

Curlin Named 2007 Horse of the Year



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At the 37th Eclipse Awards held Jan. 21 in Beverly Hills, Calif., majority owner Jess Jackson accepted Horse of the Year honors for Curlin, the Smart Strike colt who also took home the title of champion 3-year-old male. Third in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) and winner of the Preakness Stakes (gr. I), he never finished off the board in 2007 and wrapped up his 3-year-old campaign with back-to-back wins in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I) and the Breeders' Cup Classic – Powered by Dodge (gr. I). During the ceremony, Jackson announced plans to campaign the colt through his 4-year-old year.

Courtney Retires

Robert E. "Bob" Courtney Sr., owner of Crestfield Farm near Lexington, retired from selling horses Jan. 9 after more than 65 years in the business. The 86-year-old Courtney purchased his first mare for \$50 in 1941 and raised champions Meadow Star and Action This Day, and top runners like Meadowlake and Dollar Bill.

Keeneland January Up

At Keeneland, the January horses of all ages sale generated positive statistics. The median price of \$17,000 was an all-time high for the auction, up 13.3% from 2007, shattering the 2006 previous record of \$16,000. The average was up 20.6% and the gross dropped just 3.1% although the number of horses sold was down 19.6%.

Cushion Track Cancellations

Drainage problems with the asphalt base of Santa Anita's Cushion Track brought racing in Southern California to a halt Jan. 5-7. The cancelled racing days were among a total of 11 missed dates that extended into the month of February as heavy rains in the Los Angeles area caused the track's mixture of fine sand and wax to clog the drainage pipes and flood the surface.



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OTHER January HEADLINES

News

Jerry Hollendorfer trains 5,000th winner (Dec. 22, 2007)

Jorge Ricardo, South American jockey – first rider in history to score 10,000 wins

Obituaries—People

Frank Gomez, 78, trainer (died Dec. 23, 2007)

Louis Wolfson, 95, who bred and campaigned Triple Crown winner Affirmed and raced champions Roman Brother and Raise a Native in the name of his Harbor View Farm

Arthur Appleton, 92, owner of Bridlewood Farm

Tammy Samuel-Balaz, 47, managed Sam-Son Farm, breeder/owner of Dance Smartly and Smart Strike

Smart Strike Leading Sire in North America

Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector—Classy 'n Smart, by Smarten) was listed as the 2007 North American leading sire Jan. 1, after his runners shattered the earnings mark of \$10,756,659 set by Elusive Quality in 2004. In 2007, horses sired by Smart Strike earned \$14,358,570. He was represented by grade I winners such as Curlin, English Channel, and Fabulous Strike.

Winning Colors Euthanized

Champion Winning Colors, winner of the 1988 Kentucky Derby (gr. I), was euthanized Feb. 17 due to complications from colic at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute near Lexington. The 23-year-old Caro mare, in foal to Mr. Greeley at the time, was buried at Greentree Farm, a division of Gainesway Farm near Lexington.

Bred in Kentucky by Echo Valley Horse Farm, Winning Colors was the most recent and one of only three fillies to win the Derby. She also won the Santa Anita Derby (gr. I) and Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I) for the late Eugene Klein and trainer D. Wayne Lukas.



Winning Colors with her first foal

NYRA Maintains Franchise

The New York Racing Association won a 25-year exclusive franchise to continue operations at Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga when the state legislature approved the deal Feb. 13. The legislation passed on the expiration date of a temporary extension that allowed NYRA to continue racing in spite of the franchise's original expiration date of Dec. 31, 2007. The deal came after months of negotiations and political wrangling. Under the new terms, NYRA submitted to new oversight provisions and ended claims that it owned the land on which the three tracks sit.

States Take Steps to Ban Steroids

Racing authorities across the country took major steps toward banning supplemental anabolic steroids while NTRA president and CEO Alex Waldrop testified before Congress during a Feb. 27 hearing. On Feb. 28, the California Horse Racing Board adopted testing levels for four major substances—stanozolol, nandrolone, boldenone, and testosterone. In Kentucky, the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium funded a research project to study threshold levels and withdrawal times of those substances. Indiana also moved forward with plans to implement regulation and testing of anabolic steroids.

Breeders' Cup Names Back-to-Back Host, Creates "Filly Friday"

In a Feb. 7 meeting of the Breeders' Cup World Championships trustees, the 2008-2009 editions of the event were scheduled to be held during the Oak Tree at Santa Anita meet in Arcadia, Calif. Santa Anita will be the first track to host back-to-back editions of the Breeders' Cup. Other changes in format for the 2008 Breeders' Cup included a shift of all female races to a separate day.

OTHER February HEADLINES

News

Edgar Prado, jockey, 6,000 career wins

Steve Asmussen, trainer, 4,000 career wins

OBS February sale records all-time highs for average and median

Miswaki, sires 100th stakes winner

The Green Monkey, record-breaking \$16-million sale horse, retired

Racing

Spring at Last, Donn Handicap (gr. I)

Intangaroo, Santa Monica Handicap (gr. I)

Golden Doc A, Las Virgenes Stakes (gr. I)

Double Trouble, Santa Maria Handicap (gr. I)

Einstein, Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap (gr. IT)

Obituaries—People

Philip Payne-Gallwey, 72, bloodstock agent

Sidney Watters Jr., 90, Hall of Fame trainer

Alec Wildenstein, 67, French breeder/owner

Loyd Jones, 87, breeder/owner

Ross Morton, 74, track announcer

Obituaries—Horses

Palace Music, 27, sire of Cigar



Baze gets 10,000th win

Jockey Russell Baze, 49, won the 10,000th race of his career Feb. 1 at Golden Gate Fields, becoming the first North American rider to reach that plateau. He hit the mark with the 44,006th mount of his career.

