

Race 1 News

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes



TERMINOLOGY

WIN: The horse you select must come in first.

PLACE: The horse you select must come in first or second.

SHOW: The horse you select must come in first, second, or third.

DAILY DOUBLE: A bet attempting to pick the winner of two consecutive races.

PICK THREE: A bet attempting to select the winners of three consecutive races.

PICK FOUR: A bet attempting to select the winners of four consecutive races.

PICK SIX: A bet attempting to select the winners of six consecutive races.

EXACTA: A bet attempting to select the first two finishers in exact order.

TRIFECTA: A bet attempting to select the first **THREE** finishers in exact order.

SUPERFECTA: A bet attempting to select the first **FOUR** finishers in exact order.

Derby Dozen

by Steve Haskin

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Tiz the Law Barclay Tagg

Constitution—Tizfiz, by Tiznow

He's still hanging on to the top spot despite two months between races and battling a minor bruised foot. No one has matched his effort in the Holy Bull Stakes (G3) or his speed ratings, so someone will have to step up big in the Curlin Florida Derby (G3). Layoff is of no concern because of the magnitude of his performance in the Holy Bull and his huge effort in the Champagne Stakes (G1). Until we can find a flaw in him he likely will remain right where he is. He had a sensational-looking work, sitting behind a workmate and blowing the doors off him, opening up some 10 lengths galloping out. The clockers got him five furlongs in a bullet 1:01.90.

2
Sole Volante Patrick Biancone

Karakontie—Light Blow, by Kingmambo

Sorry, I'm still a sucker for a strong closer, and the Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby (G2) was nothing more than a learning experience in how to deal with traffic in a big field. And I have to take into account his final sixteenth in a swift :6.09 according to Trakus—that is flying. He is still the strongest closer of this crop and when it comes to the Derby you never know if those holes are going to open or not. You just trust your horse can learn to make his own holes. Biancone said he achieved what he was looking for. He told Florent Geroux to wait for traffic even if it closed up on him, just to teach him how to stop and go. He understands what a prep is. And he did have to wait with horses in front of him. But

ALMOST CUT MY HAIR
Looped, tucked into pocket, shadowed to lane, urged, up in time. Hikes, adds James, you never know.

PART TIME
Moved out 2nd over far turn, angled to the drive, urged. Missed last week clerical error, nothing wrong with the horse.

QUEENACE BLUE CHIP
Left well, tracked top pair from 3/8s on, driven, missed 2nd in a photo. Extra week off, still very sharp. Another in the mix.

BESTINTHEBUSINESS
Sped from gate, yielded to winner 3/8s, chased rest of way, urged to save place. This class didn't fill last week. He's firing out.

ALLMYXSLIVENTEXAS
Came from last with first over move into modest 3rd panel, failed to sustain the bid. Mooney's choice here. Also had week to recuperate. Major player as usual.

PICK 5 (16% Takeout) - 20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

50 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 1	\$.20	2 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$6.40
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 2	\$.40	2 x 2 x 2 x 3 x 3	\$14.40
1 x 1 x 1 x 2 x 2	\$.80	2 x 2 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$21.60
1 x 1 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$1.60	1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5	\$24.00
1 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$3.20	2 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$32.40
1 x 1 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$5.40	3 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$48.60
		2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6	\$144.00

Race 2 News

once he found room along the inside, Geroux said he just kept accelerating and he couldn't pull him up. Yes, battle lost, but a step closer to winning the war. He still has another prep and should be much more battle-tested with this race behind him. And remember, only one horse in the last 19 years has won both the Sam F. Davis and Tampa Bay Derby, and that was Destin, who peaked too early and had to go straight into the Kentucky Derby off an eight-week layoff.

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Honor A. P. John Shirreffs

Honor Code—Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush

He may not have turned in the best performance of the weekend, but he did turn in one of the best Derby performances of the weekend. Yes, Authentic beat him with something in reserve, but he was never touched by Mike Smith, who was not going to gut him trying to catch a fast, classy horse loose on an easy lead, especially coming off a five-month layoff. And he ran 24 feet farther than Authentic, according to Trakus. I loved the way he pulled away from the others and the way he galloped out. Although he has a lumbering type of stride, he generates a great deal of power from his shoulders as he gets down low and pushes forward with those long strides. I also liked the way he closed in on the far turn, made his run at Authentic and stayed with him the length of the stretch. At 1 1/16 miles, Authentic simply is too fast for him, especially controlling the race the way he did. I expect big improvement next time, which could lead to a peak performance on the first Saturday in May.

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URINGOODHANDS

Parked half turn, back out late last bend, urged, just a mild rally. Rail. Probably firing out again in here.

CENALTA DIESEL

Settled early, rode cones to lane, cleared traffic but only fair once free. In store for another easy run. Slice maybe.

PANEDICTINE

Scratched 2/28, also eligible. Opted off last week's wet track. Luke hops aboard.

