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**TDN Feature Presentation
GRADE 2 HUTCHESON STAKES**



STALLION OPEN HOUSE

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HUTCHESON DRAWS TEN

Gulfstream's opening weekend will feature a field of 10 three-year-olds in the \$150,000 GII Hutcheson S. The highweight in the seven-furlong contest is Eric Fein's **Big Truck** (Hook and Ladder), who will carry 118 pounds. The rest of the field carries 116. Big Truck



Big Truck
Adam Coglianese photo

captured his first two starts as the odds-on favorite, including the Bertram F. Bongard S. Sept. 23, before coming up a neck short as the 1-5 chalk in the Sleepy Hollow S. Oct. 20. The New York-bred closed out 2007 with a troubled fourth-place finish in the GII Remsen S. going nine furlongs at Aqueduct

Nov. 24, and trainer Barclay Tagg is looking at the Hutcheson as a starting point for his charge's three-year-old campaign. "The Remsen is a throw-out," Tagg told *Daily Racing Form*. "He had a bad trip every step of the way. The Hutcheson is really coming back a little too soon for him, but there really isn't any other place to run him." Tagg would have preferred to run his colt going a bit further, but with Gulfstream's revised stakes schedule, is bringing Big Truck back a bit earlier. "I wish they had left the Holy Bull where it used to be during the opening month of the meet instead of moving it back near the end [Apr. 12]," Tagg added. "That would have been perfect. The only reason I'm turning him back to seven furlongs is because there's nowhere else to go right now." **Hutcheson cont. p2**

TRIPLE CROWN NOMS NOW OPEN

Nominations are now open for the 2008 Triple Crown, which will consist of the 134th running of the GI Kentucky Derby May 3, the 133rd GI Preakness S. May 17 and the 140th GI Belmont S. Early nominations of \$600 per horse will close Saturday, Jan. 19. Nominations can be made through the mail, by telephone at either (800) 928-3372 or (502) 638-3810, online at www.thetricrowncrownchallenge.com or in person with representatives from Triple Crown Productions. Representatives will be in Southern California, Florida and Louisiana beginning Tuesday, Jan. 8. Gathering nominations at Florida racing and training venues will be Edward P. Seigenfeld, executive vice president of Triple Crown Productions; Don Richardson, senior vice president, racing, for Churchill Downs Inc.; P.J. Campo, director of racing for New York Racing Association; and Coley Blind, stakes coordinator for the Maryland Jockey Club. Ben Huffman, director of racing and racing secretary at Churchill, will be taking nominations at Fair Grounds in New Orleans, and Gene Williams, media coordinator for Triple Crown Productions, and Del Mar media director Daniel Smith will be at Southern California sites. There will be a late-nomination period requiring \$6,000 to nominate Jan. 20-Mar. 29.

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Saturday, Gulfstream Park

HUTCHESON S.-GII, \$150,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY
1	Tiz It	Tiznow	Velazquez
2	Grand Minstrel	Grand Slam	Coa
3a	Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	Velasquez
4	Halo Najib	Halo's Image	Desormeaux
5	Smooth Air	Smooth Jazz	Cruz
6	Silver Edition	Silver Deputy	Douglas
7	Big Truck	Hook and Ladder	Castellano
8	Notgivinmyloveaway	Not for Love	Prado
9	Golden Spikes	Seeking the Gold	Castro
10a	Coal Play	Mineshaft	Velasquez

All carry 116 pounds except Big Truck, 118.

M375 Thoroughbreds and Suaurez Racing's regally bred **Golden Spikes** will make his stakes debut here.



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After overcoming trouble to take his career opener in July at Calder, the regally bred colt was out of action for several months, and showed his rustiness when fifth in his return on Thanksgiving. He bounced back with blinkers added, posting a sharp effort in a 6 1/2-

furlong allowance at Calder Dec. 13 ([video](#)) for trainer Marty Wolfson. Bred in Kentucky by Robert "Shel" Evans, the bay was produced by a half-sister to Grade I winners Cash Run (Seeking the Gold) and Forestry (Storm Cat). Golden Spikes breezed a half-mile in :47 3/5 at Calder on New Year's Eve; it was the second fastest of 40 workouts at the distance that day.

☆ PREVIEW ☆

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

MR. PROSPECTOR H.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	WT
1	Noonmark	Unbridled's Song	Douglas	112
2	Finallymadeit	Concerto	Nunez	115
3	Guapeton	Wagon Limit	Aguilar	112
4	Mach Ride	Pentelicus	Trujillo	117
5	Keyed Entry	Honour and Glory	Prado	118
6	Grand Champion	Two Punch	Coa	115
7	Roi Maudit	Elusive Quality	Velazquez	111
8	Brother Bud	Lite the Fuse	Fuentes	109



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☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

NBC SPORTS' KY DERBY TELECAST EARNS ECLIPSE HONORS The National Thoroughbred Racing Association announced that NBC Sports has won the Media Eclipse Award for National Television-Live Racing, for its production of the 2007 Kentucky Derby. It was the seventh consecutive year that NBC Sports has won this Eclipse Award. Produced by Sam Flood, the two-hour telecast of the 133rd Run for the Roses featured Street Sense's rail-skimming victory. "We are extremely excited to win the Eclipse Award for a terrific telecast," said Flood. "We had an excellent team of announcers, led by our host Tom Hammond who, year after year, brings passion and dedication and sets high standards for our group that comes through with everyone." Flood also credited director David Michaels for securing the crowning moment of Borel returning on Street Sense in front of thousands cheering in the grandstand. "That was the magical moment," said Flood. "We stayed with him [Borel] on the ride back and captured all the emotion of his achieving a lifelong dream. Obviously, someone in the White House was watching." Two nights later, Borel and his fiance, Lisa Funk, joined President Bush and Queen Elizabeth II--a Derby attendee--at a White House state dinner.



FROM THE DESK OF...
Bill Oppenheim



IN THE PROVINCES

Just as the North American auction marketplace is shrinking outside Kentucky, so, too, is the concentration of stallions there becoming so intense that Not For Love (\$25,000, in Maryland) is the only stallion I know of in North America who stands outside Kentucky for more than \$15,000. The one exception to the concentration of stallions is Florida, which effectively acts like a Triple AAA baseball club, feeding its best prospects to the majors. It was happening as far back as Mr. Prospector and Fappiano, and has continued in recent years with the relocation of the likes of Stormy Atlantic, Yes It's True, Successful Appeal and Songandaprayer, to name just a few.

