

COUNTDOWN TO THE CROWN

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Editor's Note: The ninth season of Countdown to the Crown offers the most comprehensive scouting report of the 3-year-old scene. Countdowntothecrown.com is the home each Friday from Jan. 3 through the Belmont Stakes, and Countdown keeps you apprised of the rising stars of the sophomore class from the maiden ranks through the Grade 1 stakes.

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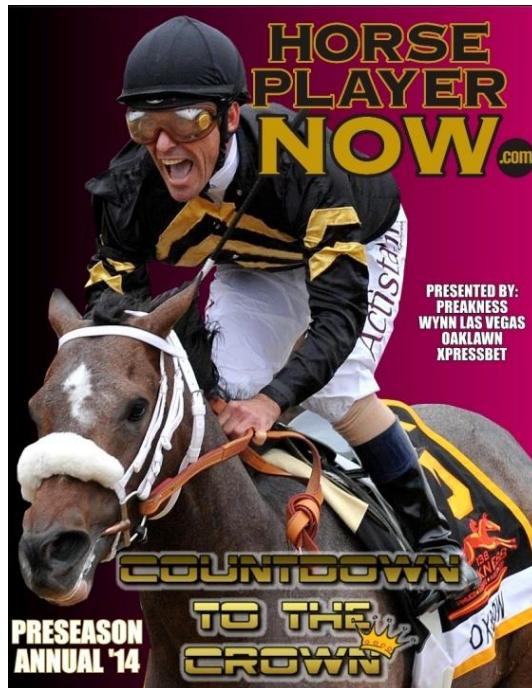
Opinions are like Floyd Mayweather's \$10 million bet on Denver in the Super Bowl. Just when you thought you had the worst 'take' ever, someone else's misery makes you feel good about yourself.

1. Horseplayers in a slump – i.e. yours truly – too often get overly conservative or overly reckless chasing losses. My slump-busting advice: take a temporary leave of your comfort zone and try something else from the handicapping drawer to sample its effectiveness. Seeing things from a different angle can bring back your focus.
2. You can already feel a sense of just "getting there" with Derby hopefuls as trainers begin to look past mid-season tune-ups with an eye on final preps. That one-and-done mentality can leave a great horse short of his battle toughness needed.
3. Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool "2" is offered this week. In case you missed it, Pool "1" was in November. Treat Pool "2" now as you had treated past Pool "1" offerings – still demand 30-1 to 40-1 given the time-frame. My full KDFW analysis is included in this Friday & Saturday's editions of the Horse Player NOW BUZZ report ([purchase here](#)).

This Week's Fearless Forecast

This section previews the coming attractions in 3-year-old stakes and undercard races. As is custom, we'll outline some undercard races of note before diving into stakes analysis & picks.

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Undercard Tilts

Later today (Friday), a **Gulfstream Park** Race 5 turf allowance route features sharp debut rallying winner MORNING CALM (Michelle Nihei) – who exits what looks like it could be a key race from Dec. 28. IRONICUS (Shug McGaughey) exits a late-running MSW win without help on the front end. If these two are beaten, it will take someone up front.

Race 3 Friday at **Fair Grounds** is a MSW for 3-year-olds and up, and sophomore NO FREE LUNCH (Tom Amoss) takes on elders after failing twice at odds-on vs. his age bracket.

Santa Anita's Saturday Race 2 offers an outstanding MSW sprint still with a chance to propel a prospect or two. LITTLE CURLIN (Jerry Hollendorfer) was a hard-luck loser in his west coast transfer and meets a pair of regally bred stablemates PARTY TIME (Bob Baffert) and PIMPERNEL (Bob Baffert), that duo out of elite sprint mares Furlough and Xtra Heat, respectively. ACT (John Sadler) also debuts with some repute and bears watching.

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Gulfstream's Saturday program has a pair of distance events for maidens on both turf and dirt. Race 4 is for the grass set and includes the uncoupled tag team of SOUPERFAST (Bill Mott) and TOURIST (Bill Mott). They exit races behind impressive winners TONALIST (Christophe Clement) and BARATTI (Kiaran McLaughlin) and will give us a line on those potential stakes/allowance runners. Race 7 might be the deepest maiden special weight dirt route of the GP meet for the 3YO boys. The gambler's paradise offers a field of 13, including recent fourth-place finishers behind Todd Pletcher trainees HARTFORD and Sam F. Davis winner VINCEREMOS, namely SLIP BY (Michael Matz) and LEGEND (H. James Bond). Supremely-bred Medaglia d'Oro-Secret Status comebacker SPECIAL AGENT (Shug McGaughey) has yet to show much for his gene pool. MILL CREEK (Bill Mott) has the look of a good one coming out of a pretty key Churchill race in fall if he's ready.

