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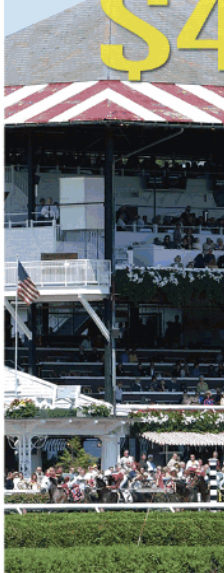


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Pioneer of the Nile gives Baffert record fifth Santa Anita Derby win
Pioneer of the Nile gave Racing Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert his record fifth victory in the Santa Anita Derby (G1) and cemented his status as a leading contender for the Kentucky Derby clear win on Saturday at Santa Anita Park.

Kodiak Kowk
Kentucky with four straight graded stakes wins to his credit after a one-length win in the \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby, which Baffert won and dual classic winner Point Given (1991), General Challenge (1991), and came out of the gate clean. I felt real good about him," Baffert said. "It's just very hard to win. He's really to go."

I Want Revenge overcomes trouble, wins Wood Memorial Stakes
Southern California shipper I Want Revenge seized command in deep stretch after rallying between foes and posted a 10-length win in the \$750,000 Wood Memorial Stakes (G1) on Saturday at Aqueduct.

WOOD MEMORIAL S. (G1)
Aqueduct, April 4, \$750,000. Sex: m, age: 3:00.

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Getting the facts correct

by Jeffrey A. Cannizzo, Executive Director
New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc.

The following letter was sent in May to Gordon Medenica, director of the New York State Lottery.

Dear Director Medenica,

Recent comments attributed to you suggesting that the state's Thoroughbred racing industry fails to contribute to our state's educational coffers couldn't possibly be accurate. Had you actually made those remarks, it would suggest considerable confusion over the role our industry plays throughout New York and the enormous potential horse racing offers in aiding the state at a time of financial crisis. Further, those remarks would indicate a complete indifference to working cooperatively with the horse racing industry to ensure that our mutual goals are met to the benefit of the economy and the taxpayers of the state of New York.

Rather than depend on attributed quotes, we would suggest that, as director of the New York State Lottery, you engage us directly, learning firsthand the potential of Thoroughbred racing to strengthen the Lottery's mission, the role of gaming technology such as video lottery terminals, the need for a cogent government affairs policy that supports these objectives, and what leadership role we can expect from the Lottery.

Accordingly, we invite you to join us in an information-gathering tour of the Thoroughbred industry in New York, starting at a Thoroughbred breeding farm at a location convenient to you and your staff. Industry leaders would be on hand to provide you with the data you need to make informed, insightful remarks that contribute



JEFFREY A. CANNIZZO

to the growth of this crucial agricultural sector of the economy. You would be provided with a context for a public policy strategy that mirrors the enormous success of other states that recognize how best to harness the power of Thoroughbred racing with gaming technology. Typically, neighboring Pennsylvania generates hundreds of millions of dollars through this avenue.

Comments attributed to you can only accelerate the crisis facing the Thoroughbred breeders throughout New York state. Ignorant, misinformed critics will seize upon those words and further seek to damage this industry, distorting the role of VLTs in creating a vibrant revenue stream for education from Buffalo to Montauk. What is not needed is rhetoric that muddies the debate, diverts attention from a genuine action plan, and divides organizations that should be allied in achieving mutual goals and objectives.

We look forward to having you join us in a meeting with Thoroughbred breeders and other industry leaders so that future quotes from your office are supported by facts, context, and hard data, thereby allowing New York to assume a leadership position in generating far more revenue than our competitors and thereby reduce the burden on our state's taxpayers.

Very truly yours,

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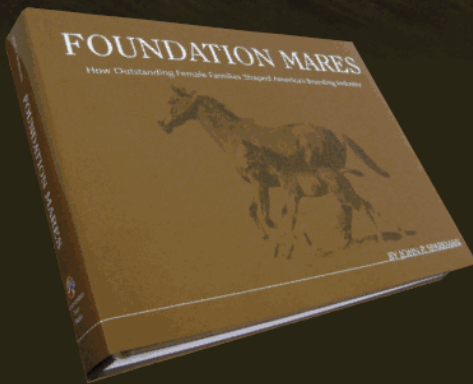
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Memorandum

To: NY Breeders
From: New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund Corporation
Date: May 8, 2009
Re: New York State Thoroughbred Breeder Awards Program Change

The following Awards Program changes to the NYS Breeding and Development Fund ("the Fund") will be effective **July 1, 2009**.

In 2008, a revenue shortfall created by decreased revenue from both on and off track handle left the Fund unable to disburse all of the advertised Breeders Awards. The shortage was approximately \$1.6 million. Revenue is likely to decrease in 2009. This shortfall, coupled with an ever increasing amount of restricted races, has put an inordinate amount of stress on the awards budget. Also, the Fund is prohibited by law from disbursing more than 50% of its total revenue to the "Breeder Award" category. An inability to pay advertised awards rates in full undermines the integrity of the Program. It is as much our success and growth as economic challenges that forced change.

The Fund had proposed a concept for a revised awards structure in April. This concept "balanced the books," enhanced awards for Breeders of New York-sired New York-breds, was intended to attract additional quality mares and stallions and add market value, but sought to eliminate pay-outs of awards in all claiming races. After soliciting feedback from NY Breeders and receiving negative responses to the concept, the Fund has adopted the plan that appears below.

The revised awards plan for 2009 retains all the essentials of the existing structure (**Awards in all races**) and will enable the Fund to *pay much closer to the 100% of advertised awards*. The reductions that appear are necessitated by decreased revenue and statutory restrictions. The Fund will continue to operate with a 30% withholding level in 2009 to ensure all receive the same percentage throughout the year, and to comply with law. The 30% withholding should be returned in full after the close of the fiscal year.

Breeder Awards	Stallion Owner Awards	Open Company Owner Awards
<p>New York-sired 1st Place finish = 20% <i>2nd Place finish = 10%</i> <i>3rd Place finish = 10%</i></p> <p>Non-New-York sired 1st Place finish = 10% <i>2nd Place finish = 5%</i> <i>3rd Place finish = 5%</i></p> <p>Award cap of \$10,000</p>	<p>1st through 3rd Place Finish = 7%</p> <p>Award cap of \$10,000</p>	<p>New York-sired 1st through 3rd place in \$30,000 Claiming races and Up = 20%</p> <p>Non-New-York sired 1st through 3rd place in \$30,000 Claiming races and Up = 10%</p> <p>Award cap of \$20,000</p>

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Players line up for Aqueduct racino

MGM Mirage, Penn National Gaming, Steve Wynn, and others join the fray

by Paul Post

Some of the gaming industry's heaviest hitters are waging a behind-the-scenes battle to win an Aqueduct racino contract that only three companies bid on last year.

MGM Mirage, Penn National Gaming Inc., and Las Vegas casino mogul Steve Wynn have joined previous bidders SL Green Realty Corp. of New York and Buffalo-based Delaware North Cos. in seeking the 30-year contract. Aqueduct Entertainment Group also is among the contenders. Mohegan Sun, operators of a highly successful casino in Connecticut, submitted a bid on May 8 but almost immediately said it was not interested in the project as proposed.

Governor David Paterson's office has not released bid details such as how much upfront money each bidder has offered the state. While plans call for 4,500 video lottery terminals, some leaders of New York's financially troubled state government have called for expanded gaming opportunities such as sports betting and electronic table games, which could explain heightened interest in Aqueduct.

"You are locating in arguably the best possible market," said industry observer Bennett Liebman, head of Albany Law School's Racing and Wagering Law Program. "With all the problems people have had with the state already, the economy, and New York's high gaming tax rate, you just didn't expect that much interest."

MGM Mirage is partnering with The Peebles Corp., the nation's largest African-American real estate development company with a \$4-billion portfolio of development properties including the Royal Palm hotel in Miami, which sold for \$128-million in 2005. Its Courtyard Marriott in Washington, D.C., has ranked among the top ten performers of its brand worldwide for the last five years.

Previously, Peebles was partnered with Delaware North, which was Paterson's choice on October 10 to run Aqueduct's racino. Later, Delaware North, which had pledged a \$370-million upfront payment to the state to secure the franchise, said it could not secure the promised financing by a March 31, 2009, deadline, and Paterson reopened the bidding.

Peebles founder R. Donahue Peebles surprised everyone—especially Delaware North—by submitting his own new proposal with MGM and Harbinger Capital Partners of New York. Delaware North still listed Peebles as a partner when submitting a new bid, but Peebles said it no longer is aligned with Delaware North.

Wynn previously was part of Excelsior Racing Associates, one of three challengers to the New York Racing Association for the state's racing franchise. Wynn joined the group after the Steinbrenner family dropped out.

NYRA ultimately prevailed, and the state decided to seek an Aqueduct gaming operator separately. Paterson, Senate Majority Leader Malcolm Smith (D-Queens), and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) must agree unanimously to select a VLT operator. No date for a decision has been announced.

Penn National has risen to become one of the nation's top gaming leaders in recent years with more than 15 casinos and racinos across the country. It owns Penn National Race Course and Charles Town Races, among other properties. "They are now a major, major player in the national gaming scene," Liebman said.

SL Green, already partnered with Hard Rock Entertainment, has



Courtesy of Penn National

PENN NATIONAL ADDED TO THE MIX

Diversified gaming company operates the Hollywood Casino at its Pennsylvania racetrack

further strengthened its proposal by bringing on board high-profile New York commercial real estate owner Jeff Gural. He is chairman of Newmark & Co., owns two New York Standardbred tracks—Vernon Downs and Tioga Downs—and has twice persuaded the state to lower its tax on Standardbred tracks.

"A lot of people believe Jeff has significant clout in the Legislature," Liebman said. "He's been successful in lobbying the state."

MGM might be the biggest surprise because two years ago it pulled out of a deal with NYRA to run Aqueduct gaming. MGM was to have loaned NYRA \$250-million to build a racino that MGM would have operated. But the state refused to approve the deal, prompting MGM to withdraw.

MGM Mirage recently secured \$1-billion from a stock offering. It is building CityCenter, a massive casino and hotel project on the Las Vegas Strip with Dubai World. MGM's ability to finish the \$8.6-billion project had been in question earlier in the year, and it continues to carry a heavy debt load.

Nearly a week after submitting its bid, Aqueduct Entertainment Group identified its members. They are: GreenStar Services Corp., for development, construction, and overall coordination; Navegante Group, gaming developer and operator; Darman Group Inc. and Empowerment Development Corp., co-developers and minority- and women-owned business coordinators; Siemens, technology partner; PS&S, architectural, engineering, and environmental effort; CleanPower, an environmental firm that uses green building strategies; and Levine Builders, construction-management services. The company will be chaired by lawyer Richard Mays, a former Arkansas Supreme Court justice.

The winner of the VLT contract will have the option of a ten-year extension based on satisfactory performance.

The racino is expected to generate up to \$450-million per year, producing much-needed revenue for the state, NYRA, horsemen, and breeders. Once an operator is selected, construction most likely will take 12 to 15 months, meaning the facility could open late next year.

Paul Post covers the political and economic aspects of New York racing from Saratoga Springs.

News

Changes announced for Fund awards

Citing a shortfall in revenue from both on-track and in-state off-track betting sources, the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund Corp. announced changes in breeder awards on May 8. The changes will take effect on July 1 and will affect only the breeder awards category.

For New York-sired horses, the 20% award will remain in place, but the awards for finishing second and third will be halved, to 10% from 20%. For New York-breds sired by stallions that stood outside the state at the time of conception, the first-place premium will remain at 10%, with the awards for finishing second and third cut by half to 5%. All breeder awards will be capped at \$10,000 per race.

To be certain that the Fund has enough cash on hand to pay awards and to remain in compliance with legal requirements, a 30% withholding of awards payments will remain in effect until year end, when it will then be returned.

