



## BREEDERS' CUP FRIDAY

### NOVEMBER 3, 2017 AT DEL MAR

## IN FULL BLOOM



Jeff Bloom | Benoit

by Steve Sherack

DEL MAR, CA - It's far from out of the ordinary to hear that a former jockey or, perhaps, someone with a background in finance, sales or media will be represented as an owner at this weekend's Breeders' Cup World Championships at Del Mar.

But what if we're only talking about *one* person here? Meet Jeffrey Bloom, who will have his red-and-white silks carried by a pair of live runners via **Snapper Sinclair** (City Zip) in Friday's GI BC Juvenile Turf and **Skye Diamonds** (First Dude) in Saturday's GI BC Filly and Mare Sprint.

"It's kind of surreal, really," Bloom, 53, said. "It's just so tough to get to this level in this game. We fully appreciate it and I'm going to try and enjoy it as much as I possibly can."

Bloom spent nine years as a professional reinsman and was also at one point a go-to exercise rider for the legendary Charlie Whittingham stable. He earned a degree in finance from San Diego State University when it was time to hang up his saddle and briefly worked as a financial analyst before hitting his stride in sales in the software technology industry.

The married father of two--both of his daughters attend the University of Arizona--returned to the racing scene full-time and headed the West Coast division of West Point Thoroughbreds for seven years before launching his own stable, Bloom Racing.

You may have also heard the native of San Diego talking racing on the radio as his loaded resume also currently includes a part-time commentating gig on the Horse Racing Radio Network.

Got all that?

"I didn't want to have to rely on getting a job at the racetrack [after retiring as a jockey], so I went back to school and thought I'd get into investment banking," Bloom said. "After I got my degree in finance, I had a really short run as a financial analyst, but I hated it and was going nuts. I went from being a jockey to analyzing expense reports."

Bloom continued, "From there, I kind of backed my way into sales in the software technology world and I did really well. I ran business development for a huge engineering firm and it was going really well, but I still hated what I was doing. During that whole time, I kept my foot in the door in racing through media and marketing. I also used to do some consulting, too, and occasionally would help with buying horses. I eventually made my way back 100 percent full time."

Bloom Racing currently has about 80 horses--including yearlings, broodmares and horses of racing age--under its portfolio. Bloom signed for eight yearlings for gross receipts of \$542,000 and also later added four more post sale at the marathon Keeneland September sale.

Two-time graded winner and 2011 GI Dixiana Breeders' Futurity S. runner-up Majestic City (City Zip); multiple stakes winner Soul Driver (Street Boss); and the multiple stakes placed Sal the Turtle (Caleb's Posse)--fans of the popular Howard Stern Show will certainly get a kick out of the name--are among the recent standouts campaigned by Bloom's operation.

"Bloom Racing is a full racing partnership company," he said. "We do syndicate some horses and some of them are house horses. It's a little bit of everything. We offer a variety of services that tie into the industry--pinhooking, bloodstock consulting, breeding, and all that kind of stuff--and we do have some clients that we buy and sell horses for as well."

### Back Where it all Began...

A single trip to the Seaside oval along with his older brother at the age of 13 was all it took for Bloom to catch the racing bug.

"I'll never forget it--the second we walked through those gates and were heading toward the paddock, I just fell in love," Bloom said. "I didn't even know what horse racing was yet, but I knew that's what I want to do."

Without a connection in his family to racing--his dad has a background in programming as an engineer for government security systems--the small-in-stature youngster didn't exactly have the support from his folks from the git-go.



"I came home and told my parents that's what I wanted to do, and of course, they ignored me," Bloom said of his plan of becoming a jockey before adding with a laugh, "until I drove them crazy."

Persistence paid off. Bloom eventually became friendly with track steward Alfred Shelhamer, who later introduced him to the general manager of San Luis Rey Downs, the former jockey Muzzy Francis.