CHIEF SARATOGA

Led into turn, no pressure to last bend, attacked, faded once passed. Gets a little post relief. Include in gimmicks.

WHO DAT LOVE

Left, pocket tripped to lane, squeezed out, urged, away. Confidence booster for the 11-year-old?

LINCOLN

Off gate, rode cones whole trip, rallied along the pylons to save place. Figures for a stalking trip. Gotta use.

FLY AWAY

Out near half, burst 3wide around stalled foe, flew into the lead, caught final sixteenth. Outside again but benefits from smaller field size.



TERMINOLOGY

BOXED IN: A horse that is racing on the rail (or fence) and is surrounded by other horses in front, outside and behind it. A horse that is boxed in is held up and unable to gain a clear passage.

BREAK: To start galloping and lose natural trotting or pacing rhythm. It usually occurs more with trotters than pacers.

BROODMARE: A female horse, generally retired from racing, used for breeding purposes.

CARD: Another term for a program of racing. For example, a person may refer to there being twelve races on the card, it simply means 12 races will be staged that particular day.

CATCH DRIVER: A driver which doesn't train his or her own horses, and is engaged by other trainers and owners to drive their horses.

CLAIMING RACE or CLAIMER: A race where any of the entrants may be claimed (purchased) for a specified amount.

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Race 3 News

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Authentic Bob Baffert

Into Mischief—Flawless, by Mr. Greeley

I'm sure a lot of people are going to be surprised he's not ranked No. 1 or 2, but, although he may be the most gifted of the 3-year-olds, I still want to see a little more, such as how he handles pressure, if he can rate behind horses, and if he looks like he can overcome a pedigree not exactly geared toward 1 1/4 miles. With that said, he no doubt is immensely talented, but he couldn't have had an easier time of it on an uncontested lead, in which he went the first half in :46.71 and the next half :50.18 before coming home his final sixteenth in :6.67. This was after a fairly mundane quarter in :25.57. So, time-wise, the San Felipe (G2) was a good race, but not exceptional. But visually, the first two finishers looked very good, so we'll just wait until the Santa Anita Derby (G1) to see if we know more then. Yes, Authentic was only under a mild hand ride, but the runner-up wasn't being pushed hard either. Unlike Honor A.P., he runs with gazelle-like strides, carries his head high, and is so light on his feet he exerts little energy while able to bound along effortlessly. In short, he seems to be all leg action and doesn't need to generate a lot of power from the rest of his body.

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Ete Indien Patrick Biancone

Summer Front—East India, by Mizzen Mast

He had a powerhouse two-minute lick on the turf course, in which he went in under two minutes and kept getting stronger the farther he went. The clockers actually caught him a half-mile in :50.85. This was geared to build up his stamina and he really looked strong doing it. Although he's been one-dimensional since being

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SARAH TOGA AGAIN

Out mid turn to get control, slowed pace to 5/8s, sped up, some urging, never an anxious moment. Hikes, adds Braxten.

THATS HOW IT GOES

Out into far turn, wide around tiring foe late in bend, urged, 3vying for show. James returns for this one.

HAGGINATTHEBEACH

Out midturn, left on rim by pacesetter, began to fade final bend. Has had some rugged trips of late.

CASEY N GRINEGAN

Bided time to middle last turn, angled out near 3/4s, urged easy 2nd best. Another class hiker in the mix.

BROOKLYN MOONSHINE

Led early, back out past quarter, grabbed to take back, followed to lane, tired. Could get on the gimmick ticket.

SAND AND ROCKS

Led early, shuffled to last, 4th over 3/4s, managed a mild rally. Extra time off for her. How ready will she be?

RUE HANOVER

Parked half turn, repelled quarter mover, dueled to far turn, urged to save place behind romping winner. Dean gets the drive tonight. Solid threat.



CLASS: A horse which has raced adequately against better foes may find his way into the winner's circle, while a horse who has beaten inferior foes may find tougher horses not to its liking. A fairly reliable way of checking class is comparing the purses of the previous races and the present race.

COLORS: The special colorful jacket worn by drivers when in a race. Unlike Thoroughbred racing, drivers register their own colors and wear them every time they race.

COLT: A male 3 years of age or less.

CONDITIONED RACE: A race where eligibility is based on age, sex, money won, or races won. For example, "3-year-old fillies, non-winners of \$10,000 or 4 races."

COVER: A horse that races with another horse in front of him is said to race with cover, as the leading horse cuts the wind resistance.

CROSS FIRE: When a horse's hind foot strikes the opposite front foot or leg.

CAL EXPO PICK 3 RULES

1. Any scratch in the first leg of a Pick Three is now a refund.
2. A wager with a scratch in the second leg creates a consolation pool.
3. A wager with a scratch in the third leg creates another consolation pool.
4. A wager with scratches in the second and third leg creates another consolation pool.
5. A consolation pool is the sum of all wagers that include the scratch(es) for that leg or legs. The winning combination for the consolation pool is a wager with the winner or winners of the non-scratch leg(s).

