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Arrogate

"This was incredible today. You just don't see things like this from a young 3-year-old. He literally was prancing after the race was over. He's got amazing stamina. He just doesn't quit. He could have gone around again. He's incredible!"

– Jockey Mike Smith after winning the Breeders' Cup Classic.

By Ellen Parker

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT WITHOUT speed a Thoroughbred is worthless. But sometimes speed can be deceptive when it is classic speed. Which is just another way of saying that a relentless closer can beat the speediest of front runners.

Epsom Derby and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Mill Reef used to do it in Europe and the once-beaten Zenyatta used to do it here. Now we have another relentless closer, Arrogate, and he was a sight to behold as he ran down what is arguably the finest horse in America and very possibly the best horse ever foaled in California, California Chrome.

Juddmonte Farm, who purchased Arrogate – one of the last of the brilliant Unbridled Song offspring for \$560,000 – was looking for a horse to re-establish their dirt-oriented California base that had once been anchored by the late Bobby Frankel. Needing the best, Juddmonte owner Prince Khalid Abdullah chose Triple Crown-winning

trainer Bob Baffert to find a group of horses who would fill the bill.

Many of these youngsters turned out to be disappointments. But Arrogate has paid for them all. And Baffert, who was experiencing what he referred to as a lull after American Pharoah retired, could not believe his good fortune to have another superstar cast in the same mold as his hero.

Interestingly enough, both are products of the Unbridled tribe. American Pharoah was a great-grandson via Juddmonte's Empire Maker, winner of the 2003 Belmont Stakes, and Arrogate is from the next-to-last crop of the late Unbridled's Song, winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Prince Khaled, a great student of pedigrees, made the final call on the lineage of his purchases.

Juddmonte president Dr. John Chandler and farm manager Garrett O'Rourke soon became believers. Prince Khalid is known for hiring top horsemen and then allowing them to

do their job without interference.

Baffert was honored to be thought of in the same league as Frankel, and no one was more excited to be able to justify the faith while at the same time now having another horse on his hands that is a possible equal to his Triple Crown winner of the last season.

Only a truly great horseman like Baffert was likely to recognize that Arrogate, a big horse like most of his sire's offspring, needed a bit more time to develop, and that holding him out of the classics, while difficult to resist, was the better path. His patience has more than paid off. As California Chrome retires, racing now has a new superstar to look forward to thanks to the difficult waiting process.

Unbridled's Song was himself a precocious but rather brittle horse whose get have included the tragic Eight Belles (who perhaps might still be with us had she taken a similar route as Arrogate). The female line of Arrogate is also brilliant, with champion

Meadow Star as his third dam and her stakes placed daughter Grechelle by Deputy Minister and stakes winning granddaughter Bubbler by Distorted Humor completing the pedigree.

Arrogate is the fifth Breeders' Cup winner for his sire, following Distaff winners Unbridled Elaine and Unrivaled Belle, Juvenile winner Midshipman (also a Baffert trainee), and Dirt Mile winner Liam's Map. He is the first Classic winner for Juddmonte, and the third in a row for trainer Bob Baffert who scored the last two years with Bayern and American Pharoah.

What is perhaps the most impressive thing about Arrogate is that he still has room for improvement. The Classic was only his sixth lifetime start. Unraced at two due to sore shins, a common problem for babies, Arrogate has won all but his first race, a six-furlong sprint at Laurel. He followed that with a maiden win and two allowance

wins at Santa Anita and Del Mar, all at 1 1/16 miles. By then, in a confusing year with the three Triple Crown events won by three different horses – Nyquist, Exaggerator and Creator – Arrogate's connections saw no reason not to roll the dice in the Travers.

Nyquist passed the "midsummer derby" with some minor problems but in the Travers, Arrogate still faced Derby third-place finisher Gun Runner, along with the Preakness winner and Belmont winners. Sent off at \$11.70-1, Arrogate not only led every step of the way to win the Travers by 13 1/2 amazing lengths, but he also set a new track record of 1:59 1/5 for the 1 1/4 miles. Even Baffert was amazed.

"What this horse did today – it's pretty amazing. He looks like a superstar in the making," Baffert said. "I think the fans will remember watching a horse like this, because I know when I see performances like this, they're

very rare."

Rare, yes, everyone agreed. But was it a freak performance? Would the horse "bounce" after achieving such a speed-shattering effort? Arrogate earned a 123 speed figure in the Travers – the highest Beyer figure for a race over a mile since Commentator won the 2005 Whitney Handicap. Since Beyer figures have been assigned, only two other three-year-olds, Easy Goer and Sunday Silence, have earned a higher number of 124 in their epic 1989 Breeders' Cup Classic showdown.

The ball was in Baffert's court. And who better to conjure the winning formula of the 10-furlong Breeders' Cup Classic than the man who had trained a Triple Crown winner onward to just such a win? Having started out as a Quarter Horse trainer, Baffert has matured into the finest classic trainer in America, three times nearly winning a Triple Crown with Silver Charm, War



Arrogate Defeats California Chrome in the Breeders' Cup Classic



Trainer Bob Baffert and the connections of Arrogate

Emblem, and Real Quiet (by a dwindling nose), before finally accomplishing the feat in 2015 with American Pharoah.

The American classic distance of 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ miles was, after all, Arrogate's specialty, but this was a lightly-raced horse with no prep at Santa Anita for the distance. Baffert made the decision to train him up to the big day and Prince Khalid, as he had always done with Bobby Frankel, did not second guess the man he believed could take him back to those splendid days of dirt racing dominance in California.

And so it began, the series of works to take the colt to a title. In a confusing three-year-old year, it was his mission to make sense out of nonsense as one-by-one, the classic winners fell by the wayside, their weaknesses exposed just as Arrogate's strengths were revealed.

But Arrogate's main Breeders' Cup Classic rival, California Chrome, had

not tasted defeat the whole year, had won the World Cup in Dubai, and had blown the best California mare, Beholder, out of the water when many thought she was his equal. Time and again in 2016, California Chrome exhibited the most exquisite class and gave racing fans a rare glimpse of a fully mature 5-year-old at the top of his game. He was proven beyond any doubt. The epic showdown of the upstart and the title-holder was in place in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

And for most of the race, it appeared that Chrome's experience would win the day for his legion of "Chromies." It can still be argued that regular rider Victor Espinoza was so confident of his mount that he did not acknowledge there might be a late threat until it was too late to do anything about it. In fact, when Mike Smith blew by the chestnut in the gathering twilight, he heard Espinoza mutter, "Damn it!"

For a minute, the startled crowd watched Chrome fight back, but Arrogate was just getting started. Like a relay runner, the chestnut stallion handed the baton to his silver-hued successor, and the big horse ran on to win by a half length. There was a collective sigh from the crowd who had earlier watched such superstars as Songbird, Tepin and Flintshire (also a Juddmonte color bearer) go down to defeat.

It is likely, however, that California Chrome will still be Horse of the Year. Arrogate is assured of at least the 3-year-old Eclipse Award. With Baffert at the helm, he can wait a year to get his own Horse of the Year title. And how much richer will racing be for the privilege of watching him mature into a legend.





Gulfstream

TIME	ODDS	POST POSITION	WIN	PL	TRIP
12:00	5-3				
3:10					
5:10	3-2				
4:50					
5:10	3-2-1				
3:53.30					

OFFICIAL RESULTS

POST POSITION	WIN	PL	TRIP
3	10.80	6.20	5.40
21	4.00	4.00	
11			8.20

A smaller screen showing the same horse race action as the larger screen on the left.

RACE 3 RTP 23 PACE

WESTERN PLUCK	1	11.00
J. GUILTERREZ	6	8.00
LAURELIDES SISTER	2	8.00
J. MURPHY	8	8.00
TIE IN	3	8.00
J. SPANUS	5	8.00
STRICT FORUM	4	8.00
R. MURPHY	7	8.00
R. S. SMITH	9	8.00
G. BOULANGER	10	8.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	12	8.00
L. HILLSON	13	8.00
GOOD G. VALENTINE	14	8.00
L. HILLSON	15	8.00
PARISH TRIP	16	8.00
E. PRADO	17	8.00

3:00ET | OKLAHOMA STATE BAYLOR | 4:00ET | MINNESOTA U IOWA | 4:30ET | CINCINNATI NC CHARLOTTE | 5:00ET ESP | FLORIDA INTL WESTERN KENT



Grading Simulcast Signals

The Continuing Evolution of Simulcasting

By Dean Keppler

WHEN I WAS A KID GROWING UP IN the late 1970's, the simulcast-
ing era was non-existent. When my father and I couldn't make it out to a live card at Aqueduct or Belmont, we'd shuffle in and out of one of the local OTBs in the Bronx. Back then in prehistoric wagering times, there were no live or replay videos to watch. You had your basic blue TV screen with race odds, and had to rely on the live on-track audio from long-time New York announcer Marshal Cassidy to fill in all the missing gaps. And there were a lot of gaps in those days. Many of which we take for granted in this modern tech-savvy age we live and gamble in today.

In those primitive wagering days, the race changes were scribbled on a chalkboard or hand-written in marker over the printed entry sheets that were plastered to the OTB walls. The will-pays on exactas, doubles, quinellas, etc. were a mystery on most afternoons until the race was declared official. There were no pick threes, fours, fives, or sixes in those days. If memory serves me correctly, the now-closed Roosevelt Raceway harness track in Westbury, Long Island was one of the first facilities to adopt the pick four.

When post time arrived, about two dozen OTB patrons would huddle underneath the in-house OTB speaker, and anxiously listen to the call while never catching a glimpse of where their selection or selections actually were positioned on the track. There was no video feed to coincide with the race call. It was suspenseful, exciting, and frustrating all at once. I remember

waiting restlessly for your horse's name to be called. There was always a small glimmer of hope of cashing a ticket since you never actually knew how far your horse was behind or how erratically your selection might be running. If your pick was acting up in the paddock or completely washed-out in the post parade, you didn't know it.

The wagering environment was barbaric in comparison to today's high-tech era of computer and mobile gambling. If you wanted a cold drink or a slice of pizza, you'd scurry across the street in-between races, or like many of the patrons did at the time you'd smuggle your own beverage of choice inside (covered from top to bottom in a brown paper bag). There were no fancy bar seats situated in front of giant HD flat screens, or in-house five-star steakhouse restaurants. In those days you were lucky there was a hot pretzel stand vendor down the block. It wasn't as bad as the anecdote of walking seven miles in four feet of snow to make a bet, but you get the picture.

These were the days when New York City OTB patrons were forced to use the alphabet system for making wagers, and were victims to a five-percent surcharge on all winning bets. If you wanted track odds, you had to drive or take mass transit to the racetrack. The 2-4 exacta was known as B-D, or the 6-9-7 trifecta was F-I-G. Over time, OTB horse-traded with the racing industry for more signals, live calls, the display of live odds, etc., and did away with the confusing "letter-to-number" betting arrangement. In addition, the expansion of simulcasting meant that

New York bettors were no longer forced to play just Aqueduct, Belmont, Finger Lakes and, Saratoga Thoroughbreds, or the NY-based harness tracks which included Monticello, Roosevelt, Saratoga, and Yonkers at the time.

Unfortunately, the smoke-filled NYC OTBs where thousands congregated daily for the camaraderie and action came to a halt in 2010. These betting parlors were a large part of the icon of New York City, and many hard-working individuals were left stranded by the state with cut pensions, eliminated health insurance, and all the horrors associated with unemployment.

Fortunately, the OTB's that have survived in other parts of the country have added modern amenities, and on-track simulcasting is alive and well. What still hasn't advanced, however, is player-friendly track feeds. It wasn't until my good friend and avid handicapper Steve Marcinak recently brought this to my attention that I decided to take a closer look as to how some of the racetracks presented their signal to the hundreds of thousands of players betting on-track or at their local OTB wagering venue. It was Steve's observation that racetracks have continuously failed to provide imperative handicapping data via their simulcast feed for a substantial amount of years now. And after a closer evaluation, I have to agree that much improvement is still necessary.

The general assumption is that most players betting several simulcast feeds via on-track or at another casino or off-track wagering facility, will be wagering off TV screens that have had

their sound turned down, or turned off altogether. Most venues will turn up the volume for a specific live race call, but shut it down shortly thereafter (for obvious reasons) after the horses cross the finish line. In all fairness, they couldn't possibly have eight or 10 live track feeds with the volume turned up simultaneously. It would be a disastrous and chaotic betting environment. However, some signals are just failing miserably when it comes to presenting valuable handicapping data to the simulcast player. Some venues fill their simulcast feed with too many in-house ads, little or zero handicapping information, or spend a minimal amount of time showing the horses in the post parade or pre-race warm-ups. Nowadays that's just unacceptable.

I decided to take a closer look at

several major circuits to evaluate how effectively their simulcast feeds were in relation to addressing the needs of serious handicappers betting their signals from an OTB simulcast facility. To get a more accurate and fair tabulation of the simulcast track feeds, I took several visits to my closest local OTB (Favorites; located in Toms River, New Jersey).

As you can see from the accompanying chart, the tracks were given a letter grade based on how well they presented the following handicapping data: 1) Live Odds & Results. 2) Will Pays 3) Paddock Inspection. 4) Post Parade/Pre-Race Warm-Ups. 5) Handicapping Info/Selections. 6) Scratches/Changes. & 7) Overall Readable Graphics.

I determined that these top seven categories were the imperative data

most, if not all, bettors were interested in seeing. Do you agree?

Although several circuits provide excellent in-house paddock inspections and handicapping selections, the bettor is clueless as to what these handicappers or analysts are saying. Unless you can read lips or you're situated in your own private betting cubicle with a personal TV, you have no way of knowing what pertinent handicapping information is being passed along.

The first and foremost signal that comes to mind as far as failing to effectively pass along vital paddock inspection data is NYRA. Analyst Maggie Wolfendale provides an excellent pre-race description and paddock inspection on horse body language and conformation. The problem is there is no graphics to support her opinions, and unless



One of the Original NYC OTB Locations at Grand Central Terminal

you're in a facility that has the sound up you have no clue what she's saying. This scenario is problematic for bettors at many circuits nationwide. Or there's places like Parx that offer no little handicapping assistance and /or selections or pre-race analysis. There are other places like Delaware Park and Woodbine where sound is essential to getting any handicapping insight. Or the Arlington Park signal that frequently cuts a substantial amount of time from pre-race warm-ups and paddock inspection to run in house ads and track promos.