In a letter to New York breeders, Fund officials said the revenue declines last year left it unable to pay approximately \$1.6-million in advertised breeder awards, and it foresees a further decline in revenue this year. "This shortfall, coupled with an ever-increasing amount of restricted races, has put an inordinate amount of

stress on the awards budget," according to the letter, which was signed by Martin G. Kinsella, executive director of the New York State Breeding and Development Fund, and Jeffrey A. Cannizzo, executive director of New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc.

"An inability to pay advertised awards rates in full undermines the integrity of the program. It is as much our success and growth as economic challenges that forced change."

The letter noted that the Fund is prohibited by law from disbursing more than 50% of its total revenue to the breeder awards category. According to the Fund website, the breeder awards last year totaled \$6,817,331, while the stallion owner awards were \$2,133,913, and open-company owner awards came to \$1,388,649. In addition, the Fund provides purse enrichment money for New York-bred races at the state's four Thoroughbred tracks.

The Fund had proposed in April a change that would have increased awards for New York-sired state-breds as well as stallion-owner and open-company owner awards but eliminated breeder awards payments for claiming races. But Fund officials changed course after receiving negative feedback from New York breeders.



Tips for reducing electricity bills this summer

With temperatures rising, the cost of electricity can go up as well. New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. has partnered with Energy Plus to offer members a unique, customized electricity program that includes annual cash back, a sales-tax savings every month, and the same reliable service from your local utility company.

By signing up a business account, NYTB members will receive a sales tax waiver of up to 9.75% on the delivery portion of your bill each month, and they will receive an automatic 3% cash-back rebate on their electricity supply charges every year. NYTB members who enroll in a residential account will receive a 2% cash-back rebate and the same tax savings.

The best part is that you can try Energy Plus risk-free. There are no changes to your service. Your utility company will continue to deliver your electricity, mail you a bill, read your meter, and handle any power outages. Also, there are no sign-up fees, cancellation fees, or long-term commitments. To be eligible, you must have an address within the Energy Plus service area, which covers all of New York state except areas covered by the Long Island Power Authority.

Looking for more ways to lower your bill? Check out these tips to beat the heat:

- **Cool only highly used areas.** This summer, instead of using central air to cool every nook and cranny of your home, limit air conditioning to a few rooms or a zone within your home.

- **Ceiling and other fans** provide additional cooling and better circulation, so you can raise the thermostat and cut down on air conditioning costs.

- **Improve building efficiency with insulation and window upgrades.** Making sure that cool air stays in and hot air stays out is a crucial step not only for summer energy bill reduction but also for year-round savings.

- **Change your light bulbs.** While incandescent light bulbs are cheaper to purchase, they actually cost up to 33% more on your electricity bill than compact fluorescent light bulbs.

- **Turn off home or office electronics when not in use.** Appliances and electronics are responsible for approximately 20% of an average household's electric bill.

- **Reduce the cooling load** by effectively shading east and west windows. When possible, delay heat-producing activities such as dish washing until the evening.

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Preparing for the big day

NYRA's Hal Handel and his staff strive to offer a pleasing customer experience for the Belmont Stakes

by Richard Rosenblatt

Air Force jets will roar overhead in a fly-over. The Empire State Building will be lit up in the green and white colors of Belmont Park. It is time to strike up the band for another rendition of "New York, New York."

Welcome to the Belmont Stakes (G1), the 141st edition of Thoroughbred racing's "Test of the Champion," the grueling 1½-mile tour around a sprawling racetrack built more than 100 years ago on the Queens and Nassau County border, less than 20 miles from Manhattan.

On 11 occasions, a Triple Crown champion has been crowned here, from Sir Barton in 1919 to Citation in '48 to Secretariat in '73 to Affirmed in '78. In the ensuing 30 years, 11 have won the Kentucky Derby (G1) and the Preakness Stakes (G1) only to come up short in the Belmont for one reason or another.

Whatever the circumstances, though, the New York Racing Association has one goal when it comes to staging the final jewel of the Triple Crown, the biggest event on its year-round racing calendar.

"You can't deliver a Triple Crown every year," said Hal Handel, NYRA's executive vice president and chief operating officer, "but you certainly can deliver a great experience every year. And that's what we're trying to do."

To that end, Handel and the dozen or so NYRA departments he oversees, from finance to maintenance, food service to pari-mutuels, marketing to security, and media relations to simulcasting, begin putting together the pieces to the Belmont Stakes puzzle in early September, at the conclusion of the Saratoga Race Course meeting.

"Initially, we try to fix what we didn't do well last year," Handel said.

Last year was Handel's first as NYRA's Belmont Stakes point man; his go-to guy is Ken Cook, NYRA's vice president of security. Admittedly, all did not go well.

Yes, Derby and Preakness winner Big Brown failed in his attempt to become the 12th Triple Crown champion when he was pulled up on the turn for home and did not finish. But that had nothing to do with Handel's headaches.



BIG TRACK FOR A BIG CROWD

With a Triple Crown at stake, attendance for the Belmont Stakes regularly exceeds 90,000

The water pressure failed. Restrooms were closed. Garbage bins overflowed. Food courts created traffic jams in the picnic area. Bettors had trouble making it to the windows.

"The water system really threw us off," said Handel, who winced at the thought of so many upset fans. "It was a wrinkle none of us expected that really compromised the customer's experience that day, and the way we felt about the day."

This year, NYRA has stepped up in a big way in an attempt to avoid a repeat. Now that the association has emerged from bankruptcy and has been chosen by New York state to operate Aqueduct, Belmont, and Saratoga for the next 25 years, millions of dollars have been earmarked for improvements.

Improvements

Show up at Belmont, and it has never looked better. Of course, many of the improvements are out of sight. New high-capacity water supply lines and a supplemental water pump have been installed. Many of the aging power transformers have been replaced. Other improvements are highly visible. The railings all around the track—and there seem to be miles of them—have a fresh coat of paint. The paddock was renovated, picnic tables have been added, and there is a new hospitality area called "Top of the Stretch" featuring barbecue pits and umbrella-top tables that can handle groups from 50 to 250. (Reserve one and you get to bring your own food or have it catered by NYRA's food and beverage service, Centerplate.)

The job of putting the Belmont Stakes together is a massive operation for the 1,000 NYRA employees. Handel said meetings involving about 75 people, with every NYRA department represented, take place periodically. "It's a team effort, and we want to keep everyone communicating," he said.

Belmont attendance

Year	Attendance	Year	Attendance	Year	Attendance
2008	94,476	1998	80,162	1988	56,223
2007	46,870	1997	70,682	1987	64,772
2006	61,168	1996	40,797	1986	42,555
2005	62,274	1995	37,171	1985	43,446
2004	120,139	1994	42,695	1984	46,430
2003	101,864	1993	45,037	1983	56,677
2002	103,222	1992	50,204	1982	46,050
2001	73,857	1991	51,766	1981	61,200
2000	67,810	1990	50,123	1980	58,883
1999	85,818	1989	64,959		

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The to-do list is a long one.

First, there are the fans. Last year, 94,476 turned out for Big Brown's bid. Getting them into the track was one thing; getting them out presented another logistical problem. In 2004, fans were still around at midnight, but last year Cook estimated the Long Island Rail Road and the Metropolitan Transit Authority moved out close to 40,000 people within the two hours after the race.

There's the down-to-the-minute coordination of the entire racing program with ESPN and ABC Sports, corporate tents to be tended to (Emirates alone hosted about 225 people last year), and hundreds of additional mutuel clerks and food vendors to be hired.

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"That's when we know if we're planning for a normal Belmont of 50,000 to 60,000 or for a mega-day with 100,000," Handel said. "Everyone, every department knows they have got to be ready to go both ways."

Security a priority

Security, naturally, is a priority. With more than 30 years in law enforcement, Cook is responsible for coordinating security on virtually every level, from NYRA security guards to Homeland Security in addition to the FBI and state, city, county, and local police.

It was Cook's call to ban alcohol from being brought into Belmont after the 2004 race, when Smarty Jones fell short in his Triple Crown attempt. A record crowd of 120,139 was in attendance—and many got out of hand, leaving shattered beer bottles all over the backyard and picnic area.

"Top priority is to make it enjoyable and a safe environment for everyone concerned," Cook said. "The Preakness and Derby are pretty much following suit. You just can't have an environment where it gives someone an excuse to raise hell."

Dan Silver, NYRA's new director of communications, coordinates media credentials. For a non-Triple Crown Belmont, about 700 credentials are issued, including several hundred for television; with a Triple Crown on the line, the number jumps to about 1,100.

On Belmont day last year, \$13.2-million in bets were processed on track—\$4.3-million on the Belmont alone—and the responsibility of making sure all runs smoothly falls to Pat Mahony, vice president of pari-mutuel operations.

"He needs to be aware of the timing between races to make sure

people have as much time as possible to make their wagers," Handel said. "Lines will be long, even with added mutuel clerks, and if something does not go according to schedule, he has to make adjustments. On the day before the race, everything is scripted to within the minute."

Simulcasting hits another level, with additional tracks from as far away as Australia and New Zealand looking to get in on the action. A year ago, simulcast wagering on the Belmont totaled more than \$52-million.

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Time to eat

So, let's eat. There will be no shortage of choices, from the usual burgers, fries, hot dogs, and pizza to lobster rolls, sushi, and catered meals for the high rollers. Michael Billows, a vice president at Centerplate, said there's something for everyone: picnic tables, themed food courts, private dining areas, executive suites, and corporate tents.

He and his staff, which increases from a few hundred to more than 1,000 for the Belmont, look for any vacant area in the gigantic grandstand, whose floor area totals 1.3-million square feet, for extra food courts. "We go from basics—and we don't raise prices—to ultra high-end menus," Billows said. "It's an assembly line of getting the food to the people. We have a backyard food festival with barbecue, sausage, and peppers, funnel cakes, Saratoga chips, and we make them fresh."

And then there was the Emirates party last year.

"That was the most elaborate," Billows said. "Started at noon, and it was course after course after course, tapas style. High tea in the afternoon and finally desserts."

A key Belmont Stakes guide is a new website, www.belmontstakes.com, launched in early May. It is a huge

help in trying to navigate the Belmont experience, whether it is a ticket search (several packages are available) or a search for a little Belmont history in print, podcasts, or video.

When all the pieces are pulled together, and Belmont day has arrived, Handel can only hope he has covered all bases, and his staff is prepared for anything. "It's the day you want to measure yourself as a company by delivering the best possible event you can," Handel said. "You can't guarantee the race, but you should be able to walk out of here at the end of the day thinking we made the people that showed up here feel good about being here."

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Belmont wagering, 1990-2008

Year	Winner	On-track handle	OTB handle	Simulcasting	Total handle
2008	Da' Tara	\$4,283,221		\$52,209,679	\$56,492,900
2007	Rags to Riches	2,429,354		35,357,028	37,786,382
2006	Jazil	2,324,567		42,781,075	45,105,642
2005	Afleet Alex	2,736,948		45,312,800	48,049,748
2004	Birdstone	4,331,463		59,340,243	63,671,706
2003	Empire Maker	3,440,151		44,642,048	48,082,199
2002	Sarava	3,753,983		54,503,406	58,257,389
2001	Point Given	2,707,574		34,959,635	37,667,209
2000	Commendable	2,046,835		28,354,418	30,401,253
1999	Lemon Drop Kid	3,143,508		40,839,558	43,983,066
1998	Victory Gallop	2,521,457		25,864,228	28,385,685
1997	Touch Gold	2,229,860		22,546,860	24,776,720
1996	Editor's Note	1,639,134		18,714,712	20,353,846
1995	Thunder Gulch	1,571,891	\$3,672,079	15,310,597	20,554,567
1994	Tabasco Cat	1,717,684	3,299,616	13,848,321	18,865,621
1993	Colonial Affair	2,793,320	4,567,493	17,472,438	24,833,251
1992	A.P. Indy	2,058,039	4,365,205	12,581,848	19,005,092
1991	Hansel	2,222,049	5,206,757	12,877,258	20,306,064
1990	Go and Go (Ire)	1,588,767	3,832,777	8,985,594	14,407,138

Beginning in 1996, figures for OTB and simulcasting handle were combined.