"I lived in a tack room to start out when I was 14-years-old and basically learned from the ground up," Bloom said. "It was really important to Muzzy that I become a horseman first. Before I ever started getting on horses, I was a hotwalker, a groom, and a veterinary assistant, and then eventually I started the process of being trained to be a jockey. I had an extremely well-rounded education about the horse before I rode my first race at Del Mar."

Of his 172 career victories as a rider, Bloom's biggest win came aboard Kamp Out in the 1985 Manitoba Derby.

#### Claim to Fame...

Skye Diamonds, haltered by Bloom and company for just

\$40,000 last August, will meet her stiffest test to date in the Filly and Mare Sprint. A model of consistency since switching hands, the California-bred heads to the big dance off a pair of breakthrough victories in the GII Great Lady M S. at Los Al July 8 and the GIII Rancho Bernardo H. at Del Mar Aug. 13.

"She's been an incredible surprise for us," Bloom said. "Certainly far exceeded any expectations that we had going into it, and to see her continue to improve and perform at the level she's been performing, it's beyond a dream come true. [Trainer] Bill Spawr has clearly done an amazing job with her."

Skye Diamonds is listed as the 5-1 second choice on the morning-line behind the very highly regarded 'TDN Rising Star' **Unique Bella** (Tapit).

"Well, I'd be lying if I said I didn't care about Unique Bella being in there," Bloom said. "But I wouldn't trade places with anybody."

Skye Diamonds, the first foal out of three-time winner Exonerated (Johannesburg), is campaigned in partnership with Allen Racing LLC, Tom Acker and Jon Lindo. The 4-year-old has been consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXIII, as Hip 118 to Fasig-Tipton November. She was bred in the Golden State by Dizney Double Diamond LLC.

"I've been around horses my whole life and I was fortunate enough to get on her one morning at Del Mar," Bloom said. "You could tell the good ones when you get on them right away. She has that thing--she's just a fighter and has so much heart."

#### And Down the Stretch They Come...

Snapper Sinclair will also head to the Championships riding a hot hand, earning his diploma in style sprinting over the Saratoga lawn at second asking and adding the seven-furlong Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase Juvenile S. at Kentucky Downs Sept. 6. He is given a 15-1 chance on the morning-line for the wide-open Juvenile Turf.

"When you mentioned that horse, my smile just went from ear to ear," Bloom said. "I haven't been this excited about a horse or being around a horse in a long time."

Named after the Mickey Rooney character in the 1936 film Down the Stretch, Bloom went to \$180,000 to acquire the bay at the OBS April Sale (:10 1/5 breeze). He is unbeaten on grass for trainer Steve Asmussen.

"Snapper was catalogued fourth to last in the sale and he was

my 'have to have' horse," Bloom said. "I literally stayed because of him and had to wait it out for a day and a half. When the hammer dropped, I was just over-thetop excited. And it's been that way from the time we got him. I don't think we've gotten close to the bottom yet. I think he could be the real deal."

Bred in Kentucky by K & G Stables, the \$30,000 KEESEP graduate is out of the Yes It's True mare True Addiction, runner-up in the 2006



**Snapper Sinclair** | *Kentucky Downs* 

GII Adirondack Breeders' Cup S. at Saratoga.

"It's the World Championships and we've got two contenders," Bloom concluded. "You've got the world's best racehorses and you've got all the major connections. If you're a racing fan, this is paradise." -@SteveSherackTDN

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## 2017 Breeders' Cup Post Times (ET) Friday, Nov. 3

Juvenile Fillies Turf 6:50p Juvenile Turf 5:25p 6:05p 7:50p **Longines Distaff** Las Vegas Dirt Mile