Race 4 News

switched to the dirt and obviously wants to be on the lead, he is the type who can run you into the ground and just keep going. His Brisnet pace figures are eye-catching. He has run triple-digit early and middle pace figures in all three of his dirt races and still was able to run a 99 late-pace figure in all three, which means he can run fast from start to finish and doesn't get tired. Biancone has been putting a lot of bottom in him in his works and gallops. He will be tested in the Florida Derby, with horses like Tiz the Law, Independence Hall, and Gouverneur Morris all breathing down his neck.

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Gouverneur Morris Todd Pletcher

Constitution—Addison Run, by Unbridled's Song

I admit that logic says this colt has no business being ranked this high and I can offer little statistically to back up the decision. From a speed rating standpoint he has run three times and earned a "5" on Thoro-Graph in all three races—good, but not competitive with the leading contenders and no improvement from his first start. Also, his last Brisnet figure ranks 17th among the 23 Future Wager betting interests, and it's also his career-high figure. And I'm not crazy about the schedule he's on getting to the Derby. So, why have I ranked him so high? Strictly gut feeling based on the eye test, and sometimes it's tough to let go of that despite logic and stats telling you you're off base. With some heavy hitters expected for the Florida Derby, he better pick up some big points if he's going to make the Derby cut. I can't help it, I just have faith in this colt's upside and believe he can do it. He'll have to prove me wrong.

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CANTHOLDMEBACKMACK
Led into turn, middle half breather, attacked by pocket fav into lane, tired a bit last eighth. Rail plus Luke. Gotta consider.

GUNNY WILSON
Off gate, tipped out near half, had little go, tired. John returns but he's a bit off his game at the moment.

RAMSAY
Led from gate, yielded to quarter moving winner, tipped out 3/4s, no close after year layoff. Mooney's choice. How ready?

WET SHARK
Moved out near half, excess cover, failed to get into it. Missed some time. Dean returns to drive. Drops too.

RED STAR TIGER
Reserved leaving, snuck out half, bad flow to lane, came wide, fair late. Not the worst price stab here.

JUST B TALKING
Forced inside pylons before the start, away under urging, yielded, chased balance, tired, declared non starter. Who knows?

TICKET TO ROLL
Saved all ground, failed to make any menacing moves. Drops, James returns, they surprised back on 2/7.



DAM: The female parent, or mother, of a horse. Also a term occasionally used when you take a tough beat in a photo finish.

DEAD HEAT: A situation in which the judges cannot separate two or more horses when judging the outcome of a race.

DISTANCED: A horse that is out of touch with the rest of the field at any point of the race, usually more than 25 lengths behind the leader. This is often referred to as finished distanced.

DRIVER: The person holding a license or permit to drive harness horses. There are different types of licenses, which correspond to differing levels of experience.

EARLY/LATE CLOSER: A race requiring payments which start much closer to the actual race date than a stake "Early" and "Late" involve specified periods of time.

FILLY: A female 3 years of age or less.

PYLON RULE

(For Horses Racing Without Interference)

1. Going inside two (2) pylons and lapped-on at the finish: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed behind any lapped-on horses at the wire.
2. Going inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed last.
3. If an unfair advantage is gained by going inside, over, or in-between one or more pylons in order to pass another competitor: The offending horse will be disqualified.

The steward's discretion applies to all placement.

Race 5 News

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Independence Hall Michael Trombetta

Constitution—Kalahari Cat, by Cape Town

A lot of people have dismissed him for some reason, but I believe he is a very live contender, and I was tempted to rank him higher. We discussed his monster Thoro-Graph number last year and his progression back toward that number this year. Well, his Brisnet figures show the same progression, and in his last three starts, his late pace figures are 102, 102, and 99, which show this colt does have a strong closing punch and uses it consistently. Remember, in his only defeat to Sole Volante he was given an over-confident ride, going to the lead too soon, and still finished 11 1/4 lengths ahead of third-place finisher, the grade 2-placed Ajaaweed. He continued to build his foundation, working seven furlongs in 1:28 at Tampa Bay Downs. The only thing keeping him at No. 7 and not higher is inactivity. It wouldn't surprise me if he's No. 1 or No. 2 after the Florida Derby.

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Three Technique Jeremiah Englehart

Mr Speaker—Nite in Rome, by Harlan's Holiday

He'll have his work cut out for him in the Rebel Stakes (G2) whether Oaklawn Park splits it or not, as he'll have to contend with several live shippers from California, the intriguing No Parole from Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, and a strong local contingent. This is the last spot for horses needing two more starts. I have always had a great deal of faith in this colt, and I still do, especially knowing he doesn't need to win this, just be closing in the final furlong. He still has the Arkansas Derby (G1) ahead of him. He is coming off a career-high Brisnet speed figure and has already registered late-pace figures of 103, 101, and 99, so we know he has the closing punch.

