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'MOUNTAIN' IMPRESSES IN GALLOP

Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum's G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup challenger **Eagle Mountain (GB)** (Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) caught the attention of many onlookers at Sha Tin yesterday with a nice work on the grass. Under Kevin Shea, his pilot on Sunday, Eagle Mountain clocked a sharp :21.8 for the last 400 meters of a 1200-meter move, much to the approval of trainer Mike de Kock. "He has traveled nicely to Hong Kong, and that was a good blowout there," said de Kock. "I don't think we have seen the best of Eagle Mountain yet. He is lightly raced and comes here with fresh legs, which is a great advantage. He is peaking now and I am confident of a good run on Sunday."



Eagle Mountain & trainer Mike de Kock (right) *hkjc.com*

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ADENA ADJUSTS STUD FEES

Frank Stronach's Adena Springs Farm has announced that, in line with the current trend, they will be reducing a number of stud fees for 2009. The new 2009 fees for



Frank Stronach
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Kentucky will be: **Awesome Again** (Deputy Minister), \$125,000; **Congaree** (Arazi), \$10,000; **El Prado (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), \$75,000; **Ghostzapper** (Awesome Again), \$125,000; **Giacomo** (Holy Bull), \$7,500; **Macho Uno** (Holy Bull), \$25,000; **North Light (Ire)** (Danehill), \$15,000; **Silent Name (Jpn)** (Sunday Silence), \$5,000; **Touch Gold** (Deputy Minister), \$15,000; and, for Florida: **Alphabet Soup** (Cozzene), \$7,500; **Aristocrat** (Awesome Again), \$2,000; **Greatness** (Mr. Prospector), \$3,000; **Indy King** (A.P. Indy), \$1,500; **Milwaukee Brew** (Wild Again), \$7,500; **Olmodavor** (A.P. Indy), \$5,000; **Red Bullet** (Unbridled), \$5,000; **Showing Up** (Strategic Mission), \$7,500; **Sligo Bay (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells), \$3,500; and **Wilko** (Awesome Again), \$7,500. "Taking into consideration the recent sales results, as well as the overall condition of the economy, we feel that these fee reductions will offer a helping hand to our past and future customers," Stronach said.

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HAYNESFIELD was an easy 5 1/4 length winner of the **Damon Runyon S. at Aqueduct on December 7th**, earning a **101 Beyer Speed Figure**, the highest of any juvenile this year in a 2-turn race. **HAYNESFIELD** is the latest Stakes winner for Eclipse Champion Speightstown.

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G1 CATHAY PACIFIC HONG KONG CUP

Eagle Mountain, who also notched a second to Authorized (Ire) in last year's G1 Epsom Derby, finished his sophomore season with a narrow runner-up finish to Literato (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}) in the G1 Champion S. in October. He was absent for 348 days before reappearing to annex Newmarket's one-mile G3 Joel S. Oct. 3. Eagle Mountain then shipped to the U.S. for the Breeders' Cup, where he took on the 1 1/2-mile trip of the Turf. De Kock is confident the 2000 meters of the Cup, or about 1 1/4 miles, is a better fit for Eagle Mountain.

"I think this trip will really suit him," he said. "He had the speed to set a track record for the mile at Newmarket on his first run back, and then was close to a breakneck gallop in the Breeders' Cup Turf and was only found wanting in the last 150 meters or so."

De Kock concluded by handing his charge a nice compliment. "I think he has the ability to be equally as good as Archipenko (Kingmambo) and maybe even be better," de Kock said, referring to his winner of the G1 Audemars Piguet QEI Cup at this course and distance in April.

Getting 'Good' for the Mile?

Winless in his last three, Hong Kong's reigning Horse of the Year **Good Ba Ba** (Lear Fan) drilled 1400 meters over the turf yesterday with jockey Christophe Soumillon in the irons. The Frenchman, perennially a fan favorite during his stay in Hong Kong, replaces Olivier Doleuze, who was reportedly sacked by the gelding's owner. The six-year-old Good Ba Ba, who is looking to defend his title in the G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Mile, stopped the clock in :22 for the final 400 meters. Trainer Andreas



Good Ba Ba hkjc.com

Schutz was pleased with the work and declared Good Ba Ba in the same form as when a short-head winner of this race a year ago. "He wasn't at his best when the season started," Schutz admitted. "He was coughing, and it only cleared up about three days before his first run. It's been a different preparation this time around with different results, but he's still as good as last year, no question."

Good Ba Ba capped a five-race winning skein in the G1 Champions Mile in Hong Kong last spring before shipping to be well-beaten in the G1 Yasuda Kinen in Tokyo in June. In his two starts this autumn, Good Ba Ba was sixth to Viva Pataca (GB) in the Listed Sha Tin Trophy and then third to Egyptian Ra (NZ) (Woodborough) in the Listed Cathay Pacific International Mile Trial Nov. 23.

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"He has come on as I would have hoped since the Mile Trial and, now back to level weights, I'm confident of him running to his best form," added Schutz. Schutz said that he hoped Good Ba Ba would find a post position "somewhere in the middle" at Thursday's barrier draw. "I wouldn't want him to draw along the rails or on the outside," he said.

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Hong Kong International Races cont.

Muhannak Continues Globetrotting Ways in Vase...

The Irish-bred, English-raced **Muhannak (Ire)** (Chester House) made the long trip to California worthwhile when he registered the 12-1 upset in the inaugural



Muhannak *hkjc.com*

Breeders' Cup Marathon. He looks to keep a three-race winning streak alive after another long journey, this time to Hong Kong for the 2400-meter G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase. The four-year-old had his first sighting of Sha Tin yesterday, but was restricted to just a gentle canter around the all-weather under the watchful eye of trainer Ralph Beckett,

who explained he is trying to perform a balancing act to keep his charge happy. The trick with Muhannak, Beckett said, is to keep him stimulated and occupied because "he loves to do new things, but he is difficult in that I always have to keep on top of him, but at the same time keep him fresh." Though Muhannak's last three victories, including a listed victory at Dundalk, came over artificial surfaces, he has also shown good form over the turf, and Beckett expects a good showing on Sha Tin's green Sunday. "He will like the track here, and, although he loves synthetic surfaces, I am very hopeful the surface at Sha Tin will be to his liking," said Beckett. "He has the action for it, and I am confident of another good run. He owes us nothing after his win in California but, believe me, that was no fluke."