### **LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF**



Stellar Wind | Benoit

**Stellar Wind (Curlin)** gets her third chance at a Breeders' Cup title as she looks to cap an unbeaten season in Friday's Distaff before going through the sales ring at Keeneland Tuesday. The chestnut mare missed catching Stopchargingmaria (Tale of the Cat) by a neck when second in the 2015 Distaff. She beat the mighty Beholder (Henny Hughes) twice before finishing fourth

behind that foe and Songbird (Medaglia d'Oro) after an awkward start in last year's epic renewal of the race. Stellar Wind has made just three starts this term, but has yet to be beaten in

2017. After opening the year with a win in the Apr. 14 GI Apple Blossom H., the 5-year-old defeated the game Vale Dori (Arg) (Asiatic Boy {Arg}) with memorable stretch runs in the June 3 GI Beholder Mile and in the July 30 Clement L. Hirsch S. That most

#### **LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF-GI**, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m PP. Horse Broken Vow 1. Champagne Room <a> </a> 2. Stellar Wind Curlin 3. Mopotism 🛪 Unde Mo 4. Abel Tasman 🛪 Quality Road 5. Elate Medaglia d'Oro 6. Forever Unbridled Unbridled's Song 7. Paradise Woods Union Rags 8. Romantic Vision Lemon Drop Kid (see Graded Stakes Entries)

recent start came over a Del Mar surface over which Stellar Wind is unbeaten in three starts and she enters the Distaff off a best-of-47 five-furlong work in :59 4/5 Saturday at Santa Anita.

Abel Tasman (Quality Road) jumped to the head of the sophomore filly division with her win in the GI Kentucky Oaks

# Good Luck in the Breeders' Cup!

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and padded her lead with victories in the June 10 GI Acorn S. and July 23 GI Coaching Club American Oaks, but she may have found her fourth cross-country trip one ship too many when finishing second behind It Tiz Well (Arch) in the Sept. 23 GI Cotillion S. at Parx.

Trainer Bob Baffert has had plenty of success on Breeders' Cup day, but will be looking for his first top-three Distaff finish with Abel Tasman, his fifth starter in the race. At the other end of the Distaff spectrum is Bill Mott, who leads all trainers with five wins in the race. The Hall of Famer will saddle Adele Dilschneider and Claiborne Farm's homebred 'TDN Rising Star' Elate (Medaglia d'Oro) in this year's Distaff. Just a head short of Abel Tasman when second in the Coaching Club American Oaks, the dark bay filly was a dominant winner of both the Aug. 19 GI Alabama S. and Sept. 30 GI Beldame Invitational.



Teo Ah Khing leads Abel Tasman into winner's circle Sarah K Andrew photo

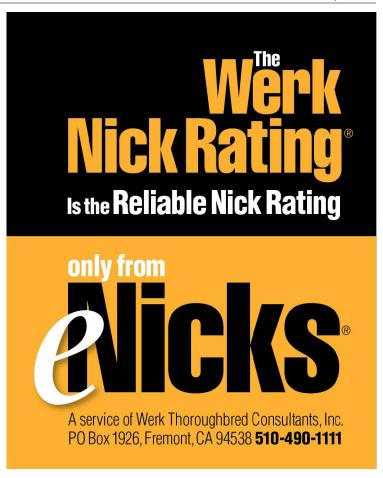
Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Distaff runner	Date
GI Kentucky Oaks	Abel Tasman	May 5
GI Acorn S.	Abel Tasman	June 10
GI CCA Oaks	Abel Tasman/Elate	July 23
GI Clement L Hirsch S.	Stellar Wind	July 30
GI Alabama S.	Elate	Aug. 19
GI Personal Ensign S.	Forever Unbridled	Aug. 26
GIII Torrey Pines S.	Paradise Woods	Aug. 27
GI Beldame S.	Elate	Sept. 30

**Paradise Woods** 

Sept. 30

GI Zenyatta S.