Of the 36 North American stallions I've selected to highlight in this issue (*see p9*), which stand in Florida, California, and the three eastern states of Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania, 16 (44 percent) stand in Florida. Of those 16, probably at least 10 could be said to still be having tryouts for Kentucky. Not that they necessarily would move, but, if successful, they could do so. Only three of the 16 had more than three crops racing at the end of 2007, and one of those, **Alphabet Soup**, is being sent by Adena Springs from its Kentucky farm to its Florida division. I've been recommending him for years, so I'm unlikely to stop now that he's back down to around his original stud fee.

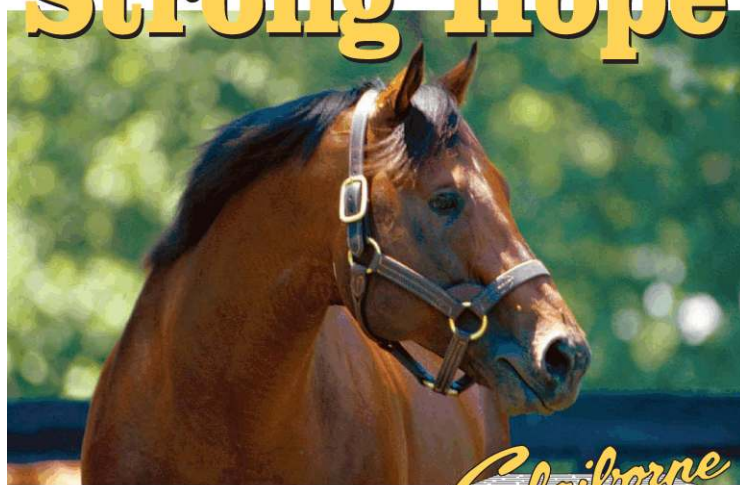
Using the 2007 year-end state sire lists, and the North American General Sire and Juvenile Sire lists from bloodhorse.com, four of the top six on the 2007 Florida list make this list. Florida's number one sire in 2007 was **Trippi**, who ranked 42nd on the General Sire List. He had ranked number five on the 2006 Juvenile Sire List with his second crop, and was number four in Florida in 2006, with two crops racing. In 2007, his third crop ranked 23rd on the Juvenile Sire List (19 two-year-old winners), and number one in Florida with the earners of nearly \$4.4 million, headlined by GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint third Miss Macy Sue and GI Kelso H. winner Trippi's Storm. Both of those runners hailed from Trippi's first crop, four-year-olds of 2007. Second in Florida (72nd nationally) is **Montbrook**, whose stud fee reached as high as \$20,000, but is back down to \$10,000 again for 2008. He sported a 2.01 APEX A Runner Index through July 31, 2007, and has sired 35 stakes winners in 10 crops. Number five in Florida last year was **Concerto**, also with a 2.01 A Runner index, and the sire in 2005 of Bellamy Road, winner of the GI Wood Memorial with a spectacular 120 Beyer figure. Like Trippi and Montbrook, Concerto stands at Ocala Stud.

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Number six was another third-crop sire, Bridlewood's **Put It Back**. He registered an equally spectacular 3.69 A Runner index through July 31, including top sprinters In Summation (winner of the GIII El Conejo H. at Santa Anita on New Year's Day) and Smokey Stover. The latter's connections also have the unbeaten Put It Back Put It Back filly, High Resolve.

Florida nearly always has something to say about the Freshman Sire list, and in 2007 the state's leading freshman sires were **D'wildcat** and **Repent**, both of whom stand at Vinery South and who ranked 11th and 13th, respectively, among 2007 freshman sires nationally. D'wildcat, who was from Forest Wildcat's first crop and won the GI Frank J. DeFrancis Memorial, had five stakes horses which won or placed in 11 stakes, including The **Repent** Louise Reinagel photo Golden Noodle, winner of the Landaluce S. at Hollywood Park, and later third in the GI Hollywood Starlet. Interestingly, six of his seven winners--90 percent of his 2007 progeny earnings--came on all-weather surfaces. Repent, a Grade II winner at two and three, ran second to Johannesburg in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at two and second to Medaglia d'Oro in the GI Travers at three. He had 18 winners, including four stakes horses.



Repent Louise Reinagel photo



Oppenheim - Florida Stallions cont.

Peace Rules, a Grade I winner at three (Blue Grass S., Haskell Invitational) and four (Suburban H.), and third in the GI Kentucky Derby to Funny Cide and Empire Maker in 2003, is one of four prominent Florida prospects for the 2008 Freshman Sire list. An earner of over \$3 million by Forty Niner's beautifully bred son, Jules, Peace Rules had 50 yearlings sell last year for an average of \$50,963 (per *Insta-Tistics*), and a high of \$220,000. Even so, he barely edged out the previously unknown **Spanish Steps**, an unraced full brother to Unbridled's Song, for leadership among Florida's first-year



Peace Rules
Louise Reinagel photo

sires of yearlings in 2007. That stallion's 25 yearlings sold averaged \$50,548, with a high of \$200,000. When a Florida sire comes from nowhere to post numbers like those (off an original \$5,000 stud fee), you know they must look the part. Another interesting prospect is **Omega Code**. Winner of the GIII San Miguel S. sprinting at Santa Anita, he was from the inaugural crop sired by Elusive Quality. The 34 yearlings from Omega Code's first crop averaged \$31,647, with a high of \$150,000. Finally, there is **Burning Roma** (Rubiano), who won the GI Futurity as a two-year-old and went on to win or place in 24 stakes in 36 lifetime starts, earning just over \$1.5 million. He had only two yearlings sell, averaging just \$4,000, but four weanlings from his second crop averaged \$16,750, with a high of \$40,000. He had the racetrack credentials, especially class and consistency, to make those prices look ridiculously cheap.

Two remaining Florida stallions with their first foals in 2007 merit a mention. I would have said three, but Closing Argument, who won the GIII Holy Bull S. and ran second to Giacomo in the GI Kentucky Derby in 2005, has now followed his sire, Successful Appeal, in the migration to Kentucky. He had 11 foals sell from his first crop last year, averaging an impressive \$40,545, with a high of \$185,000. Still in Florida is **Bwana Charlie** (Indian Charlie), one of the top three-year-old sprinters of 2004, when he won two graded stakes, including the GII Amsterdam S. at Saratoga. He placed in four more stakes, and ran fourth in both the GI King's Bishop S. and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Six weanlings from his first crop averaged \$28,666, with a high of \$60,000. Another with his first yearlings in 2008 is **High Fly** (Atticus), a Live Oak homebred who won the GII Fountain of Youth S. and GI Florida Derby in 2005. He comes from a top family developed by Charles T. Wilson at Jonabell Farm: his third dam is One Sum, winner of five graded races in the early days and a half-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Summing.

