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Bettarun Fast (Kelly Kip), a two-time Grade III winner in California this spring, was hammered down for \$350,000 to top yesterday's third session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale in



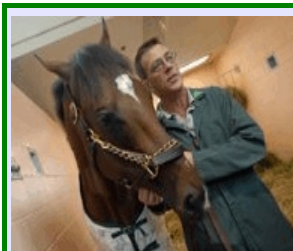
Kelly Kip, sire of topper
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Lexington. The four-year-old filly, catalogued as a broodmare prospect, was consigned to the auction by John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency and was purchased by Mike Moreno's Southern Equine Stables. A daughter of Split Decision (Dispersal), Bettarun Fast was perfect in three starts to begin her career, capped by an easy victory

in the Catcharisingstar S. Shut out in her next four starts, she rebounded to win the 2006 GIII Santa Paula S. at 31-1 and proved that effort to be no fluke as she followed up in the GIII Railbird S. Third against older horses in the GIII Sen. Ken Maddy H. on the downhill turf course at Santa Anita Sept. 27, she was most recently a solid fourth to Downthedustyard in the GI La Brea S. Dec. 30. Louisiana-based Southern Equine has become increasingly prominent on the sales sheets over the past year or so, acquiring racing prospects in addition to broodmares; the organization went to \$3 million for a daughter of Storm Cat--Welcome Surprise at last year's Keeneland September sale. According to their website, they have a broodmare band which numbers 26 and they also own two stallions. Their current Thoroughbred portfolio is approximately 120 horses.

Rock Solid on Day Three...

Despite being unable to count the day's highest hammer price in the final figures, session three posted modest gains over last year. And the good times at Keeneland continue to roll, even with the natural dip in quality in book two. "I think it's a continuation of the first two days. It's been a very solid sale," said Keeneland's Director of Sales Geoffrey Russell. "Anything that has perceived quality is selling very, very well. There's a different quality to the horses [Wednesday]--the sale today was similar to the last two days, solid all the way through. The best thing was the RNA rate (18.5 percent). That's very impressive. We're very pleased."



**Barbaro
Update**

BARBARO SUFFERS SETBACK

by Gail Luciani, Director of UPenn Office of Communications

KENNETT SQUARE, PA...Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro has had a significant setback over the last 24 hours. He became acutely more uncomfortable on his left hind foot. The foot cast was removed and some new separation of the medial (inside) portion of his hoof was found. This required some additional debridement (removal of the damaged tissue) last night. He is being treated much more aggressively at this time for his discomfort. He is continuing to eat well and is otherwise stable. Updates will be provided when new information is available. Barbaro continues to be monitored closely in the Intensive Care Unit of the George D. Widener Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center.

For more info on Barbaro, please see www.vet.upenn.edu.

ARLINGTON ANNOUNCES 2007 STAKES SCHEDULE

Arlington Park has announced that it will conduct 27 stakes races worth \$5.525 million in 2007. The schedule is highlighted by the International Festival of Racing Aug. 11, which will feature the \$1-million GI Arlington Million, the \$750,000 GI Beverly D. S. and \$400,000 GI Secretariat S. Arlington will host an additional 12 graded events, including a pair of races for juveniles during the track's penultimate weekend. The \$150,000 GIII Arlington-Washington Breeders' Cup Lassie for 2-year-old fillies will be run Sept. 8, while the \$200,000 GIII Arlington-Washington Breeders' Cup Futurity will be run Sept. 9. The complete stakes schedule is available on www.arlingtonpark.com.

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KEENELAND JANUARY WEDNESDAY - TOP MARES

Hip	Name	Status/Cov. Sire	Price (\$)
1005	Bettarun Fast	b'mare prospect	350,000
<i>(4, Kelly Kip--Split Decision, by Dispersal)</i> Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency Purchased by Southern Equine Stables			
976	Aerodyna	Ecton Park	190,000
<i>(11, Dynaformer--Flew by Em, by Air Forbes Won)</i> Consigned by Richland Hills Purchased by Edward A Gamble			
842	No Reason	racing/b'mare prospect	175,000
<i>(4, Precise End--Tammany Hall, by Clever Trick)</i> Consigned by Burleson Farms LLC, agent Purchased by Peter Van Andel			
759	Hideaway Heroine (Ire)	Street Cry (Ire)	155,000
<i>(8, Hernando {Fr}--Dulcinea {GB}, by Selkirk)</i> Consigned by Denali Stud (Craig & Holly Bendoroff), Agent VII Purchased by Arturo Brambilla			
789	Lady Rushmoore	b'mare prospect	150,000
<i>(4, Wild Rush--T.K.O. Lady, by Two Punch)</i> Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXXV Purchased by Charles H Deters			

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

A snapshot of how first-time in-foal mares and racing/broodmare prospects are selling at Keeneland, categorized by their best on-track performance.

