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## UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

**Mudflats** (Tapit), purchased privately following an impressive 3 1/4-length maiden win at third asking in the Aqueduct slop Dec. 8 ([video](#)), moves to the loaded



**Billy Koch**  
*Horsephotos*

Doug O'Neill barn for Saturday's Gil Jerome S. Previously campaigned by trainer Eddie Kenneally on behalf of Pike Place Racing, David Ingordo, and Gainesway Stable, the gray will make his debut in Billy Koch and Gary Fenton's Little Red Feather silks in the one-mile-and-70-yard contest restricted to 3-year-olds at the Big A. "We've wanted to work with Doug for a while, and obviously [his brother] Dennis [O'Neill] has a great eye for talented horses," said Koch when reached by phone

yesterday. "What Doug was able to do last year was pretty incredible. They've pitched a couple of horses to us in the past, and when this guy came across our desk, we thought it was a good opportunity. The nice thing about it is that we're going to find out right away." Fourth after pressing eventual winner Mico Margarita (Run Away and Hide) for most of the way in his six-furlong unveiling at Belmont Sept. 15, Mudflats reported home a well-beaten third behind the promising Delhomme (Dixie Union) and impeccably bred Jerome rival **Long River** (A.P. Indy) when stretched to a mile Oct. 13. **Cont. p3**

## FERRELL CHARGE SERVING IT UP

In 1987, Marc Ferrell attended a hotwalking school at Santa Anita and soon found himself in the employ of Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg, the same time that a then 3-year-old named Alysheba was the star of the show. Twenty-five years down a long and winding road, Ferrell finds himself fully immersed in the Thoroughbred industry and, in the form of **Called to Serve** (Afleet Alex), could make noise in the handicap division in 2013. Ferrell and his advisors found themselves in real tussle at the Keeneland September sale when the Three Chimneys-consigned son of Andover Lady (Kris S.) strode into the ring as [hip 1558](#). Ferrell was admittedly much deeper into his budget when the hammer fell.

"I generally won't spend that kind of money on a single horse--it's pretty much my budget for an entire year to buy a few yearlings," said Ferrell, referring to the \$290,000 he dropped on the colt.

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## DUBAI WORLD CUP CARNIVAL TEN TO FOLLOW

by Kelsey Riley

On Jan. 10, the annual Dubai World Cup Carnival will kick off at Meydan Racecourse. With 11 weeks of racing for purses totaling more than \$37 million, the DWCC--which culminates in the Dubai World Cup card Mar. 30--will attract a colorful cast of runners from around the globe. Below are a list of 10 intriguing horses you can expect to see in action over the next three months.

### **Barbecue Eddie (Stormy Atlantic--The Green Owl, by Carson City)**

Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum  
Breeder: Margaret Addis  
Trainer: Doug Watson



**Barbecue Eddie (outside)**  
*Andrew Watkins Photo*

American racing fans may remember 8-year-old Barbecue Eddie as a Southern California stalwart back in 2007 and 2008, his best result on U.S. soil being a third-place effort in the 2007 GI Ancient Title S. **Cont. p6**

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**Elliott Walden**  
*Horsephotos*

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## HRTV to Provide Eclipse Coverage



**Rick Porter (right) accepts  
Havre de Grace's HOY Award**  
*Horsephotos*

The 42nd annual Eclipse Awards ceremony will be televised live on HRTV Jan. 19 from Gulfstream Park. "We are delighted that the highly talented team of professionals at HRTV will be producing this year's Eclipse Awards show and telecast," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA.

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## TCA Auction This Weekend

The Thoroughbred Charities of America Select Stallion Season Auction will be held Saturday at the Keeneland Entertainment Center. There are 21 stallions featured in the auction.

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Verrazano when he won a MSW at Gulfstream Park by 7 ¾ lengths for Todd Pletcher and Let's Go Stables. He is a half-brother to 2012 Grade 2 Risen Star winner and Kentucky Derby participant El Padrino (Pulpit).

"El Padrino is a very good horse, but this colt is even more impressive." --Todd Pletcher



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**Under New Management cont.**

Freshened and gelded, Mudflats looked like a new horse going seven furlongs over the saturated Aqueduct main track in his latest, earning a very healthy 90 Beyer Speed Figure after stalking and pouncing.

Bred in Kentucky by Gainesway, the first foal from the winning Tale of the Cat mare Sunny Morning went through the ring three times, RNA'ing for \$220,000 as a FTKNOV weanling and \$240,000 as a FTSAUG yearling before finally switching hands for \$150,000 as an OBSMAR juvenile.

"That last race really sold us," Koch replied when asked what stood out the most about Little Red Feather's newest acquisition. "They gelded him before that race--we heard that he was a little tough to handle. He showed hints of ability beforehand, but he really put it all together as a first-time gelding with the addition of blinkers."

