

COUNTDOWN TO THE CROWN

SEASON 9 WEEK 7 – February 14, 2014

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Three Things You Won't Read Anywhere Else

Opinions are like a visit from Cupid. Sometimes all you need is a shot in the romp to see things the right way. Happy Valentine's Day!

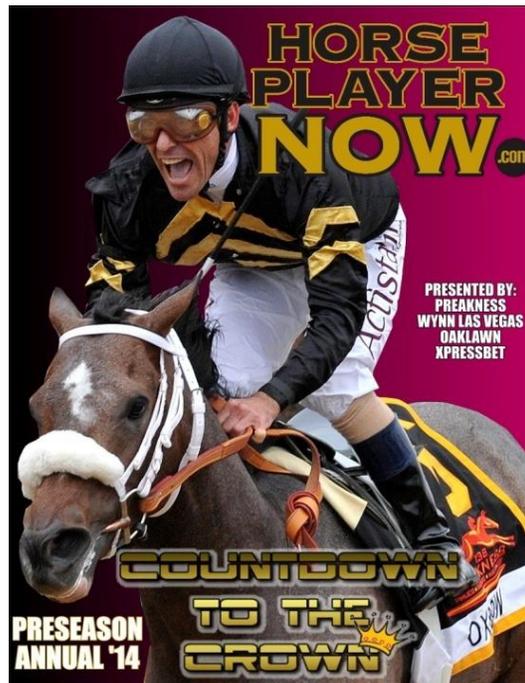
1. True, the "Run for the Roses" is the first Saturday in May. But the "Wait in Line 45 Minutes for the Roses" was this past week for all "connected" saps like me.
2. Training days missed at Oaklawn in the past week or so may be a factor in Monday's Southwest Stakes. Bret Calhoun & Cody Autrey sent horses to Evangeline to train, and this could be a time where raiders have the edge from out of town.
3. Joel Rosario wound up on, off, and then back on, last year's Derby winner Orb. I like the way he and super-agent Ron Anderson are lining up mounts early this season in a bid to repeat – starting with Sunday's San Vicente aboard KOBE'S BACK (John Sadler) and Monday's Oaklawn trip to pilot STRONG MANDATE (D. Wayne Lukas) in the Southwest.

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.

Undercard Tilts

A couple of allowances open the weekend later today (Friday). First up, a Race 7 allowance sprint at **Aqueduct** for NY-breds includes the fast and form-flattered THE RHYTHMISRIGHT



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(Mike Hushion) against route-bred TESTOSTERONE (Pat Kelly), a solid winner upon his return from a Saratoga layoff. The weekend kickoffs also include a **Calder** Race 7 allowance mile on the dirt, where GONE AS WILD (Efren Loza Jr.) was last seen seventh in the Gulfstream Park Derby. Former Todd Pletcher charge ALLSTAR (Marcus Vitali) aims for back-to-back wins since being claimed out of the east's power barn.

Oaklawn's Race 2 on Saturday includes the debut of My Miss Aurelia's baby brother SHATHOOR (Danny Peitz). This blue-blooded race also features rookie TEXAS TWO STEP (Kellyn Gorder), a Distorted Humor colt who is half-brother to superb sprinter Pacific Ocean.

The pedigree parade continues Saturday at **Gulfstream Park** in Race 6 when Kentucky Derby hero Super Saver's little bro, CHARGE NOW (Bill Mott), makes his career debut in a turf mile MSW. The same field boasts rookie UNIKAT (Kiaran McLaughlin), a Galileo colt and grandson of the great race mare Spain. H TOWN BROWN (Wesley Ward) changes barns from Eddie Kenneally following yet another runner-up, most recently in the super MSW run by HARTFORD (Todd Pletcher). His pedigree

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screams for this turf mile. A Race 7 MSW dirt sprint looks rather modest on paper, but includes the debut runner CJ'S AWESOME (Kieran McLaughlin), an Awesome Again colt out of a half-sister to Capo Bastone.

Santa Anita Race 5 on Saturday in a MSW turf route that could give us a better line on late-running Jan. 20 winner TEXAS RYANO (Carla Gaines) as four of his pursuers return. Also an east-west barometer exists with QUOTIENT (Tom Proctor) having split a Gulfstream turf route field in his debut. Race 6 on the same card is a 7-furlong MSW dirt sprint. Impressive maiden breaker CHELIOS (Tom Proctor) will get a competitive barometer in this one. The well-bred rookie SIMON KENTON (Richard Mandella) brings some debut buzz as his dam is half to Jump Start. Expect more from DUBLIN UP (Peter Miller), who has been training at San Luis Rey Downs.

