires in July, the chestnut didn't get uncorked until it was too late going 6 1/2 furlongs behind **Falling Sky** (Lion Heart) and **Majestic Hussar** (Majestic Warrior) here Dec. 15. He was a victim of race dynamics on the stretch-out last time while facing **Cerro (Ire)** (Mr. Greeley)--that foe enjoyed a pretty easy lead, while Sky Captain had to come from off the pace to settle for second. Sky Captain did gallop out well past the pacesetter, and while this race is a sixteenth shorter than his last, he should be able to settle and make one late run considering the set-up he figures to get. It doesn't hurt that the Mark Casse trainee is out of a half-sister to ill-fated Derby runner-up Eight Belles. **Selection: #7 Sky Captain (10-1).**



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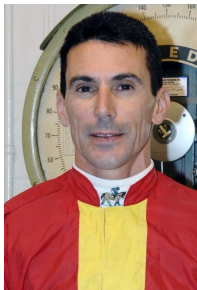
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NEVADA LEGALIZES ONLINE GAMBLING

Nevada Thursday became the first state to legalize online gambling since the Department of Justice released a formal legal opinion in 2011 stating that the Federal Wire Act of 1961 only applied to sports betting. "This is an historic day for the Great State of Nevada," Governor Brian Sandoval said in a statement after signing the bill. "Today I signed into law the framework that will usher in the next frontier of gaming in Nevada. This bill is critical to our state's economy, and ensures that we will continue to be the gold standard for gaming regulation." The bill was quickly passed through the State Assembly and Legislature as an emergency measure in an effort to beat Nevada's gaming rival New Jersey to the punch. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie recently vetoed a proposed online gambling bill, but was expected to sign an amended version next week. The passed bill, AB 114, removes the provision that Nevada regulators must seek federal regulation or DOJ approval before activating online gaming licenses. It also requires that the state's gaming commission adopts regulations that allow the governor to enter into interactive gaming agreements with other states.

PINO NAMED GEORGE WOOLF MEMORIAL JOCKEY AWARD WINNER

Veteran jockey Mario Pino has been named the winner of the Santa Anita George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award. The award is bestowed annually on a rider "whose careers and personal character earn esteem for the individual and the sport of Thoroughbred horse racing." Pino, a Maryland native, is the all-time leading rider in his home state and is currently ranked as the 10th winningest jockey of all time, with 6,484 wins through Feb. 21. Pino gained national acclaim when he piloted Hard Spun (Danzig) to wins in the GIII Lecomte S., GII Lanes End S., GI King's Bishop S., GII Kentucky Cup Classic S. and a second-place finish in the GI Kentucky Derby. Javier Castellano, Perry Compton, David Flores and Rodney Prescott were the other finalists for the award. Pino will fly to Santa Anita in March to accept the award.



Mario Pino





GULFSTREAM'S RAINBOW PICK SIX HIT The Gulfstream Rainbow Pick Six, which pays out only when there is one correct winning ticket, was hit Friday for the first time since Dec. 28, triggering a payout of a record \$3,591,245.44. The winning ticket, which cost \$3,118.50, was sold at The Meadowlands in New Jersey. The previous record for a winning ticket on the Rainbow 6 was \$791,364 Apr. 1, 2012. The previous record carryover was \$5.1 million Apr. 23, 2011. Friday's sequence began in race five, with Keyner Veloz causing a \$114 upset. Original Cast (\$11.40) won leg two, followed by Odalys Halo (\$36.80) in the seventh race.

Gulfstream's Rainbow Pick Six cont.

Artie's Jasper (\$17.80) led throughout in race eight and Mays Treasurelove struck at \$23.60 in race nine. There were tickets live to no fewer than five horses (1, 2, 3, 7 and 11) going into the final leg, which was ultimately taken by Feline Forum, the 7 horse, at \$23.

 **Florida**

Yesterday's Results:

1st-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:22 3/5, ft. RETREIVE (c, 3, Put It Back--Pleasant Quality, by Elusive Quality) needed five starts to break his maiden, but has not been disgraced, having met some of the country's highest-rated sophomores. He finished second on debut to Coolmore's  **"TDN Rising Star"**  and \$1.3-million FTFFEB sale topper Darwin (Big Brown) at Belmont Oct. 6, then was third behind subsequent GII Jerome S. winner Vyjack (Into Mischief) at Aqueduct Nov. 10. Making his 3-year-old debut at Gulfstream Jan. 1, he finished a distant fifth to  **"TDN Rising Star"**  Verrazano (More Than Ready) on that one's unveiling, and was most recently second over this strip Feb. 3. Bet down to 3-5 favoritism, the dark bay took control from the outset, maintained a short lead through the early stages and kicked clear at the top of the lane, winning by 8 3/4 lengths over Morethanahalo (Halo's Image). Sales history: \$50,000 RNA yr1 '11 OBSAUG; \$70,000 yr1 '11 FTKOCT; \$44,000 2yo '12 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$56,340. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).**

O-Orlando DiRienzo. B-Bridlewood Farm (FL).

T-Jeremiah C Englehart.

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3rd-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16 2/5, ft.