#### Wild Card...

'TDN Rising Star' Paradise Woods (Union Rags), who has had an up-and-down season, faded badly after setting the pace as the favorite in the Kentucky Oaks and was sidelined for nearly four months. Heavily favored in her return to the races, she stumbled at the start and came home only sixth in the Aug. 27 GIII Torrey Pines S., her only start at Del Mar. She comes into the Distaff off a resounding front-running victory in the Sept. 30 GI Zenyatta S. at Santa Anita and could benefit from a Distaff field which seems to be lacking in pace.



Paradise Woods | Sherackatthetrack

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### **BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF**

Trainer Chad Brown celebrated his very first Breeders' Cup victory in the inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (then ungraded) in 2008 with Maram (Sahm), took his second Juvenile Fillies with the indomitable Lady Eli (Divine Park) in 2014 and New Money Honey (Medaglia d'Oro) made it three victories in the \$1-million one-mile race last year.



Rushing Fall en route to victory in the GIII Jessamine S. at Keeneland Coady Photography

Brown is back looking to make it four at Del Mar on Friday, saddling the undefeated GSW and 'TDN Rising Star' Rushing Fall (More Than Ready) for New Money Honey's owners e Five Racing Thoroughbreds. The \$320,000 FTSAUG yearling and 7-2 morning-line favorite has easily won her two appearances to date, rallying wide at first asking over this distance on the Belmont sod en route to 'Rising Stardom' Sept. 16 and it was a similar story upped to 1 1/16 miles in the GIII Jessamine S. at Keeneland on Oct. 11. Crazy talented and head and shoulders above the remainder on Beyer numbers with a top figure of 85, she is joined by the other Brown runner in Stephanie Seymour

Brant's Significant Form (Creative Cause). First past the post in a 1 1/16-mile grassy maiden at Saratoga Aug. 27, she was disqualified and placed seventh that day, but rebounded to officially break her maiden in the Oct. 1 GIII Miss Grillo S. over Christophe Clement trainee Best Performance (Broken Vow)-who filled the same position in the wake of Wesley Ward charge Ultima D (Scat Daddy) in the Juvenile Fillies S. at Kentucky Downs Sept. 6--and SW Orbolution (Orb) downstate at Belmont

Oct. 1. The \$575,000 OBSAPR juvenile fired a fivepanel bullet in :59 3/5 (1/6) on Oct. 21. The duo break from stalls 11 and eight, respectively. Similarly hothanded is Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien, who just earned a world-

record 26th Group 1 tally in a single season on Saturday. The Ballydoyle maestro saddles the only

**BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES** TURF-GI, 2yo, f, 1mT 1. Best Performance **Broken Vow** 2. Happily (Ire) Galileo (Ire) 3. Now You're Talking (Ire) Zoffany (Ire) 4. Madeline (Ire) Kodiac (GB) Scat Daddv 5. Ultima D 🕋 Orbolution Orb 7. Capla Temptress (Ire) Lope de Vega (Ire) 8. Significant Form Creative Cause 9. Fatale Bere (Fr) Pedro the Great 10. September (Ire) Deep Impact (Jpn) 11. Rushing Fall More Than Ready 12. Dixie Moon 🛪 Curlin 13. Juliet Capulet (Ire) Dark Angel (Ire) 14. Moon Dash 🛪 Malibu Moon Also Eligibles: Giant's Causeway 15. Retro 🖛 16. Goodthingstaketime (Ire) Canford Cliffs (Ire) (see Graded Stakes Entries)

MG1SW in the field in the form of Happily (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who bested stablemates Magical (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and **September (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. on Irish Champions Weekend and the daughter of Galileo made it two on the bounce with a 1 1/4-length score in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere defeating males--among them GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf entrant and 'Rising Star' Masar (Ire) (New Approach (Ire)) who ran third--at Chantilly on Arc Day Oct. 1.



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#### Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf cont.

'TDN Rising Star' September is a Group 1 winner in all but name, failing by a nose after a rough trip in the G1 Fillies' Mile on QIPCO British Champions Day at Newmarket Oct. 13. This daughter of Irish highweight Peeping Fawn (Danehill) should appreciate the firmer going at the seaside.