Laurel presents a Race 6 allowance sprint on Saturday with *Countdown* eye-catcher TAQUITO (Dane Kobiskie) back north after his Tampa foray. He could be stakes-bound out of this race if he moves forward with a healthy supply of route pedigree.

Saturday's El Camino Real Derby Day program at **Golden Gate Fields** also includes a Race 6 maiden route with some intrigue. TIME JUMPER (Jerry Hollendorfer) has yet to live up to his stable expectations, but catches a "no excuses" field and wouldn't totally surprise if the lightbulb flipped on at some point very soon.

On the minor stakes front, top Texas-bred sprinters clash Saturday night in the \$75,000 Jim's Orbit at **Sam Houston**. Recent local blowout stakes winners ACES N JACKS (Caroline Dodwell) and FJ UNCLE VIC (Terry Eoff) will try to avoid being rejected by IBAKA (Bret Calhoun). Yes, OKC Thunder fans, that was for you.

Sunday's action includes a pair of connected races at **Aqueduct**. A Race 8 allowance route includes unimpressive debut winner SCHIVARELLI (Eddie Kenneally) in what we dub a bet-against situation. But before that, you get a Race 7 MSW sprint in which many of his pursuers are returning to help put the strength or weakness of that debut win into perspective. JACKSON N LORIMER (Dominick Schettino) returns for the first time since being blitzed late

by HONOR CODE (Shug McGaughey) at Saratoga.

Sunday's Race 3 allowance sprint at **Tampa Bay Downs** has some stakes history and potential for the Tampa Bay Derby. Alumni of the Pasco and Inaugural are among the cast with some interesting newcomers as well.

And Sunday's minor stakes offerings feature **Santa Anita's** \$75,000 Baffle Stakes on the downhill turf sprint course. That one includes LIFE IS A JOY (Jerry Hollendorfer), who twice has chased rising Cal-bred star CALIFORNIA CHROME (Art Sherman) in recent starts.

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**- El Camino Real Derby -
(Saturday/Golden Gate Fields)**



With local stalwart EXIT STAGE LEFT (Jerry Hollendorfer) on the sidelines, Saturday's **G3 \$200,000 El Camino Real Derby** still may run through the same barn. Pinch-hitter TAMARANDO (Jerry Hollendorfer) comes north from his Santa Anita home base and looks to build on his G1 Del Mar Futurity-winning resume. His quick turnaround (Cal Cup Derby [video](#)) and altered schedule cracks open the door of doubt.

Hollendorfer's winter has not gone to plan with a few of his stable stars, including SHARED BELIEF, and its notable he hasn't won the El Camino Real Derby since 2009. Given his NorCal dominance, it's at least noteworthy that he's failed in this race in recent years. So if you want to look away from TAMARANDO, you have

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some ammunition – and, better yet, some very good options.

Santa Anita-based turf milers have won the last 3 editions of the El Camino Real Derby, and this year's ECR features a trio of such possibilities. Start with ENTERPRISING (Tom Proctor), winner of the Eddie Logan at a mile on the SA lawn ([video](#)) before a very good second locally in the California Derby. He's reunited with Gary Stevens, who missed the mount last month when he traveled to Florida to ride Mucho Macho Man in the Sunshine Millions Classic.

Other SA grass milers worth a look include DANCE WITH FATE (Peter Eurton), a razor-sharp allowance winner in his return from a Breeders' Cup layoff. That appeared to be a perfect prep, and he's worked well out of that race. Aaron Gryder, replaced by Stevens on ENTERPRISING, winds up with this mount as regular rider Rafael Bejarano opts to remain at Santa Anita. Irish G3 winner CRAFTSMAN (Simon Callaghan) also exits a Santa Anita grass mile. He got stuck behind a slow pace in the Eddie Logan and failed to deliver enough late punch in his US debut.

The pace figures to be soft in the El Camino Real Derby with I'LL WRAP IT UP (Doug O'Neill) the likely pacesetter and ENTERPRISING sitting a dream trip with just the one target to reel in.

Get more historical trends and significance on the El Camino Real Derby Stakes by visiting page 84 of the Countdown to the Crown Preseason Annual simply by [clicking this link](#).

El Camino Real Derby selections:

W) ENTERPRISING; P) DANCE WITH FATE;
S) TAMARANDO.