+ SIX QUEENS (f, 4, Bernardini--Miss Du Bois, by Mr. Prospector), a half-sister to Film Maker (Dynaformer), GISW, \$2,203,730, posted a steady worktab heading into this career debut, including a series of bullets at Palm Meadows last month. Sent off the 2-1 second choice, the dark bay stalked a quick early tempo, moved up to challenge the frontrunner at the top of the lane, and hit the lead under steady urging in midstretch. She pulled clear to win wrapped up by 6 1/4 lengths from Lily Olay (Successful Appeal), and survived a stewards' inquiry to post a debut victory. Sales history: \$400,000 wlng '09 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).** O-Darley Stable. B-Philip J Steinberg (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

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Florida Report cont.

8th-GPX, \$42,000, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:14 3/5, fm.

ARTIE'S JASPER (g, 4, [Artie Schiller](#)--Slew's Peak, by Peaks and Valleys) debuted on the Belmont dirt Oct. 12 for trainer Jimmy Jerkins but was never involved that day, and was eventually eased to cross the wire last of eight. Away for three months after that effort, he resurfaced over this strip Jan. 17 under the care of trainer Philip Serpe. He finished fifth that time after being carried wide on the turn, and was let go at 7-1 for the step up in distance here. Grabbing the lead from the break, he was pressed by favored Timeless Indy (A.P. Indy) through much of the running. Shaking clear of that rival at the top of the stretch, the winner held off an onslaught of fast-fast finishers to graduate by a half-length. Bramley (Dynaformer) got up to be second. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,106. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-Never Better Stables & John Padden. B-Never Better Stables (KY). T-Philip M Serpe.

Lava Man to Appear on Breakfast at Gulfstream Park:

Lava Man (Slew City Slew), a multiple Grade I winner and current stable pony for the Doug O'Neill barn, will make an appearance during *Breakfast at Gulfstream Park* at around 8 a.m. today. Lava Man will accompany the O'Neill trained He's Had Enough (Tapit) to the track in the morning before making an appearance on the show. He's Had Enough is entered in today's GII Fountain of Youth S.

New York

Yesterday's Results:

RUBY RUBLES S., \$73,500, AQU, 2-22, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

1--**SINGLET, 123, f, 4, Real Quiet--Taylor's Choice, by Conquistador Cielo.** (\$35,000 2yo '11 OBSAPR; \$75,000 RNA HRA '12 KEENOV). O-Michael Dubb, Larry N & Ryan Brafman & M Daniel; B-McKathan Bros (FL); T-Anthony W Dutrow; J-Cornelio H Velasquez. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 13-6-3-2, \$319,144.

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2--**Srumdiddlyumptious, 118, f, 4, Roman Ruler--Livealifeoflove, by Hennessy.** (\$85,000 yrl '10 KEEJAN; \$55,000 yrl '10 KEESEP). O-George and Lori Hall. \$15,000.

3--**Promise Me a Cat, 118, m, 5, D'wildcat--Promise Me Magic, by Pentelicus.** (\$16,000 yrl '09 OBSAUG; \$70,000 2yo '10 OBSFEB). O-Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday). \$7,500.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, 4. Odds: 1.25, 1.30, 3.55.



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Ruby Rubles S. cont.

Singlet put together a productive campaign on the Eastern circuit last year, winning or placing in seven of nine starts, including two stakes victories over this inner strip. She added the Garland of Roses S. over Aqueduct's main track Dec. 1, and entered this contest off a pair of third-place efforts over this track and trip--behind Nicole H (Mr. Greeley) in the Interborough S. Jan. 1, and Cluster of Stars (Greeley's Galaxy) in the Correction S. Feb. 2. Off a step slow here, the 6-5 favorite quickly made up ground, splitting horses to sit off the flank of the front-running Srumdiddlyumptious. Drawing even with that rival in midstretch, Singlet was all out to put her away for a narrow victory. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

Central U.S.

Hawthorne Announces Purse Increase:

Edited Press Release

Officials at Hawthorne Race Course announced on Friday that overnight purses at the track will increase by \$12,000 per day. The purse hike will take effect March 1 and will increase the purses on overnight races across the board by approximately 15%.

Due to the temporary suspension of advanced deposit wagering in Illinois, Hawthorne and its off-track betting facilities have handled an additional \$300,000 in full card wagering since its meet began Feb. 15. With the expectation that this trend will continue, the purse increase will be sustained throughout its spring meet which ends Apr. 28th. The 15% increase in purses goes into effect just two weeks into the Illinois track's 11-week spring meet.

"This is in keeping with our ongoing commitment to reinvest in Illinois racing," said Tim Carey, president and general manager of Hawthorne Race Course. "We continue to work closely with our horsemen to provide rewarding racing opportunities."

Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association President Mike Campbell, stated, "This is going to make a significant difference for many trainers here at Hawthorne. I think almost everyone involved in Illinois racing understands where the industry is at financially and this is a great example of how we need to work together so that we can all get to the next phase of Illinois horseracing."