Let's take a look at how some of the more popular and not so popular racing venues stack up against each other.

In conclusion, in my opinion, it's safe to say despite the major advancement in player-friendly at-home and on-the-run racing-related phone apps, most tracks have still have shortcomings when it comes to addressing the simulcast player's handicapping needs for those wagering from their local OTB facility.

A few simple adjustments, such as adding graphics to coincide with handicapper's picks, analysis and paddock inspections, or spending less time with commentary and more time with pre-race warm-ups and observations of the horses would much better serve the player.



NYRA Paddock Host Maggie Wolfendale



TRACK:	LIVE ODDS/ RESULTS	WILL PAYS	PADDOCK INSPECTION	POST PARADE	PRE-RACE WARM-UPS	HANDICAPPING INFO	SCRATCHES/ CHANGES	OVERALL GRAPHICS
Arlington	A	B	C	C-	C	B	B	B
Churchill Downs	A	B	C+	B	B	C+	B	B
Delaware Park	A	B	C+	C+	C	D	B	B
Gulfstream Park	A	C+	A	B+	C+	C	B	B
Laurel	A	A	C+	B	B	C+	C+	B
Monmouth Park	A	C+	C+	B	C+	B	B	B
NYRA	A	A	B	B	B	C+	B	B
Parx	A	A	B		C	C-	C	B
Southern California	A	C	B	B	B	C+	B	B
Woodbine	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	B

Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge

Joseph Appelbaum Pockets \$364,000 in Million-Dollar BC Tournament

By Noel Michaels



BCBC Winner Joseph Appelbaum

A BAKER'S DOZEN OF GREAT CHAMPIONSHIP horse races are not the only events that headline the Breeders' Cup. In addition to the races, there is also a 14th championship event, of sorts, that is contested on horseracing's biggest days. It is a handicapping tournament of mammoth proportions that boasts a \$1 million purse equal to many of the best races that are run that weekend.

The unofficial 14th Breeders' Cup Championship being referred to is the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge [BCBC] – a tournament for horseplayers with \$1 million in prize money that was contested on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5 at Santa Anita and at five satellite locations nationwide.

The winner of the 2016 BCBC contest was JOSEPH APPELBAUM of New York City, a 48-year-old longtime handicapper who runs a racing and breeding operation called Off the Hook Stables based on Ocala, Fla. Appelbaum turned his starting \$7,500 real-money bankroll into a contest-winning total of \$64,000 to beat a field of 397 entries. In addition to his earnings, Appelbaum also earned the tournament's top prize of \$300,000 and a qualifying spot in the 2017 National Handicapping Championship [NHC].

"It was thrilling. This was my fifth BCBC and I've been on the leaderboard in the past but could never get over the finish line. I was really fortunate and happy to do that," Appelbaum said.

The NHC qualifying seat was Appelbaum's second berth into the upcoming 2017 main event. He also qualified for another entry earlier this year in a tournament at Monmouth Park.

"Tournament play is new and still

evolving. Basically it's a fresh challenge for a handicapper/gambler to take on," Appelbaum said about his enthusiasm for contest play. "Our sport has had the same gaming system its infancy and is crying out for innovation."

Handicapping tournaments have basically taken the lead on that gaming innovation in the sport of horseracing that Appelbaum speaks of for more than a decade. That innovation continues to expand and evolve with the BCBC – a tournament that began with something like 100 players seven years ago and has already grown exponentially into the major event it has now become. The BCBC is now the world's preeminent live-money handicapping contest, and is second only to the National Handicapping Championship in terms of prize money.

"Too often tourneys are seen as an afterthought, or worse, a nuisance at large events, and I'd love to see them play a more central role," Appelbaum said.

The 2016 BCBC cost \$10,000 to enter and also featured its own feeder contests and qualifiers held both onsite and online all year long. The \$10,000 per player is divided into a \$7,500 live tournament bankroll and a \$2,500 entry fee that goes to the prize pool with no takeout. With 397 entrants at \$2,500 apiece, the Breeders' Cup added 10 grand and rounded the 2016 purse to an even \$1 million, which was divided amongst the top 15 finishers in the form of prize money. The top 15 players also earned valuable qualifying berths into the 2017 NHC.

Contestants could bet any amount of their bankroll on win, place, show, exacta, and trifecta wagers on any of the races from Santa Anita on Friday

and Saturday, with a minimum of five \$600 bets on Friday and a minimum of five \$900 bets on Saturday. Plays obviously keep their final bankrolls and compete for the additional prize money and NHC spots.

Appelbaum's decisive winning wager was made in the final race of the tournament on Saturday, the Breeders' Cup Classic. For all intents and purposes he went "all-in" on Arrogate and hit a \$13,000 straight exacta on Arrogate over California Chrome. The winning exacta paid \$10 and the total was enough to life Appelbaum to victory.

"I loved Arrogate," Appelbaum said. "He just ran a huge race in Saratoga and I thought if he even ran anything close to that, he was going to win."

Appelbaum commented that he mostly tried to tread water on both of his two entries throughout Friday, and was able to do so in part thanks to a \$5,000 win bet on Beholder in the Distaff. His resulting bankrolls put him in position to make a run on Saturday.

"On Saturday I was interested in betting on Om, Arrogate, and the Euros in the turf races," Appelbaum said. "If Om had gotten up I would have been in a really strong position, but so too would a lot of other players. I then built up my smaller bankroll so I had two chances to get home in the last two races."

In addition to his prize and bankroll earnings, Appelbaum also becomes eligible for a \$3 million bonus if he goes on to also win the 2017 NHC, pulling off an unprecedented "daily double."

Another handicapper in the midst of having a big year in 2016 is BCBC runner-up finisher CHARLIE DAVIS, who was down to his final \$1,000 before rallying to second place with \$61,505 with the help of scores like his \$1,000

win bet on Champagne Room (\$69.20) in the Juvenile Fillies. Davis, who is quickly becoming well-known on the tournament circuit after already finishing second earlier this year in the NHC for \$325,000, also took home \$200,000 second-prize money at the Breeders' Cup.

Another notable top finisher was race caller VIC STAUFFER, who was playing for a \$1 million bonus from Santa Anita and was at or near the top of the leaderboard for most of the contest before settling for 13th place with \$37,300 (good for another \$12,500 in prize money + NHC).

The 2016 BCBC's 397 entries represented a new high-water mark in terms of participation in the seven-year history of the tournament. While most players took advantage of the Breeders' Cup host track's hospitality

at Santa Anita, contestants could also play remotely from Keeneland, Aqueduct, Gulfstream, Churchill Downs, or online at TwinSpires. By comparison, the 2015 BCBC tournament drew 322 in the first year offering satellite locations. Entries in the prior years were much lower.

As far as this year's scores were concerned, the top scores this year fell short of 2015's BCBC winner, Tommy Massis, whose bankroll reached \$90,682. However, overall scores in the 2016 edition of the contest were higher than on 2015. In 2016, players needed to turn their \$7,500 starting bankroll into at least \$35,000 to hit the top 15 and \$33,841 to reach an NHC qualifying spot.

On the down side, more than half of the 397 entries (208 players) this year lost all or nearly all of their bankrolls.

This underscores the "all-in" strategy most players felt they need to use in order to be successful in the BCBC.

Qualifying is already underway for the next BCBC tournament in 2017. Look for local BCBC qualifying tournaments at sites all around North America, and on the Internet at tournament sites such as DRF Tournaments, DerbyWars, and HorseTournaments.

Noel Michaels has been the racing media's number one authority on handicapping tournaments and the National Handicapping Championship since the NHC's inception in 2000. He is the author of two editions of the Handicapping Contest Handbook, a Horseplayer's Guide to Handicapping Tournaments (DRF Press, 2005), and a five-time NHC qualifier since 2010.

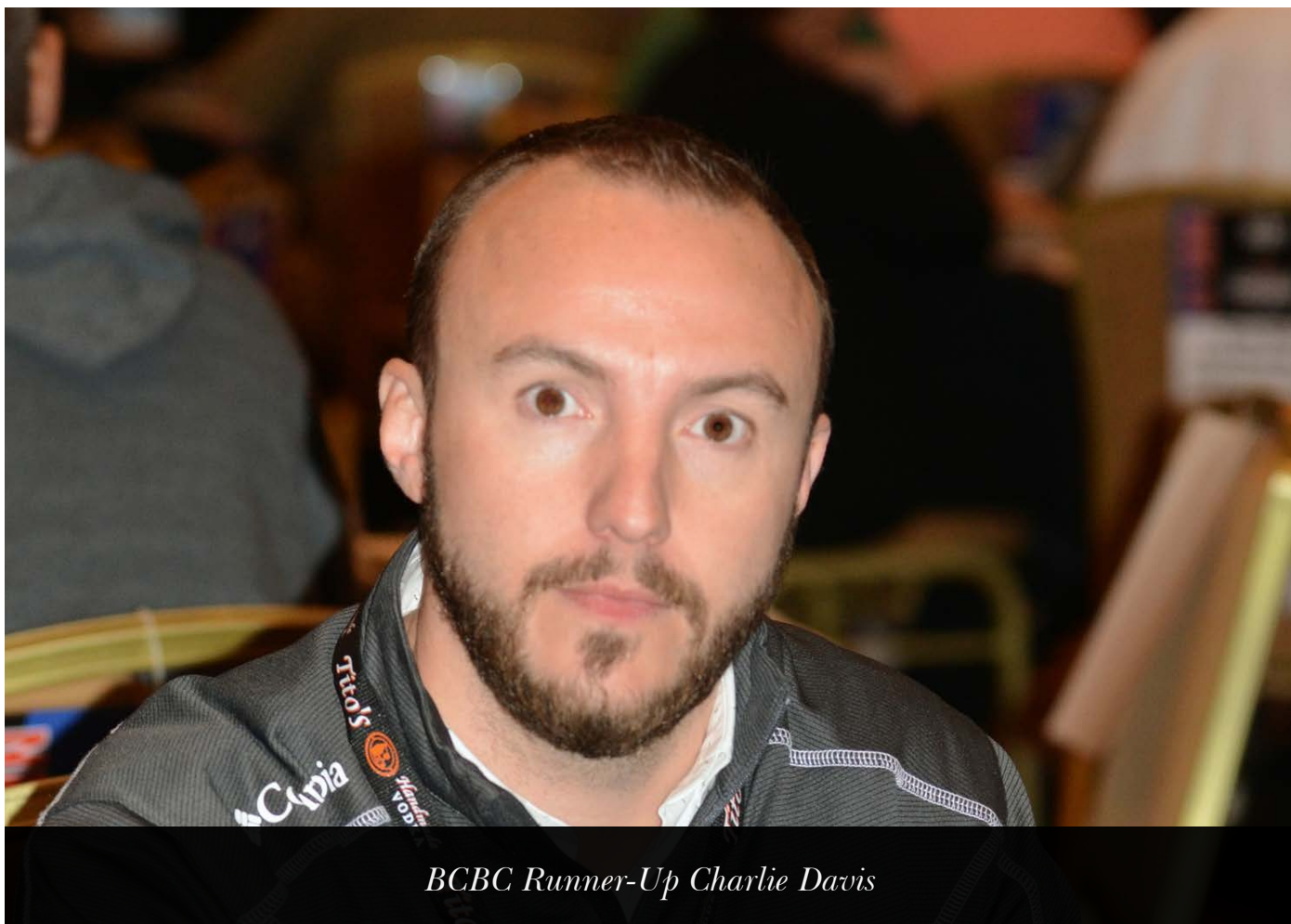


Race Caller Vic Stauffer Finished 13th at the BCBC

BREEDERS' CUP BETTING CHALLENGE 2016 FINAL STANDINGS
 7th Annual BCBC tournament, Nov. 4-5, 2016 – Santa Anita

397 Entries – Purse \$1,000,000

Place	Name	Score	Prize Money
1.	Joe Appelbaum	\$64,000	\$300,000 + NHC
2.	Charlie Davis	\$61,505	\$200,000 + NHC
3.	Allen Harberg	\$59,830	\$110,000 + NHC
4.	Blaise Brucato	\$58,042	\$75,000 + NHC
5.	Robert Traynor	\$49,800	\$60,000 + NHC
6.	David Gutfreund	\$45,050	\$50,000 + NHC
7.	Robert Mathews	\$44,010	\$40,000 + NHC
8.	Steve Jaffe	\$41,225	\$35,000 + NHC
9.	Lee Searing	\$40,831	\$30,000 + NHC
10.	Al Sirica	\$40,080	\$25,000 + NHC
11.	Garrett Skiba	\$40,074	\$20,000 + NHC
12.	Paul Weizer	\$38,121	\$17,500 + NHC
13.	Sam Alipio	\$37,300	\$15,000 + NHC
13.	Vic Stauffer	\$37,300	\$12,500 + NHC
15.	Jackie Jenkins	\$35,030	\$10,000 + NHC
16.	Lawrence Kahlden	\$33,841	NHC



BCBC Runner-Up Charlie Davis

VIOLENCE

(Medaglia d'Oro - Violent Beauty, by Gone West)

By Lauren Stich

AGE	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS
2	3	3	0	0	\$543,000
3	1	0	1	0	\$80,000

MAPLEJINSKY AND HER ENTIRE female family has been dazzlingly prolific, producing stakes winners of the highest quality. Violence and Point of Entry, who will be featured later in this 2017 freshman sires series, are two high-profile 2017 freshman sires who descend from the influential Maplejinsky. While Point of Entry, a top-class multiple G1 stakes winner on turf who was too good not to win a championship, has a solid opportunity to become Dynaformer's most important son at stud, his babies will be most effective at 3 and older, and particularly on turf, not as win-early 2-year-olds on dirt.

In contrast, VIOLENCE, by elite stallion, Medaglia d'Oro, found success on dirt and was an outstanding juvenile, winning all three of his 2YO starts, including the Nashua and Cash-Call Futurity. In his only start at 3, he was second in the Fountain of Youth to eventual Kentucky Derby winner, Orb, and sustained a career-ending injury.

Tail-Male Sire Line (Medaglia d'Oro - El Prado-Sadler's Wells - Northern

Dancer). Medaglia d'Oro was a major G1 stakes winner whose victories included the Travers, Whitney, Donn, Jim Dandy, Oaklawn, Strub, and San Felipe. He was also second in the Belmont Stakes, Dubai World Cup, Breeders' Cup Classic (twice), Pacific Classic, and Wood Memorial. His sire, El Prado, became one of the rare sons of turf behemoth, Sadler's Wells, to sire major stakes winners on dirt in this country. Sadler's Wells, along with Nijinsky II, Danzig, and Nureyev, is considered among Northern Dancer's greatest stallions.