- San Vicente Stakes - (Sunday/Santa Anita)



Sunday's **G2 \$200,000 San Vicente at Santa Anita** may be a one-turn sprint, but it's shown a historical propensity to catapult runners down the trail. It's been a personal playground of sorts for Bob Baffert and John Sadler, who've

combined to win 8 of the last 9 San Vicente editions. Baffert aims for a 4-peat, but will have to do so without his first choice as INDIANAPOLIS (Bob Baffert) has been sidelined with a cough. His hopes now rest with ROGER ROCKET (Bob Baffert), an impressive debut winner Jan. 18 who has managed three works in-between starts.

KOBE'S BACK (John Sadler) represents the other half of the San Vicente dominating duo. This was a much anticipated summer juvenile in 2013 ([video](#)) whose shown talent while sometimes being his own worst enemy with health and traffic issues. Joel Rosario, his pilot in the Hollywood Futurity, makes the cross-country return from Florida to ride off of a series of smashing workouts. As the horse to beat, we'll see if he shows more speed and becomes less pace dependant.

The early pace doesn't project as fast as you'd think for 7 furlongs in Cali. CHERUBIM (Simon Callaghan) could get brave on the front end if left alone, which is possible on paper. He beat a strong cast Dec. 28 in which the second and third-place finishers have returned to score. This very well may be his "Derby Day" with a sprinter's pedigree on both sides.

PAPA TURF (James Kasparoff) could be part of the early mix. He's had the misfortune of running into buzzsaws in each of his last three starts while steadily improving in the minor awards. RPRETTYBOYFLOYD (Denise Breuer), while still a maiden, fits that same boat after chasing two very strong MSW victors last month. He will scratch from a maiden heat Saturday to try the \$200k graduation test. GRAZEN'S HOPE (Steve Miyadi) has held decent company lines in NorCal and gets the class and speed test from the rail.

Get more historical trends and significance on the San Vicente Stakes by visiting page 85 of the Countdown to the Crown Preseason Annual simply by [clicking this link](#).

San Vicente Stakes Stakes selections:

W) KOBE'S BACK; P) CHERUBIM;
S) ROGER ROCKET.

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- Southwest Stakes - (Monday/Oaklawn Park)



Monday's holiday card at Oaklawn will be drawn Saturday and given *Countdown's* deadline on Friday, we will provide an updated email wagering guide of this race, available Sunday. Join the email list at the top of the homepage of Horseplayernow.com to get yours, or visit Countdowntothecrown.com on Sunday where the guide also will be linked.

Probables include Bourbonize, Coastline, Jet Cat, Kendall's Boy, Louies Flower, Paganol, Ride On Curlin, Son of Dixie, Strong Mandate, Tapiture, Tanzanite Cat, and Walt.

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

We banished the duck last week when top choice CANDY BOY (John Sadler) won the G2 Lewis Memorial. Onward and upward now!

Last week's selections: 1: 1-0-0
Season selections: 11: 1-4-1.

Everyone's a Critic

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

Stakes Races



Saturday's G2 \$200,000 Bob Lewis Memorial at Santa Anita ([video](#)) provided some validation for a horse I've long considered one

of the west's very best in this crop, CANDY BOY (John Sadler). The son of Candy Ride pressed two lengths off a solid pace, skillfully made his move at the top of the lane and won without being extended late by Gary Stevens. Beyond the wire, a monstrous gallop-out followed the 1-1/16 miles in a quick 1:41.83, signifying much more in the tank. The Hall of Fame rider called him his "first-round pick" in the aftermath. *Countdown* had CANDY BOY ranked No. 3 nationally going into the Lewis, far higher than most polls, and advanced him all the way to No. 1 this week. I loved everything I saw Saturday, and dating back to his breakout maiden win at Hollywood in November. With five consecutive route races on his resume in his current form cycle with no extended layoffs, one more prep ought to suit him just fine – which may not come until the Santa Anita Derby.

DIAMOND BACHELOR (Patrick Biancone) and the big-bodied CHITU (Bob Baffert) carved out splits of 22.33, 23.47 and 24.04 for the first three-quarters before CANDY BOY engaged. The final five-sixteenths went in 24.80 and 6.19, solid splits after a sub-1:11 six furlongs. The final margin was just a half-length, but felt easier. Runner-up CHITU is a massive beast, built like a tank, a sprinter. And while Henny Hughes as his sire means sprint, his damside pedigree will get him a route of ground. So CHITU is a bit more serious than I had first projected, and admit I underestimated him. He's got a little young Paynter about him that I like in terms of style and upward ascension at this time of year – with guts. I'd like to see CHITU back in the San Felipe or Oaklawn's Rebel and get another route shot before the Santa Anita Derby or Arkansas Derby.