"Obviously, for an outfit like us, the fact that he was a gelding, even though the long-term ramifications might not be as high financially for us as a result, allowed us to get in."

Koch enjoys analyzing the unknown when breaking down the past performances.

"Did he just like the off track?," Koch asked. "Was it the fact that he was a new gelding? Was it the blinkers? I think that's what's the most fun about this sport. Hopefully, we'll find out a lot more about him in three days."

Under the watchful eye of his new Southern California-based trainer, Mudflats breezed six furlongs in 1:15.35 over the Belmont training track Dec. 28.

While all systems appear to be a go for his route debut this weekend, Little Red Feather's founder and managing partner is curbing his enthusiasm for the time being.

"Doug was really impressed [after watching him breeze]," Koch commented. "He and [jockey] Junior Alvarado we're really excited about the work. I've been in horseracing for a long time, though. My old baseball coach used to tell me, 'Not too high, not too low.' You have to keep your excitement to a minimum and just stay right in the middle. That way the disappointments aren't as bad and the highs are still high." **Cont. p4**



**Doug O'Neill**  
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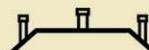
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**TDN Feature Presentation cont.**

Little Red Feather experienced its biggest high courtesy 2004 GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Singletary (Sultry Song). What would it mean to Koch and his crew to have a Triple Crown contender on their hands?

"That's why we're in this business--to try and win big races," he concluded. "To be down this path would mean everything."

With a big effort in the Jerome, it may be time for Koch to start getting excited for the spring.

-Steve Sherack

**Ferrell Charge Serving It Up cont.**

"Specifically that year, I was looking for one or two really nice colts," Ferrell continued. "When my bloodstock agent John O'Hara showed him to me-- every buyer knows when he sees a good horse when you see him physically, when the balance is there, when the shoulder is there, when the hip is there and his mental state. We got in quite a battle to get him and we probably spent \$90,000 than I wanted to. He was one of those that just stood out and a horse that was on everybody's list."



**Called to Serve** MJC/JimMcCue

Turned over to trainer David Hofmans in California, Called to Serve hooked a few toughies his first couple times out, finishing third to Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway) in his debut in December 2011 before a fourth to subsequent GSW Castaway (Street Sense) the following month. But after a dismal 11th in a February turf maiden in his first start for Peter Eurton, he was off for the ultimate equipment change.

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"That's a tough one," Ferrell sighed. "It's a really tough thing to do, but I learned a long time ago that sometimes you have to make those hard decisions. We thought we had a nice horse, but we were told that we were never going to have a racehorse if mentally he continues down this path. His head was just not in it."

Called to Serve won his first two starts after being gelded, but was unplaced in the GII Swaps S. prior to a good third to Mucho Macho (Macho Uno) and Bourbon Courage (Lion Heart) in the GII West Virginia Derby in early August. He followed with a close third in the Oklahoma Derby Sept. 30 ([video](#)), but the pieces still weren't quite fitting, Ferrell admits.

"In those two races, he tried to flip in the gate and was generally a handful, so much so that his handlers were not able to get his tongue tie on him and he was forced to race without it in West Virginia," he explained. "He's so big [16.1 or 16.2, according to Ferrell] that he just throws his head up and declares himself the winner. He was the boss."

Instead of returning to California, Called to Serve was sent to the New York barn of Nick Canani, who was building a public stable after a split with owner Frank Calabrese.

"I was looking for a smaller outfit and someone who has the same philosophy as I do in the owner/trainer relationship," Ferrell stated.

"Of course, I have respect for his father [trainer Julio Canani], so I sent him a couple horses and he did really well with them and the communication was great. I flew out to see the horses and they looked tremendous, so he's really been great."

Ferrell, who has about 20 horses in training, has a world of praise for Canani's hands-on horsemanship.

"I sent him to New York, because I wanted to give him the opportunity to run in some overnight stakes and they don't really have any here in Southern California," he explained. "Nick has probably spent an hour a day with this horse since he's had him jogging him, standing him, walking him, taking him to the track, putting the tongue tie on him. He's really been thriving in New York."

A bit disappointing when nosed out of the win in the Oct. 21 Temperance Hill S. at Belmont Park, Called to Serve figured it all out in the GIII Discovery H. at Aqueduct Nov. 17. Ridden for the first time by Joel Rosario, Called to Serve trailed after a half-mile, but charged home powerfully to hand GISW Willy Beamin (Suave) a 4 3/4-length thrashing ([video](#)). That race served as a prelude to the Broad Brush S. at Laurel Park New Year's Eve, and connections entered the year-end event with the highest of expectations.

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"We were definitely hoping for a repeat of the Discovery," Ferrell offered. "He'd been training really well. His two works since the Discovery were nothing short of amazing, so we knew we were sitting on a big race."