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PROM QUEEN

Pocket from outset, stalked to 3/4s, angled wide for the drive, away in hand. Figures like a strong candidate to repeat.

AKANAY

Took soft trip behind top pair, asked to keep up near half, stalled readily into the lane. Adds fresh Lasix, longshot though.

WINIHAVETIME

Burst out into far turn, alongside the leader but couldn't keep the bid going. Looks like one of two will battle for the runner-up.

DEBIT OR CREDIT

Led at once, no pressure to far turn, shook off 1st attacker but no match for pocket winner. Solid form. Looks second best on paper.

LE MONTRACHET

Moved from last 2nd over far turn, unable to keep up to the flow, urged, only a mild rally. Fresh Lasix for her here. Slice maybe.



FIRST-OVER: The first horse to make a move on the leader in a race, moving up on the outside. Those following the first over horse on the outside are second over, third over, etc.

FOAL: A newly born horse. Also describes the act of a mare giving birth.

FREE LEGGED: A pacer which races without wearing hobbles.

GELDING: A castrated male of any age.

HANDICAPPING: The first step in successfully picking a winner (or "handicapping") is becoming familiar with reading the racing program. Each program has a section explaining the information format used at that particular track. Probably the best place to start when handicapping Standardbreds is time. Since over 99 percent of all harness races are conducted at the one-mile distance, valid comparisons can be made among horses.

CHRB Rule No. 1699

(b) A horse shall not interfere with or cause any other horse to lose stride, ground or position in a part of the race where the horse loses the opportunity to place where it might be reasonably expected to finish.

(c) A horse which interferes with another and thereby causes any other horse to lose stride, ground or position, when such other horse is not at fault and when such interference occurs in a part of the race where the horse interfered with loses the opportunity to place where it might, in the opinion of the Stewards, be reasonably expected to finish, may be disqualified and placed behind the horse so interfered with.

Race 6 News

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Nadal Bob Baffert

Blame—Ascending Angel, by Pulpit

He continues to work up a storm as he tries to convince people he is something special. He very well may be, but, although I have no doubt he will handle two turns with no problem, he still has to go out and do it, and over a strange surface. His five-furlong work in a bullet :59 3/5 was the fastest of 58 works at the distance. He is an imposing presence, and in his work he sat right off the flank of his workmate, then easily drew off by four lengths before going out very strongly past the wire. If he can rate, as he's done in his works, and show the same speed and brilliance stretching out in distance and then run off from what promises to be a strong and competitive field, then we are talking serious Derby horse.

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Silver Prospector Steve Asmussen

Declaration of War—Tap Softly, by Tapit

He is sort of the silent assassin of this group. Not many know he's around. He's run eight times, has never been the favorite, and you just never know when he's going to strike or how. He has come from first, second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth, so it doesn't matter where he is running. And, yes, he's beaten Tiz the Law, has won graded stakes at Oaklawn and Churchill Downs on fast and sloppy tracks, and has hit the board in seven of his eight starts. I won't even begin to predict what he's going to do in the Rebel Stakes. He's not one of the faster horses, but don't make any mistakes when you go against him.

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VELOCITY LAYLA
Led early, yielded, tracked to stretch, angled out of traffic, driven to save place. mild class relief.

MELODIES THAT ROCK
Led from gate, set a modest clip unchallenged, coasting late, beat a week field. How ready after long layoff?

NOISY NORA
Moved from back with excess cover, good lead up tho, solid close. Nick takes the drive tonight. Not impossible.

WIZZEL STIX
Quarter moved, back in pocket behind heavy fave half, chased balance, urged, 3vying for 2nd late. Been giving signals, thought.

OUTRAGEOUSDELIGHTN
Away to tuck, gapped out far turn, lost contact. Tough to recommend after that one.

SWEET ONE
Left well, soft trip balance, didn't make any headway when asked. So-so form but ends up in a pretty good spot.

DOUBLE MYSTERY
First out from half, never covered, caught near wire for 2nd. Been giving some hints of late. Another maybe.

MISSPANDEROSAJONES
Left to early tuck, rode cones rest of the way, no late moves. Drops enough to warrant consideration despite outside.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

HARNESS: The gear which is used to attach the sulky to a horse, to carry the hobbles and to enable the driver to steer the horse.

HOME STRETCH or STRETCH: The straight length of the track, nearest the spectators, where the finish line is situated. It is called this because it is the final part of the track a horse travels down during a race -- on its run 'home' (or run to the finish line).

HOBBLES/HOPPLES: The straps which connect the front and rear legs on the same side of a horse. Most pacers wear hobbles to help balance their stride and maintain a pacing gait. The length of hobbles is adjustable and a trainer registers the length that best suits his or her horse. There are also trotting hobbles that work through a pulley system to help trotters maintain their gait.