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Rags Retires



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Rags to Riches, who was named 2007 champion 3-year-old filly and denied Curlin the 2007 Belmont Stakes (gr. I) in a thrilling photo finish, was retired when she re-injured her right front pastern. Out of 2007 Kentucky Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour, Rags to Riches is a half-sister to 2006 Belmont winner Jazil.

OTHER March HEADLINES

News

OBS March sale had record gross, average, and median

Richard Migliore named George Woolf Memorial Award recipient

Grade II winner Songster returned to training because of fertility issues

Sentient Flight Group replaced NetJets as a sponsor for the Breeders' Cup

Grade I winner Daaher retired

Racing

Ever a Friend, Frank E. Kilroe Mile Handicap (gr. IT)

Heatseeker, Santa Anita Handicap (gr. I)

Ariege, Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I)

Nashoba's Key, Santa Margarita Invitational Handicap (gr. I)

Big Brown, Florida Derby (gr. I)

Obituaries—Horses

Miss Alleged, 21, international champion

Sultry Sun, 28, two-time Florida Broodmare of the Year

Gibson County, 11, stallion

Strodes Creek, 17, 1994 Kentucky Derby (gr. I) runner-up

Obituaries—People

Wilfred Charles "W.C." Heinz, 93, sportswriter

Neil Boyce, 83, trainer

Elizabeth Samuel, co-founder of Sam-Son Farm

Joseph E. Johnson III, 77, breeder/owner

E.C. Johnston Jr., 85, owned Affirmed's dam

Curlin Romps

Curlin, the reigning U.S. Horse of the Year, demolished the March 29 Dubai World Cup – Sponsored by Emirates Airline (UAE-I) field when he romped to a 7/8-length victory in the world's richest race. He earned \$3.6 million for his facile win.



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Eight Belles' Honeybee

Eight Belles Stamps Ticket

After Eight Belles' victory in the March 16 Honeybee Stakes (gr. III), her owner, Rick Porter of Fox Hill Farms, paid the \$6,000 late nomination fee to make the filly eligible for the Triple Crown.

Welfare Committee Presents Numbers

The second Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit was held at Keeneland March 17-18, and a study revealed racetrack fatalities almost the same for dirt and synthetic surfaces. However, a month later, that study was revised to make dirt more dangerous. Additionally, Dr. Don Catlin, the head of Equine Drug Research Institute, said he believes an outright ban on steroids is the most effective form of regulation.

Dutrow's Big Day

Trainer Rick Dutrow won the Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored by Gulf News (UAE-I) and Godolphin Mile Sponsored by Etisalat (UAE-II) on the Dubai World Cup undercard March 29 with Benny the Bull and Diamond Stripes, respectively. However, the trainer was not on hand to witness the victories because he remained in the U.S. to saddle Big Brown to victory in the Florida Derby (gr. I) the same day.



Fasig-Tipton Sold to Foreign Interests

A company based in Dubai and headed by a close associate of Sheikh Mohammed (left) purchased Fasig-Tipton Co. for an undisclosed price. Founded in 1898, Fasig-Tipton is North America's oldest Thoroughbred auction company, conducting auctions in Lexington; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Timonium, Md.; Miami, Fla.; and Grand Prairie, Texas.

Night Moves

Keeneland's April 2-year-olds in training sale's key figures held fairly steady in an unsteady economic environment. The auction was moved up on the calendar by a week, had its number of under-tack shows reduced from two to one, and went from one afternoon session to two evening sessions.

In the end, gross revenue went down 2% compared to 2007, while the average price rose 4.3% and the median decreased 3.2%.

The Fasig-Tipton Texas 2-year-old sale, held April 1, experienced an 11.7% decline in gross. The average dropped 3.8%, but the median increased 50%.

'Win and You're In' Expanded

Breeders' Cup officials said April 16 the Breeders' Cup Challenge had been expanded to Europe by adding three "Win and You're In" races at Ascot Racecourse in England in September. The new races bring the number of events in the series to 53. The Breeders' Cup Challenge debuted in 2007 with 24 races.

Reason to be Proud

Undefeated Peppers Pride equaled Thoroughbred racing's modern day record of 16 consecutive victories when she won the April 26 Russell & Helen Foutz Distaff Handicap for New Mexico-breds at Sun Ray Park and Casino near Farmington, N.M. Joel Marr trains the 5-year-old Desert God mare for owner/breeder Joe Allen.

Storm Ends



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The landscape of the breeding industry was changed when Overbrook Farm near Lexington announced that perennial leading sire Storm Cat was experiencing fertility problems. The 25-year-old son of Storm Bird has sired 168 stakes winners, and three of his sons are in the top 10 of the leading sires list this year. Storm Cat was officially pensioned in May.