	Sold	Average	Median
G1 wnrs	1	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
G2 wnrs	1	\$550,000	\$550,000
G3 wnrs	4	\$248,750	\$235,000
Listed wnrs	21	\$130,119	\$72,000

TOP YEARLINGS

Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
1024	c	Chapel Royal	Casanova Storm	310,000
B-Richard Brodie, Robert Scanlon & James Buckley (Ky) Consigned by Kildare Stud, Agent I Purchased by Trade Wind Farm				
751	c	Vindication	Hard to Copy	200,000
B-Joanne Nor (Ky) Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for Joanne Nor (a Major Reduction of Breeding Stock) Purchased by Lobo Farm				
955	f	Dixie Union	Vaguely Rich	145,000
B-Larkspur Farm (Ky) Consigned by Blackburn Farm, agent Purchased by Clear Ridge Stables				
1106	c	Johannesburg	Recognizable	140,000
B-Dream Investments (Fl) Consigned by Baccari Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Traci Williams				
919	f	Forest Camp	Such Flair	130,000
B-Carolin Von Rosenberg DVM (Fl) Consigned by Baccari Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Mark Stansell				
1086	c	Elusive Quality	Famously (Ire)	125,000
B-B Wayne Hughes (Ky) Consigned by Liberty Bloodstock, agent Purchased by Newmarket International				



KEENELAND JANUARY STATISTICS WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10, 2007

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2007	SESSION	CUMULATIVE
No. Offered	313	924
No. Sold	255	733
RNAs	58	191
% RNA	18.5%	20.7%
Gross	\$9,709,800	\$51,792,000
Average	\$38,078	\$70,658
Median	\$23,000	\$40,000

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Going to the Chapel...

An athletic colt from the first crop of MGSW & MGISP Chapel Royal (Montbrook) was the subject of some intense bidding during the second half of yesterday's bidding, eventually selling to Dromoland Farm for \$310,000. "He's a fine horse," the typically understated Gerry Dilger commented. "Just look at all the people who followed him up here." The Feb. 28 foal, a half-brother to the stakes-winning Cherry Hill Lady and from the family of MGSW Gold Mover, was raised by and



Chapel Royal coolmore.com

consigned to the sale by Kildare Stud. "I feel very good about that," said the stud's Frankie O'Connor. "He was just a very smooth horse and he showed himself extremely well all week since he's been here. He appealed to almost everybody who looked at him. He was on everybody's list. He was just a nice horse." He continued, "He was perfect from day one. He never had a bandage on him, just a nice clean horse." The colt's dam, Casanova Storm, is a resident mare at Kildare and is currently carrying a foal by Songandaprayer.

Zayat RNAs Chief Officer...

After topping Monday's opening session with Point Ashley, it was widely anticipated that Zayat Stable's Chief Officer (Officer) would lead the way yesterday afternoon. And, but for a single additional bid, that would have been the case. However, the New York-bred was led out of the ring unsold when bidding stalled out at \$750,000. "I thought at the market she was a very decent price, but that's the price we decided to take her back at," commented Sobhy Sonbol, bloodstock advisor to Zayat. "I'll be very happy to race her back." Purchased for \$230,000 out of last year's OBS March Sale, the bay filly was sent to the barn of Bill Mott and made an immediate impression, winning her maiden at first asking by 10 lengths. Third to Cotton Blossom in the GII Schuylerville S. at Saratoga, she went on to take the Lady Fingers S. at Finger Lakes and closed her juvenile campaign with a win over the boys in the New York Breeders' Futurity at the same venue. In the end, it was too tough to part with her. "She's a beautiful filly and she's going to have a wonderful year this year," Sonbol added. "She's got her whole career ahead of her and we're happy about that. She's a tremendously good-looking filly and she's got a lot of speed. The way she moves, she can carry her speed a long way and she's a very tough filly. She's got a lot of guts and a great family." A half-sister to GSW & GISP Ready to Please, Chief Officer will rejoin the Bill Mott string at Gulfstream Park. Zayat also owns Gullible Gal (Hook and Ladder), a half-sister to Chief Officer he acquired for \$310,000 at last July's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Selected Yearling Sale.

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Lynch More Than Happy on Her Own...

For 12 years, Braxton Lynch was a key cog in the wheel at the Three Chimneys sales agency. But the rigors and requirements of motherhood, combined with trying to manage Royal Oak Farm, owned by Lynch and her husband Damian, was starting to take a toll and recently, she made the difficult decision to start out on her own. It's hardly a decision Lynch is regretting. "It's very exciting and we are really enjoying being on our own and doing our own thing," she said, a broad smile on her face. "I was trying to juggle three things. I had Three Chimneys, I had the farm I own with my husband and two young kids and it was just too much. It's kind of nice to have all the segments all in the same place." So, how have things changed? "It's much more hands-on and I find myself on the end of a shank a lot more," she commented. "It's a lot of fun. I get to spend a lot less time in the car. We're going to start small and build it up a little bit, but we want to keep it a nice, manageable size. It's going to be a family-farm operation." Royal Oak has a total of eight head consigned to the January sale.

You can also pick up a copy of the TDN today at the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale and the Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale.



Richland Hills Becomes Airborne...

When Nathan Fox decided to rename the former Wafare Farm, he knew he was taking a chance, that trying to introduce something unfamiliar could backfire. But by all accounts, Fox's new operation, now called Richland Hills, is off to a good start, its Keeneland consignment highlighted yesterday by the sale of hip 976. The 11-year-old mare Aerodyna (Dynaformer), in foal to Ecton Park, was purchased by Edward Gamble for \$190,000. "She was a very good racing filly," Fox explained. "She broke her maiden impressively and I had some considerable offers on her, but I decided to keep her. We ran her at Saratoga and she broke a sesamoid." Retired to stud thereafter, Aerodyna was then bred to Wafare stallion Barkerville and the result was Dynaville, who went on to place in a pair of graded stakes and earned \$158,285. Fox sold Dynaville in foal to Dehere for \$200,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale. Meanwhile, back on the farm, Fox is excited about the way Richland Hills has come together. Located on 185 acres about 10 miles northwest of Lexington on Old Frankfort, the veteran horseman has overseen the construction of a new 9,000 foot stallion barn and renovated offices and guest suites. Says Fox, "You don't do it for the horses, you do it for the owners and so far it looks like it's working. We're very excited." Fox has also busied himself with further developing the stallion roster at Richland Hills. Richter Scale is the lone holdover from Wafare, but recently added are GSW and Classic placed Andromeda's Hero (Fusaichi Pegasus); and GSW & GISP Star Dabblers (Saint Ballado). "Ideally, I'd like to focus on horses that are maybe just a little underneath the radar. So far it's going really well," Fox said. Fox added that Star Dabblers has been the subject of a huge amount of interest and has high hopes for him. "He's what every yearling buyer looks for. He's a grand-looking individual," he commented. "When these breeders come out, they think that if his foals look like he does, that they're going to get six-figure prices." Fox is also expanding his broodmare boarding operation and yesterday's sale is emblematic of what he is trying to accomplish. "We're trying to become a more service-oriented business as opposed to raising our own horses," he offered, adding that he plans on replacing 30-35 of his own mares with the same number of boarders. In a business where flexibility and a willingness to adapt to the market are required, Fox and friends have embarked on a journey he hopes will lead to long-term viability and durability in the industry. So far, so good.