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Equine Medical Institute www.hagyard.com**Yesterday's Results:****4th-FGX, \$47,000, Alw, 3yo, f, 1m70y, 1:44 1/5, my.****DECEPTIVE VISION, f, 3, by A.P. Indy****1st Dam: Eye of the Sphynx (Ch. 3yo Filly-Can, GSW, \$688,340), by Smart Strike****2nd Dam: Queen of Egypt (MSW, \$138,068), by Vice Regent****3rd Dam: Forleana (SP), by Forum**

A homebred for the Ontario-based Sam-Son Farm, Deceptive Vision represents decades of meticulous breeding by the late Ernie Samuel, and later his daughter, the late Tammy Samuel-Balaz. Sam-Son is the breeder of not only Deceptive Vision's first three dams, but also of her damsire, Smart Strike, and his first three dams. In addition to Deceptive Vision's full brothers Eye of the Leopard, winner of the 2009 Queen's Plate en route to champion 3-year-old honors in Canada, and multiple stakes winner and multiple graded stakes-placed Hotep, the family is also responsible for Grade I winner and Canadian Horse of the Year Quiet Resolve (Affirmed).

Deceptive Vision, with her second straight win at Fair Grounds yesterday, proved the family is still very much alive. The long-striding bay debuted with a second-place finish over the Woodbine Polytrack Dec. 1, and looked much more at home when switching to the dirt and stretching out to this trip here Jan. 4. She recorded a flashy 3 1/4-length victory after traveling wide throughout, and indicated in her worktab since that she was preparing for a repeat performance. Off well from the nine post here, the 6-5 favorite was hung wide into the first turn, and remained in the middle of the track down the backstretch. She improved her position around the turn to sit just off the rail-skimming Irish Lute (Midnight Lute) at the quarter pole and, after appearing beaten by that rival in midstretch, found another gear and sailed to the lead to win by a half-length. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$61,496. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#). [Click for the free brisnet.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

O/B-Sam-Son Farms (ON). T-Malcolm Pierce.

Registered Ontario-Bred**Deceptive Vision***Hodges photography***California****Yesterday's Results:****2nd-SAX, \$65,000, Alw, C, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:35 2/5, ft.****1--TRES BORRACHOS, 118, g, 8, Ecton Park--Pete's Fancy (SW & GSP, \$405,586), by Peteski. (\$7,000 yrl '06 FTKOCT; \$37,000 RNA yrl '06 KEESEP).**

O-Hicker, George and Button Stable; B-Robert Shapiro, John J Greely IV & Phil Houchens (KY); T-Martin F Jones. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MGISP, 45-5-6-6, \$1,021,143. *1/2 to Chinglish (War Front), SW, \$149,570.

2--Hoorayforhollywood, 118, h, 5, Storm Cat--Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush.**3--Sky Kingdom, 123, c, 4, Empire Maker--Sky Beam, by Kingmambo. (\$180,000 wlng '09 KEENOV).**

Margins: HD, 3 3/4, 2. Odds: 2.50, 3.10, 4.10.

Tres Borrachos has consistently competed at the highest levels and, although it had been 19 months since the gelding last visited the winner's circle in the GII San Diego H. at Del Mar in July 2011, he has collected three graded stakes placing since that time--including a third place finished in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile of 2011. He kicked off his 2013 campaign with a fourth-place finish in the GII San Pasqual S. over this strip Jan. 5, and was sent off the 5-2 second choice here. Hustled from the inside gate, Tres Borrachos duelled for the lead with Key Decision (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}) through opening splits of :22.50 and :45.52. He began to edge clear around the turn before being confronted by Hoorayforhollywood (Storm Cat) at the top of the lane. Those two battled stride-for-stride for the length of the stretch before Tres Borrachos, at the fence, put his nose down in front on the line. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

6th-SAX, \$58,250, Alw, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 4/5, ft.

MAJESTIC MOMENT (c, 4, Malibu Moon--Silent Siren, by Quiet American) got off the mark in his fifth try July 12 at Betfair Hollywood Park over Regulus (Distorted Humor), who went on to win his next two starts. Majestic Moment followed that effort with a ninth place finish at Del Mar Aug. 12 after breaking poorly, and was put on the shelf for almost six months thereafter. He resurfaced with a 10th place finish in his turf bow here Feb. 2 after breaking poorly again, and was sent off at 4-1 for this dirt debut. Off a step slow, the chestnut was pinched back and clipped heels in the initial strides, leaving him well behind the rest of the field heading into the first turn. A quick pace worked to the winner's advantage, however, and he began to make up ground up the backstretch before coming with a wide and sweeping move around the turn. Third on the outside at the top of the lane, Majestic Moment used the length of the stretch to reel in the pacesetter Batti Man (Arg) (Manipulator) to win by a 1/2 length. Sales history: \$350,000 yrl '10 FTSAUG; \$470,000 2yo '11 FTFFEB. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$73,340. [Click for the brisnet.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#).

O-CRK Stable. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). T-J Sadler.



So. California Report cont.

Jockeys Lose, Charities Win:

Edited Press Release

Santa Anita's jockeys had their modest two-game winning streak against Holy Angels School snapped last night, falling well behind early and never recovering in a 42-26 defeat before a turnout of several hundred fans at La Salle High School in Pasadena.

"We were really never in the game," said HRTV's Kurt Hoover, who coached the jockeys. "We fell behind 12-0 and cut it to nine or 10 later, but we were never in it."

While the jockeys lost, the Holy Angels athletic program and the Kentucky-based Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF) benefited from funds generated through the efforts of many, including co-sponsors WestsideRentals.com and Meticulous Talent Management.