OTHER April HEADLINES

■ News

Full sisters Tiz Elemental and Tiz a Blend won stakes on the same card

Grade I winner Showing Up retired

Grade I winner Spring at Last retired

Tom Amoss, trainer, 2,000 career wins

Wilson Dieguez, John Locke, and Christopher Zamora, jockeys, 1,000 career wins

■ Racing

Tale of Ekati, Wood Memorial (gr. I)

Colonel John, Santa Anita Derby (gr. I)

Zenyatta, Apple Blossom Handicap (gr. I)

Little Belle, Ashland (gr. I)

Bustin Stones, Carter Handicap (gr. I)

Momba, Toyota Blue Grass (gr. I)

Kip Deville, Maker's Mark Mile (gr. IT)

■ Obituaries—Horses

Terlingua, 32, dam of Storm Cat

Moscow Ballet, 26, stallion

Nine Keys, 18, grade I winner

Blazing Sword, 14, Florida champion

Critikola, 13, dam of Lemons Forever

Sharp Cat, 14, grade I winner

Presidential Order, 15, stallion

Dedication, 9, group I and U.S. graded winner

Love That Jazz, 14, graded winner, grade I producer

■ Obituaries—People

William T. Bishop III, 64, Keeneland trustee

James Moran Jr., 55, farm owner

Cliff Guilliams, 52, chart caller

Joan "Jody" Phillips, 83, owner/breeder

James Bracken, 90, trainer

William Lucas, 82, jockey

Lewis "Lou" Tuck, 89, breeder/owner

Triumph and Tragedy

Defying history by winning on racing's biggest stage in only his fourth start, and doing it from unenviable post 20, IEAH Stables and Paul Pompa Jr.'s Big Brown romped to a 4¾-length victory in the 134th Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) May 3 at Churchill Downs. The Boundary colt lived up to the words of his outspoken trainer, Richard Dutrow Jr.

Jubilant after Big Brown's dominating win quickly turned to horror moments later as Eight Belles, who finished second in the Derby, broke down while galloping out after the race. She was euthanized after suffering fractures in both front legs.

Eight Belles' tragedy quickly made waves both outside and within the racing industry. In response to the negative press and attacks by animal-rights groups, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association attempted "crisis management" by releasing statements and conducting media interviews on the issue of health and safety of horses.

The Jockey Club formed a new Thoroughbred Safety Committee, which met for the first time May 14 to discuss breeding practices, medications, racing surfaces, and the rules of racing.



Big Brown

COURTESY V. BEARSE

OTHER May HEADLINES

News

- Mike Luzzi, jockey, 3,000 career wins
- Michael Ziegler, jockey, 2,000 career wins
- Nobiz Like Shobiz, grade I winner, retired
- Panty Raid, grade I winner, retired
- Greg's Gold, grade I winner, retired
- Pussycat Doll, grade I winner, retired
- Honor in War, grade IT winner, retired
- Tom Chuckas named Maryland Jockey Club president and CEO
- Barretts, a California-based auction firm, announced it will begin regulating the use of anabolic steroids in young sale horses
- Purchase of Fasig-Tipton Co. by Dubai-based Synergy Investments finalized
- New York State Racing and Wagering Board passed proposed restrictions on the use of anabolic steroids for Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing

Racing

- Einstein, Woodford Reserve Turf Classic (gr. IT)
- Proud Spell, Kentucky Oaks (gr. I)
- Intangaroo, Humana Distaff (gr. I)
- Henrythenavigator, Stanjamesuk.com Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-I) and Boylesports Two Thousand Guineas (Ire-I)
- Falco, French Two Thousand Guineas (Fr-I)
- Divine Park, Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I)
- Student Council, Maryland Lottery Pimlico Special (gr. I)
- Daytona, Shoemaker Mile Stakes (gr. IT)
- Precious Kitten, Gamely (gr. IT)

Obituaries—Horses

- Highland Bud, 23, Eclipse Award steeplechaser
- Nashoba's Key, 5, multiple grade I winner
- Three Wonders, 11, leading stallion in Florida
- Fit to Fight, 29, New York Handicap Triple Crown winner
- Clever Bertie, 17, dam of two graded stakes winners
- Little Sister, 14, graded stakes winner, stakes producer

Obituaries—Horses

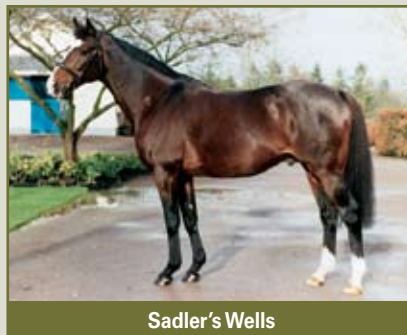
- Frank Whiteley Jr., 93, Hall of Fame trainer
- Clem Florio, 78, retired Turf writer

End Of Two Eras

Sadler's Wells and Storm Cat, leading sires in Europe and North America, respectively, for several years, were pensioned one day apart.

On May 12, Irish-based Coolmore Stud announced Sadler's Wells would be retired from stud duties due to declining fertility. The 27-year-old son of Northern Dancer, who had stood at Coolmore since 1985, was the leading sire in England/Ireland 14 times, including 13 years in succession from 1992-2004. The Kentucky-bred has sired 303 stakes winners and is the broodmare sire of 207 stakes winners.

One day later, Lexington-based Overbrook Farm announced that Storm Cat, also due to declining fertility, would be retired from stud duties. The 25-year-old son of Storm Bird, who stood for as much as \$500,000 from 2002-07, reigned as America's top sire for years. At Thoroughbred sales, 88 of his yearlings had sold for \$1 million or more.