☆ HIP HAPPENINGS ☆

Hip 1240, Rathsallagh, 4, Fusaichi Pegasus--Dixie Card, by Dixieland Band

Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent

A half-sister to MGSW and GISP Adonis, Rathsallagh has made nine trips to the races for a trio of third-place finishes and earnings of \$26,240 for owners Jon and Sarah Kelly. Also kin to MSW Kentucky Storm, the chestnut is offered as a racing or broodmare prospect.

Hip 1362, A P Easy, 4, A.P. Indy--Sheepscot, by Easy Goer

Consigned by Gainesway, agent for Eldon Farm Equine

A \$250,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase, this half-sister to GSW and track record-setter Navesink River broker her maiden in August by 11 1/4 lengths and was retired with earnings of \$44,431. Produced by a stakes-winning half-sister to GISW Vicar, the bay sells as a broodmare prospect only.

Hip 1394, Churchflower, 3, Pulpit--Rahy Rose, by Rahy

Consigned by Warrendale Sales, agent

Purchased by Mike Ryan for \$240,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September sale, this is a half-sister to GSW Summer Raven, who sold for \$750,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November sale. Selling as a racing or broodmare prospect, the bay was produced by a half-sister to MGISW Wild Rush.

Hip 1405, c, Maria's Mon--Colonial Cat, by Boston Harbor B-South Gate (KY)

Consigned by Highclere Sales, agent

Purchased in utero for \$50,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November sale, this Feb. 4 foal is a grandson of GI Alcibiades S. winner Stellar Cat (Storm Cat).

Hip 1425, Downthedustyroad, 4, Storm and a Half --Fair Majesty, by Crafty Prospector

Consigned by Eaton Sales, agent

When it came time to enter horses for the January sale, Ahmed Zayat decided to include this Arkansas-bred filly, but reserved his final decision until after the GI La Brea S. The bay's 4 1/4-length win sealed the deal, and she figures to make headlines this afternoon. Not bad for a filly who required a drop to \$25,000 to break her maiden at Oaklawn Park last February.

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Hip 842 **No Reason** racing/b'mare prospect **\$175,000**
 (4, *Precise End--Tammany Hall, by Clever Trick*)
 Consigned by Burleson Farms LLC, agent
 Purchased by Peter Van Anel

The New York-bred No Reason brought \$50,000 as a 2-year-old at the 2005 FTFFEB sale. Since then, she's won 6 of 14 starts, including the Iroquois H., the Park Avenue S. and the New York Oaks while bankrolling \$315,956. The newly turned 4-year-old sold as a racing or broodmare prospect to Peter Van Anel.

Hip 919 f, **Forest Camp--Such Flair (Kingmambo)** **\$130,000**
 B-Carolin Von Rosenberg DVM (Fl)
 Consigned by Baccari Bloodstock, agent
 Purchased by Mark Stansell

Dr. Von Rosenberg acquired the Kingmambo mare Such Flair, in foal to Silver Deputy, for \$42,000 at the 2003 KEENOV sale. The resulting colt was sold for \$85,000 at KEESEP in 2005, and was later pinhooked for \$120,000 at FTFFEB. Named Law Breaker, the bay won a Hollywood MSW first time out in November before running second in a Santa Anita stakes race Dec. 30. This filly represents another profit for her connections.

Hip 1000 **Believe** **Devil His Due** **\$145,000**
 (10, *Chimes Band--Jon's Singer, by Caro {Ire}*)
 Consigned by Parrish Hill Farm, agent for the Estate of Jo Williams
 Purchased by Hinkle Farms Inc

Acquired by the Williams family for \$62,000 as a 2-year-old in 1999, Believe won two of four starts and \$35,120 on the track. She was bred to Devil His Due and produced a colt in 2003. She RNA'd for \$6,500 at the 2004 KEEJAN auction and went back home. Her yearling sold for \$130,000 at the 2004 KEESEP sale; named Record, he captured the 2006 Derby Trial S. Carrying a full sibling to that colt, Believe sold for \$145,000 yesterday.

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☆ **MAGIC MILLIONS** ☆

EXCITEMENT BUILDING AT MAGIC MILLIONS

Vendors at the Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale are entitled to be extremely optimistic as the first of four select sessions begins today with across-the-board reports that inspections are up by at least 50 percent on last year as the car park overflows at the busy Bundall sale complex on the Gold Coast. Buyers and consignors enjoyed live music and cold beer in a palm-fringed bar area late on Wednesday afternoon, and the party atmosphere ahead of the 21st Magic Millions sale was tangible. Shadwell agent Angus Gold said Magic Millions was similar to Deauville with its relaxed, holiday-like atmosphere. "All the locals are on holiday and in good form so it is a great atmosphere," said Gold, making his first foray into the MM catalogue in 15 years. "This sale has grown in terms of results and importance and it is getting better horses across the board, for buyers in all categories. There are pedigrees to match the individual as more and more people send nice horses here, and they are not afraid to do so. Full marks to Aushorse--there are more international buyers here than ever before," he said. Asked what he was seeking in the sale, Gold said, "Obviously we imagine the pedigrees for fillies will be stronger in Sydney, at the same time we've had a bit of luck with fillies without much pedigree but who are athletic types and become Listed winners and thus make their own pedigree."