Super-fast debut winner FAVORITE TALE (Lupe Preciado) makes his anticipated return Saturday in a Race 8 allowance sprint at Parx. The son of Tale of the Cat rocketed 6 furlongs in 1:07-3/5 in his debut. This looks like a tricky spot with talented ALEX INC (Butch Reid) turning back in distance and Penn National-based FOURTH AND LONG (Roddy Magrigal Sr.) a sneaky-good prospect from off the radar. The same Parx card also includes a restricted stakes, the Elser Memorial, but this allowance dwarfs that race on talent and potential.

FOREVER UTOPIA (John Terranova) drops back into the maiden ranks Saturday in Aqueduct Race 5 after finishing a distant second in the Damon Runyon Stakes to last week's eventual Withers champ SAMRAAT (Rick Violette).

Sunday's action includes a Race 8 allowance route at Oaklawn Park with stakes implications for the winner – a race slated for Thursday, but re-written when racing was cancelled due to weather. Four runners who chased BOURBONIZE (Kellyn Gorder) on Jan. 10 all return. OP meet maiden breakers BITTERS 'N BOURBON (Ron Moquett) and ALL CALL (Chris Richard) provide new challenges, but neither impressed this eye drastically last time out.

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- Bob Lewis Memorial Stakes - (Saturday/Santa Anita)



MIDNIGHT HAWK (Bob Baffert) outran a nice horse KRISTO (John Sadler) to the wire in the four-horse G3 Sham Stakes, but this pace and field figures to be much deeper. If he passes this test, I'll salute 'HAWK as a stronger prospect than I've given him credit for to date. He's still sprint-bred on the bottom of his pedigree, and an un-Baffert-like workout in 1:03-1/5 between starts is cause for pause at what figures to be solid favoritism.

CANDY BOY (John Sadler) made a premature move down the backstretch of the G1 CashCall Futurity, and while he probably wasn't beating an in-form SHARED BELIEF (Jerry Hollendorfer) that day, I do think it made a significant exaggeration of the losing margin. He's worked like an express between races and this very well could be a peak effort we're about to see.

COOL SAMURAI (John Shirreffs) has one of the best closing kicks in the 2014 class, put on display at both Belmont and Santa Anita. The alumni from his Dec. 27 MSW win have come back to lay eggs, so I have some concern about that while still liking this colt quite a bit. His pedigree is MADE for Keeneland's Polytrack, so if he finds the west coast tracks too fast for him in stakes company, don't be surprised if this is a serious Blue Grass threat come April.

DIAMOND BACHELOR (Patrick Biancone) was as rank as he was talented at 2, and it will be interesting to see if he's mellowed with some time since the Breeders' Cup. Julien Leparoux

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has hopped cross-country to ride him on more than one occasion.

Stretch-out sprinters CHITU (Bob Baffert) and HOME RUN KITTEN (David Hofmans) add depth to the race and pace of the Lewis. CHITU may be too fast for his own good, blistering in the a.m. since a :44 half in his allowance win. Martin Garcia has to be careful with CHITU that he doesn't incinerate stablemate MIDNIGHT HAWK, but might not be able to slow CHITU.

EL NINO TERRIBLE (Peter Miller), a Peruvian juvenile who won broke his maiden at 14-1 at Santa Anita just 22 days ago, showed speed vs. slower that day. On pure pedigree, he's probably as good or better routing than any of these by Malibu Moon out of a Giant's Causeway mare. Don't be shocked if he handles the trip better than some more-fancied players in the Lewis.

Get more historical trends and significance on the Lewis Memorial Stakes by visiting page 83 of the Countdown to the Crown Preseason Annual simply by [clicking this link](#).

Lewis Memorial Stakes Stakes selections:

- W) CANDY BOY; P) COOL SAMURAI;
- S) MIDNIGHT HAWK.

We keep ourselves honest here all season long with our most recent and cumulative stats for top choices (starts: wins-seconds-thirds).