Weekly Sales Ticker

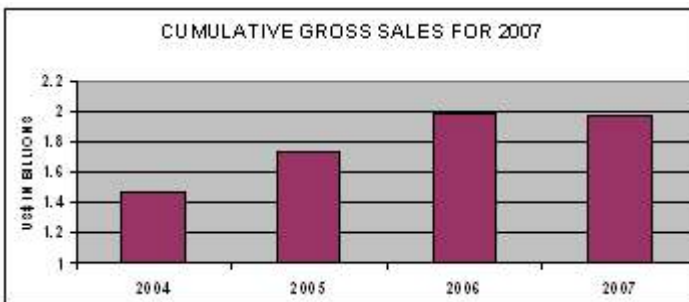
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"After jumping 35% in gross and 24% in average (9% more sold) from 2004 to 2006, the 2007 North American and European auction market was dead level: all three major categories saw declines, but in each case the decline was less than half of 1%. With over 27,000 horses sold for almost \$2-billion, only 53 fewer horses (.2%) brought \$7.4-million less (.4%), and the average was down by \$130 (.2%) – pretty remarkable. Thanks to Brianne Stanley for doing a super job compiling these statistics all year – and on to 2008!" – *Bill Oppenheim*

ENTIRE YEAR CUMULATIVE SALES (in U.S dollars)

YEAR	SOLD	GROSS	AVG
2007	27,293	\$1,971,581,228	\$72,238
2006	27,346	\$1,978,974,900	\$72,368
2005	26,049	\$1,726,155,497	\$66,266
2004	25,105	\$1,461,570,685	\$58,218



1ST HALF CUMULATIVE SALES (IN US DOLLARS)

YEAR	SOLD	GROSS	AVG
2007	8,132	\$370,217,377	\$45,526
2006	8,114	\$379,008,021	\$46,710
2005	7,287	\$305,295,942	\$41,896
2004	7,173	\$283,321,058	\$39,498

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There are rumblings among Florida breeders that other states with bigger incentive programs and purses (particularly Pennsylvania now, the latest to benefit from slots-fueled supplements) are starting to impact the Florida breeding industry. So it will be interesting to follow whether this has an effect on stallion retirements and developments. One prospect it definitely didn't impact is **Pomeroy** (Boundary), who won graded stakes at Saratoga three consecutive years, namely the GI King's Bishop at three, the GII Alfred G. Vanderbilt at four (Beyer 114) and the GI Forego at five. He covered 150 mares last year. Another who was well supported was **Mass Media**, one of three Grade I performers up to a mile in Touch Gold's first two crops on this list. Mass Media, who covered 80 mares last year, won the Forego as well, and placed in the GI Cigar Mile and GI Met Mile. An interesting Florida recruit who debuts this year is **Wilko**. He'll hold court at Adena Springs South and is by that outfit's star Kentucky sire, Awesome Again. Wilko only won one stakes in his life, but it happened to be the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. However, he also placed in 11 other stakes, including a second in the G1 Dubai World Cup in 2006, and earned over \$2.4 million.

California: Native Sons Rule...

Though California was for a few years the favored dumping ground for stallions which almost but not quite made it in Kentucky (then followed Texas, now Pennsylvania), five of the top seven sires on the 2007 California sire list have stood there for their entire careers. California's number one sire in 2007 was **Bertrando**, whose runners earned \$4.2 million (ranked 45th nationally), and included eight stakes winners. With the advent of mandated all-weather surfaces to replace dirt at the Southern California tracks, it looks significant that all five of the top California homegrown sires in 2007 had between 30 and 37 percent of their 2007 progeny earnings on synthetic surfaces. Bertrando had 37 percent, and three of his eight 2007 stakes winners (also 37 percent) came on the all-weather. Second in California was another of the state's perennial leaders, **In Excess** (37 percent of earnings AW, 25 percent of 2007 stakes winners). Fourth in California was **Unusual Heat** (3.71 APEX A Runner Index), a virtual unknown even in California until the APEX figures uncovered him a few years ago. His runners earned over \$3.5 million last year; 36 percent of his 2007 progeny earnings came on all-weather, including three of his five (60 percent) 2007 stakes winners. Fifth in California was **Swiss Yodeler**, who was California's top sire in 2006, when he had GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Thor's Echo. Now aged 14, he's the only one of California's current top five homegrown sires under 17 years of age. He had 30 percent all-weather earnings, and one of his three 2007 stakes winners was on a synthetic surface.

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This top five is rounded off by **Benchmark** (30-percent AW, 33-percent AW stakes winners in 2007/two of six), sire of dual Grade I winner and \$1.5-million earner Brother Derek; and top 2007 sprinter, Idiot Proof, a Grade I winner and second in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. Deputy Commander (third) and Salt Lake (sixth) were the two Kentucky imports to also top \$3 million in 2007 progeny earnings.

Horses which raced in California are naturally logical candidates to stand there, and there are two interesting prospects with their first two-year-olds this year. **Momentum** won only once in California, in the GIII Native Diver H. at three, but he also placed in five stakes there, including Grade I seconds in the Hollywood Gold Cup and Pacific Classic, running Beyers as high as 116. That would earn him a place at stud anywhere, which makes him an especially interesting prospect for the Golden State. **Marino Marini**, a \$1.8-million yearling by Storm Cat, was Group 1-placed at two in Ireland. He placed in four graded stakes in America, including when second by a head in the GI Malibu S. in his dirt debut. He was a real speedball, with serious form ranging from five to seven furlongs. **Singletary** was a top grass horse in California over four seasons. He also won the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Lone Star in one of his rare forays outside California. He won or placed in 15 grass stakes in 22 career starts, and will have his first yearlings in California in 2008.



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East is East...

These days, the top 40 on the year-end General Sire List is almost all Kentucky sires. It's newsworthy when a stallion standing in another state makes that list. In 2007, only one stallion from the five states we're covering penetrated the top 40, and that is **Not For Love**, who, not coincidentally, has the highest stud fee (\$25,000) of any stallion standing in those five states (Florida, California, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania). He's number 18 on the General Sire List, with 2007 earners of more than \$5.7 million, including 11 stakes winners. Number two in Maryland is **Outflanker**, who transferred over from Florida and looks a real bargain at \$4,000. He's sired the winners of over \$3.5 million this year, with eight stakes winners, three of them graded. **Louis Quatorze**, a son of Sovereign Dancer and sire of the promising freshman sire Repent, is number three in Maryland, with progeny earnings over \$3 million. His first Maryland crop was juveniles of 2007. He was previously in Kentucky, but Maryland looks a good move for him right now.