Sadler's Wells

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Big Blowout

Ridden confidently by Kent Desormeaux, 1-5 favorite Big Brown left the crowd at Pimlico Race Course awestruck with another tremendous performance, cruising to a 5¼-length victory in the Preakness Stakes (gr. I) to remain unbeaten in five starts. Hours before the Preakness it was announced that IEAH Stables and Paul Pompa Jr.'s Big Brown would stand at Robert Clay's Three Chimneys Farm following his racing career.

Last Call at Bay

Bay Meadows Race Course near San Francisco held the final day of its regular meet May 11 after 74 years. Two days before, a crowd of more than 14,000—its largest in 16 years—flocked to the landmark to say goodbye for the final Friday night program. The track hosted a brief fair meet in August before shuttering for good.

Crisis Point

Fueled by the death of Eight Belles one month earlier after the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I), a congressional subcommittee in Washington, D.C., conducted a hearing June 19 titled "Breeding, Drugs, and Breakdowns: The State of Thoroughbred Horseracing and the Welfare of the Thoroughbred." With several prominent owners and breeders testifying, a disturbing picture of drugged equines, grisly catastrophic breakdowns, damaged racehorses with no place to go, and an overall lack of cohesion within the industry was painted for congressional leaders.



Harsh Punishment

Jockey Jeremy Rose was suspended for six months and forced to complete an anger management course by Delaware Park stewards for his misuse of the whip on Appeal to the City. The 5-year-old mare had suffered hemorrhaging around her eye and had to be taken to a veterinary hospital for treatment. Replays showed Rose striking the mare on her head. Rose, who released a statement of apology June 25, appealed the ruling, and his suspension was reduced to three months.

Trouble For Two

Rick Dutrow Jr., trainer of dual classic winner Big Brown, and Steve Asmussen, a perennial leading trainer, were served notice of suspension for drug violations one day apart in different states.

Dutrow, who had numerous violations in the past, was suspended for 15 days by the Kentucky racing stewards June 25 after Salute the Count tested positive for the prohibited substance clenbuterol. The following day Asmussen was notified by the Texas Racing Commission that he would be suspended after his filly Timber Trick tested positive for an overage of lidocaine, an anesthetic. Both trainers appealed their suspensions.

Champion's Welcome

Reigning Horse of the Year Curlin breezed to a 4¼-length victory in the \$1-million Stephen Foster Handicap (gr. I), much to the delight of fans who flocked to Churchill Downs to see "the people's horse." With memories of the Eight Belles tragedy and Big Brown's Belmont disappointment still fresh, Curlin recorded his ninth win in 12 lifetime starts in his first 2008 North American start.

Big Letdown

Attempting to become the first Triple Crown winner in 30 years, Big Brown turned in a disappointing performance in the Belmont Stakes (gr. I), as he was eased to the wire while the Nick Zito-trained Da' Tara, a 38-1 longshot, cruised to a 5¼-length victory in front of 94,000 disappointed fans. There was no immediate explanation for Big Brown's poor showing, with trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. ruling out any physical ailment shortly after the race.



Da' Tara winning the Belmont

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OTHER June HEADLINES

News

William Fasy joined NTRA board of directors

State of New York decided to take over the struggling New York City Off-Track Betting Corp.

Newly-formed Jockey Club Thoroughbred Safety Committee recommend the elimination of steroids in all training and racing, and a series of whip-related reforms

Declan's Moon, champion, retired

The Southern Hemisphere record for a Thoroughbred sold at auction was obliterated when Danehill mare Milanova sold for \$5 million (Australian) at the Tyreel Stud reduction at the Inglis Australian breeding stock sale

Racing

New Approach, Vodafone Epsom Derby (Eng-I)

Look Here, Juddmonte Epsom Oaks (Eng-I)

Artiste Royal, Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap (gr. IT)

Dancing Forever, Woodford Reserve Manhattan Handicap (gr. IT)

Zaftig, Acorn Stakes (gr. I)

Ginger Punch, Ogden Phipps Handicap (gr. I)

Frost Giant, Suburban (gr. I)

Music Note, Mother Goose (gr. I)

Mast Track, Hollywood Gold Cup (gr. I)

Not Bourbon, Queens's Plate (Can-IR)

Frozen Fire, Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby (Ire-I)

Obituaries—Horses

Kahyasi, 23, dual European Derby winner

Clabber Girl, 25, grade I winner

Silver Hawk, 29, sire of 76 stakes winners

Adieu, 5, grade I winner

Valid Victress, 18, stakes winner, dam of champion Perfect Sting

Carita Tostada, 24, group I winner and multiple graded stakes producer

Strawberry Reason, 16, dam of Vindication

Helen of Troy, 12, dam of champion Thor's Echo

Obituaries—People

Brooks Fields, 89, Canterbury Downs founder

Harry Aleo, 88, champion Lost in the Fog's owner

Warren A. "Jimmy" Croll, 88, Hall of Fame trainer

Jim McKay, 86, legendary sportscaster and founder of Maryland Million

Dean Williams, 80, retired writer

Lava Man Retires

Lava Man, the only horse to sweep the Santa Anita Handicap, Hollywood Gold Cup, and Pacific Classic (all gr. I) in one season, was retired. A winner of seven grade I races, Lava Man joined Native Diver as the only three-time victor of the Hollywood Gold Cup. Campaigned throughout most his career by Jason Wood and the STD Racing Stable of Steve, Dave, and Tracy Kenly, Lava Man retired with earnings of \$5,268,706.



