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## FACTIONS REACT TO DEEPENING CRISIS

Italian racing's dire situation has been brought to the attention of the wider public over the past few days with a series of high-profile demonstrations by industry



Outside the Tordivale trotting track, which has been closed since Feb. 1. The sign says: Eight months without money. We are starving.

professionals across the country. Bringing the areas around Rome and the main motorway between Firenze and Bologna to a near standstill, protesters on horseback continued a spell of disruption which also saw a march on the capital's Piazza Settembre and gatherings outside Napoli's football stadium and Milan's famed San Siro. With no payments to the industry since June and the subsequent dissolution of the racing bodies Unire and

Assi, the financing of racing is under the control of the Minister of Agriculture and Economy, and has been held up by bureaucracy and the added complication of the upcoming general election in three weeks' time. The latest chaos has revived scenes of early last year, when the country witnessed a near 40-day blackout period in the racing calendar in response to a proposed 40% cut in prize money. Despite the promise made by the Minister of Agriculture and Economy to unblock €30 million to pay July and August installments, it is expected that no transactions will take place in the immediate future and there is no indication as to when the remainder of last year's funds will be released.

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## IT'S A BOY FOR GOLDIKOVA

Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's champion **Goldikova (Ire)** (Anabaa--Born Gold, by Blushing Groom {Fr}) produced her first foal, a colt by leading sire Galileo (Ire), last Sunday at Coolmore Stud in Ireland. The 8-year-old mare will be bred back to Galileo. She became the first horse in history to win three Breeders' Cup races, taking consecutive renewals of the GI BC Mile 2008-10. Goldikova's dam Born Gold, who produced Group 1 winner Galikova (Fr) to the cover



**Goldikova**  
Reed Palmer

of Galileo, will visit Redoute's Choice (Aus) this year. A two-time Eclipse Award winner, Goldikova earned Cartier Horse of the Year honors in 2010. The bay captured 17 of 27 career starts, including 14 victories at the highest level, and earned over \$7.1 million.



**op/ed**  
by bill finley

## CLAIM AFTER THE RACE, NOT BEFORE

When the claiming horse who had been winning for \$25,000 is in for \$10,000 after a six-month layoff, is the trainer trying to steal a purse or dump damaged goods on another stable? It's like a poker game, only these chips aren't made of plastic. They're horses and it's appalling that the very nature of the claiming game incentivizes trainers to run unsound horses in an attempt to dupe their competitors.

Fairly or unfairly, high-profile trainers Bob Baffert and Doug O'Neill have come under heavy fire recently for dropping horses in class within the claiming ranks, only to have their horses break down and be put down. They're not alone. Taking risky chances with horses in claiming races has been around forever and it's one of the ugliest aspects of the business.

Yet, as with so many things in horse racing, we have been told, "Sorry, but it's just part of the game." The industry is, thankfully, learning that that tired refrain will no longer be accepted by an American public that has had it with the sport's reluctance to clean up the mess. There are always going to be fatalities and they can happen in the Kentucky Derby as well as the \$3,000 claimer at Finger Lakes. **Cont. p3**

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**Soldat**  
Adam Coglianese

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## From the Desk of Bill Oppenheim: For Your Consideration

In this week's column, Bill Oppenheim continues to talk APEX, and unveils 14 stallions around the globe not to overlook, leading off with Darley's **Any Given Saturday**, sire of the unbeaten stakes winner Princess Arabella. "With the accompanying minimal fanfare, Any Given Saturday improved to seventh on the 2012 North American second-crop sire list, with 55 winners, including seven black-type winners, and the earners of over \$2.6-million. Though as yet he still has no graded/group stakes winners, he's already had 10 winners in 2013, and ranks second only to Lawyer Ron (sire of GIII Holy Bull S. winner Itsmyluckyday, over Shanghai Bobby) on the admittedly very early 2013 Third-Crop Sire List by Year-to-Date Earnings."

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## Wednesday's Insights

★ "TDN Rising Star" ★ Discreet Dancer (Discreet Cat) makes his first start since finishing third as the chalk in last term's GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. in a Gulfstream optional claimer today at Gulfstream Park.



**Discreet Dancer**  
Adam Coglianese

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#### Factions React to Crisis cont.

Monday will see a meeting between the governing authority and the representatives of the racing world in order to find a solution, against the backdrop of the closure of the main trotting tracks in Rome, Milan and Naples. Flat racing has also suffered, with the latter's track also shut down and Firenze having missed its autumn meeting. Historical Livorno racecourse faces an uncertain future, while the management of the Capannelle and San Siro circuits have serious financial issues of their own. Italian racing has been financed by revenue from betting, but in the last five years, this has fallen from nearly €3 million to just €1 million and at present, betting on racing sits at around 1% of the country's total gambling expenditure. Plans to reform betting are still up in the air, as it is currently under the control of Aams, which is now part of the Custom department and the immediate concern is to avoid the spectre of bankruptcy.

Comments on  
today's paper



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#### Finley op/ed cont.

That's a problem, but the answer is to do absolutely everything possible to keep the horses and the jockeys safe.

And when it comes to claiming races and stopping trainers from doing something unscrupulous, there's actually an easy fix. The horses should be claimed after the race and not before.

Once a race is run, every horse that broke from the gate can be claimed within 10 minutes of the official sign being posted. No claims will be accepted before the race. That way, all incentive to run damaged horses in a claiming race has been taken away from the trainers and owners. The horse has to be fit and healthy enough to run well in the race they've been entered in. Otherwise, no one is going to claim them. If you run an unfit or infirm horse that can't perform, runs poorly, or, worse yet, gets injured it's coming back to your barn every time. So why do so?

Claiming after the race would also protect bettors. No one likes betting on a 3-5 shot that comes from a high-percentage stable that is dropping in class only to watch the horse get eased. On the flip side, no one would try to "put one over." Run a horse you know is worth \$40,000, is healthy and ready to run, for \$20,000 and you'll lose the horse every time. Trainers would be forced to enter horses where they belong.

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The system in place now is like someone trying to sell a used car, but not allowing the prospective buyer to take a test drive or look under the hood. The buyer also has no recourse to return the car if it breaks down the instant he gets it on the road. Do that and a lot of people would be dumping bad cars on gullible buyers. As unimaginable as that may sound, that's exactly how claiming racing works.

In New York, which is far ahead of the pack when it comes to its proactive approach to safety and integrity issues, they've been taking steps to alleviate the problem. The claim is voided if the horse is euthanized during the race and the new owner has the option of voiding the claim if the horse must be vanned off the track. It's a start, but not enough. You can still run an infirm horse and probably get away with it getting around the racetrack without anything terrible happening to it.