Knight Sees Strong Sale in the Offing...

Magic Millions bloodstock manager Paul Knight predicted the average for the first four sessions could be around A\$160,000, while the average for session five could be around A\$50,000. "All the indications are there that this is going to be a very strong sale; the crowds here for the last few days have been unbelievable," Knight said. "The real estate market and stock market are up, retailers have had a great Christmas, and bloodstock sales around the world are up. Although our dollar is getting stronger, it's still cheaper to buy here." Coolmore's Michael Kirwan said there was "a horse for everyone" at Magic Millions and indications were that there would be considerable activity from first-time buyers at Magic Millions.

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POINT ASHLEY TO STORM CAT Point Ashley (Point Given--Golden Thatch, by Slew o' Gold), Monday's sale topper at Keeneland's January Sale in



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Lexington, will be retired to stud and bred to Storm Cat during the current breeding season. "Point Ashley is already an accomplished Grade I winner, by Horse of the Year and six-time Grade I winner Point Given, which is why we went to \$1.8 million to purchase her," said John G. Sikura, president of Hill 'n' Dale Farms. "As it

was uncertain if she could make the Kentucky Oaks [May 4] with the time off she had, we felt it prudent to breed her this year." A winner of two of four lifetime starts, including last year's GI Del Mar Debutante S., the three-year-old retires with \$237,200 in earnings.

CATALANO CHARTS COURSE FOR 'ANNA'

Frank Calabrese's **Dreaming of Anna** (Rahy), who was given a brief freshener following her 1 1/2-length tally in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Churchill Downs Nov. 4, recorded her third work of the winter over the turf course at the Palm Meadows Training Center Monday morning--breezing a half mile in :47 3/5--and according to her trainer Wayne Catalano, she is likely to make her next start on the turf. With the ultimate goal slated to be the GI Kentucky Oaks May 4, the chestnut will begin her trek to the Classic with a start on the turf in Gulfstream's Gaily Gaily S. Feb. 25. "The turf is kinder to a horse and she really likes the turf," explained Catalano. "We'd like to get two races in her before going to the [GI] Ashland S. [over Keeneland's Polytrack Apr. 7]. I know the Oaks is on the dirt, but we want to stay on the grass because it's so much easier on her." According to Catalano, Dreaming of Anna's works will be spaced roughly 10 days apart, taking advantage of the Palm Meadows three-day-per-week turf schedule.

PRECIOUSNESS CAMPAIGNS FOR REDDAM

Preciousness (Exchange Rate), undefeated in three starts in 2006, has recently been purchased by J. Paul Reddam and will make her first start for her new connections in Sunday's GII El Encino S. at Santa Anita. "I've only had her a few days, but she worked a half mile this morning [at Hollywood Park] in [:48.40]," said trainer Craig Dollase. The four-year-old won a pair of sprints at Remington Park last fall before closing out the year with a 3 1/4-length victory when pitted against \$25,000 optional claimers going 8.5 panels on the turf at Sam Houston Dec. 14. "Her last three races were impressive and we liked the way she won in a route, even though it was on the turf," said Dollase. "She'll have to step up [Sunday], but it's a graded race and it won't hurt her residual value if she runs well." Also probable for the El Encino are **Cantabria** (GB) (Dansili {GB}); **Kris' Sis** (Forestry); **Sugar Shake** (Awesome Again); and **Wonder Lady Anne L** (Real Quiet).

Magic Millions cont.

Frenetic Pace for Vendors

Widden's Antony Thompson said the pace of inspections was brisk and buyers had responded well to increased quality in the catalogue. "With 730 horses in the select session I expect there will be plenty of value in the market," Thompson said. Willow Park's Glenn Burrows will offer the first colt by Lonhro (Aus) (Octagonal {NZ}) in Lot 64 and says the youngster from MSW Lady Marion (Aus) (Danehill) has been immensely popular. "We're all 50 percent up on lookers that have been through and it has been chaotic; I can't see why that won't flow right through the sale as well," Burrows said. "The top end and high middle market will be strong, lower middle will be probably satisfactory and below that will be difficult. The first four sessions will be pretty solid, the way it is going. There's a lot of high profile people here." As for how his star colt is handling the pre-sale bustle, Burrows said, "The Lonhro colt is a horse with a great temperament and he's coping with the large number of inspections extremely well, he just bowls along every time. He is a lovely walker and an almost-black colt reminiscent of his father."



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Yesterday's Results:

3rd-AQU, \$45,000, Alw, NW2L, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13 3/5, ft.