Fan favorite Lava Man wins his third consecutive Hollywood Gold Cup

OTHER July HEADLINES

News

Pepper Oaks Farm in California closed
D.G. Van Clief Jr. named chairman of Sales Integrity Task Program Monitoring Committee
Kent Desormeaux, 5,000 career wins
Nobiz Like Shobiz, grade I winner, retired
Kentucky moved to ban toe grabs
Buzzards Bay, grade I winner, retired
Danzig sired 200th stakes winner

Racing

Zenyatta, Vanity Invitational Handicap (gr. I)
Indian Blessing, Prioress Stakes (gr. I)
Pure Clan, American Oaks Invitational Stakes (gr. IT)
Presious Passion, United Nations Stakes (gr. IT)
Mistical Plan, Princess Rooney Handicap (gr. I)
Red Rocks, Man o' War Stakes (gr. IT)
Music Note, Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I)
Monzante, Eddie Read Handicap (gr. IT)
Commentator, Whitney Handicap (gr. I)
Ginger Punch, Go for Wand Handicap (gr. I)
Forever Together, Diana Stakes (gr. IT)
Street Boss, Bing Crosby Handicap, Triple Bend Invitational Handicap (both gr. I)
Mount Nelson, Coral-Eclipse Stakes (Eng-I)
Moonstone, Darley Irish Oaks (Ire-I)
Duke of Marmalade, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (Eng-I)
Henrythenavigator, BGC Sussex Stakes (Eng-I)

Obituaries—People

Sidney H. Craig, 76, owner of champions Dr Devious, Paseana
Helen Gardiner, 70, owner of Gardiner Farms
Luke Kruytbosch, 47, track announcer
Sidney D. Kleeman Jr., farm owner, consignor
Gene Cunningham, 88, California horseman
Edgar Allen Jr., 84, director of media relations at Churchill Downs

Obituaries—Horses

Vindication, 8, champion, sire
Lear Fan, 27, sire of 80 stakes winners
Tomisue's Delight, 14, grade I winner, broodmare
Adieu, 5, grade I winner
Tacha, 18, champion producer
Homwrecker, 25, multiple graded stakes producer
For Dixie, 19, multiple graded stakes producer
Its Acedemic, 24, grade II winner

Ellis Park Closes, Then Reopens

The Ellis Park meet started a week late due to a disagreement over revenue sharing from advance deposit wagering. Ron Geary, who owns the track, announced that Ellis would not host a live race meet in 2008, but decided to reopen the Henderson, Ky., facility when an agreement was reached with the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association.

Farish Re-Elected as Breeders' Cup Chair

William S. Farish Jr. was re-elected to serve as chairman of the Breeders' Cup board of directors. Also re-elected to the board were Antony Beck, Terry Finley, R.D. Hubbard, and Satish Sanan. New members of the board are Helen Alexander of Middlebrook Farm and Roy Jackson of Lael Stables.

Pinnacle Race Course Holds First Race Meet

Pinnacle Race Course near Detroit, Mich., opened its doors to the public July 18. The track's first weekend of racing featured three nine-race cards, highlighted by two \$50,000 Michigan-bred stakes. Pinnacle was developed by Jerry Campbell, who operates Campbell Stables with his wife, Felicia. The couple raced Thoroughbreds at the old Detroit Race Course, which closed in 1998. Campbell had also opened Great Lakes Downs in western Michigan, which hosted live racing from 1999 through 2007.

Kentucky Derby Winner Genuine Risk Dead

Racing lost the only living filly winner of the Kentucky Derby (gr. I) when Genuine Risk died Aug. 18 in her paddock at Bertram and Diana Firestone's Newstead Farm near Upperville, Va. One of only three females to win the Derby, the 31-year-old daughter of Exclusive Native, who accomplished the feat in 1980, held her own by also finishing second in that year's Preakness and Belmont (both gr. I) Stakes. The Eclipse Award winner became a broodmare after her 4-year-old season, but produced just two named foals for the Firestones.

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Canadian Hall of Fame

Veteran trainer Robert Tiller, 58, was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame Aug. 28. The 32nd annual dinner and ceremony was held near Woodbine racetrack in Mississauga, Ontario. Joining Tiller were fellow inductees Louis Cauz, who entered the "builder" category; and top Canadian-bred horses Smart Strike and Wilderness Song.

Hall of Fame Members Inducted

Six new members were added to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Aug. 4: Carl Nafzger, trainer of champions Banshee Breeze, Unbridled, and Street Sense; jockey Edgar Prado, winner of three Triple Crown races and three Breeders' Cup races; champion older female Inside Information, owned and bred by Ogden Mills Phipps; jockey Milo Valenzuela, winner of 22 stakes aboard multiple champion Kelso, plus four Triple Crown races; 20-time stakes winner Ancient Title, campaigned by Kirkland Stables; and champion grass horse Manila, campaigned by breeder Eduardo Cojuangco and Michael Shannon.

Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Approves Ban on Anabolic Steroids, Biancone's Suspension

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission voted unanimously Aug. 25 to ban the use of anabolic steroids in racehorses. It was signed into law Sept. 5. The commission also approved a settlement agreement to extend the suspension of trainer Patrick Biancone through Oct. 31. Officials said the decision came after an investigation of Biancone's activities while he served a previous suspension.