With so much money out there in purses, particularly at the slots tracks, going to "cheap" horses some trainers are trying to squeeze everything they can out of a horse to win one last purse. That creates problems, problems that haven't gone unnoticed in the general media.

Like with so many things in racing, there is no magic bullet when it comes to fixing the problems the claiming game creates. The answer isn't to get rid of them. They're an excellent way of making races good, competitive betting events. The answer is to create a better system, one that takes the game-playing out of the equation.

## IN OTHER NEWS...

A Daily Roundup of Racing Articles in Other Media

### A Call to Action

"But sports betting--which, ironically enough, is much fairer than lotteries or slot machines and involves more skill--allows politicians to express their inner puritan. Of course, politicians are also responding to the influence of the major professional sports leagues. The leagues insist that legalized betting will make people suspect that games are fixed, thus harming their brands. Yet in Vegas, billions are wagered legally on sports every year, apparently without ill effect, and legal sports betting in Great Britain doesn't seem to dim anyone's passion for Premier League soccer." **James Surowiecki, The New Yorker**

### U.S. Justice Department dismisses N.J.'s claim that sports betting ban is unconstitutional

"But in the brief, the Department of Justice says the law's provisions 'are rational methods of achieving Congress' purposes of stopping the spread of wagering and of guarding the integrity of athletic competitions.'" **Brent Johnson, The Star-Ledger**

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6	Hunter's Light (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	De Sousa	bin Suroor	126
7	Zain Shamardal (Ire)	Shamardal	Ffrench	Al Raihe	126
8	Mendip 	Harlan's Holiday	Fallon	bin Suroor	126
9	So Beautiful (Fr)	Zamindar	Dobbs	Watson	124
10	Jamr (GB)	Sinspiel (Ire)	Durcan	bin Shafya	126
11	Surfer	Distorted Humor	Mullen	Seemar	124
12	Mushreq (Aus)	Flying Spur (Aus)	Hanagan	de Kock	126

Look for the  throughout the TDN graded stakes entries, denoting Keeneland sales graduates.



**OMISSION:** A story in Tuesday's TDN about the disqualification of Sign (Pulpit) from her victory in the GII Pocahontas S. Oct. 28 at Churchill included only a partial statement from her connections, owner/breeders Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider and trainer Al Stall Jr. Below is the relevant paragraph from their statement.

Mr. Stall and the owners of Sign respectfully but strongly disagree with the Stewards' Ruling. They plan to seek review at the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission as permitted by the Regulations. Sign tested positive for a trace amount of Methocarbamol, a Class C medication. The evidence before the Stewards, in the form of sworn testimony by the trainer and the veterinarian, was that Sign had never been administered this medication in training or her pre-race regimen. This was likewise reflected in the veterinary records voluntarily produced to the Stewards.

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Dear Breeder,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a couple of reasons why we chose to stand Congrats in 2013. WinStar has committed ~~4~~ mares to the horse this year. In fact, three of them were booked prior to the horse being moved. WinStar, like any other breeder, must carefully choose stallions for our mares in order to maximize profit and opportunity. Given what Congrats has accomplished already, I feel very strongly the horse has enormous potential and therefore represents great value today.

Comparing Congrats with one of the best sons of A.P. Indy, Bernardini, we see that their first-crop statistics are very comparable. **The key difference being** the opportunity that was afforded to Bernardini versus Congrats; one was a \$100,000 stallion standing in KY that bred a book of mares with a C.I. of 5.68, while the other was standing for \$12,500 in FL that bred a book of mares with a C.I. of 1.76. The bottom line is Congrats moves his mares up dramatically. Also, he was one of only 6 U.S. based stallions to sire 2 or more G1 winners on dirt in 2012, re-emphasizing his rank among the top of his generation.

The other very important factor to consider is what the landscape will be like in 2015 when it's time to sell the yearlings. For Congrats, it will mean his largest (205 mares bred in 2011) and best quality (mares bred 2011, C.I. of 2.43) crop of 3yo's on the track. When that applies to a stallion that has his proven aptitude, it makes for some very compelling reasons to get behind him this coming breeding season.

Again, as I said before and as in any commercial business, we are trying to buy low and sell high, and the stage is set to sell high by breeding to Congrats in 2013. My team and I look forward to discussing your mating plans with you.

Sincerely,

*Elliott Walden*



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# NEWS TODAY

## SOLDAT RETIRED

Multiple graded stakes winner **Soldat** (War Front--Le Relais, by Coronado's Quest) has been retired after suffering a suspensory injury while preparing for Saturday's GI Donn H. The 5-year-old, owned by Harvey Clarke, Craig Robertson III, Paul Braverman and Namcook Stable, won the 2003 GIII With Anticipation S. and concluded his 2-year-old campaign with a runner-up effort in the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. He transferred his success to the main track as a sophomore, winning the GII Fountain of Youth S. In his final career start, the Kieran McLaughlin trainee was a close-up fourth in the Jan. 13 GIII Hal's Hope S. "He had a great career," said Clarke, who purchased the dark bay for \$180,000 as a Keeneland September yearling in 2009. "We always try to do what's best for the horse, so we decided he had done enough." On the board in eight of 12 starts, Soldat retires with four wins and earnings of \$622,760. Stud plans have not been finalized.



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## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Checking in 25th on the freshman sire list is pretty much guaranteed to torpedo a sire's commercial standing, so when Darley's **Any Given Saturday** occupied that spot on the 2011 North American list, it looked like the writing might have been on the wall. But



**Any Given Saturday's undefeated and stakes-winning daughter Princess Arabella**  
*Coady photography*

we might have been reading the wrong message. With the accompanying minimal fanfare, Any Given Saturday improved to seventh on the 2012 North American second-crop sire list ([click here](#)), with 55 winners, including seven black-type winners, and the earners of over \$2.6-million. Though as yet he still has no graded/group stakes

winners, he's already had 10 winners in 2013, and ranks second only to **Lawyer Ron** (sire of GIII Holy Bull S. winner Itsmyluckyday, over Shanghai Bobby) on the admittedly very early 2013 Third-Crop Sire List by Year-to-Date Earnings. In APEX terms, after scoring a blank with his first 2-year-olds in 2011, he had 12 ABC Runners last year (eight 3-year-olds, four 2-year-olds). We're always saying, sometimes you have to wait until they have 4-year-olds before you really know about a sire. The jury is still out, but the 2013 fee is \$7,500, and at worst, he's a lot more useful than it first looked.