And the results were smashing. Midpack early, Called to Serve rallied stoutly into the stretch and finished full of run for a 5 3/4-length success, earning a career-best 106 Beyer in the process ([video](#)).

"He went out there like a champ and overpowered them," Ferrell commented. "We've always had big expectations for him, it just took him a while to settle down mentally and he is only now figuring this thing out."

So, what's next?

"The major thing is going to be how much this race took out of him," said the former health care professional, who owns VinMar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. "If we move on and run him in five weeks, I believe the [G1] Donn H. [Feb. 9] will be our next spot. Or we could give him a break. It's really going to depend on how the horse is doing over the next three weeks."

From there, Ferrell would like to stretch the scopey gelding out to 10 furlongs. A race like the Mar. 2 G1 Santa Anita H. Mar. could fit the bill, but one race it will not be is the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 30.

"If he continues to develop, that will definitely be a consideration for next year," Ferrell confirmed.

The sky certainly appears the limit.--*Alan Carasso*

**Kelsey Riley's Ten to Follow in Dubai cont.**

He was picked up by Shadwell for the 2009 Carnival, but failed to hit the board in four tries on the dirt at the now-defunct Nad Al Sheba racecourse. The reliable gelding, however, has since found a home on the Meydan Tapeta, winning or placing in 11 of 18 starts over the last two years. This season, Barbecue Eddie has shown he is no worse for his age, winning his first two starts this term in conditions company. While many of his American foes, including Street Boss (Street Cry), Lewis Michael (Rahy) and Benny the Bull (Lucky Lionel) have long since gone to stud, Barbecue Eddie is still plying his trade on the track. And rather successfully, at that. While he has failed to factor in three tries in group company at Meydan, he is a consistent handicapper who will likely be seen a lot throughout the carnival.

**Dandy Boy (Ity) (Danetime {Ire}--Fleet of Light {GB}, by Spectrum {Ire})**

Owner: Malih Lahej Al Basti  
Breeder: Az Ag Rz Emiliana Srl  
Trainer: David Marnane

A one-time winner on the Meydan turf in his first visit to Dubai in 2011, Dandy Boy returned to the carnival last year, but failed to hit the board in three tries. He



**Dandy Boy**  
*Racing Post Photo*

posted marked improvement, however, in the summer in England. He won the Wokingham S. at Royal Ascot June 23 before jumping into Group 1 company. He finished 11th, beaten just 4 3/4 lengths, in the G1 Nunthorpe S. at York Aug. 24, and was a respectable fourth in the G1 Betfred Sprint Cup at

Haydock Sept. 8, beaten 2 3/4 lengths. The 6-year-old appears to have improved with age, and David Marnane knows how to prepare a horse for Dubai.

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**Freezemaster (Aus) (Reset {Aus}--Her Grace, by Northern Flagship)**

Owner: Hippocrates Stable  
Breeder: Bridsan Bloodstock  
Trainer: Steven Burridge

Singapore-based trainer Steven Burridge burst onto the Dubai World Cup Carnival scene last year, winning four of 11 starts in his first season in the Emirates, including the Listed UAE 2000 Guineas Trial with Dark Matter (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}). Therefore, it is worth looking at the quartet of runners that Burridge will bring this year, and the most intriguing of the bunch is the 5-year-old Freezemaster. He has won four times in five starts this year, including a victory over Singapore star filly Better Life (Aus) (Smarty Jones). Better Life went on in her next start to defeat Singapore Triple Crown winner Super Easy (NZ) (Darci Brahma {NZ}) in the G1 Kranji Mile Oct. 7.

**Hitchens (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}—Royal Fizz {Ire}, by Royal Academy)**

Owner: Laurence O’Kain and Paul Murphy  
Breeder: Curragh Bloodstock Agency Ltd  
Trainer: David Barron

Hitchens spent much of the 2012 Carnival trading places with Group 1 winner Krypton Factor, who will be discussed later. After spending his early days campaigning primarily in England, Hitchens ventured to Dubai for the first time last year, and the results were encouraging. He bested Krypton Factor in the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint Feb. 3 before finishing behind his rival in his next two outings: a second-place effort in the G3 Mahab al Shimaal S. Mar. 10, and a fourth-place finish in the Golden Shaheen Mar. 31. Hitchens returned to England for the summer and campaigned with some success, winning the Listed Chris Blackwell Memorial Hopeful S. at Newmarket Aug. 25. He has not been seen since finishing ninth in the G1 Betfred Sprint Cup at Haydock Sept. 8. *Cont. p8*



**Hitchens**  
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**Igugu (Aus) (Galileo {Ire}--Zarinia {Ire}, by Intikhab)**  
 Owner: Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum  
 Breeder: Kia Ora Stud  
 Trainer: Mike de Kock

Mike de Kock is another conditioner who must always be respected at the Dubai World Cup Carnival, and his star attraction this year is expected to be Igugu. The 6-year-old mare, named South Africa's Horse of the Year, has captured her country's two most important racing events: the G1 Durban July in 2011 and the G1 J & B Met this year. The champion trainer will also unveil a handful of former Coolmore recruits this year, including consistent top-level galloper **Await the Dawn** (Giant's Causeway); last year's UAE Derby winner **Daddy Long Legs** (Scat Daddy); and the Group 2-winning and Group 1-placed juvenile **David Livingston (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}).