HORSE: A male 4 years of age or older.

THE WARM-UPS

The track is busy between races, with horses warming-up for later races. Standardbreds are a rugged breed and this activity enhances their performance. About two hours prior to racing, the trainer will "jog" the horse, the same way any athlete runs to loosen-up prior to competing. Generally, the horse is jogged by going the "wrong way" (clockwise) on the track, follow-

ing a traffic pattern that is standard on tracks all over North America. About an hour before his race, he's warmed-up again. Different trainers have different methods. Some go slowly, others ask for speed. Only experts can detect such things as lameness. Look, though, to see if his gait is fluid. If it is, chances are he's ready to do his best. As a rule, those working out between races **ONE** and **TWO** are in final prepa-

ration for the **FOURTH RACE**, those between **TWO** and **THREE** will be prepping for the **FIFTH RACE**, etc.

SADDLE PADS

Saddle pads at Cal Expo will indicate the horse's betting number and the race number in a smaller size, in upper right hand corner. In the adjacent example: **HORSE NUMBER 3** IN **THE SEVENTH RACE**.

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Race 7 News

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Attachment Rate Dale Romans

Hard Spun—Aristra, by Afleet Alex

I know I'm alone on this one, but I liked what I saw in the Gotham Stakes (G3), his second straight race at a flat mile. In his first stakes appearance, he was forced to run hard, while stuck between horses, every step of way down the backstretch. Instead of tiring, as would most horses coming off a maiden win, he kept improving his position along the inside and was stuck on his left lead in the stretch, but switched late and rallied to just miss second. Romans ran him back at one turn because he realizes a horse needs speed going up against Baffert. There is no doubt he will be much more effective going two turns. This was another deep, tiring track at Aqueduct Racetrack, so forget times and fractions. He has already run a powerful 106 Equibase speed figure and jumped from a "10" to a "4" on Thoro-Graph, so we know he's fast and is improving. I did like the way he pulled away from a top closer in Montauk Traffic in the final furlong and missed by a head of catching Untitled for second.

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Enforceable Mark Casse

Tapit—Justwhistledixie, by Dixie Union

He finally returned to the work tab, breezing five furlongs in a solid 1:01 for the TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (G2). With eight lifetime starts, six of them two-turn races, Casse said the three-week vacation was by design. He obviously does not need a lot of work and has never been an eye-catching worker anyway. With his style of running, just give him a strong pace and a clear outside path and that's all you can ask for. You know he's going to give you all he has and will be closing at the end.

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ONE GORGEOUS GAL
Looped leaving, parked half turn, yielded, cleared stretch traffic, some urging, 3 vying for 3rd. hikes, slice maybe.

RAIDER ROSE
Quarter moved to top, took pressure last bend, faded in the comeback tuner. Dean hops aboard for this.

MARYS PRETTY GIRL
Reserved to final bend, angled out on rim, closed strong, mild late urging to surprise. Fresh Mooney in the bike.

SPICE AND ICE
Led early, back out first over into far turn, advanced by leader, stalled final eighth. Been giving minor signals.

GLITTER N GINGER
Parked past quarter, yielded near half, back out with last turn cover, urged, many across deep in drive. Another hiker in the mix.

CENALTA SUNRISE
Out late before half, grabbed live cover, solid lead up, some urging, no doubt. Week off, adds Jacob.

TABBAT MCREY
Stuck last while winner snailed the pace, urged late last bend, no rally. Toss out that one and she can play.

DRINK ME PRETTY
Led early, yielded to winner's retake, chased to 3/4s, driven, tired in tuner. Negative post switch. Fires out?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

INQUIRY: Stewards may conduct an inquiry as a result of any incident which may have occurred during a race, to determine whether or not certain drivers and/or horses were responsible for the incident and whether they should receive due punishment.

INVITATIONAL: A race for the top horses in the area. Also known as an Open or Free-For-All.

LAME: The term used to describe a horse which is limping or has difficulty walking properly, similar to leg cramping, or a Charley-horse.

LEASING: As opposed to buying a harness horse, people have the option of leasing one. Just like some people lease a car instead of paying the money up-front, leasing a horse gives people use of a horse without large capital outlay. An agreement or contract must be drawn up between the two parties, and the lease must be registered with the relevant controlling body.

STARTER'S RULES

1728. Starter's Control. The starter shall have control over the horses from the formation of the parade until he gives the word 'go.' The starter shall report to the stewards any misconduct or violation on the part of the driver and may order any unmanageable or disabled horse declared (scratched) from the race with the concurrence of the stewards.

1729. Starting the race. The starter shall bring the horses to the starting gate as near one-quarter of a mile from the starting point as the track may permit, and shall endeavor to get all horses away in position and on gait. If a horse refuses to come to the gate, is unmanageable or liable to cause an accident or injury to any other horse or driver, it may be declared and all monies wagered on that horse shall be refunded.