Other sponsors included Hollywood Sports Park, KHS Bicycle, Ojai Valley Inn & Spa and Temple City Bike Shop. HRTV.com donated \$1,000 to the cause.

Orlando Mojica led the jockeys in scoring with 10 points, followed by Josh Desormeaux, (son of jockey Kent Desormeaux) with six; Corey Nakatani (five); Julien Leparoux (three); and Joe Talamo (two).

Brice Blanc, David Flores, Rafael Bejarano and Edwin Maldonado played but did not score.

"It was a good night for the Frenchmen," Hoover noted. "Not only did Leparoux bag a three-pointer but Tony Parker scored 31 points last night for the Spurs in San Antonio's victory over the Clippers."

Santa Anita's Derby Day 5K Registration Open:

Registration has opened for Santa Anita's annual Derby Day 5k Run and Walk Apr. 6. "It's a great morning for everyone," said Santa Anita Director of Community Services and Special Projects, Pete Siberell. "This year, for the first time, all of our participants, in all divisions, will start in one of our authentic starting gates and we'll also be giving out custom finisher medals to the first 5,000 finishers for the first time." Participants will receive a Santa Anita tee-shirt, racing program and free parking and admission for the day. For more information, or to register, visit visit www.kinaneevents.com.

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time 5:33 p.m. EST

JOE HERNANDEZ H., \$75,000, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	ML
1	Klisz	Smarty Jones	Smith	Ewing	4-1
2	Chips All In	North Light (Ire)	T Baze	Mullins	4-1
3	Unbridled's Note	Unbridled's Song	Nakatani	Asmussen	6-5
4	Tale of a Champion	Tale of the Cat	Talamo	Mulhall	15-1
5	Facoltoso	Refuse to Bend (Ire)	Leparoux	Callaghan	10-1
6	Make Music for Me	Bernstein	Maldnado	Barba	12-1
7	Irish Art	Artie Schiller	Gomez	Gaines	5-2

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Keeneland Select Offers \$10K Triple Crown Contest:

Keeneland Select, an advance-deposit wagering platform operated by the track, has opened registration for its new Triple Crown contest. Beginning today, players can win cash prizes by making \$5 win/place bets on five races which will include the key prep races for the GI Kentucky Derby. Players will amass one point for each dollar earned, and the top 35 for each contest date will earn a trip to the finals, which includes the Derby, Preakness and Belmont S. Those that take part in the most qualifying and contest days will be entered for a Keeneland 'FallStars' experience at the 2013 fall meeting. The \$10K Crown Qualifier kicks off today with the GI Besilu Fountain of Youth S. from Gulfstream Park. Though fans have the ability to play every weekend, a player can qualify for the finals just once. A total of \$10,000 in prize money will be awarded overall to winners of each qualifier contest as well as to the top players in the finals. Players may register for the contest at www.keenelandselect.com and also read the complete contest rules.

TODAY'S INSIGHTS

2:37p HRTV 5th-GP, \$52k, Msw, 3yo, 6f
Pam and Martin Wygod's **DISTRIBUTION (Unbridled's Song)** makes his debut here for trainer Bill Mott. The homebred is the fourth foal from the Wygod's Eclipse champion 2-year-old filly and MGISW Sweet Catomine (Storm Cat). The bay colt has been working steadily at Payson Park, including a series of bullets last month. His rivals include **Lead Singer (Unbridled's Song)**, a \$315,000 FTFMAR purchase last year by Summit Thoroughbreds. The grey colt, out of GSW Miss Lodi (Mr. Greeley), makes his debut for trainer John Kimmel. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

6:05p HRTV 12th-GP, \$52k, Msw, 3yo, 1mT
Black Rock Stables' **FOREVER THING (Tapit)**, one of three juveniles to bring seven figures when fetching \$1 million at last year's FTFMAR sale (:10 3/5 breeze), gets his career started on the grass. The bay, trained by Todd Pletcher, posted his last two moves on the infield, including a five-furlong breeze around the dogs in 1:04 3/5 at Palm Meadows Feb. 18. Klaravich Stable's **Market Outlook (Lemon Drop Kid)**, a half-brother to champion Pathfork (Distorted Humor), also makes his first start in this spot. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)

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ROOKIES

First/Second-crop starters to watch: Saturday, Feb. 23

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

BIG BROWN (Boundary), Three Chimneys, \$65K, 151/20/1

6-AQU, Aoc, 1m, Reaching Out, 4-1

4-FG, Aoc, 1m, Ground Transport, \$75K RNA KEE APR 2yo, 9-5

1-GG, Aoc, 6f, Lovely Daughter, \$60K RNA BAR MAR 2yo, 12-1

BUSTIN STONES (City Zip), Waldorf, \$7K, 47/10/0

2-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Keep Bustin, 2-1

CHATAIN (Forest Wildcat), 39/5/0

9-HOU, Msw, 1m, Glorious Devon, 10-1

5-HOU, Alw, 1mT, Coco Toro, 6-1

CURLIN (Smart Strike), Lanes End, \$75K, 218/19/0

10-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Palace Malice, \$200K KEE APR 2yo, 8-1

9-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Blue Violet, 8-1

DIVINE PARK (Chester House), Airdrie, \$18K, 80/11/1

9-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Dancinginthecircle, \$12K RNA FTK OCT yrl, 7-2