**Interpret (Distorted Humor--Quendom {Arg}, by Interpretre {Arg})**

Owner: Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed al Maktoum  
 Breeder: Alessandro Miserocchi  
 Trainer: Musabah al Muhairi

A half-brother to 2006 U.S. Horse of the Year and 2007 G1 Dubai World Cup winner Invasor (Arg) (Candy Stripes), the 4-year-old Interpret has had a late start to his career, but has quickly begun to make up for lost time.

Second on debut over the Meydan Tapeta Nov. 8, Interpret came back two weeks later to again finish second by four lengths, this time to the highly rated Surfer (see below). Interpret followed that effort with a 10 1/2-length victory over the dirt at Jebel Ali Dec. 14.

**In the Spotlight (Ind) (Alnasr Alwasheek {GB}--Radiate {Ind}, by Placerville)**

Owner: Capt. Jamshed J. Appoo  
 Breeder: Poonawalla Estate Stud & Agri Farm  
 Trainer: Sadakshara Reuben Padmanabhan

A six-time Classic winner in her native India, In the Spotlight is one of the most highly anticipated invaders for this year's carnival. Because not many Indian horses have competed internationally, it is difficult to interpret her form, but trainer Sadakshara Reuben Padmanabhan is confident in his filly's abilities. "I have no doubt about her ability to perform on the big stage," Padmanabhan told *Gulf News*. "She is not only a star of Indian racing, but she is probably the best horse I have ever trained, and I have trained close to 150 grade or group winners. She is very special. She's better than the horses I have brought to Dubai before. She's way ahead of them." Padmanabhan also told *Gulf News* that his primary concern is running his filly on a left-handed course at Meydan for the first time. He did note, however, that she has been training well left-handed while in quarantine. In the Spotlight is slated for her first Dubai test in a handicap at Meydan Jan. 17. **Cont. p9**

## The best 3YO in 2010

Eclipse Award & Classic winner, he joined the elite company of **SECRETARIAT**, **SEATTLE SLEW**, **AFFIRMED** and **SPECTACULAR BID** as the only Eclipse champion 2YO males who have managed a repeat for divisional honors at three years.

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Her long-term goal is the G3 Dubai Gold Cup on the Dubai World Cup card.

**Maritimer (Stormy Atlantic--Highland Mood, by Highland Ruckus)**

Owner: Ramzan Kadyrov  
Breeder: Howard Walton  
Trainer: Seth Benzel

Canada's 2011 Champion 2-year-old, Maritimer was sold to Ramzan Kadyrov prior to the start of the 2012 Dubai World Cup Carnival. He made just one start in the Emirates, finishing a dismal 11th of 14 in the UAE Derby for trainer Herman Brown, and was subsequently returned to North America and transferred to Seth Benzel. The strapping dark bay finished fifth after traveling wide and tiring in his reappearance in the 1 1/16-mile GII Autumn S. at Woodbine Nov. 10.

**Krypton Factor (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}--Cool Question {GB}, by Polar Falcon)**

Owner: Fawzi Abdulla Nass  
Breeder: Lady Fairhaven  
Trainer: Fawzi Abdulla Nass

Owner/trainer Fawzi Nass experienced a banner year in 2012, largely due to the exploits of Krypton Factor. After a reasonably useful Meydan campaign in 2011-- where he went winless in six tries, but placed three times--Krypton Factor came back stronger than ever last year as a 4-year-old. He kicked off 2012 as a 100-rated Group 3-placed horse, and five starts later he was a 117-rated Group 1 winner, taking the G1 Golden Shaheen on the Mar. 31 Dubai World Cup card. That marked the first victory at the highest level for Nass, who also stables runners in England and his homeland of Bahrain. In total, Krypton Factor recorded three wins and two second-place finishes in five starts at last year's Carnival. If his consistency carries over, he should be a force to be reckoned with this winter.



**Krypton Factor**  
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**The best mares in 2011**



**LOOKIN AT LUCKY**

Market Watch's leading young sire of 2011 by both Class Performance Index and Comparable Index.