1730. Recalls. The starter may sound a recall for only the following reasons: 1-A horse scored ahead of the gate; 2- There is interference prior to the word 'go' being given; 3-A horse has broken equipment; 4-A horse falls prior to the word 'go' being given. There shall be no recall after the word 'go' is given and any horse, regardless of his position or an accident, shall be deemed a starter from the time he entered into the starter's control unless dismissed.

Race 8 News

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

I know by now you're wondering where the heck is KING GUILLERMO? Well, he was originally going to be ranked No. 8 or 9 this week after his stunning upset victory in the Tampa Bay Derby until reports came out that he will go straight to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1). That would mean going into the Derby off an eight-week layoff and never having run farther than 1 1/16 miles. To accomplish that would be unprecedented in modern times. And he still has to be nominated to the Triple Crown. We know very little about his trainer Juan Carlos Avila, who came here recently from Venezuela. I will have to admit I have no idea what to make of this horse other than he never should have been 49-1 in the Tampa Bay Derby. Not only had he run a good third to Sole Volante in the Pulpit Stakes, he was going grass to dirt and had worked a strong five-eighths in :59.69 over a sloppy Gulfstream Park dirt track on Feb. 22. He had a perfect stalking trip behind a 21-1 shot, opened a clear lead with no problem, and just kept going, as most of the top contenders never were a factor. That is the danger of running at Tampa. You never know who is going to handle the track and who is going to flounder over it.

So he really didn't have to work hard for this, as Sole Volante was far back and stuck behind traffic. But give him credit for taking advantage of the situation and catching everyone flat-footed. He just may be that good, we really don't know. He'll have to be if he is going to be a factor in the Derby off such a long layoff and not a single nine-furlong race under him. If they change their mind and decide to run in another race he likely will return to the Top 12.

Another winner over the weekend who remains a bit of a mystery is Gotham winner MISCHIEVOUS ALEX, who has now won three stakes in a row, all by daylight, but who is a major question

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RELENTLESS DANCER

Left to pocket, 3hole mid turn, followed winner out into stretch, urged, caught for 2nd. Tossing hints. Slice?

LA DIVA DE ROSA

Shuffled to back, came out late last bend, angled, urged, flew too late. Another who's been giving signals.

BETTOR LADY

Moved from afar 4th over, unable to rally into the quick last panel. Drops, better post too.

BRIANS MAGIC GIRL

Well back early one, came up 2nd over from half, unable to show any late interest. Another question mark.

HI FIDELITY

Led into turn, yielded to quarter mover, brushed back half, opened up into lane, cruising late. Braxten returns.

CENALTA GLORY

Parked quarter, yielded, tracked to lane, heavy traffic, loose late. Certainly not out of this.

MAGNIFIQUE

Quarter moved, left on the rim balance, still held okay. Third start back angle for her. Must use.

PLACE AT THE BEACH

Left fast, yielded, easy run to lane, faded out. What's the plan from the far outside?



MAIDEN: A horse which has not yet won a race.

MARE: A female 4 years of age or more.

PARI-MUTUEL RACE: A race in which wagering is allowed, held at a track licensed by a state's racing commission. Pari-mutuel races are held at licensed pari-mutuel racetracks or fairs.

PARKED: A horse racing on the outside, with at least one horse between it and the inside rail. A horse on the outside of two horses is said to be **THREE WIDE**.

PHOTO FINISH: When two horses cross the finish too closely to identify a winner, officials call for a photograph of the race, taken exactly at the finish line, to help them determine who was ahead.

POCKET: A horse in the pocket is sitting in perfect position behind the leader, also known as the **two-hole** or the **pocket**.

Pick Four (16%) - \$30,000 Guaranteed Pool

To win the **Pick Four**, you must select the winners of the four (4) races designated as the pick four races. Otherwise, pursuant to (CHRB 1976.9): **If no ticket correctly selects all four winners**, 10% of the net pool will be paid to the winner(s) correctly selecting the most winners, **90% of the net pool will CARRYOVER to the next Pick Four Pool.**

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mark going much farther. They have come too far now to back off, so expect to see him give it a go in the Wood Memorial (G2). In the Gotham, he showed he could sit behind horses, which is a big plus, and was never threatened, maintaining a two-length advantage to the wire. There isn't much else to say other than we will just have to wait to see if he can take the next step.

We lost two major contenders with the disappointing efforts of THOUSAND WORDS, and to a lesser extent, STORM THE COURT in the San Felipe Stakes. Neither did nearly enough to remain in the Top 12. It is interesting to note that Thousand Words was coming into the San Felipe dropping from a respectable "4" and "3 3/4" on Thoro-Graph to a "6 1/2" in the Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3), although he did earn a 107 Equibase figure. He never looked like a particularly fast horse, mainly due to his low action and long strides and doing just enough to win. But he did win, which is why it was so surprising to see him drop right out of contention midway on the far turn. Sure he can rebound, but you can't get beat over 11 lengths in March and remain a leading Derby contender.