The same is true, only more so, for Shadwell's **Invasor**, who, let us recall, was only ever beaten once in his 12 lifetime starts and finished up with six Grade I wins in a row in 2006-2007, including a defeat of Bernardini in the 2006 GI Breeders' Cup Classic (Beyer 116) before winning the 2007 G1 Dubai World Cup in his final career start. He had only three 2-year-old winners in 2011, and ranked 48th on the North American freshman sire list. On the face of it, improving to 29th on the second-crop list, with no black-type winners (two black type-placed) isn't hugely encouraging, either. But there are signs of life: of his seven ABC Runners last year, one was an A Runner and another four were B Runners, and all five of those had earnings of \$96,000+ for the season. Two of those have shown good form already this year: Photon (allowance winner at Aqueduct); and the filly Ausus, who is trained by Danny Peitz for Sheikh Hamdan, ran second to Grade I winner Daisy Devine in the Marie G. Krantz Memorial S. at Fair Grounds. **Cont. p8**

# CANDY RIDE

5 Stakes Horses Already in 2013



**WALKWITHAPURPOSE**, bred and raced by Sagamore Farm, now has 4 wins in 5 starts with back-to-back stakes victories. This past weekend, she won her first start at three, the Wide Country S. by 4 3/4 lengths. In her last start as a two-year-old, she was an eight-length winner of the \$100,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S.

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Daisy Devine won the Marie G. Krantz Memorial H. by 1 3/4 lengths, with almost 14 lengths back to the third horse. The odds are not in Invasor's favor, it is true: he has just 24 registered 2-year-olds of 2013, and 31 yearlings, but covered only nine mares last year, according to The Jockey Club's Report of Mares Bred. But, you know, he's now standing for \$4,000--that's pennies on the dollar for what he did as a racehorse.

**Monsun** did a lot to put German breeding back on the map, and his death last year was a big blow to an industry where the numbers had already been in decline. There's no replacement on the horizon, but, as in France, the search for viable sires is important.

**Soldier Hollow**, a son of In The Wings (also sire of Singspiel), made 31 starts (29 of them in blacktype races) over six seasons for trainer Peter Schiergen. His first foals were 3-year-olds last year, and he only had four 3-year-old ABC Runners. But one of them was Pastorius (interestingly, out of a Monsun mare), a winner of five races and the best 3-year-old in Germany last year, when he won the G1 German Derby, beat older horses in a 10-furlong Group 1 in Munich (RPR 122), ran third to Danedream in the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden, and fourth to Frankel in the G1 Champion S. Another was Kassiano, originally a €20,000 Baden-Baden yearling who showed good form in France and Germany last year. He was bought by Anthony Stroud for €165,000 at last year's Arc sale, and last week scored an impressive Handicap win (RPR 105) at Meydan. In fact, Soldier Hollow has eight individual now-4-year-olds from his first crop which have run RPRs of 95+. If you like that German engineering--and who doesn't, when you can get the good stuff? --he stands for €8,000 at Gestut Auenquelle.

### Also In Europe...

Speaking of Monsun, his son **Shirocco**, who stands for £7,000 for Darley at Dalham Hall in England,



Shirocco's Wild Coco *Racing Post*

provides an example of what a staying sire's profile looks like after his first 4-year-olds have run, as did Shirocco's in 2012. The table with data about the 14 sires is printed with this issue, but if you click [here](#), you can see an extended table which also includes

the 14 sires' age ratings. In Shirocco's case, note his age profile for ABC Runners: 0.42 for 2-year-olds, improving to 1.25 for 3-year-olds, and 1.55 for his first 4-year-olds last year; they're getting better with age. He only had 12 ABC Runners last year, and you would have liked to have seen more.

Oppenheim cont. p9

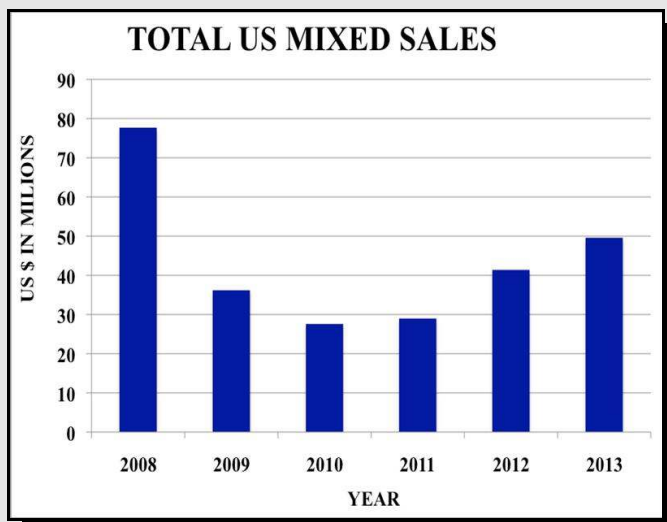
## TDN WEEKLY SALES TICKER

by Bill Oppenheim



"Three European Mixed Sales and Fasig Kentucky February are on tap by the end of next week. The clearance rate has dropped by 3% at the mixed sales so far this year, but the other metrics are up from 2012: number catalogued up 16%, number sold up 10%, gross up 20%, and average up 9%. Even the smallest, worst-hit sector of the NA/EU auction market is off the long 2009-2011 bottom".

— Bill Oppenheim



### TOTAL US MIXED SALES

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	%W/D	%S/R	%S/C	GROSS	AVG
2013	2,636	2,108	1,546	20.0%	73.3%	58.6%	\$49,578,600	\$32,069
2012	2,270	1,828	1,403	19.5%	76.8%	61.8%	\$41,449,700	\$29,544
2011	2,757	2,204	1,586	20.1%	72.0%	57.5%	\$28,987,950	\$18,227
2010	2,740	2,217	1,545	19.1%	69.7%	56.4%	\$27,564,100	\$17,841
2009	3,306	2,468	1,883	25.3%	76.3%	57.0%	\$36,185,500	\$19,217
2008	4,040	2,982	2,337	26.2%	78.4%	57.8%	\$77,710,500	\$33,252

### UPCOMING SALES CALENDAR

DATE	SALE
Feb 7	<u>Tattersalls February Sale</u>
Feb 11	<u>Fasig-Tipton KY Winter Mixed</u>
Feb 11-12	<u>Arqana February Sale</u>
Feb 13-14	<u>Goffs February Sales</u>
Mar 4	<u>Barretts Selected Two Year Old in Training Sale</u>
Mar 12-13	<u>OBS Selected Sale of Two Year Olds in Training</u>
Mar 25	<u>Fasig-Tipton Florida Sale</u>
Mar 27	<u>Goffs Ready to Run Sale at Kempton</u>
Apr 3	<u>Fasig-Tipton Two Year Olds in Training Sale</u>
Apr 8	<u>Keeneland April Two Year Olds in Training Sale</u>
Apr 16-18	<u>Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale</u>
Apr 22-23	<u>DBS Breeze Up Sales</u>
Apr 22-25	<u>OBS June Two Year Olds in Training Sale</u>

Data compiled by Brianne Stanley





However, he has had no fewer than eight individual runners from his first two crops run a *Racing Post* Rating (RPR) of 112 or more, including Wild Coco, a Group 2 winner from his first crop for Henry Cecil last year, who remains in training with Henry after selling to Japanese interests for 985,000gns at last year's Tattersalls December Sale; and two Classic-placed horses, one from each crop: Brown Panther, second in the 2011 G1 English St Leger; and the filly Shirocco Star, second in both the G1 English and G1 Irish Oaks last year. Right, he is not a sire of 2-year-olds, and they do stay, as in 12 furlongs plus plus; but eight horses at RPR 112+--that's pretty good.