Drawing a 'Bead' on International Races...

Jockey Darren Beadman carries plenty of ammunition entering this weekend's International races. Included among his live mounts is the likely favorite for G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup, the six-year-old



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Viva Pataca (GB) (Marju {Ire}). Beadman has ridden Hong Kong's highest-rated performer in nine of his last 10 starts and says the gelding is in his best form ever after returning from a five-month break. "His two wins this season [the '08/'09 season] have been very comfortable, without going to the bottom of the tank either time, and he's

pulled up terrifically well from both those runs," said Beadman. "His feet are good, he's working well, and at this stage everything has gone to plan." Viva Pataca, runner-up in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Nad Al Sheba in March, concluded Hong Kong's '07/'08 season with a third to Archipenko in the G1 Audemars Piguet QE II Cup Apr. 27 and a second as the chalk in the Citi Champions & Chater Cup May 25. Viva Pataca has registered two wins since the break, taking the Listed Sha Tin Trophy Oct. 26 and the Listed Cathay Pacific International Cup Trial Nov. 16. Viva Pataca is expected to have his last serious bit of work this morning.

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Hong Kong International Races cont.

Beadman rides Viva Pataca for trainer John Moore. They also team with G1 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Mile hopeful **Able One (NZ)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). U.S. fans might remember Able One as the first horse to qualify for the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Mile after taking the G1 Champions Mile S. in Hong Kong of April of that year. Able One went winless in nine starts after that before concluding the '07/'08 season with a



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handicap victory in May. In his return, Able One ran fourth in the Listed Cathay Pacific International Sprint Trial Nov. 23. "He did have a setback at the start of the season, so he's been a little bit behind the eight ball, but he has started to come on well in the past week or so," said Beadman. "I hope he draws a good gate."

In the G1 Hong Kong Vase, Beadman will ride the veteran seven-year-old **Douro Valley (Aus)** (Encosta de Lago {Aus}) for Australian trainer Danny O'Brien. "He's a nice horse," said Beadman. "I've ridden him once before and we won a good [listed] race at Caulfield. Going right-handed is a little question mark against him, but he's been targeted at the race, and I'm happy to be on him. If we can find a nice position in the run to the first corner then he'll be competitive."

Jockeys Ready for Battle...

Twelve of the world's leading riders will take part in this evening's Cathay Pacific International Jockeys' Championship. Yesterday, the jockeys donned boxing gloves in a show of force at a preview at Happy Valley Racecourse, which will host the competition in advance of Sunday's International races at Sha Tin. While there's likely no Pacquiao in the group, the competition figures to be fierce when the three-race series gets underway in race three. Races five and seven are the other two races which comprise the competition, the winner of which will get a HK\$200,000 bonus. The runner-up will receive HK\$100,000. The Jockeys' Championship is based on a points system.

A pair of jockeys from the U.S. will compete--Eclipse Award-winning rider Garrett Gomez and the four-time Breeders' Cup hero Cornelio Velasquez. Both traveled to Hong Kong from Japan, where they were to ride in the G1 Japan Cup Dirt. Velasquez was aboard the unplaced Frost Giant, while Gomez's mount Mast Track was scratched. Cont. p5

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2	Giant's Causeway	23	\$11,103,295	\$125,000
3	Kingmambo	10	\$10,371,714	\$250,000
4	Fusaichi Pegasus	8	\$9,474,343	\$30,000
5	Elusive Quality	11	\$8,901,518	\$75,000
6	Tiznow	13	\$8,808,660	\$75,000
7	Tale of the Cat	13	\$8,614,056	\$30,000
8	Distorted Humor	8	\$8,312,870	\$150,000
9	Langfuhr	9	\$8,032,320	\$20,000
10	Grand Slam	9	\$7,629,559	\$25,000

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"I was here in Hong Kong in 1991 when I was 19 years old, but have never ridden here at Happy Valley," said Gomez. "You use words you don't normally use to describe this place. It is unbelievable."



Garrett Gomez
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Velasquez added, "I started in Panama and rode on some tight tracks there, but they were all left handed, so this is something new. I'm off to walk the course."

According to opening prices for the Jockeys' challenge bet, defending titleholder Douglas Whyte is the early favorite to retain his crown at 3-2. Joint second favorites are Jamie Spencer, representing the UK, France's Christophe Lemaire at 4-1. Other riders include Ireland's Neil Callan, Hong Kong's

Howard Cheng, Japan's Yasunari Iwata, Australia's Damien Oliver, Ireland's Pat Smullen, Belgium's Christophe Soumillon, Germany's Andrasch Starke and Hong Kong's Douglas Whyte.

☆ NEWS TODAY ☆

BARRETT'S PRESIDENT MCMAHON RESIGNS

Gerald McMahon, the founding president and general manager of Barretts Equine Ltd, announced Monday that he will be leaving the company effective Jan. 3, 2009. "I've had a great 20-year run at Barretts and with the Los Angeles County Fair Association," stated McMahon. "At this stage in my career, I feel it's now time for me to look at new opportunities. I have full confidence in the future of Barretts; our staff is second to none. Our two vice-presidents, Bill Baker and Kim Lloyd, are among the top equine auction executives in the industry. I want to express my appreciation to Jim Henwood, chief executive officer of the Fair Association, and the entire Fairplex team for our years together. It's been a joy working with everyone." Jim Henwood remarked, "We are truly sorry to see Jerry go. He has been the driver of Barretts' success over the years. We are very thankful for all that he has done for the industry and for the Fair Association. He has established a strong foundation for our future success." McMahon's replacement has not yet been named.

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☆ SALES NEWS ☆

LINAMIX COLT LIGHTS UP ARQANA CLOSER

Arqana's December Sale concluded on a high note yesterday when the lone offering by Linamix (Fr) set a new record for the Yearling section when selling for €180,000. Jean-Pierre Deroubaix's French Bloodstock



Lot 953 - Linamix colt
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Agency snapped up the French-bred grey on behalf of Mr. Ganbat, executive director of the Mongolian Racing Association. Ganbat, visiting Deauville for the first time, is planning to leave his purchase in France to be trained. Consigned by Juergen Winter's Haras de la

Perelle, hip 953 is out Djenanne (Fr) (Danzero {Aus}), a winning half-sister to Serafica (GB) (No Pass No Sale {GB}), the dam of the 1996 G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud heroine Shaka (GB) (Exit to Nowhere).