Maryland's leading stud farm, Northview, which stands Not For Love and Two Punch among others, has an exciting freshman sire prospect for 2008 in **Domestic Dispute**. He's a son of Unbridled's Song who won two California two-turn Grade IIs, the Santa Catalina at three and the Strub as a four-year-old. Trained by the engaging Paddy Gallagher, his form has an authentic stamp about it as he ran Beyers of 107-106-108 when running first or second in three Grade II races at nine, seven, and eight furlongs in his four-year-old year. Twenty yearlings from his first crop averaged \$49,370 at the sales, with a high of \$240,000, which puts him in the same ballpark, commercially, as Florida stallions Peace Rules and Spanish Steps. **Medallist**, who moves to Northview from Three Chimneys in Kentucky, is the second of the three by Touch Gold in today's story. He won the GII Dwyer and GIII Withers at three and the GIII Deputy Minister at four, and was second to Forest Danger in the GI Carter. Five weanlings from his first Kentucky crop averaged \$24,600 last year. Also with his first foals last year (but always in Maryland) is **Oratory**, a son of Pulpit who impressively won the GII Peter Pan as a three-year-old in 2005. Still owned by Darley, he stands at Country Life Farm, which developed Malibu Moon before he went back to Kentucky.

New York's sire power seems depleted these days, but one bright spot is **Freud**, a stakes-placed full brother to Giant's Causeway. He had good mid-year APEX ratings (1.98 A Index, 2.08 ABC Index), and his second crop included Quick Little Miss, a dual Grade I-placed two-year-old in 2006. His third crop includes Meriwether Jessica, second in four stakes at two last year, including the GIII Tempted. He's siring quality and precocity.

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There are some interesting prospects in New York now, too, though, including **Read the Footnotes**, who kicked off in Florida with a crop that will be two-year-olds in 2008. Nineteen yearlings from his Florida crop averaged \$29,568 last year, with a high of \$140,000. Also of interest is **Midas Eyes**, who won the GI Forego as a four-year-old, having placed in both the GI Cigar Mile (to Congaree) and GI Malibu at three. He's the third of our three interesting regional sire sons of Touch Gold.



Read the Footnotes
Horsephotos

Plenty of stallions who started out in Kentucky have ended up in Pennsylvania over the years, but with three Grade I winners in his first three crops, **Real Quiet**--who missed winning the 1998 Triple Crown by a nose--looks like the state's first legitimate \$10,000 stud fee sire in recent memory. Besides Pussycat Doll, a Grade I winner at three, four and five, Real Quiet is the sire of 2007 sensation Midnight Lute, winner of the GI Forego (Beyer 124, fastest figure of the year) and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. He is sure to be named North America's champion sprinter when the Eclipse Awards are announced later this month.



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Lite the Fuse, a son of Buckaroo who won six stakes sprinting, including the GI Carter H. twice (he also ran second twice in the GI Met Mile), has stood in several different states or provinces, and has defied the odds to be a very decent stallion everywhere. In 2007, he had GII Super Derby hero **Going Ballistic**. An interesting new recruit to Pennsylvania for 2008 is **Service Stripe**, a Pin Oak-bred son of Deputy Minister who ripped up the record books in Michigan, then stood for five seasons at Crestwood Farm in Kentucky. He had a mid-year 2007 APEX A Runner Index of 2.31, and had 18 winners listed in *TDN* Progeny PP's from his first three Kentucky crops in just the last three months of last year.



Going Ballistic Four Footed Foto

Nominations from the Floor...

This is a business which depends upon everybody not having exactly the same opinion, so I am pleased to report the choices of various readers which have not made previous lists. Eight horses were pointed out to me as having been 'overlooked,' and though the cynical among you will notice that six of the eight 'nominations from the floor' so far are first-year stallions, I hasten to assure you that the majority of these were not nominated by the farms at which they stand. The first of the eight to have runners, though, will be **Champali**, whose first foals will race this year. I must admit I nearly put him in anyway, so I was actually quite pleased that one of our readers pushed him over the borderline. He's a son of Glitterman, himself a grandson of Bold Ruler by Dewan. Glitterman sired Grade I winners Balto Star and Glitter Woman among others. Champali himself won four Grade III races at two (one mile) and four (three, all at six furlongs), and won four other stakes as a three-year-old. He had eight stakes wins in all, plus another five stakes placings in 22 starts, and earnings over \$1 million. He had 28 yearlings sell in his first crop, averaging \$28,111, with a high of \$200,000. He had the speed, that's for sure.

A full brother to Group 1 winner Sophisticat and half-brother to Harlington and Serena's Tune, **Grand Reward** is by Storm Cat out of Serena's Song, so he's bred on the same Storm Cat/Rahy cross as Giant's Causeway. There were 25 weanlings sold from his first crop which averaged \$33,697 last year, and I noticed some attractive pedigrees by him coming up in Book 2 of the Keeneland January sale. It looks like he's going to be a popular commercial sire in his price range.

After Market goes to Lane's End with very attractive credentials, starting with a blockbuster pedigree. He's by Storm Cat out of Tranquility Lake, winner of seven graded races (two Grade I) and over \$1.6 million, and a half-sister (by Rahy) to successful sire Benchmark. After Market won four in a row on the lawn last summer, including the GI Charlie Whittingham H. at Hollywood Park and the GI Eddie Read H. at Del Mar. **Corinthian** was always very talented, but as a result of being disqualified to third after beating First Samurai in the 2006 GII Fountain of Youth S., he didn't officially win a stakes until he was four, last year. He won three in 2007, including the GI Met Mile (Beyer 108), and an off-the-graph Beyer 119 in the inaugural (and therefore ungraded) Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

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UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
Jan. 4	GIII Canadian Turf H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 5	GII Hutcheson S.	Gulfstream
	GII San Pasqual H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Mr. Prospector H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 6	GII San Gorgonio H.	Santa Anita
	GIII Hal's Hope H.	Gulfstream
	GIII Sabin H.	Gulfstream
Jan. 12	GII Old Hat S.	Gulfstream
	GII San Fernando BC S.	Santa Anita
	GIII Lecomte S.	Fair Grounds
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Half Ours, by Unbridled's Song, showed blinding speed to win a five-furlong stakes at Churchill Downs in May of his two-year-old year by four lengths, and brought a final bid of \$6.1 million at the 2006



Half Ours Equi-Photo

Keeneland November sale, when Aaron Jones bought out partner Barry Schwartz. He won a Grade II at seven furlongs last year, and placed in a Grade III race at 8 1/2 furlongs, so he wasn't just a one-dimensional speedball.