Tail-Female Line (Violent Beauty - Storming Beauty - Sky Beauty - Maplejinsky - Gold Beauty). It is a well-established fact in horseracing that the class of a Thoroughbred comes from the dam and her tail-female family (dam, dam's dam, dam's granddam, etc.). And it doesn't get classier than Violence's female family. Violent Beauty hasn't had many foals, but produced a doozy in Violence. Second dam, Storming Beauty, was a winner at 3, and is a half-sister to Group winner,

Hurricane Cat. Third dam, Sky Beauty, was a champion older female, and won the most prestigious stakes for 3-year-old fillies - the Coaching Club American Oaks, Mother Goose, Acorn, and Alabama, as well as the Ruffian, Go for Wand, Shuvee, Hempstead, and Matron Stakes. Sky Beauty (Blushing Groom) was also a half-sister to the unraced Our Country Place (Pleasant Colony), the dam of three full sisters - Breeders' Cup Distaff winner, Pleasant Home, stakes winner, Country Hideaway, and Matlacha Pass, the dam of the aforementioned Point of Entry and near champion 3-year-old filly, Pine Island. Maplejinsky herself won the Alabama Stakes and Monmouth Oaks, and the blue hen who started it all - Gold Beauty - was a champion sprinter who also produced Maplejinsky's famous half-brother, European Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old and champion sprinter, Dayjur. How's all this for class in the dam?

How to bet Violence's offspring: Violence had high speed which he used to his advantage when unbeaten at age 2. Naturally, his offspring should likewise win early, especially if out of mares by speed influences. But keep in mind that since he is by Medaglia d'Oro, his runners should only

get better with maturity at age 3 and older. They should also be quite versatile, winning on turf as well as dirt since there are abundant turf influ-

DAVINCI'S DEMON, filly, a half-sister to Wicked Style and Wicked Uno, is bred top and bottom for grass. Her dam is by European star, Trempolino,

GANTERY, colt arguably has the most scintillating pedigree of all of Violence's foals as he descends from Courtly Dee, another legendary Broodmare of the Year. Out of an unraced A.P. Indy mare, his second dam is SW Balletto, third dam is SW Destiny Dance and fourth dam is champion, Althea, one of Courtly Dee's eight major stakes winners. Bred to be best as a late-maturing juvenile and especially at 3 and older going two turns.

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ences throughout Violence's pedigree (Sadler's Wells, Gone West, Storm Cat, Blushing Groom, etc.). Don't miss the boat if Violence's babies try turf.

Representative 2-year-olds by Violence:

CHIRPING, colt is out of a half-sister to SW Coil, and dam is by strong turf influence, Arch (Kris S.), and second dam is by grass champion, Theatrical. In addition, his second dam is a half-sister to turf stakes winner, Possibly Perfect.

and second, third and fourth damsires are Devil's Bag, Danzig and Round Table.

FLASHY VIOLENCE, colt has a win-early pedigree for both dirt and turf, being out of a multiple stakes-winning mare by speed influence, Smoke Glacken. She is also a half-sister to Bode's Dream, who won the Astoria Stakes as a precocious baby.

FUNNY FISH, colt is out of a half-sister to multiple G1 stakes winner, Society Selection. Balanced pedigree of speed and stamina.

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William F. Hudgins Jr.'s
NORTH AMERICAN TURF

Regular readers of this space know full well my distain for winter. That stated, these cold, dreary months on the calendar do afford the "year round" serious turf handicapper a chance to get a bit of a respite – prime time for revisiting the family (they swear sometimes that I don't really know they actually exist!), reviewing the previous year's racing ups and downs, and just some plain old rest. This is not to say I don't fire shots during the down months before grass racing returns both to the East coast here in North America and flat racing returns to England and Ireland in the spring. Quite the contrary. I'll be even more picky when and where I choose my battlegrounds, and I'll be even more reserved about firing off major investments. Nevertheless, I will still play on a somewhat "regular" basis both online and at my local racebook. What I won't do is set a major campaign in motion as I will indeed do when the weather breaks for good here and abroad. From a mental standpoint, the relaxed pace serves a body well over the long haul. Good handicapping rascals!

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**North America's Top Fifteen Turf Routers
(9-1/2 Furlongs And Longer)**

- #1 Kaigun (Can) – Top class stayer as we kick off the New Year; Good one.
- #2 Da Big Boss – Had a wonderful 2016 campaign; Dangerous on his return.
- #3 Wake Forest (Ger) – Legit stayer can close ground with the best of 'em.
- #4 Money Multiplier – Hoping he'll return in good stead - he's rock solid.
- #5 The Pizza Man – Don't know if they'll keep him going but hope they do.
- #6 Bullards Alley – He's stamped himself as one to watch going forward.
- #7 World Approval – Classy enough to be perhaps the best out West.
- #8 Deauville (Ire) – Import has shone in his North American efforts.
- #9 Ashleyvvsugar – Outstanding over the stayer distances; Formidable.
- #10 Kasaqui (Arg) – Keeping company with the elite now and doing quite well.
- #11 Grand Tito – Continues to come up with some really good performances.
- #12 Si Sage (Fra) – Back to his old self once again and that makes him legit.
- #13 Generosidade (Uru) – Long-winded marathoner can seemingly run all day.
- #14 Quick Casablanca (Chi) – Needs to be cleverly spotted for best effort.
- #15 Renown (Eng) – Newcomer to this listing boasts plenty of talent.

Grass Routers To Watch Over North American Courses...

ACHNAHA – The longer the journey the better for this Irish-bred distaffer.
ALL CALL – Consistent enough to always warrant at least some respect.
BANK FLOAT – Always like racehorses who love to win races; Dangerous foe.
CAMP CREEK – BEST BET – Keep a close eye on this Canadian-bred stayer.
DECISIVE TRIUMPH – Sharp current form and looks like he's got more left.
D'ELOQUENT – Think he'll eventually develop into a nice turf sprinter.
ETHICAL FUNDS – Improvement anticipated when dropped in for a tag.
EVIDENTLY – Seasoned racemare always around the board; Exotics must.
HUSBAND'S FOLLY – In good enough trim to fill out the extended exotics.
KITZYS ROCKET – Bred to stay a distance of turf so watch on the stretch-out.
MORE THAN A LEGEND – Should find the longer turf heats right up his alley.
NEOCLASSIC – Seems his best when facing mid-level \$25k grassy platers.
ODE TO THE HUNT – Can certainly better his current status; Grabs a share.
PLAINVIEW – Speedy veteran turfer should post a few surprises this winter.
QUANT – Plenty of potential in this one – still learning his craft.
RYE – Strong closing moves is his calling card; Youngster worth watching.
RYE PATCH – Speedy rascal more than capable of a wire-to-wire victory.
SAY NO MAUX – Can run down a field of lower rung claimers; Tab.
SPACE ODDITY – Slight drop in class puts him squarely in the mix.
STRONG – Lightly-raced gelding improving all the time; Worth following.
SWEET LIAM – Should hit his best strides as the distances increase; Playable.
TISBURY – Steady forward progress in both his races and workouts.
UNCLE DAVE – Pennsylvania-bred turf router clearly has some talent.
VINTAGE MATTERS – Broke his maiden in style at Belmont; Trending upward.
WEALTHY SHIPMAN – LONGSHOT – Can strung together good races; Watch.

SANTA ANITA

ALMOST REALITY: Late rally got hung-up too long in traffic and got rolling too late to get any better than third after the 1-2 finishers got the jump on her.

BOTTLE ROCKET: Tough turf sprinter is a strong candidate to get back into top form now. Don't overlook

FOREVER JUANITO: Didn't have enough real estate to work with at 5F, but outran long odds for third and will be dangerous at SA.

HI HAPPY: Good enough to make an impact on this circuit, but perhaps not against the caliber of competition he faced in the Seabuscuit Hcp. Too early to give up on him.

I'D BE SAD AN BLUE: Ran second in a solid z-pattern effort at Del Mar, showing good interest both early and late in a race where the 1-3-4 finishers all closed from far back.

Ready to graduate in return from the six-month layoff.

MISS SUGARS: Ran well for fourth from a far outside post, make even worse when forced wide around some debris on the track vs. a loaded field in the Jimmy Durante. Don't overlook, especially with some class relief.

MY AUNT TILLIE: Got caught in a three-way hunt for the lead and did well to hold on for third, just a head out of second behind a runaway winner in a race that set up for closers.

PLAIN WRAP: Set a crazy pressured pace in blazing turf mile splits and couldn't hold on. May find a field he can speed-pop at a price.

SHEZROXIIE: Set a pressured fast pace and went as far and as fast as she could before settling for third. Needed a race off a nine-month layoff, so beware next time.

STORMY ROCIT: Broke slow when wanting to show better speed in a tough turf sprint at Del Mar, then had more trouble on the turn. Better luck next time.

SUMMER LADY: Had a tough trip in traffic with not enough real estate to make up the difference in a 5F turf dash. Just needs clear sailing.

UNAPOLOGETIC: Settled for second when unable to catch a loose lone speed winner. Just needs better pace to chase.

UNIQUE BELLA: On her way to success in all of the major 3yo filly races at Santa Anita this winter, so play her accordingly.

WHERE Y'AT JOE JOE: Ran a clear second when needing a race off a nine-month layoff in a race behind a loose lone speed 1-2 favorite. Looks good in next off the claim.

YELLOW BONNET: Returned from an eight-month layoff ready to roll and beat a couple live runners for second in an off-the-turf dash. Ready in return from the sidelines.

BEST BET: DR. FAGER'S GAL: Broke slow from the rail and finished off the board in 5F turf prep return from a 3 1/2-month layoff. Ready to roll at SA.

LONGSHOT: AMERICAN LEAGUE: Was too far back in the early stages after trouble into the first turn, then hustled up to press the pace and faded due to those early efforts. Live overlay vs. similar.

GOLDEN GATE

ASTRA STAR: Finished strong from last-to-second in first race back from a nine-month layoff. Prepped and ready now.

BRIARCTIC GAL: Broke poorly when not handling the rail post off a six-month layoff, but got up to win anyway and is likely to repeat in the return from the sidelines.

CODE FOR GLORY: Fresno longshot was probably best but forced to settle for second after a rank race when checked along in traffic for two furlongs. Just needs clear sailing.

HAL'S BUDDY: Got no pace to chase from last when forced to settle for third in a solid effort. Fits well vs. the local competition.

HIGHLAND ROSE: Got no pace to run at from last but still rallied for third, beaten a nose in what was very nearly a three-horse dead heat. Ready to graduate.

LUCK LASTS: Ran out of gas due to early efforts when dueling and holding on best for another third-place finish. Better luck in next.

MORE POWER TO HIM: Couldn't shake loose from a 2 1/2-length-gap speed duel in the Gold Rush Stakes in a race that set up for the favorites. Try again.

ROX THE FOX: Finished well for third in a z-pattern trip caused by traffic problems in the stretch. Don't overlook.

SHARP HOOQ: Was full of run trying to make a last-to-first rally, and might have caught the 8-5 winner if not held up temporarily in traffic.

UNUSUAL MEETING: Pressed the pace on less-than-firm turf and got nipped at the wire by a pair of perfect-trip closers. Can make amends in next off the claim.

WISE CURLIN: Battled for the lead with separate challengers and held on by far the best of the speeds for second behind a perfect set-up 1-2 favorite. Ready to roll, turf or main track, in return from the eight-month layoff.

BEST BET: PICK ONE: First starter didn't get a great start but ran well to just miss by a head while 3 1/2-lengths clear of the 9-5 favorite. Won't remain a maiden for long.

LONGSHOT: IRON JOE T: Longshot finished sixth, but was just 2 1/2 lengths out of second despite a poor start and traffic in the stretch. Don't ignore.

GULFSTREAM PARK

AMALUNA: Surged late and was an unlucky loser by a half-length after hitting some traffic rallying from 12th-to-3rd. Late rally should get there vs. a slightly smaller field.

BINGO KITTEN: Dueled and held on gamely for third, beaten two necks in his first outing since Saratoga. Ready to win next time.

DIAMOND BACHELOR: Raced under pressure all the way and ran a big race for second behind only the biggest favorite on the Claiming Crown card. Must respect.

EILA: Ran well in tough stakes assignment in return from a seven-month layoff, but couldn't overcome the rail post and the layoff. Ready to improve upon the fourth-place finish in return from the sidelines.

LE PIN: Well-bet first starter got caught in a speed duel at 7F in career debut. Settled for third but outlasted the early challenger by 10+ lengths and these Pletcher types usually graduate in their second starts.

LEROY'S IMAGE: Got bumped back at the start and begin further back than he needed to be behind a slow early pace at 7 1/2F on the turf. Only horse in the race to make a dent from behind, and will be a major factor in next in return from the 70-day layoff.

PRAY FOR BOURBON: Made a middle move into a battle for the lead and couldn't get passed the winner while six lengths clear of the show horse. Ready to graduate.

RAINBOW HEIR: Ready for the GP Champions meet after overcoming a rough start to win a 5F turf dash at Calder. Likely to repeat for Jason Servis.

RIVZINTHEHOUSE: Pressed and set a blazing pace and held on best of the speeds for fourth in a race dominated by the closers who finished 1-2-3-5-6-7.

SIR HANNOUN: Dueled for the lead in a four-way battle and held on best of the speeds for third in a race where the three challengers finished last, next-to-last, and third-to-last.

TEMPLE FUR: Tough trip in Claiming Crown loss, steadying in traffic and losing position with not enough ground left to recover. Better luck next time.

WILD GOOD: Battled for the lead and lost to a perfect trip stalker while six lengths clear of the rest of the field. His turn next time.

YELLOW CHIPS: Outran 13-1 odds to close from far back to third in sprint prep return from a 70-day layoff. Set to go in next.

BEST BET: BALAC: First starter is unlucky to still me a maiden, surging late to lose by just a head after breaking last and getting held up in traffic entering the stretch. Won't remain a maiden long.

LONGSHOT: RUN ALEX RUN: Settled for fourth in a z-pattern effort where she showed interest both early and late after dropping back near last in the mid stages of the race. Can win off the Delgado claim.