All three top choices last week finished well off the board in what can only be described as a terrible handicapping performance. We've never started a season this cold in the win column, so here's hoping February blows in some warmer results – groundhog or not.

Season selections: 10: 0-4-1.

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Everyone's a Critic

This section reviews the week that was in the 3-year-old ranks.

Stakes Races



Saturday's **Withers at Aqueduct** proved to be a match race between two New York-breds venturing into a soft open-company spot ([video](#)). SAMRAAT (Rick Violette) and UNCLE SIGH (Gary Contessa) put on a show from the opening jump, dueling throughout the 1 1/16 miles. The two opened up 7 lengths on the field after a half-mile in just 48.33, all but sealing the deal that there would be no closers about which to worry. And none of their four rivals came with any serious late punch.

SAMRAAT "prevailed" would be the proper description as the two-path dueler forged past the rail-skimming UNCLE SIGH in the final yards. Both galloped out with decent energy after slowing to a 26.29 fourth quarter and 7.25 final sixteenth. What we learned was that SAMRAAT doesn't have to have it his own way, as he did in dominating a trio of NY-bred casts by 25 combined lengths prior. We also learned that UNCLE SIGH has some heart and kept trying. But beyond that, the lack of a late arrival to the scene makes it hard to believe in this race's result fully and project it forward against tougher competition sure to come.

SCOTLAND (Tony Dutrow) remains a maiden while running third, just as he did in the Jerome. He was dealt a tough hand when sawed off at the start between horses and then checked some behind heels on the first turn as well. But he was a distant third and did little more than the other also-rans here. The result continued a consistent theme that the Jerome Stakes alumni have been disappointments and the post-script here is that Jerome winner NOBLE MOON (Leah Gyarmati) fails to excite upon his return from a minor training setback.

SAMRAAT has been shipped back to Florida to plot his next race, while UNCLE SIGH will stay home for the Gotham. They could re-match, but don't be shocked if SAMRAAT gets a Fountain

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of Youth chance on three weeks' rest if that race comes up soft with any further defections.

As for my choice, HONORABLE JUDGE (Butch Reid), he didn't pick up a hoof in defeat. I had the wrong Parx shipper Saturday at the Big A, as the Philly filly Joint Return – trained by John Servis – won the Busher for the 3YO gals.

Check out the historical significance of the Withers Stakes by visiting page 82 of the Countdown to the Crown Preseason Annual. [Click here.](#)



Saturday's 7-furlong **Hutcheson Stakes at Gulfstream Park** ([video](#)) sent subscribers to the bounce theory packing, while packing the Triple Crown trail prep bags for dominant winner WILDCAT RED (Jose Gafallo). The Gulfstream Derby runner-up shortened his trip a furlong Saturday and was on full display in a 4 ¾-length victory as the 2-1 favorite.

WILDCAT RED flattered the form of his GP Derby conqueror GENERAL A ROD (Mike Maker), this time sitting a perfect third early behind dueling leaders and not having to set the tone as he did on New Year's Day. Splits for the 'Hutch' came back 22.30, 22.57, 24.70 and 12.64 the final furlong. So while WILDCAT RED widened on the field late, a 37.34 final three furlongs didn't set the track ablaze – and note he carried only 116 pounds with no real gallop-out attached.

I won't be in a hurry to play this horse around two turns based on past performances and pedigree, but credit to his readiness on Saturday. Runner-up C. ZEE (Stan Gold) just kind of held second in an even effort that didn't excite, while third-place PABLO DEL MONTE (Wesley Ward) failed to punch home once a hole opened up in the stretch. He did have nowhere to go around the far turn, but his damside distance limitations make you dubious that he's going to fire with much late kick the longer they go. The early pacemakers tired badly, GAMBLER'S GHOST (Eddie Kenneally) and MIGHTY BROWN (Tim Ice), while my longshot pick TASHIR (Gennadi Dorochenko) broke in stride, but without speed, and raced flat while perhaps bouncing off a big win at Calder. Maybe the bounce theory was in play, after all, but nobody told WILDCAT RED.

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Saturday's Sam F. Davis at Tampa Bay Downs served as the local prep for the Tampa Bay Derby, and the roll call for that race likely ballooned after a haphazard finish that won't scare away anyone of repute. Four runners finished within a length in a slow time, a dual recipe for what most consider a weak race.