Sadness tinges bright expectations

Finger Lakes opens its 2009 season on somber note as Tin Cup Chalice dies in accident

by Laura Pepper

Despite the national economic recession and declining business at other racetracks, Finger Lakes Gaming and Race Track looked forward to the opening of its 2009 meeting with optimism and a healthy increase in purses.

"The program is going to be very similar to 2008," said Steve Martin, senior director of marketing and gaming at Finger Lakes. "However, the purse structure is going to be up approximately 10% in 2009, so that is going to be a significant difference right there in terms of the meet itself."

Still, the Farmington racetrack opened on a somber note for its meet, which runs from April 17 through December 5. Shortly after daybreak on opening day, one of the most talented and most popular horses to emerge from the western New York track, Tin Cup Chalice, died after a freak accident.

Winner of the 2008 OTBs' Big Apple Triple and the Indiana Derby (G2), Tin Cup Chalice had been honored as New York's champion three-year-old male at the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. annual awards banquet on April 13.

While Tin Cup Chalice was jogging back under regular jockey Pedro Rodriguez after his morning exercise, another horse blew the turn in a workout and collided head-on with the champion. Despite the efforts of veterinarians, the gelding could not be saved and was euthanized.

Tin Cup Chalice was buried at Finger Lakes, where he was based with trainer Mike Lecesse and where he began his racing career. Lecesse bred Tin Cup Chalice and co-owned him with Scott Van Laer. Tin Cup Chalice was among the finest horses to race at the Delaware North Cos.-owned track, joining Fio Rito, Funny Cide, Groovy, and Safely Kept, among others. Like Fio Rito, Tin Cup Chalice was based at Finger Lakes throughout his racing career.

Much has changed at Finger Lakes since Fio Rito, also campaigned by the Lecesse family, pulled an upset in the 1981 Whitney Handicap (G1) at Saratoga Race Course. Among the most significant changes was the addition of video lottery terminals in 2004. Finger Lakes continues to be the state's only Thoroughbred track with expanded gaming.

Wagering increases

In 2008, the track recorded its highest total all-sources handle since 2001. Finger Lakes took in \$158,604,598. The track also recorded its highest daily average all-sources handle since 2000, with \$1,010,220.

Martin said the increase in wagering was related to the VLTS. "Since the gaming was introduced in 2004, the total purses have nearly doubled in that time frame, and that continues to have a very positive effect on our purse structure at Finger Lakes," he said.

Finger Lakes is scheduled to conduct 163 live racing days in 2009, three more than the previous two years. Four racing programs were canceled last November.

In addition, two stakes races were canceled, but not for financial considerations. "It was really a lack of entries for those races, basically a lack of horses that fit those conditions at the time and were available to run," Martin said. "That is why those races didn't go. It was really the first time in a number of years that that had happened.

"We certainly project on running those races this year and do not see why they would not go at this point, but obviously as you come closer to the actual event you have to evaluate. We look forward to hopefully reinstating those this year. They are on the schedule, and we plan on running them."

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Courtesy of Finger Lakes Gaming and Race Track

MORE PURSE MONEY IN 2009

Finger Lakes officials expect a 10% increase

The schedules for Finger Lakes and Saratoga overlap, but the smaller track does not worry about trying to compete with the Adirondack track, which offers the best purses in North America.

"Saratoga is a very special meet, and obviously Finger Lakes does not sit there trying to compete with Saratoga in that regard," Martin said. "We offer a certain level of races that many different horses can compete in.

"We have a lot of our trainers and owners who do run horses at Saratoga as well as here, depending on what is available, so I would not say it is the type of thing where we are trying to compete with Saratoga. We are offering a slightly different product. It is really not a competition-type thing."

In 2008, jockey John Davila Jr. earned his seventh straight Finger Lakes riding title, while Chris Englehart claimed his sixth straight trainer title. My Purple Haze Stables led owners with 43 wins.

Over the years, Racing Hall of Fame jockeys Steve Cauthen, Angel Cordero Jr., Pat Day, Julie Krone, and Bill Shoemaker made appearances at the track. More recently, such jockeys as Aaron Gryder, Richard Migliore, Fernando Jara, Alan Garcia, and Channing Hill have ventured from Saratoga to ride in stakes races at Finger Lakes.

New York-based trainers Bill Mott, Todd Pletcher, Steve Klesaris, Linda Rice, Charlton Baker, Lecesse, Jeff Odintz, and Jimmy Jerkens have run horses at Finger Lakes.

13 New York-bred stakes

The New York-bred program is a major aspect of the Finger Lakes racing menu. Its condition book contains at least one New York-bred race for nearly every racing day, and 13 of the 17 stakes races scheduled for 2009 are restricted to state-breds. These races offer the track's highest purses: the \$200,000-estimated New York Breeders' Futurity, the \$150,000-added New York Derby, the \$100,000-estimated Aspirant Stakes, the \$100,000-estimated Lady Finger Stakes, and the \$75,000 New York Oaks.

In 2008, the New York Breeders' Futurity became the richest race in the history of Finger Lakes with a purse of \$318,525. It was won by Legal Consent.

Of course, the leading New York-bred at Finger Lakes last year was Tin Cup Chalice, who won at Belmont Park (the Mike Lee Stakes, first leg of the Big Apple Triple) and at Saratoga (the Albany Stakes, third leg of the Triple). In between, he won the New York Derby at his home track. The Crusader Sword gelding concluded his career with an invitation to the Japan Cup Dirt (Jpn-G1), in which he was unplaced. He was defeated only twice in his two racing seasons and had earnings of \$868,680.

"Tin Cup Chalice was a great story last year, and Finger Lakes is great for the New York-bred program," Martin said. "Certainly, anything like that does put a brighter spotlight on the program and what is possible, what is out there for the owners and trainers in the business."

Horses like New York-bred Funny Cide and Tin Cup Chalice certainly reflect positively on the program. "It is just more great strides for the program and shows what these horses are capable of doing," Martin said. Funny Cide, the 2003 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1) winner, concluded his career with a victory in the Wadsworth Memorial Handicap at Finger Lakes on July 4, 2007.

Fio Rito won the Wadsworth in 1980, when he was New York's Horse of the Year. He won 19 of his 27 starts at Finger Lakes and seized the national spotlight in 1981 with his Whitney victory, in which he defeated favored Winters Tale at 10.20-to-1 odds. After his death in 1996, Fio Rito became the first horse to be buried in the Finger Lakes infield.

Another Finger Lakes horse who took the spotlight was Shesastonecoldfox, who became the first Finger Lakes-based horse to run in the Breeders' Cup World Championships. In 2001, she did not finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) at Belmont.

In 2008, Finger Lakes lost two industry members—longtime track announcer Ross Morton and former jockey Parker Buckley.

Morton called more than 60,000 races at Finger Lakes from 1962 through 2007. He died on February 20, 2008, at age 74. The winner's circle later was renamed in his memory. Tony Calo is the current track announcer.

Buckley, 40, suffered a fatal head injury during morning workouts at Saratoga's Oklahoma training track in August. He rode at Finger Lakes from 1997 through 2006, and among his 457 wins were nine stakes victories, including two wins in the Niagara Stakes.

An additional benefit to having horses at Finger Lakes is that it is one of the few race-tracks to have an equine swim facility on the grounds. By swimming, the horses can undergo cardiovascular and muscle conditioning, physical therapy, and rehabilitation.

Finger Lakes horsemen also have access to the Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program, which works to find new homes for horses that were stabled at the track after their racing careers have ended.



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TIN CUP CHALICE

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Finger Lakes Gaming and Race Track

In Native American lore, the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York was created when the Great Spirit placed his hand down on the land to create the series of long, thin lakes. Finger Lakes, which is located 20 miles from Rochester in Farmington, opened May 23, 1962, and offers racing from mid-April to early December. Owned by Finger Lakes Racing Association Inc., a subsidiary of Delaware North Cos., the track has featured Eclipse Award-winning sprinters Not Surprising, Groovy, and Safely Kept. Fio Rito shipped out of the western New York track to win the 1981 Whitney Handicap (G1) at Saratoga Race Course. In 2001, Shesastonecoldfox became the first horse based at Finger Lakes to compete in the Breeders' Cup World Championships. The New York Derby, which has been held at Finger Lakes since 1969, annually is one of the track's richest races. Video lottery terminals began operation at the track in February 2004. Funny Cide, winner of the 2003 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1), made the final start of his career at Finger Lakes, winning the Wadsworth Memorial Handicap on July 4, 2007.

Location: 5857 Route 96, P.O. Box 25250, Farmington, N.Y. 14425-0250
Phone: (585) 924-3232
Fax: (585) 924-3967
Website: www.fingerlakesracetrack.com
Year founded: 1962
Dates of inaugural meeting: May 23, 1962
Abbreviation: FL
Acres: 450
Number of stalls: 1,214
Seating capacity: 6,000

Ownership

Delaware North Cos.

Officers

President and General Manager: Christian Riegler
Director of Simulcasting: Patrick Placito
Racing Secretary: Joe Colasacco
Senior Director of Marketing and Gaming: Steve Martin
Director of Finance: Vieden Zahariev
Director of Marketing: Brian Moore
Mutuels Manager: David Bridger
Steward: Rick Coyne
Track Announcer: Tony Calo
Track Photographer: Tom Cooley
Facilities Supervisor: Rick Brongo
Director of Security: Al D'Agostino

Racing dates

2009: April 17-December 5, 163 days

Track layout

Main circumference: 1 mile
Main track chute: 6 furlongs and 1¼ miles
Main width: 85 feet
Main length of stretch: 960 feet

Leaders

Career, leading jockey by titles: Kevin Whitley, John Davila Jr., 9
Career, leading trainer by titles: Michael S. Ferraro, 18
Recent meeting, leading jockey: John Davila Jr., 171, 2008
Recent meeting, leading trainer: Chris Englehart, 138, 2008
Recent meeting, leading horse: Tin Cup Chalice, 3, 2008
Single-day jockey wins: John Davila Jr., 6, Nov. 21, 2006; Robert Messina, 6, Nov. 23, 2001; John Grabowski, 6, 2000; Carlos Dominguez, 6, 1995; Leslie Hulet, 6, 1995; Kevin Whitley, 6, 1989 and '92; Roger Cox, 6, 1971
Single meeting, leading jockey by wins: John Grabowski, 233, 2000
Single meeting, leading trainer by wins: Chris J. Englehart, 141, 2006

Principal races

New York Derby, New York Breeders' Futurity, Lady Finger S., Aspirant S., New York Oaks

Notable events

\$10.5-million gaming floor with nearly 1,200 video lottery terminals opened in 2004.

Track records, main dirt

4½ furlongs: Top End, :50.60, April 8, 1998
5 furlongs: Wonderous Wise, :57¼, April 11, 1989; Bobby's Code, :57.20, April 8, 1998
5½ furlongs: Hilary Star, 1:02¼, April 16, 1989; With It, 1:02.80, June 12, 1994; What a Rollick, 1:02.80, Dec. 12, 1994
6 furlongs: Kelly Kip, 1:08.20, June 20, 1998
1 mile: Transact, 1:36.20, Aug. 29, 1994; Fling n Roll, 1:36.20, Nov. 29, 1995
1 mile 70 yds: Neverabettercity, 1:38.99, Nov. 24, 2007
1¼ miles: Strider's Ormsby, 1:42.85, Dec. 3, 2005
1½ miles: Copper Mount, 1:48.80, Aug. 27, 1994
1¾ miles: North Warning, 1:58.40, July 10, 1994
2 miles: Caramba, 2:05¼, July 11, 1987
2¼ miles: Brave Beast, 2:33.70, Sept. 22, 1991
2½ miles: North Warning, 2:46.60, Sept. 4, 1994
Other: 2 furlongs, Broadway Blondie, :21.80, April 3, 1998

Fastest times of 2008 (dirt)

4½ furlongs: Bob's Dylan, 3, :51.89, May 2, 2008
5 furlongs: Tough Shipmate, 5, :57.91, May 9, 2008
5½ furlongs: Pinky Freud, 6, 1:03.74, Aug. 10, 2008
6 furlongs: Captiva Dreamin, 4, 1:09.53, Nov. 24, 2008
1 mile 40 yds: The Zipster, 4, 1:41.10, Oct. 31, 2008
1 mile 70 yds: Dancang Robbins, 4, 1:41.06, Nov. 24, 2008
1¼ miles: Lowthers Hill, 4, 1:45, Nov. 24, 2008
1½ miles: Rises the Phoenix, 7, 1:50.86, July 4, 2008
1¾ miles: Hundreth Meridian, 3, 2:06.30, Dec. 1, 2008

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Thrice a producer

Reigning Broodmare of the Year Twice Forbidden has three stakes winners by three different sires

by Rab Hagin

Genetic exceptionality is both the means and the goal in Thoroughbred breeding. Both precious and rare, it is pursued with vast sums of money but generally remains elusive even to its wealthiest and most ardent seekers.