AQUEDUCT

STORM CELL: Ran like a short horse in return from a seven-month layoff, but still finished a solid third, just a head out of second. Will improve in return from the sidelines.

MAZMANIA: Broke poorly when not handling the rail post, then rushed up into a five-length-gap speed duel to set the race up for the stalking winner. Beat the early challenger by 13 lengths and just needs to get off the rail draw.

NOT TAKEN: Beaten to the punch by other late runners who all got the jump on her as she was repeatedly hampered in traffic. Just needs clear sailing.

SMILE BIG: Beat maidens as much the best but interfered with rivals and suffered a DQ back to 12th. Ready to win right back.

CITY SECTION: Outran 20-1 odds for fourth despite trouble when impeded twice. Don't overlook vs. maiden claimers.

PARABOLIQUE: Toss out the 12th-place finish when she lost action after being interfered with in the stretch. Live overlay vs. maiden claimers.

UNDERCOVER AGENT: First starter didn't get a great start when wanting to show better speed, but still finished third and was only beaten a length. Should graduate in second out for Hushion.

THERESAS CANDYROSE: Finished seventh in difficult turf route assignment off nearly a six-month layoff, but finished just two lengths out of second despite a terrible start. Needed the race, beware in next.

WEST HILLS GIANT: Outran 16-1 odds for second despite breaking slow and getting shuffled back in a near-disaster start. Don't ignore.

ALABAMA BOUND: Pressed the pace and had to fight hard for the lead, then didn't have enough to hold off the perfect-trip winner in the late stages as a result of those early efforts. Sitting on a win in return from the three-month layoff.

PATTON PROUD: Stumbled out of the starting gate, which was important because it put him at an immediate disadvantage behind the favored speed horse. Ran on well for second in that return from a three-month layoff and looks good now off the Rudy claim.

BEST BET: RUN BLONDIE RUN: Got completely wiped-out and nearly went down in mid-stretch and could only recover for third (2nd via DQ). Ready to graduate.

LONGSHOT: L'ANGE BLEU: Finished eighth after a terrible start when not handling the rail post, but didn't lose by a large margin and is in line for a total rebound if able to get off the rail post draw.

PENN NATIONAL

ALBERTA CLIPPER: Moved wide and gained late to pick up second behind easy winner in her latest; proves worthy \$5k-claim for trainer K. Graci.

CELESSE: Raced in close range and stayed on to finish a fair fifth when N. Caruso barn showed confidence in restricted allowance placement off a \$10k-claim at KEE; next time.

HAUNTED VISION: Showed improvement with determined rally for second on noteworthy class drop for her latest; next time.

LORD BALTIMORE: Showed early speed, dropped back a touch to third, then finished well in third as beaten favorite most recently; follow off \$5k-claim by trainer K. Graci.

ROSIE'S FAITH: Took the turns wide and managed a fair fourth under the circumstances on well-meant class drop most recently; another shot with similar crew for mare who has 12 exacta finishes from 25 career starts.

BEST BET: PERSIE: Set the pace and stayed on gamely to finish second when in from LRL for his latest; too sharp to ignore for trainer K. Rubley.

LONGSHOT: NANCY'S GONE WILD: Set the pace and probably on too hot a tempo as she gave way to finish sixth in her first start since late-June most recently; also moved turf to dirt and figures sharper next time.

PARX

ABLE BAKER CHARLIE: Showed much improved early and overall interest when a dominant winner with career-best 99 "fig" in 47th career start (10th win) most recently; stays sharp for strong P. Farro barn.

BAKE SHOP: Moved wide and gained too late, but did pick up third in his latest; proven veteran has finished on the board in 29 of 52 career starts, so keep him on your tickets.

DING: Withstood pace heat, opened up on the front end, then held gamely late to score by a neck in maiden score that took him 10 tries; right back in reasonable spot.

GIA ALEXA: Raced wide with speed and stayed gamely for second on stretch back to route trip for her latest; stays on our tickets.

MY SPECIAL EYES: Was hustled to pace from rail draw and weakened when it counted, but did give improved try for fourth in her latest; on the board in 15 of 33 career starts, so use in gimmicks.

BEST BET: M J'S KNIGHT: Took noteworthy class drop for his latest and didn't factor in fifth-place effort, but didn't have much chance trying to gain from behind slow tempo; stay on board.

LONGSHOT: GOTTA BE GOLD: Didn't fire best shot when fifth in his latest, but was steadied in early stages and can be given another shot; might surprise with best try.

TURFWAY PARK

CANDY CHARGER: Made an early move to the lead and couldn't hold off the closer when needing a race off a 3 1/2-month layoff. Try again in return from the sidelines.

COTTON CLUB CUTIE: Broke slow and couldn't catch the two front runners at 5F, but was third, seven lengths clear of fourth as best of the rest. Worth another try.

DURANGO DAN: First starter rallied for a clear second behind only a loose lone speed winner. Won't be a maiden for long.

GRANDDAUGHTER: Broke a step slow in 5F return from a five-month layoff. Needed the race, can rebound.

JAZZY KATHY: Hawthorne invader went wire-to-wire after rushing up to the lead after being unprepared for the break. In extremely good form now and can repeat vs. better.

MELLO KISSES: Bothered at the start, then rushed up into a four-way battle for the lead. Finished fourth, but was beaten just a length and fits well vs. the local competition.

MOOSE: Broke awkwardly when not handling the rail post, then rushed up into a battle for the lead and faded due to the early efforts. Too early to give up on him in return from the eight-month layoff.

MY CALENDER GAL: Dueled for the lead and never got a breather up front but managed to hold on for third, beaten a length. Don't overlook.

ORBITAL FLAG: Got caught in a four-way duel for the lead and finished best of the speeds for second behind only a perfect set-up closer.

PEW: Advanced into contention after spotting the field lengths at the start with a bad break, but ran out of gas and settled for third due to those earlier efforts. Missed second by a nose and is worth another try.

REFLECTION: Had to settle for second, six lengths clear of third, which about as good as possible behind a loose lone speed runaway winner. Just needs some pace to chase.

ROCKY TOUGH: Made a giant move from last-to-second to catch all but the 4-5 favored winner. Won't remain a maiden for long around here.

SECRET BETRAYAL: Should be a major factor vs. cheap claimers at the meet based on the opening week win where broke poorly and still won. Likely to repeat.

TIZMATIZED: Missed the break when not handling the rail post and couldn't recover at 5F. Can improve if able to get off the rail draw.

BEST BET: FINNEGAN: Foreign invader set a fast and pressured pace in return from a year+ layoff and held on for second, eight lengths clear of third. His turn next time.

LONGSHOT: BIG JOHNNY D: Pressed and set way too fast a pace at one mile and faded to mid-pack as a result of the early efforts. Dangerous on a more realistic pace.

HAWTHORNE

FATHER BUD: Ducked out at the break from the outside post, then had to work back into it and chase an 8-5 winner he couldn't catch. Finished second, four lengths clear of the third horse and it should be his turn next time.

NAME IT AFTER ME: Tried to get past the leader through on the rail but got shut off and settled for second again. Knocking on the door vs. maidens.

PRAIRIE REBEL: Had a bad start and then nearly closed from 10th-to-first at 5F on a roughly-run race. Better luck next time.

PRIZE ARCH: Broke poorly but still managed to track down a loose-on-the-lead lone speed horse to win again. Likely to remain in the winner's circle.

RIZZI GIRL TWELVE: Got cooked in a four-length-gap speed duel but owns dangerous speed and can find a field she can control up front.

VALUE VOUCHER: Got forced out and bumped multiple times late. Finished fifth (4th via DQ) but was just a neck out of second and had the worst trip of all.

YOUNG CORBETT: Was impeded at the break to start far back and lose best chance, and finished off the board as a result. Just needs a clean start.

BEST BET: FLYING KING: Indiana invader ran well for second, eight lengths clear of third, and shouldn't remain a maiden much longer.

LONGSHOT: SHMILY: Got hooked in a four-length-gap speed duel and held on for fourth after the early challenger was KO'd to last more than 30 lengths behind in a race that set-up for closers. Still a threat to shake loose up front.

LAUREL PARK

EXPECT A KITTEN: Shipped in from Kentucky, was bumped early, and moved between rivals to finish up evenly for fourth in fair attempt most recently; juvenile filly seems to be learning with experience.

FOR GREATER GLORY: Offered mild interest for fifth when overmatched at stakes level in just his second start since early-May; stay with classy veteran.

MAJESTIC HUSSAR: Disappointed as 3-1 favorite in his latest seventh-place effort, but was only beaten four lengths after wide move from extreme outside post position in field of 11; primed for upcoming third start of current form cycle.

MY MAGICIAN: Looks to be training in forward order since seventh in restricted stakes bid on Oct. 22; follow for solid M. Trombetta barn.

PHANTOM SHOT: Scored comfortably over maidens in her fourth career start – just her second attempt in blinkers – and has trained sharply since the early-October score; stay with juvenile daughter of Kodiak Kowboy.

BEST BET: A AND OUT: Chased wide and gave out to finish a distant fifth when back from brief break for just her third start since lengthy break; lightly raced mare has shown to be capable of much more.

LONGSHOT: HAMMERS VISION: Chased and gave way when cut back a touch and moved back to main track for his latest sixth-place finish; figures sharper next time for solid B. Lynch barn.

TAMPA BAY DOWNS

AWE ZOOM: Tough trip off a three-month layoff, getting pinched to the back of a big field at the start and then steadying in traffic into the turn before rallying for fourth. Better luck next time.

C'EST BON: Looks good based on blazing four-furlong workout, much the best of the day, that sets this horse for a strong start to the meet.

CITIZEN JANE: Was unfortunate to chase a loose lone speed winner but closed to be clearly second best and just needs a better pace scenario to chase.

CUNNINGHAM CREEK: Didn't get through cleanly when trying to rally from last and settled for third. Delaware invader fits vs. the local competition.

EL MAYITO: Big turnaround on the local turf, challenging a fast pace, dropping back off the rail, and running again in the stretch for second. Don't overlook again.

LUCKY RASCAL: Did all he could possibly do for second behind a loose-on-the-lead lone speed winner. Don't overlook.

MISS PEARL: Dueled for the lead at longshot odds and outran the early challenger for a clear third, beaten less than a length. Ready to graduate in return from 4 1/2-month layoff.

MOONLIT METEOR: Started a bit slow and recovered for third when needing a race off an eight-month layoff. Can win next off the claim.

NIGHTBAR: Set a pressured pace, never got a breather up front, and held on for second in first race back from an eight-month layoff. Looks good in return from the sidelines.

PIRATE RADIO: Presque Isle invader off a three-month layoff outran long odds for second in a good effort, battling up front and holding on in a race otherwise ruled by closers.

RISK REVERSAL: Got caught in a three-way, six-length-gap battle for the lead in a blazing turf route fraction and finished sixth due to the early efforts. Can rebound.

SCHEMA: Well-bet first starter ran a game debut for third in a big field and won't remain a maiden for long.

SPLASH RULES: Dueled for the lead in fast 6 1/2F fractions and had nothing left in the stretch to settle for third. Worth another try.

SPLIT THE UPRIGHTS: Stumbled at the start then could only chase a monster runaway first starter for second, five lengths clear of third. Can make amends with a good break.

BEST BET: WIND CHEATER: Dueled for the lead, beat the early challenger, and then got nipped a nose by the perfect trip 3-5 favorite. Ready to graduate here.

LONGSHOT: ALPHA PROJECT: Others got the jump on him when he was blocked into the far turn, which all happened after he lost ground forced out five wide on the first turn. Too early to give up on him.

FAIR GROUNDS

A WE BIT FLIRTY: Pressed the pace, got steadied and shuffled back when blocked at the quarter pole, and then ran on again for third. Can win with clear sailing for new barn off the claim.

BEAUTY'S PIONEER: Veteran 8yo still knocking around and exiting a good third-place effort on turf opening weekend where he had to overcome a wide trip from post 13. Stick with him.

BIG WORLD: Just missed second after getting sandwiched and taken up at the start and then losing ground four wide on the first turn. Can make amends.

BILLIE'S GARDEN: Made the pace and drew off to score under "brisk hand ride," according to chart, when in from DeD and able to live up to favored billing; keeps moving forward in third start of current form cycle.

ETHAN'S LANDING: Chased the pace and weakened to third when moved back to turf for his latest improved try; now has two starts in him since back from August-layoff, and can move up.

I HOPE: Bumped at the start and rushed up toward the lead and finished the best of any of the four front-runners for fourth in a race where stalkers/closers finished 1-2-3.

LEMON SONG: Rated, moved outside, led, and settled for second best when narrowly beaten in her latest; proven sort having finished on the board in half of her 38 lifetime tries.

LUCKY SUMMER: Gained second through trouble once able to move outside most recently, and can clearly move up off her first start since early-September; next time.

MADCAP HEIRESS: Chased the pace and weakened to finish eighth in her first attempt versus winners most recently; first start since mid-September serves her well.

MAGNA BREEZE: Pressed and battled for the lead and outlasted the early challenger for second. Looks good here for Asmussen.

MOON BLOSSOM: Finished strong when needing a race off nearly a four-month layoff. Fits well vs. local maiden claimers.

RED LA ROSA: Ignored at 60-1 in career debut, but ran a promising race for third after racing behind the rest of the field in the early going at 5 1/2F. Prepped and ready.

VANISH: Maiden stakes winner at Woodbine is ready to launch down the Louisiana path to the Derby for Mark Casse and should have the edge in upcoming stakes.

BEST BET: CAD: Didn't have smoothest journey ("3-4 wide turn, jostled, 6 path quarter pole," according to chart) when sixth in his latest; capable of making amends for strong B. Calhoun barn.

LONGSHOT: GUNTHER: Outran his price of nearly 40-1 on the tote when able to press pace and stay on for a close third on move back to turf most recently; in the exacta in eight of 17 turf tries, he can offer value.

