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Smarty Jones' ROCKLAND Cruises to  
2<sup>nd</sup> Win in Calder Alw (see ATW p1)

## TDN Feature Presentation GRADE 1 CASHCALL FUTURITY



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### ROCK HARD TEN: LEADING FIRST-CROP YEARLING SIRE BY PERCENT PROFITABLE\*

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## THE FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT

After departing California over concerns with the state's synthetic surfaces, owner Ahmed Zayat recently returned 18 of his runners to the Golden State, and the decision paid its first significant dividend yesterday, when **Pioneerof the Nile** (Empire Maker) found the line a shade ahead of **I Want Revenge** (Stephen Got Even) to take the GI CashCall Futurity at Hollywood Park. **Cont. p2**



**Pioneerof the Nile** (left) *Benoit*

## Saturday, Hollywood Park

**CASHCALL FUTURITY-GI**, \$750,000, HOL, 12-20, 2yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:41 4/5, ft.

1--#@▲**PIONEEROF THE NILE**, 121, c, 2, by **Empire Maker**

1st Dam: Star of Goshen (SW, \$146,030), by Lord At War (Arg)

2nd Dam: Castle Eight, by Key to the Kingdom

3rd Dam: Her Native, by Kanamera

(\$290,000 yr1 '07 KEESEP). O/B-Zayat Stables LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Garrett K Gomez; \$400,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$544,200. \*1/2 to Forefathers (Gone West), MGSP, \$193,642. **Werk Nick Rating: First SW from this cross . Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.](#)**

2--**I Want Revenge**, 121, c, 2, **Stephen Got Even**--Megual (Arg), by Roy.O/B-David J Lanzman Racing Stable Inc (KY); T-Jeff Mullins; \$150,000.

3--**Chocolate Candy**, 121, c, 2, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Crownette, by Seattle Slew. O-Sid & Jenny Craig Trust; B-Sid & Jenny Craig (KY); T-J Hollendorfer; \$100,000.

Margins: NO, 1HF, 2. Odds: 1.40, 6.50, 7.10.

Also Ran: Bittel Road, Azul Leon, Axel Foley, Mark S the Cooler, Hype, Frumious, J P Jammer, Ventana. Scratched: Mr. Rod.

## VACARE SET TO "DAHL" IT UP ONE LAST TIME

Jon and Sarah Kelly acquired **Vacare** (Lear Fan), then a recent Grade I winner, for \$2.8 million out of the 2006 Fasig-Tipton November sale, and the bay has proved a solid investment, winning three of her subsequent nine starts for trainer Christophe Clement. The five-year-old looks to sign off from the races as she totes highweight of 122 pounds against a field of 11 distaff turfers in the GII Dahlia H., the closing-day feature of the Hollywood Park meeting. Victorious in the GII Palomar H. going this trip at Del Mar



**Vacare** *EquiPhoto*

Aug. 30, Vacare tried 10 panels in her last two, first finishing 3/4 of a length runner-up to Wait a While (Maria's Mon) in the Sept. 27 GI Yellow Ribbon S. She did not disgrace herself in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf last time out, running a midpack fifth behind Forever Together (Belong to Me), but cuts back to a clearly more comfortable distance for her swan song. **Lady Digby** (Grand Slam) finished just three-parts of a length behind Vacare in fourth in the GI Diana S. at Saratoga July 26, and may have disliked the easy ground when sixth in Churchill's GIII Mrs. Revere S. Nov. 15. She'll have it fast and firm this afternoon. **Dahlia field p3**

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*Pi in the Sky...*

Pioneerof the Nile became the first homebred winner for Zayat when he came from off the pace to best a field including **Hype** (More Than Ready) over the Saratoga turf course Aug. 25 for trainer Bill Mott ([see related Provenance](#)). Switched to Keeneland's Polytrack for the GI Lane's End Breeders' Futurity Oct. 4, the attractive dark bay colt was last for the opening half-mile, made an ominous five-wide sweep into contention and held well to finish third to Square Eddie (Smart Strike). That effort earned him a spot in the field for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Santa Anita Oct. 25, where he found himself in traffic while relatively close to a moderate early pace. He stayed on gamely in the stretch and crossed the wire fifth, just 2 3/4 lengths behind Midshipman, and was the heavy chalk in his first start since joining the Bob Baffert stable; Zayat removed several horses from the conditioner's care this past winter.

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With Zayat on hand to watch, Pioneerof the Nile was away in good order and took up a position just off the speed in fifth. Eased out into the three path for the run up the backstretch, the colt jumped into the bridle and aggressively worked his way up into third as they reached the far turn. He came under heavy pressure, but gained three wide into the stretch, took command leaving the eighth pole and just held on, as I Want Revenge nearly got up after splitting horses one off the rail inside the final furlong. "I just let him show me what he wanted to do early," commented winning rider Garrett Gomez, who was registering his ninth Grade I of the season. "I saved ground all the way around the first turn. When I moved him to the outside you can see he made up ground on them right away. I was trying to keep him from making up too much ground because they went fairly quick going into the first turn. When they slowed down I caught up and then I shut him down and just sat there for a minute. They told me in the paddock he's still a bit green and likes to wait on horses. But that's a good thing because he's got a lot of room for improvement." Added Zayat, "Unbelievable, a huge effort. He is a May foal by Empire Maker, typically they are not precocious, but that's the heart this horse has. What's special about it for us, it's our first homebred to actually run, so it means a lot for us."

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☆ RESULTS ☆

Saturday, Kenilworth, South Africa

**BLOODSTOCK SA CAPE GUINEAS-G1**, R1,000,000, Kenilworth, 12-20, 3yo, 1mT, 1:39.82, gd.

1--@▲LE DRAKKAR (AUS), 126, c, 3, by Anabaa

1st Dam: My Mo Rally (NZ) (SW-NZ),  
by Mi Preferido

2nd Dam: Tri Lyric (NZ), by Three Legs (GB)

3rd Dam: Lyrical (NZ), by Abwah (GB)

O-The Late J D Jaffee & Fieldspring Racing; B-Hurst; T-Dean Kannemeyer; J-Marthinus Byleveld; R625,000. Lifetime Record: 5 starts, 3 wins, 2 places, R882,400. **Werk Nick Rating: D.** Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#).

2--**Bush Pirate (SAf)**, 126, c, 3, Russian Revival --Secret Position (SAf), by Pole Position (GB). O/B-Mr & Mrs P Fenix; T-Jack Ramsden; R200,000.

3--**Mother Russia (SAf)**, 120, f, 3, Windrush--Russian Muse (SAf), by Russian Fox. O-Klawervlei Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: J P Koster); B-Normandy Stud; T-Jack Ramsden; R100,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, HD. Winner's Odds: 6.20.

