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What's Happening and Where To Find It

Here's your newspaper. We're at the second-last of a 12-fence race, and this one brings you news from November stops Callaway Gardens, Montpelier and the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Dr. Bloomer got it done in a Grade I for Calvin Houghland and Jonathan Sheppard, cover boy Triple Dip claimed the Noel Laing and Move West climbed from a Morven Park allowance to 4-mile Hunt Cup glory.



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Beach Blanket

Bring the sun screen. Steeplechasing heads to Florida's new Palm Beach race meet – complete with \$100,000 novice stakes and kite surfing.



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Western Pennsylvania

Augustin Stable's Move West lulled the field – those that cleared the third fence anyway – to sleep in the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, the final timber stakes of the season. Shady Valley and old pro Dr. Ramsey also won on the day.



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Georgia Medical

Experienced novice (now there's an oxymoron) Dr. Bloomer went to Callaway Gardens in search of a prescription for a losing streak. He found it. Super mare Guelph added to her resume with another stakes score.



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Triple Shot

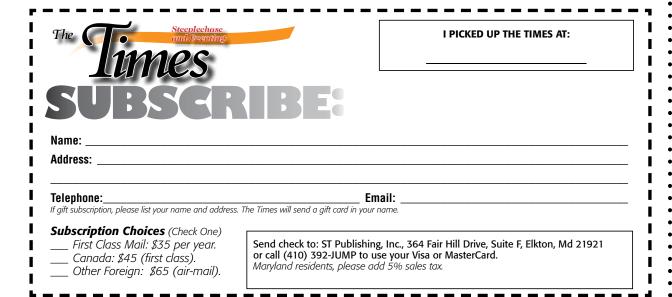
Trainer Jimmy Day aimed for big game in the Noel Laing, and got it as Triple Dip won the open stakes (which headlined an eight-race card) with a gutsy stretch run.



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Where is your stable?

It's too late to change now, but see if your fantasy stable made the grade as the season winds down. And it's never too early to think about next year.





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Eligible for a first-level allowance race, Triple Dip knocked off stakes veterans Orison and Preemptive Strike in the Noel Laing at Montpelier Nov. 1.

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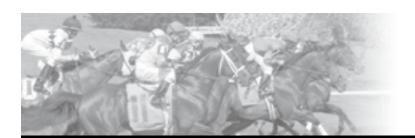
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FOR STARTERS

Worth Repeating

"If I was on Move West, that race would not have taken 10 minutes."

Jockey Xavier Aizpuru, after Move West
won the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup under Jody Petty. Aizpuru
rode Move West at Morven Park and opened up 20 lengths.

Jockey Danielle Hodsdon, about Deb's Delight: "I need to put on his timber bandages."

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard: "I can take a crack at that." Hodsdon: "I'd prefer to do it."

"This place is up and down like the madam's knickers."

Jockey Bernie Dalton, on his first visit to the rolling Montpelier course

"It looked like a cartoon. You couldn't see the horse or anyone in there, but the building moved all over the place."

Trainer Tom Voss, on saddling the notorious Bundle Of Money in the paddock stall at Montpelier years ago

Voss, talking to a reporter: "Leave that guy alone, I've got two horses to saddle and one of them is his."

Reporter, trying to interview jockey Billy Santoro: "Can't he talk and get ready at the same time?"

Voss: "I don't know, he's kind of old."

"I don't want to criticize him but he's not the smartest horse in the barn but he's really honest and he wants to do the job right."

Trainer Sanna Hendriks, about Pennsylvania Hunt Cup winner Move West

Take A Number

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All Wrapped Up

Though he's a Maryland-bred, Triple Dip carries some great Irish bloodlines. The Noel Laing winner is out of Irish mare Triple Wrapped, whose dam Double Wrapped won 24 races (including 10 Irish chases, nine Irish hurdle races and the Norwegian Grand National). While based in Ireland, she twice ran in the Colonial Cup – finishing third in 1982 and fourth in 1983. She later raced in the United States for trainer Jonathan Sheppard, winning the Imperial Cup at Aiken in 1985 and placing in several other races.

In the Name of Research

In honor of its inaugural running, the Palm Beach Steeplechase unveils its official drink called "The Steeplechaser." The concoction features vodka, peach schnapps, champagne and orange juice, shaken (not stirred), garnished with a slice of orange and mint leaves.