MIDNIGHT HAWK (Bob Baffert), the 6-5 chalk, disappointed many, but ran the type of race I thought he would, flattening out late as his damside pedigree left him short. He wasn't beaten far while third, but the important races don't get any shorter than this. Also-rans of note: COOL SAMURAI (John Shirreffs) was dull with no rally and his disappointing company lines from his maiden win proved prophetic. DIAMOND BACHELOR remains too rank for his own good while tiring to fourth, beaten six lengths. He needs to become a turf miler as the season unfolds.

Check out the historical significance of the Lewis Memorial by visiting page 83 of the *Countdown to the Crown Preseason Annual*. [Click here](#).

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Allowance Races

The most recent note struck on the trail was in perfect tune Thursday when BAYERN (Bob Baffert) ran roughshod over his **Santa Anita** allowance mile rivals. The 15-length drubbing came at the mercy of stablemate TAP IT RICH (Bob Baffert) and G3 stakes-placed BROTHER SOLDIER (Craig Dollase). BAYERN, whose damsire is 1995 Derby/Belmont winner Thunder Gulch, ran an awful lot like past Baffert star Point Given's 2001 Santa Anita Derby score in this front-end dominance. Comparisons came in immediately to Bodemeister, but this robust, versatile and patient horse has Point Given's tools – albeit Bodemeister's brilliant, yet limited, resume. Splits were 24.03, 23.74, 24.00 and 24.00 in superstar style. The May 3 foal is overcoming developmental and foundation shortages, but all the goods are there. The same can't be said for TAP IT RICH, whose rank/unmanageable personality once against literally reared its head. An extension blinker on his outside eye still didn't fix his oft-bizarre in-race antics, but he was more into the game than he was at Hollywood.

Dial Keeneland's Blue Grass into the GPS for **Gulfstream's** Friday Race 5 turf allowance winner THEROS (Kiaran McLaughlin). Now victorious in two of four starts, he has a Polytrack pedigree like few others – by Pulpit out of the Keeneland lover Panty Raid, heroine of the 2007 Spinster while a 3-year-old. THEROS beat an outstanding grass field at GP with a dynamic 22.94 and 5.97 set of splits the final five-sixteenths of a mile. Talk about turn of foot after walking the dog on the front end! Deep closers IRONICUS (Shug McGaughey) – who galloped out exceptionally well after losing much ground – and MORNING CALM (Michelle Nihei) both appear quality animals and simply had no chance to make up the deficit with that kind of late sustainability from THEROS. Add to it a Gulfstream lawn that has played to front-end types, and it was Mission Impossible for the pursuers. This figures to be a key race moving forward with a few next-out winners.

The allowance sprint showdown Saturday at **Parx** lived up to the *Countdown* hype in Race 8 when debut sizzler FAVORITE TALE (Lupe Preciado) outran talented ALEX INC (Butch Reid) to advance his perfect mark to 2-for-2. FAVORITE TALE led every jump of the 6 ½ furlongs, flying 21.89, 22.52, 24.35 and 6.36 en route to 1:15.12. Pair that up with his amazing

debut in 1:07-and-change and we're talking about a real racehorse. Unfortunately, FAVORITE TALE was not nominated to the Triple Crown, so his connections may not be looking at the big plunge – but perhaps they would consider a supplement after testing the route waters. He's by Tale of the Cat, out of the Grindstone mare Tricky Elaine (the dam is half-sister to Horse of the Year Favorite Trick). I would love to see this horse in the Lexington at Keeneland based on his pedigree – and, who knows, maybe one of those annual Preakness Stakes new shooters? ALEX INC lost little in defeat considering this race went nearly 7 lengths faster than the same-day Elser Memorial Stakes for restricted 3-year-old colts – a race won by ELEVATED (Phil Schoenthal).