Ireland's Rathasker Stud stands **Clodovil**, a gray son of Danehill out of a Linamix mare, bred and raced by the Lagadere family, for whom he won the 2003 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, defeating Catcher in the Rye. He's not a sire who has big numbers going for him, but what he does have can be pretty effective. Though he had just 10 ABC Runners last year, two were A Runners, and seven were B Runners. As you can see, he has a very good 2.51 B Runner Index. His two A Runners last year were both 3-year-olds: the colt Gregorian, who placed in the G1 St James's Palace S. and G1 Prix Jean Prat; and the filly Laugh Out Loud, who won the G2 Prix de Sandringham in France.

Quite a few of these sires have in common that their stock are considerably better as they get older, and that is certainly the case for **Motivator**, the 2005 G1 Epsom Derby winner (the first of four, in eight crops, by Montjeu--what a record that is) who transfers to the Haras du Quesnay in France this year, where he will stand for €7,000. Motivator's first foals were 5-year-olds last year, and he was showing up on our radar screens--note his 2.16 B Index and 1.62 ABC Index, as well as his well-above-average 1.49 A Runner Index--even before the Aga Khan's Ridasiyna impressively won the G1 Prix de l'Opera on Arc day. Motivator had 18 ABC Runners last term, which is quite respectable. As you can see from the click-through table, they improve with age (0.75-1.52-2.31-2.26), but, as an overall profile, as long as you know what you're likely to get, it makes pretty good reading.



### Mid-Atlantic Sires...

It's been too long since we commentators have been able to say anything positive about the Maryland breeding scene, other than Not For Love, and the Pons boys, who got Malibu Moon started at their Country Life Farm. But there's renewed confidence in Maryland now, and Northview, which stands Not For Love, has one pretty useful sire standing cheaply who's developing well, and has just imported another from Kentucky. The new arrival is **Orientate**, from Gainesway, who will stand at Northview this year for \$5,000. As you can see, he's proven a very consistent sire: 1.31 A, 1.36 B, 1.40 C, and 1.37 ABC (19 ABC Runners in 2012), with a consistently above-average age profile, and a 2.28 ABC Index for 5-year-olds and up, indicating durability. The developing stallion is **Dance With Ravens**, a beautifully bred son of A.P. Indy out of Canadian Horse of the Year Dance Smartly, who also happens to be a half-sister (by Danzig) to Smart Strike. He stands for only \$3,000 at Northview. Dance With Ravens was a black type winner at two and three in Canada, but his profile as a sire is one whose runners show little at two and improve dramatically as 3-year-olds-plus. He finished 2012 with 21 ABC Runners last year and a 1.38 ABC Runner Index; he's siring useful horses--they're paying their way.

In **Jump Start**, **E Dubai**, and **Smarty Jones**, Pennsylvania has three sires imported from Kentucky who have all proven they can carry the mail--E Dubai sired last year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner, Fort Larned, for goodness' sake. So, if they can keep their program from suffering an Ontario-like meltdown, there's a reasonable chance that more Pennsylvania-breds will be heard from on the regional and national scene. Darley had already sent the 2009 leading freshman sire, **Offlee Wild**, to Pennsylvania's Pin Oak Lane, and this year the same stud adds **Rockport Harbor** from Darley, for a \$7,500 fee. He ranked number six on the 2012 North American third-crop sire list last year and had 103 winners in 2012, according to our *TDN* sire lists, but only three of them were blacktype winners, hence, possibly, his relocation outside Kentucky. But he did have 19 ABC Runners last year, including four A Runners and eight B Runners, so he's getting plenty of runners which are paying their way. **Cont. p10**

**Medaglia d'Oro**  
Nine G1 winners already, including Derby shot Violence. His first post-Rachel Alexandra crop are two this year.



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## Kentucky Sires...

Rockport Harbor's first foals were 4-year-olds of 2012, and the same is the case for two other F2008 sires who are either still in, or back in, Kentucky. Generally, the intention in today's column is to focus on horses who are barely on peoples' radar. If you've been reading last month's APEX columns, you'll know Claiborne's \$10,000 stallion **First Samurai** ranks right up there among the top F2008 sires, with a 2.43 A Runner Index and a 1.82 ABC Index. His age figures so far are very consistent (2.05 for 2-year-olds, 1.77 for 3-year-olds and 1.80 for his first 4-year-olds). It's also very encouraging to see that over 80% (17) of his 21 ABC Runners in 2012 were either A or B Runners (the ratio for all sires is exactly 50-50: 4% A + B Runners, 4% C Runners).



**Executiveprivilege** Benoit

He had nine blacktype winners last year, including the top Grade I-winning 2-year-old filly and ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Executiveprivilege. First Samurai is by Giant's Causeway, but another son of Storm Cat, Hennessy, was more enigmatic as a sire. Basically, he was perfectly capable of siring a top-class horse, but had a tendency to do so at only about half the rate as other sires of truly first-class horses.

**Johannesburg**, by Hennessy, was another example of it, yet has turned around and sired a couple of really pretty promising sires in **Scat Daddy** and **Teuflesberg**. **Henny Hughes** has kind of been another chip off the old block. He sired Beholder, who Dick Mandella astutely stretched out to win the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (over Executiveprivilege, ironically), but has proved not nearly as consistent as, say, First Samurai at siring A Runners--though he has more 2012 ABC Runners (25) than any other North American or European F2008 sire. Henny Hughes has an 0.99 A Index, so is just average in that regard, but he is 1.82 for B Runners and 1.90 for C Runners, to achieve his 1.65 ABC rating.

He was sold by Darley last year to Western Australia, and after Beholder's win in the Breeders' Cup, Walmac made a deal for him to stand there for the 2013 Northern Hemisphere season, for \$7,500. He's getting a lot of horses which are paying their way. Interestingly, Henny Hughes, First Samurai, and Rockport Harbor ranked third, fifth, and sixth, respectively, on TDN's 2012 third-crop sire list ([click here](#)). First, second, and fourth were **Bernardini**, **Flower Alley**, and **Sharp Humor**. **Bluegrass Cat**, **War Front**, **Congrats**, and **Badge of Silver** rounded out the 2012 North American third-crop sires top 10.