Created by local restaurant Tavern on the Green, the recipe underwent stringent testing.

"We had an employee meeting at happy hour at Tavern on the Green, and sampled lots of different things," said race coordinator Elizabeth Hedley. "We all got sloshed, but we agreed on this."



Tod Marks

MADISON'S HOUSE AGAIN. The Montpelier mansion, long a fixture on the landscape of American steeplechasing as the scene of racing for 74 years and the home of legendary owner Marion du Pont Scott, has been restored to the time of a far earlier owner – President James Madison. The five-year project, which included extensive research and reconstruction, was funded by grants from the estate of Paul Mellon (himself a former steeplechase owner) and revealed a smaller, if more historic, home. Known as the "Father of the Constitution," Madison grew up at Montpelier, retired there after two terms as President, in 1817 and died there in 1836 at age 85. He is buried on the property, which is part of the National Trust. For more on the reconstruction see www.montpelier.org.

If The Boot Doesn't Fit . . .

Try another one.

At Montpelier, jockey Matt McCarron looked like a secondgrader on Clash Day as his racing boots didn't match. And that was a minor part of the problem. McCarron also limped like the fife player in Yankee Doodle.

The day before the Nov. 1 races, McCarron injured his left foot in a fall from a 2-year-old at Fair Hill Training Center. The filly knocked McCarron off, stepped on his foot and sent him to the doctor with a dislocated pinkie toe. The injury might not sound that drastic, but McCarron would opt for almost anything over the procedure to put his toe back in place.

"They grabbed my toe, pushed on the side of it and pulled," said the jockey. "Man it hurt. I really don't want to go through that again."

Riding didn't bother the foot any more than sitting or standing, but there was a small problem. McCarron's size 8 1/2 boot couldn't accommodate all the swelling or the homemade tape job, so he borrowed trainer Neil Morris' size 10 and climbed into the saddle seven times at Montpelier. Apparently pain agrees with the

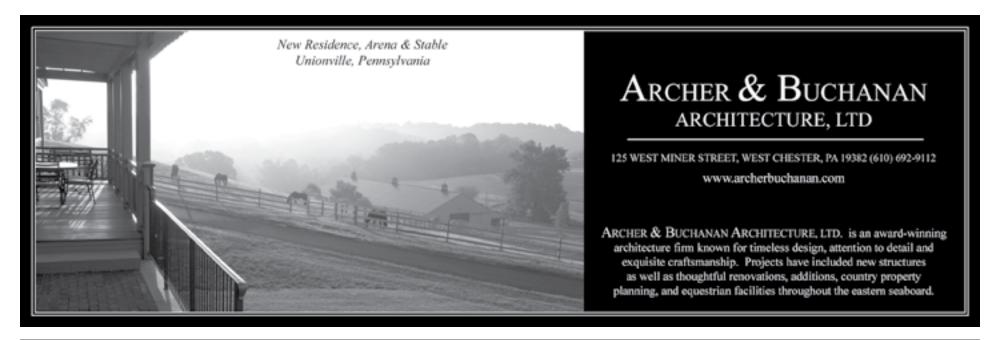
veteran jockey, he won three (two training flats and a hurdle), finished second aboard Orison in the Noel Laing and was third with Gigger in the allowance.

What's in a Name?

Delta Park, Callaway Gardens. Someone had first-hand knowledge – or a *Fodor's* – at their fingertips when they named this son of Johannesburg, for there is a Delta Park in South Africa's largest metropolis. Complete with bird sanctuary and environmental center, it's described by the city's park department as "one of Johannesburg's biggest green lungs and an ambler's paradise," which seems fitting for a steeplechaser.

Questioning, Montpelier. The 6-year-old gray gelding, owned by Over Creek Stable and trained in Virginia by Julie Gomena, is out of Youwantmetodowhat.

Oddly enough, horses with bucolic handles didn't hit paydirt at Callaway Gardens, but they came up roses elsewhere that weekend, with Poplar Grove and Hawk Hill winning at Montpelier and Shady Valley and Highcrest scoring at the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup.



To the Beach

Florida meet to cap season in style

BY JOE CLANCY

Jump racing under palm trees, what could be better?