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7:05p Dahlia H.-GII, Hol [Click for \(brisnet.com PPs\)](#) **TV** HRTV  
*Eastern Standard Time*

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☆ PREVIEWS ☆

Sunday, Hollywood Park, post time: 4:05 p.m. PST

**DAHLIA H.-GII**, \$150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	ODDS
1	Vacare	Lear Fan	Clement	5-2
2	Green Lyons (Ire)	Green Desert	Drysdale	10-1
3	I Can See	Flying Chevron	Knapp	20-1
4	Belle Allure (Ire)	Numerous	Pr.-Gordon	5-1
5	Place de L'Etoile (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Biancone	Scr
6	Gotta Have Her	Royal Academy	Sahadi	8-1
7	Sensational Love	War Chant	Drysdale	20-1
8	Valbenny (Ire)	Val Royal (Fr)	Frankel	7-2
9	Lady Digby	Grand Slam	Motion	9-2
10	Don't Forget Faith	Victory Gallop	Cox	30-1
11	In My Glory	Honour and Glory	Miranda	15-1
12	Storybook (UAE)	Halling	Sadler	15-1

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

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**MAURICE ZILBER DIES** Maurice Zilber, trainer of international star Dahlia and four-time winner of the GI Washington D.C. International S., has died at the age of 88. The Egyptian-born horseman had been battling cancer since 2005. Zilber began his career in his country of birth, where he was a leading trainer. He



Paris Turf

relocated to France in 1956 after Gamal Abdel Nasser ascended to that country's presidency. After immigrating, Zilber found success with owners Daniel Wildenstein and Nelson Bunker Hunt. Zilber and Wildenstein were innovators in international racing, purchasing unraced prospects in the United States, then shipping them to France to compete, an uncommon tactic at the time. Zilber won the 1967 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) with \*Gazala and captured the 1969 Poule d'Essai des

Poulains (French 2000 Guineas) with Don II. He is believed to be the first trainer to sweep the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) and Epsom Derby in the same year, winning those races in 1976 with Youth and Empery, respectively. No French trainer has won the Epsom Derby since Empery's success. That year also saw Zilber's first win in the Washington, D.C. International with Dahlia, who would be selected England's Horse of the Year that season and again in 1974. Zilber's other victories in the D.C. International came with Nobiliary (1975), Youth (1976) and Argument (1980). Dahlia and Youth also captured the GI Canadian International S., in 1974 and 1976, respectively. Exceller gave Zilber his third triumph in the Canadian International in four years in 1977.

Like Dahlia, Exceller began his career in Europe with Zilber before Hunt moved him to the barn of Charlie Whittingham in California. Other victories for Exceller under Zilber's tutelage included the Prix Royal-Oak (French St. Leger) and the Grand Prix de Paris. Zilber also campaigned Trillion, who was France's champion older mare in 1978 and 1979 and was the 1979 Eclipse Award winner as champion grass mare. After cutting back on his training operation in 1995, Zilber maintained a small string of horses in France for Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms until his official retirement in 2005.

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# Walmac Unveils Unique Stud Fee Payment Plan

Responding to horsemen's concerns about costs in the current economic environment, Walmac Farm unveiled a unique breeders' incentive program at their stallion show Dec. 13.

Walmac Managing Director John T.L. Jones III explained the rationale behind the Breeders Stimulus Plan. "Markets of every variety worldwide are at a standstill, and Walmac co-owner Bobby Trussel and I have

brainstormed extensively about the need for an across-the-board assistance package for 2009 breedings," Jones said. "We hope this creates a win/win situation for mare and stallion owners alike."

Walmac has tabbed George Hills and Tamara Evans

at Walmac Kentucky to answer questions about the plan. They may be reached at [walmac@walmac.com](mailto:walmac@walmac.com) or (859) 299-0473.

The Breeders Stimulus Plan offers breeders two options for payments on fees generated from 2009 matings. One allows breeders to pay from sale proceeds if the resulting foal is sold as a weanling or yearling. The other provides an option on every Walmac breeding contract, converting each mating to a foal share arrangement within 30

days of foaling. The program will apply to the 14 stallions standing at both Walmac Farm-Kentucky and Walmac-Pennsylvania at Regal Heir Farm.

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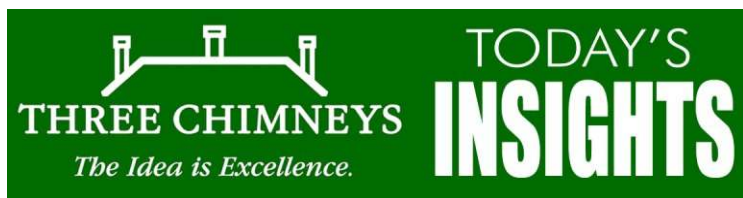


 **NORTH AMERICA** 

★ EAST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**8th-CRC, \$22,400, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, 7f, 1:25, ft.**  
**ROCKETING RETURNS** (c, 2, [Gone West](#)--Spring Meadow {**GSW & MGISP, \$496,123**}, by Meadowlake) finished a close second in his Saratoga debut Aug. 9, then graduated by a nose at Belmont Oct. 16. Favored at even-money here, the Live Oak homebred stalked Summerton (Stravinsky) through a half mile in :46.35, gained the lead in the stretch and held Jet Set Vinny (Vindication) safe by 1 1/4 lengths. Summerton tired to finish third. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$58,534. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**  
O-Live Oak Plantation. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). T-Nicholas P Zito.



**3:30p TVG** **1st-HOL, \$41K, Alw, N2X, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT)**  
**SILVER SWORD** ([Smart Strike](#)), last seen finishing a distant second behind Canadian Horse of the Year Fatal Bullet (Red Bullet) for WinStar Farm and Shannon Ritter in the GIII Kentucky Cup Sprint S. Sept. 27, resurfaces here for Suarez Racing, Paul Lo Duca and Doug O'Neill. The lightly raced dark bay previously reeled off a pair of wins at Presque Isle Downs in July and August. [brisnet.com pps](#)

**6:04p TVG** **6th-HOL, \$37K, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16mT**  
**SAVU** ([Storm Cat](#)), a son of champion turf mare & MGISW Fiji (GB) (Rainbow Quest), debuts in this two-turn turf affair for Neil Drysdale. The half to G1 Poule D'Essai des Poulains runner-up Marcus Andronicus (Danehill) worked an easy seven furlongs over the Hollywood Cushion in 1:27 1/5 Dec. 11. [brisnet.com pps](#)

*Post Times Eastern*

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**6th-CRC, \$18,665, Alw, NW1X, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43 1/5, fm.**  
**ROCKLAND** (c, 2, [Smarty Jones](#)--Wiscasset, by Kris S.), who RNA'd for \$90,000 as a KEESEP yearling, earned his diploma by a nose when stretched to a route at the Meadowlands Nov. 5. Trying grass for the first time here, the 5-2 choice raced just off the leaders in fifth through fractions of :23.18 and :48.46. With Jose Lezcano aboard, Rockland split horses approaching the turn for home to move into third, grinded his way to gain a short lead in the stretch and gamely held off the re-rallying Cape Royale (Chapel Royal) to take it by a head. The victor is a half to Coal Play (Mineshaft), SW & GISP, \$326,482. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$38,399. **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).**  
O/B-Emory A Hamilton (KY). T-Michael R Matz.