Lane's End's **Langfuhr** is a son of Danzig who came down from Canada to win three New York Grade I races which were then at seven furlongs and one mile at four and five in 1996-97, including the 1997 GI Met Mile. He was always pretty successful at stud, going head-and-head with the much more expensive Pulpit at the top of the F1999 sire lists for several years, but his stud fee has fallen back and now, age 21, he is standing for just \$10,000. He's been in the news again lately as the sire of the unfortunately short-lived **Lawyer Ron**, top F2009 APEX sire by A Runner Index (3.70) and, as noted above, the sire of the pro-tem leading 2013 North American 3-year-old, **Itsmyluckyday**. Langfuhr is also the damsire of 11 A Runners, including champion Proud Spell but, more to the point, for those trying to create racehorses, he sired 24 ABC Runners last year. This takes his total to 210 ABC Runners since 2006, of which, interestingly, 51 are A Runners, 49 are B Runners, and 110 are C Runners--a very level division.

**Pure Prize**, who moves from Vinery to WinStar for \$7,500 this year, won a Grade II race at Turfway in the autumn of his 4-year-old year (2002) like he was going to go right on from there and win the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Unfortunately he didn't make the race: the GII Kentucky Cup Classic proved to be his final career start. **Cont. p11**



**Pure Clan at KEENOV**  
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## Hard Spun

Sire of a first-crop Eclipse Award winner, and more Stakes winners at this stage of his career than any stallion ever!



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He's been a mighty consistent sire. His first foals arrived in 2004, so this year's seven-year APEX files cover 2006-2012, including his entire career. He checks in at 1.61 for A Runners and 1.50 for ABC Runners, but the bonus is he has a very good 2-year-old ABC Index (2.23). His best runners have been the dual Grade I-winning filly Pure Clan, who sold for \$4.5 million to Borges Torrealba last November; and Pure Fun, winner of last year's GI Hollywood Starlet. He was also leading sire in Argentina by progeny earnings for the calendar year 2012 (which, strangely, is how they figure it in Argentina). Like Pure Prize, Hill 'n' Dale's **Roman Ruler** has exactly a 1.50 ABC Runner Index--and happened to be the leading first-crop sire in Argentina in 2012, when he had three Argentine Group 1 winners. Up here, though, with his oldest crop 5-year-olds, he had 19 ABC Runners in 2012, and his 2-year-old ABC Index is 2.00, which is pretty good. Of his 19 ABC Runners last year, 10 earned over \$100,000, and six of those were 5-year-olds (thus his 2.21 rating for 5-year-olds), which is a good indicator of soundness. He's standing for \$10,000 in 2013.



Verrazano Adam Coglianese

### Weekend Round-Up...

It's February (already?), and U.S. racing is starting to heat up. Without doubt the most impressive result of last weekend was **Tapit** having three 3-year-old graded stakes winners on Saturday. This takes him to number one on the 2013 *TDN* General Sire List ([click here](#)), ahead of **Malibu Moon** and **Awesome Again**. It still remains to be seen whether Tapit can crack the A.P. Indy hoodoo in Europe but, barring that, there seems to be nothing beyond his scope. Whether or not he can still be leading the *TDN* General Sire List 11 months from now, he must just about be the number one horse in North America to breed to right now.

Tapit's three 3-year-old graded-race wins consisted of Grade II scores for the colts Flashback (in the one-mile Robert B. Lewis at Santa Anita; Beyer 92) and Honorable Dillon (in the seven-furlong Hutcheson at Gulfstream; Beyer 88); and a win by the filly Tapicat in the GIII Florida Oaks (1 1/16m turf, at Tampa).

There was other 3-year-old action: Falling Sky (Lion Heart), who changed hands for \$425,000 at OBS last month, led all the way to win the GIII Sam F. Davis at Tampa (1 1/16m.; Beyer 92); and Revolutionary, from the first of just two crops by **War Pass**, the undefeated 2007 champion 2-year-old, rallied from a seemingly impossible position to win the GIII Withers S. (1 1/16m) at Aqueduct, but his Beyer rating was just 86. But the top 3-year-old Beyer number of the weekend belonged to ☆ **"TDN Rising Star"** ☆ Verrazano, a colt by **More Than Ready** who won a Gulfstream allowance by daylight with a Beyer rating of 105. Along with Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron) and Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday), who ran Beyers of 104 and 100, respectively, when one-two in the previous weekend's GIII Holy Bull, Verrazano joins them at the top of the crop.

Though what we can know from a sire list is pretty limited after just a month of the season, the second-crop sire list--in other words, last year's freshman sires, now with their first 3-year-olds--is always worth paying attention to, especially as those first 3-year-olds begin to stretch out. Revolutionary's Withers win propels War Pass into fourth spot on the second-crop list ([click here](#)), with the two Spendthrift sires **Into Mischief** and **Tiz Wonderful** two-three. Topping the table at this point is Ashford's **Majestic Warrior**, with eight 2013 winners (tied with **Tiz Wonderful** in that department), headed by the filly Princess of Sylmar, impressive winner of two Aqueduct two-turn stakes, the Busanda and the Busher, already this year.

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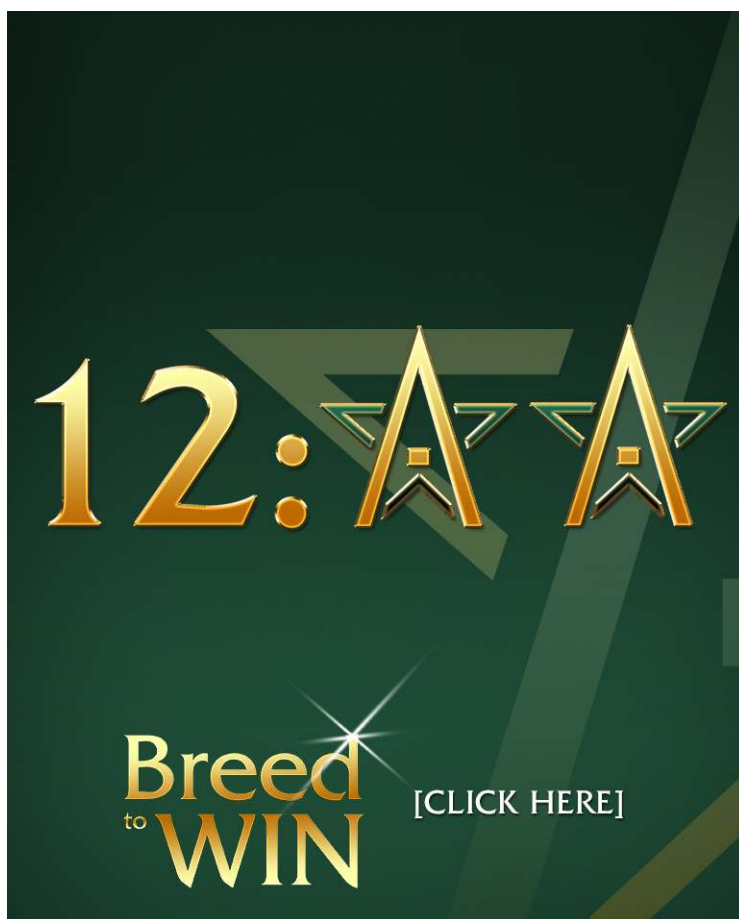
## THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

**February 7, 1894...**The Jockey Club was incorporated. As originally conceived, it was to assume the management of racing, previously overseen by the Board of Control. Included in The Jockey Club's functions were licensing, allotment of racing dates, appointment of officials and the interpretation and enforcement of racing rules.