**CPI - 2012 First Foals**

Sire	2011 CPI	Mares Bred
Lookin At Lucky	5.37	156
Quality Road	5.01	149
Blame	4.24	109
Eskendereya	3.90	137

**CI - 2012 First Foals**

Sire	2011 CI	Mares Bred
Lookin At Lucky	3.25	156
Blame	3.19	109
Eskendereya	3.05	137
Quality Road	2.90	149

Source: Bloodhorse Marketwatch, Nov 2011; Class Performance Index (CPI) - a measure of the quality of mares as racehorses. Comparable Index (CI) - a measure of the production quality of a stallion's book of mares.



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Dubai Top 10 cont.

**Surfer (Distorted Humor--Surf Club, by Ocean Crest)**

Owner: Zabeel Racing International

Breeder: Darley

Trainer: Satish Seemar

Surfer, who made his first five starts in England as a juvenile in 2011, last year earned himself the not-so-proud distinction as the highest-rated maiden in racing. Kicking off the 2012 Carnival with a rating of 99, Surfer quickly rose through the ranks while competing on the all-weather at Meydan. A fourth-place



**Surfer**

*Andrew Watkins Photo*

effort while wide throughout in the G3 UAE 2000 Guineas saw his rating climb to 102, and he justified that number next out when finishing second in the Listed Al Bastakiya S.--the local prep for the G2 UAE Derby--after yet another heartbreaking wide trip.

Although he shot up to 106 off that run, it was not enough to get him into the UAE Derby.



Surfer justified the confidence of his connections, however, by breaking his maiden in his first start of the 2012-2013 season at Meydan on Nov. 22 when dropped back to the company of non-winners for the first time since Sept. 2011. The half-brother to crack U.S. sprinter Emcee (Unbridled's Song) came back to record a double Dec. 20 in a conditions stakes at Meydan, and as a soon-to-be 4-year-old at the 2013 Dubai World Cup Carnival, he looks to have a world of potential.

# NEWS TODAY

**HARLAN'S HOLIDAY SETS EARNINGS MARK**

WinStar stallion **Harlan's Holiday** (Harlan--Christmas in Aiken, by Affirmed) established a North American juvenile earnings record in 2012, with his 2-year-olds earning \$2,954,556 during the year. The previous record of \$2,811,337 was set in 2008 by Gainesway's Tapit. "We are extremely pleased with Harlan's Holiday," said WinStar President and CEO Elliott Walden. "The neat thing about him is he just turned 14, so the best is yet to come. His books and mares continue to improve each year." Harlan's Holiday's 2-year-old runners last year were led by GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Shanghai Bobby.

**The best price by a first-crop weanling sire in 2012**

**\$500,000**

**LOOKIN AT LUCKY**

**5-time Gr.1 winner by Smart Strike**

**"I've seen Lookin at Lucky at Ashford and been very impressed with him. This foal was very similar to his father with very good limbs and a great walk."**

Grant Pritchard-Gordon of Badgers Bloodstock on the colt out of Gr.1 winner Yesterday he purchased at Keeneland Nov.




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Letters  
TO THE EDITOR

Bill,

I read your recent article about whether to include "Jump Earnings" in the sire's list with great interest. Although I agree that they should not be included, it still amazes me that these lists still discriminate against countries like Japan and Hong Kong (and Korea). These lists also discriminate against earnings from Southern Hemisphere-sired foals.

As breeders, we welcome buyers from these countries when they attend our sales. In addition, we also encourage them to send their best horses to the Breeders' Cup races. More and more North American stallions are being shuttled to the Southern Hemisphere as this world keeps growing smaller.

We also count the money earned from the Dubai World Cup races, as we should. Therefore, the argument that Japan's earnings should not be counted because they are "inflated" is ridiculous.

As an example, Smarty Jones's progeny earnings for 2012 was over \$5.8 million, including 10 stakes winners and 17 stakes wins, including two Grade Is.

However, the *Blood-Horse* has him listed as 45th on the General Sire list, with earnings at just under \$5.1 million. This is a difference of over \$725,000!!! That is also a 14% reduction in earnings that are not being counted.

In this global economy, we need to stop adding asterisks when they are not necessary. It is time for a united front on not just "Jump Earnings," but all money earned in the world on the "Flat."

Respectfully,  
Randy P. Brungard

**A # will distinguish first-time stakes-winners, a @ will indicate first-time graded stakes-winners, a ▲ will denote a first-time Grade/Group 1 winner, a + will indicate first-time starters.**

Comments on  
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**GAMBLING LOSSES EXEMPT FROM LIMITS**

Federal legislation passed this week by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives exempts wagering losses from the newly enacted limitation on itemized deductions. "I salute our legislative team in Washington," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, which lobbied for the exemption. "They not only identified this key issue for members of Congress while various fiscal cliff proposals were in their early stages, the team also proposed a solution that was ultimately adopted. While the outcome of these latest negotiations can be viewed as a victory for horseplayers, the issue of comprehensive tax reform is expected to be taken up later this year. The NTRA will continue to work closely on this issue and others affecting horse racing and breeding."