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Arqana December Yearlings cont.

Eight lots later, Frederic Sauque purchased a colt by Marchand de Sable out of Entente Cordiale (Ire) (Ela-Mana-Mou {GB}) from the draft of Haras du Mezeray for €60,000. The half-brother to this year's G1 King's Stand S. hero Equiano (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}) had many admirers, but it was this sale's stalwart Sauque who prevailed. Earlier, another major domestic buyer in Marc-Antoine Berghgracht paid €47,000 for hip 773, a son of Theatrical (Ire) from the consignment of Haras de Coulonces. He is out of Mark My Words (Aptitude), a half to the listed-placed duo Hayhaat (Irish River {Fr}) and Palomar (Chester House) from the international family established by fourth dam *Glad Rags II. Both colts had been offered earlier this year at Arqana's August Sale: the Marchand de Sable colt was bought in at €70,000, while the son of Theatrical RNA'd at €100,000.

Of the fillies, it was Haras de Grandcamp's hip [802](#) who provided the highlight when selling to Agence Caballis for €25,000. By Statue of Liberty (Storm Cat), she is a granddaughter of the 1989 GII Schuylerville S. winner Golden Reef (Mr. Prospector), who was also runner-up that year in the GI Spinaway S. and GI Matron S.

The record price helped shore up the average, which at €7,561 stood at only 11 percent down on 2007, but the median of €4,000 suffered a now-familiar heavy fall by a third on last year. Yesterday's session was the final one for the sales company in 2008 and, at its close, Arqana's President Eric Hoyeau reflected on the year. "The August Yearling sale returned a record turnover, allowing Arqana to increase its share of the European yearling market by seven points and to occupy a prime position on a global scale," Hoyeau said. "Our annual aggregate closes 13 percent down on the record figure achieved in 2007, yet it remains higher than the total turnover recorded in 2006, which was already a vintage year. Up until September, all our sales maintained the upward trend initiated in 2006, before proving admirably resilient in a context of global financial turmoil that took the Thoroughbred market by storm. We analyse such satisfactory results as a combination of several factors. First of all, we must praise the healthy fundamentals of the French market, notably the high level of prize money as well as of the breeders' and owners' premiums. The strict selection policy implemented by Arqana since its set-up, and the progressive deployment of our commercial network on the various continents have also ensured the constant upgrade of our offer as well as the widening of our client base. Considering these good results and the current economy, we intend to maintain and intensify this strategy in 2009. More than ever, the restricted format of the sales on all market segments together with a rigorous selection will be essential assets in an attempt to cope with a more restrictive demand." Full results are available on www.arqana.com.

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Consigned by Haras de la Perelle Purchased by FBA				
961	c	Marchand de Sable	Entente Cordiale (Ire)	60,000
(€26,000 i/u '06 DEADEC) Consigned by Haras du Mezeray Purchased by Frederic Sauque				
773	c	Theatrical (Ire)	Mark My Words	47,000
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Gross	€1,248,000	€1,423,000
Average (% change)	€7,561 (-10.7%)	€8,470
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3--Tagliata (Chi), 121, f, 3, Special Quest--Taggia (Chi), by Stuka. O/B-Haras Don Alberto; T-Patricio Baeza. P1,500,000.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 3HF. Odds: 3.90, 5.30, 8.40.

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FROM THE DESK OF...

Bill Oppenheim




THE REAL PROBLEM

There was a short piece in last Thursday's *TDN* which I found disturbing. "Handle Figures Decline", it was titled, and it got me thinking. The article reported that handle on U.S. racing declined by 9.7 percent in November, compared to November last year, according to Equibase. Handle for the year is down by 6.2 percent, while purses, down 2.3 percent in November, have declined by a fraction of one percent in 2008.

This sent me scurrying to that most-revered of reference books on horse racing in North America, *The American Racing Manual*, published by *Daily Racing Form* since its inception at the end of the 19th century. Here I learned--well, as usual, that there are a lot of conflicting figures being published, which is par for the course in this business--but also that the racing side of the business in the U.S. has been mostly stagnant for the whole of the 21st century. U.S. pari-mutuel handle, which had been just under \$9 billion in 1988, had increased by 60 percent, to \$14.3 billion, by the year 2000. U.S. handle reached a high of nearly \$15.2 billion in 2003, but the last three years has hovered in the \$14.5 to \$14.7-billion range, and this year will probably be fortunate to hit \$14 billion. In other words, since cresting the \$14-billion mark in 2000, the handle on U.S. racing has been essentially the same.


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When we talk, optimistically, about the breeding sector, and the rest of the world emerging from the current recession, this is something breeders need to be paying attention to. Between 1978 and 1986 purses increased by 83 percent--over 10 percent per year. Even during the last recession in this business, from 1986-1992, purses still increased by \$100 million.



DEAUVILLE DECEMBER YEARLING SALE
TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 2008

*Total Private Sales:		
No. Sold	10	7
Gross	€104,500	€50,500
Total Gross	€1,352,000	€1,473,500

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Bill Oppenheim cont.

Now, after a boom period in which purses only managed to increase by less than two percent a year, we are likely to see actual declines in purses. In other words, the bad deal for racehorse owners not only isn't improving--really hasn't been improving--it's actually getting worse. For the breeder, the racehorse owner has to be the end user, or he/she, the breeder, is going to be. And breeders have known for decades that putting horses in training, on the whole, is a big loser.

Thus the immediate concern about the handle. It has to go up for purses to go up, and if it goes down, and purses go down, there is even less incentive for prospective owners to buy racehorses. But there is a longer-term concern about the handle, and that's the one where we talk about the very survival of horse racing in the U.S. Horse racing's share of the gambling market has been shrinking since the legalization of casinos more than 50 years ago. To a large extent, that is a result of the proliferation of gambling as governments discover the benefits of voluntary taxation. That is inevitable. But what isn't inevitable is the decline of horse racing, socially, as a fun thing to do for an American public which will, eventually, get back to having lots of entertainment dollars to spend. Horse racing, with its rapidly aging demographics and still without a user-friendly portal through which to enter, is progressively slipping off the radar of each succeeding generation of young people with money to spend.