Maiden Races

A duo of **Gulfstream** routes Saturday provided notable results, one on dirt and one on turf. The main track event in Race 7 for MSW runners looked to be one of the deeper fields of the meet in this division, and wide-drawn RING WEEKEND (Graham Motion) overcame legitimate ground loss on the first turn to win a four-way late scrum. He galloped out much the best of that field, so perhaps it was greenness and gawking more so late than fatigue – but the come-home splits were not remarkable. He's yet another promising son of Tapit this season, and the surface-versatile RING WEEKEND had exited a very good turf second to impressive DIVINE OATH (Todd Pletcher) three weeks prior, and could be one to watch moving toward the Blue Grass at Keeneland. Runner-up LEGEND (H. James Bond) ran well enough to back up the form of his Jan. 4 conqueror and eventual Sam F. Davis Stakes upsetter VINCEREMOS (Todd Pletcher). BAY OF PLENTY (Kiaran McLaughlin) didn't finish with the flair I had hoped in his first two-turn bid, and the public choice at 9-5 odds offered a letdown in fourth.

Meanwhile, TOURIST (Bill Mott) took the measure of PICOZZA (Todd Pletcher) with three furlongs still to run in Saturday's Race 4 **Gulfstream** turf MSW route. While the favorite was hard-ridden inside, TOURIST traveled the easier of the two and put it all together in his fifth career start. The pair drew away from the others in a personal match race that saw dazzling internal second and third quarters in 22.77 and 22.82. They still came home well on the clock and ran a length faster than older

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allowance runners on the same card. PICOZZA never stopped trying, but TOURIST left little doubt late. The son of Tiznow had hit the board in two dirt starts in New York and may have earned a shot back on the dirt on the Triple Crown trail, or perhaps a Polytrack test. This run by TOURIST flatters the Jan. 10 MSW win at Aqueduct by BARATTI (Kiaran McLaughlin).

Santa Anita presented a very strong Saturday Race 2 MSW sprint, dominated by Xtra Heat's baby PIMPERNEL (Bob Baffert), who rocketed to the line in 1:08.69 and put 8 lengths from first to third over a promising cast. The result here nicely flattered stablemate ROGER ROCKET (Bob Baffert), whose chasers Jan. 18 came back to run 1-2, including second-best runner-up LITTLE CURLIN (Jerry Hollendorfer). Splits of 22.52, 22.65 and 23.52 barely slowed as there was no getting to PIMPERNEL in his fourth start. His pedigree by no means screams distances, so look for Baffert to keep this brilliant one around one turn, perhaps eyeballing races like the Bay Shore on Wood Day at Aqueduct. LITTLE CURLIN needs more ground and should graduate next time out if not for another freak performance in front of him. Keep an eye on bet-back special ACT (John Sadler), who dueled this tough hombre while on the inside and understandably tired in his debut. If he draws outside some speed next time, go to the windows.

The season of the New York-bred, which includes Withers Stakes 1-2 finishers SAMRAAT (Rick Violette) and UNCLE SIGH (Gary Contessa), could have another Big Apple bomber or two. Saturday's **Aqueduct** Race 5 MSW route propelled TAPITATION (Eddie Kenneally) to the fore with a 5 ¼ length win in his second start and first route bid. I loved the way this slow-early, fast-late race played out on the dirt with 24.76 and 6.57 splits over the final five-sixteenths of a mile. In his wake included Damon Runyon Stakes runner-up FOREVER UTOPIA (John Terranova). TAPITATION is yet another Tapit colt to watch on the '14 trail. And how good does this make Jan. 13 crusher THE RHYTHMISRIGHT (Mike Hushion)? All that Into Mischief colt did 26 days prior was destroy TAPITATION by more than 7 lengths. Perhaps it's time we channel our inner-Funny Cide.

Debut favorite TALON'S OF TUSCANY (Dale Romans) tallied his unveiling Wednesday in **Gulfstream** Race 3, a MSW sprint at 5 ½

furlongs. The son of Arch turned in a professional and workmanlike performance over an unknown cast of rookies as well as runner-up TOUCH OF POETRY (Nick Zito), last seen a distant sixth behind HAVANA (Todd Pletcher) at the Spa in August.

Turf-bred SPECIAL ENVOY (Arnaud Delacour) one-upped his debut second Wednesday when he smoked a **Tampa Bay Downs** Race 7 MSW turf route by more than 4 lengths. The son of Stroll debuted second at Laurel in the fall and in this score upended a field of primarily 4YOs.

GG RYDER (Jerry Hollendorfer), riding a two-race win streak, saw his reputation boosted a bit Saturday at **Golden Gate Fields** when a Race 8 MSW sprint saw two of his Jan. 18 pursuers come back to run 1-2. Winner CONVOY (Gloria Haley) also had been a well-beaten fifth behind CALIFORNIA CHROME (Art Sherman) in the King Glorious Stakes at Hollywood Park.