★ CENTRAL ★

**Turfway, Hawthorne Cancel Live Racing:**

With forecasters predicting strong winds and single-digit windchills, officials at Turfway Park in Florence, Kentucky, and Hawthorne Race Course have cancelled their live racing programs for this afternoon. Turfway is scheduled to remain open for simulcasting. Live racing will resume at Turfway Friday, Dec. 26 following the scheduled Christmas break. Post time for live racing between Dec. 26 and Dec. 31 is 1:10 p.m. Hawthorne will also be dark until the day after Christmas. When they resume, the Stickney, Illinois, track will offer bettors a belated holiday present in the form of a Pick Six carryover in excess of \$220,000. The sequence has not been successfully hit in the last 18 race days.

**Central report cont.**

• ON THE WORKTAB •

GI Malibu S.--Friday, December 26, 2008

HOLLYWOOD

Bob Black Jack (Stormy Jack), 5f, :58.80, 2/62  
Candy Pull (In Excess {Ire}), 3f, :37.40, 9/26  
Futuro (Golden Missile), 5f, :59.80, 7/62  
Georgie Boy (Tribal Rule), 5f, :58.40, 1/62

SANTA ANITA

Colonel John (Tiznow), 5f, 1:01.00, 58/98  
Guns on the Table (Carson City), 5f, :59.40, 8/98  
Nownownow (Whywhywhy), 6f (g), •1:12.00, 1/38

GI La Brea S.--Saturday, December 27, 2008

HOLLYWOOD

Foxy Danseur (Mr. Greeley), 5f, :59.20, 4/62

SANTA ANITA

Ginger Pop (El Prado {Ire}), 6f, 1:12.60, 6/38  
Indian Blessing (Indian Charlie), 5f, •:58.20, 1/98





**Yesterday's Results:**

**LETELLIER MEMORIAL S.**, \$60,000, FGX, 12-20, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

1--**#LEIGH MCLOVIN, 116, f, 2, Flame Thrower--Doc's Stormy Girl, by Dr. Caton.** O-McKathan Brothers Farm; B-Kristine L Mitchell (FL); T-Ronny W Werner; J-Robby Albarado; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$69,080.

2--**A Day for Dancing**, 120, f, 2, Dance Master--More d'Amour, by Tour d'Or. O-Padua Stables. \$12,000.

3--**Hug It Out**, 116, f, 2, Medaglia d'Oro--Dazzling Contrast, by General Meeting. (\$35,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY). O-Oakcrest Farm LLC & Three Kings Stable. \$6,600.

Margins: 4, HF, 9HF. Odds: 1.80, 4.00, 5.80.

Leigh McLovin flashed strong early speed before completing the exacta in her May 1 Churchill debut. Freshened following that effort, the bay rallied from third to earn her diploma over this course Nov. 16. Favored in her stakes bow, Leigh McLovin set swift early fractions of :21.80 and :45.69, turned back a challenge from Hug It Out in the lane and drew away impressively to take it in style. Winning jockey Robby Albarado said, "It wasn't in our plan to go to the front, but she broke well. She went quick early, but finished up very well." **Click for the [brisnet.com chart](#) or [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)**

**WOODCHOPPER S.**, \$60,000, FGX, 12-20, 3yo, a1mT, 1:39 1/5, fm.

1--**#JIMMY SIMMS, 118, c, 3, Lost Soldier--Queen of America, by Quiet American.** (\$60,000 yrl '06 KEESEP). O-Elisabeth H Alexander & Burr J Travis; B-Sarum Farm (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 7-3-2-1, \$139,085.

2--**Evade**, 116, g, 3, Smoke Glacken--Cunning Play, by Defensive Play. O-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider. \$12,000.

3--**Acting Zippy**, 116, g, 3, City Zip--Stormack, by Future Storm. (\$100,000 2yo '07 OBSMAR). O-William Don Bennett & Carl Bowling. \$6,600.

Margins: 3 1/4, 3, HF. Odds: 2.90, 6.60, 23.60.

Jimmy Simms has really come into his own since switching to grass. The bay rolled to a 6 3/4-length maiden victory in his turf debut at Woodbine Sept. 13, then added an allowance tally over that course Oct. 12. He held his own versus better finishing a close third after battling throughout in the Gill Commonwealth Turf S. at Churchill Downs last time Nov. 9, and was backed accordingly here. Surprisingly in fifth through fractions of :24.49 and :48.71, he came with a strong rally on the outside in the stretch to win going away. Favored Macho Again (Macho Uno) never got involved and finished a disappointing sixth. Winning assistant trainer Scott Blasi offered, "He rated a little last time at Churchill Downs. He seems to be accepting it, learning to relax off other horses. [He's] starting to mature mentally. He's definitely going in the right way."




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**Letellier Memorial S. (5th-FG)** Leigh McLovin (Flame Thrower) throws down the gauntlet.

**Esplanade S. (7th-FG) ☆ "TDN Rising Star" ☆** Secret Gypsy (Sea of Secret) earns her first stakes win.

**4th-HOL (Alw) ☆ "TDN Rising Star" ☆** Rail Trip (Jump Start) makes it two-for-two.

**6th-CRC (Alw)** Rockland (Smarty Jones), a half to Coal Play (Mineshaft), SW & GISP, \$326,482, successfully switches to grass.

**8th-CRC (Alw)** Rocketing Returns (Gone West) puts them back to back.



**ESPLANADE S.**, \$60,000, FGX, 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03 1/5, ft.

1--**#SECRET GYPSY, 118, f, 3, Sea of Secrets--Miss Utada, by Rahy.** (\$10,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY). O-Richland Hills Stable & John Kuehl; B-Norman Cheng (KY); T-Ronny W Werner; J-Robby Albarado; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 8-4-1-1, \$230,439.

2--**Kalookan Dancer, 118, m, 5, Olympio--Desert Ballet,** by Moscow Ballet. O-Robert Gramer. \$12,000.