The problem, really, is consciousness of horse racing, in the U.S. in particular. In many countries in Western Europe and Asia, especially, as I've noted before, in former British colonies, horse racing is still a major sport/vehicle for gambling. It's dwarfed, of course by soccer, and I mean as a gambling vehicle as well--just ask betting officials in Japan and Hong Kong about the impact of betting on soccer on their handle. Even so, horse racing has a much bigger space in public consciousness--and on the sports pages--in many other countries than it does in the U.S.

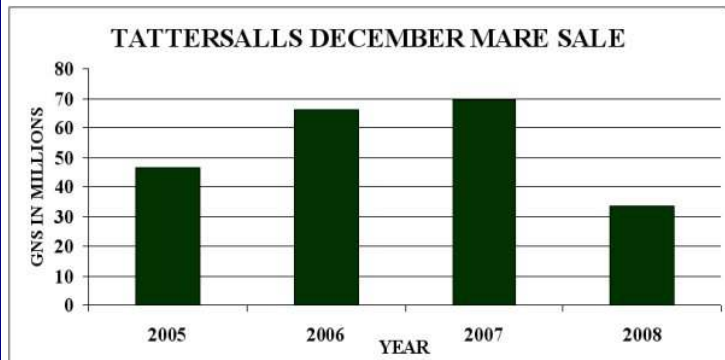
Borrowing ideas which have worked elsewhere is often a sound strategy; in that regard I can recommend the website of the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities (www.ifhaonline.org), chaired by the eminent Louis Romanet, formerly the supremo of French racing, and long a positive force in trying to rationalize racing globally. The IFHA's annual report, published with their annual conference in Paris during Arc weekend, always makes for interesting reading. We learn in their 2008 report, for example (downloadable from the website), that worldwide handle in 2007 was an estimated \$130 billion (a little under 10 percent in the U.S.), and that the U.S. is the single biggest country in terms of total purses (about \$3.2 billion globally), and also in number of mares, and foal crop (about 30 percent of a reported worldwide total in 2007 of around 118,000). Yet in many ways U.S. racing is out of step, or lagging behind, racing in the rest of the world--particularly in the area of public consciousness within its society. **Cont. p9**

Weekly Sales Ticker

by Bill Oppenheim

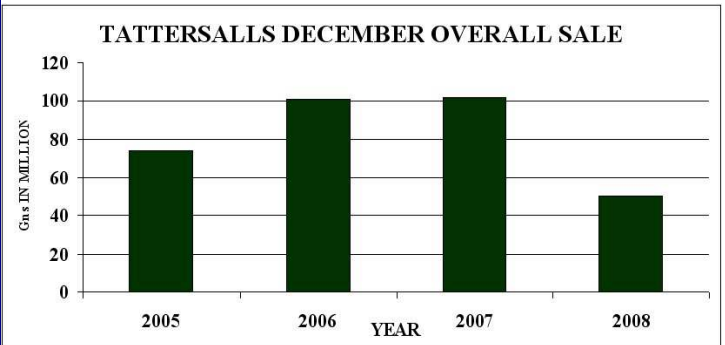
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- Bill Oppenheim

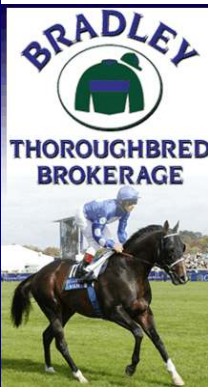


TATTERSALLS DECEMBER OVERALL SALE (GUINEAS)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	2,728	2,024	1,275	46.7%	49,901,250	39,138
2007	3,066	2,531	1,690	55.1%	102,269,400	60,514
2006	2,816	2,362	1,799	63.9%	100,630,900	55,937
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I am not the first person to have noticed this problem. It's been on our radar screens for some time, but almost more conceptually. But now that stagnation is turning to decline in handle and purse figures, it's a problem that needs to be more on the minds of industry thinkers and doers. There are lots of ways to address the problem, many locally, but some nationally. The Breeders' Cup this year successfully invested in high-end televised visibility, and succeeded in creating a two-day festival in which thankfully no horses died. That was a big, high-end win for the industry. But stallion farms and breeders can only pay for so much, especially when their revenues are likely to be down a quarter to a third in the short term. Education is a great way to reach people. Accessibility has always been a problem for this industry, and now that there are programs ranging from the University of Arizona's Racing Industry program to Darley's Flying Start ensuring that bright young people are exposed to the industry, maybe it's time we turned our attention to the problem of accessibility by the American public.

One of the most effective advertising campaigns I've ever seen was a television and billboard campaign launched by the American Dairy Association. It consisted of two words: 'drink milk.' They had the not-inconsiderable advantage that people already knew how to drink, they just needed to tell them what to drink. We couldn't do that, but a national ad campaign with a simple slogan, combined with local educational programs which would make people want to come back to the 'front side,' and teach them about handicapping and gambling, would be more the idea.

Besides a long-term approach aspiring to improve public vibes about horse racing, there is a short-term issue which could improve the handle: on-line betting. This is what handicapping guru Andy Beyer had to say when I spoke to him about racing's 'handle problem': "The racing public has always had an aging demographic. People in their 60s are more likely to have time for an afternoon-long weekday entertainment than people in their 20s.

"Horse racing's best hope today," he continued, "lies in the fact that it is so well-suited to online distribution. Players don't have to spend five hours in a grandstand to bet the horses. They can download data, analyze it, watch races and bet them via computer. This modern version of the racing game is one that ought to appeal to a younger demographic.

"Of course," concluded Andy, "the industry is doing its best to screw up this potential advantage. With all the skirmishing over ADWs, and with the industry's failure to clarify the legal status of on-line betting, players face a lot of unnecessary obstacles when they try to watch and bet races from their home."

No doubt about it, trying to implement any or all of these programs would cost real money and require funding. But if ever the term 'investment in the industry' was appropriate, that time is now.