CASANOVA STORY (f, 4, [Stormin Fever--Secretary's Story, by Secretariat](#)) returned from a long absence and romped by 11 1/2 lengths when dropped in for a \$50,000 tag against Delaware maidens in late October. She notched good seconds in allowance company in her next two, first at Delaware Nov. 19 and then at Aqueduct Dec. 14, and was the overwhelming 2-5 pick here. Up close as the leader set modest fractions, the Edward Evans homebred was roused clear to a daylight advantage in upper stretch and had a two-length cushion at the wire. The 11-1 shot Littleton Bridge (Stormin Fever), another horse that was bred by Evans who was making her stateside debut, completed the exacta. The victress is a half to Colonial Secretary (Pleasant Colony), MSW & MGSP, \$421,843; and Tucumcari (Cherokee Colony), MSW, \$364,978. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$58,923. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O/B-Edward P Evans (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11:

01-20 \$150,000 *Palos Verdes H.-II, SA, 4yo/up, 6f (150)*

01-21 \$150,000 *San Marcos-II, SA, 4yo/up, 10fT (150)*

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5th-AQU, \$43,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 4/5, ft.
+ **NOT FOR MONEY** (c, 3, [Not For Love--Chiqueada, by Palmister](#)), a \$110,000 FTMOCT yearling, was debuting for a barn that hits at a 17-percent clip with first-timers, but was overlooked at the windows and went postward a 10-1 shot as part of an entry. Green early while racing wide, Not for Money began to get the hang of things around the turn and moved into contention. Pushed on turning for home, he forged to the lead and opened up to win by two lengths at the wire, with Mariano (Chester House) back in second. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-David P Miller & Skymarc Farm (PA). T-Richard E Dutrow, Jr.

★ GULFSTREAM ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-GPX, \$41,500, Alw, NW2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46 4/5, fm.

BEE CHARMER (IRE) (h, 5, [Anabaa--Bayourida {SW & GSP-Fr}](#), by [Slew o' Gold](#)) began his career with conditioner John Hammond in France, where he was a Chantilly maiden winner as a three-year-old before making just a trio of starts last term. Third and then fourth in allowance races last spring at Saint-Cloud and Chantilly, respectively, he was then moved to the States, where he joined the Michael Matz barn. Sent off at 3-1 in his U.S. debut at Keeneland last October, the bay rallied from well back to take a 12-furlong turf event. Returning here at 5-2 odds, Bee Charmer stalked in fourth, moved out for the drive and overhauled the longtime pacesetter Mangiaracina (Grand Slam) to take it by a length. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$74,635. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Amelie Ehrnrooth. B-Sarl Elevage du Haras de Bourgeauville (IRE). T-Michael R Matz.

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★ EAST ★

Yesterday's Results:

7th-LRL, \$30,000, Msw, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06 3/5, ft.
+ **WINNING POINT** (f, 3, **Point Given**--Bibical Sense, by **Blushing Groom {Fr}**) took a little bit of play at 7-1 odds in her unveiling. Lacking speed early, the chestnut was still 10th at the second call, but came charging with a determined run and was up in time to defeat Valarchos Destiny (Monarchos) by a half length. A \$30,000 FTKJUL yearling and \$30,000 FTMOCT yearling, Winning Point is a half to Sense of Duty (Meadowlake), SW, \$313,967; and Gilded Wings (Gilded Time), MSP, \$180,150. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,100.

O-Morris Bailey. B-The Thoroughbred Corporation, Stephen A DiMauro & Dan Morgan (KY). T-Ed Gaudet.

★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Beautyandthebeast Retired:

Neil Jones's **Beautyandthebeast (GB)** (Machiavel-
lian-Nicola Bella {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), winner of the GII Las Palmas H. at Santa Anita last fall, has been retired. "She's had a nice campaign, and she's going home as a group winner," trainer Neil Drysdale told the *Daily Racing Form*. The five-year-old homebred, who finished fifth in her final start in the GII San Gorgonio H. Jan. 7, retires with six wins from 16 starts and earnings of \$279,467.

Dixie Meister Possible for Godolphin Mile:

Dixie Meister (Holzmeister), winner of the GII San Pasqual H. Saturday, will aim toward the G1 Godolphin Mile during the Dubai World Cup Series at Nad al Sheba Mar. 31. "He's won two graded stakes in his last three starts, so he should get invited," Julio Canani told *DRF* yesterday. Owned by Gary Tanaka, the five-year-old was in the money in four of six starts last term, including a score in the GII Californian at Hollywood Park.



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**TODAY'S
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**3:10p
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5th-GPX, Alw, \$48K, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

CASSYDORA (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) has been on the shelf for over a year following a dismal showing in the GI E P Taylor S. in October of 2005, her North American debut, but the five-year-old mare has the back class to figure here. Trained by John Dunlop in Europe, she ran Alexander Goldrun (Ire) to a 1 1/4 lengths when runner-up in the G1 Nassau S. in July '05, having previously won the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial S. by six lengths. She returns to the races under the care of trainer Todd Pletcher's assistant Anthony Sciametta and breaks from the inside post with John Velazquez aboard. **Fantastic Shirl (Fantastic Light)**, a half-sister to the top-class Shakespeare, makes her first start for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin after completing the exacta in a Churchill Downs allowance in late November for Bill Mott. brisset.com.pps

Yesterday's Results:

IMPRESSIVE LUCK H., \$77,500, SAX, 1-10, 4yo/up, a6 1/2fT, 1:13, fm.

- 1--**FAST PARADE, 120, g, 4, Delineator--Parade of Gold, by Prospectors Gamble.** (\$4,500 yrl '04 WASDEC). O-Gary and Cecil Barber; B-Dr Michael John Konecny (WA); T-Peter Miller; J-G Gomez; \$46,500. Lifetime Record: GSW, 9-6-2-0, \$475,013.
- 2--**Cat and a Half, 116, g, 5, Storm and a Half--Dancing Deborah,** by Northern Park. O-Howard Roberts Farm & Knapp. \$15,500.
- 3--**Scheffer, 116, h, 6, Elusive Quality--Squaw Harbor,** by Groovy. (\$115,000 yrl '02 KEESEP). O-A-Mark Racing, Bogtufi LLC and R P P Horsie LLC. \$9,300. Margins: 2, NO, 1. Odds: 0.40, 12.60, 12.50.