Other Europeans that could make an impact are Cheveley Park Stud's Juliet Capulet (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)), the heroine of the G2 Shadwell Rockfel S. and runner-up one start prior in the G3 Sweet Solera S. with Team Valor's Capla Temptress (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) back in third that day. The latter, transferred to the barn of Hall of Famer Bill Mott, promptly earned a Grade I badge with a victory over Dixie Moon (Curlin) in the Natalma S. at Woodbine Sept. 17.

#### Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	JF Turf runner	Date
P. G. Johnson S.	Orbolution	Aug. 31
Exacta Systems Juvenile Fillies S.	Ultima D	Sept. 6
G1 Moyglare Stud S.	Happily (Ire)	Sept. 10
GI Natalma S.	Capla Temptress (Ire)	Sept. 17
G2 Shadwell Rockfel S.	Juliet Capulet (Ire)	Sept. 29
GIII Miss Grillo S.	Significant Form	Oct. 1
G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere	Happily (Ire)	Oct. 1
Cup & Saucer S.	Dixie Moon	Oct. 8
GIII Jessamine S.	Rushing Fall	Oct. 11
G1 bet365 Fillies' Mile	September (Ire)	Oct. 13



Happily leading home a lethal Aidan O'Brien/Coolmore trifecta in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. | Scoop Dyga

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#### LAS VEGAS BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE



Sharp Azteca | Bill Denver Equi-Photo

Trainer Jorge Navarro has had a whirlwind year in 2017, but can end it on a high note as he'll send out Gelfenstein Farms' Sharp Azteca (Freud) as one of the likely favorites in the GI Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Friday. This has been the year-end goal all along for the \$220,000 OBS March purchase since his easy win in the GII Gulfstream Park H. Feb. 11.

He nearly got the job done in the G2 Godolphin Mile on the

**Dubai World Cup** undercard at Meydan Mar. 25, finishing a close third after tracking a demanding pace before returning to the States with a game runner-up performance behind Mor Spirit (Eskendereya) in the GI Met Mile June 10. The 4-

#### LAS VEGAS BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE-GI, 3yo/up, 1m 1. Iron Fist <a>\*</a> Tapit 2. Giant Expectations 🛷 Frost Giant Freud 3. Sharp Azteca Gato Del Oro Medaglia d'Oro Awesome Slew Awesome Again 6. Mor Spirit Eskendereya 7. Cupid 👭 **Tapit**

Smart Strike 9. Battle of Midway 10. Practical Joke <a></a> Into Mischief

(see Graded Stakes Entries)

year-old faced a two-turn route question with an emphatic 7 1/2-length victory in the GIII Monmouth Cup under a hand ride the entire way July 30 and exits a four-length success in the GII Kelso H. Sept. 23 at Belmont, a race for which he earned a lofty and career-best 112 Beyer Speed Figure of 112.

Accelerate

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## HELL YEAH!

## **CUPID**

Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI)

## **BALLAGH ROCKS**

Breeders' Cup Mile (GI)

## PRINCESS KAREN

Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (GI)

## **GOLDY ESPONY**

Goldikova S. (GII)

**VANMETER GENTRY** 



**GOOD LUCK!** 



#### Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile cont.

If there is a horse for the course at Del Mar, it is Hronis Racing LLC's Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky). The chestnut has hit the board in all four of his tries over the local oval including his marquee 8 1/2-length win in the GII San Diego H., counting Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) among the vanquished. He followed up with a third-place finish in the GI Pacific Classic behind Collected (City Zip) and Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) over a 10-furlong trip that likely stretches his stamina. Those two races are the top Beyer Speed Figures of his career and his only two since the addition of blinkers.