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BRIS Speed Ratings Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Haynesfield	Speightstown	Damon Runyon S.	107
Seneca Summer	Seneca Jones	Spirit of Texas S.	102
Valid Stripes	Valid Expectations	Groovy S.	101
Briecat	Adcat	Bayakoa H.-G2	100
Champs Elysees (GB)	Danehill	Hollywood Turf Cup S.-G1	100
Stealth Cat	Magic Cat	Yellow Rose S.	100
Tend	Dynaformer	Sam's Town S.	99
Highland Games	Game Plan	Hank Mills Sr. H.	97
Wild Promises	Wild Event	My Charmer H.-G3	97
Big Drama	Montbrook	Delta Jackpot S.-G3	96
Dancer's Bajan	Trajectory	Sir Barton S.	96
Four Gifts	Even the Score	Delta Princess S.-G3	96
Golden Yank	Yankee Gentleman	Zia Park Derby	95
Kiss With a Twist	Lemon Drop Kid	My Charmer S.	95
Lorccan	Aptitude	Coyote Lakes S.	95
Song of Navarone	Sultry Song	Zia Park Distance Champ H.	95
Spice Route (GB)	King's Best	Tropical Turf H.-G3	95
Patena	Seeking the Gold	Display S.	94
Rolling Sea	Sefapiano	Treasure Chest S.	93
Slew's Tizzy	Tiznow	Native Diver H.-G3	93
Acting Zippy	City Zip	Delta Mile S.	92
Lady Railrider	Ride the Rails	Pacific Heights S.	91
Rapid Squall	River Squall	Richard King S.	91

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WRITERS UP

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

By Bill Finley

From a handicappers' standpoint, the six best active synthetic surface sires standing in North America are: A.P. Indy, Belong to Me, Exchange Rate, Put It Back, Slew City Slew, Tribal Rule.

The criteria? I set out to find out merely how many winners a sire had had on synthetic tracks or even their number of stakes winners on the surfaces, but whether or not their progeny improve on the synthetics. The offspring of those sires present excellent bets when they race over synthetic tracks. Cont. p10

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**Bill Finley cont.**

Assisting me in the project, Jerry Brown and George White of Thoro-Graph put together a comprehensive list of data covering how the offspring of sires are faring in a number of categories when it comes to synthetic surface racing. Only the six sires listed above qualified on four criteria: on synthetic tracks they must have had at least 30 wins; their offspring must win at least 16 percent of the time on synthetics; their offspring must produce an overall flat-bet profit; and their offspring must also produce a flat-bet profit when making their first starts on synthetic tracks. The data runs through Oct. 31.

Though this is a horseplayers' approach to the tricky subject of synthetic tracks, it's also a productive way for the breeder and buyer at the sales to identify sire lines that will excel on synthetic tracks. Sires that produce horses that are good betting opportunities on synthetic tracks are the same sires the breeding industry should be turning to when trying to identify stallions that are synthetic specialists.

A look at the six "Synthetic Sensations":

A.P. Indy: It figures he's a good synthetic sire, as his offspring are, basically, good at everything. According to the Thoro-Graph data, A.P. Indy had had 55 wins on synthetic tracks, for a 16.62 winning percentage, and his offspring showed a return on investment on a \$2 win wager of \$2.15. A.P. Indys were winning 18.03 percent "first-time synthetic" for an ROI of \$2.51. A.P. Indy's recent stakes winners on synthetic tracks include Little Belle (Ashland S.), Adriano (Lane's End S.) and Marchfield (Autumn S.).

Belong to Me: His offspring are winning at a rate of 18.87 percent on synthetic tracks and 19.75 percent of the time in their first synthetic starts. He shows strong, positive ROIs in both categories. His best synthetic surface runner may be Jack Sullivan, a Polytrack specialist who raced primarily in England this year. He's 5-for-11 on synthetics and won a \$50,000 stakes at Wolverhampton in May.

Exchange Rate: His offspring win an amazing 23.15 percent of the time on synthetic tracks and 25 percent of the time in their first synthetic starts. The ROI for a \$2 win bet for all Exchange Rates making their first synthetic starts is \$3.28. A number of Exchange Rate offspring have had big years at Woodbine, including Southern Exchange and Juliet's Spirit, both dual stakes winners in 2008 north of the border.

Put It Back: He is the sire of In Summation, who, perhaps more so than any other horse, saw his career take off when switched to synthetic surfaces. A modestly accomplished turf sprinter before trainer Christophe Clement hauled him out west, In Summation has won four stakes on synthetic surfaces, including the Grade I Bing Crosby in 2007 at Del Mar. Petty Things is another example of a Put It Back excelling on synthetic surfaces.

An allowance winner this fall at Keeneland, he lost by 10 ½ lengths in his career debut at Churchill only to come back a month later at Arlington, where he won by 9 ½ lengths at 9-1. Put It Back's offspring win 24 percent of the time on synthetic surfaces for an ROI of \$3.13 and win 27.78 percent of the time first time synthetic for an ROI of \$6.01.

Slew City Slew: He's had 60 wins on synthetic surfaces, where his offspring win at a rate of 16.30 percent. His offspring win 13.89 percent of the time first time synthetic with an ROI of \$2.80. He is the sire of Lava Man, a Grade I winner on grass, dirt and synthetic surfaces. He's also the sire of Victory Romance, who has placed in several stakes on Woodbine's Polytrack surface.

Tribal Rule: A son of Storm Cat who stands in California, he's benefited greatly from that state's switch to synthetic surface racing. His offspring win 19.8 percent of their races on synthetic surfaces, with an ROI of \$2.42, and 16.98 percent of the time when racing on a synthetic surface for the first time, with an ROI of \$3.48. His best horse to date has been Georgie Boy, a winner of four synthetic surface stakes, including the Grade I Del Mar Futurity. Tribesman, winner of this year's California Cup Sprint, is another son of Tribal Rule that has excelled on synthetic tracks.

A look at some other notable synthetic sires:

Unbridled Jet: Standing for \$4,000 in New Jersey, he might just be the best bet for bargain hunters looking for a stallion whose progeny figure to excel on synthetic tracks. He's had only 14 horses try synthetic surfaces, but they are a 23-for-70 combined for an ROI of \$2.79. Miss Lombardi, a 6-year-old mare by Unbridled's Jet, is 2-for-2 on synthetics, having won at Presque Isle Downs and Keeneland.

Skip Away: Though he's largely been a disappointment at stud, the former Horse of the Year is showing promise as a top synthetic sire. He has had 51 synthetic wins and his offspring are winning at a 15.79 percent rate on synthetic tracks. His top earner this year was Secret Getaway, who won, among other races, the Victoria Park S. over the Polytrack surface at Woodbine.

Smart Strike: Curlin's defeat in the Breeders' Cup Classic may have been the most notable synthetic surface flop this year, but Smart Strike is by no means a poor synthetic sire. In fact, he's among the best. His offspring have won 69 races on synthetic tracks or 15.58 percent of the time they try the surface. His offspring also have positive ROIs on synthetic tracks and when trying synthetic tracks for the first time. After Curlin, his second top earner this year was Square Eddie, the winner of the Grade I Lane's End Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland and the runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile over synthetic surfaces.