Fast Parade, winner of last season's Baldwin S. and Green Flash S. in California, won his latest start, the GII Neartic S. at Woodbine Oct. 22. Trying to remain undefeated in three tries on the turf, the gelding pressed the early pace, took over in the stretch and dominated late to win under a hand ride.



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2nd-SAX, \$47,200, Msw, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09 2/5, ft. FURIOSO STAR (g, 4, Memo {Chi}--Miss Excitement, by Rajab), a full-brother to the very fast Bordonaro, GISW, \$750,794, went off at 5-1 odds in his debut at Hollywood last June, but was well-beaten and sent to the sidelines. Disregarded this time at 14-1, the Carillo and Cassella homebred was eager early and raced up to press the pace. The gelding fought to the lead in deep stretch and was going away late, winning by 2 1/4 lengths over Awesome Graf (Awesome Again). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$30,300. O/B-Fred Carrillo & Daniel A Cassella (CA). T-W Spawr.

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN BRITAIN:

Mataram, g, 4, **Matty G**--Kalinka, by Mr. Prospector. Lingfield, Britain, 1-10, Hcp, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT). B-B P Walden, Jr & James Anthony. *\$9,000 wnlq '03 KEENOV; 8,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT. Evolve, f, 4, [With Approval](#). See "Euro. Breeders' Edition."

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Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

E DUBAI (Mr. Prospector), Darley, \$15K, 147/15/2
3-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Answer the Bell
5-AQU, Msw, 6f, +Criminal Activity, \$155K KEE SEP yrl
ILE ST. LOUIS (CHI) (Hussonet), 22/1/0
5-DED, Msw, 7f, Ile St Jaycee, 5-1
MONGOOSE (Broad Brush), CloverLeaf Farms II, Inc, \$3K, 52/6/0
5-DED, Msw, 7f, +Aly Mon, \$20K EAS SEP yrl, 10-1
ORIENTATE (Mt. Livermore), Gainesway, \$20K, 205/23/3
5-AQU, Msw, 6f, Heavyweight, \$145K FTF FEB 2yo
1-SA, Str, 6f, Lost On Champagne, \$15K KEE SEP yrl
SKIMMING (Nureyev), Cardiff Stud, \$8K, 141/7/1
1-SA, Str, 6f, Shezaluckypenny, \$15K BAR SUM 2yo
SNOW RIDGE (Tabasco Cat), Padua, \$5K, 116/16/1
7-LRL, Msw, 5 1/2f, Je Suis Shiekh, \$62K OBS APR 2yo, 4-1
YONAGUSKA (Cherokee Run), Vinery, \$10K, 208/29/1
3-TP, Msw, 6 1/2f, Never Think Twice

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RECORD PRIZE MONEY AT NEWMARKET Officials at Newmarket racecourse yesterday announced record prize money of £7.4 million during the 2007 season. As a result of a drop in the level of Levy Board contributions, the management have revamped their fixture list to more than make up for that shortfall. Director of Racing Michael Prosser explained, "Our Levy Board contributions are set to drop by some £185,000 this year, so we will be putting up some £275,000 in additional prize money in order to make up for this shortfall and fund the overall increase. To help generate the extra income that we need to make this possible, we have conducted a comprehensive review of our race programme and are making some important changes to our fixture list." Alterations include cutting the prestigious April Craven meeting to two days, which will see the G3 Nell Gwyn S. run on the Wednesday, while the three-day Champions' Day meeting has also been trimmed to two days. "We have not undertaken these changes lightly and while a number of traditionalists will understandably be disappointed to see the Craven Meeting and October Meeting become two-day fixtures, I am certain that this will be for the benefit of our race programme as a whole," Newmarket Racecourse's Managing Director Lisa Hancock commented. "Without these changes, our prize money would undoubtedly have suffered."

OPEN HOUSE AT DALHAM HALL Darley will offer breeders the opportunity to view its roster of 14 stallions at Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket next week at a series of open days to be held from Jan. 15-19. The stallions, including first-season sires Librettist and Shirocco (Ger), will be available to view from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day and refreshments will be served at the stud. To arrange a visit, contact the Darley nominations team on +44 1638 730070.

FIRST FOAL FOR NORTH LIGHT North Light (Ire) (Danehill--Sought Out {Ire}, by Rainbow Quest), winner of the 2004 G1 English Derby, was represented by his first foal when **Highland Diva (Ire)** (Selkirk) produced a bay filly at Darby Dan Farm shortly after midnight yesterday. North Light, who stands at Adena Springs Kentucky for \$30,000 as the property of North Light Syndicate, won also won the 2004 G2 Dante S. and was second in that year's G1 Irish Derby. He was named England's highweighted three-year-old at 11 to 14 furlongs. This is the first foal for Highland Diva, a full sister to G1 Irish Oaks runner-up Scottish Stage (Ire). The five-year-old mare sold to Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock for \$200,000 at the 2006 Keeneland November Sale.

★ BRITAIN ★

Yesterday's Results:

Lingfield, 2.00, Mdn, £4,350, 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:41.36, st.

+ **ZAM ZAMMAH (GB)** (c, 4, Agnes World--Krisalya {GB}, by Kris {GB}) was hammered down to 4-11 for his belated bow and was ridden with patience in rear after missing the kick. Making up ground effortlessly, the 160,000gns TATOCT yearling passed Priceoflove (Ire) (Inchior {GB}) under restraint inside the final 100 yards before recording a facile length success. The winner is a half brother to Rose Gypsy (GB) (Green Desert, G1SW-Fr & MSP-Ire, \$162,817). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,817.