DELTA DOWNS

BUGGIN OUT
CABRINI
D'BOLDEST
HONEST OATH
LUKES BAD BOY

STICK
SUMMARILY
TORNADO MAN
UNDER REVIEW
WELL SPUN

CHARLES TOWN

BLUE PLAID
CROSSING BORDERS
JAZZY'S QUATTRO
KELLYESQUE
LETCHER
LUCY'S BOB BOY

RANSON
RULE THE BLUES
SCOTTISH DENIS
STRONG LIKE BULL
UPTOWN PENTHOUSE
WEEKEND LIBERTY

SUNLAND PARK

BETTER THAN MAGIC
BRO DEREK
BUBBA BLUE
DEVONAS GOLD R F
FOR THOSE WHO WAIT

ORDINARY MAGIC
REAPER
RIGHT ON LADY
ROWDY GIRL
ZACH'S DASH

PORTLAND MEADOWS

BATKID
CANTCATCHME
FLEXIBLE
KATSTHOUGHTS
MANILA CUSTOMER
MOON ZOOM

MR. TENACIOUS
ONE GOOD SHARK
PETE'S SLEW
SNOWY
VICTORIOUS NATION
WORK WITH ME

MAHONING VALLEY

EL GINGER
MATTER OF FACT
MOONLIGHT SHEA
OLD CENTRE
OUR EYE CANDY

PRESENT COURSE
ROOM FOR APTITUDE
SMOOTH ARRIVAL
STRINIING LASS
URBAN RENEWAL

TURF PARADISE

CASTLETOWN
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OZONE PARK, NY

Ladies and gents:

MIGGSY can only build off promising debut second. BECAUSE I'M HAPPY outruns his odds at the Big A. One look is all it took to select INSTANT REPLAY. LEFTOVERS has some sneaky form; don't ignore. ANDALE JULIA gets one more chance if the price is right. STARRY MESSENGER has room for improvement. GIANT ENDING finishes the job. LAKESIDE SUNSET gets brave if able to shake clear early. IRISH MARAUDER turns your luck around. Not giving up on SMARTY'S PAL just yet.

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL

Power to the patrons:

The beat goes on for INDIGO HEART. LEMON ROYAL will be worth the squeeze. Don't sleep on IF I CAN DREAM. FANCY KITTEN gets her paws on one. SWEET SUMMER SWEAT will continue to show improvement. SHE READ MY TEXTS is awfully hard to ignore. TELL ME A JOKE has the last laugh. SARATOGA RANSOM is better than she looks on paper. MAD PATRIOT gets even. VALID WILDFIRE will be ready to light it up.

CHARLES TOWN, WV

Greetings:

ADORABLE TWIRL can get hot in a hurry. Make room for BREADMAN'S BIG GUY! BE WILD faced much tougher out of town and it showed in local bow. SOUPER FUNNY isn't here to play games folks. Check the winner's circle for WHERE'S THE DUKE. MOONLIT SONG has a bright future in these parts. RAMBAM ROCKER rocks your world. All paths lead to ROCKET ROAD. FLIGHT BENEFITS takes care of her followers. MACHO SPACES won't be denied at \$4.5k.

BENSALEM, PA

Fellow horseplayers:

GETUP STAYUP gets back on his feet. STRIKE BOLD doesn't need to win for you to make some money. VALERIE VICTORIA reports home victorious. LIKE A LION has lots to like. MARKET BLASTER is best bet material. KELLY'S SILVER is as good as gold. Putting our chips on STAX ON STACKS. PROUD FLYER is spotted to win; be there. Listen up and play TALK TO ME. HARD TO NAME makes it look easy.

BERKELEY, CAV

Hello racing fans:

THE HAPPY COUNT made 'em pay at first asking. UNCLE HAL shows no mercy. VORACIOUS AFFAIR sneaks into the mix at a hefty price. MEETMEFORCOFFEE continues to do no wrong. TALL AND SWEET needs a legit pace to close into. NICOLE MICHELLE has wins on grass and synthetic. BAY AREA does it for his home crowd. SHE'S PRETTY WINDY outran 19-1 odds on debut. FLASH OF LIGHTNING is ready to strike at Golden Gate. Cheers to the hard-knocking veteran A TOAST TO YOU.

ARCADIA, CA

Attention ATM readers:

ASHLEY'S CHARMS showed some ability in unveiling at big price. Hearing YODELSONG is ready to rock. TAWNY puts you ahead on the day. Cal-bred MIZZEN GLORY has plenty of options. RIVER ECHO (GB) made a nice first impression on the West Coast. SWISS CHEESE smiles for the camera. They'll never catch STONE HANDS once he hits the front. POPULAR KID has been very ambitiously spotted as a maiden. ANN ARBOR EDDIE held his own with some very good ones in stakes debut. FRITZ JOHANSEN proves to be a smart claim for \$25k.

STOP WATCH SPECIALS

NEW YORK

BLACK TIDE: The 'Tide' is about to turn.
SAL THE TURTLE: Faster than you think!
STRETCH'S STONE: Rock solid.
ZONIC: More experience can only help.

FLORIDA

BLAZING DIAMOND: Shines bright.
BULL DOZER: Ready to roll.
FAST FACT: The numbers don't lie.
TWAS NERO: Bombs away.

PHILADELPHIA

HASHTAG WIN: Will be trending very soon.
LUCKY CANDY: How sweet it is.
MY SPECIAL EYES: Worth a long look.
U. TEE: Live longshot.

MARYLAND

ANNA MAY OUR QUEEN: Her majesty gets it done.
BIG LOUIE D: Leads 'em every step.
PASSIONS REVENGE: His day is coming.
SHE'S THIRSTY: Pays for more than the bar tab.

KENTUCKY

BELTED: Swinging for the fences.
BELVIN: Will do his part.
COLONY CROSSING: Has a flare for the dramatic.
SUGAR DEVIL: The 'Devil' is in the details.

WEST VIRGINIA

HEY LET'S SALSA: Ready to boogie.
INCREDIBLE TERMS: Finishes first or second.
OWL RUN: Runs away and hides.
STAR STELLA: Twinkle, twinkle baby.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

BET THE NAME: We have our reasons.
ITALIAN FLING: Easy to get attached to.
STARTING LINEUP: Deserves a shot.
THAT'S YOUR STORY: Steady money.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ADIR: No excuses. It's go time.
HAL'S BUDDY: Wins more than her share.
LUCKARACK: Feeling lucky?
TINDERETTE: The drop to \$16k was smart.

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AQUEDUCT:AQU	MOUNTAINEER:MNR
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CHURCHILL DOWNS:CD	PENN NATIONAL:PEN
DEL MAR:DMR	PORTLAND MEADOWS:PM
DELTA DOWNS:DED	REMINGTON PARK:RP
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CITY SECTION:AQU	GOTTA BE GOLD:PRX
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CONFRONT:MNR	HARD TO NAME :SR
COOLIDGE:TUP	HASHTAG WIN:SW
CREWMAN:CD	HAUNTED VISION:PEN
CRONINTHEBARBARIAN:CD	HAVANA ON THE RUN:RP
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D'ELOQUENT:Trf	HONEST OATH:DED
DECISIVE TRIUMPH :Trf	HUSBAND'S FOLLY :Trf
DEVONAS GOLD R F:ZIA	IF I CAN DREAM:SR
DING:PRX	IMPERATORE:WO
DITKA	INCREDIBLE TERMS:SW
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FLATLINED:CD	KELLYESQUE:CT
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"The Roster" of Contributing Stamina / Turf Stallion

2017 Edition

By William F. Hudgins, Jr.

THE RESULTS FROM A STRING OF three straight mid-summer European classics buoyed a quintet of Thoroughbred stallions into elite contributing status. Heralded by the quality performances of their respective progeny in the Deutsches Derby (Ger-G1; 12fT), the Grand Prix de Paris (Fra-G1; 12fT) and the St. Leger Stakes (Eng-G1; 14fT), stallions Danehill Dancer (Ire), Dansili (Eng), Kingmambo, Pivotal (Eng) and Polar Falcon have all been incorporated into the illustrious ledger known as "The Roster" of Contributing Stamina/Turf Stallions for the 2017 edition.

"The Roster" is an assemblage of Thoroughbred stallions amassed by analysis of "The International 3-Year-Old Classics" – a collection of legit classic-distance tests for 3-year-olds, a register which includes the European Triple Crown races in addition to qualified turf contests for top-level sophomore stayers in Australia, England, France, Germany, and Ireland. By compiling a listing from the analytical short pedigree (the sire, paternal sire and the broodmare sire) of every "Noteworthy Performer" – runners finishing either first, second or within one

length of the eventual winner – in any of the classic distance Group 1 stakes grass races for three-year-olds carded over the distance of twelve furlongs (one and one-half miles) from 2016 through 1984, inclusive, one will find several instances where the respective stallions names begin to repeat themselves. Of particular interest are those stallions that appear in two or more of the aforementioned contributory slots within the short pedigrees of these sophomore grass Thoroughbreds and who additionally represent themselves as the lone major stamina / turf contributor within the short pedigree of at least one of the aforementioned young equine athletes. At the conclusion of each season (typically late-October/early-November) we complete another full racing docket and subsequently update "The Roster". This presentation represents the 2017 edition of that authoritative handicapping advantage.

With the addition of the five new members, there are now 82 Thoroughbred stallions who make the grade as proven conveyors of turf ability and genuine stamina over the longer classic grass racing distances. Some are readily identifiable names both to breeders

and serious turf handicappers who take pedigree analysis to heart. Others are considerably less recognizable. This compilation should always be kept at hand when tackling fields of quality set to negotiate distances of seven furlongs or longer over the sod, particularly when young untested competitors with limited experience going long are assembled. The next regular update, by the way, will come following the 2017 edition of the Australian Derby (Aus-G1; 12fT; Fri31Mar17), and, as usual, the most recently updated edition of "The Roster" can be found on the appropriate page of my website: www.hudginsracing.com.

Just as in years past, one of the most informative coincidences of "The Roster" comes from a perfunctory glance at the 60 sophomore turf Thoroughbreds who were gifted enough to have posted at two Noteworthy Performances during a single campaign. A look at their respective analytical short pedigrees is a venture into what indeed is rarified bloodline territory – no less than 58 of these outstanding athletes (that's an almost astounding 96.7%) contain at least one member from "The Roster". That's remarkable stuff by any

evaluative standards! One can't help but tackle the longer racing events for younger Thoroughbreds with total confidence if they begin the assessment process with a diligent study of the entrants' analytical short pedigree.

Another enthralling consideration involves the 16 contributing stallions highlighted on this 2017 edition of "The Roster". These extraordinary contributors – Alleged, Blushing Groom (Fra), Caerleon, Century (Aus), Cheraw (Ire), Danehill, Encosta De Lago (Aus), Last Tycoon (Ire), Luthier (Fra), Monsun (Ger), Mr. Prospector, Northern Dancer (Can), Redoute's Choice (Aus), Sadler's Wells, Sharpen Up (Eng) and Zabeel (NZ) – are exclusively emphasized because of their hereditary influence on the older veteran turf stayers as well as the lightly campaigned younger Thoroughbreds. Far too many astute handicappers neglect the fact that as seasoned racers try new, longer distances over the grass, their respective bloodlines still remain a foremost deliberation – especially in that preliminary or secondary outing over a new/extended distance over the grass.

Analytical short pedigrees containing

members from this ledger routinely direct punters in the right direction in terms of who'll actually be major factors when they set down for the drive to the wire going long over the turf. Bloodline analysis will no doubt always remain a foremost handicapping consideration

when applied in earnest to fields of Thoroughbreds set to negotiate significant distances of green real estate. Good handicapping my friends.



THE INTERNATIONAL 3-YEAR-OLD CLASSICS

Australian Derby (Aus-G1) 12ft Randwick, Australia

Deutsches Derby (Ger-G1) 12ft Hamburg, Germany

Epsom Derby (Eng-G1) 12ft Epsom Downs, England

Grand Prix de Paris (Fra-G1) 12ft Longchamp, Paris, France

Irish Derby (Ire-G1) 12ft The Curragh, Ireland

Queensland Derby (Aus-G1) 12ft Eagle Farm, Australia

South Australian Derby (Aus-G1) 12.5ft Morphettville, Australia

St. Leger Stakes (Eng-G1) 14ft Doncaster, England

Victoria Derby (Aus-G1) 12.5ft Flemington, Australia

West Australian Derby (Aus-G1) 12ft Ascot, Australia

"THE ROSTER"

OF CONTRIBUTING STAMINA / TURF STALLIONS - 2017 EDITION

Alphabetical compilation of 82 foremost turf / stamina influential Thoroughbred stallions who appear in two or more different contributory slots (either sire, paternal sire and / or broodmare sire) within the analytical short pedigrees of three or more of the 668 sophomore Thoroughbreds which have turned in at least one "Noteworthy Performance" - finishing either first, second or *within one length* of the winner - in any of the 348 International Group One classic turf stakes races for three-year-olds carded over the distance of twelve furlongs (one and one-half miles) or longer and contested over the turf in Australia, England, France, Germany, Ireland and Italy from 2016 through 1984, inclusive and, additionally, is the lone major contributor within the analytical short pedigree of at least one of the aforementioned quality young turf Thoroughbreds

Final 2016 Update: **Saturday, November 12, 2016**

Acatenango (Ger)	Habitat	Quest for Fame (Eng)
Ahonoora (Eng)	Hermes (Eng)	Red God
Alleged	High Line (Eng)	Red Ransom
Arctic Tern	Imposing (Aus)	Redoute's Choice (Aus)
At Talaq	In The Wings (Eng)	Riverman
Be My Guest	Kaoru Star (Aus)	Roberto
Bellotto	Kenmare (Fra)	Sadler's Wells
Biscay (Aus)	Kingmambo	Scenic (Ire)
Blakeney (Eng)	Last Tycoon (Ire)	Sharpen Up (Eng)
Bletchingly (Aus)	Linamix (Fra)	Shirley Heights (Eng)
Blushing Groom (Fra)	Luthier (Fra)	Sir Tristram (Ire)
Busted (Eng)	Lyphard	Spectrum (Ire)
Caerleon	Machiavellian	Sternkonig (Ger)
Cape Cross (Ire)	Maroof	The Minstrel (Can)
Caro (Ire)	Mill Reef	Theatrical (Ire)
Catbird (Aus)	Miswaki	Troy (Eng)
Century (Aus)	Monsun (Ger)	Viceregal (Can)
Cheraw (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire)	Woodman
Chief's Crown	More Than Ready	Zabeel (NZ)
Dansili (Eng)	Mr. Prospector	Zamazaa (Fra)
Danehill	Mtoto (Eng)	Zeddaan (Eng)
Danehill Dancer (Ire)	Nassipour	Zephyr Bay (Aus)
Defensive Play	Niniski	
Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)	Noble Bijou	
Encosta De Lago (Aus)	Northern Dancer (Can)	
Fairy King	Palace Music	
Galileo (Ire)	Persian Bold (Ire)	
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	Polish Precedent	
	Pompeii Court	