**February 7, 1969...**Jockey **Diane Crump** became the first woman rider in America to compete in a pari-mutuel race, finishing 10th aboard 48-1 shot Bridle 'n Bit in the seventh race at Hialeah.

**February 7, 1996...**A racing oddity occurred at **Oaklawn Park** when the winners of seven consecutive races started from the number one post position.

# APEX



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### 14 SIRES - NOT TO OVERLOOK

SIRE	YR	HIS SIRE	1st Foals	ST FARM	2013 FEE	TOT Rnrs	TOT A Index	TOT B Index	TOT C Index	TOT ABC Index	2012 ABC's
<b>1st 3yo's 2012:</b>											
ANY GIVEN SATURDAY	2004	DISTORTED HUMOR	2009	KY DARLEY	7500	147	1.36	0.68	1.02	1.02	12
INVASOR	2002	CANDY STRIPES	2009	KY SHADWELL	4000	66	0.76	3.03	0.76	1.33	7
SOLDIER HOLLOW	2000	IN THE WINGS	2009	GE G AUENQUELLE	8000	61	0.82	1.64	1.64	1.43	4
<b>Others in Europe:</b>											
CLODOVIL	2000	DANEHILL	2005	IR RATHASKER	7500	358	0.98	2.51	0.63	1.19	10
MOTIVATOR	2002	MONTJEU	2007	FR H DU QUESNAY	7000	370	1.49	2.16	1.22	1.52	18
SHIROCCO	2001	MONSUN	2008	GB DALHAM HALL	7000	275	1.64	1.45	0.91	1.23	12
<b>Atlantic Coast Sires:</b>											
DANCE WITH RAVENS	2002	A.P. INDY	2007	MD NORTHVIEW	3000	372	0.94	1.34	1.61	1.38	21
ORIENTATE	1998	MT. LIVERMORE	2004	MD NORTHVIEW	5000	1141	1.31	1.36	1.4	1.37	19
ROCKPORT HARBOR	2002	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2008	PA PIN OAK LANE	7500	395	1.27	1.77	0.63	1.08	19
<b>Kentucky Sires:</b>											
FIRST SAMURAI	2003	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2008	KY CLAIBORNE	10000	247	2.43	2.02	1.42	1.82	21
HENNY HUGHES	2003	HENNESSY	2008	KY WALMAC	7500	303	0.99	1.82	1.9	1.65	25
LANGFUHR	1992	DANZIG	1999	KY LANE'S END	10000	1620	1.57	1.51	1.7	1.62	24
PURE PRIZE	1998	STORM CAT	2004	KY WINSTAR	7500	808	1.61	1.05	1.67	1.5	18
ROMAN RULER	2002	FUSAICHI PEGASUS	2007	KY HILL 'N' DALE	10000	493	1.32	1.32	1.67	1.5	19



# WHO'S HOT? PROGENY PP COUNTS

## Sophomore Sires - Past 6 Months

Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	BTWnrs   BTWins	Black-type Horses	GSWnrs   GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners   Wins	G1- G2SWnrs   G1- G2SWins
<a href="#">Majestic Warrior</a>	26	19	1   2	5	0   0	2	16   21	0   0
<a href="#">Raven's Pass</a>	22	14	1   2	3	1   1	3	14   16	1   1
<a href="#">Henrythenavigator</a>	21	13	2   2	4	2   2	4	12   15	2   2
<a href="#">Into Mischief</a>	19	8	3   6	4	2   3	3	8   14	1   1
<a href="#">Frost Giant</a>	18	10	2   3	4	0   0	0	9   14	0   0
<a href="#">Midnight Lute</a>	18	10	1   1	5	0   0	2	10   13	0   0
<a href="#">Street Boss</a>	18	13	0   0	2	0   0	1	12   14	0   0
<a href="#">Big Brown</a>	16	12	0   0	2	0   0	1	11   13	0   0
<a href="#">New Approach (Ire)</a>	16	12	1   2	3	1   2	2	11   13	1   2
<a href="#">Curlin</a>	14	11	0   0	1	0   0	1	11   13	0   0

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“Spring At Last and Kodiak Kowboy have very similar profiles, as both were world-class milers from the Silver Deputy line. Kodiak Kowboy also has the precocious element, and I believe he has a real shot at becoming this year's Leading Freshman Sire.”

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## General Sires - Past 90 Days

Sire	Total Listings	Unique Progeny	BTWnrs   BTWins	Black-type Horses	GSWnrs   GSWins	Graded Stakes Horses	Winners   Wins	G1- G2SWnrs   G1- G2SWins
<a href="#">Kitten's Joy</a>	35	26	5   7	12	1   2	5	23   26	0   0
<a href="#">Lion Heart</a>	33	27	4   4	9	2   2	4	23   26	1   1
<a href="#">Harlan's Holiday</a>	31	23	3   4	9	0   0	2	19   22	0   0
<a href="#">Smart Strike</a>	31	23	4   4	8	2   2	5	21   23	1   1
<a href="#">Tale Of The Cat</a>	31	24	5   6	9	1   2	3	24   27	1   1
<a href="#">Tapit</a>	31	24	5   5	11	4   4	8	21   24	3   3
<a href="#">Macho Uno</a>	29	21	1   1	4	1   1	3	19   22	1   1
<a href="#">Malibu Moon</a>	29	22	4   5	6	2   3	2	20   24	2   2
<a href="#">Medaglia d'Oro</a>	29	23	5   5	8	3   3	3	20   23	1   1
<a href="#">Unbridled's Song</a>	28	21	3   3	6	1   1	2	20   24	0   0

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## PLETCHER'S ARSENAL: IS IT UNBEATABLE?

By Bill Finley, Special to ESPN.com

Of course Todd Pletcher can lose the GI Kentucky Derby. It's three months away, plenty of time for things to go wrong, plenty of time for highly regarded horses to fizzle out. Having had Eskendereya, Algorithms, Uncle Mo and a bunch of others, he knows all too well how fast things can go south.