Big Brown Comes Through in the Haskell

Though not as impressive as his wins in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) or Preakness Stakes (gr. I), Big Brown got the job done in the \$1-million Haskell Invitational Stakes (gr. I) at Monmouth Park Aug. 3. Big Brown picked it up late to score a 1¼-length win in the 1½-mile race. He became the second Kentucky Derby winner to win the Haskell, joining War Emblem (2002).

OTHER August HEADLINES

News

Reynolds Bell Jr. succeeded Bill Casner as chairman of TOBA
Woodlands in Kansas closed
Student Council, grade I winner, to stand at Millennium Farms in 2009
Bit of Whimsy, grade I winner, retired
Sadler's Wells sired 300th stakes winner

Racing

Big Brown, Haskell Invitational Stakes (gr. I)
Indian Blessing, Darley Test Stakes (gr. I)
Black Mamba, John C. Mabee Handicap (gr. I)
Spirit One, Arlington Million Stakes (gr. IT)
Mauralakana, Beverly D. Stakes (gr. IT)
Winchester, Secretariat Stakes (gr. IT)
Proud Spell, Alabama Stakes (gr. I)
Grand Couturier, Sword Dancer Invitational Stakes (gr. IT)
Magical Fantasy, Del Mar Oaks (gr. IT)
Colonel John, Travers Stakes (gr. I)
Ginger Punch, Personal Ensign Stakes (gr. I)
Intangaroo, Ballerina Stakes (gr. I)
Visionaire, NetJets King's Bishop Stakes (gr. I)
Go Between, Pacific Classic Stakes (gr. I)
Curlin, Woodward Stakes (gr. I)
First Defence, Forego Stakes (gr. I)
Mani Bhavan, Spinaway Stakes (gr. I)
Goldikova, Prix Rothschild (Fr-I)
Lush Lashes, Darley Yorkshire Oaks (Eng-I)
Halfway to Heaven, Blue Square Nassau Stakes (Eng-I)
Tamayuz, Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard Jacques le Marois (Fr-I)
Duke of Marmalade, Juddmonte International Stakes (Eng-I)

Obituaries—People

David Mullins, 51, farm owner, bloodstock agent
Robert Benoit, 81, racing executive and founder/president of Benoit & Associates
Robert DeBonis, 77, trainer
Jack Coady Sr., 80, racing photographer
Parker Buckley, 40, jockey
L. William "Bill" Donovan, 75, trainer

Obituaries—Horses

Forest Wildcat, 17, graded stakes winner, sire
Bowman's Band, 10, millionaire and stallion

Top Earner

Curlin wins second straight Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I) at Belmont Park to become North America's richest racehorse. The win pushed his career earnings to \$10,246,800, eclipsing Cigar's mark of \$9,999,815, which stood for 12 years.



ADAM COGLIANESE

OTHER September HEADLINES

News

Fasig-Tipton restructured its senior management team. Walt Robertson was named chairman of the board. D.G. Van Clief Jr., chairman under the previous ownership, became chairman emeritus and senior adviser. Boyd Browning was named the corporation's president and chief executive officer. Dan Pride became executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Jockey Earlie Fires retired with 6,470 wins, ranking him ninth all-time in wins by a jockey

John Velazquez, jockey, 4,000 career wins

Garrett Gomez, jockey, 3,000 career wins

Silver Deputy, 23, sire of 76 stakes winners, pensioned

Tough Tiz's Sis, grade I winner, retired

Racing

Vineyard Haven, Three Chimneys Hopeful Stakes (gr. I)

Stardom Bound, Del Mar Debutante (gr. I)

Tough Tiz's Sis, Ruffian Handicap (gr. I)

Midshipman, Del Mar Futurity (gr. I)

Backseat Rhythm, Garden City Stakes (gr. IT)

Goldikova, Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (Fr-I)

Music Note, Gazelle (gr. I)

Big Brown, Monmouth Stakes on the turf

Conduit, Ladbroke's St. Leger (Eng-I)

Zarkava, Qatar Prix Vermeille (Fr-I)

Cocoa Beach, Beldame (gr. I)

Grand Couturier, Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational (gr. IT)

Black Seventeen, Vosburgh Stakes (gr. I)

Dynaforce, Flower Bowl Invitational Stakes (gr. IT)

Wait a While, Yellow Ribbon Stakes (gr. IT)

Well Armed, Goodwood Stakes (gr. IT)

Red Giant, Clement L. Hirsch Memorial Turf Championship (gr. IT)

Cost of Freedom, Ancient Title Stakes (gr. I)

Stardom Bound, Oak Leaf Stakes (gr. I)

Street Hero, Norfolk Stakes (gr. I)

Zenyatta, Lady's Secret Stakes (gr. I)

Raven's Pass, Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Eng-I)

Obituaries—People

John Hettinger, 74, breeder/owner

Lev Fanning Jr., 78, farm manager

John Quentin Thornbury, 87, farm owner

Dr. Jock Jocoy, 82, veterinarian

New Side

Sheikh Mohammed's Darley privately purchased Robert and Janice McNair's Stonerside Stable Sept. 1. Included in the transaction were about 80 horses in training, plus 170 broodmares, yearlings, and weanlings, as well as the main 2,000-acre farm near Paris, Ky., and a training center near Aiken, S.C. Bob McNair, who with his wife, Janice, founded Stonerside in 1994, cited a commitment to his NFL football team, the Houston Texans, as a reason for the decision to sell the operation.