THE LEDGER OF MULTIPLE NOTEWORTHY PERFORMERS

International Grade / Group One Turf Classics - Multiple Noteworthy Performers - Analytical Short Pedigrees

Alphabetical compilation of the 60 Thoroughbreds who have at turned in two (2) or more "Noteworthy Performances" – finishing either first, second or *beaten less than one-length* by the winner – from amongst the 348 International Group One classic turf stakes races for three-year-olds carded over the distance of twelve furlongs (one and one-half miles) or longer and contested over the turf in Australia, England, France, Germany, Ireland and Italy from 2016 through 1984, inclusive and, additionally, is the lone major contributor within the analytical short pedigree of at least one of the aforementioned quality young turf Thoroughbreds

Final 2016 Update: **Saturday, November 12, 2016**

Arena (Aus)	by Danehill	son of Danzig	mare by Tawfiq
Australia (Eng)	by Galileo (Ire)	son of Sadler's Wells	mare by Cape Cross (Ire)
Camelot (Eng)	by Montjeu (Ire)	son of Sadler's Wells	mare by Kingmambo
City Honours	by Darshaan (Eng)	son of Shirley Heights (Eng)	mare by Sadler's Wells
Commander In Chief (Eng)	by Dancing Brave	son of Lyphard	mare by Roberto
Dalakhani (Ire)	by Darshaan (Eng)	son of Shirley Heights (Eng)	mare by Miswaki
Daliapour (Ire)	by Sadler's Wells	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Doyoun (Ire)
Danewin (Aus)	by Danehill	son of Danzig	mare by My Swanee (Eng)
Dr Devious (Ire)	by Ahonoora (Eng)	son of Lorenzaccio (Ire)	mare by Alleged
Dream Well (Fra)	by Sadler's Wells	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Alleged
Dushyantor	by Sadler's Wells	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Roberto
Dylan Thomas (Ire)	by Danehill	son of Danzig	mare by Diesis (Eng)
Ebony Grosve (NZ)	by Grosvenor (NZ)	son of Sir Tristram (Ire)	mare by Indian Conquest (Ire)
El Gran Senor	by Blushing Groom (Fra)	son of Red God	mare by Herbager (Fra)
Etymology (Aus)	by New Approach (Ire)	son of Galileo (Ire)	mare by Danehill
Fame And Glory (Eng)	by Montjeu (Ire)	son of Sadler's Wells	mare by Shirley Heights (Eng)
Galileo (Ire)	by Sadler's Wells	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Miswaki
Generous (Ire)	by Caerleon	son of Nijinsky II (Can)	mare by Master Derby
Gentlewave (Ire)	by Monsun (Ger)	son of Konigsstuhl (Ger)	mare by Saumarez (Eng)
Handy Proverb (Aus)	by Twig Moss (Fra)	son of Luthier (Fra)	mare by Crest of the Wave (Eng)
Harzand (Ire)	by Sea the Stars (Ire)	son of Cape Cross (Ire)	mare by Xaar (Eng)
Hernando (Fra)	by Niniski	son of Nijinsky II (Can)	mare by Miswaki
High Chaparral (Ire)	by Sadler's Wells	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Darshaan (Eng)
Jack Hobbs (Eng)	by Halling	son of Diesis (Eng)	mare by Swain
Kahyasi (Eng)	by Ile de Bourbon	son of Nijinsky II (Can)	mare by Blushing Groom (Fra)
King's Theatre (Ire)	by Sadler's Wells	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Princely Native
Kingston Hill (Ire)	by Halling	son of Diesis (Eng)	mare by Singspiel (Ire)
Law Society	by Alleged	son of Hoist the Flag	mare by Boldnesian
Mahogany (Aus)	by Last Tycoon (Ire)	son of Try My Best	mare by Alydar
Midas Touch (Eng)	by Galileo (Ire)	son of Sadler's Wells	mare by Darshaan (Eng)
Montjeu (Ire)	by Sadler's Wells	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Top Ville (Ire)
Morshdi (Eng)	by Slip Anchor (Eng)	son of Shirley Heights (Eng)	mare by Sadler's Wells
Nadour Al Bahr (Ire)	by Be My Guest	son of Northern Dancer (Can)	mare by Crotez (Ger)
National Gallery (NZ)	by Sir Tristram (Ire)	son of Sir Ivor	mare by Hermes (Eng)

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Owner: Klarovich Stables Inc.
Sire: Red Bricks And K's

\$6.30

Ch. g (BA.14.16) 3 (May) SARACUD14140J00
Sire: Lamin Drop Kid (Kingsman) 040,000 ✓
Dam: Box In (Dynaformer)
Br: Kathleen Farms (NY)
Tr: Brown Chad C.

Life	1	1	0	0	\$35,000	80	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2016	1	1	0	0	\$35,000	80	Wet(371)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2015	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Del @	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(137)	1	1	0	0	\$35,000	80
							Dat(1363)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

16Apr16-44m In 1 1/4 @ 231 471 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 60k 67 2/12 7 51 82 31 1/2 McAlenny J S L118 3.85 81-12 CrimsonMoon[Con]NetherFen] Brk outwd, blocked str
WORKS: May 28 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:03 B (4) 1:02 May 21 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:07 B (4) 1:01 May 15 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:02 B (6) 1:02 May 9 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:04 B 1:04 Apr 30 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:04 B 1:07

Crimson Moon

Owner: Jus Lok Stables Rich Mah & Resch Baker
Sire: Yellow Diamond, Blue Diamond

\$21.70

Ch. f 3 (Mar) FTKOCTH126J00
Sire: William Road (Cascadia) 17,000
Dam: Crystal Moon (Theatrical) 17,000 ✓
Br: Kinross Farm (Fla)
Tr: Baker Brad

Life	5	1	1	1	\$48,300	87	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2016	2	1	1	0	\$48,120	87	Wet(388)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2015	3	M	0	1	\$8,220	55	Synth	2	0	0	1	\$8,220	60
Del @	2	1	1	0	\$48,120	87	Turf(273)	2	1	1	0	\$48,120	63
							Dat(380)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

25Jan16-5W0 In 1 1/4 @ 251 471 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 60k 67 2/12 7 51 82 31 1/2 McAlenny J S L118 3.85 81-12 CrimsonMoon[Con]NetherFen] Brk outwd, blocked str
3Jan16-4W0 In 1 1/4 @ 231 471 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 60k 66 3/13 12 51 106 41 1/2 McAlenny J S L118 3.50 88-10 ArkTyrus[CrimMoon]LrsProcess] Circled 5, rained
29Nov15-1W0 In 1 1/4 @ 231 467 112 1.232 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 50k 49 4/10 8 71 87 71 7/2 McAlenny J S L119 1.80 63-20 LeDrops[MeadCk]WrtmFrn] 2w to 4w, no rally
21Oct15-5W0 In 1 1/4 @ 231 471 111 1.231 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 50k 65 2/10 1 107 101 81 37 McAlenny J S L119 13.10 81-12 Conq[Boyy]MBCoy[CrimMoon] 1wmp start, rallied
28Sep15-7W0 In 1 1/4 @ 231 464 108 1.104 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 60k 53 6/7 1 21 21 51 37 McAlenny J S L119 b 6.30 78-18 HolyFire[Alexand]MrdImpct] Favored pace 2w, lined
WORKS: July 3 W0 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:02 Apr 17 W0 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01 May 27 W0 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01 May 20 W0 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01 May 13 W0 1/2 m 1:02 B 1:01

Morethanjusthelo

Owner: Three Diamonds Farm
Sire: Tropicana, Gold Diamond, Holy-Gate Moon

\$14.80

Ch. b or f 3 (May) FTKH815120J00
Sire: More Than Ready (Southern) 150,000
Dam: Seckem-Kimble (Empire Maker)
Br: Northwest Farm LLC (Ky)
Tr: Baker Michael J

Life	5	2	0	0	\$30,400	65	D.Fst	1	0	0	0	\$30,400	66
2016	4	2	0	0	\$30,080	65	Wet(398)	1	0	0	0	\$30,080	26
2015	1	M	0	0	\$400	20	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Del @	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(331)	1	1	0	0	\$21,200	65
							Dret(335)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

20Apr16-74m In 1 1/4 @ 251 471 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 60k 85 4/7 2 21 21 25 17 1/2 Canal E L119 b 5.30 89-07 Morethanjusthelo[Gar]LowYouBz] 2p, 4d, 1M, 1d late
13Mar16-24m In 1 1/4 @ 231 471 112 1.231 3 1/4 @ Mid 40000 58 4/8 1 31 24 17 1/2 Canal E L117 b 1.05 80-18 Morethanjusthelo[Gar]LowYouBz] As opps, edged clear
25Feb16-54m In 1 1/4 @ 231 467 107 1.214 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 60k 26 6/8 4 57 46 37 3/4 Dryer A T L120 12.20 84-16 Anyday[Gar]LowYouBz] Shipped, frisky, Chased 4-3w, lined
16Jan16-46P In 1 1/4 @ 221 454 110 1.225 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 47k 12 10/10 5 47 88 107 107 Canal E L120 22.80 89-09 Kay[Kay]Pal[Pal]MjocMr] Chased 2w, weakened
30Dec15-56P In 1 1/4 @ 221 461 107 1.211 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 47k 26 4/10 6 81 77 87 87 Canal E L120 10.50 89-21 Bromby[Gar]LowYouBz] Favored, forced out to
WORKS: May 15 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:02 May 8 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:02 Apr 14 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01 May 27 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01 May 16 Bel @ 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01

Leroy Brown

Owner: Stream Stable Inc.
Sire: Black A & Red Arrow De Gold

\$8.20

Ch. g (12.21.14) 4 (Mar) 0050PH1415J00
Sire: Leroidstallion[Br]CandyStripes] 28,000
Dam: Hattie (Winged)
Br: Las Samanas Farm & Racing (Fla)
Tr: Corrales Joe (1 1/2) 2011 1:04 24 20

Life	2	1	0	0	\$12,540	51	D.Fst	1	0	0	0	\$0	30
2016	2	1	0	0	\$12,540	51	Wet(281)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2015	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Del @	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(126)	1	1	0	0	\$12,540	51
							Dat(125)	1	1	0	0	\$12,540	51

25Jan16-3Pm In 1 1/4 @ 231 471 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Mid 50000 (6-8) 51 5/7 4 31 21 24 17 1/2 Kanamas H A L124 b 1.10 74-21 LeroyBrown[Gar]Finc[In]Prekr] Brushed 2/16 driving
20May16-6Pm In 1 1/4 @ 231 471 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Mid 50000 (4-5) 36 3/8 7 87 74 81 87 Kanamas H A 100 b 15.20 83-12 PitalPos[Gar]Tody[RikyPrise] Drifted in paper str
WORKS: July 3 Let @ 1/2 m 1:02 B 1:02 Jun 18 Let @ 1/2 m 1:02 B 1:02 Jun 11 Let @ 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01 Jun 4 Let @ 1/2 m 1:02 B 1:02 May 14 Let @ 1/2 m 1:01 B 1:01

Miss Southern Miss

Owner: Peter L. Cantrell
Sire: Black, Light Blue Fleur De Lani

\$11.80

Ch. b or f 2 (Mar)
Sire: More Than Ready (Cascadia) 150,000
Dam: Miss Allister City (Stormy Atlantic)
Br: Cantrell Family Partnership Ltd (Ky)
Tr: Belmontez J Kelly

Life	5	2	2	0	\$164,800	75	D.Fst	4	1	2	0	\$164,800	75
2016	3	2	2	0	\$164,800	75	Wet(360)	4	0	0	0	\$0	-
2015	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Del @	1	1	0	0	\$68,800	74	Turf(329)	1	1	0	0	\$68,800	74
							Dat(330)	1	1	0	0	\$68,800	74

18Oct16-65A In 1 1/4 @ 231 467 111 1.225 3 1/4 @ SorferGr12k 74 7/11 11 107 81 31 1/2 Depommac H J L119 4.80 83-13 MissSouthernMiss[Gar]MjocMr] Favored, lined
30Sep16-30m In 1 1/4 @ 231 467 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ DMrDeb-G1 63 1/7 1 24 49 34 34 Depommac H J L120 7.00 82-17 BenStk[Arce]CJAWChicR] Brk w/4w, into str
5Aug16-40m In 1 1/4 @ 231 467 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ SorferGr-G2 75 7/5 1 14 11 11 21 Depommac H J L120 1.50 59-03 CassR[MissSouthernMiss] Favored, lined
9July16-55A In 1 1/4 @ 231 467 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Landlinc125k 66 3/8 1 14 11 11 21 Pw F L122 1.70 85-01 Tidy[Arce]MjocMr] Favored, lined
8Jan16-25A In 1 1/4 @ 221 454 107 1.214 3 1/4 @ Mid Sp Wt 57k 67 2/8 1 14 11 11 21 Pw F L120 7.40 82-07 MissSouthernMiss[Gar]MjocMr] Favored, lined
WORKS: Dec 22 SA 4Pm 4Pm 2:59 Oct 4 SA 6Pm 1:02 B 1:02 Sep 24 SA 4Pm 4Pm 1:46 Aug 27 SA 5Pm 3Pm 1:46 Aug 20 SA 4Pm 4Pm 1:01 B 1:01

Keystoneforvictory

Owner: Kenneth L and Sarah K Ramsey
Sire: White, Red K, White Band Br Red

\$13.00

Ch. f 1 (Feb) REESEPH125J00
Sire: Shakespeare (Theatrical) 17,000
Dam: Free Fee Lady (Victory Bahing)
Br: Dell Widge Farm LLC (Ky)
Tr: Baker Michael J

Life	3	1	0	0	\$11,420	85	D.Fst	1	0	0	0	\$0	1
2016	2	1	0	0	\$11,420	85	Wet(325)	1	0	0	0	\$220	-
2015	1	M	0	0	\$94	4	Synth	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Del @	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(322)	1	1	0	0	\$11,400	85
							Dat(350)	1	1	0	0	\$11,400	84