Istan, by Gone West, definitely did not have to carry his race-track with him. He won five stakes this year at five different tracks, including Grade III wins in Kentucky at Turfway (Polytrack) and Churchill Downs. He joins the roster at Airdrie, which also stands Proud Citizen, a success-

ful 2007 freshman sire by Gone West. Then there is **Purim**, winner of the GI Shadwell Mile this year, by Dynaformer out of a Lord at War mare, who goes to Nathan Fox's Richland Hills Farm. A word to the wise: Dynaformer himself started out at Nathan Fox's previous farm, Wafare. If memory serves, his original stud fee was \$5,000.

Finally, **Scat Daddy** never ran huge figures, but he showed good form in the traditional key races, winning the GII Sanford and GI Champagne at two (and also second in the GI Hopeful and fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile). At three, the son of Johannesburg won both the GII Fountain of Youth and GI Florida Derby. If form is as important as speed (and it often is), he's got the right credentials.

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STALLION	YOB	SIRE	1st Fls	Rank		FARM	08 Fee
				St	GSL		
<u>Florida</u>							
Trippi	1997	End Sweep	2003	1	42	Ocala Stud	12,500
Montbrook	1990	Buckaroo	1996	2	72	Ocala Stud	10,000
Concerto	1994	Chief's Crown	2000	5	96	Ocala Stud	7,500
Put it Back	1998	Honour and Glory	2003	6		Bridlewood	7,500
Alphabet Soup	1991	Cozzene	1999			Adena Springs South	10,000
D'wildcat	1998	Forest Wildcat	2005	Fr-11		Vinery South	6,500
Repent	1999	Louis Quatorze	2005	Fr-13		Vinery South	5,000
Peace Rules	2000	Jules	2006			Vinery South	12,500
Spanish Steps	2001	Unbridled	2006			Martin Stables	10,000
Omega Code	2000	Elusive Quality	2006			Walmac South	7,500
Burning Roma	1998	Rubiano	2006			Hidden Point	7,500
Bwana Charlie	2001	Indian Charlie	2007			Journeyman Stud	6,500
High Fly	2002	Atticus	2007			Live Oak	5,000
Pomeroy	2001	Boundary	2008			Cloverleaf	10,000
Mass Media	2001	Touch Gold	2008			Cloverleaf	5,000
Wilko	2002	Awesome Again	2009			Adena Springs South	10,000
<u>California</u>							
Bertrando	1989	Skywalker	1995	1	45	River Edge	12,500
In Excess	1987	Siberian Express	1994	2	56	Vessels	Private
Unusual Heat	1990	Nureyev	1999	4	67	Old English Rancho	Private
Swiss Yodeler	1994	Eastern Echo	2000	5	76	Pepper Oaks	10,000
Benchmark	1991	Alydar	2000	7	98	River Edge	10,000
Momentum	1998	Nureyev	2006			Vessels	5,000
Marino Marini	2000	Storm Cat	2006			Rancho San Miguel	5,000
Singletary	2000	Sultry Song	2007			Cardiff	5,000
<u>Maryland</u>							
Not for Love	1990	Mr. Prospector	1997	1	18	Northview	25,000
Outflanker	1994	Danzig	1999	2	68	Md St Station	4,000
Louis Quatorze	1993	Sovereign Dancer	1999	3	95	Murmur Farm	7,500
Domestic Dispute	2000	Unbridled's Song	2006			Northview	7,500
Medallist	2001	Touch Gold	2007			Northview	5,000
Oratory	2002	Pulpit	2007			Country Life	5,000
<u>New York</u>							
Freud	1998	Storm Cat	2003	4		Sequel NY	10,000
Read the Footnotes	2001	Smoke Glacken	2006			Sequel NY	8,500
Midas Eyes	2000	Touch Gold	2007			Empire Stud	7,500
<u>Pennsylvania</u>							
Real Quiet	1995	Quiet American	2001	1	46	Penn Ridge	10,000
Lite the Fuse	1991	Buckaroo	1998	2	91	Pin Oak Lane	3,500
Service Stripe	1991	Deputy Minister	1998			Pin Oak Lane	3,500
<u>Nominations from the Floor (Ky), by year of first foals</u>							
Champali	2000	Glitterman	2006			Glencrest	7,500
Grand Reward	2001	Storm Cat	2007			Hill 'N' Dale	12,500
After Market	2003	Storm Cat	2009			Lane's End	30,000
Corinthian	2003	Pulpit	2009			Gainesway	40,000
Half Ours	2003	Unbridled's Song	2009			Taylor Made	15,000
Istan	2002	Gone West	2009			Airdrie	10,000
Purim	2002	Dynaformer	2009			Richland Hills	10,000
Scat Daddy	2004	Johannesburg	2009			Ashford	30,000