Racing talent is identified and confirmed on the track, but the priceless proclivity for consistently transmitting talent to offspring takes longer to recognize and can emerge from unanticipated sources. In the fall of 1978, word spread about a fast but erratic Florida-based stallion standing for \$7,500 whose first-crop two-year-olds could run like the wind. Mr. Prospector's sensational stallion career eventually overshadowed a racing record that could be dismissed as that of another Raise a Native speedster. Mr. Prospector represents an infrequent but repeated phenomenon of exceptional progenitor talent eclipsing racing accomplishments.

In broodmares, the genetic gold standard is the multiple stakes producer—particularly the multiple graded stakes producer and in rare cases the mare that produces graded winners by two or three different and unrelated sires. The probability of a mare possessing a DNA code capable of consistently transmitting that level of talent irrespective of the sires of her offspring is remote. But it apparently belongs to Corra Cavallo Thoroughbreds' and Michael Leceese's New York-bred Twice Forbidden, who was crowned as New York's Broodmare of the Year in April.

From six named offspring of racing age, Twice Forbidden has been represented by four starters by four different sires, all winners at the allowance level and up. Three of those starters are stakes winners, including two graded winners. There are billionaire breeders utilizing multimillion-dollar budgets to search worldwide for mares of that quality.

Twice Forbidden produced Don Corleone, her first starter and winner of the 2004 New York Derby; ill-fated Tin Cup Chalice, New York's champion three-year-old male in '08 and a Grade 2 winner; and Mr. Fantasy, who won the Withers Stakes (G3) on April 25.

Twice Forbidden was foaled in central New York near the Pennsylvania border, had two modest wins at Finger Lakes racetrack as a three-year-old, and was purchased privately after producing her second foal and before any of her offspring had raced. Not one of her four half siblings ever won a stakes race, compiled six-figure earnings, or produced a stakes winner. Her dam, Sweetness, by Stewart, won only twice, both in sub-\$50,000 claiming races, and as a broodmare was given away. The ultimate product of this shoestring scenario was a genetic gift exceeding all expectations.

New York has an anecdotal history of incubating this kind of



TWICE FORBIDDEN
Became a multiple graded stakes producer with Mr. Fantasy's Withers victory

broodmare talent from humble origins. New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. Broodmares of the Year Green Greek (1987, '89), Broadway Joan (1990, '91, '93), Lolli Lucka Lolli (1997, '98, 2001), and Loose Wire (1996, '99, 2004) all came from unheralded backgrounds and all became multiple stakes producers. They and Twice Forbidden share little in common other than descending from male lines now relatively obscure in North America or (for Lolli Lucka Lolli and Twice Forbidden) from currently obscure branches of Bold Ruler's male line.

Bid's inbreeding

Bold Ruler's male-line descendants include Triple Crown winners Secretariat and Seattle Slew,

with the latter representing that line's strongest branch. But Bold Ruler's best racing descendant at two, three, and four—and arguably America's best racehorse ever under that criterion—was Twice Forbidden's sire, Spectacular Bid. "The Bid" also was the most inbred American Thoroughbred superstar ever, the offspring of a sire and dam whose maternal grandsire was To Market—a talented and versatile racehorse and an excellent sire but not a current icon in North American breeding.

Spectacular Bid, who stood at Jonathan Davis, D.V.M.'s Milfer Farm in Unadilla from 1992 until his death in June 2003, was syndicated for a record \$22-million and sired 28 of his 44 stakes winners from his first four crops, including a first-crop Grade 1-winning juvenile. Spectacular Bid spent his first 11 stud seasons at the Hancock family's Claiborne Farm in Kentucky, standing initially for a \$150,000 fee that was raised to \$225,000 four years later after runners from his first crop had completed their juvenile seasons.

Most of his offspring, though, required time to develop, which diminished his commercial appeal among seekers of classic contenders and caused his stud fee to plummet. Spectacular Bid stood his first Milfer Farm season for \$15,000, and one of the first mares he covered there was Sweetness, owned by actress and theater director Naima Kradjian. The result of that 1992 mating was Twice Forbidden, foaled at Kradjian's Naimara Farms near Binghamton at about 3 a.m. on February 13, 1993, with a foot of snow outside and Kradjian sitting up with the mare—as she had with Sweetness's two previous foals.

Twice Forbidden was described as "nothing special to look at" by C. Lynwood O'Cain, D.V.M., farm manager and resident veterinarian at Carl Lizza Jr.'s and Joseph Bartone's Highcliff Farm in Delanson, where she currently resides. But New York's latest broodmare sensation does have a few unique distinctions. O'Cain said the mare has good conformation and a great temperament, and she also is the youngest of Spectacular Bid's top-15 stakes-producing daugh-

ters, which since Spectacular Bid's death have been emerging into prominence. Although Spectacular Bid is intensely inbred, Twice Forbidden herself has no inbreeding through five generations.

She is the only offspring of Sweetness sired by Spectacular Bid, and—most unusual in the current era—has no Native Dancer ancestry. The natural conclusion: Twice Forbidden might be an ideal outcross for stallions with Native Dancer ancestry, though only E Dubai (a son of Mr. Prospector who sired Mr. Fantasy) has Native Dancer within his pedigree's first three generations.

98th stakes winner

Mr. Fantasy was the 98th stakes winner produced from a Spectacular Bid mare. The 97th stakes winner was three-year-old filly Saarlight, winner of Laurel Park's seven-furlong Wide Country Stakes in 1:22.78 on March 7 and second in Belmont Park's Nassau County Stakes (G3) on May 2 for two wins and two seconds in four starts. Because many of Spectacular Bid's offspring excelled on turf, his daughters gravitated toward Europe, Japan, Australia, and South America, which might explain why he continues to be under the radar as a North American broodmare sire.

Spectacular Bid was the broodmare sire of 2001 English high-weighted sprinter Mozart (Ire) and 1994 Peruvian champion three-year-old male Janfranco—the former out of a multiple graded or group stakes producer and the latter the only offspring out of his dam.

Spectacular Bid seems to have excelled as a sire of multiple graded or group stakes producers, with Twice Forbidden being the latest of his daughters to have achieved that status from the covers of multiple sires.



Adam Coglianesse/NYRA photo

MR. FANTASY
98th stakes winner produced by a Spectacular Bid mare

If a study is ever done on sires of multiple graded or group stakes producers—with emphasis on those stallions that sire dams of graded or group winners by multiple sires—Spectacular Bid might be found to occupy extremely rare company. Is his inbreeding a factor?

Lord Derby (Edward Stanley, 17th Earl of Derby, 1865-1948), who bred a then-record 19 English classic winners from broodmare bands generally numbering fewer than 25, would probably surmise as much, since he seemed to hold the offspring of selectively inbred parents in high regard as progenitors.

Twice Forbidden's dam, Sweetness, was long on durability but not overly talented while making 44 starts in Southern California, where she scored her maiden victory with a \$45,000 claiming price and won again with a \$16,000 tag.

Purchased as a four-year-old for \$16,000 by the late Bobby Roberts of Las Vegas at a California Thoroughbred Sales fall mixed sale at Hollywood Park in 1987, Sweetness scored her second win for Roberts but was claimed away twice—and claimed right back by Roberts. When Roberts finally allowed Sweetness to change hands permanently, it was as a "swap gift" arrangement with Kradjian, his former racing partner, who received the daughter of Stalwart in foal to Sir Dancer. New York-bred two-time winner Sweet Hanna was Sweetness's first offspring. She was followed by a colt and a filly conceived at Milfer: four-time winner Sweetly Risen (by Raise a Man) and Twice Forbidden, who in seven starts at Finger Lakes won at a mile and 70 yards and at a mile.

Sweetness "lived up to her name," according to Kradjian, suggesting that Twice Forbidden probably inherited her docile disposition from her dam. Kradjian's goal was to breed to race, but that required solid connections with established trainers, which were difficult to make, so by the time Twice Forbidden was foaled at Naimara Farms, plans were under way to get out of the Thoroughbred business.

Twice Forbidden was sold privately as a yearling, and Sweetness, who had been barren in 1994, was sold for \$6,200 at that year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic winter mixed sale in Maryland. Sweetness was sold in foal to Homebuilder that November at Keeneland, and the foal she was carrying, a filly later named Fresno Home, won once and placed second in a Del Mar stakes for California-bred juvenile fillies.

Upon learning that she had bred the NYTB 2008 Broodmare of the Year, Kradjian—who with husband Ara attends Saratoga Race Course's races annually—remarked: "Now my husband will want to get back into the business."

Rab Hagin writes frequently on New York racing and breeding topics.

TWICE FORBIDDEN, b. m., 1993

Bold Bidder, b, 62	Bold Ruler 54	*Nasrullah 40
Spectacular Bid, gr, 76	High Bid 56	Miss Disco 44
Spectacular, ro, 70	Promised Land 54	To Market 48
Stalwart, b, 79	Stop On Red 59	Stepping Stone 50
Sweetness, b, 83	Hoist the Flag 68	Palestinian 46
Fresno Flyer, b, 72	Yes Dear Maggy 72	Mahmoudess 42
	British Roman 57	To Market 48
	Cloot Tie 60	Danger Ahead 46
		Tom Rolfe 62
		Wavy Navy 54
		Iron Ruler 65
		Yes Dear 63
		*Endeavour II 42
		Flying Roman 46
		*Poona II 51
		Lady n Silk 48

Owners, Michael Lecesse and Corra Cavalo Thoroughbreds; breeders, Naimara Farms and Naima Kradjian (N.Y.).

Age	Sts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings	RI
3	7	2	2	1	\$12,838	1.04

Broodmare of the Year in New York in 2008.

1999—Bidders Go Out, b. h. by Polish Pro. Unraced.

2000—Barren.

2001—**DON CORLEONE**, b. h. by Incurable Optimist. 2w (3) 9sts (3), \$137,848 (RI 5.37), 1st New York Derby.

2002—Two Reigns, dk. b. or br. m. by Reign Road. 3w (3,4) 20sts (3,4,5), \$33,283 (RI 0.62).

2004—Mi Mi Loves Flower, ch. m. by Slice of Reality. Unraced.

2005—**TIN CUP CHALICE**, b. g. by Crusader Sword. 8w (2,3) 9sts (2,3) in North America, \$868,680, Unplaced in 1 start (3) in Jpn (RI 26.95). Chp. 3yo male in New York in 2008. 1st Indiana Derby-G2, Albany S., Mike Lee S., New York Derby, Finger Lakes Juvenile S., 2nd Step Nicely S.

2006—**MR. FANTASY**, \$230,000 2008 FTI SPR 2YO TRN 08 (Buyer: Donald Brooks), \$135,000 2007 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga preferred (Buyer: Buzz Chace, LF Stable), 3w (2,3) 4 sts (2,3) in North America, \$166,000, 1st Withers S.-G3, 2nd Gotham S.-G3.