Bill Finley is the author of "Betting Synthetic Surfaces: Conquering Racing's Newest Frontier."

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STEWART SET TO RETURN TO WORK?

Dr. Rodney Stewart, an equine veterinarian who was banned for five years by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) for the possession of cobra venom, could resume his practice soon. In a hearing held Tuesday in Lexington, attorneys for Stewart and the KHRC agreed that the vet may return to his practice, from which he was initially banned for five years, but was extended to an indefinite suspension by chief steward John Veitch in December 2007 when Stewart failed to provide documents and computer related to the case. Robert Watt, a lawyer for the KHRC, confirmed during Tuesday's hearing that Stewart has now come forth with the requested material, and Veitch said he will issue an order to end the indefinite suspension, according to *Daily Racing Form*, but a release from the Commonwealth of Kentucky suggested the outcome is less certain. In part, the statement read, "Dr. Stewart has not been issued a 2008 racing license by the KHRC, which is required to practice veterinary medication on race track properties. Should he decide to ever apply for a KHRC racing license, his application would be referred to the Commission's license review committee to determine his eligibility to receive any Kentucky racing license." Tuesday's hearing was the continuation of a similar one conducted Dec. 3. *DRF* reports that commission investigator Don Kolioutas was the lone witness during yesterday's reconvened session, and he offered testimony regarding his initial investigation. During a June 2007 search of the Keeneland barn of trainer Patrick Biancone, Kolioutas reported he discovered three vials of cobra venom in a soft-sided cooler belonging to Stewart. The veterinarian allegedly testified at the Dec. 3 hearing that he did not know that the substances were in the bag, and that he stored the bag in Biancone's refrigerator to keep it cool while he worked in Keeneland's backstretch area. Stewart also testified that Biancone, who recently returned from a one-year suspension, did not know the contents of the cooler. A state hearing officer said he expects to issue a recommended order to the KHRC in February.



**RACE TRACK INDUSTRY
PROGRAM SYMPOSIUM**
December 8-11, 2008

Racehorse Ownership--From Bloodstock to Stock Market *by Jim McVicker*

When one thinks of racehorse owners, it is not a stretch to associate images of luxury automobiles, yachts, expensive homes along with the scenario. A tried and true method for being a racehorse owner is to have amassed a substantial fortune. The "Sport of Kings" moniker does little to dispel this long held notion.

However, these fortunate few alone can not sustain an entire industry. A fair percentage of wealthy or moderately wealthy owners are leaving the industry, feeling the risk-to-reward ratio is not in their favor or worth the trouble.

Two speakers at the University of Arizona's 35th Symposium on Racing addressed the issue of racehorse ownership from differing perspectives and differing proposals as methods for remedying the current state of affairs.

Both stressed the urgent need to bring new participants into the industry. It is not merely the current financial environment that is presenting us with the troubling figures that show that bloodstock sales are down and RNAs are up. Buybacks are up and attendance is down.

Jeff Lifson, EVP, Midwest Operations, West Point Thoroughbreds, Inc., spoke of how those that have a desire for racehorse ownership, but also seek to minimize risk can achieve those goals by participating in fractional ownership. He indicated that it is an ever-increasing trend in North America.

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Racehorse Ownership cont.

Lifson emphasized West Point's philosophy of creating brand recognition by providing the clientele with the utmost satisfaction in all aspects of their involvement with the ownership experience. He stated that with fractional ownership one can additionally enjoy and appreciate feeling a connection to the backside environment of racing.

The need to attract new enthusiast/participants into the industry was a key point that was also addressed. The need for a 21st-century approach and West Point's response to that includes evolving client services such as the use of popular technology, including posting workouts on Youtube, fan pages on Facebook and big race week diaries and blogs.

Valentine Feerick, CEO, www.blood-ex.com, takes a much more innovative approach in her business. A highly innovative, on-line, real-time, fractional ownership of racehorses throughout the world resembling an equine stock exchange. Participants can buy/sell shares in horses, form partnerships and syndicates, and compete against other individuals or partnerships for status and prizes.

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While the participating individual can enjoy the financial rewards of fractional ownership, the industry overall could benefit from the financial liquidity this scenario offers by a redistribution of funds back into the industry. This type of fractional ownership involves no expense for costs associated with horse maintenance, but neither does it reap the rewards of any purses the horse may win.

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The Power of Blogs by Matt Carter

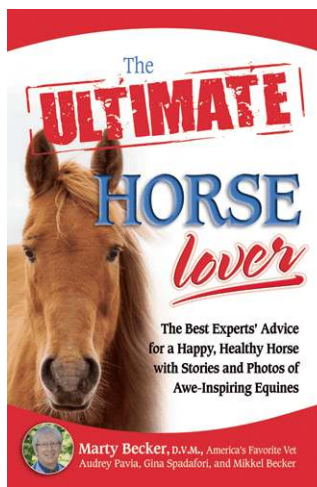
This year's Mark Kaufman workshop, titled The Power of Blogs, dealt with the social media and how the racing industry can use it to their advantage. The workshop is named after the former Turf Publicists of America President, who passed away in 1995. The panelists included: Jennie Rees, Louisville *Courier-Journal*; Jonathan Chavez, co-founder and director of analytics for SocialSphere Strategies; Patrick Patten, writer of the Thoroughbred racing blog "Handride;" and Bill Knauf, assistant general manager and assistant vice president of marketing operations for Monmouth Park. The panel session was moderated by Eric Wing, President of the Turf Publicists of America.

While the focus was blogging, the definition of "blog" was expanded to include social media sites such as Facebook. As Bill Knauf put it, "Hi, my name is Bill Knauf and I'm addicted to Facebook." Prior to the panel session, during the TPA Big Sport of Turfdom Award, Larry Jones, the trainer of back-to-back Kentucky Derby runners-up, said blogs "[help people] form an opinion on something they've never heard before." The panel session touched on the importance of the bloggers' experience. "People want [to read] personal, honest experiences," Mr. Patten said.

The importance of the persona posting on the social media site was also discussed. When asked about the effectiveness of social media programs, Mr. Chavez replied, "personality, bottom line." He continued the people do not want to read from a "nameless or faceless person." Jennie Rees discussed how the *Louisville Courier-Journal* has put an emphasis on their staff creating blogs, and "there are practical uses for the blog," such as putting up her full or unedited article. She also discussed the accountability of those bloggers.