3--**Precious Kiss, 120, f, 4, Kissin Kris--Gold n Delicious,** by Gold Alert. (\$32,000 wlng '04 KEENOV). O-Stanley B Seelig. \$6,600.

Margins: 4, 1, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.60, 12.30, 11.30.

★ **"TDN Rising Star"** ★ Secret Gypsy was sidelined after earning that accolade in her successful debut at Saratoga in 2007, finally returning to be fifth in the Gill La Troienne S. at Churchill this past May. Third in the May 31 Gill Dogwood S. and fourth in the July 5 GI Prioress S., the chestnut found an easier spot next time out, going gate to wire in an optional claimer at Saratoga Aug. 31. Secret Gypsy once again cut out the pace in the Oct. 18 Gill Raven Run S., before weakening late to be second, but she was coming off a front-running 8 1/2-length triumph in a Churchill allowance test on Thanksgiving. Odds-on to make it two in a row, she shadowed the leaders from the outside, took over as they raced out of the bend and opened up late for her first stakes win. "She has a deceptive stride," jockey Robby Albarado said. "Pound for pound, she's as quick as they come going five-eighths or six furlongs."

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**SUGAR BOWL S.**, \$60,000, FGX, 12-20, 2yo, 6f, 1:10 2/5, ft.

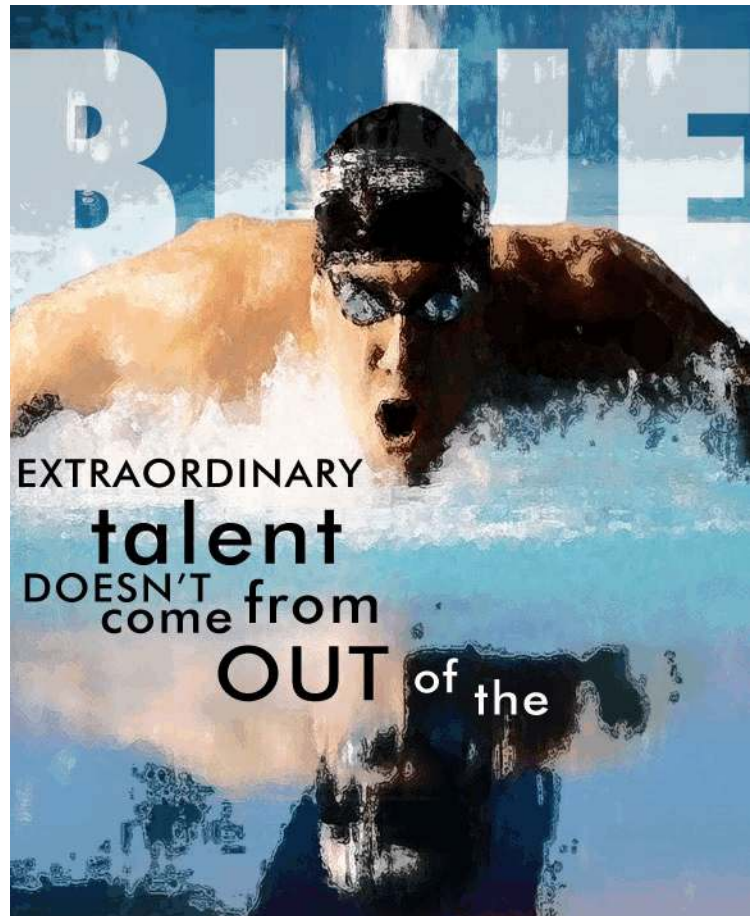
1--**#ASK JOE, 118, c, 2, Najran--Heavenly Halo, by Grindstone.** (\$18,000 yrl '07 FTKOCT; \$42,000 2yo '08 FTMMAY). O-Puglisi Racing LLC; B-Columbiana Farm (KY); T-Steve Klesaris; J-Miguel Mena; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$91,050.

2--**Big Push, 120, c, 2, Black Mambo--Listentothebells,** by Allen's Prospect. (\$45,000 2yo '08 OBSAPR). O-Majestic Farms LLC & DeBill Racing LLC. \$12,000.

3--**Valid Stripes, 120, g, 2, Valid Expectations--Eccentric Lady,** by Earn Your Stripes. (\$10,000 yrl '07 TEXAUG). O-Donald W Erickson. \$6,600.

Margins: HD, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 11.40, 3.90, 9.30.

A maiden winner going six furlongs at Delaware Park in his Sept. 21 debut, Ask Joe was favored in the Oct. 11 Dover S. at that track, but tired to be third in the 1 1/16-mile test. The grey colt was back to six for an allowance Nov. 10, posting a 1 1/4-length tally, but he was overlooked by the Fair Grounds faithful in his first appearance outside of "The First State." Allowed to settle just off an opening half in :45.63, he hit the gas in the stretch and just got up to best Big Push in the final strides. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



**GOWELL S.**, \$50,000, TPX, 12-20, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:11 3/5, ft.

1--**#STEP OUT SMARTLY, 116, f, 2, Came Home--Fashion Planner, by Capote.** O/B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY); T-George R Arnold II; J-William D Troilo; \$29,760. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$56,176.

2--**Lady's Laughter, 116, f, 2, Distorted Humor--Lady Tap,** by Pleasant Tap. (\$450,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Robert B & Beverly J Lewis Trust. \$9,600.

3--**Emma Darling, 118, f, 2, Hennessy--Jenna S.,** by Kris S. O-F Thomas Conway. \$4,800.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3, HD. Odds: 3.10, 8.20, 2.40.

Step Out Smartly raced wide and finished sixth when making her first start at Keeneland Oct. 12, but turned it around in the mud at Churchill Nov. 16 to graduate by five lengths. Well-backed in her stakes debut, the dark bay was unhurried early, then finished with a rush to catch Lady's Laughter in deep stretch and draw clear. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)



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10th-FGX, \$42,000, Msw, 2yo, a1mT, 1:40 3/5, fm. OYSTER CAT (c, 2, [Tale of the Cat--Freshwater Pearl {Ire} {SW-Ire}](#), by Alzao), a \$225,000 KEENOV weanling, ran third behind likely champion Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) and Street Hero (Street Cry {Ire}) in his career opener at Del Mar Aug. 17. The bay was favored in his next two tries, but had to settle for fourth at Oak Tree Sept. 27 and for fifth at Keeneland Oct. 24. Making his first start for trainer Shannon Ritter, he was the 2-1 chalk in his turf bow here. The WinStar colorbearer stalked Southern Region (Stormy Atlantic) from the start and finally ran him down in the final yards to post the 1 1/4-length victory. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$36,315. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#)

O-WinStar Farm LLC. B-A Lakin & Sons & J Kintz (KY). T-Shannon Ritter.