Stock Market

The 15-session Keeneland September yearling sale concluded with declines in gross, average, and median compared to the same figures from one year ago, but while the losses were considerable, they did not turn out to be devastating. The Central Kentucky auction house sold 3,605 horses to gross \$327,999,100. The

average was \$90,984 and the median \$37,000. The top-priced offering was a \$3.1-million daughter of A.P. Indy—Chimichurri, by Elusive Quality, purchased by John Ferguson on behalf of Sheikh Mohammed. The top-priced colt was a \$1.5-million son of A.P. Indy—Taegu, by Halo, purchased by Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell.



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Yearlings in the outer walking ring at Keeneland

New Deal

The New York Racing Association was granted new life Sept. 12 with the formal approval by the state of a new 25-year franchise to operate Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga.

Full Cup



The 25th anniversary of the Breeders' Cup World Championships was hosted by Oak Tree at Santa Anita, and for the first time the two-day event was run over an artificial main track. The expanded event was kick-started by "Ladies Day" Oct. 24, which featured winners Zenyatta (Ladies' Classic, gr. I) and Stardom Bound (Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, gr. I). The following day was all about Sheikh Mohammed and his wife, Princess Haya. The couple teamed up to win the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) with Raven's Pass (left), the Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I) with Midshipman, and the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf with Donativum. Other highlights of the day included Midnight Lute scoring the second of back-to-back wins in the Sentient Flight Group Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) and Goldikova defeating the boys in the Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. IT).

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Alysheba arrives at Horse Park

Back Home

1988 Horse of the Year Alysheba, "America's Horse," took up residence at the Kentucky Horse Park Oct. 31. The winner of the 1987 Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and 1988 Breeders' Cup Classic (all gr. I) had previously resided in Saudi Arabia after being purchased by King Abdullah. Alysheba, who was bred in Kentucky by Preston Madden and raced in the colors of Dorothy and Pamela Scharbauer, raced three years and retired in 1988 as the top money-earning Thoroughbred at that time with \$6,679,242.

Top Pride

Peppers Pride scored her 17th straight win Oct. 4 at Zia Park near Hobbs, N.M. The 5-year-old New Mexico-bred mare, owned by Joe Allen and trained by Joel Marr, broke the North American modern-day Thoroughbred record for consecutive wins that she jointly held with Citation, Cigar, Mister Frisky, and Hallowed Dreams.

Brown Out

Big Brown was injured and retired Oct. 13 after a workout in advance of the Breeders' Cup Classic. The winner of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands and Preakness Stakes (both gr. I) grabbed a quarter on the inside of his right front foot. Big Brown (Boundary—Mien, by Nureyev) will enter stud at Robert Clay's Three Chimneys Farm near Midway, Ky., for the 2009 breeding season under a deal announced earlier in the year.

New Rules

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association unveiled a series of equine health and safety reforms that will be overseen by an independent monitor. Former four-term Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson was chosen as the independent counsel for the newly-formed Safety and Integrity Alliance. The reforms include uniform medication rules, a ban on steroids in racing, and out-of-competition testing for blood-doping agents.

OTHER October HEADLINES

News

Patrick Valenzuela, jockey, 4,000 career wins
Grade/group I winners Divine Park, Red Giant, Majestic Warrior, Zarkava, Dreaming of Anna, retired

Racing

Carriage Trail, Juddmonte Spinster Stakes (gr. I)
Square Eddie, Lane's End Breeders' Futurity (gr. I)
Thorn Song, Shadwell Turf Mile (gr. IT)
Dream Empress, Darley Alcibiades (gr. I)
Forever Together, First Lady Stakes (gr. IT)
Zarkava, Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (Fr-I)
Proportional, Total Prix Marcel Boussac (Fr-I)
Vineyard Haven, Champagne Stakes (gr. I)
Sky Diva, Frizette Stakes (gr. I)
Marsh Side, Pattison Canadian International (Can-IT)
Folk Opera, E.P. Taylor (Can-IT)
Alwajeaha, Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (gr. IT)

Obituaries—People

Harry T. Mangurian Jr., 82, breeder/owner

Obituaries—Horses

Princess Rooney, 28, champion
Cozzene, 28, champion and sire
Carr de Naskra, 27, grade I winner and sire
Val Royal, 12, Breeders' Cup Mile winner and sire

Slots for Maryland

Maryland voters approved legalization of slot machines at five locations Nov. 4, giving the state's racing and breeding industry a long-sought shot in the arm. Laurel Park and Ocean Downs could host the machines. According to projections, racing and breeding in the state could receive up to \$100 million annually from the machines.

Fee Fall

Lane's End Farm led the way when it dropped 2009 stallion fees due to the global economic meltdown. Other stallion stations quickly followed suit. A.P. Indy and Kingmambo, the most expensive sires in North America, now stand for \$250,000, down from \$300,000.

Hot Stuff

Peppers Pride on Nov. 9 won her 18th consecutive race, taking the New Mexico Cup Fillies and Mares Stakes at Zia Park for owner/breeder Joe Allen and trainer Joel Marr.