FAIRBANKS (Giant's Causeway), Northview PA, \$8K, 113/7/0

5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Rare Match, 12-1

FIRST DEFENCE (Unbridled's Song), Juddmonte, \$20K, 111/12/1

10-HOU, Msw, 1mT, Commencing, \$34K F '13 KEE JAN, 10-1

11-FG, Msw, 6f, +In Kelly's Defense, \$110K KEE SEP yrl, 6-1

12-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Belle Natalie, \$20K KEE NOV wnl, 12-1

FROST GIANT (Giant's Causeway), Empire Stud, \$5K, 57/12/2

2-AQU, Aoc, 6f, Gee Linz, 6-1

HARLINGTON (Unbridled), Hill N Dale, \$10K, 85/9/0

7-AQU, Msw, 6f, Bedouin Now, \$120K KEE SEP yrl, 5-1

HEATSEEKER (IRE) (Giant's Causeway), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 98/17/1

6-TUP, Stk, 1m, Mame's Flame, \$18K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

HENRYTHENAVIGATOR (Kingmambo), Ashford, \$65K, 223/19/2

12-GP, Msw, 1mT, Harrythenavigator, \$190K KEE SEP yrl, 12-1

12-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Rowdy Friends, \$27K RNA KEE SEP yrl, 15-1

INTO MISCHIEF (Harlan's Holiday), Spendthrift, \$13K, 72/10/3

7-AQU, Msw, 6f, Erik the Red, \$105K KEE SEP yrl, 3-1

J BE K (Silver Deputy), 35/9/0

9-OP, Msw, 6f, Egyptian Warrior

KEYED ENTRY (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, \$4K, 92/10/0

6-TUP, Stk, 1m, Hyena, \$22K OBS APR 2yo, 7-2

MAJESTIC WARRIOR (A.P. Indy), Ashford, \$20K, 175/36/3

11-GP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Majestic Hussar, 6-1

10-TP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Majestique, \$26K FTK OCT yrl, 6-1

MIDNIGHT LUTE (Real Quiet), Hill N Dale, \$20K, 195/17/2

10-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Mylute, \$150K FTK JUL yrl, 6-1

9-OP, Msw, 6f, Midnight Music, \$20K KEE JAN yrl

9-FG, Stk, 1 1/16m, Midnight Ballet, \$100K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

1-GG, Aoc, 6f, Irish Presence, \$50K FTF MAR 2yo, 3-1

NOTIONAL (In Excess {Ire}), Spendthrift, \$10K, 118/8/1

4-PRX, Msw, 6f, +Jennie Says So, \$55K OBS APR 2yo, 5-2

3-FG, Stk, 1mT, Hopeful Notion, \$25K KEE NOV wnl, 10-1

POINT DETERMINED (Point Given), 29/6/0

5-GP, Msw, 6f, Fogonazo, 5-2

ROSBERG (A.P. Indy), 34/5/0

8-TUP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Mark, 10-1

RUN AWAY AND HIDE (City Zip), Darby Dan, \$8K, 95/11/1

1-DED, Msw, 7f, Hidden Edge, \$12K OBS AUG yrl, 9-2

SMOOTH BID (Rubiano), 26/1/0

5-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, First Blush, 6-1

STREET BOSS (Street Cry {Ire}), Darley, \$25K, 187/26/1

9-SA, Msw, 6 1/2f, Boss of Me, \$20K KEE SEP yrl, 20-1

STUDENT COUNCIL (Kingmambo), Millennium, \$18K, 119/13/2

1-DED, Msw, 7f, Awesome Allison, 8-1

TIZ WONDERFUL (Tiznow), Spendthrift, \$13K, 207/22/1

8-TUP, Stk, 1 1/16m, Tiz Fitting, \$30K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

7-AQU, Msw, 6f, Dr. Chase, \$35K OBS MAR 2yo, 8-1

11-FG, Msw, 6f, +Merveilleuse, \$40K FTK JUL yrl, 5-1

ZANJERO (Cherokee Run), Millennium, \$10K, 112/5/0

12-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Just Won Night, 15-1

3-FG, Stk, 1mT, Johnny Handsome, \$21K EAS MAY 2yo, 8-1

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IN BRITAIN:

+ **Kent Ragstone**, g, 4, **Stonesider**--Sweet Charity, by A.P. Indy. Lingfield, 2-22, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m (AWT). B-GSB Racing & Breeding Stock Inc. * \$65,000 wnlg '09 KEENOV; 60,000gns yrl '10 TATOCT. ** 1/2 to Spicer Boy (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & MG1SP-Per; and Charity Belle (Empire Maker), GSW-Fr.

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IN UAE:

Qannaas, g, 4, **Hard Spun**--Windsong (MGSP-US, \$248,860), by Unbridled. Jebel Ali, 2-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1600m. B-Randal Family Trust, R David & Marylyn A Randal. * \$250,000 yrl '10 KEESEP.

Kaiss, g, 6, **Seeking the Gold**--November Snow (MGISW-US, \$554,628), by Storm Cat. Jebel Ali, 2-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1600m. B-Darley. * 1/2 to November Slew (Seattle Slew), GSP-US, \$134,245.

France

Saturday, Cagnes-sur-Mer, post time: 4:10 p.m.