## ★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

### Yesterday's Results:

**CAT'S CRADLE H.**, \$77,225, HOL, 12-20, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:27 4/5, ft.

1--**BAI AND BAI, 120, m, 5, Falstaff--Bai Shun, by Fappiano.** (\$3,200 yrl '04 NCASEP). O-Robert B & Beverly J Lewis Trust; B-Mares' Nest (CA); T-Craig Dollase; J-Aaron T Gryder; \$47,225. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 28-11-7-4, \$724,983.

2--**Spenditallbaby, 117, f, 4, Unusual Heat--Andover the Money,** by Dynaformer. O-Fiorito, Johnson, Roberts, et al. \$15,000.

3--**Gambler's Justice, 115, f, 3, Lit de Justice--Monte Carlo Miss, by Diesis (GB).** (\$70,000 2yo '07 BESMAY). O-Halo Farms & Allen Magerman. \$9,000. Margins: HD, HD, 2 1/4. Odds: 5.30, 4.50, 5.10.

Bai and Bai captured the Foster City H. at Bay Meadows in March, then went to the bench. The chestnut mare made her comeback a winning one, taking the Sept. 7 E.B. Johnston S. at Fairplex, but ran out of gas in the Oct. 5 Cal Cup Matron H. and ended up sixth. Third in the It's in the Air S. at Hollywood Nov. 2, she entered this test off a seventh-place finish in the Dec. 7 Gil Bayakoa H. The 5-1 chance pressed the pace from third, edged closer at the top of the lane and, after gaining the lead late, held off Spenditallbaby in the three-way photo.

6th-HOL, \$36,800, Msw, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:08 4/5, ft. **POINT ATTENDED (c, 2, [Tale of the Cat--Southern Tour {MSW & GSP, \\$340,330}](#), by Tour d'Or)**, a \$70,000 KEENOV weanling, reported home fifth in his Hollywood debut Dec. 6. Hustled to the front by Michael Baze here, the 5-1 chance enjoyed a 2 1/2-length lead through a half mile in :44.79, and had just enough left in the tank to hold on by a nose over 5-2 Turk (Vindication). Coleville (Elusive Quality) finished fifth. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,320. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made.](#) O-Southern Equine Stable LLC. B-Dixiana Farm (KY). T-Eric J Guillot.

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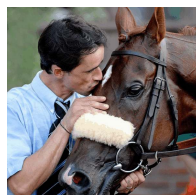
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4th-HOL, \$38,400, Alw, NW1X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:13 4/5, ft.

**RAIL TRIP (g, 3, [Jump Start--Sweet Trip, by Carson City](#)),** tabbed a ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ after coasting to a 3 1/2-length score in 1:07 4/5 in his Nov. 7 debut at Hollywood, made it two in a row at the Inglewood oval here. Sent off the 2-5 chalk in the 6 1/2-furlong allowance test, the bay stalked the pace, powered to the front inside the final furlong and edged away to another decisive 3 1/2-length victory. Gold Star Status (Incitatus {Bar}) was second best. Connections believe the winner will be tough to beat when they stretch him out. "[Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr.] says, 'wait 'til this horse runs long--he'll be even better,'" trainer Ron Ellis remarked. The winner was a \$200,000 FTKJUL yearling. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$45,000.

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O-Jay Em Ess Stable. B-Donarra Thoroughbreds LLC (KY). T-Ronald W Ellis.



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★ WEST ★

**Yesterday's Results:**

**GOLD RUSH S.**, \$75,000, GGX, 12-20, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38 2/5, ft.

1--#**MERUS MIAMI**, 120, c, 2, [Friends Lake](#)--Profit System (GSP), by Copelan. (\$125,000 wnlng '06 KEENOV; \$100,000 yrl '07 FTKJUL). O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Brereton C Jones & B Ned Jones (KY); T-O J Jauregui; J-Alex Bisoño; \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$62,400. \*1/2 to American System (American Chance), GISP, \$177,960. \*\*Second SW for freshman sire (by A.P. Indy). Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: **A +**.

2--**Adriatic Moon**, 120, c, 2, [Malibu Moon](#)--Dalmation Princess, by Stalwart. O-Andy Smolich & James and Rob Marilyn. \$15,000.

3--**Cut the Check**, 120, c, 2, [Sky Mesa](#)--Debrah's Debut, by Rahy. (\$25,000 wnlng '06 KEENOV; \$11,000 yrl '07 KEESEP). O-Abdala, Broguiere, Gramer, Pycz & Solis. \$9,000.

Margins: 1, 1, 2. Odds: 6.80, 6.80, 1.40.

Merus Miami raced greenly down the lane in his career debut at Golden Gate Nov. 2, but still got up to post a half-length victory. The bay once again showed a tendency to lug in here, but still got the job done. At the back of the pack after six furlongs in 1:13.01, he commenced a rally on the far outside down the lane. Jockey Alex Bisoño had to straighten his mount several times as they raced toward the wire, but Merus Miami gained ground steadily and caught Adriatic Moon in the waning strides. Backbackbackgone (Put It Back) was scratched. [Video, sponsored by Taylor Made](#).

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**BURNING ROMA** (Rubiano), Jubilee, \$7K, 25/5/0  
7-CRC, Msw, 1mT, Perf

**CHAPEL ROYAL** (Montbrook), Ashford, \$10K, 173/36/0  
7-CRC, Msw, 1mT, Noorissun (IRE)

**JOHAR** (Gone West), Mill Ridge, \$20K, 75/10/0

6-HOL, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Joking Sam, \$75K KEE SEP yrl

**PERFECT SOUL (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), Darby Dan, \$15K, 86/6/0

6-HOL, Msw, 1 1/16mT, Hog's Hollow

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**Yesterday's Results:**

**QUEBEC S.-Listed**, £40,000, Lingfield, 12-20, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:01.63, stn.

1--**DANSANT (GB)**, 131, c, 4, [Dansili \(GB\)](#)--[La Balagna \(GB\)](#), by [Kris \(GB\)](#). (€20,000 wnlng '04 DEADEC; 53,000gns yrl '05 TATOCT). O-Barbara M Keller; B-Mrs Cino del Duca; T-Gerard Butler; J-Eddie Ahern; £22,708. Lifetime Record: 18-7-2-1, £143,326. Click for the [eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: **A**.

2--**Suits Me (GB)**, 129, g, 5, [Bertolini](#)--[Fancier Bit \(GB\)](#), by [Lion Cavern](#). (7,000gns yrl '04 TATOCT; 17,000gns HIT '06 DONHIT); £8,608.

3--**Bon Spiel (GB)**, 129, c, 4, [Singspiel \(Ire\)](#)--[L'Affaire Monique \(GB\)](#), by [Machiavellian](#). £4,308.