Trainer Bob Baffert is no stranger to the Breeders' Cup winner's circle, with 14 victories to his credit. He will send out Mor Spirit here, who returns after five months away from the races. The \$650,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic juvenile was last seen destroying a loaded field in the Met by 6 1/2 lengths going Belmont's one-turn configuration. His only other graded stakes win this year came in the GIII Steve Sexton Mile around two turns at Lone Star Park May 7.

"If he runs back to the Met Mile performance, it would be hard to beat," said Baffert. "I wanted to get a prep into him, but that race took a good amount out of him and it took a long time for him to come around. He's doing much better now, but coming off a layoff this long, he'll have his work cut out of him."

Three-year-olds have not fared well in the short history of the Dirt Mile since it's inception in 2007 into the World Championships.

Only Caleb's Posse (Posse) has won the race in his sophomore season. Both Practical Joke (Into Mischief) and 'TDN Rising Star' Battle of Midway (Smart Strike) are looking to add their name to the list of champions. The former has yet to win a race around two turns, but a perfect two-for-two at the mile distance with wins in the GI Champagne S. as a juvenile and the GIII Dwyer S. earlier this year. He enters here off a perfect railskimming trip in the seven-furlong GI H. Allen Jerkens S. at Saratoga Aug. 26. The latter, second in the GI Santa Anita Derby and third in the GI Kentucky Derby, captured the GIII Affirmed S. June 24 and the Shared Belief S. locally Aug. 26 in his only start at a mile.

#### Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Mile runner	Date
GII Kelso H.	Sharp Azteca	Sept. 23
GI Met Mile	Mor Spirit	June 10
GII San Diego H.	Accelerate	July 22
GI H. Allen Jerkens S.	Practical Joke	Aug. 26
GII Pat O'Brien S.	<b>Giant Expectations</b>	Aug.26
Shared Belief S.	Battle of Midway	Aug. 26







## **James & Torie Gladwell**

would like to wish the connections of

## Bahamian & Encumbered

the best of luck at the Breeders' Cup!

# **Bahamian**Breeders' Cup Juvenile



Owner:

Reddam Racing LLC

Breeder:

John D. Stuart

Trainer:

Simon Callaghan

## Two-Year-Old Graduate

# **Encumbered**Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf



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Trainer:

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### **BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF**

Charlie Appleby and Godolphin teamed to take this race in

Sire

Panis

Scat Daddy

Animal Kingdom

More Than Ready

Bated Breath (GB)

New Approach (Ire)

Excd & Excel (Aus)

Kitten's Joy

Scat Daddv

Creative Cause

Choisir (Aus)

Scat Daddy

Candy Ride (Arg)

Violence

City Zip

## BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF-GI, 2yo,

c/g, 1mT

PP. Horse

1. Mendelssohn 🦟

2. Untarned Domain 🦟

3. Sands of Mali (Fr)

4. Catholic Boy 🛪 5. Beckford (GB)

6. Masar (Ire)

7. James Garfield (Ire)

8. Voting Control

9. Encumbered

10. Flameaway 🦟

11. Snapper Sinclair 🛪 12. Hemp Hemp Hurray 🛪 Artie Schiller

13. My Boy Jack 🛷

14. Rajasinghe (Ire)

Also Eligible:

15. Tap Daddy

16. Pubilius Syrus 🕋

(see Graded Stakes Entries)

with Outstrip (GB) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), and Masar

2013 at Santa Anita

(Ire) (New Approach (Ire)) has a very similar profile. Named a

#### 'TDN Rising Star'

when overcoming plenty of traffic trouble first up at Goodwood in May, he settled for third behind fellow

'Rising Star' September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn})

in Royal Ascot's Chesham S. a month later.

when brought back

Given some time to mature after that--which he certainly seemed to need--the beautifully moving chestnut returned a convincing winner of Sandown's G3 Solario S. Sept. 2. He chased a strong pace before fading to third last time in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Chantilly Oct. 1, but he seemed to be spinning his wheels over the soft ground and figures to relish the firmer sod in San Diego.