O-S P C Woods; B-Haydock Park Stud; T-Sir Michael Stoute.

★ EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN HONG KONG:

Easy (Ire), g, 4, **City on a Hill**--Christan (Ire), by Al Hareb. Happy Valley, 1-10, Hcp., 1000mT. B-Christan Syndicate. *Formerly Dusty City (Ire). **13,500gns wnlg '03 TATDEC; 4,500gns yrl '04 DONOCT.

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European-bred Winners cont.

Green in Blue (Ire), g, 7, **Kahyasi (Ire)**--Sea Mistress (Ire), by Habitat. Happy Valley, 1-10, Hcp., 2200mT. B-Yeomanstown Lodge Stud. *1/2 to Nautical Pet (Ire) (Petorius {Ire}), GSW-Ire. **200,000gns yrl '01 TATOCT.

BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-SAX, \$67,090, NW1X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4mT, 2:01 4/5, fm.

FORTUNATE EVENT (m, 5, Event of the Year--Fortunee, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-3-8-4, \$277,537. O-Dan J Agnew. B-The Thoroughbred Corporation (CA). T-Jerry M Fanning. *\$45,000 2yo '04 BESMAR. **1/2 to Deadline (Mountain Cat), SW, \$180,269; Cheiron (Maria's Mon), SW, \$352,760.

10th-SUN, \$29,400, 1-9, NW3L, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17, ft.

ZAMRITE (g, 5, Zamindar--Top Bank {MSP}, by Water Bank) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, \$73,074. O-Alexander Thoroughbreds. B-Gregory A Hill (FL). T-O Dwain Grissom. *\$82,000 yrl '03 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miss Laylee, f, 3, **Awesome Again**--Love and Marry, by Known Fact. GPX, 1-10, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5. B-Adena Springs (FL). *\$18,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

Carson's Promise, c, 3, **Lord Carson**--Spartiana, by Bold Ruckus. SUN, 1-9, 5 1/2f, 1:04 3/5. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA).

+ **Suspicious Angel**, f, 3, **Out of Place**--Angel in de Skies, by Dixieland Band. AQU, 1-10, (C), 6f, 1:12 4/5. B-Morgan's Ford Farm (VA). *\$87,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

Bond Champ, g, 3, **Tiger Ridge**--Slewadore, by Seattle Slew. GPX, 1-10, (C), 1mT, 1:36 1/5. B-Wild Ride LLC (FL). *\$24,000 yrl '05 OBSAUG.

Wheres Whitey, f, 4, **Golden Missile**--Karla Wyller (Ity) (Hwt. Older Mare-Ity at 7-9.5f, SW & GSP-Ity, \$265,029), by Salse. AQU, 1-10, (S), 1m, 1:42 4/5. B-Gallagher Stud (NY). *\$30,000 yrl '04 KEEJAN.

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BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Pau, 1.25, 1-10, €18,000, 3yo, 7½f (AWT), 1:35.03, sf.

MIKELOUP (FR) (c, 3, **Loup Solitaire--Roots {Fr}**, by **Funambule**) Lifetime Record: 7 starts, 2 wins, 3 places, €22,800. O-Cuadra Olabego; B-Haras d'Etreham; T-Mme A Imaz-Ceca. *€2,500 wnlg '04 DEADEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Evolve, f, 4, **With Approval**--Conical (GB), by Zafonic. Kempton Park, Britain, 1-10, Mdn, 4-6yo, 1 3/8m (AWT). B-Juddmonte Farms, Inc. *7,500gns HIT '06 TATHIT '06.

★ ON THE WORKTAB ★

BELMONT (training track)

ATTILA'S STORM (Forest Wildcat), 4f, :48.67, 5/45

GULFSTREAM

PARK AVENUE BALL (Citidancer), 3f, :37.00, 5/10

STORMY KISS (ARG) (Bernstein), 5f, :59.60, 2/13

SWAP FLIPAROO (Exchange Rate), 5f, 1:01.00, 6/13

HOLLYWOOD (AWT)

BOBOMAN (Kingmambo), 1m, 1:38.40, 1/1

OBRIGADO (FR) (Enrique {GB}), 7f, 1:26.40, 2/3

SEAFREE (Chief Seattle), 5f, 1:02.20, 22/34

TEXCESS (In Excess {Ire}), 6f, 1:11.80, 3/12

OAKLAWN

STEPPENWOLFER (Aptitude), 4f, :49.40, 4/39

SANTA ANITA

ARSON SQUAD (Brahms), 3f, :36.40, 8/24

FOXYSOX (GB) (Foxhound), 4f, :49.00, 21/40

SINISTER MINISTER (Old Trieste), 6f, •1:10.80, 1/13

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SCARY GOOD

by Lucas Marquardt

Caught between rivals a furlong out, with one a length ahead to his inside and another bearing down and a neck ahead in the three path, it looked as though Spooky Mulder would have to settle for third. But with the same sort of fortitude and determination that has defined the popular veteran through six seasons of racing, Spooky Mulder—who just celebrated his ninth birthday—clawed his way back to even terms and, in the dying



Spooky Mulder winning his latest, a Dec. 29 optional claimer at The Big A
A Coglianese

strides, surged to win it by a quarter of a length ([Video](#)).

A great race, but really, it would be easy to overlook the effort. It didn't come in a big stakes, no track record was threatened, and it was accomplished against a good if average field of \$75,000 allowance/optional claimers at Aqueduct on Sunday, Nov. 19. For true fans of racing, however, Spooky Mulder's performance was the kind that makes trudging out to The Big A on a blustery November day sound like a good idea.