"[There] needs to be very clear bright line policies about what they can and can't talk about," Mr. Patten said. The panel concluded with a question about where social media is headed and what is next to come. The answers varied, but in general, social media needs to be about collaboration, "bringing anything and everything together," Mr. Patten said.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

7:00-8:00 a.m. - Complimentary Breakfast

8:30-9:30 am - A Perspective For Racing--The Economy

Keynote speaker Marshall J. Vest, director of the Economic and Business Research Center at the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management, will discuss what the forecast looks like and how to position your organization for the future.

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Gen Y and Baby Boomers--How to "Speak" to Racing's Diverse Demographic Target Market

Learn about the difference in marketing to very different generations. Listen to experts and members of the current Gen Y discuss what appeals to each group. (This session will include a report from U of A students in the RTIP and their findings based on surveys of peer groups through Facebook, MySpace).

Speaker: Fritz Widaman, Sr. Dir. of Marketing, NTRA

New Territories on the Racino Frontier

What have been the experiences of the jurisdictions recently implementing racino legislation? How are the jurisdictions faring, and what suggestions do they have for jurisdictions hoping to implement such legislation?

Moderator: Allison McCoy, Vice President of Business Development, Spectrum Gaming Group

Speakers: Stephen Martino, Executive Director, Kansas Racing & Gaming Commission; Mike Smith, President and CEO, Casino Association of Indiana; Melinda Tucker, Director, Racetrack Gaming, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Wagering, What's Up?

Speakers will address the latest on the wagering front both from an international and domestic perspective.

Moderator/Speaker: Curtis Linnell, Director, Wagering Analysis, Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau

Speakers: Willem Birkenstock, International Pooling Manager, Tabcorp-Wagering & Media; Elizabeth Bracken, Director of Simulcasting, New York Racing Association; Florence Gras, General Delegate, European Pari-Mutuel Association (EPMA);

Marketing the Racino: What Are We Selling? How? And Why?

As the playing field has been leveled again, the game of monopoly turns to war. What must be done to win?

Moderator: Joseph Witterschein, Vice President Marketing Services, The Innovation Group of Companies

Speakers: Craig Border, Senior Account Executive, Marketing Results, Inc.; Bill Breslo, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Diamond Game Sharon Lair, Director of Marketing, Remington Park; Jeffrey Smith, General Manager, Hoosier Park, Managing Director of Racing, Centaur, Inc.

12:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Satellite Meetings

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Evening Reception

★ **CENTRAL** ★

Polytrack to Be Installed on WinStar Training Oval:

Officials at WinStar Farm have entered into an agreement to install Polytrack® on a seven-furlong oval and an uphill gallop on their farm near Lexington. "We have trained on Polytrack at HighPointe for over three years, and Grade I winners Any Given Saturday, Bluegrass Cat, Colonel John, Court Vision and Well Armed have all trained at HighPointe," said WinStar Vice President Elliott Walden. "We still conducted an extensive evaluation of the four leading surfaces before making this decision, and found Polytrack to best fit our needs for this world-class facility that will be used year-round. We have seen our injury rate and vet bills diminish by 60 percent since the Polytrack at HighPointe was installed. We are excited to see what we can accomplish with this new facility." Keeneland, which installed Polytrack on its training facility in 2004, helps to market the synthetic surface in North America. "WinStar is a leader in our industry," said Nick Nicholson, president and chief executive officer of Keeneland. "Like Keeneland, they are dedicated to the well-being of the horse. Their further investment in Polytrack is a strong statement that our surface represents a safer, better future for Thoroughbreds."

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Ⓜ, 4yo/up, 9f

\$500,000 *Sunshine Millions Distaff, SA,* Ⓜ, 4yo/up, f/m, 9f (AWT)

\$500,000 *Sunshine Millions Turf, SA,* Ⓜ, 4yo/up, 9fT

\$500,000 *Sunshine Millions Filly/Mare Turf, GP,* Ⓜ, 4yo/up, f/m, 9fT

\$300,000 *Sunshine Millions Sprint, SA,* Ⓜ, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT)

\$300,000 *Sunshine Millions Filly/Mare Sprint, GP,* Ⓜ, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

\$250,000 *Sunshine Millions Dash, GP,* Ⓜ, 3yo, 6f

\$250,000 *Sunshine Millions Oaks, SA,* Ⓜ, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT)

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★ EAST ★

Numbers Fall at Fasig Midlantic Sale

Figures fell across the board during Monday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed Sale in Timonium, Maryland. During Monday's one-day auction, 186 horses sold for \$1,169,400. The average of \$6,287 fell 12.3 percent, compared to last year's two-day sale, while the median declined 14.3 percent to \$3,000. Of the 389 lots catalogued, 104 were withdrawn and 109 through the ring failed to sell. The buy-back rate was 36.9 percent. The top-priced lot Monday was Colonial Ball (Pleasant Colony) ([hip 111](#)) at \$65,000. The 12-year-old stakes-placed mare is in foal to Henny Hughes. She was consigned by Green Willow Farms, Agent I, and was purchased by Denise Dommel.

 FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC DECEMBER MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008		
Cumulative Totals	2008	2007*
Catalogued	389	582
No. Offered	295	474
No. Sold	186	287
RNAs	109	187
% RNAs	36.9%	39.5%
Gross	\$1,169,400	\$2,056,500
Average	\$6,287 (-12.3%)	\$7,166
Median	\$3,000 (-14.3%)	\$3,500
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Yesterday's Results:

6th-ZIA, \$28,350, Alw, NW2L, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:20 2/5, my.

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Juerguero, c, 3, Storm Boot--Fiddler's Dream, by Pleasant Colony. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-7, Hcp, 5f, :58:60. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, S2,600. O-Stud Mi Andrea; B-Burning Daylight Farms Inc (KY); T-Jorge Salas. * \$15,000 wnlg '05 KEENOV; \$5,500 yrl '06 KEESEP.