PRIX POLICEMAN-Listed, €60,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	8	Kingzar (Fr)	King's Best	Spanu	Bnde Brbe	123
2	13	Sunday Dream (Fr)	Sndy Break (Jpn)	Pardon	Gentile	123
3	12	Julius Quercus (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Guyon	Chappet	123
4	7	Camaretz	Mr. Greeley	Eyquem	Rouget	123
5	2	Quatorze (Fr)	Elusive City	Bertras	Rohaut	123
6	11	Russian Reel (Fr)	Country Reel	Heloury	Auray	123
7	3	Holy Warrior (Ire)	Hly Rmn Empr (Ire)	Boudot	Kelleway	123
8	10	Le Ring (Fr)	Slickly (Fr)	Blondel	Rossi	123
9	1	Mister Massagot (Fr)	Hurricane Cat	Montenegro	Baillet	123
10	9	Snap Call (GB)	Tamayuz (GB)	Mendizabal	Rouget	123
11	5	Eleuthera (Fr)	Spirit One (Fr)	Hardouin	Demercastel	120
12	4	Suspicieuse (Fr)	Elusive City	Forest	Walton	120
13	6	Kenbella (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Pasquier	Capitte	120

CATALOGUE AVAILABLE
 The online catalogue for the Melbourne March Thoroughbred Sale, to be conducted at Oaklands Friday, Mar. 22, is now available at www.inglis.com.au



Ireland

Yesterday's Results:

Dundalk, 19.20, Mdn, €10,000, 3yo, f, 1m (AWT), 1:38.52, stn.

CALISSA (IRE) (f, 3, [Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)--Mauralakana {Fr} {G1SW-US, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$1,623,026}, by [Muhtathir {GB}](#)), sold for just 18,000gns at Tattersalls December last year following a disappointing juvenile campaign, broke well and enjoyed a perfect tow from the leading duo throughout the early stages. Committed on the front end approaching the furlong pole, the 6-1 shot ground out a one-length success from Sherzam (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}). Calissa is the first foal from Mauralakana, a \$900,000 KEENOV purchase in 2007 who scored a career best in the following season's GI Beverly D. S. Mauralakana has a 2-year-old by Galileo (Ire). Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, €9,060.

[VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Bernadette Leigh; B-R Scarborough; T-Peter Fahey.

Britain

Yesterday's Results:

Wolverhampton, 19.00, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo, 1m 141yds (AWT), 1:54.08, stn.

YELLOW MOUNTAIN (IRE) (c, 3, [Danehill Dancer {Ire}](#)--[Singing Diva {Ire}](#), by [Royal Academy](#)), off the board when last seen over seven furlongs on turf here in July, raced towards the fore early. Sent to the front against the fence inside the final furlong, the 4-6 pick was pushed out to score by 3 1/2 lengths from Off the Pulse (GB) (Araafa {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, £3,069. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com.](#)

O-Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor; B-Lynch Bages Ltd; T-Marco Botti.

IN HONG KONG:

New Deerfield (GB), g, 5, [Choisir \(Aus\)](#)--Verbal Intrigue, by Dahar. Happy Valley, 2-20, Hcp. (\$122k), 1200mT, 1:10.43. B-J Byrne & Partners. *Formerly Codemaster (GB). **1/2 to Monkey Puzzle (Country Pine), GSW, \$461,394. *SW & GSP-Eng. ****£16,000 RNA yrl '09 DONAUG.**

Victor Delight (Ire), g, 6, [Montjeu \(Ire\)](#)--Apache Star (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Arazi. Happy Valley, 2-20, Hcp. (\$181k), 1800mT, 1:49.24. B-Hascombe & Valiant Studs. *Formerly Coordinated Cut (Ire). **GSP-Eng. *325,000gns yrl '08 TATOCT.**

Australasia

FROST GIANT TO SHUTTLE TO YARRADALE

Frost Giant (Giant's Causeway--Takesmybreathaway, by Gone West), who set an earnings record by a New York-based first-crop sire in 2012 and who was North America's leading freshman sire by winners from runners and stakes horses from runners, will shuttle to Western Australia for the Southern Hemisphere breeding season, which begins in August. Sunset Stables, which owns Frost Giant, announced a three-year deal with Ron Sayers's Yarradale Stud in conjunction with Eddie Rigg of Geisel Park Stud. "After talking with Yarradale and learning about the high-quality mares they will breed to Frost Giant, we are really looking forward to seeing how he will do in Australia," said Sunset's Andrew Cohen. "We expect that this shuttle agreement will solidify Frost Giant as the 'real deal' on an international stage." Sayers said he will commit to Frost Giant approximately 50 mares from his own broodmare band of 150, and will make the 10-year-old available to outside breeders. "What Frost Giant has done in America is highly exciting, and we're hoping he can do that down here," Sayers said. "We have a huge emphasis on 2-year-old racing in Australia, and the performance of his 2-year-olds last year was impressive. We also believe the Storm Cat sire line works well in Western Australia." Frost Giant, who currently stands for \$7,500 at Keane Stud in America, New York, shuttled to Chile in 2009 and 2010. His Australian stud fee will be announced at a later date.

EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS

IN UAE:

Forjatt (Ire), g, 5, [Iffraaj \(GB\)](#)--Graceful Air (Ire), by Danzero (Aus). Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, 2-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1400m. B-Michael Downey & Roalso LTD. *€28,000 RNA wnlg '08 GOFNOV; 60,000gns yrl '09 TATOCT.

Russian Rock (Ire), g, 6, [Rock of Gibraltar \(Ire\)](#)--Mala Mala (Ire) (G1SP-Eng & Ire), by Brief Truce. Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, 2-22, Jebel Ali Sprint Prep, 3yo/up, 1000m. B-Barronstown Stud & Mrs T Stack. *21,000gns wnlg '07 TATDEC; £20,000 yrl '08 DONAUG; £26,000 2yo '09 GOFMAR; 11,000gns HRA '10 TATHIT. **1/2 to Contest (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, SW-Ire, SP-Eng, \$209,291.

Kessraa (Ire), g, 7, [Kheleyf](#)--Safe Care (Ire), by Caerleon. Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, 2-22, Hcp, 3yo/up, 1400m. B-D Veitch & Musagd Abo Salim. *€108,000 wnlg '06 GOFNOV; €150,000 yrl '07 GOFMIL.

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Middle East

TREBLE JIG AMONG ERA SALE ENTRANTS

Six-year-old **Treble Jig** (Gone West), a winner of the G3 Jebel Ali Mile Jan. 25, is among 121 horses set to be offered at the Emirates Racing Authority's Horses in Training Sale Mar. 6 at Meydan. "Treble Jig obviously catches the eye and there are also a number of other horses in the sale who have already won this season and you would think that there are quite a few that have the potential to perform well in the future," said ERA Chief Steward Gerard Bush. "Last year there were a total of 106 horses sold which carried a total value of AED3.511 million (US\$956,010) with the sale of Happy Today (Gone West) for AED310,000 representing the top lot and Mantoba (GB) (Noverre), a winner at Abu Dhabi for trainer Doug Watson this season, attracting AED100,000." For the full catalogue, visit emiratesracing.com/industry/era-horses-training-sale.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-OPX, \$55,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000), NW4L, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 1/5, my.
ITSABEAUTIFULTHING (m, 5, Henny Hughes--Jolie Boutique, by Northern Jove) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-1, \$93,993. O-Cheyenne Stables LLC. B-Sally Anderson (KY). T-Donnie K Von Hemel. *\$275,000 yrl '09 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Millennium Storm (Future Storm), SW & GSP, \$191,682; Merrill Gold (Gold Fever), SP, \$150,904.

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9th-GPX, \$45,700, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1\$X, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 2/5, ft.
MAYS TREASURETROVE (m, 5, Forestry--Purple Princess {MSP}, by Carson City) Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-1, \$59,812. O/T-Michael P DePaulo; B-Adena Springs (ON). *\$135,000 yrl '09 KEESEP.

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6th-DED, \$41,000, 2-21, NW2L, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41 1/5, ft.
DEPUTYSPRETTYPENNY (f, 4, Key Deputy--Costa Pretty Penny, by Zarbyev) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-2, \$66,560. O/B-Daniel R Chicola (LA). T-Henry B Johnson Jr. *1/2 to One Pretty Penny (K One King), SW, \$105,021.

6th-LRL, \$40,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26 2/5, ft.
EMBRACEABLE WIN (f, 4, Gyrfalcon {GB}--Embracing Beauty, by King of Kings {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-3, \$70,286. O-Rickman Racing LLC. B-Cynthia K Rickman (MD). T-Ronald A Alfano.

7th-LRL, \$40,000, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$45,000), NW1X, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06, ft.
HAILEY'S STAR (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Turbulent Air, by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$75,410. O-Matthew T Groff. B-Kuehne Racing (KY). T-Hugh I McMahon. *\$18,000 yrl '11 KEESEP; \$90,000 RNA 2yo '12 BESMAR; \$49,000 RNA 2yo '12 FTMMAY.

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8th-LRL, \$40,000, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25 3/5, ft.
JOY TRAIN (m, 5, Silver Train--Greta's Joy, by Joyeux Danseur) Lifetime Record: 35-5-8-6, \$85,958. O-The Jim Stable. B-Scott Pierce & Bobby Langley (KY). T-King T Leatherbury. *\$37,000 RNA wlng '08 KEENOV; \$35,000 RNA yrl '09 FTKJUL; \$6,500 yrl '09 FTMOCT. *1/2 to Livi Makenzie (Macho Uno), SP, \$148,609.

7th-DED, \$33,400, 2-21, NW1X, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.
DRIFTING WIND (g, 5, Saarland--Windrifter, by Houston) Lifetime Record: 27-8-4-5, \$92,743. O-Envy Us III Stable. B-Marvin Little Jr (KY). T-Karl Broberg. *1/2 to Thealka (Crafty Prospector), SP, \$132,505.

7th-HAW, \$28,000, NW1\$X, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43 2/5, ft.
PERFECTLY AT HOME (g, 4, Pleasantly Perfect--Blackberry Glen, by Strawberry Road {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$47,230. O-Oak Knoll Farm LLC. B-Thomas Michael Fitch (IL). T-Brian Williamson. *1/2 to Galloping Home (Victory Gallop), SP, \$207,132.