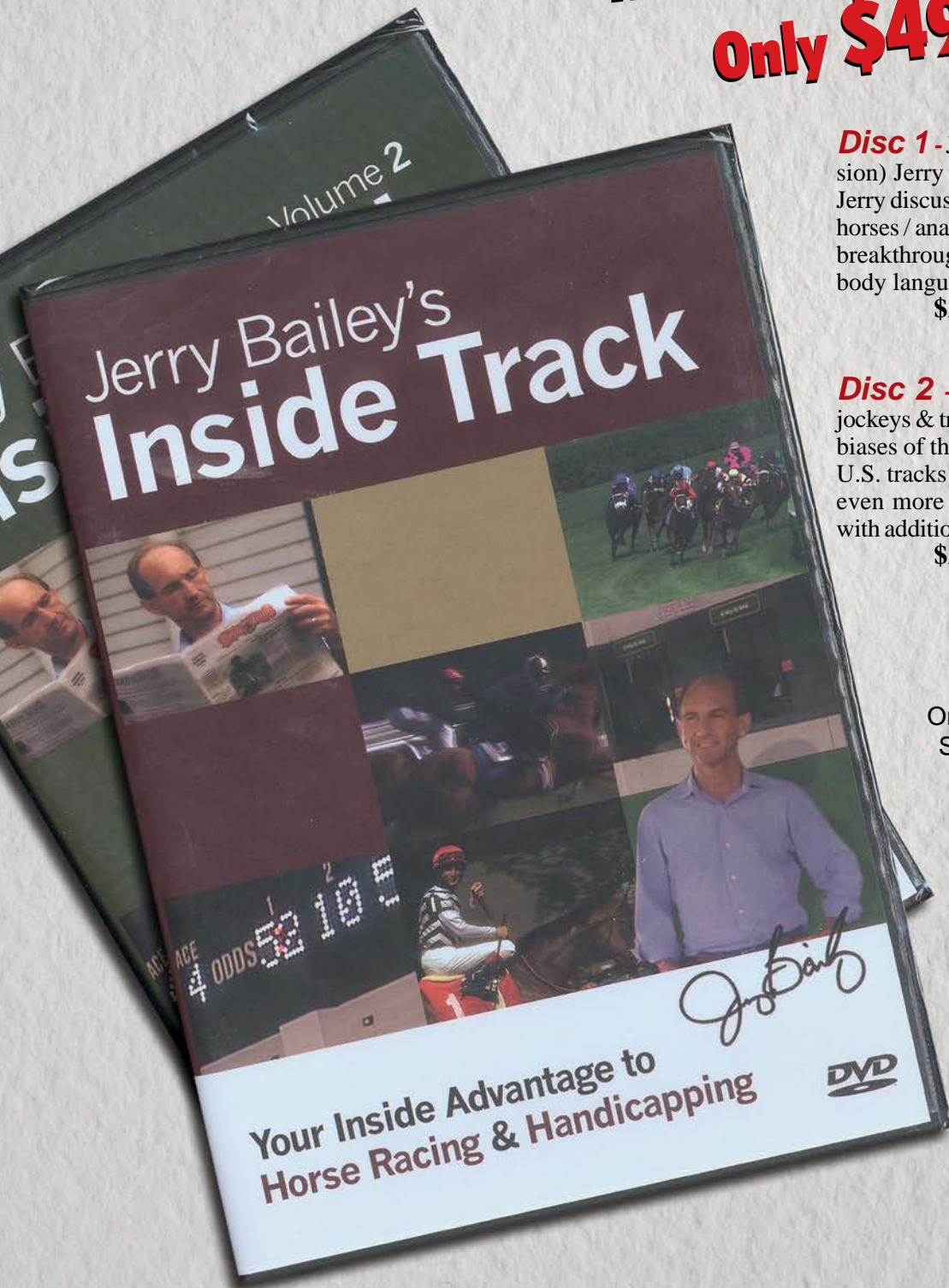
27Jan16-76P In 1 1/4 @ 241 481 114 1.244 3 1/4 @ Mid 25000 68 10/4 21 21 24 17 1/2 Legasse J B L120 b 5.50 61-29 Keystoneforvictory[Gar]Tidy[Arce] Favored, lined
10Jan16-36P In 1 1/4 @ 231 471 110 1.221 3 1/4 @ Mid 30000 - 3/8 7 7 7 7 7 7 - 50k L120 b 6.10 - 28 RIMms[Sci]Strng[Kay] Paled up, walked off
22Dec15-24A In 1 1/4 @ 221 467 107 1.211 3 1/4 @ Mid 30000 8 4/11 8 9 10 11 7 23 Legasse J B L118 11.40 86-13 StrUp[Arce]LrsTidy[Kay] Favored, lined
WORKS: Dec 22 SA 4Pm 4Pm 2:59 Oct 4 SA 6Pm 1:02 B 1:02 Sep 24 SA 4Pm 4Pm 1:46 Aug 27 SA 5Pm 3Pm 1:46 Aug 20 SA 4Pm 4Pm 1:01 B 1:01

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Mark Casse

Mark Casse Sets Eyes on New Orleans Fair Grounds for Winter Campaign

By David Zenner

AFTER A FEW YEARS HAVING A DIVISION based at Oaklawn Park, trainer Mark Casse has opted instead to send those horses to New Orleans this winter to race at Fair Grounds. The 55-year-old native of Indianapolis said there were a couple of reasons that prompted the move.

“It is our first time back [in New Orleans]. We were there six or seven years ago,” said the trainer who has more than 2,000 wins to his credit and was inducted to the Canadian Thoroughbred Hall of Fame earlier this year. “One of the things that brought us back is that we have a lot of turf horses. I think the only [trainer] who has won more money on the turf than us is Chad Brown. Oaklawn doesn’t have a turf course which hurts us. [By having a Fair Grounds division], we can separate those horses from our South Florida division.

“The other thing is we have some developing 2-year-olds (soon to be 3) in both the colt division and the filly division and it allows us to separate those as well. It gives us more options.

We may ship a few horses to run at Oaklawn but our only winter bases will be in New Orleans and South Florida.”

Fair Grounds has numerous stakes for both colts and fillies on the road to the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. The boys can run in the Grade 3 \$200,000 Lecomte Stakes on Jan. 21 followed by the Grade 2 \$400,000 Risen Star on Feb. 21 leading up to the Grade 2 \$1 million Louisiana Derby on April 1. The filly path begins with the \$150,000 Silverbulletday Stakes in January before moving on to the Grade 2 \$200,000 Rachel Alexandra Stakes in February and culminating with the Grade 2 \$400,000 Fair Grounds Oaks on April 1.

One horse specifically mentioned by the eight-time Sovereign Award (Canada’s version of the Eclipse Awards) winner is VALADORNA, who finished second in the Grade 1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies.

“We’re going to try the Louisiana path to the [Kentucky] Oaks with her,” Casse said. “[Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winner] Classic Empire is going to go

to South Florida, Tepin is going to South Florida. We do have some young horses that we’re hoping to develop into good 3-year-olds. We have a colt named VANISH. He’s by Algorithms. He broke his maiden in his last start in the \$150,000 Clarendon Stakes at Woodbine and ran an 89 Beyer. He’ll be going to New Orleans and we have a few colts who haven’t started that hopefully will do well.”

Deciding which horse goes where is a function of separation and fit, but as Casse points out shipping between the two places isn’t too difficult.

“Our main operation is in Ocala and it’s a pretty easy ship to New Orleans as well as South Florida, so it allows us to decide where we want to go and it’s easy to get to [either place].”

The year 2016 was a career year for Casse, with Tepin winning at Royal Ascot and Classic Empire winning the Juvenile amongst the highlights leading to the inevitable question of how he can top it in 2017.

“That’s a good question and it’s a question that haunts me currently,”

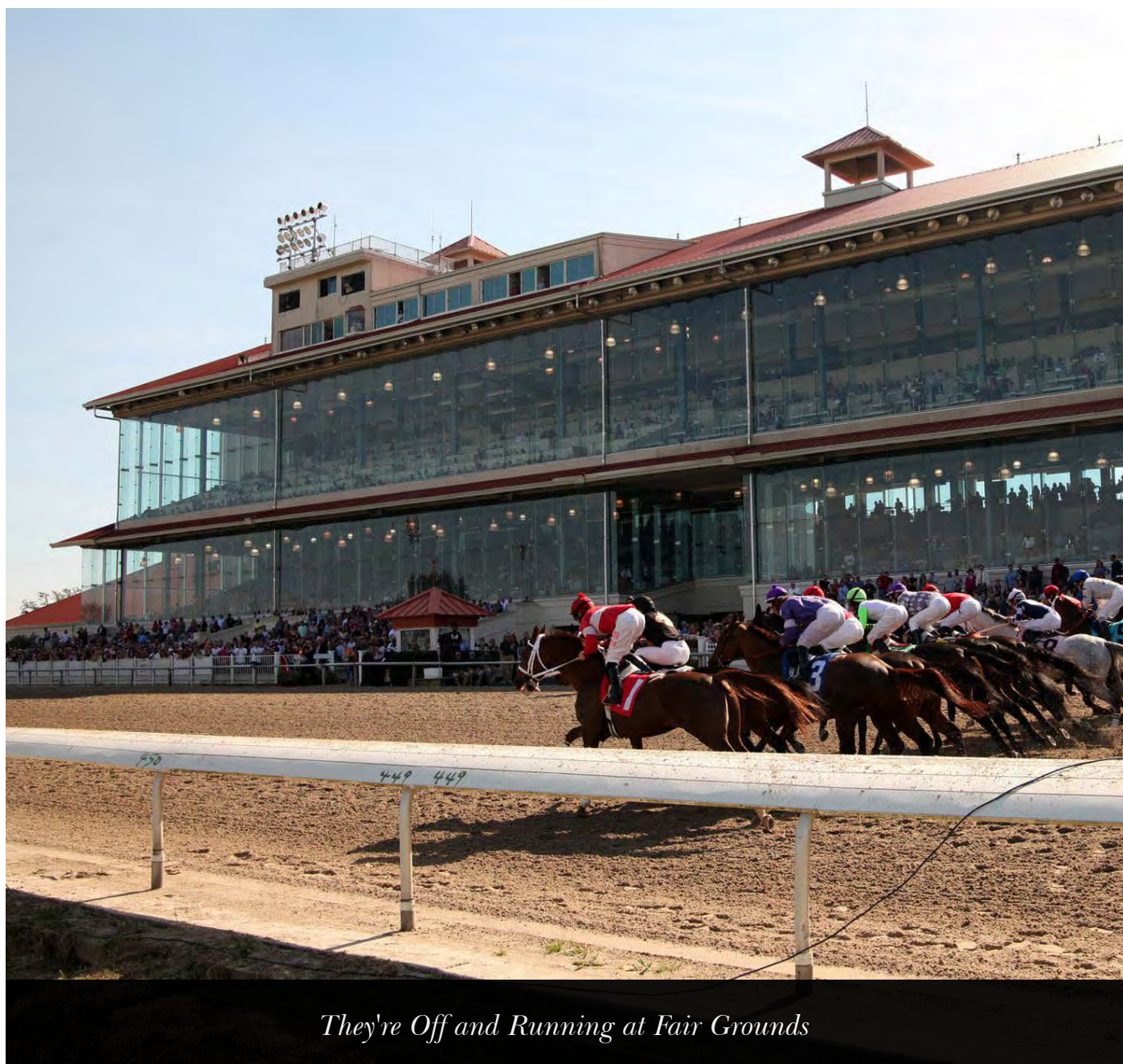
Casse joked. “You’re always trying to be better and in the last four or five years we’ve been able to be better each and every year. I just read an article [in *Thoroughbred Daily News*] that says we’re the [North American]-leaders with 2-year-olds and the only one ahead of us in the world in is Aidan O’Brien. We’re proud of that. Earnings-wise we’re almost \$2 million in front of Todd Pletcher [with juveniles]. The hope is that some of those 2-year-olds become great 3-year-olds.

“We’re going to need a replacement for Tepin,” he said, speaking of the champion female turf horse of 2015 and still one of the leaders in her division this year. “We’re hoping to run her one more year but she’s getting up there as far as a race horse goes. We’re going to aim for the Endeavor at Tampa Bay Downs with her and hopefully springboard her to Dubai. I’ve had a few horses who have been invited but we’ve never gone.”

One place Casse did go this year

was to England to saddle Tepin to win against males in the Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes over a straightaway mile at Royal Ascot

“[Royal Ascot] was unbelievable. It still doesn’t seem real,” Casse said of the experience. “That was a big deal and was very exciting. I’d like to try that one again but it takes a real special horse.”



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When It's Time For a Horseplayer to Say a Sad Goodbye

By Barry Meadow

YOU MAY NOT KNOW THE NAME LENNY Moon. But what he has to say may cause you to think, even just a little bit, about the cost of your love of horse racing. No, not the dollar cost, though that may be considerable, but the human, emotional cost.

Moon founded a website, Equinometry.com, five years ago. He wrote nearly 300 articles for the site, ranging from exposes on the economics of handicapping contests to analyses of major races, in a breezy, easy-to-read style. Unlike virtually every racing site that offers free articles, Moon had nothing to sell – no picks, no systems, no books, no computer programs. The website was entirely free. (He did offer a modest pay site, Wager Logged, that tracked a player's betting results in various categories, though it seemed to have few users.) His goal, he wrote, was to help educate both new and experienced horseplayers.

For years before developing his websites, Moon went to the track mostly on weekends, often accompanied by his father and brother and some friends. "It wasn't just about betting," he wrote, "it was about the experience." When online betting became available, the trips became less frequent, even more so after he got married and had kids. That's when, he said, "Things went south. Sitting at home in front of a

computer every weekend was no fun for me or my family. I allowed myself to be consumed by the sport."

Running his websites and writing articles for Horseracingnation.com and HANA's newsletter worsened the alienation. "Starting the websites only enhanced that effect," he observed. "I spent all my time handicapping, betting, playing online contests, reading or writing about the sport. It took time away from those I cared about. I missed family events. I upset many people. It destroyed my life because it dictated my daily schedule."

Without mentioning dollar amounts,

Player World Series, though his total earnings for these events and the online and on-track tournaments he participated in were small. Unlike so many others forced to drop out of horse racing, money wasn't the issue. It was something far greater.

"Looking back, I feel like a fool," he wrote. "Rather than enjoying a challenging game of skill, I allowed it to take over my life. The money came and went and could never pay for the hurt I caused those I cared about."