Race victor VINCEREMOS (Todd Pletcher) took heat while against the rail throughout, and that often wilts lesser horses, so it's a credit to withstand that trip. But he set a modest, yet rhythmic pace that fell apart late. Consider the splits: 24.35, 24.42, 24.84, 26.84 and a final sixteenth in 6.89. A near 27-second fourth quarter is only excusable when the early pace is fast and contributes to the deceleration. That didn't happen here.

The TAP Stable ran 1-2 as the more fancied entrant HARPOON (Todd Pletcher) back-ended the exacta with a late rally. The Tapit colt now has been second four times in five starts, and you would think his breakout maiden win Dec. 26 would have propelled him to a new level if he was a special-type horse. The Davis performance continued a narrative that HARPOON is pretty good, but not yet great. He will need a bust-out effort next time to be considered a serious Triple Crown horse – and I don't discount he potentially could do it. But he's becoming more difficult to trust.

COUSIN STEPHEN (Chad Brown) tried hard every step while dueling in the two-path and earned some stripes for that tenacity. ASSERTING BEAR (Reade Baker) rejected a perfect trip stalking in third and just ran on even-paced in his 3YO return. The Woodbine stakes winner appears one who will relish a classic distance with that style and his pedigree, so the Queen's Plate certainly would fit squarely on this Ontario-bred's radar. MATADOR (Mark Casse) also could be a Queen's Plater, and his 3YO return got off to a rocky start when he threw his head at the start and was away awkwardly. His finish proved rather encouraging all things considered.

NOBLE CORNERSTONE (Wesley Ward) acted up pre-race and in the gate and broke with his

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head out of it. He's better than that; but the trail doesn't offer for many missteps. His next will have to be better to progress, though I suspect it can and will. MIGHTY BROWN (Tim Ice) has gone the wrong way, a horse who may be a victim of being a "tweener" that doesn't fit perfectly on one surface or distance, and those kinds are hard to enter in competitive races.

Check out the historical significance of the Sam F. Davis Stakes by visiting page 81 of the Countdown to the Crown Preseason Annual.

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Florida raider HARRY'S HOLIDAY (Mike Maker) ran roughshod over Saturday's 96 Rock Stakes at **Turfway Park**. The \$30,000 debut claim in September at Churchill returned to Kentucky with an 8-length win and registered his third lifetime score, all sprinting. By Harlan's Holiday, he's out of an Orientate mare, so it's fair to make him prove that he'll be a route factor – which likely comes next month in the two-turn John Battaglia. But this was a fast 6 ½ furlongs (1:16.72) and strong splits in beating stablemate ARTEMIS COALMINE (Mike Maker).

Allowance Races

BOJI MOON (Chris Richard) turned in one of the sharpest performances by a 3YO at **Oaklawn** this season when beating elders Saturday in a Race 7 allowance sprint. When you zip 6 panels in the 1:10s over this track, you've done something. But keeping him sprinting ought to be the plan for this talented Iowa-bred with maybe the Derby Trial as his "derby" goal.

CAN'T STOP THE KID (Donna Green) wired a **Gulfstream Park** Sunday Race 10 allowance sprint that included the highly disappointing return fifth of CASIGUAPO (Mario Morales), runner-up in the G1 Hopeful and G3 Delta Jackpot. The sprint-pedigreed winner exited a third in the OBS Sprint and has been versatile on all surfaces, but not projected to stretch out. Runner-up MYOSITIS DAN (Tom Proctor) can be effective returning to two turns and one to watch for perhaps the Blue Grass or Lexington at Keeneland come April.

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DECEIVED (Leah Gyarmati) romped to an 8 ¼ length win Friday in an **Aqueduct** Race 3 allowance route for New York-breds that proved a positive barometer for SAMRAAT (Rick Violette) in the next-day Withers Stakes. DECEIVED, a son of Broken Vow, had been third to that rival in the Damon Runyon Stakes. The mile time was about 3 lengths faster than open 3YO MSW runners went on the same card.

SEA VIEW CHICO (Larry Jones) completed a promising week for his barn in the 3YO ranks when he wired a Thursday Race 3 Fair Grounds route allowance by more than 7 lengths. The off-the-turf affair offered modest splits and opposition as Turfway invader BIGGER PICTURE (Mike Maker) moved wide for second in his New Orleans unveiling.