Margins: 2HF, 2 1/4, HF. Odds: 9-4, 7-1, 14-1.

Also Ran: [Re Barolo \(Ire\)](#), [Scintillo \(GB\)](#), [Grand Passion \(Ire\)](#), [Harvest Queen \(Ire\)](#).

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**QUEBEC S. cont.**

Dansant has become an efficient money-spinner on the Polytrack and was taking his record to five-from-seven tries on the surface here. All four previous successes had come at this level, with his latest being in Kempton's Listed Wild Flower S. Nov. 29, and the bay made light work of the follow-up with an irresistible surge from rear in the stretch to overhaul Suits Me in the final furlong.



**MIDDLE EAST**



★ UNITED ARAB EMIRATES ★

**Friday's Results:**

**JEBEL ALI S.**, Dhs500,000, Jebel Ali, 12-19, 3yo/up, 1950m, 2:00.54, ft.

1--**#RAMPALLION (GB)**, 123, h, 5, Daylami (Ire)

1st Dam: Minute Waltz (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

2nd Dam: Dazzling Light (GB), by Silly Season

3rd Dam: Picture Light (Fr), by Court Martial

O-Sh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Side Hill Stud; T-Erwan Charpy; J-David Bedel; Dhs300,000. Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-0, \$190,136. \*1/2 to May Ball (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Fr, SP-Eng, \$168,321. **Click for the eNicks report and 5-cross pedigree.** Werk Nick Rating: A + +.

2--**Rohaani**, 123, h, 6, High Yield--Strawberry's Charm, by Strawberry Road (Aus). (\$160,000 yrl '03 KESEP). O-Sh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Dhs100,000.

3--**Dynamic Saint**, 123, g, 5, Sweetsouthernstaint--Le Nat, by Dynaformer. (\$22,000 yrl '04 OBSAUG). O-Malih Lahej Al Basti. Dhs50,000.

Margins: 1, HF, NK.

Rampallion failed to hit the board in three starts in Britain during his 2007 campaign, but opened 2008 with a win in a Nad Al Sheba handicap in January. The five-year-old was up the track again in his next two appearances, heading to the sidelines after an 11th-place effort at that track Feb. 21. He was making his first start off the layoff here. Rated at the back of the pack early, he went after the leaders 500 meters from home to prevail by a length.

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**December 20, 1987...****D. Wayne Lukas**-trainee **Tejano** became the first juvenile millionaire when he won the Hollywood Futurity with Laffit Pincay Jr. aboard.

**December 22, 1991...**Jockey **Kent Desormeaux**, at age 21, won his 2,000th race aboard Saron Lake, trained by Gary Jones, at Hollywood Park. He was the youngest jockey to reach that mark and did so faster than any other rider.

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 **SOUTH AMERICA** 

**ARGENTINE CHAMPION IBERO DEAD** Argentine champion **Ibero (Arg)** (Cinco Grande--Iberienne {Arg}, by Treviglio {Arg}), a sire in Argentina and Brazil, died after short bout with abdominal cancer at Brazil's Haras Smith de Vanconellos in Sao Paulo. The champion two-year-old male in Argentina in 1990, the classy South American import went on to win a half-dozen stakes in North America, including the 1992 GI NYRA Mile H. and the 1993 GI Metropolitan H. for the successful association involving owner Ignacio Pavlovksky and trainer Ron McAnally. Ibero retired with 10 wins from 34 starts and earnings of \$1,345,199. He first entered stud in 1994 in Argentina at Haras San Ignacio de Loyola in Capitan Sarmiento, producing dual Group 1 winner Iberal (Arg), 2000 G1 Carreras de las Estrellas Juvenile Fillies heroine Chloris (Arg), Chilean Group 1 winner Atreo (Arg), Panamanian champion Emponchado (Arg), and Citizen Kane (Arg), winner of the 2003 Sha Tin Mile Trophy in Hong Kong. Later sold to Brazilian interests, Ibero became a private stallion for Belair and Beverly Hills Stud, where he produced no more than an average of a dozen foals per crop. "His last book comprised 12 mares and all were in foal," said Eduardo Guimaraes of Belair Stud, adding, "He produced sound and honest horses, with a bit of a temperament inherited from him. In Brazil, Ibero became known for his high average of runners per registered foals and high average of winners per runners." From 11 crops of racing age, the 21-year-old sired 179 winners and eight group/graded winners from 366 foals to date. His progeny have earned nearly \$5.2 million.

 **AUSTRALASIA** 

**GROUP WINNER BY EUROPEAN SIRE:**  
**Il Quello Veloce (NZ)**, f, 3, **Captain Rio (GB)**--Nishaani (NZ), by Gold Brose (Aus). Awapuni (Manawatu), 12-20, Challenge S.-G3, 3yo/up, 7fT, NZ\$46,875 to winner. B-Westbury Stud Ltd; T-John Sargent.  
 \*G1SW-NZ.

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

- BONAPAW S.**, \$60,000, FGX, 12-20, 3yo/up, a5 1/2fT, 1:04 1/5, fm.  
 1--**STORM TREASURE**, 118, h, 5, **Storm Boot--Boogie Beach Blues**, by **Cure the Blues**. (\$75,000 wlng '03 KEENOV; \$170,000 yrl '04 KEESEP). O-Mike McCarty; B-Don M Robinson (KY); T-Steven M Asmussen; J-Shaun Bridgmohan; \$36,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 30-6-9-5, \$673,019.  
 2--**Chamberlain Bridge**, 122, g, 4, **War Chant--She's Got Class**, by **Tremolino**. \$12,000.  
 3--**John's Road**, 118, c, 4, **Runaway Groom--Trumps High**, by **Tremolino**. (\$115,000 yrl '05 KEESEP). \$6,600.  
 Margins: 1HF, 4, 3/4. Odds: 2.10, 0.80, 13.80.



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**CACTUS WREN H.**, \$50,000, TUP, 12-20, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14 4/5, my.

1--**WHITE SPAR, 124, g, 3, Benton Creek--Ann Arbor (SW), by Turkoman.** O/B-Dennis E Weir (AZ); T-Kevin Lewis; J-Daniel P Vergara; \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-3-0, \$185,447. \*Full to Newark, MSW, \$202,816; and Moores Bridge, MSW, \$175,278.

2--**El Mirage, 123, c, 3, Cee's Tizzy--Knoll Lake,** by Benton Creek. \$10,000.

3--**Corporal Tillman, 120, g, 5, Chanate--Left the Latch,** by Society Max. (\$15,000 yrl '04 ARZOCT). \$5,000. Margins: 1HF, 20 1/4, 9 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 1.60, 5.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

11th-FGX, \$50,000, Opt. Clm. (\$30,000), NW4L, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11, ft.