CAMPEON (Larry Jones) closed the week in review with a front-running **Fair Grounds** MSW dash win Thursday. The Proud Citizen colt has improved in all 3 starts and showed some rail determination in this hard-fought score.

Just Wynn, Baby



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

CANDY BOY (John Sadler) dropped all the way to 20-1 following his victory in Saturday's Lewis and now ranks only behind HONOR CODE (Shug McGaughey) at 12-1, TOP BILLING (Shug McGaughey) at 14-1, and SHARED BELIEF (Jerry Hollendorfer) at 18-1. BAYERN was available at 75-1 just before his massive allowance win Thursday, a number certainly to plummet as we publish this edition.

Just a reminder, when visiting Las Vegas, no one takes better care of horseplayers than John Avello and his staff at Wynn. Stop by and tell them *Countdown* sent you!

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High Fives

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

Maiden Race

1. BAYERN (Santa Anita, 1/4) *UPGRADED*
2. HARTFORD (Gulfstream, 1/16)
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. BAYERN (Santa Anita, 2/13) * NEW*
4. THEROS (Gulfstream, 2/7-T) * NEW*
5. DANCE WITH FATE (Santa Anita, 1/24-T)

Stakes Race

1. CANDY BOY (Lewis Mem'l, SA, 2/8) *NEW*
2. CAIRO PRINCE (Holy Bull, GP, 1/25)
3. STORMING INTI (Kitten's Joy, GP, 1/19-T)
4. VICAR'S IN TROUBLE (Lecomte, FG, 1/18)
5. INDIANAPOLIS (San Pedro, SA, 1/20)

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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: BAYERN

1	<u>CANDY BOY</u> Trainer: John Sadler Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Loved everything about him since fall.	11	<u>INDIANAPOLIS</u> Trainer: Bob Baffert Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Missing San Vicente w/ cough a setback.
2	<u>CAIRO PRINCE</u> Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Barn's confidence not underestimated.	12	<u>STORMING INTI</u> Trainer: Chad Brown Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Modest worker put in 4Fs past 2 Sundays.
3	<u>STRONG MANDATE</u> Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas Winter Home: Oaklawn Park (Ark.) Mother Nature makes Southwest a test.	13	<u>GOLD HAWK</u> Trainer: Steve Asmussen Winter Home: Fair Grounds Breezed 4F in 49 flat Mon for Risen Star.
4	<u>COMMISSIONER</u> Trainer: Todd Pletcher Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Breezed 5F Sun in 1:00.90, 3 rd since win.	14	<u>CAN'THELPBELIEVING</u> Trainer: Graham Motion Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Very slow turf drill Mon, 5F in 1:06 flat.
5	<u>TOP BILLING</u> Trainer: Shug McGaughey Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Solid 4F breeze in 49.30 Sat for FoY.	15	<u>MEXIKOMA</u> Trainer: Rick Mettee Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Picked up tempo Wed, 5F in 1:00.65 B.
6	<u>BAYERN</u> Trainer: Bob Baffert Winter Home: Santa Anita Among best MSW & ALW wins of 2014.	16	<u>TAPITURE</u> Trainer: Steve Asmussen Winter Home: Fair Grounds (La.) 4F drill between races Thur for Southwest.
7	<u>HONOR CODE</u> Trainer: Shug McGaughey Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Rises back near top if situation settles.	17	<u>BOND HOLDER</u> Trainer: Doug O'Neill Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Adds depth to Risen Star for season debut.
8	<u>SHARED BELIEF</u> Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer Winter Home: Santa Anita (Cal.) Back galloping & nearing a workout.	18	<u>WE MISS ARTIE</u> Trainer: Todd Pletcher Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Softer FoY to provide an earlier dirt date.
9	<u>BOBBY'S KITTEN</u> Trainer: Chad Brown Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Decent 4F Monday in 49.35 breezing.	19	<u>CONQUEST TITAN</u> Trainer: Mark Casse Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Nice 5F in 1:00 Sat, 14 days post-Holy Bull.
10	<u>VICAR'S IN TROUBLE</u> Trainer: Mike Maker Winter Home: Fair Grounds (La.) Big work Sun 5F in 1.00.60, still sharp.	20	<u>HARTFORD</u> Trainer: Todd Pletcher Winter Home: Palm Meadows (Fla.) Gaps in tab a worry; 5F Tues in 1:01.25