The websites are gone now. So, he hinted, was his marriage. He wrote, "I have lost everything that mattered to

"It's a question we've asked before in these pages: Where does horse race betting fit into your life? Is it a pleasantly diverting hobby, or an obsession that wreaks havoc on your personal relationships?"

Moon said he had some winning years, and some losing ones. He was able to earn seats at the National Handicapping Championship and the Horse

me and nothing I can do can change that."

So he's done with all the handicapping contests that took up so much of

his time for so little reward. He's done with all aspects of handicapping and betting. Done with a hobby/business that was so much a part of his life.

I can relate to much of what Moon wrote. For nearly 30 years, gambling was a major source of my income. I never had anything else that accounted for as much money as I made gambling on horse racing before I finally retired in 2011. And that includes all the other things that I did to earn money – the ratings I sold (which I had developed for my own betting), newsletters I produced, books and articles I wrote, as well as the homes I sold and the jobs I had before I took up gambling in earnest in the mid 1980's.

But there was a cost. There always is. There always seemed to be another race coming up. Though I had handicapped it hours earlier, I'd still have to study the pools and make last-second decisions. I watched tapes and revised my numbers every day. And like Moon, much of my leisure time was spent reading books or articles about the track. Couldn't leave a stone unturned. And the stress . . . it was never ending. I'm a bad loser, so instead of having the attitude that most bets are going to lose and I shouldn't worry about it, I seemed to take every lost photo or bad trip personally.

Much like a businessman who's

always working late, or a golfer who spends every weekend hitting a little white ball, I neglected my family. Or should I say families, since I got divorced twice before settling down with my current wife; at least, I finally got that part right. They made the sacrifices, not me. I was just doing my job. They suffered, not me.

Was it worth it? Financially, yes. Otherwise . . . hard to say for sure. It's impossible to compare the life you've actually lived with one you haven't.

Moon compiled a list of questions that you might use for a self-evaluation:

- Do I skip family events for horse racing?
- Do I spend every weekend at the track or playing online contests?
- Do I have to forego other activities because of money lost on horse racing?
- Do I have negative mood swings after a bad day betting?
- Do I think I'll win big betting on horseracing
- Do I think I'll win a big handicapping contest and be able to retire early?
- Have I lost any friends the last few years because of horse racing?
- Have I neglected my family because of horse racing?

Moon wrote, "If you answered yes

to any of these questions, it's time to step back and think about what you are doing. If you answered yes to many of them, you need to find professional help. Spending time with those you care about, exploring the world, and learning as much as you can, are just a few things that are infinitely more important than cashing a ticket."

It's a question we've asked before in these pages: Where does horse-race betting fit into your life? Is it a pleasantly diverting hobby, or an obsession that wreaks havoc on your personal relationships? Is it an exciting break from your regular routine, or an all-consuming emotional and financial drain?

A new year is about to begin. Time, perhaps, to consider these questions. And to make some decisions. Lenny Moon has made his. What about you?

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Tampa Bay Downs 2016-17 Season Preview

By Michael Sherack

RACING AT TAMPA BAY DOWNS HAS continued to get stronger in terms of quality in recent years, and the 2016-17 season should prove no exception now through Sunday, May 7. Twenty four stakes races worth nearly \$3 million in purses will be offered, and the Sam F. Davis Stakes will join the Tampa Bay Derby as a “Road to the Kentucky Derby” points race. The stakes schedule is the richest in the history of Tampa Bay Downs.

The Grade 2, \$350,000 Tampa Bay Derby, a 1 1/16-mile dirt race for 3-year-olds, will be run on Saturday, March 11, as the centerpiece of the meet, and the Grade 3, \$250,000 Sam F. Davis Stakes is run under the same conditions on Saturday, February 11.

Kentucky Derby winners Street Sense (2007) and Super Saver (2010) both raced in the Tampa Bay Derby, the former posting a win and latter

a third-place finish. Destin, the 2016 winner of both the Sam F. Davis and Tampa Bay Derby, finished sixth in the Kentucky Derby and was beaten only a nose when second in the Belmont Stakes.

Florida Cup Day, a showcase day for Florida-bred runners offering more than \$600,000 in purses, will be held on Sunday, April 2. The March 11 card also includes the Grade 2, \$200,000 Hillsborough Stakes and Grade 3, \$200,000 Florida Oaks, both on turf. The Sam F. Davis Stakes undercard will be bolstered by the Grade 3, \$150,000 South Endeavour Stakes and Grade 3, \$150,000 Tampa Bay Stakes, both on turf, and the \$100,000 Suncoast Stakes on the main track.

Stephanie’s Kitten, Tepin, and Zagora were all stakes winners over the Tampa Bay Downs turf course in recent years and ultimately were named

Eclipse Award winners.

GERALD BENNETT easily captured last season’s training title with a record of 230-51-42-26, 22% wins/52% in the money, with JAMIE NESS second (158-39-29-27, 25/60), and KATHLEEN O’CONNELL third (238-38-41-25, 16/44). At the 2014-2015 meet, the players were the same, just in a shuffled order with Ness (147-46-23-18, 31/59) edging out Bennett (223-43-30-30, 19/46), and O’Connell again third (207-39-23-24, 19/42).

Some other successful trainers who might be more under the radar than the traditional leaders and offer more value at the betting windows are John Terranova, Arnaud Delacour, Efen Loza Jr., and Keith Nations.

JOHN TERRANOVA, a staple on the New York Racing Association circuit, has enjoyed success in the meets ended this year and last. At meet’s end

in 2016, he posted a mark of 6-6-4 from 33 starts (18/48), and the prior season's mark was 6-4-4 from 22 starts (27/64).

From the Terranova barn, watch for: **BUFFALO MISS**, a New York-bred with plenty of early speed on turf; **ENJOY YOURSELF**, who owns a win and a second-place finish in the Grade 3 Florida Oaks from two starts over Tampa turf; and **NOT TAKEN**, a 3-year-old daughter of Arch with conditions and upside on grass.

ARNAUD DELACOUR had already put up career year numbers through November 22, with a record of 75-43-37 from 280 starts and purse earnings of more than \$3.3 million. His win total

and purse money earned both marked career bests, and his win (26) and in the money (55) percentages were also personal bests. Bettors would be wise to know his \$2.10 return on investment (based on \$2 wager on every runner) for the year.

At the last Tampa Bay Downs meet, Delacour ranked fifth in the trainer standings by wins with a record of 99-24-15-17 (24/57), and in 2014-2015, he finished sixth (78-18-13-18, 23/63).

From the Delacour barn, pay attention to: **ARMOIRE**, an easy debut maiden winner here in December 2015; **LIME BEACH**, a lightly raced 3-year-old daughter of Giant's Causeway with

upside; and **UPPER ROOM**, a 2-year-old who jumped up on switch to turf at Laurel in his second career start.

EFREN LOZA JR., has put up extraordinary numbers from an in the money standpoint with his runners the last two seasons. Last year's meet, saw his record at 10-2-6 from 30 starts (33/60), and the prior year at 42-12-12-5 (29/69).

From Loza, look for: **ARCHER ONE**, a maiden who has shown flashes of ability through three career starts; **TACO**, two-for-two in his career on turf thus far, but absent since August; and **YO NO SE**, an easy maiden winner on turf at Gulfstream Park West in October.

KEITH NATIONS is putting up



JOHN TERRANOVA



ARNAUD DELACOUR

career best numbers this year. As of press time, he had already set his personal best in wins for a year at 54, and is on his way to a best in purse earnings with the mark approaching \$1.5 million. His numbers at the last Tampa Bay meet were strong at 60-10-9-11 (17/50).

Worth more than a glance from the Nations stable: AWESOME INDIAN, turf speed to be dangerous and a 14-5-2-2 overall record; MARTINI GLASS, two-for-two on dirt here and can be useful on turf, also; and WAYNESBOROUGH, a classy veteran with more than \$275K in earnings.

Antonio Gallardo was easily atop the jockey standings at meet's end in 2016

(135 wins) and in 2015 (147 wins). At press time, he was riding in New York with his next stop likely to be Gulfstream Park. Daniel Centeno, his closest pursuer at each meet with 98 and 90 wins, respectively, is currently riding in Maryland, so the Tampa title could be up for grabs this season.

Ronald Dale Allen Jr., finished in the top five in each of the last two seasons and was third with 74 wins at last year's meet. Fernando De La Cruz also finished in the top five each year and ended the most recent meet in fourth with 68 wins.

Pedro Cotto Jr., could be a rider to watch as he clicked at 25% at the most recent meet when he won with 24 of

97 mounts, and the always reliable Jose Ferrer and Willie Martinez were booked to ride on opening day, as was Edwin Gonzalez (136-for-660, 20% in 2016).

Among the track's promotional items are a calendar (Dec. 28, 30, 31) and Tampa Bay Downs baseball cap (Jan. 28). The full promotional event schedule is available at <http://www.tampabaydowns.com/visitor-information/event-calendars>.

More information can also be found on the track's website for the 10 Days of Festivus Handicapping Contest which runs Dec. 2-23.



Turning for Home at Tampa Bay Downs

Santa Anita



Santa Anita Winter Meet Preview 2016–2017

The Holiday Gift That Keeps Giving

By Steve Sherack

ACTION RETURNS TO SANTA ANITA for the traditional winter meeting the day after Christmas, starting with a power-packed card headed by a quartet of graded stakes races. A pair of Grade 1 events going seven furlongs for 3-year-olds – the Malibu and La Brea – will take center stage opening day on a program that also includes the Mathis Brothers Mile (G2), a one-mile test on grass for sophomores, and the San Simeon (G3) going down the hill for older horses.

Last year, Runhappy put an exclamation point on a championship season with a runaway win in the 2015 Malibu, while Birdatthewire pulled off a 10-1 upset in the female equivalent. Both invaded SoCal from Kentucky. The

2016 Malibu seems to be a likely target for the streaking DREFONG, who, like the aforementioned 2015 champion sprinter, defeated his elders in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Santa Anita's New Year's Eve card is also loaded with a trio of graded races, headed by the popular American Oaks (G1) for 3-year-old fillies on grass. The Oaks, a former summer mainstay at the now defunct Hollywood Park, finds a new slot on the calendar after two straight renewals held in Arcadia on Memorial Day weekend.

Rafael Bejarano put on a show in the jockey standings at last year's winter meeting, scoring with 75 out of 319 mounts (24%). It was a long way back to Flavien Prat (51), and Santiago

Gonzalez (47), who rounded out the trifecta.

Back in the good graces of Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, jockey Martin Garcia, the regular morning partner of Triple Crown hero American Pharoah, could make some noise at the top of the standings. Garcia, who guided home the aforementioned Drefong in the Sprint, rode 21 winners from 144 chances (15%) here a year ago.

"Big Money" Mike Smith figures to be selective with his mounts once again this meet – he was only 13 for 104 here last year – but clearly isn't one to take lightly at the age of 51, especially off his three-bagger at the recently concluded two-day Breeders'

Cup Championships.

Fellow Hall of Famer Gary Stevens will in fact be staying in town and riding first call for Ruis Racing after previously announcing that he would be shifting his tack to Oaklawn Park this winter. The Ruis family campaigns the promising Union Strike, heroine of the Del Mar Debutante (G1) this past summer.

Phil D'Amato will be locked and loaded to defend his training title off the heels of a 41-win season a year ago. The 40-year-old celebrated his first win at the Breeders' Cup with the 8-year-old gelding Obviously in the Turf Sprint and was also represented by Mile third-place finisher Midnight Storm.

Perennial leading trainers Doug O'Neill (34), Jerry Hollendorfer (26), Baffert (23) and Peter Miller (23), second through fourth in last year's standings, will win more than their fair share as usual. But some lower-profile outfits

for bettors to keep an eye on this season include: Tim Yakteen, Mike Puype, Bill Spawr, and Eddie Truman.

It's never too early to start thinking about the 2017 Triple Crown trail and the road to Louisville begins in the Golden State with the Sham (G3) on Jan. 7, and rolls on with the Robert B. Lewis (G3) on Feb. 4; San Vicente (G2) on Feb. 12; San Felipe (G2) on Mar. 11; and Santa Anita Derby (G1) on Apr. 8.

Baffert could have another potential star on his hands in the form of the unbeaten juvenile MASTERY, who made it a perfect 2-for-2 in Del Mar's Bob Hope (G3) in November. Last season the mighty chestnut Dortmund, a disappointing fourth as the heavy favorite in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, dominated in these parts during his sophomore season for Baffert in 2015, rattling off wins in the Robert Lewis, San Felipe and Santa Anita Derby before suffering his first career defeat on the First Saturday in May.

The seven-furlong San Vicente proved to be a key Triple Crown prep race in 2016 with one-two finishers, Nyquist and Exaggerator, doing it again with a repeat finish on the big stage in the Kentucky Derby. Exaggerator, a spectacular winner of the Santa Anita Derby, went on to turn the tables on Nyquist in Baltimore.

Sophomore fillies will also be in the spotlight in Arcadia this winter.

The locally-based duo of CHAMPAGNE ROOM and AMERICAN GAL, first and third in the Juvenile Fillies, could lock horns again on the road to the Santa Anita Oaks (G1) on Apr. 8. Preps for that race include the Santa Ynez (G2) on Jan. 8, Las Virgenes (G2) on Feb. 5, and Santa Ysabel (G3) on Mar. 4. This crop of soon-to-be 3-year-old fillies will have awfully big shoes to fill off the heels of Songbird's brilliant campaign in 2016, which included jaw-dropping wins in the Las Virgenes, Santa Ysabel, and Santa Anita Oaks, as



Mike Smith Should Do Plenty of Celebrating this Season

well as a painful second to Beholder in a Breeders' Cup Distaff for the ages.

There figures to be no lack of star power at this year's Santa Anita meet. High-profile runners likely to be on display exiting the Breeders' Cup include: SONGBIRD and STELLAR WIND (second and fourth in the Distaff); DREFONG (Sprint winner); OBVIOUSLY and OM (first and second Turf Sprint); FINEST CITY (Filly & Mare Sprint winner); AVENGE (third Filly & Mare Turf); MASOCHISTIC (second Sprint); and MIDNIGHT STORM (third Mile).

Other highlights on the stakes schedule include: March 11 Big 'Cap day, featuring the Santa Anita Handicap (G1), Triple Bend (G1), Frank E. Kilroe Mile (G1) and San Felipe. The March 18 Santa Margarita (G1), could possibly lure the mighty Songbird.

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Champagne Room



Bob Baffert