Train Record

Trainer Steve Asmussen broke his own record for wins in a season when Prophesy won at Remington Park Nov. 23, giving Asmussen his 556th winner in 2008. He had won 555 races in 2004. Prophesy, by Pulpit, is owned by William Clifton Jr.

Top Jumper

Good Night Shirt finished 2008 a perfect five-for-five, all in NSA-I races, when he took the Nov. 16 Marion du Pont Scott Colonial Cup Hurdle Stakes. The 7-year-old Concern gelding is a sure thing to be named champion steeplechaser for the second consecutive season. Good Night Shirt is owned by Harold "Sonny" Via Jr. and is trained by Jack Fisher. He has earned just under \$1 million for his career.



Good Night Shirt

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OTHER November HEADLINES

■ News

- Curlin, 2007 Horse of the Year, retired to Lane's End Farm
- Midnight Lute, dual Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) winner, retired to Hill 'n' Dale Farm
- Raven's Pass, Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) winner, retired to Kildangan Stud, Ireland
- Henrythenavigator, dual classic winner, retired to Ashford Stud
- Student Council, multiple grade I winner, retired to Millennium Farms
- Into Mischief, grade I winner, retired to Spendthrift Farm
- Alwajeaha, grade I winner, retired
- Zarkava named Cartier Horse of the Year
- Seeking the Gold, 23, pensioned
- Ginger Punch, champion, retired
- Julien Lejaroux equaled Churchill Downs record with seven wins in a day

■ Racing

- Screen Hero, Japan Cup (Jpn-I)
- Cocoa Beach, Matriarch (gr. IT)
- Court Vision, Hollywood Derby (gr. IT)
- Tale of Ekati, Hill 'n' Dale Cigar Mile (gr. I)
- Hyperbaric, Citation Handicap (gr. IT)

■ Obituaries—Horses

- Shakis, 8, multiple graded stakes winner
- Regal Intention, 23, sire
- Mazel Trick, 13, sire

Top Honour, Tough Climate



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Better Than Honour (left), who produced consecutive Belmont Stakes (gr. I) winners Jazil and Rags to Riches, set a world-record price for a Thoroughbred broodmare or broodmare prospect sold at public auction when Southern Equine Stables bid \$14 million for her at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale Nov. 2. While Fasig-Tipton posted increases in most major categories, the Keeneland November breeding stock sale saw its gross, average, and median figures plummet due to the global financial crisis.

Champ for Sale

Azeri, 2002 Horse of the Year and three-time champion older mare, will be offered for sale at Keeneland's January horses of all ages sale by the Allen E. Paulson Living Trust. Trustee Michael Paulson said he was sad to sell the last great runner bred by his late father, but that he needed to wrap up the terms of the trust. Azeri, who earned more than \$4 million, is one of only six fillies to win Horse of the Year honors.



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Positive Cup Test

Wait a While, the champion 3-year-old filly of 2006, was confirmed by the California Horse Racing Board Dec. 5 to have tested positive for procaine in the Emirates Airline Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (gr. IT). The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Todd Pletcher after a split sample confirmed the positive. Procaine, an antibiotic, represents a class 3 violation, which would mean a minimum 30-day suspension for Pletcher. Wait a While, who finished third in the race, would also face a disqualification and the loss of purse money for owner Arindel Farm.

McMahon Resigns From Barretts

Jerry McMahon, founding president and general manager of Barretts Equine Limited, announced Dec. 8 his resignation from the California auction company, which he ran for 20 years. As with other auction houses around the country, business at Barretts has dropped off substantially in recent sales.

Wild One

Wild Again, winner of the inaugural Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) in 1984, died Dec. 5 at age 28. A stellar sire, Wild Again, by Icecapade, helped put Three Chimneys Farm on the map after he moved there from Calumet Farm in 1991. He will always be remembered, though, for prevailing at Hollywood Park following a lengthy stewards' inquiry at odds of 31-1 after his owners had supplemented him to the Classic at a cost of \$360,000.

OTHER December HEADLINES

News

Breeders' Cup suspends \$6-million stakes program

Peppers Pride wins 19th straight race

Zaftig, Precious Kitten, grade I winners, retired

Dixieland Band, 28, sire of 115 stakes winners, pensioned

Racing

Champ Elysees, Hollywood Turf Cup (gr. IT)

Laragh, Hollywood Starlet (gr. I)

Kane Hekili, Japan Cup Dirt (Jpn-I)

Eagle Mountain, Hong Kong Cup (HK-I)

Good Ba Ba, Hong Kong Mile (HK-I)

Doctor Dino, Hong Kong Vase (HK-I)

Inspiration, Hong Kong Sprint (HK-I)

Obituaries—Horses

Leestown, 14, sire

Flying Pidgeon, 27, grade I winner, sire



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Hall Humor

Funny Cide, winner of the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness (both gr. I) and that year's champion 3-year-old male, became the second Derby-winning champion to take up residence at the Kentucky Horse Park's Hall of Champions in just over a month when he was formally introduced Dec. 5. The New York-bred gelding joined Alysheba, who arrived at the Horse Park in October. Funny Cide, owned by 10 blue-collar, school-bus-riding partners who raced under the name Sackatoga Stable, missed winning the Triple Crown when finishing third in the Belmont (gr. I), but remained one of New York's all-time popular runners, spawning a cottage industry of Funny Cide-themed products. He earned \$3.5 million in a 38-race career, which included a victory in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I) in 2004.