But he also could dominate the 2013 Kentucky Derby in a way no trainer ever has. Pletcher could win. He could sweep the top three finishing positions. He could run nine horses. Three months out, nothing is impossible.

This past weekend was another big one for the Pletcher stable, which is humming along like a high speed assembly line. On Saturday, in the span of two hours and 19 minutes, Verrazano won an allowance race by 16 1/4 lengths, Doherty broke his maiden, Revolutionary overcame a nightmarish trip to win the GIII Withers S. and Forty Tales ran a huge race to finish second in the GII Hutcheson S.

All four were good Saturday, but Revolutionary was nothing short of amazing. He broke slowly, got caught behind a wall of horses while trying to move up the inside, was shuffled back to last, had to wait for room and, in deep stretch, zigzagged through traffic like Ray Rice dodging linebackers. With jackrabbit quickness he shot by four horses in the matter of a few yards to get to the wire first. Revolutionary may not have beaten the best field, but it was nonetheless an electric performance. **Cont. p2**

### ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY POINT STANDINGS through Feb. 5, 2013

Horse (Sire)	Points
Shanghai Bobby (Harlan's Holiday)*	24
Goldencents (Into Mischief)	24
Oxbow (Awesome Again)	11
Violence (Medaglia d'Oro)*	10
Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron)	10
Overanalyze (Dixie Union)*	10
Uncaptured (Lion Heart)	10
Den's Legacy (Medaglia d'Oro)	10
Power Broker (Pulpit)	10
Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song)	10
Falling Sky (Lion Heart)	10
Revolutionary (War Pass)*	10
Flashback (Tapit)	10

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## Bill Finley-Pletcher's Top 10 cont.

Usually at this time of year we like to rank our Top 10 Kentucky Derby contenders. Maybe it would just be easier to rank Pletcher's Top 10. Here goes:

1. **Revolutionary** (War Pass): His Withers win at Aqueduct was as impressive a performance as you'll ever see ([video](#)). Who did he beat? That's a valid question, but on Saturday he did what only special horses can do.



**Revolutionary (rail) finally finds running room**  
*Adam Coglianese*



**Shanghai Bobby**  
*Adam Coglianese*

2. **Shanghai Bobby** ([Harlan's Holiday](#)): The 2-year-old champion was beaten in his 3-year-old debut in the GIII Holy Bull S., but ran a winning race. He lost by two lengths to Itsmyluckyday (Lawyer Ron), but had 1 1/2 lengths on the rest of the field. Was he a precocious 2-year-old who peaked too early? With this one, that's the question.

3. **Verrazano** ([More Than Ready](#)): It was just an allowance race and he faced just four others, but it's not every day you see a horse win by 16 1/4 lengths. He's won his two lifetime starts by a combined 24 lengths and is clearly on his way to bigger and better things.

Cont. p3

**NORTH AMERICA'S TOP FIVE LEADING SIRES BY A RUNNERS IN 2012**

- A SPEIGHTSTOWN 15
- GIANT'S CAUSEWAY 14
- SMART STRIKE 13
- A DISTORTED HUMOR 11
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4. **Violence** ([Medaglia d'Oro](#)): He worked Sunday at Palm Meadows, going five furlongs in 1:02.29. The colt by Medaglia d'Oro is solid, but has not yet faced the very best of his division. He is 3-for-3 and a Grade I winner, not bad for a fourth-stringer.



Violence in the GI CashCall Futurity Benoit Photo

5. **Overanalyze** (Dixie Union): Won the GII Remsen S. by a nose back in November and has yet to run this year. Prior to that he ran a lackluster third in the Iroquois at Churchill. The worry is that he does not like that track.



Overanalyze (center) takes GII Remsen; stablemate Delhomme is on rail Adam Coglianese

6. **Capo Bastone** ([Street Boss](#)): Was transferred to the Pletcher barn after he finished third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, where he ran for John Sadler. With Juvenile winner Shanghai Bobby and runner-up He's Had Enough (Tapit) both failing to win in their post-Breeders' Cup starts, that race is starting to look a little suspect.

Bill Finley-Pletcher's Top 10 cont.

## BRIS Speed Ratings

### Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Game on Dude	Awesome Again	San Antonio S.-G2	109
Cluster of Stars	Greeley's Galaxy	Correction S.	103
Varsity	Indian Charlie	Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint S.	103
Guilt Trip	Pulpit	Strub S.-G2	101
Head Heart Hoof	Intidab	Toboggan S.-G3	101
Believe You Can	Proud Citizen	Tiffany Lass S.	100
Hit the Road Lee	Leestown	La. Bred Premier Night Gentlemen Starter S.	100
Suggestive Boy (ARG)	Easing Along	Arcadia S.-G2	99
Donoharm	Lemon Drop Kid	Essex H.	98
Mac the Man	El Corredor	96ROCK S.	98
Streakin' Mohican	Songandaprayer	Swift S.	98
Su Casa G Casa	During	La. Bred Premier Night Sprint S.	98
Cor Cor	Smoke Glacken	Battle of New Orleans S.	97
Heavy on Themister	Lion Tamer	La. Bred Premier Night Champ S.	97
Honorable Dillon	Tapit	Hutcheson S.-G2	97
Bright Thought	Hat Trick (JPN)	Super Bowl Party Starter H.	96
Revolutionary	War Pass	Withers S.-G3	96
Flashback	Tapit	Robert B. Lewis S.-G2	95
Wire Me Bessie	Wire Me Collect	La. Bred Premier Night Matron S.	95
Guadalupe High	Cuvee	La. Bred Premier Night Starlet S.	94
Hero Force	Political Force	La. Bred Premier Night Prince S.	94
Old Tune (BRZ)	Wild Event	Endeavour S.-G3	94
McAllister Boys	War Chant	Super Bowl Party Starter H.	93

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7. **Forty Tales** ([Tale of the Cat](#)): Ran a huge race in the Hutcheson. Breaking from the one post in the seven-furlong event, he spun his wheels while racing on the inside and didn't seem to get interested until John Velazquez was able to get him to the outside. Once that happened he closed like a rocket. Pletcher is handling him like he thinks he has distance limitations, but the colt by Tale of the Cat has earned the right to try a distance in a more traditional Derby prep.

8. **Delhomme** (Dixie Union): Named for former NFL quarterback Jake Delhomme, he was third in the Remsen, beaten three-quarters of a length. Also worked Sunday at Palm Meadows, going a half-mile in :49.09.

9. **Charming Kitten** ([Kitten's Joy](#)): The son of Kitten's Joy has done his best running on the turf and his sire is known for producing grass and synthetic horses. Appropriately, he won the Kitten's Joy S. on the grass at Gulfstream in his last start. Owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey love the action and you can count on them telling Pletcher he needs to give the colt a shot in a significant dirt race.