SIRE: **SPECTACULAR BID** (dead), 26w (2,3,4) 30sts (2,3,4), \$2,781,608 (RI 115.28). Chp. 2yo male, chp. 3yo male, chp. older male, Horse of the Year at 4, leading broodmare sire in Per. SW at 2, 3, 4. Sire of 23 crops, 753 foals, 582 runners (77%), 416 winners (55%), 44 SWs (6%), \$21,502,936 (avg/starter \$36,947). SI: 1.58, colts: 1.49, fillies: 1.68; ComSI: 2.24. Auction record lifetime—285 yrlds sold, \$116,429 avg. Sire of 279 mares which produced 1,591 foals, 70 mares produced stakes winners (25%), 1,213 runners (76%), 846 winners (53%), 98 SWs (6%), \$62,380,422 progeny earnings. BMSI 1.50; ComBMSI 1.45.

DAM: **SWEETNESS**, 2w (4,5) 44sts (2,3,4,5,6), \$60,600 (RI 1.42). Dam of 5 foals, all winners, including **Fresno Home** (1995 ch. m. by Homebuilder, 1w (2) 10sts (2,3), \$55,858 (RI 2.43), 2nd Generous Portion S.).

Rock solid on soft turf

Banrock repeats in Kingston, Sapphire Sky soars in Bouwerie, and Wishful Tomcat wires Kings Point

Banrock is by no means a softy, but he certainly likes soft turf. Last year, trainer Thomas Bush sent out Nyala Farm's homebred Go for Gin gelding for four stakes victories—including three in a row—on turf courses that were softer than firm.

Banrock's stellar 2008 season began with a win in the Kingston Handicap on a yielding Belmont Park turf course, followed by a sixth-place finish on firm ground in the Academy Award Stakes. The gelding then scored consecutive victories in the Thunder Puddles Stakes on Belmont turf rated as good, the West Point Handicap at Saratoga Race Course on a soft course, and the Ashley T. Cole Handicap on a soft Belmont course on September 14.

When the ground became firm for the Mohawk Handicap on October 18, Banrock finished fourth, beaten only a length after closing well. The Aqueduct turf course was rated as yielding when Banrock finished third in the Red Smith Handicap (G2), his first graded stakes placing, on November 8.

Banrock likes plenty of space between his races, and Bush gave him a winter-long break before bringing him back for a second shot at Belmont's \$108,500 Kingston Stakes on May 10. With frequent spring rains, the course was rated as soft, and Banrock defeated a very good field by 4¼ lengths. Mission Approved, who had set the pace to the top of Belmont's stretch, finished second, and 38-to-1 Stormy Success closed ground to take third, ¾ lengths farther back.

Favored at 1.35-to-1 because of his affinity for soft going and his record of running well when fresh, six-year-old Banrock completed the Kingston's 1¼ miles in 1:45.68 after slow early splits. The victory was his ninth in 25 career starts, and the Kingston's \$65,100 first-place purse increased his lifetime bankroll to \$517,213.

Bush said he was hoping for soft turf, although the Kingston was by no means a soft spot for Banrock's comeback race. "We were trying to get started on the right foot in this race," Bush said. "We might try one of the marathon races down the road, because he's done well at a mile and three-eighths. But honestly, we weren't looking past this race. He doesn't race too much, so he stays healthy."

Kent Desormeaux, the Racing Hall of Fame jockey who had ridden Banrock in his four 2008 victories, said he did not have to work hard for the win. "A dream trip," he said. "The horse was full of run. It was an armchair ride. The second-place horse [Mission Approved] leading the field died right when it was time for me to go, so it was a nice filtration to the lead."

Adding interest to the Kingston was the presence of two four-year-olds who had been promising competitors



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BANROCK SCORES SECOND KINGSTON WIN
Draws away to a 4¼-length victory on soft turf

on the previous year's Triple Crown trail and were making their first career starts on grass. Giant Moon, winner of the 2008 Count Fleet Stakes, had finished fourth to Tale of Ekati in the Wood Memorial Stakes (G1). Before the Kingston, the Giant's Causeway colt had collected his first graded stakes victory, in Aqueduct's Excelsior Handicap (G3) on April 4. Giant Moon went off as the 2.20-to-1 second betting choice, and Icabad Crane, the Federico Tesio Stakes winner who finished third in last year's Preakness Stakes (G1), was the third choice at 4.90-to-1.

At the break, Desormeaux placed Banrock on the inside behind Mission Approved, who set fractions of :24.62 and :50.04 for the first half-mile. Giant Moon, ridden by Edgar Prado, tracked in third for the first quarter-mile and began to slip back in the field before the half.

Third after six furlongs in 1:15.03, Banrock easily took command at the top of the stretch, opened a length advantage at the furlong pole, and came home under no pressure. Icabad Crane and Giant Moon finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the field of seven.

Banrock was bred by the Nyala Farm of Connecticut residents Kathleen O'Connell and Ruth Bedford, with O'Connell listed individually as a co-breeder. The Kingston winner is out of the Ends Well mare It's a Gherkin and is a half brother to two-time stakes winner Finlandia, by Royal Anthem.

Sapphire Sky stars

The skies were cloudy and filled with rain on May 3, but Sapphire



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SAPPHIRE SKY OPENS UP IN BOUWERIE
Sky Mesa filly shines on sloppy track

Sky had clear sailing through Belmont's stretch and scored a 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length victory in the \$109,000 Bouwerie Stakes for three-year-old fillies. The Sky Mesa filly was ridden by John Velazquez, who allowed a fast early pace to run its course before asking for Sapphire Sky's run on the turn of the seven-furlong Bouwerie.

Breaking from the outside post position in the field of eight, Sapphire Sky and Velazquez ran fifth behind a red-hot pace set by Good-day, who blew through a quarter-mile in :21.69 and a half in :44.94 under Prado. As the speed backed up on the sloppy track, Sapphire Sky and Velazquez moved four wide on the turn and entered the stretch with a clear lead. They were up by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths after six furlongs in 1:10.87 and won in 1:24.19. Ampart Ridge finished second, and Karakorum Fugitive took third, another 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths back.

"I knew there was going to be a lot of speed. I just wanted to be where she was comfortable," Velazquez said. "She surprised me around the turn; all of a sudden, man, did she start running. I thought that was way too soon, but at that point there's nothing you can do. You just keep her going forward, and she responded."

Bred and owned by the Strait Gate Stable of Cove Neck resident Thomas Borgeson, Sapphire Sky won her first stakes race. She also finished a good second to Bouwerie favorite What a Pear in the Wistful Stakes on February 1 at Aqueduct. Because of her unbeaten form on off tracks, Sapphire Sky went off as the 4.20-to-1 second betting choice behind 1.15-to-1 favorite What a Pear.

"We were happy with the rain. She broke her maiden by more than 13 lengths in the slop," said Borgeson. "Down the stretch she really dug in. We're in no rush to do anything with her. We'd like to run her this year and next year, and have some fun." The filly is the first foal out of the Silver Charm mare Charm Away, a winner for Borgeson. Sapphire Sky, who is trained by David Donk, raised her earnings to \$148,157.

What a Pear did not handle the off track and passed tiring horses to finish a distant fifth. "She did not handle the sloppy going," said her trainer, Joe Parker. Her jockey, Channing Hill, agreed. "She didn't handle that stuff out there at all. She went right down to the bottom," he said. "I'd throw this race out. I haven't lost any faith in her."

Kings Point homecoming

My, how Wishful Tomcat must have longed for the familiar turns of Aqueduct. After he won the Discovery Handicap (G3) last fall at the Queens track, breeder Anthony Grey's Winter Park Partners sold an interest in him to IEAH Stables and Pegasus Holding Groups Stables. Transferred from trainer Gary Contessa to Bobby Frankel, the four-year-old Tactical Cat ridgling went hunting for bigger game, but with limited success.

After a promising third-place finish in the San Fernando Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park in mid-January, Wishful Tomcat finished eighth, albeit beaten only 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, in the Strub Stakes (G2), and then was a well-beaten ninth in the New Orleans Handicap (G2) on March 14 at Fair Grounds.

Back home at Aqueduct and in the barn of Richard Dutrow Jr., Wishful Tomcat worked steadily toward a start in the Kings Point Handicap on April 26, firing bullets at progressively longer distances and culminating in a six-furlong move in 1:15.06 six days before the 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ -mile race on the main track. Wishful Tomcat also was reunited with his Discovery partner, jockey Ramon Dominguez, for the Kings Point.

Bettors concluded that Wishful Tomcat was ready for a big effort, and they made him the 11-to-10 favorite in the \$69,875 Kings Point, and it took a big effort to hold off 2.30-to-1 second choice Manteca by three-quarters of a length. Tommasi finished third in the field of six New York-breds.

Wishful Tomcat sprinted away from the gate and led Todd Pletcher-trained Manteca by a length through six furlongs in 1:12. The pacesetter opened the margin slightly in early stretch, but Manteca



WISFUL TOMCAT REVELS ON AQUEDUCT DIRT
Scores front-running victory in Kings Point

tenaciously cut into the advantage to the finish line. Wishful Tomcat ran the 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles in 1:48.96 on a fast track.

Dutrow conceded that the race was tougher than he had hoped. "Todd's horse [Manteca] made him work. He's a nice horse, and you can never count Todd out," he said.

Wishful Tomcat is out of Holy Wish, by the enormously productive broodmare sire Lord At War (Arg). The Kings Point winner is the year-older half brother of Uncle T Seven, a three-year-old colt by Freud who won the New York Stallion Times Square Stakes on March 29.

His second dam, Holy Moly, was a half sister to Bayard Sharp's homebred Hopeful Stakes (G1) winner Papal Power, and his fourth dam was Gris Vitesse, whose six winners included the successful sire Silver Hawk.

By the Light scores

After racing shifted to Belmont, Dutrow sent out two-time New York-bred champion By the Light for a victory in the \$73,250 Elizabeth Bay Stakes on May 6. Ridden by Prado, the Malibu Moon filly prompted pacesetter Carolyn's Cat into the stretch, took command before the furlong pole, and edged clear to a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length victory in 1:25.32 on a main track rated as good.

Jay Em Ess Stable's By the Light was entered to run on the main track if the open race shifted off the turf, and she moved into the third starting position when seven entrants scratched after the surface change. She went off as the 1.05-to-1 favorite in the field of five starters and raised her career earnings to \$866,785.

Bred by Paul Rothfuss, By the Light secured the 2007 New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. champion two-year-old filly title with three stakes victories, culminating with the Boyd Gaming's Delta Princess Powered by Youbet.com Stakes. She won three stakes races last year and finished second to Indian Blessing in the Prioress Stakes (G1) to lock up New York female sprinter honors. The Elizabeth Bay was her second 2009 stakes win, following the Missy's Mirage Stakes on March 27 at Aqueduct.

Also on May 6, Lansdon B. Robbins III's homebred Legal Consent wore down 3-to-5 favorite Montecore in the final furlong to win the \$66,950 Professor Stakes by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. Uncle T Seven finished third in the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -furlong sprint for three-year-old New York-breds. Legal Consent, trained by Carlos Martin, went off as the 2.95-to-1 second betting choice in the field of five and ran the distance in 1:16.45.

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New York-bred stakes winners

April 26–May 10, 2009

BANROCK KINGSTON S.

Belmont Park, May 10, \$100,000a, purse \$108,500, 3&up, New York-bred, 1 1/4mT, soft, 1:45.68 (CR 1:38.53).

BANROCK, 120, b. g. 6, Go for Gin—It's a Gherkin, by Ends Well. Owner, Nyala Farm; breeders, Kathleen O'Connell and Nyala Farm (N.Y.); trainer, Thomas M. Bush; jockey, Kent J. Desormeaux\$65,100

Mission Approved, 118, b. h. 5, With Approval—Fortunate Find, by Fortunate Prospect. Owner, William F. Coyro Jr.\$21,700

Stormy Success, 116, b. h. 5, Successful Appeal—Stormy Girl, by Future Storm. Owner, Joseph Fortest.....\$10,850

Margins: 4%, 3%, 3%. Also ran: Solvent 116 (\$5,425), Pennington 116 (\$3,255), Icabad Crane 116 (\$1,085), Giant Moon 116 (\$1,085).