**ALPHADOODLE (f, 3, Cape Canaveral--To Little J D {MSP, \$100,424}, by King's Nest)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$117,065. O/B-John Duvieilh & Keith J & Earl J Hernandez (LA). T-Frank Leggio. \*1/2 to J D Man (Rail), SW, \$144,381; Simma Down (Miswaki), SW, \$137,262.

8th-PHA, \$48,750, NW3X, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10 4/5, gd.

**KAPER LAKE (g, 4, Meadowlake--Weekend Kaper {MSP, \$250,070}, by Honor Grades)** Lifetime Record: 14-4-1-1, \$144,780. O-Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables & The Elkstone Group. B-Charles T Matses (KY). T-Anthony W Dutrow.

1st-FGX, \$44,000, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10 3/5, ft.

**NADESHIKO (f, 3, Honour and Glory--Call Her {SW}, by Caller I. D.)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, \$78,354. O-Larry Richardson. B-Glencrest Farm LLC (KY). T-Gregory D Foley. \*1/2 to Matched (Smart Strike), SW, \$211,898; and full to Battle Won, GSW & MGISP, \$824,616.

7th-GGX, \$37,440, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37 1/5, ft.

**ANY WAGER (c, 3, Valid Wager--Emmy Ann, by Theatrical {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-5, \$72,894. O-Hollendorfer & Todaro. B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (CA). T-Jerry Hollendorfer. \*1/2 to Top This And That (Old Topper), GSP, \$422,262.

6th-LRL, \$34,000, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000-\$28,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39 1/5, my.

**FASCINATIN' RHYTHM (f, 3, More Than Ready--April Gator {SW, \$101,034}, by Green Alligator)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-4-2-0, \$95,720. O/B-Buckingham Farm (MD). T-Richard W Small.

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3rd-HAW, \$33,720, Opt. Clm. (\$50,000-\$40,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44 3/5, ft.

**HOUSE OF USHER (g, 4, Chester House--Engaging, by Private Account)** Lifetime Record: SP, 28-9-5-1, \$122,845. O-Maggi Moss. B-Overbrook Farm (KY). T-Chris Richard. \*\$4,500 yrl '05 KEESEP; \$17,000 2yo '06 ILLAPR. \*\*1/2 to Space Cruise (Cape Canaveral), MSP, \$184,605; and Fiery Pursuit (Carson City), GSW, \$336,322.

4th-CTX, \$33,000, 12-19, Opt. Clm. (\$32,000), NW2X, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19 2/5, sy.

**BLACKHOSSNAMDWHITY (g, 4, Civilisation--Emerald Love, by Fly So Free)** Lifetime Record: 14-5-1-0, \$98,052. O-Edward T Schottroffe. B/T-Tracy Willis (WV).

10th-SUN, \$32,000, 12-19, NW3L, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36 4/5, ft.

**AWESOME LAUNCH (c, 3, Awesome Again--Sunny Laugh, by Relaunch)** Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-0-1, \$65,320. O-Pierre Jean & Leslie A Amestoy. B-F E Dixon Jr (KY). T-Andres Gonzalez. \*\$27,000 2yo '07 KEEJAN.

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**6th-GGX, \$31,920**, Opt. Clm. (\$25,000), NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37 3/5, ft.  
**ROYAL HERALDRY** (f, 4, [Royal Academy](#)--La Otra, by **Personal Flag**) Lifetime Record: 22-3-3-4, \$105,600.  
 O-Fast Lane Farms, Stan Lerner, Ronald Watchorn, et al. B-Team Valor & Gary Barber (KY). T-Steve M Sherman.

**7th-CTX, \$31,000**, 12-19, NW1X, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27 2/5, sy.  
**COSALINDA** (f, 4, **Miner's Mark**--**Star Anniversary**, by **Star de Naskra**) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-3, \$67,300.  
 O-Cindy Polk. B-Cynthia Bonnie (KY). T-Rodney Jenkins.

**9th-TPX, \$30,275**, 12-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11 1/5, ft.  
**MRS PETOSKI** (f, 3, [Orientate](#)--**Proper Form**, by **Deputy Minister**) Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-4-2-0, \$105,600.  
 O/B-John R Perrotta (KY). T-William E Hall. \*\$32,000 wIng '05 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Mountain Range (Mountain Cat), SW & GSP, \$428,314; Royal Vindication (Vindication), SW & GSP, \$100,280.

**8th-DED, \$24,000**, 12-19, NW1X, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00 2/5, my.  
**FANCI CANDI** (f, 2, **Wertaloona**--**Fanci V**, by **Bionic Light**) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-2-1, \$86,116. O-Tom P Tysdal. B-Don S Nutt (OK). T-Steven M Asmussen.

**10th-TPX, \$22,910**, NW1X, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:39 4/5, ft.  
**HORSE DOCTOR** (c, 3, [Horse Chestnut {SAf}](#)--**Dr. Redoubtable**, by **Storm Cat**) Lifetime Record: 15-2-3-2, \$64,465. O/B-J Phillip Mote (KY). T-Albert T Skinner.

**5th-TUP, \$22,000**, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f (off turf), :50 4/5, my.  
**BOUND TO BE M V P** (h, 5, **Snowbound**--**Blue Boy's Janet**, by **Chisos**) Lifetime Record: MSW, 20-7-2-2, \$131,517. O/B-Charles Bradley Case (WA). T-Charles Essex.

**9th-CRC, \$20,750**, Opt. Clm. (\$75,000), NW3X, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43, fm.  
**DATTTTS OUR GIRL** (f, 4, [Thunder Gulch](#)--**Lakefront**, by **Deputy Minister**) Lifetime Record: 17-4-1-2, \$106,724.  
 O-DATTT Stable. B-Mike G Rutherford (KY). T-Mark A Hennig. \*\$150,000 yrl '05 KEESEP.

**8th-TAM, \$20,500**, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42 2/5, fm.  
**BALLYMORE LADY** (m, 5, [War Chant](#)--**Basking**, by **Alydar**) Lifetime Record: GSP, 17-6-3-2, \$225,616.  
 O-Brian Rose. B-Grapestock LLC (KY). T-Eddie Kenneally. \*\$300,000 yrl '04 KEESEP; \$200,000 HRA '08 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Sunray Spirit (Hennessy), GSW, \$201,103.