10. **Palace Malice** ([Curlin](#)): A son of Curlin, he finished second in his 3-year-old debut, losing an allowance race at Gulfstream in the slop by 2 1/4 lengths. The 4-5 favorite that day, it was not necessarily a step in the right direction, but it's too early to count him out.



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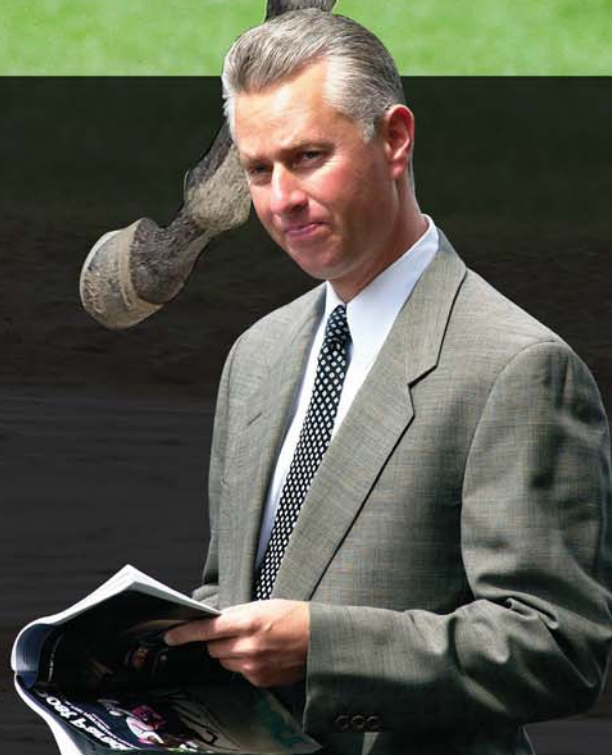
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# TODAY'S INSIGHTS

**1:13p HRTV** 2nd-GP, \$57.5K, Opt. Clm. (\$62,500), 4yo/up, 6f  
**DISCREET DANCER** ([Discreet Cat](#)) was tabbed as a TDN Rising Star following his 9 1/2-length romp over fellow Florida-breds 14 months ago ([video](#)). He followed that with a 5 1/2-length score over subsequent MGSW Neck 'n Neck (Flower Alley) in an open allowance, an effort that saw him bet down to 4-5 for the GII Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth S. Feb. 26. The Robsham homebred wound up third, six lengths behind streaking winner Union Rags (Dixie Union), and was sidelined thereafter. Also in the field is 2011 GI A.G. Vanderbilt H. hero **Sean Avery** ([Cherokee Run](#)). The 7-year-old is entered for a \$62,500 tag here in his first appearance since finishing eighth in the Frank DeFrancis Memorial Dash at Laurel Oct. 27.  
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## ROOKIES

**First-crop starters to watch: Wednesday, February 6**  
*Sire (Sire's Sire), current farm, 2009 Fee, #foals of racing age/Winners/BlackTypeWnrs \* Race #-track, race type, distance, runner, odds (if available)*

**CIRCULAR QUAY** (Thunder Gulch), Journeyman, \$13K, 89/15/1  
 8-TAM, Msw, 5 1/2f, Circular Rainbow, \$8K RNA OBS WIN yrl, 6-1  
**CURLIN** (Smart Strike), Lanes End, \$75K, 218/17/0  
 2-LRL, Aoc, 6f, Curlamorous, \$14K EAS MAY 2yo, 9-2

**KEYED ENTRY** (Honour and Glory), Bridlewood, \$4K, 92/9/0  
 8-TAM, Msw, 5 1/2f, Josh's Butta Butta, 6-1  
**PRIVATE VOW** (Broken Vow), Red River Farms, \$2K, 96/13/0  
 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Pitiful Pickett, 6-1  
 3-DED, Msw, 6 1/2f, Royal Mocha, \$10K TEX APR 2yo, 7-5

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## APPOINTMENTS

### Charles McIntosh

- Named the new racing secretary at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, effective immediately.
- Spent nearly the last three years as an official in the Charles Town racing office; first stint as a racing secretary came at Latonia (now Turfway Park) in 1982.
- "I'm excited to take on the challenge of overseeing the racing office here at Charles Town," said McIntosh. "I look forward to building on positive relationships that exist and working with the rest of the team here to keep our racing program moving in the right direction."

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## Britain

### Yesterday's Results:

**Southwell, 15.10, Mdn, £4,000, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:18.06, stn/slw.**

+ **REPETITION (GB) (c, 3, Royal Applause {GB}--Uno {GB}, by Efisio {GB})** was slowly away and green trapped out wide towards the rear early. Making steady progress on the approach to the home bend, the 5-2 favorite reeled in Moe's Place (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) in the final 100 yards en route to a convincing 1 3/4-length success. [VIDEO, courtesy attheraces.com](#).

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £2,727.

O/B-Guy Reed; T-Kevin Ryan.

## BREEDERS' EDITION AMERICA

### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**6th-SUN, \$33,600, NW1\$X, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16 4/5, ft.**

**NUMBERONESON (g, 5, Mr. Trieste--Book the Cat, by Tabasco Cat)** Lifetime Record: SP, 28-4-4-3, \$98,417. O-Don Heim. B-Richard Lueck & Gray Cross (NM). T-Alex T Hartman.

### MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Attila's Hunny, f, 4, Attila's Storm--Yummy Yummy,** by Grand Jewel. SUN, 2-5, (S), 6f, 1:11 2/5. B-Raymond & Wanda Johnston (NM).

**Joya Real, f, 4, Eddington--Regal Locket, by Regal Classic.** PRX, 2-5, 6 1/2f, 1:19 3/5. B-G L Zwerling LLC (KY). \*1/2 to Bijou (Cozzene), GSP, \$212,023; and La Dolce Vita (Quiet American), GSW, \$330,106.

### UPCOMING MAJOR NORTH AMERICAN STAKES

Date	Race	Track
Feb. 9	GI Donn H.	GP
	GI GP Turf H.	GP
	GII San Marcos S.	SA
	GIII Gulfstream Park Sprint S.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River S.	GP
Feb. 10	GIII Hurricane Bertie S.	GP
Feb. 16	GII Mac Diarmida S.	GP
	GII Barbara Fritchie H.	LRL
	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
	GIII The Very One S.	GP
	GIII El Camino Real Derby	GG
Feb. 17	GIII Tampa Bay S.	TAM
	GII San Vicente S.	SA
	GIII Sabin S.	GP
Feb. 18	GII Buena Vista S.	SA
	GIII General George H.	LRL
	GIII Southwest S.	OP