BANROCK, b. g. 2003

Cormorant, b, 74
Go for Gin, b, 91
Never Knock, dkbb, 79
Ends Well, ch, 81
It's a Gherkin, b, 93
Sweet Dilemma, dkbb, 83
His Majesty 68
Song Sparrow 67
Stage Door Johnny 65
Never Hula 69
Lyphard 69
Late Bloomer 74
Foolish Pleasure 72
Sweet Juliet 77

Age	Sts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
3	9	2	1	2	\$75,654
4	7	2	2	0	99,890
5	8	4 (4)	0	2 (1)	276,569
6	1	1 (1)	0	0	65,100
Total	25	9 (5)	3	4 (1)	\$517,213

At 5: 1st Kingston H. (Bel \$113,700), West Point H. (Sar \$111,000), Ashley T. Cole H. (Bel \$109,900), Thunder Puddles S. (Bel \$78,700), 3rd Red Smith H.-G2 (Aqu \$150,000).

At 6: 1st Kingston S. (Bel \$108,500).

SIRE: GO FOR GIN, 5w (2,3) 19sts (2,3,4), \$1,380,866 (RI 44.78). SW at 2, 3. Sire of 11 NH crops (331 foals), 1 SH crop (1 foal), 332 foals, 247 runners (74%), 154 winners (46%), 13 SWs (4%), \$15,079,165 (avg/starter \$61,049). SI: 1.23, colts: 1.44, fillies: 0.96; ComSI: 1.51. 2009 SWs: **BOOTLEG ANNIE**, **BANROCK**. Stands at Bonita Farm, Darlington, Maryland. Stud fee: \$4,000. Auction record lifetime—127 yr/igs sold, \$35,808 avg.



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BY THE LIGHT

DAM: IT'S A GHERKIN, bred by Kathleen O'Connell and Nyala Farm (N.Y.), 3w (3,4,5) 14sts (3,4,5), \$86,403 (RI 3.54). Dam of 7 foals, 5 starters, 3 winners, including **BANROCK** (see above), **FINLANDIA** (m. by Royal Anthem, 5w (3,4) 17sts (3,4,5), \$326,015 [RI 7.33], 1st Ticonderoga H., Yaddo H., etc.).

BY THE LIGHT ELIZABETH BAY S.

Belmont Park, May 6, \$65,000a purse \$69,000, 3&up, f&m, 7f, dirt from turf, good, 1:25.32 (TR 1:20.17).

BY THE LIGHT, 121, b. f. 4, Malibu Moon—Dixie Tempo, by Major Impact. Owner, Jay Em Ess Stable; breeder, Paul Rothfuss (N.Y.); trainer, Richard E. Dutrow Jr.; jockey, Edgar S. Prado\$43,350
Carolyn's Cat, 119, ch. f. 4, Forestry—People's Princess, by Meadowlake. Owners, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Warren Jr.\$14,595
Manitoba Miss, 119, b. f. 4, D'wildcat—Enchanted Spell, by Devil's Bag. Owner, Richlyn Farms.\$7,370

Margins: 1 1/4, 6%, 5%. Also ran: Love Tune (Brz) 119 (\$3,685), Precious Kiss 121 (pulled up, vanned off).

BY THE LIGHT, b. f. 2005

A.P. Indy, dkbb, 89
Malibu Moon, b, 97
Macoumba, b, 92
Major Impact, dkbb, 89
Dixie Tempo, dkbb, 95
Rampart Street, ch, 91
Seattle Slew 74
Weekend Surprise 80
Mr. Prospector 70
Maximova (Fr) 80
Roberto 69
Conveniently 76
Dixieland Band 80
Basquette 77

EXPLANATION OF INDEXES

Racing Index (RI)

RI is based on the average earnings per start for all runners in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, Puerto Rico, and United Arab Emirates. RI is determined by calculating the average earnings per start, divided into males and females, of all starters in each individual country, and the average for each individual year is by definition 1.00. Median RI, however, is much lower. Actual distribution of RI is detailed below.

Sire Index (SI)

The Sire Index (SI) is an average of the Racing Index (RI) of all foals by a sire that have started at least three times. For SI to be calculated, a sire must be represented by a minimum of three crops and 25 starters lifetime.

Auction Information

Auction information is for North American sales from 1980 to the present and includes the following:

- Subject horse (stakes winner): All auction activity—yearling, yearling, two-year-olds in training, or horses of racing age sales—found after the winner's name under the first dam.
- Sire of stakes winner: The sire's lifetime and current year yearling auction information is reported, with number of crops offered at yearling sales (lifetime), number of yearlings

sold (lifetime), and average price (lifetime, including yearlings sold in current year), followed by information for the current year. (Current year information is reported beginning October 1; current year information from January 1 through September 30 is in the previous year's auction information.)

• Dam of stakes winner: most recent sale, either as weanling, yearling, or two-year-old in training. Also reported is most recent sale as broodmare (including covering sire) or broodmare prospect, plus any sale of the dam while subject horse was in utero (including covering sire).

Pedigree Symbols

Symbols preceding or following names of horses in pedigrees are used to identify horses that were imported into North America for racing or breeding, and to indicate country of birth. Equal signs preceding a horse's name indicate that a horse was foaled outside the U.S. or Canada and has never been imported to North America; a horse's country of birth appears in parentheses following its name. An asterisk preceding a horse's name indicates the horse was born outside the U.S. or Canada and was imported to North America prior to 1976 (no country codes are included for such horses). Names of horses imported since 1976 include a country code in parentheses following their name and are not preceded by equal signs. Horses that do not have a symbol preceding their name or a country code following their name were foaled in North America.

Age	Sts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2	4	4 (3)	0	0	\$451,815
3	7	3 (3)	3 (3)	0	275,000
4	5	3 (3)	0	1 (1)	139,970
Total	16	10 (9)	3 (3)	1 (1)	\$866,785

At 2: 1st Boyd Gaming's Delta Princess Powered by Youbet.com S. (DeD \$300,000), New York Breeders' Futurity (FL \$269,200), Lady Finger S. (FL \$137,825).
At 3: Chp. sprinter in Ny 1st Union Avenue S. (Sar \$84,150), Pearl City S. (Bel \$76,250), Flip's Pleasure S. (Aqu \$67,200), 2nd Prioress S.-G1 (Bel \$250,000), Iroquois H. (Bel \$125,000), Foil S. (Aqu \$68,200).
At 4: 1st Elizabeth Bay S. (Bel \$69,000), Missy's Mirage S. (Aqu \$66,250), Soft Morning S. (Aqu \$66,950), 3rd Red Cross S. (Mth \$70,000).

SIRE: MALIBU MOON, 1w (2) 2sts (2), \$33,840 (RI 5.75). Sire of 7 crops, 513 foals, 347 runners (68%), 250 winners (49%), 36 SWs (7%), \$21,893,560 (avg/starter \$63,094). SI: 1.65, colts: 1.39, fillies: 1.94; ComSI: 1.57. 2009 SWs: **SWEET AUGUST MOON (G3)**, **AH DAY (G3)**, **BY THE LIGHT**, **RAW SILK**, **MOONLIT HABIT**. Stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Kentucky. Stud fee: \$40,000. Auction record lifetime—245 yr/igs sold, \$77,817 avg.; 2008—57 yr/igs sold, \$95,641 avg.

DAM: DIXIE TEMPO, bred by J. D. Wimpfheimer and Edgar Cullman (Ky.), 8w (2,3,4,5) 58sts (2,3,4,5,6), \$98,699 (RI 0.79). \$3,000 1996 Keeneland September. Dam of 4 foals, 3 starters, all winners, including **BY THE LIGHT** (\$190,000 2006 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling [Buyer: Jay Em Ess Stable], \$120,000 2006 Keeneland January [Buyer: Trade Winds Farm]) [RI 16.57], see above).

LEGAL CONSENT PROFESSOR S.

Belmont Park, May 6, \$65,000a, purse \$66,950, 3yo, New York-bred, 6 1/4f, good, 1:16.45 (TR 1:14.46).

LEGAL CONSENT, 118, dk. b. or br. c. 3, Officer—Flame Trick, by Mt. Livermore. Owner, Lansdon B. Robbins III; breeder, Lansdon B. Robbins (N.Y.); trainer, Carlos F. Martin; jockey, Ramon A. Dominguez.....\$40,950
Montecore, 118, ch. c. 3, Hold That Tiger—French Factor, by Gulch. Owners, Puglisi Racing.....\$13,650
Uncle T Seven, 122, b. c. 3, Freud—Holy Wish, by Lord At War (Arg). Owners, Thomas Mina, Suzann Bobley, MFRG Racing Stable, and Dennis Brida.....\$6,858

Margins: 1%, 5%, 3%. Also ran: That's Rich 118 (\$3,445), Olympic Pegasus 118 (\$2,047).

LEGAL CONSENT, dk. b. or br. c. 2006

Bertrando, dkbb, 89
Officer, dkbb, 99
St. Helens Shadow, b, 93
Mt. Livermore, ch, 81
Flame Trick, dkbb, 02
Avie's Trick, dkbb, 91
Skywalker 92
Gentle Hands 79
Septieme Ciel 87
Little Bar Fly 85
Blushing Groom (Fr) 74
Flama Ardiente 72
Lord Avie 78
Trickstress 86

Age	Sts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2	4	1 (1)	1	1 (1)	\$213,693
3	5	2 (1)	3	0	95,350
Total	9	3 (2)	4	1 (1)	\$309,043

At 2: 1st New York Breeders' Futurity (FL \$318,525), 3rd Damon Runyon S. (Aqu \$83,775).
At 3: 1st Professor S. (Bel \$66,950).

SIRE: OFFICER, 6w (2,3) 9sts (2,3), \$804,090 (RI 29.22). SW at 2, 3. Sire of 4 NH crops (288 foals), 1 SH crop (1 foal), 289 foals, 193 runners (67%), 128 winners (44%), 16 SWs (6%), \$8,321,162 (avg/starter \$43,115). SI: 1.65, colts: 1.86, fillies: 1.49; ComSI: 1.50. 2009 SW: **LEGAL CONSENT**. Stands at Taylor Made Stallions, Nicholasville, Kentucky. Stud fee: \$17,500. Auction record lifetime—197 yr/igs sold, \$63,591 avg.; 2008—31 yr/igs sold, \$47,748 avg.

DAM: FLAME TRICK, bred by Grade One Stables (Ky.), placed in 7sts (2,3), \$6,315 (RI 0.30). Dam of 2 foals, 1 starter, 1 winner, **LEGAL CONSENT** (see above).

SAPPHIRE SKY BOUWERIE S.

Belmont Park, May 3, \$100,000, purse \$109,000, 3yo, f, New York-bred, 7f, sloppy, 1:24.19 (TR 1:20.17).

SAPPHIRE SKY, 118, b. f. 3, Sky Mesa—Charm Away, by Silver Charm. Owner, Strait Gate Stable; breeder, Strait Gate Thoroughbreds (N.Y.); trainer, David G. Donk; jockey, John R. Velazquez.....\$65,400

Ampart Ridge, 118, dk. b. or br. f. 3, Cactus Ridge—Struck-by-lightning, by Cryptoclearance. Owners, Richard Troncone Jr. and Richard Troncone Sr.....\$21,800

Karakorum Fugitive, 118, dk. b. or br. f. 3, Ten Most Wanted—Royal Relic, by Colonial Affair. Owner, Karakorum Farm.....\$10,900

Margins: 4 $\frac{1}{4}$, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Also ran: Ouchy Night 116 (\$5,450), What a Pear 122 (\$3,270), More Oats Please 116 (\$545), Goodday 120 (\$545), La Concerto 122 (\$545), Yo Karakorum 118 (\$545).