As for Storm the Court, he didn't run horribly, but he still was unable yet again to show us a definitive running style that he can call effective. The form of the TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) has completely deteriorated. He obviously doesn't have the pure speed to be a confirmed frontrunner and he doesn't have the closing punch to sit just off the pace and rally in the stretch. So until he can find his identity and figure out how to beat top-class horses we'll just have to put him on hold and see where he goes from here.

A quick shout out to TEXAS SWING, who ran a solid third in the Tampa Bay Derby and who made an excellent appearance in the post parade. By Curlin, out of a Tiznow mare, we're talking three Breeders' Cup Classic

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BETTOR IN THE BANK
2nd over near half, 3wide around bad cover into far turn, rallied okay to save show. James choice. Gotta use.

FOX VALLEY HOSS
1st out near half, stalled round last bend. Luke's choice. Certainly could awaken back to 2/28 line.

MURDER MYSTERY
Left on delay, parked eighth plus to pocket, kicked out into stretch, urged to get drop down score. Nick's back for this.

WESTERN DEVIL
Moved out late last turn, failed to rally. Rene takes the drive.

SOME PLAYA
Saved all ground to the lane, tuner. Could be tighter after last?

PEDIGREE BLUE CHIP
Came up on the train, finished fair into fast last panel. Wouldn't rule him out.

BECKYS DREAMBOAT
Left, rode cones to the lane, some traffic. Tough to gauge.

GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
2nd over behind ill-fated quarter mover, burst 3wide far turn, got by leader, caught nearing wire. Plays tough almost every time.

BUNKERHILL BILL
Flew to top, sped up 3rd panel, stormed home, caught by pocket fave. Likely to fire out once more.

MY FRISKIE BOY
Led, pushed before yielding, came back past quarter, yielded to winner, chased rest of way, urged, best of the rest. Now the outside, ouch.



CAL EXPO HARNESS

POST POSITION: Generally, the closer a horse starts to the inside rail or barrier of the track (especially on smaller tracks), the better is its chance of winning. At the start, horses must either "leave" (start quickly) to get a good position or else find a place on the rail to avoid racing on the outside of other horses. When racing on the outside the horse is said to be "parked out", and loses ground on every turn. A horse on the inside has a better chance to get to the rail or quickly get a good position.

QUALIFIER: A race in which a horse must go a mile below an established time standard to prove itself capable of competing in pari-mutuel races.

SCRATCHING: A horse that is withdrawn (or scratched) from a race before the start.

SIRE: The male parent, or father, of a horse.

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Race 10 News

(G1) wins and a horse who should definitely keep getting better.

If you're looking for a potential live horse at enticing odds in the Rebel Stakes, keep an eye on AMERICAN THEOREM, who hasn't run since finishing a well-beaten second in the American Pharoah Stakes (G1) to Eight Rings. This is based on his most recent work, which was a standout. The son of American Pharoah worked six furlongs in company in 1:13 with his rider high in saddle and actually pulling back on the reins as the horse did everything on his own. He was extending his stride beautifully coming to the wire and galloped out strongly and a long way. We'll find out if he's ready for this test and if he's as good as he looked in his work.

We saw a potential English invader this week, as the German-bred CHARES captured the Kentucky Derby Conditions Race by 1 1/4 lengths under 131 pounds to remain undefeated in four starts. His breeding is completely unknown to Americans and his first three races were in the French provinces before he was sold. One interesting link to America is his maternal great-grand sire Orpen, who is a son of two-time Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T) winner and Hall of Famer Lure.

It looks like Dick Mandella will be heading abroad again, as he plans on sending TIZAMAGICIAN to Dubai for the UAE Derby (G2), where he likely will face fellow Americans SHOTSKI and FORE LEFT. The son of Tiznow, who turned in a strong six-furlong work in 1:13 3/5, has excellent tactical speed, which is important at Meydan, and is bred to go the distance. The Americans will be trying to emulate last year's 1-2 finish by Plus Que Parfait and Gray Magician.

If you're looking for a real sleeper for the future book, you could make a killing on FARMINGTON ROAD, who was four-wide on the first turn from post 10 in the first division of the Risen Star Stakes Presented by Lamarque

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

FIVE CARD DRAW

Sat in for half, popped out on rim, attacked balance, kept marching, solid try. Rail, gotta use in here.

BET TOGETHER

Led from gate, yielded, tracked to midstretch, some traffic, urged, fair. In store for easy run. Slice?

GIGGLE MONSTER

Moved from last 3rd over far turn, not a good flow, came wide, finished fastest. Nick's choice. Solid figure in this.