**ECLIPSE AWARDS TO AIR LIVE ON HRTV**

The 42nd annual Eclipse Awards ceremony will be televised live on HRTV Jan. 19 from Gulfstream Park. Live coverage will also be available via Racetrack Television Network and DRF.com. Coverage will air from 8-10:30 p.m. Jeannine Edwards returns to host the ceremony for the second straight year.

"We are delighted that the highly talented team of professionals at HRTV will be producing this year's Eclipse Awards show and telecast," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA. "And we are every bit as proud to have Jeannine Edwards back again as our host. Jeannine is a universally admired figure within our industry, and she did a first-rate job hosting the event a year ago."

HRTV President Scott Daruty added, "It's an honor for HRTV to be involved with the broadcast of the Eclipse Awards, which recognizes outstanding accomplishments of both equine and human stars during a tremendous 2012 racing season. Our outstanding production team is committed to providing viewers with complete coverage of a memorable evening."

HRTV will also televise the announcement of the Eclipse Awards finalists this Saturday at noon.

**NTRA REPORT  
FROM CAPITOL HILL**



**WAGERING LOSSES EXEMPT FROM  
NEW LIMIT ON DEDUCTIONS**

Following targeted lobbying from the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), "Fiscal Cliff" legislation passed yesterday by both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives contained language in Section 68 (c)(3) of the tax code that exempts wagering losses from being subject to the newly enacted limitation on itemized deductions. (Click here for more details on the taxation of gambling winnings.)

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For more information contact Joe Bacigalupo, director of membership development, (859) 422-2677 or visit [www.SupportHorseRacing.org](http://www.SupportHorseRacing.org).

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Sean Feld**

- Wintergreen Stallion Station announced yesterday that Sean Feld has been named Managing Director of Bullet Train, LLC.
- The 26-year-old graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in agricultural economics. He previously was employed at Spendthrift Farm.
- Feld will be responsible for all aspects of the management of Bullet Train (GB) (Sadler's Wells), a 3/4-brother to champion Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), and will work in conjunction with the talented team already in place at Wintergreen.
- "Sean is a highly respected member of the Thoroughbred racing and breeding community and we are delighted to have his extensive sales experience and keen industry awareness with us at Wintergreen," said the Stallion Station's owner John Greely, IV. "We think Bullet Train is going to be an important stallion for Kentucky, and Sean will enhance his chances for success."

**TODAY'S INSIGHTS**

2:37p HRTV 5th-GPX, \$52K, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f  
Cheyenne Stables' **VARISIMO** ([Unbridled's Song](#)), a full-sister to MGISW Octave, returns after nearly a year on the sidelines. In her only start, the Todd Pletcher-trained 4-year-old was fifth at Gulfstream last January. Also returning off a layoff for her second start is Peter Blum's homebred **Adream** ([Bernardini](#)), a debut fifth at Monmouth July 21. The 5-year-old Allen Iwinski trainee is a half to MGISW Dream Rush (Wild Rush). Stoneway Farm's **Ayita** ([Thunder Gulch](#)), a half to MGISW Sassy Image (Hennessy) looks to improve on a sixth-place effort at Churchill in her Nov. 14 debut for Tom Proctor. [Brisnet.com PPs](#)



**OPEN HOUSE**

WHERE: Crestwood Farm  
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## Central U.S.

### TCA Auction Set for Saturday:

The Thoroughbred Charities of America Select Stallion Season Auction will be held Saturday at the Keeneland Entertainment Center. The cocktail party will begin at 6:30 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres and dinner followed by the auction at 8:15 p.m. There are 21 stallions featured in the auction. In addition to the stallion seasons, items up for auction include a weekend stay in the WinStar Farm guest house; a Triple Crown ticket package; a sports package featuring tickets to the Breeders' Cup, a NASCAR Nationwide Series Race, Keeneland and the Indianapolis 500; winner's choice of select John Deere equipment; two Los Cabos vacations; a New York City getaway; and an African safari. Bidding on non-season items is available until Friday on [www.biddingforgood.com/tcauction](http://www.biddingforgood.com/tcauction).

During the evening, the Belmont Child Care Association will be honored with the TCA Industry Service Award and Frank Stronach will be honored with the TCA Leadership Award.

The Select Stallion Season Auction will be preceded by a telephone auction to be held Jan. 3-4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. The majority of TCA's seasons will be sold during the telephone auction with the select seasons going into the live auction. The telephone auction hotline is (859) 276-4989. For a complete list of seasons or to purchase tickets for the Select Stallion Season Auction please visit [www.tca.org](http://www.tca.org) or call (859) 276-4989.