After all, watching horses who love nothing more than finding the wire first is what racing's about.

In total, Spooky Mulder, a gelded son of the Private Account stallion Brunswick, has found that wire first a remarkable 29 times in 72 starts. He's added another 16 runner-up efforts, with three thirds. He has earned over \$820,000.

Make no mistake, though, Spooky Mulder is no star. For the most part, he's competed in high-priced claimers throughout his career. He's never won a stakes race, although he has placed in six black-type events. Three times he's been tried in Grade III races, with his best finish a fourth to Peeping Tom in the Donald Levine Memorial H. in 2004, making his bankroll even that much more impressive.

But again, the thrills of racing are usually generated by the competition between horses, be they Grade I animals or horses running for a tag, and few horses love a good scrap more than the battle-hardened Spooky Mulder.

Bred in Kentucky by Dr. Jeff Allen and foaled in 1998, Spooky Mulder, named for the character on the popular T.V. show The X-Files, won at first asking in a \$30,000 maiden claimer at Turfway in 2001. Since then, he has been in for as cheaply as \$7,500 (he won a claiming race while in for that tag at Ellis Park by 8 1/2 lengths in August of 2002), but has found a home over the past three years on the NYRA circuit. And in that time, his gutsy performances have won over even the most dour of New York railbirds.



Spooky Mulder as a weanling
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Spooky Mulder's 2006 Wins

Date	Track	Class	Margin	
Dec. 29	AQU	OC\$75k3X	2 3/4	Video
Nov. 19	AQU	OC\$75k3X	NK	Video
Aug. 20	SAR	CLM\$100k	1 1/2	Video
June 22	BEL	OC\$100k	NK	Video
Apr. 20	AQU	OC\$100k	1 3/4	Video
Mar. 23	AQU	OC\$75k3X	1 3/4	Video



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While Spooky Mulder's 29 victories clearly speak to his desire, his 72 lifetime starts underscore his durability. After debuting in September of 2001 as a three-year-old and making two starts that year, Spooky Mulder has made no fewer than 12 starts in each of his five subsequent seasons. His career high came in 2004, when he started 17 times (seven wins, five seconds for \$253,275 in earnings). In 2006 he faced the starter 13 times (six wins, three thirds for \$236,785 in earnings).



Spooky Mulder winning his debut in September of 2001
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While it's not surprising that Spooky Mulder has been popular at the claim box, it is somewhat surprising that the majority of that activity has come in the last two years. Eight-year-olds don't usually make ideal claiming prospects, regardless of the level at which they're racing, and it's almost unheard of for a veteran of such advanced years to be haltered for

\$100,000. But that's exactly what happened last April when owner Paul Pompa Jr. and trainer Pat Reynolds plucked Spooky Mulder out of an Aqueduct allowance/optional claimer in April, a race in which he upset the previous year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint hero Silver Train. The person that Pompa claimed Spooky Mulder from, Bruce Golden, would come back to claim the gelding once again seven starts later, for \$75,000 out of his Nov. 19 winning performance, just a month and a half away from his ninth birthday.

It's the third time Golden (this time it was in partnership with Aces Full Racing Stable) and his trainer Scott Lake have gone in for Spooky Mulder, having originally claimed him for \$25,000 in October of 2003 and again for \$50,000 in April of 2005.

"I just love him," said Golden after the latest claim. "He's got a lot of heart and just gives everything he's got. I've never claimed a horse as old as him before, but I've got so much confidence in him."

For Lake, there wasn't much downside.

"No, not really," he said when asked if he was a bit nervous haltering a near-nine-year-old. "We were actually kind of kicking ourselves for not taking him earlier at Saratoga before that [when the horse was in for \$100,000 in August]. But it wasn't like we were thinking we absolutely had to get our money back. You know what, if he wasn't going to produce, we were just going retire him. In our worst-case scenario, we would retire him and give him a good life."

And even though Scott Lake didn't saddle Spooky Mulder in that November claiming race, the conditioner says it is one of his favorite races by the horse.

"He looked like he should have been third at best," said Lake. "That race typifies him. If you don't go by him and open up on him, he's going to come back and beat you."



Senate Leadership Announces 2007 Legislative Priorities

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has announced the Democrats' package of legislative priorities for 2007:

- 1 Reform of ethics rules, lobbying and earmarks
- 2 Increase in minimum wage/tax relief for small businesses
- 3 Reduce drug costs for seniors
- 4 Implement recommendations of the 9/11 Commission
- 5 Stem cell research
- 6 Energy independence/global warming
- 7 Middle class tax relief for college costs
- 8 Rebuild military infrastructure
- 9 Comprehensive immigration reform
- 10 "Pay as you go" rules for the federal budget process

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After a disappointing ninth-place effort for Golden and Lake in the Dec. 17 GIII Gravesend H., Spooky Mulder got back to winning ways in his most recent, taking a \$75,000 allowance optional/claimer at Aqueduct Dec. 29 while running in the name of the suspended Lake's assistant Steven Krebs.

"He's an absolute unbelievable horse," continued Lake, who puts Spooky Mulder among his all-time favorites. "He's got more brains and personality than most horses put together. He's awesome around the barn. He's got a great personality. He loves to train in the morning. He brings the barn to another level; he really does."

With Spooky Mulder heading into 2007 in perhaps the best form of his career, it's well within the realm of possibility that he will be able to crown his career with that elusive stakes win. But Lake says a stakes victory, at this point, would only be icing on the cake.

"I hope he does win a stakes for him, but for us he's been just a phenomenal horse," Lake said.

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