MYSTERY DRAGON

Sped 3wide to midturn lead, yielded 3/8s, stalked, cleared inside, very comfy late. Hikes, Braxten gets the drive tonight.

TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME

Flew to top, yielded midturn, chased to lane, urged along cones to get it. James choice in here. One of many.

ITS A GREAT WHITE

Sped from gate, yielded to quarter moving fave, tipped out into lane, urged, away. Extra week off. Dean takes the steer.

MISTER HAT

Parked half turn, braked until challenged far turn, sped home, held tough. Got the worst post of those entering for the \$10,000 tag. Another user.



SIRE STAKE: Stake races designed to promote Standardbred breeding and racing within a state. Different states have different rules regulating eligibility to that state's sire stakes program. Rules include: a horse must be the offspring of a stallion standing in the state or a mare living in that state, owned by a resident of that state, or the horse was born in that state.

STAKE RACE: A race where owners make a series of payments, starting well in advance, to keep a horse eligible. If an owner misses a payment to a stakes race, the horse becomes ineligible.

STARTER: The person responsible for starting a harness race. The starter controls the start of the race from the back of the mobile starting car.

SULKY: Also known as the cart or race-bike, the sulky is attached to the harness and carries the driver and which the horse pulls.

C.H.R.B. BREAKING RULES

1722. Breaking. Should any horse break from its gait in either trotting or pacing, the driver shall:

(a) Where clearance exists, take such horse to the outside.

(b) Attempt to pull the horse to its gait.

(c) Lose ground.

1723. Lapped-on Break. The driver of a horse which has broken from its gait who has complied with the breaking rule shall not be set back unless a contending horse on his gait is lapped on the hind quarter of the breaking horse at the finish.

Race 11 News

Ford (G2) and eight-wide on the second turn, yet still rallied strongly way out in the middle of the of the track to finish fourth. The son of Quality Road has a big closing kick from far back, but also broke his maiden at Tampa Bay coming from three lengths back. If I was making a future book bet at monster odds I would certainly take a shot with him. Watch out for this guy.

Bob Baffert certainly can't complain about the way his 3-year-olds are working. The exciting and brilliant CHARLATAN, who is way behind the others, looked like a powerhouse working six furlongs in 1:12 3/5, in which he sat a half-length off his workmate, with his rider up in the saddle. He took the lead nearing the quarter pole and drew off at will, finishing some nine to 10 lengths in front, then just kept going an eighth past the wire, while hugging the rail.

The more seasoned and accomplished EIGHT RINGS worked six furlongs in 1:11 4/5, demolishing his workmate and striding out beautifully, then followed that up with another strong six-furlong work in 1:12, as Baffert continues to put a lot of bottom in him. Another speedy type, HIGH VELOCITY, who has been totally forgotten, worked six furlongs in 1:12 3/5, while El Camino Real Derby winner AZUL COAST worked five furlongs in 1:00 2/5 for the Sunland Derby (G3).

Kiaran McLaughlin has one final chance to make a splash on the Derby trail before taking over Luis Saez' book on April 1 when he sends out AJAAWEED in the Louisiana Derby. The son of Curlin worked five furlongs in 1:01 4/5 at Palm Meadows Training Center.

The intriguing NO PAROLE sharpened for the Rebel Stakes by working a half in a sprightly :47 3/5, second fastest of 107 works at the distance. MAX-FIELD is up to five furlongs in his works, having an easy breeze in 1:02.25.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BLUE STAR TROOPER

Out from half, no cover to lane, safely 3rd best. Post relief tonight. Thought.

EDDIE BRUSH

Moved out far turn, gapped the flow, tired. Braxten's choice. Time off. Still a longshot.

LAISSEZMOIPICOLER

1st over half, on rim balance, flattened into the drive. Wouldn't be the worst price stab in the world.

STYLEMASTER

Sent from gate, braked to half, attacked final bend, stalled suddenly deep str. Extra time off since that effort.

ETHAN HANOVER

Out before the quarter, pushed the pace before yielding, expectedly stalled. Segues from claimer, Dean steers tonight.

NAKED BURNER

Far back to half, took out into far turn, came wide, just a mild rally. Probably relegated to the undercard.

COSMOS

Settled along rail, gapped far turn, short after layoff. Nick takes the drive for his second start.

SIN MACHQUEEN

Steadied near quarter, tracked to the lane, cleared, had solid late pace. Obviously dangerous if he's ready.



TIME TRIAL: An attempt to have a horse beat its own best time in a non-competitive event. A time trial is not a race. Galloping horses hitched to sulkies, called prompters, are used to push a horse to its best effort.

TOTE BOARD: An electronic board, usually in the infield of a track, which posts the odds, amount of money bet, results of a race and the wagering pay-offs.

WEANLING: A baby horse, up to its first birthday.

YEARLING: Any horse between its first and second birthday; all harness horses share the birthday of January 1st.

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