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STALLION PROSPECTS - 3YOS

Rank (prev. week)	Name	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Last Race - Video	Best BRIS	STATUS
1(1)	WAR PASS (Cherokee Run) (4-4-0-0, \$1,397,400)	Robert LaPenta	Cherry Valley	Zito	1st GI BC Juvenile	114	In Florida RETIRES TO LANE'S END
<i>(The half brother to GISW Oath secured his spot at the head of the ranks with an emphatic BC Juvenile win....C. Bossinakis)</i>							
2(2)	MAJESTIC WARRIOR (A.P. Indy) (3-2-0-0, \$195,200)	Kinsman	Homebred	Mott	6th GI Champagne S.	102	In Florida RETIRES TO COOLMORE
<i>(Regally bred colt, hero of the GI Hopeful, should rebound next year....Marie Kizenko)</i>							
3(3)	TALE OF EKATI (Tale of the Cat) (4-2-1-0, \$313,200)	Charles Fipke	Homebred	Tagg	4th GI BC Juvenile	100	In Florida
<i>(The GI Futurity winner is from the family of champion Sky Beauty, MGISW Pine Island and BC Distaff winner Pleasant Home...J Martini)</i>							
4(4)	DIXIE CHATTER (Dixie Union) (4-2-0-0, \$191,400)	Herman Sarkowsky	Homebred	Mandella	1st GI Norfolk S.	93	Sidelined
<i>(Grandson of champion and BC Juvenile Fillies winner Phone Chatter recovering from hind ankle injury.....Alan Carasso)</i>							
5(5)	COURT VISION (Gulch) (4-3-1-0, \$257,542)	WinStar Farm	W S Farish	Mott	1st GI Remsen S.	96	In Florida
<i>(A winner of two graded stakes, he is from one of the best stallion families around; dam a full to Summer Squall & 1/2 to A.P. Indy...Marie Kizenko)</i>							
6(6)	ETCHED (Forestry) (2-2-0-0, \$95,880)	Darley	Homebred	McLaughlin	1st GI Nashua S.	98	To Dubai
<i>(Son of GISW Unbridled Elaine looks to have a bright future...Marie Kizenko)</i>							
7(7)	READY'S IMAGE (More Than Ready) (6-3-1-1, \$259,422)	J Scaturchio	Dark Hollow	Pletcher	8th GI Champagne S.	106	Sidelined
<i>(\$410K KEESEP yrl, winner of the GI Sanford and runner-up in the GI Hopeful, exited lackluster GI Champagne finish with injury...Christina Bossinakis)</i>							
8(9)	THE LEOPARD (Storm Cat) (6-3-1-0, \$173,700)	Magnier/Tabor/Smith	Eagle Holdings	Pletcher	1st GI Generous S.	98	In California
<i>(Impressive graded stakes victory gives this \$2.5-million juvenile out of a sister to GISW Scan substance to match his pedigree...Christina Bossinakis)</i>							
9(10)	KODIAK KOWBOY (Posse) (7-4-1-1, \$544,825)	Vinery/Fox Hill	Hartwell Farm	Asmussen	3rd GI BC Juvenile	101	Done for the year
<i>(MGSW closed out the year with the Sovereign Award for Outstanding Juvenile Colt in Canada...Lucas Marquardt)</i>							
10(-)	INTO MISCHIEF (Harlan's Holiday) (3-2-1-0, \$448,800)	B. Wayne Hughes	J T Hines Jr	Mandella	1st GI CashCall Fty	97	In California
<i>(Hughes colt bested a good bunch at Hollywood Park with more improvement likely forthcoming--Alan Carasso)</i>							

AT THE GAP: Anak Nakal (Victory Gallop), Bear Holiday (Harlan's Holiday), Blackberry Road (Gone West), Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway), Lantana Mob (Posse), Colonel John (Tiznow), Maimonides (Vindication), Massive Drama (Kafwain), Pyro (Pulpit), Salute the Sarge (Forest Wildcat), The Roundhouse (Fusaichi Pegasus), Turf War (Dixie Union), Wicked Style (Macho Uno), Z Humor (Distorted Humor).

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Yesterday's Results:

6th-LRL, \$30,000, Alw, NW1X, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46 4/5, ft.

WONDER MON (c, 3, [Maria's Mon](#)--Runnin Wonder {MSP}, by Chimes Band) came from well off the pace to take a six-furlong maiden at this track Aug. 11, but had been absent since and was returning with the addition of Lasix. Getting two turns for the first time, the homebred colt raced heads apart for the opening six furlongs, took command leaving the three-furlong marker and was not fully extended in recording a promising 6 1/4-length victory as the 3-5 chalk. The winner is out of a half-sister to ZWP Stables' colorbearer and millionaire Cherokee's Boy. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$33,060. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#). Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).

O/B-ZWP Stables (MD). T-Gary Capuano.

STAKES CLOSINGS

TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3:

- 01-12 \$100/100,000a **San Fernando-II, SA**, 4yo, 8.5f (200)
- 01-12 \$150,000 **San Rafael-III, SA**, 3yo, 8f (150)
- 01-13 \$150,000 **El Encino-II, SA**, 4yo, f, 8.5f (150)
- 01-13 \$150,000 **Santa Ynez-II, SA**, 3yo, f, 7f (150)

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**TODAY'S
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2:38p HRTV **4th-GPX, \$40K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f**
VIVACIOUS VIVIAN ([Distorted Humor](#)), a Stonerside homebred daughter of GISW Tuzla (Fr) (Panoramic {GB}), gets her first taste of the main track this afternoon following three tries on the turf. A debut second at Saratoga July 30, the bay was off the board in two subsequent appearances, but has been working well over the deep surface at Payson Park. **Informed Decision** ([Monarchos](#)), a \$150K FTKJUL yearling purchase, was resold for \$320K at last year's FTMMAY sale. The gray has solid morning trials for trainer Jonathan Sheppard, not known for cranking up his first-time starters. [brisnet.com pps](#)

4:30p HRTV **8th-GPX, \$75K, South Beach S., 4yo/up, f/m, (S), 8.5fT**
A new wrinkle in this year's condition book is races restricted to Florida-breds and Haras Santa Maria de Araras's **QUITE A BRIDE** ([Stormy Atlantic](#)) rates the marquee in this opening-day feature. Winner of last year's Gill Mint Julep H., the chestnut was last seen finishing third to Vacare in the Gill First Lady S. at Keeneland Oct. 6. **Mystic Soul** ([Bahri](#)), a stakes winner on the grass and runner-up in the Gill Honeymoon Breeders' Cup H. for trainer Jeff Mullins in 2007, makes her first start for Wesley Ward this afternoon. [brisnet.com pps](#)

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11th-CRC, \$20,500, Alw, NW1X, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:28 1/5, fm.

BROOKLYN BOY (c, 4, [Gone West](#)--Moon Queen {Ire} {GSW-Fr & US, \$171,521}, by Sadler's Wells), second in his first two appearances in France at three, finished a respectable ninth of 20 behind Lawman (Fr) in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club June 3. Third to the talented Visionario (Ire) in the Listed Prix de Saint-Patrick at Deauville July 5, the grey was rested, returning to finish a distant last in a main-track allowance at Belmont Park Oct. 14. Favored at 9-5 while getting his preferred surface, the homebred was off slowly and caboosed the field for the opening five panels. Steered wide for the drive, he stormed down the grandstand side and on to a 2 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 8-2-2-2, \$58,747. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O/B-Joseph Allen (KY). T-H Allen Jerkens.

2nd-LRL, \$28,000, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 1:11 1/5, ft.

IN MY FOOTSTEPS (c, 3, [Pulpit](#)--Her Temper {GSW, \$208,837}, by Temperance Hill) broke slowly in his Dec. 15 debut going 5 1/2 furlongs at this track, but ran on well to finish a distant runner-up. Favored here at 6-5, the \$55,000 FTMMAY juvenile was hustled away to lead from the opening bell and led past every pole, scoring by 3 3/4 lengths from first-time starter Proper Authority (Silver Deputy). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,840.