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

- ALKE** (Grand Slam), Vinery FL, \$4K, 64/17/0
8-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Topsy Saint, 8-1
- CANDY RIDE (ARG)** (Ride the Rails), Hill 'n' Dale, \$10K, 123/17/3
8-TP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Karacuda, \$32K KEE NOV wnl
4-HOL, Alw, 6 1/2f, Candilejas, \$17K KEE SEP yrl
- CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 173/36/0
5-HOL, Msw, 6fT, +She's Our Ten, \$400K BAR MAR 2yo
- DOMESTIC DISPUTE** (Unbridled's Song), Northview, \$5K, 71/7/0
8-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Ashes of Time, \$40K EAS SEP yrl, 8-1
- EVEN THE SCORE** (Unbridled's Song), Millennium, \$9K, 80/14/2
8-TP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Uneven
- GREAT NOTION** (Elusive Quality), Northview, \$4K, 38/4/1
8-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Great Love, \$3K EAS DEC wnl, 9-5
- LION HEART** (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 181/30/3
8-TP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Lion Queen, \$120K KEE SEP yrl
4-HOL, Alw, 6 1/2f, Pride, \$475K OBS FEB 2yo
- SCRIMSHAW** (Gulch), Millennium, \$7K, 76/14/1
8-TP, Aoc, 6 1/2f, Ravin Maniac, \$35K OBS FEB 2yo



And the winner is...

David Hensley, a racing fan from Port Orchard, Washington is the winner of the inaugural Richland Hills caption contest with his submission of **"At last. That funny-talking foreigner is finally off my back!"** Hensley will receive \$100, plus a framed copy of this original cartoon by Remi Bellocq, with his caption on it. Future contests will be available at www.richlandhillsfarm.com under the contests/features tab, as well as in the TDN.



★ FRANCE ★

Wednesday, Deauville, post time: 3:05 p.m.
PRIX PETITE ETOILE-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER
1	2	Wait and See (Fr)	Montjeu (Ire)	Collet
2	10	Ragiam (Ity)	Martino Alonso (Ire)	A & G Botti
3	8	Bergamask	Kingmambo	Pantall
4	7	The World (GB)	Dubai Destination	Fabre
5	13	Tactful (Ire)	Intikhab	Beckett
6	3	Ballerina Blue (Ire)	High Chaparral (Ire)	de Nicolay
7	5	Rainbow Crossing (GB)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Rohaut
8	1	L'Etoile de Moscou (GB)	Peintre Celebre	Lellouche
9	6	Himariya (Ire)	Marju (Ire)	Rouget
10	11	Kirkinola (GB)	Selkirk	Laffon-Parias
11	12	Texaline (Fr)	Alzao	D de Watrigant
12	9	Myakoda (FR)	Tremolino	de Nicolay
13	4	Roscoff (Ire)	Daylami (Ire)	Collet

All carry 123 pounds bar Wait and See & Ragiam, 127.

BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA

STAKES RESULTS:

CLASICO DEL CARIBE S., \$290,000, CMR, 12-7, (S), 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:52 2/5, my.
 1--#**SICOTICO (DOM), 116, c, 3, Blueformer--Lump of Joy, by Lombardi.** O-Yacksan Racing; B-Angel B Contreras (DOM); T-Eugenio Deschamps; J-Joel Rosario; \$168,200. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo-Dom, 18-17-0-0, \$207,169.
 2--**Cristal de Oro**, 124, g, 3, Van Nistelrooy--Crysta, by Pine Bluff. \$58,000.
 3--**Defensora**, 118, f, 3, Myfavorite Place--La Abogada, by Sneaky Solicitor. \$29,000.
 Margins: 1HF, HF, HD. Odds: 4.35, 9.35, 1.60.

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AQUEDUCT

Heir to the Stone (Birdstone), 4f, :50.44, 7/12
 J. J. Cuvee (Cuvee), 4f, :46.41, 1/12
 Runway Rosie (Include), 4f, :48.24, 2/12

BELMONT PARK

Laragh (Tapit), 4f (tr), :48.24, 2/66
 Sir Whimsey (Jump Start), 4f (tr), :50.24, 30/66

FAIR GROUNDS

War Echo (Tapit), 4f, :52.20, 31/40

HOLLYWOOD

Georgie Boy (Tribal Rule), 6f, 1:11.20, 1/7
 Life is Sweet (Storm Cat), 5f, 1:00.40, 5/19

INVITACIONAL S., \$50,000, CMR, 12-7, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:01 4/5, my.

1--#**@SOUTH HANDYMAN (ARG), 124, c, 4, Southern Halo--Hansa Toss (Arg), by Egg Toss.** O-Stud Gadu Acosta; B-La Biznaga (Arg); T-Antonio Catanese; J-Santiago Gonzalez; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: MSP-Arg & Ven, 20-4-4-5, \$149,257. *1/2 to Stormy Hechiza (Arg) (Bernstein), GSP-Arg.
 2--**Truly Frisky**, 124, h, 5, Frisk Me Now--P. J.'s Day, by Demaloot Demashoot. (\$12,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG). \$10,000.
 3--**Cuentmelotoo**, 120, c, 3, Devil His Due--Legal Miss, by Law Society. (\$9,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). \$5,000.
 Margins: 6 1/4, 4 1/4, 2. Odds: 2.55, 0.45, 4.85.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-ZIA, \$28,275, 12-8, NW2L, 2yo, 6.5f, 1:17 3/5, ft.
SMUGGLER'S HOLD (g, 2, Stroll--Storm Dancer {SP}, by Always a Classic) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$26,451. O/T-Bryan Porter. B-James S Karp (KY). *\$5,500 yrl '07 KEESEP.

4th-ZIA, \$33,400, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), C, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05 2/5, my.

LETHAL QUALITY (f, 3, Elusive Quality--Lethal Temper, by Seattle Slew) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-3-0, \$54,648. O/B-Stewart L Armstrong (KY). T-J R Caldwell. *\$130,000 yrl '06 KEESEP.

MAIDEN WINNER:

Gliding Princess, f, 4, **Honor Glide--Sword Princess** (MSP, \$101,983), by Sword Dance (Ire). MNR, 12-8, 1m70y, 1:43. B-Dodie Duys (FL).

BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE

CONDITIONS RESULT:

ITALY, Siracusa, 14.50, 12-8, €9,000, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:19.90, gd.

POLYDORS (IRE) (h, 6, Monashee Mountain--Polista {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by Persepolis {Fr}) Lifetime Record: MSP-Ity, 36-19-3-5, €169,643. O/B-Scuderia Siba Spa; T-Alduino & Giuseppe Botti.

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