Maiden Races

We had a ton of quantity in the maiden ranks last week, but I'm not sure we saw much high-end quality in terms of trail impact.

That said last Friday's **Fair Grounds** Race 7 MSW sprint debut by THE TRUNK MONKEY (Larry Jones) turned heads. Not only was it fast, 1:10.30 for 6 furlongs, but he and runner-up GLACKEN TOO (Bret Calhoun) put on a gutsy display. THE TRUNK MONKEY collared his loose-leading and high-quality rival in a manner befitting a good horse. The son of Old Fashioned is way behind the 8-ball, however, with only a single 6-furlong race under his belt as the calendar has flipped to February. The Trippi on the damside of the pedigree won't ensure route success either. But this looks like a real talent. Third-place EMBELLISHING BOB (Steve Margolis) got rocked at the start and won't be a maiden long exiting this strong top-end finish. This result certainly did nothing but flatter UNKNOWN ROAD (Al Stall Jr.) after that one easily dispatched GLACKEN TOO in mid-December. While we reach for a barometer on UNKNOWN ROAD after his troubled return, this performance makes you feel better about him.

The Jan. 11 **Oaklawn** win by PAGANOL (Cody Autrey) continues to develop as a key race following last Friday's OP Race 6 MSW blowout by DISCIPLINE (Chris Richard). The Sky Mesa colt, sixth in that previous melee finish to PAGANOL, returned to dominate older rivals by 10 ½ lengths on Friday in a solid 1:11.67.

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Gulfstream Park's Saturday undercard of the 'Hutch program included a pair of supporting 3YO races. RAGTIME (Shug McGaughey) scored a Race 5 MSW sprint in his second start, drawing clear late by more than 3 lengths while showing much more early speed than his only prior foray. \$1.6 million debut artist SASSICAIA (Chad Brown) ran on for third after a near-disastrous start and can build nicely off of this. This result did not flatter CONSTITUTION (Todd Pletcher) and his Jan. 11 maiden breaker. As for a Race 7 maiden turf route, it's strange to see a slow pace AND nothing really running strong on the back end, but that's what happened as MY STORM TROOPER (Herman Wilensky) took advantage in his first grass start. He had been third previously on dirt to next-out Sam F. Davis winner VINCEREMOS (Todd Pletcher).

Thursday's **Santa Anita** Race 8 maiden sprint result may have boosted the form of a pair of Lewis Memorial Stakes longshot entries, CHITU (Bob Baffert) and HOME RUN KITTEN (David Hofmans). That's because MELATONIN (Jeff Bonde) easily handled his business as the heavy favorite in this off-the-turf affair. MELATONIN had been a good fourth and third, respectively, behind that Lewis-bound pair in his most recent attempts.

BERN' JAMES BERN (Steve Asmussen) easily wired a **Fair Grounds** Race 6 maiden mile on Sunday, yet another race taken off the FG turf. The sixth start was the charm for the Bernstein gelding, in a race that saw 2-5 favorite GALTON (Andrew McKeever) fail at a short price for the second straight race.

EMPOWER (Kiaran McLaughlin) showed the disparity between Gulfstream and **Aqueduct** in the winter when he shipped north Friday to win a Big A MSW mile as the lukewarm favorite. Last of 9 in his GP debut, EMPOWER is a son of the fleet sprint mare Magnificence but managed the mile here pressing a slow pace.

Unbeaten NoCal'er GRAZEN'S HOPE (Steve Miyadi) got some form flattery Sunday when Dec. 28 chaser ALERT BAY (Blaine Wright) shipped to **Santa Anita** to win a Race 8 Cal-bred turf MSW route despite a very wide post.

SOLIDER INTHE RAIN (Eoin Harty) graduated in his second start last Friday at **Tampa Bay Downs** in a Race 7 MSW mile that was decimated by scratches when taken off the turf. Also at **Tampa**, Saturday's Race 11 MSW sprint

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on the dirt won by second-timer STORMY PACIFIC (Dale Bennett) flattered the form of talented come-back winner TAQUITO (Mike Trombetta), who could be stakes-bound soon. That runner has relocated back to his MD base.