O-Kaleem & Sophie Shah. B-Sun Valley Farm (KY). T-Dale Capuano.

3rd-CRC, \$23,500, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35 2/5, fm. **SHES ALL ELTISH** (f, 3, [Eltish](#)--Shesabullwinkle, by Hesabull) missed the break in her Nov. 24 bow over this main track, but rallied to be a good second. The bay hit the gate at the start of a Dec. 10 maiden and led late, but was reeled in and settled for another exacta finish. Stretching out and trying the turf for the first time, the 2-1 chance sped to the front, set a good pace along the hedge and sprinted home a three-length winner from Bahia Girl (Sligo Bay {Ire}), who caught the eye with a late flourish. Even-money Scolara (Quiet American) was third. The winner is a full to Elizabul, GSP, \$197,795. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$23,300. O-Denholtz Stables LLC. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-Martin D Wolfson.

2nd-CRC, \$20,000, Msw, 4&5yo, 7f, 1:23 2/5, ft.

SONG SHAN (c, 4, [Golden Missile](#)--Primal Force, by [Blushing Groom](#) {Fr}) missed the board in a pair of starts over the Woodbine turf course last summer, finishing fourth in a seven-furlong test June 1 and ninth over nine panels July 2. Rested off that effort, the homebred resurfaced with a runner-up effort over the Polytrack in Toronto Nov. 10 and was the odds-on favorite in his four-year-old bow. Quickly in front, the half to Awesome Again (Deputy Minister), MGISW, \$4,374,589; and Macho Uno (Holy Bull), Ch. 2yo Colt, MGISW, \$1,851,103, repulsed a bid from Gold Brew (Touch Gold) at the head of the lane and drew off to a 5 1/2-length victory. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$28,469. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-Stronach Stables. B-Adena Springs (ON). T-Brian A Lynch.

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5th-CRC, \$20,000, Msw, 3yo, 1mT, 1:36, fm.
WHEREHERE'SSMOKE (c, 3, [Smoke Glacken](#)--Rosie Dooley {SW & GSP, \$182,920}, by Trempolino) was bet down to 9-10 favoritism for his Dec. 1 debut sprinting over the Calder main track, but could do no better than fourth. Trying the turf and two turns for the first time, the bay was switched off for the run up the backstretch before gaining ground around the far turn. He responded nicely when set down for the drive, hit the front at the sixteenth pole and edged away late to a 3/4-length victory. The winner, a \$110,000 OBSAUG yearling, realized a final bid of \$200,000 as an OBSMAR two-year-old. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$12,950. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)
 O-Sheila & Fred Mead. B-Mary A Sullivan (KY). T-Kiaran P McLaughlin.

8th-CRC, \$19,800, Msw, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, ft.
+ UNBRIDLED REFRAIN (c, 3, [Unbridled's Song](#)--[Outlasting](#), by [Seattle Slew](#)) posted four solid works since his arrival in South Florida and was sent off the 8-5 second choice in the final maiden allowance race of the meeting. The grey colt showed sharp early pace to shadow the every move of 11-10 Samba Rooster ([Songandaprayer](#)), easily pressed by that rival turning for home and was a good-looking 2 1/2-length winner while always in hand. A \$350,000 KEENOV weanling, he sold for the identical price as an FTSAUG yearling. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,000. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#).
 O-Judson L Streicher. B-Jon & Sarah Kelly (KY). T-H Allen Jerkens.

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- 11th-CRC (Alw \$20K)** [Brooklyn Boy](#) (Gone West) returns to the turf and proves much the best.
- 2nd-CRC (Msw \$23K)** The well-related [Song Shan](#) (Golden Missile) takes to the main track.
- 5th-CRC (Msw \$20K)** [Wherethere'ssmoke](#) (Smoke Glacken) graduates in his turf debut.
- 8th-CRC (Msw \$19K)** [Unbridled Refrain](#) (Unbridled's Song) gets it done at first asking.

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

- DECARCHY** (Distant View), Magali, \$5K, 99/7/1
 6-SA, Msw, 1m, Harlene, \$29K BAR OCT yrl, 2-1
- DESERT WARRIOR** (Deputy Minister), McMahan, \$3K, 86/7/0
 8-AQU, Alw, 6f, Carms Gold Warrior
- EXPRESS TOUR** (Tour d'Or), Lambholm South, \$3K, 35/2/0
 5-DED, Msw, 5f, +Macy's Guy, 8-1
- FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN)** (Sunday Silence), Weatherly, 14/0/0
 6-SA, Msw, 1m, +Romance Is Zenon, 6-1
- GOTHAM CITY** (Saint Ballado), Applebite, \$2K, 55/1/0
 6-SA, Msw, 1m, King of the City, 15-1
- GULF STORM** (Storm Cat), Lou-Roe, \$4K, 135/12/1
 4-GP, Msw, 6f, +Shannon Brook M D, \$4K OBS OCT yrl, 20-1
- MAYAKOVSKY** (Matty G), Mill Creek, \$3K, 55/3/0
 4-AQU, Msw, 1m, Vladimira
- SKY MESA** (Pulpit), Three Chimneys, \$30K, 177/12/0
 4-GP, Msw, 6f, Stealin' Kisses, \$130K FTS AUG yrl, 6-1
- SWING LORD** (A.P. Indy), Ascot Stud, \$4K, 9/0/0
 1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Afleet Swinger, 20-1
- VAN NISTELROOY** (Storm Cat), Ashford, \$8K, 200/26/6
 6-SA, Msw, 1m, Cloudbreaker, \$4K BAR OCT yrl, 5-2

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FAIR GROUNDS

Crossword (A.P. Indy), 3f, •:36.00, 1/3
Grasshopper (Dixie Union), 4f, :51.60, 11/15

PALM MEADOWS

Benny the Bull (Lucky Lionel), 5f, •1:00.80, 1/5

SANTA ANITA

Midnight Lute (Real Quiet), 5f, •:58.60, 1/33
Student Council (Kingmambo), 5f, :59.40, 6/33
Texas Voyager (Texas Glitter), 5f, 1:00.00, 9/33

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The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) yesterday announced that the British Breeders' Prize Scheme will continue in 2008, with the funding set at £1.92 million. Director of Racing David Bradshaw warned that a further review would consider the future of the initiative. "The Board continues to support Breeders' Prizes and, after due consideration, has accepted the 2008 proposals put forward by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association," he explained. "However, the funding allocation to Breeders' Prizes will be reviewed, along with all other heads of expenditure, at the Board's 2008 Strategy Review Meeting."