SAPPHIRE SKY, b. f. 2006

Pulpit, b, 94
Sky Mesa, b, 00
Caress, dkbr, 91

Silver Charm, gr. or ro., 94
Charm Away, b, 01
Fashion Light, ch, 85

A.P. Indy 89
Preach 89
Storm Cat 83
La Affirmed 83
Silver Buck 78
Bonnie's Poker 82
Majestic Light 73
Gallant Fashion 67

Age	Sts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2	5	2	0	1 (1)	\$60,257
3	3	1 (1)	2 (1)	0	87,900
Total	8	3 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	\$148,157

At 2: 3rd Lady Finger S. (FL \$156,612).

At 3: 1st Bouwerie S. (Bel \$109,000), 2nd Wistful S. (Aqu \$66,500).

SIRE: **SKY MESA**, 3w (2) 6sts (2,3), \$633,076 (RI 34.34), SW at 2. Sire of 3 crops, 240 foals, 135 runners (56%), 85 winners (35%), 9 SWs (4%), \$6,366,823 (avg/starter



Tom Cooley photo

LEGAL CONSENT

\$47,162). SI: 2.49, colts: 2.17, fillies: 2.80; ComSI: 1.96. 2009 SWs: **GENERAL QUARTERS (G1)**, **SAPPHIRE SKY**. Stands at Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Kentucky. Stud fee: \$30,000. Auction record lifetime—168 yrlds sold, \$80,256 avg.; 2008—48 yrlds sold, \$41,612 avg.

DAM: **CHARM AWAY**, bred by Russell S. Davis (Ky.), 1w (3) 9sts (3), \$15,293 (RI 0.62), \$47,000 2002 Keeneland September. Dam of 1 foal, 1 winner, **SAPPHIRE SKY** (see above).

WISHFUL TOMCAT KINGS POINT H.

Aqueduct, April 26, \$65,000, purse \$69,875, 3&up, New York-bred, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ m, fast, 1:48.96 (TR 1:47).

WISHFUL TOMCAT, 121, ch. r. 4, Tactical Cat—Holy Wish, by Lord At War (Arg). Owners, IEAH Stables, Winter Park Partners, and Pegasus Holdings Group Stables; breeder, Anthony Grey (N.Y.); trainer, Richard E. Dutrow Jr.; jockey, Ramon A. Dominguez.....\$41,925
Manteca, 121, b. c. 4, Aptitude—Irving's Baby, by Quiet American. Owner, Anstu Stable.....\$13,975

Tommasi, 119, b. g. 7, Raffle's Majesty—Shock It, by Double Negative. Owner, Tina Marie Bond.....\$6,988

Margins: $\frac{1}{4}$, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Also ran: See More Spirit 121 (\$3,494), Dr. D. F. C. 119 (\$2,096), Alexandros 119 (\$1,397).

WISHFUL TOMCAT, ch. r. 2005

Storm Cat, dkbr, 83
Tactical Cat, gr. or ro., 96
Terre Haute, gr, 89
Lord At War (Arg), ch, 80
Holy Wish, ch, 93
Holy Moly, b, 84
Storm Bird 78
Terlingua 76
Caro (Ire) 67
Mia Dancer 74
General (Fr) 74
=Luna de Miel (Arg) 74
Halo 69
Papal Decree 76

Age	Sts	1st (SW)	2nd (SP)	3rd (SP)	Earnings
2	6	1	3	1	\$67,589
3	5	4 (3)	0	0	212,920
4	4	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	59,925
Total	15	6 (4)	3	2 (1)	\$340,434

At 3: 1st Discovery H-G3 (Aqu \$110,100), John's Gold S. (Bel \$76,750), Floral Park S. (Bel \$76,950).

At 4: 1st Kings Point H. (Aqu \$69,875), 3rd San Fernando S.-G2 (SA \$150,000).

SIRE: **TACTICAL CAT**, 4w (2,3) 12sts (2,3), \$480,067 (RI 15.04). Leading sire in Ok in 2008. SW at 2. Sire of 7 crops, 419 foals, 321 runners (77%), 222 winners (53%), 22 SWs (5%), \$13,974,150 (avg/starter \$43,533). SI: 1.14, colts: 1.07, fillies: 1.21; ComSI: 1.26. 2009 SWs: **WISHFUL TOMCAT**, **TACKY CAT**. Stands at Diamond G Ranch, Edmond, Oklahoma. Stud fee: \$2,500. Auction record lifetime—231 yrlds sold, \$39,216 avg.; 2008—6 yrlds sold, \$11,033 avg.

DAM: **HOLY WISH**, bred by Wimborne Farm (Ky.), 1w (2) 3sts (2), \$22,830 (RI 3.77), \$15,000 (in foal to Matty G) 2002 WIMBORNE DISP 02. Dam of 9 foals, 7 starters, 6 winners, including **WISHFUL TOMCAT** (see above), **UNCLE T SEVEN** (c. by Freud, 2w (2,3) 8sts (2,3), \$129,218 [RI 4.43], 1st New York Stallion Times Square S., etc.).

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New York-bred winners and winners sired by New York sires

April 24-May 12, 2009

Adios My Friend (5/1)—Lady Di Huntley; ROLL THE DI, m. 5, Aqueduct, 4/26, Alw, 8.5f, \$27,600.
 A. P. Jet (52/15)—E. J.'s Laura; A P GRACIE, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 5/9, Alw, 8.32f, \$13,320.
 Artax (69/16)—Hope's Expectation; WHO NEEDS TO KNOW, g. 5, Finger Lakes, 4/28, Alw, 4.5f, \$11,460.
 Brahms (107/42)—Cozzekiki; SOAVE, f. 3, Belmont Park, 4/30, Alw, 8f, \$26,400.
 Cactus Ridge (63/37)—Struckbylightning; AMPART RIDGE, f. 3, Aqueduct, 4/24, Alw, 8f, \$26,400.
 Chief Seattle (82/37)—Rachel Allyn; KAT'S MYSTERY, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 4/25, Alw, 8.18f, \$13,320.
 City Zip (90/29)—D J's Girl; ZIPTRONIC, g. 3, Aqueduct, 4/25, Alw, 6f, \$25,800.
 City Zip (90/29)—Steady Anna; MATTHEW T C, g. 4, Belmont Park, 5/3, Alw, 6f, \$25,800.
 City Zip (90/29)—Glowing Angel; QUEENIE'S BABY, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 5/11, Alw, 5f, \$11,460.
 E Dubai (89/40)—Twice Forbidden; MR. FANTASY, c. 3, Aqueduct, 4/25, Stk, Withers S. (G3), 8f, \$90,000.
 Eltish (54/17)—Bertranslew; ELLE TISH SLEW, f. 4, Hawthorne, 4/27, Alw, 8.5f, \$15,600.
 Empire Maker (82/27)—Eventail; TULIPMANIA, f. 4, Belmont Park, 5/10, Alw, 8.5f, \$26,400.
 Freud (56/23)—Penthouse Melody; KARAKORUM PLAYMATE, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 5/8, Alw, 5.5f, \$13,020.

Go for Gin (46/13)—It's a Gherkin; **BANROCK**, g. 6, Belmont Park, 5/10, Stk, Kingston S., 8.5f, \$65,100.
 Gold Fever (34/8)—Calm At Sunset; YUKON GOLD RUSH, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 5/8, Alw, 5.5f, \$11,460.
 Gold Token (56/14)—Jam Down Queen; GOLD FOR THE QUEEN, f. 3, Belmont Park, 5/3, Alw, 6f, \$25,800.
 Golden Missile (115/33)—Whistling Bullet; **MISS MISSILE**, f. 4, Fonner Park, 5/2, Stk, Al Swihart Memorial S., 6.5f, \$15,000.
 Good and Tough (69/21)—Dixie Doree; DOREE DAZE, f. 4, Belmont Park, 5/7, Alw, 6f, \$30,960.
 Good and Tough (69/21)—Vintage Love; VINTAGE TOUGH, f. 3, Finger Lakes, 5/8, Alw, 5f, \$11,640.
 Good and Tough (69/21)—Bellebottom Blues; ONE TOUGH BELLE, m. 5, Monmouth Park, 5/10, Alw, 6f, \$24,600.
 Hook and Ladder (53/20)—Screen Happy; RULE SEVENTY SIX, g. 4, Finger Lakes, 5/11, Alw, 5.5f, \$13,020.
 Jump Start (104/47)—Uncork New York; DANCING FERN, f. 4, Delaware Park, 5/2, Alw, 8f, \$24,600.
 Kettle Won (8/1)—Bronze Autumn; DOODLIN, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 5/4, Alw, 8.18f, \$11,940.
 Malibu Moon (144/48)—Dixie Tempo; **BY THE LIGHT**, f. 4, Belmont Park, 5/6, Stk, Elizabeth Bay S., 7f, \$43,350.
 Minardi (56/15)—Eastside Lass; SPORTIN' MAN, c. 4, Finger Lakes, 5/4, Alw, 5.5f, \$11,640.
 Northern Spur (Ire) (9/3)—Ivory Tower (GB); SPURRED, h. 5, Aqueduct, 4/25, Alw, 8.5f, \$27,600.
 Officer (87/28)—Flame Trick; **LEGAL CONSENT**, c. 3, Belmont Park, 5/6, Stk, Professor S., 6.5f, \$40,950.
 Performing Magic (15/2)—Milkmustache; PERFORMING DANCER, f. 3, Camarero Race Track, 5/2, Alw, 8.05f, \$9,000.
 Read the Footnotes (19/10)—So Social; TAILBYTHERAIL, f. 3, Calder Race Course, 5/8, Alw, 8.5f, \$16,200.
 Say Florida Sandy (23/8)—Return to Me; RETURN TO KARAKORUM, f. 4, Finger Lakes, 4/28, Alw, 5f, \$13,020.
 Sky Mesa (85/34)—Charm Away; **SAPPHIRE SKY**, f. 3, Belmont Park, 5/3, Stk, Bouwerie S., 7f, \$65,400.
 Smokin Mel (14/7)—Molly's Party Girl; SMOKIN WARRIOR, g. 5, Finger Lakes, 5/1, Alw, 5f, \$13,020.
 Stormy Atlantic (157/50)—Most Remarkable; REMARKABLE STORM, c. 3, Belmont Park, 5/1, Alw, 6f, \$25,800.
 Tactical Cat (101/36)—Holy Wish; **WISHFUL TOMCAT**, r. 4, Aqueduct, 4/26, Stk, Kings Point H., 9f, \$41,925.
 Vicar (76/28)—Elmira Gulch; FLY THE NORTH WIND, h. 5, Finger Lakes, 4/24, Alw, 8.18f, \$13,320.
 Western Expression (54/15)—Old Emotions; WESTERN FABLE, g. 3, Aqueduct, 4/26, Alw, 8.5f, \$26,400.
 Wild Event (65/23)—Lotsa Sprinkles; POCKET COWBOYS, g. 3, Belmont Park, 5/9, Alw, 8.5f, \$31,680.



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The accompanying list reports sires of New York-bred winners and winners by sires standing in New York in 2009, three-year-olds and upward, of recent allowance, stakes, and overnight handicap races in New York. The lists are presented alphabetically by sire, followed in parentheses by the number of current-year starters in North America for the sire and the sire's total number of individual winners in 2009, regardless of state where bred. Following the sire information is the name of the winner's dam. The name of the winner is in light face capital letters (bold face capital letters if the win came in a stakes race), followed by the winner's sex, age, name of racetrack, and date of race. The class of the race in which the victory took place immediately follows. Abbreviations used for class of race are similar to those used by Equibase: Alw—allowance; Hcp—overnight handicap; names of stakes races are spelled out, with the grade of the race, when applicable, in parentheses. Class of race is followed by the distance of the race, expressed in furlongs and fractions of furlongs, followed by first-place money earned by the winner.