Just Wynn, Baby



Here we divulge this week's movers and shakers in the Wynn Las Vegas Futures. [Full, updated odds here.](#)

CAIRO PRINCE holds at 12-1 this week as he was following the Holy Bull score. If you're looking to get a jump on the Lewis Stakes winner and lock in a price, MIDNIGHT HAWK (25-1), CANDY BOY (60-1) and COOL SAMURAI (75-1) may offer some intrigue. It's a great weekend to bounce the Wynn prices off the KDFW pari-mutuel odds.

High Fives

Jeremy Plonk's Top-5 rated performances by class so far this season (Dec. 26-present).

Maiden Race

1. HARTFORD (Gulfstream, 1/16)
2. BAYERN (Santa Anita, 1/4)
3. HOPPERTUNITY (Santa Anita, 1/30)
4. TONALIST (Gulfstream, 1/18)
5. CAN'THELPBELIEVING (Gulfstream, 1/11-T)

Allowance Race

1. TOP BILLING (Gulfstream, 1/25)
2. COMMISSIONER (Gulfstream, 1/3)
3. DANCE WITH FATE (Santa Anita, 1/24-T)
4. GOLD HAWK (Fair Grounds, 12/27)
5. ROMAN FIRE (Parx, 1/19)

Stakes Race

1. CAIRO PRINCE (Holy Bull, GP, 1/25)
2. STORMING INTI (Kitten's Joy, GP, 1/19-T)
3. VICAR'S IN TROUBLE (Lecomte, FG, 1/18)
4. INDIANAPOLIS (San Pedro, SA, 1/20)
5. MIDNIGHT HAWK (Sham, SA, 1/11)

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Jeremy Plonk's Top 20

Each horse name links to his Equibase.com biography and stats page.
UPDATED COMMENTS ON EACH CONTENDER THIS WEEK! New: None this week

1	CAIRO PRINCE <i>Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Not wild about FL Derby-only prep path.</i>	11	VICAR'S IN TROUBLE <i>Trainer: Mike Maker Winter Home: Fair Grounds (La.) 4F in 49.40b Sun, 15 days post-Lecomte.</i>
2	STRONG MANDATE <i>Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas Winter Home: Oaklawn Park (Ark.) Keeps firing bullets at OP for Southwest.</i>	12	STORMING INTI <i>Trainer: Chad Brown Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) 4F in 49.70b Sun, 14 days post-Kitten's Joy.</i>
3	CANDY BOY <i>Trainer: John Sadler Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Set to run a big one in Lewis, let's see it.</i>	13	GOLD HAWK <i>Trainer: Steve Asmussen Winter Home: Fair Grounds Training very strong since Lecomte third.</i>
4	COMMISSIONER <i>Trainer: Todd Pletcher Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Very good breeze Sunday with FoY next.</i>	14	CAN'THELPBELIEVING <i>Trainer: Graham Motion Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Breezed 5F Tues, 1st since sharp win 1/11.</i>
5	TOP BILLING <i>Trainer: Shug McGaughey Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Looking like rematch w/ Commish next.</i>	15	MEXIKOMA <i>Trainer: Rick Mettee Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) 6F breeze in 1:15 flat Wed w/ FoY target.</i>
6	HONOR CODE <i>Trainer: Shug McGaughey Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Back to light training under Shug's eye.</i>	16	TAPITURE <i>Trainer: Steve Asmussen Winter Home: Fair Grounds (La.) Sharp 6F drills past 2 Mondays, thriving.</i>
7	SHARED BELIEF <i>Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Little update from 'Dorf re: foot issues.</i>	17	BOND HOLDER <i>Trainer: Doug O'Neill Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Another big 6F drill Thurs for Risen Star.</i>
8	BOBBY'S KITTEN <i>Trainer: Chad Brown Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Solid 1 1/2m breeze Mon for Palm Beach.</i>	18	WE MISS ARTIE <i>Trainer: Todd Pletcher Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Palm Beach-Blue Grass the path to CD.</i>
9	INDIANAPOLIS <i>Trainer: Bob Baffert Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Ridiculous 1:11.40 6F "work" Wed at SA.</i>	19	CONQUEST TITAN <i>Trainer: Mark Casse Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) FoY looking easier w/ others skipping.</i>
10	HARTFORD <i>Trainer: Todd Pletcher Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Work tab a bit off kilter since his big win.</i>	20	HAVANA <i>Trainer: Todd Pletcher Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) 2 drills 5 days apart, including 4F Thurs.</i>