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Duneen Dream, g, 3, **Hennessy**--T. N. T. Red (SW, \$212,899), by Explosive Red. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-2, Hcp, 3yo, 9f 103yds (AWT). B-Wayne G Lyster III, Robert Muir & Des Scott. * \$20,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; 22,000gns 2yo '07 TATGNS.

✓ APPOINTMENTS

ERIC JOHNSTON

- Promoted to Vice President of Racing at Sam Houston Race Park.
- Will manage mutuels, simulcasting and player's services operations for The Park and unite them with the racing department, which he will continue to direct.
- Has worked at Sam Houston since 1994, and will now focus on upgrading racing products through improved customer service for all Sam Houston Race Park customers, manage industry relations with owners, trainers and breeders, and continue to attract national attention for the organization with marquee annual events like the Connally Breeder's Cup Turf Festival, Texas Champions Day and the Summer Showdown.

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AUSTRALASIA ★

RECORD CATALOGUE FOR MM YEARLING

SALE A record catalogue of 1811 yearlings will make up the Conrad Jupiters Magic Millions Yearling Sale, which kicks off this year on Monday, Mar. 24. The sale, traditionally held in January, was pushed back this year because of the equine influenza outbreak. "The sale has attracted an outstanding selection of yearlings--and unlike others in Australia and the world--this sale is not elitist," Magic Millions Managing Director David Chester said today. "There will be yearlings to suit every buyer and with any sized budget--with youngsters to sell from a thousand or two dollars up to over a million. It's one of the few sales that can make the promise of having something for everyone." At last year's Conrad Jupiters Yearling Sale, yearlings sold for up to A\$2 million and during the first four sessions averaged a record A\$182,191. A comprehensive preview of the sale and carnival will be available on the Magic Millions website next week. For more information, visit www.magicmillions.com.au.



BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

ANO NUEVO-GI-PR, \$64,700, CMR, 1-1, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23 1/5, ft.

1--**THETHIEFATMIDNIGHT**, 120, f, 3, **Cat Thief--Brush Hour**, by **Broad Brush**. O-Establo W Estrada; B-Frederick Hertrich III & John Fielding (KY); T-Jose D Velez; J-Luis E Perez; \$38,820. Lifetime Record: 7-2- 0-3, \$84,928.

2--**La Pensadora**, 120, f, 3, Cape Canaveral--**Catmanslew**, by **Seattle Slew**. (\$17,000 2yo '07 OBSMAR). \$12,940.

3--**Pioneering Bird**, 120, f, 3, **Pioneering--Wild Cat Strike**, by **Wild Again**. \$6,470.

Margins: 5 1/4, 1, 2HF. Odds: 3.25, 1.30, 3.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-PHA, \$46,440, NW3L, 4/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12 1/5, ft.

AMAZING BEAUTY (m, 5, **Distorted Humor--Baltic Beauty**, by **The Prime Minister**) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, \$95,060. O-Puglisi Stables & Steve Klesaris. B-Tony D'Agostaro (IL). T-Steve Klesaris. *\$42,000 wIng '03 KEENOV; \$165,000 2yo '05 OBSMAR.

3rd-HAW, \$40,128, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000-\$35,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:45 1/5, ft.

LABAR (m, 5, **Bianconi--Another Jo**, by **Transworld**) Lifetime Record: 22-4-2-5, \$131,031. O-George Bates. B-Lawrence Karp (IL). T-Ricky Lindsay.

✓ APPOINTMENTS

BRYAN CROSS

- Appointed Director of Sales at Richland Hills Farm.
- Will focus on the development of both public and private sales efforts, and will also promote the farm and its three stallions: Purim, Star Dabbler and Storm Surge.
- After working at Taylor Made from 1991-2001, the 39-year-old operated Bryan Cross Bloodstock, which specialized in the selection of broodmares, broodmare prospects and mating analysis.
- "We are pleased to have Bryan join our team," said farm president Nathan Fox. "We are poised for tremendous growth, and having Bryan on board will help us achieve our business goals in 2008 and beyond."

9th-CRC, \$35,000, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55 4/5, fm.
HOLLYWOOD LEFT (h, 5, **Wheaton--Allie's Toy**, by **Fortunate Prospect**) Lifetime Record: 28-9-3-1, \$221,675. O/B-Joel W Sainer (FL). T-J David Braddy. *1/2 to Hummel (Jeblar), SW, \$182,475; **Misguided Left** (Double Honor), SW, \$106,805; and **No Sleep** (Robyn Dancer), MSW, \$413,907.

4th-LRL, \$29,400, NW1X, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05 4/5, ft.
ALL SAILS FLYING (g, 4, **Attorney--Clear Blue Water**, by **Hay Halo**) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, \$69,313. O-One and Won Stable. B-Judith M Barrett (PA). T-King T Leatherbury.

10th-CRC, \$28,500, Opt. Clm. (\$40,000), NW3X, 4yo/up, 1m70y, 1:42 4/5, ft.
ALARMING AFLEET (c, 4, **Northern Afleet--Smoke Alarm**, by **Darn That Alarm**) Lifetime Record: 13-4-0-0, \$68,720. O/B-Dennis Dwyer (FL). T-Enrique Alonso.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dashing Pirate, c, 3, **Suave Prospect--Pink Pirate**, by **Pirate's Bounty**. CRC, 1-2, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42 3/5. B-Farnsworth Farms (FL). *\$14,000 yrl '06 OBSAUG; \$40,000 2yo '07 OBSAPR. **1/2 to **Lady in Pink** (Double Honor), SW, \$160,630.

BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

FRANCE, Pau, 5.05, 1-2, €20,000, 4yo/up, 1 5/8m (AWT), 2:53.83, stn.

BENTA BERRI (FR) (h, 6, **Priolo--No Pass No Sale {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, \$140,743}**, by **Northfields**) Lifetime Record: 42 starts, 7 wins, 22 places, €114,700. O-Mme E Oca Zentol; B-Haras de Bernesq; T-R Martin-Sanchez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **The Little Fizzer** (Ire), f, 3, **Fayruz** (GB)--**Villaminta** (Ire), by **Grand Lodge**. Kempton Park, Britain, 1-2, Mdn, 3yo, 5f (AWT). B-John McEnery. *€5,200 wInlg '05 GOFNOV; 12,000gns yrl '06 DONSEP.

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