New York breeders by highest earnings

Domestic and foreign racing

January 1-April 30, 2009

Breeder	Starts	First	Second	Third	Earnings	Leading earner	Earnings
Thomas/Lakin	195	28	22	20	\$660,122	Future Prospect	\$ 89,215
Sez Who Thoroughbreds	227	29	24	23	555,941	Beam of Love	76,808
Chester and Mary R. Broman	148	17	17	13	400,083	Baroness	63,750
Flying Zee Stable	146	11	14	16	378,034	Olde Glamour	77,600
McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	73	8	8	12	261,637	Joe Corrigan	100,860
Stonewall Farm	72	13	6	10	231,874	Leap Day	57,300
Albert Fried Jr.	24	3	3	3	229,544	Giant Moon	173,850
Paula Ann Cohn Hallman	53	8	9	7	193,540	Empty Wallet	50,850
John Hettinger	40	7	5	1	193,090	My Dinah	87,550
Gallagher's Stud	29	4	8	5	176,333	Aristo	44,842
Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey	55	10	9	3	175,699	Sonic Sound	26,400
Lawrence Goichman	27	5	3	6	160,017	Shoot the Bugler	61,800
Dr. Russell S. Cohen	20	6	1	0	158,320	What a Pear	108,498
Anthony Grey	20	5	1	5	154,452	Uncle T Seven	60,000
Jonathan Thorne	4	1	1	2	147,202	Don't Forget Gil	147,202
Corra Cavallo Thoroughbreds	6	2	0	2	146,894	Mr. Fantasy	141,400
Edward L. Shapoff	17	2	0	3	145,258	Weathered	137,767
Michael E. and Penny S. Lauer	9	4	0	1	140,550	Mor Chances	133,520
Paraneck Stallions	102	5	9	16	133,820	Run From Hell	23,232
New Dawn Stud	12	2	3	3	125,361	Driven by Success	60,321
John R. Michelotti	46	4	6	6	111,423	Drowning Bear	43,900
Barry R. Ostrager	58	4	9	2	109,638	Top Leader	30,776
Barry Weisbord and Margaret Santulli	11	2	0	1	108,210	Haynesfield	107,666
Philip Birsh	7	2	1	1	106,620	Mother Russia	60,000
Gus Schoenborn Jr.	44	3	6	8	105,376	Motor City Mama	37,600
Sanford Goldfarb	22	4	3	4	101,801	El Tamberito	57,950
Paul Rothfuss	8	2	3	1	95,490	By the Light	88,920
Seymour Cohn	7	2	2	0	89,124	See More Spirit	85,824
Tracy Egan	26	3	4	10	88,808	Touchof Perfection	44,200
Anstu Farm	31	3	3	4	87,663	Manteca	58,040
Michael T. Martin	20	3	4	1	87,274	Commissioner Chris	41,953
Kandor Breeding	4	3	1	0	84,200	Calling My Colors	84,200
Very Un Stable	27	5	4	2	81,926	Performing Dancer	47,005
Sanford Bacon and Brendan Tobin	4	3	0	1	79,295	Say Toba Sandy	79,295
Lansdon B. Robbins	9	2	4	0	78,211	Legal Consent	54,400
Louise Riggio	18	3	2	3	78,030	Olympic Pegasus	53,200
Stonebridge Farm	10	2	2	3	76,880	Karakorum Fugitive	60,200
John W. Fenton II and Jerry Herron	38	6	4	6	74,677	Chanced	34,680
Thomas Dushas	27	3	1	6	72,941	Trust Nobody	25,320
Friendship Stable	12	2	3	1	71,437	Little Wise Guy	63,800
Glenmare Farm	12	3	2	1	68,724	Wolfson	39,905
Edward C. Behringer and Thomas P. Murray	9	2	2	1	67,600	Strummer	64,750
Dennis and Deborah Petrisak	32	2	1	2	67,297	Always On the Move	26,400
Berkshire Stud	24	1	3	4	66,584	Keep the Peace	47,420
David Knisely and Bradley B. Browne	4	2	0	2	66,460	Montecore	66,460
Sez Who Thoroughbreds and Aron Yagoda	20	3	1	5	65,730	Kaydeross	34,615
Castellare di Cracchiolo Stables	13	4	2	2	62,953	Triste Doble Q	33,988
Pegasus Farms	33	2	5	6	60,902	Gold for the Queen	26,750
Braeburn Farm	4	2	0	1	58,814	Dr. W	58,814
David Cassidy	15	3	0	2	56,954	Absolute Heaven	33,142
Scott M. Schwartz	21	2	5	2	56,839	Pocket Cowboys	47,860
Robert C. Baker & Sugar Maple Farm	4	2	0	0	56,760	A Zero Trap	56,760
Margaret N. Carrothers	10	1	2	2	56,522	Muffy	38,700
Chalmar Farm	12	1	2	1	55,569	Raffie's Deer	38,900

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BREEDER AWARDS

In 2008, the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund paid \$6,817,331 to breeders of registered New York-breds. A breeder is the owner of the mare at the time the mare foals in the state of New York. Breeder awards are determined by covering stallion. If the New York-bred is by a registered New York-based stallion, the award is up to 20% of the purse earned for a first-place finish and up to 10% for a second- or third-place finish.

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In 2008, the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund distributed \$2,133,913 in stallion owner awards. Stallion owner awards are paid to owners of registered New York-based covering stallions (at time of conception) at up to 7% of earned purses from 1st through 3rd positions. All stallion owner awards are capped at \$10,000 per horse per race.

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Calendar of events

JUNE

14 June

Susan B. Anthony Handicap, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$50,000, fillies & mares 3yo & up, 6 furlongs

21 June

Mike Lee Stakes, first leg of the Big Apple Triple, Belmont Park, \$100,000 added, 3yo, 7 furlongs

JULY

4 July

Niagara Stakes, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$50,000, 3yo fillies, 6 furlongs

11 July

New York Derby, second leg of the Big Apple Triple, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles

19 July

Arctic Queen Handicap, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$50,000, fillies & mares 3yo & up, 6 furlongs

29 July

Saratoga Race Course meeting opens

AUGUST

1 August

Ontario County Stakes, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$50,000, 3yo, 6 furlongs

6 August

John Morrissey Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$80,000 added, 3yo & up, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs

9 August

Genesee Valley Breeders' Handicap, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$50,000, 3yo & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles

10-11 August

Saratoga selected yearling sale, Fasig-Tipton New York, Humphrey Finney Pavilion, Saratoga Springs

12 August

New York Stallion Stakes Series Cab Calloway Division, Saratoga Race Course, \$150,000, 3yo, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles (turf)

13 August

New York Stallion Stakes Series Statue of Liberty Division, Saratoga Race Course, \$150,000, 3yo fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles (turf)

15-16 August

Saratoga sale of New York-bred yearlings, Fasig-Tipton New York, Humphrey Finney Pavilion, Saratoga Springs

16 August

West Point Handicap, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000 added, 3yo & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles (turf)

22 August

Leon Reed Memorial Handicap, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$50,000, 3yo & up, 6 furlongs

23 August

Yaddo Handicap, Saratoga Race Course, \$100,000 added, fillies & mares 3yo & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles (turf)
Jockey Club Round Table on Matters Pertaining to Racing, Gideon Putnam Resort (by invitation only)

30 August

New York Oaks, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$75,000, 3yo fillies, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles

31 August

Saratoga Dew Stakes, Saratoga Race Course, \$80,000 added, fillies and mares 3yo & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles

SEPTEMBER

7 September

Lady Finger Stakes, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$100,000 (estimated), 2yo fillies, 6 furlongs
Aspirant Stakes, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$100,000 (estimated), 2yo colts & geldings, 6 furlongs

13 September

Ashley T. Cole Handicap, Belmont Park, \$100,000 added, 3yo & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles (turf)

19 September

Jack Betta Be Rite Handicap, Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack, \$50,000, fillies and mares 3yo & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles

20 September

John Hettinger Stakes, Belmont Park, \$100,000, fillies & mares 3yo & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles (turf)

THE NEW YORK STALLION STAKES SERIES

RACE SCHEDULE FOR 2009

DATE	TRACK	RACE	DISTANCE	PURSE
August 12	Saratoga Race Course	Cab Calloway Division 3YO	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles turf	\$150,000
August 12	Saratoga Race Course	Statue of Liberty Division F-3YO	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles turf	\$150,000
November 15	Aqueduct	Great White Way Division 2YO	6 furlongs	\$100,000
November 15	Aqueduct	Fifth Avenue Division F-2YO	6 furlongs	\$100,000

BONUS RACES ELIGIBILITY (FULL NOMINATION TO SERIES)

DATE	TRACK	RACE	DISTANCE	PURSE
November 15	Aqueduct	Cormorant Division 3 & Up	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles turf	\$100,000
November 15	Aqueduct	Perfect Arc Division F & M-3 & Up	1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles turf	\$100,000
November 15	Aqueduct	Thunder Rumble Division 3 & Up	7 furlongs	\$100,000
November 15	Aqueduct	Staten Island Division F & M-3 & Up	7 furlongs	\$100,000

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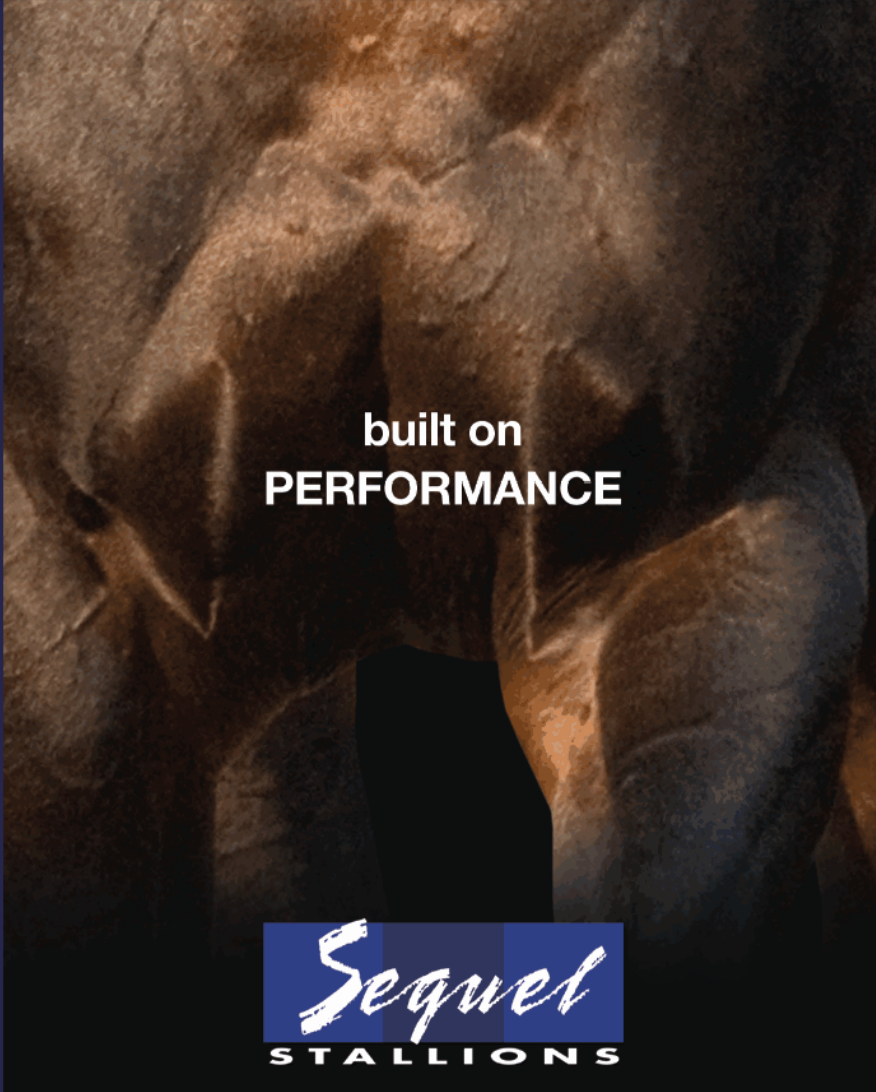
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