### Margaux Farm to Host Seminar Saturday:

Margaux Farm will host the seminar "Developing a Racehorse...Weaning to Winning" at the Keeneland Sales Pavilion Saturday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. The panel will be moderated by owner, breeder and trainer Edd Roggenkamp and guests will include trainer Kellyn Gorder; former jockey Chris McCarron; trainer Wayne Mackey; Haygard surgeon Dwayne Rodgerson DVM; trainer Alex Clarkson; and the Margaux staff.

"We are putting on a show that will educate and involve the audience," said Michael Hardy, manager of Margaux Farm. "We want to help owners, particularly those new to racing, understand everything that goes into making it to the winners circle."

The seminar is free and open to the public.

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### IN BRITAIN:

**Kung Hei Fat Choy**, g, 4, [Elusive Quality](#)--Lady Succeed (Jpn), by Brian's Time. Wolverhampton, Britain, 1-2, Hcp, 4yo/up, 7f 32yds (AWT). B-Gilgai Farm.

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## BRIS Speed Ratings

### Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
<b>Itsmyluckyday</b>	Lawyer Ron	Gulfstream Park Derby	111
<b>Called to Serve</b>	Afleet Alex	Broad Brush S.	109
<b>Il Villano</b>	Pollard's Vision	Dave's Friend S.	109
<b>Kauai Katie</b>	Malibu Moon	Old Hat S.-G3	106
<b>Comma to the Top</b>	Bwana Charlie	Daytona S.	103
<b>Teddy's Promise</b>	Salt Lake	Kalookan Queen S.	101
<b>Arena Elvira</b>	Ghostzapper	Ladies H.	100
<b>Successful Song</b>	Successful Appeal	Ocala S.	99
<b>Arlo</b>	Defrere	Auld Lang Syne S.	98
<b>Nicole H</b>	Mr. Greeley	Interborough S.	98
<b>Qaraaba (GB)</b>	Shamardal	Robert J Frankel S.-G3	98
<b>Sunbean</b>	Brahms	Louisiana Futurity	98
<b>Indiano</b>	Indian Charlie	Mr. Prospector S.-G3	97
<b>Populist Politics</b>	Don't Get Mad	B-Connected S.	94
<b>Az Ridge</b>	Toccet	Luke Krutbosch S.	92
<b>Merit Man</b>	With Distinction	Spectacular Bid S.	92
<b>Sittin at the Bar</b>	Into Mischief	Louisiana Futurity	92
<b>On Down the Road</b>	Desert God	Albert Dominguez Memorial H.	90
<b>Tutti paesi (IRE)</b>	Clodovil (IRE)	Ginger Brew S.	90
<b>Avare</b>	Johannesburg	Eddie Logan S.	89
<b>Luzianna Man</b>	El Corredor	Holiday Cheer S.	88
<b>Appealing Stella</b>	Closing Argument	Minaret S.	87
<b>Sky High Gal</b>	Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)	Blue Norther S.	87
<b>Alpha Mike Foxtrot</b>	Two Punch	Maryland Juvenile Championship S.	86

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## IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

### [Nathan Tinkler vows to put Queensland training base back on track](#)

"Stewards had swooped on the Gold Coast hinterland property, concerned by the scratching of all Patinack Farm-owned runners from the feature Doomben meeting last Saturday. Tinkler, who blames recent flooding rather than financial woes for the problems, says he has bold plans to enhance and expand his Queensland racing and breeding operation." **Ben Dorries, The Courier Mail**

### [Punters take centre stage at turf club](#)

"Guests who would normally splurge at least \$150 on entry, food, drinks and betting at the track can instead party in the BYO infield for as little as \$75 each. The offering is similar to other racecourses around the world, including the famous Kentucky Derby in Louisville, where up to 80,000 revellers pack the infield every year for an outrageous party away from the traditional thoroughbred racing socialites in trackside grandstands." **Tanya Westthorp, goldcoast.com.au**

### **NEWS FROM THE GAMING WORLD:**

[New Jersey governor urged to sign gambling bill](#) After helping to get proposed legislation approved just before Christmas that could see New Jersey legalise intra-state online casino gambling, four members of the New Jersey Senate have now written to Governor Chris Christie urging him to sign the measure into law. Known as S1565, the submitted legislation is similar to last year's S490 proposition that was eventually vetoed by the Republican governor. **iGaming Business**



# ROOKIES

## First-crop starters to watch: Thurs., Jan. 3

Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2008 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/  
BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)

**CIRCULAR QUAY** (Thunder Gulch), Journeyman, \$13K, 89/10/1  
8-GP, Msw, 6f, Thunder Quay, \$90K OBS APR 2yo, 6-1

**COWTOWN CAT** (Distorted Humor), Journeyman, \$8K, 72/14/0  
5-CT, Aoc, 4 1/2f, Redskinsandcowboys, \$13K EAS MAY 2yo, 5-1