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Medaglia d'Oro Winners and Black-Type Performers

	Dirt	Turf	AW	Sprint	Route	Black Type
Al Khali	✓			✓	✓	
Al Marmoom		✓			✓	
Ameribelle	✓	✓			✓	✓
Cassidys Pride			✓	✓		
Causin' Havoc			✓			
C. S. Silk	✓		✓		✓	✓
Devil By Design			✓	✓		
Dueling Alex	✓			✓		
Elmfield Boy		✓				
Figlia d'Oro	✓			✓		
Medaglia d'Onore	✓					
Min d'Oro	✓					
Our Golden Dream		✓		✓		
Payton d'Oro	✓					✓
Pearl of Valor	✓			✓		
Rachel Alexandra	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Renda	✓	✓		✓		✓
Retraceable		✓		✓		✓

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

- Belle of Camden**, f, 2, **Black Tie Affair (Ire)**--Blue Rosette, by Chief Honcho. CTX, 12-19, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22 2/5. B-Mr & Mrs M L Wood (WV).
- Parade Clown**, c, 2, **Distorted Humor**--Twilight Parade, by El Prado (Ire). TPX, 12-19, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46 3/5. B-Mira Ball (KY).
- Misty Meche**, f, 2, **Escrito**--Mechlin, by Mecke. DED, 12-19, 7f, 1:31 2/5. B-Curtis O Clark (LA).
- Surprisingly Gone**, c, 2, **Gone Hollywood**--Surprisingly Sharp, by Sparkling Blade. SUN, 12-20, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18 2/5. B-Kado Enterprises (NM). \*\$1,700 yrl '07 RUIAUG; \$23,000 2yo '08 TEXMAR.
- Kiss Mine**, f, 2, **Mineshaft**--Kiss the Devil (GSW, \$381,629), by Kris S. TPX, 12-20, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:48 2/5. B-Hermitage Farm LLC (KY).
- Kanzel**, g, 2, **Pulpit**--Don't Be Silly (GSW, \$330,707), by Lord At War (Arg). LRL, 12-20, (C), 6f, 1:13 2/5. B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B Dilschneider (KY).
- + **Robyn Lane**, c, 2, **Robyn Dancer**--Icy Lane (SW, \$119,670), by Devon Lane. SUN, 12-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04 1/5. B-D M Cattle Co Inc & Mack Weston (NM).
- Can'touchthisgal**, f, 2, **Touch Gold**--Prospective Gal (MSW, \$365,700), by Inspired Prospect. DED, 12-19, (S), 5f, 1:01 1/5. B-Southern Equine Stables LLC (LA). \*Won by six lengths.
- Missionofthenight**, f, 3, **Global Mission**--Knight Minstress, by Deputy Minister. FGX, 12-20, (S), 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Lloyd J Romero (LA).





**Maiden winners cont.**

**Cloud Castle**, g, 3, **Sky Classic**--Irbaya, by Palace Music. HAW, 12-20, (S), 6f, 1:12 2/5. B-Virtual Owners Stables (IL).

**Southern Scoundrel**, c, 3, **Yankee Gentleman**--Tanuki, by Affirmed. TAM, 12-20, 6f, 1:11. B-The Answer LLC (KY). \*\$50,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '07 FTFEB; \$75,000 2yo '07 FTMMAY. \*\*1/2 to Mistda (Runaway Groom), SW, \$150,396.

**Hail to Shiloh**, c, 4, **Ordway**--Cobblestone Street, by Danzig Connection. TPX, 12-20, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:05 4/5. B-Mr & Mrs Donald Turner (KY).

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**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**FRANCE, Deauville, 15.05**, 12-20, €28,000, 3yo, 1 1/2m (AWT), 2:35.30, stn.

**VAHARE (FR) (c, 3, Bahhare--Verte Rive {Fr}, by Green Tune)** Lifetime Record: 3 starts, 2 wins, 0 places, €18,500. O-Baron Louis Petiet & Jean-Pierre Perruchot; B-Mlle F Bianchi-Luraschi & P Busetti; T-Jean-Pierre Perruchot.

**BRITAIN, Lingfield, 13.35**, 12-20, £11,800, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:35.10, stn.

**BANKNOTE (GB) (h, 6, Zafonic--Brand {GB}, by Shareef Dancer)** Lifetime Record: GSW-Ger, SW-GB, 25-8-4-1, £105,870. O-The Queen; B-Executors of The Late Queen Elizabeth; T-Andrew Balding.

**ITALY, Naples, 17.30**, 12-19, €12,600, 2yo, 5fT, 1:00.80, hy.

**KATHY RIDGE (IRE) (f, 2, Indian Ridge {Ire}--Katy Guest {Ire}, by Be My Guest)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, €16,422. O-Allevamento la Nuova Sbarra Srl; B-Al Pian di Neve Srl; T-Antonio Peraino. \*€55,000 yrl '07 ITYSEP. \*\*1/2 to Kathy College (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), GSW-Ity, \$238,311; and Kathy Pekan (Ire) (Sri Pekan), SW-Ity, \$206,677.

**ITALY, Naples, 17.00**, 12-19, €9,000, 3yo/up, 1mT, time: n/a, hy.

**TIBROSO (ITY) (c, 4, Tibullo--Calabrosa {Ire}, by Barathea {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SW-Ity, 29-7-8-3, €97,767. O-Scuderia Siba; B-Azienda Agricola Antezzate Srl; T-Armando Renzoni.

**BRITAIN, Lingfield, 13.00**, 12-20, £6,000, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:24.87, stn.

**SONNING GATE (GB) (g, 2, Desert Sun {GB}--Sunley Scent {GB}, by Wolfhound)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, £7,124. O-A Heaney B-Sunley Stud; T-David Elsworth. \*34,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Scene Two (GB), c, 2, Act One (GB)**--Gleaming Water (GB), by Kalaglow (Ire). Wolverhampton, Britain, 12-19, Mdn, 2yo, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-R E Crutchley. \*35,000gns yrl '07 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Prince of Denial (GB) (Soviet Star), MGSP-GB, GSP-Ger, \$147,776; and Gower Song (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), GSW-UAE, SW & GSP-GB, \$283,354.

**Guest Ville (Fr), c, 2, Highest Honor (Fr)**--Kadance Ville (Fr) (GSW-Fr, \$206,412), by Fabulous Dancer. Deauville, France, 12-20, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-S Boucheron. \*€45,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG.

**Sagamore Avenue (Fr), f, 2, Red Ransom**--Sans Prix (Fr), by Caerleon. Deauville, France, 12-20, Mdn, 2yo, f, 1 3/16m (AWT). B-Paul Nataf, Patrick Chedeville, Enrico Ciampi & Zied Ben M'Rad. \*€50,000 yrl '07 DEAAUG. \*\*12 to Eyeq (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Ger at 7-9.5f, GSW-Ger, SW-Swe, GSP-Nor; and Sauvage (Fr) (Sri Pekan), GSW-US, SW-Fr, \$162,248.

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