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BELMONT TRAINING
 Escapefromreality (Read the Footnotes), 5f, 1:01.13, 1/21 Hessonite (Freud), 3f, :38.51, 10/13

BETFAIR HOLLYWOOD PARK
 Eblouissante (Bernardini), 4f, :50.60, 23/26
 Lucayan (Fr) (Turtle Bowl {Ire}), 4f, :50.40, 20/26

FAIR GROUNDS
 Regally Ready (More Than Ready), 4f, :50.80, 30/43

PALM MEADOWS
 Inglorious (Hennessy), 4f, :50.20, 1/19
 Xin Xu Lin (Brz) (Wondertross), 4f, :51.40, 8/19

PAYSON PARK
 Kissable (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), 5f, 1:01.10, 1/2

SANTA ANITA
 Amazombie (Northern Afleet), 4f, :49.00, 16/28
 Called to Serve (Afleet Alex), 5f, :59.20, 1/40
 Goldencents (Into Mischief), 6f, 1:10.40, 1/19
 Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), 6f, 1:11.80, 2/19
 Macho Macho (Macho Uno), 5f, 1:04.20, 39/40
 Renee's Titan (Bernstein), 5f, 1:00.60, 18/40
 Richard's Kid (Lemon Drop Kid), 6f, 1:13.80, 7/19
 Rumor (Indian Charlie), 3f, :35.20, 1/14
 Stephanoatsee (A.P. Indy) 6f, 1:14.80, 13/19

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8th-CTX, \$26,100, 2-21, NW2LX, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19, ft.

THANKFULNESS (g, 5, [Congrats](#)--Pelicus Affair, by Pentelicus) Lifetime Record: 18-2-5-4, \$84,933. O-Kathleen A Salony. B-Lucas Farm Inc & Barry & Jacalyn Menefee (FL). T-M Joanna Boggs. *\$27,000 wInq '08 OBSOCT; \$50,000 yrl '09 FTKJUL.

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6th-SUN, \$25,600, Opt. Clm. (\$15,000), NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19 1/5, ft.

DESERT FUN (f, 4, [Desert God](#)--Fun'ngames Toknite {MSW, \$165,223}, by Game Plan) Lifetime Record: 14-5-0-3, \$80,345. O-Terry Millenbine & Steve Prather. B-Chris Coleman (NM). T-Todd W Fincher. *\$42,000 RNA yrl '10 RUIAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Dads Caps, c, 3, [Discreet Cat](#)**--Seeking the Silver, by Grindstone. AQU, 2-22, (C), 6f, 1:10. B-Vince Scuderi (KY). *1/2 to Liza Too (Olmodavor), SP, \$116,448.

Fiji D, f, 3, [Lydgate](#)--Emma's Touch (SW), by Touch Gold. DED, 2-21, (S), 5f, :59 1/5. B-Time Will Tell (LA). *\$1,500 yrl '11 LTBSEP.

Knight Lite, g, 3, [Northern Afleet](#)--Lite Write (MSW), by Benton Creek. CTX, 2-21, (S), 7f, 1:28 3/5. B-Donna Tullner & Stephen Glessner (WV).

Hidethegoodstuff, f, 3, [Old Topper](#)--Minimums Minimums, by Storm Boot. SAX, 2-22, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA).

Thryeghthailmarys, c, 3, [Repent](#)--Thirty Eighth St., by Citidancer. CTX, 2-21, (S), 7f, 1:27 4/5. B-John O'Meara (WV). *\$14,000 RNA yrl '11 FTKOCT.

Double Tapped, f, 3, [Tapit](#)--Fun House (GSW, \$432,922), by Prized. HOU, 2-22, 1m, 1:39 1/5. B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). *1/2 to Paddy O'Prado (El Prado), GISW, \$1,721,297.

Honey Hues, f, 4, [Henny Hughes](#)--Unbridled Echo (SP), by Unbridled's Song. FGX, 2-22, 1m70y, 1:44. B-Stoneway Farm (KY). \$60,000 RNA yrl '10 KEESEP.

Poets' Corner, g, 4, [Kipling](#)--With Elegance, by With Approval. TPX, 2-22, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:48 3/5. B-Wild Currant Farm LLC (KY).

Nagatamen, g, 4, [Peak Dancer](#)--Wirt, by Purple Comet. CTX, 2-22, (S), 7f, 1:28 2/5. B-Eagle Point Farm (VA).

Secure the Border, g, 4, [War Chant](#)--Spice Is Nice, by Maudlin. TAM, 2-22, 5fT, :56 2/5. B-Richard H Bosshard Jr (PA).

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

King Bertie (Ire), g, 3, [Clodovil \(Ire\)](#)--Jouel (Fr), by Machiavellian. Lingfield, Britain, 2-22, Mdn, 3-4yo, 1m (AWT). B-P J Fahey. *5,000gns wInq '10 TATDEC; £11,000 RNA 2yo '12 DONAPR.

Beroye (Fr), f, 3, [Indian Rocket \(GB\)](#)--La Teignouse (Fr), by Green Tune. Lyon-la-Soie, France, 2-22, Mdn, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT). B-Mille A Gaymu, Mme C Biraben & Ecurie Biraben.

Saga Eiger (Ire), c, 4, [Whipper](#)--Kazinoki (UAE), by Timber Country. Dundalk, Ireland, 2-22, Mdn, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT). B-Richard Murphy.

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