**CURLIN** (Smart Strike), Lanes End, \$75K, 218/15/0

9-GP, Aoc, 1 1/16m, Flash Forward, \$180K KEE SEP yrl, 8-1

**GOTTCHA GOLD** (Coronado's Quest), Ocala Stud, \$5K, 59/10/0

8-GP, Msw, 6f, Shenandoah Bound, \$7K OBS AUG yrl, 10-1

5-CT, Aoc, 4 1/2f, Shuttlecock, 8-1

**THE GREEN MONKEY** (Forestry), Hartley DeRenzo, \$5K, 29/5/0

8-GP, Msw, 6f, Valerie'sgreeniet, 10-1

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## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### BLACK-TYPE RESULTS:

**CLASICO ANO NUEVO S.**, \$56,000, CMR, 1-1, 3yo, f,  
7f, 1:26 3/5, ft.

1--**#LIGHT CAT**, 118, f, 3, by **Indygo Shiner**--Delighted  
Cat, by Storm Cat. (\$8,000 2yo '12 OBSAPR).

O-Eterna Luz Stable; B-Dr John R Cummins (KY);

T-Javier E Gonzalez; J-Juan C Diaz. \$32,480.

Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$44,380.

**Hip 917** - Half-sister selling at KeeJan with TAYLOR MADE

2--**Score Classy**, 118, f, 3, **Even the Score**--Sky, by  
Menifee. (\$7,000 yrl '11 KEESEP). O-Establo Villa  
Real. \$11,200.

3--**Balmaran**, 118, f, 3, **Yes It's True**--Free Space, by  
Aldebaran. (\$9,500 yrl '11 OBSAUG; \$27,000 RNA  
wlng '10 KEENOV). O-Establo Carmen Anita; \$5,600.

Margins: 3, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.40, 4.70, 8.85.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

In **Daniel's Boots**, g, 5, **Double Honor**--Naturally Clever,  
by Clever Trick. TAM, 1-2, 6f, 1:11 4/5. B-Pink  
Diamond Stable (FL).

## BREEDERS' EDITION EUROPE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**BRITAIN**, Kempton Park, 16.50, £7,250, 4yo/up, 7f  
(AWT), 1:34.29, stn.

**SPIRIT OF SHARJAH (IRE)** (g, 8, **Invincible Spirit {Ire}**--  
**Rathbawn Realm {Ire}**, by Doulab) Lifetime Record:  
MSW & MGSP-GB, 54-8-2-5, £129,575. O-A Dee;  
B-Mrs Kathleen Reynolds; T-Julia Feilden. \*8,000gns  
wnlg '05 TATDEC. \*\*1/2 to Great Gift (Ire) (Simply  
Great {Fr}), Ch. 3yo-Hol, MSW-Hol.



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### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

+ **Amadeus Call (Ire)**, f, 3, **Amadeus Wolf (GB)**--Call Me  
the Breeze (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Pisa, Italy, 1-1,  
Mdn, 3yo, 6fT. B-Al Robiati SAS.

**Outbid (GB)**, f, 3, **Auction House**--Thicket (GB), by  
Wolfhound. Lingfield, Britain, 1-2, Mdn, 3-5yo,  
5f (AWT). B-Llety Stud. \*1/2 to Dijarvo (GB) (Iceman  
{GB}), SW-Fr & GSP-US.

**Captain Starlight (Ire)**, c, 3, **Captain Marvelous (Ire)**--  
Jewell In the Sky (Ire), by Sinndar (Ire). Kempton  
Park, Britain, 1-2, Mdn, 3-5yo, 1m (AWT). B-David  
Bourke. \*€10,000 yrl '11 GOFSP.

**Rangi (GB)**, c, 3, **New Approach (Ire)**--Miss Queen, by  
Miswaki. Lingfield, Britain, 1-2, Mdn, 3-4yo,  
7f (AWT). B-Sheikh Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa.  
\*125,000gns yrl '11 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Mandobi  
(Ire) (Mark of Esteem {Ire}), SP-GB & UAE,  
\$228,355; Chateau Istana (GB) (Grand Lodge),  
GSW-GB, \$127,643; and Prince of Light (Ire)  
(Fantastic Light) GSW-GB, \$172,859.

### • ON THE WORKTAB •

BETFAIR HOLLYWOOD PARK

Really Mr Greely (Horse Greeley), 4f, :49.60, 27/37

PALM MEADOWS

Howe Great (Hat Trick {Jpn}), 4fT, :49.65, 9/12

Lucky Chappy (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), 4fT, :49.65, 9/12

SANTA ANITA

Blonde Fog (Divine Park), 5f, 1:00.60, 3/11