Masar | John Walton/PA Images via Getty Images

## BEST OF LUCK TO HEMP HEMP HURRAY AND CONNECTIONS

running in the

## BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF

Breeder: Bernard & Karen McCormack

Owner: Ken & Sarah Ramsey

Trainer: Wesley Ward





#### Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf cont.

Conditioner Aidan O'Brien boasts a record three wins in this event, and could add to an already banner year with \$3-million KEESEP sales-topping yearling **Mendelssohn** (Scat Daddy). The half-brother to three-time Breeders' Cup winner Beholder (Henny Hughes) and top sire Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) failed to show much of anything first out at The Curragh in July, but bounced back to don cap and gown a month later. He stopped to be last of seven in Doncaster's G2 Champagne S. Sept. 16, but followed accomplished stablemate U S Navy Flag (War Front) to a runner-up finish as a 50-1 chance in the G1 Darley Dewhurst S. at Newmarket Oct. 14.

Beckford (GB) (Bated Breath {GB}) doubled up in the G2 Railway S. at The Curragh in July to kick off his career, but has been beaten in each of his last three starts while favored each time. Second in the G1 Keeneland Phoenix S. Aug. 13 and again in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. Sept. 10, he was most recently fifth in the Middle Park.

Despite two wins from as many starts, Bob LaPenta's **Catholic** Boy (More Than Ready) could fly under the radar a bit considering he hasn't been seen since Saratoga and has been down at Bridlewood Farm in Ocala in the interim. A fast-finishing maiden breaker at Gulfstream in July, the Jonathan Thomas trainee showed good determination rallying in between horses to take a roughly run renewal of the GIII With Anticipation S. Aug. 30.

Third that day was 'Rising Star' Untamed Domain (Animal Kingdom), and fourth was Seabhac (Scat Daddy), who came back to break his maiden in the GIII Pilgrim S. over Voting Control (Kitten's Joy). Untamed Domain was green and seemed to idle in the With Anticipation, but he got the job done by a neck in the GIII Summer S. up at Woodbine Sept. 17 despite still showing signs of immaturity. Hemp Hemp Hurray (Artie Schiller) completed the exacta.

Snapper Sinclair (City Zip) was controversially left out of the main body of the field when pre-entries were taken for this event, but the Bloom Racing Stable colorbearer made it into the field after all and merits a long look. The \$180,000 OBSAPR juvenile buy failed to show much first out on the Belmont dirt July 8, but took to the turf when cruising in a Saratoga sprint Aug. 14. He obliged as the 2-1 favorite last time in the lucrative Fasig-Tipton Turf Showcase Juvenile S. Sept. 6.

Let's Go to	the	Videotape
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Race	Juvenile Turf runner	Date
G2 Railway S.	Beckford (GB)	July 1
G2 Gimcrack S.	Sands of Mali (Fr)	Aug. 26
GIII With Anticipation S.	Catholic Boy	Aug. 30
G3 Solario S.	Masar (Ire)	Sept. 2
Del Mar Juvenile Turf S.	Encumbered	Sept. 3
F-T Turf Showcase Juvenile S.	Snapper Sinclair	Sept. 6
GII Summer S.	Untamed Domain	Sept. 17
G2 Mill Reef S.	James Garfield (Ire)	Sept. 23
GIII Dixiana Bourbon S.	Flameaway	Oct. 8

#### Wild Card...

John Oxley's Flameaway (Scat Daddy) has never been on the grass, but it's not for lack of trying. He scored first out on the Woodbine Tapeta in late May, and resurfaced to take the rained-off Skidmore S. at Saratoga in August. Kept on the main track for Churchill's GIII Iroquois S. Sept. 16, he settled for sixth, but returned to winning ways by a nose in the sloppy, off-turf GIII Dixiana Bourbon S. at Keeneland Oct. 8. The \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga grad hails from a strong family of Canadian stakes horses and European performers, so there's plenty of reason to believe he'll relish the surface switch.