Steeplechasing returns to Palm Beach, Fla. Nov. 29, re-starting a meet that ran in 1980 and 1981 in one of the country's foremost equestrian communities. The Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, host of the steeplechase, brings serious horse credibility to the table - Prince Charles played polo there, Olympians Eric Lamaze of Canada and Beezie Madden of the United States spent last winter there and now Thoroughbreds will jump there.

The racing includes a \$75,000 novice stakes, a \$25,000 filly/mare stakes and a \$25,000 stakes for 3-year-olds with \$200,000 up for grabs on a five-race card. Post time is 1:30 p.m. and you really ought to go - even if it is two days after Thanksgiving.

"Pack your board shorts, your binoculars and your Tylenol because you're going to have a good time," said race coordinator Elizabeth Hedley. "Locally, the reaction has been great. People here might not know all that much about steeplechasing, but they are excited. They're coming to the races."

After much discussion with NSA advisors, Palm Beach built a new course at the PBIEC. The 1-mile circuit runs right-

handed and circles the polo fields. The set-up will include tailgate spaces along the rails, sponsor tents, an infield vendor village and the usual. Palm Beach takes things another step, however, with a stadium area, a VIP Players Club, a wine festival and a beer garden. There's also an official drink called "The Steeplechaser," Jack Russell Terrier races, skydivers, a hat contest, a classic car exhibition, a petting zoo, a visit from the Palm Beach Hounds and more.

The races are organized by Equestrian Sports Productions, a subsidiary of Wellington Equestrian Partners. The partnership includes some of the biggst names in equestrian sports, with the goal of producing events such as the 12-week Winter Equestrian Festival - the world's largest horse show. Headed by Mark Bellissimo, WEP has invested more than \$200 million to acquire and improve 500 acres of area horse properties. The show grounds and stadium facility are being rebuilt in terms of amenities for horses and humans. The facility hosts numerous horse shows, dressage events, polo and more.

Obviously, organizers know how to put on an event, so expect a good

Hedley ran through a suggested itinerary that ought to include Thanksgiving Dinner at Tavern on the Green or



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Olympic show jumper Cedric and Laura Kraut fly a fence of a different sort at Palm Beach.

The Players' Club Thursday night, golf, tennis or Beach Olympics Friday afternoon, an authentic Argentine "asado" (barbecue) Friday night and the races Saturday. Apparently, Sunday should be reserved for sleeping.

Beyond the fun, Palm Beach has worked for horses and horsemen. Hedley gathered plenty of feedback from meets such as the Virginia Gold Cup and Little Everglades, and made safety a priority with paramedics, veterinarians, emergency coordinators, a trauma helicopter, ambulances (two human, two equine), night watchmen, etc. Palm Beach Veterinary Clinic is across the street from the race course, as is Gold Coast Feed. Former jump jockey Tommy Skiffington has assisted with race-course organization, with input also coming from Great Meadow's Bobby Hilton, the NSA's Barry Watson, the Gold Cup's Diane Jones, owner Gil Johnston and others.

We love horses, all of us in the office ride, so that's our jumping-off point," said Hedley. "We want this to be a great event for the horses and for the people involved with the horses. Then we just try to add some fluff and entertainment."

If you go, plan on spending a few days. Hedley's entertainment list is long and her office is a great source - go to www.palmbeachsteeplechase.com or call (561) 793-5867 – but there is plenty to do all over the area. Daytime temperatures routinely reach 80 in November, with overnight lows into the high 50s. Leave the turtlenecks and sweaters

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West Wind

Pacemaker Move West rules race after miscues take out three rivals

BY SEAN CLANCY

UNIONVILLE, Pa. - Go. You go. I'm not going. After you, no you. Go. No, you go. I'm not going . . .

The Pennsylvania Hunt Cup field melted away from Barry Watson's starter flag and the 4-mile stakes slowed down from there. A Fine Story cantered off to a big lead that lasted just three fences when he refused and dumped Russell Haynes at the first major test, the sloping post-and-rail fence heading out to Weymouth country. Bubble Economy emulated the move, slamming on his brakes under Robbie Walsh, which racked up Woodmont and Jeff Murphy. In three fences, three of the eight starters were heading home.

Exiting the third-fence melee, Augustin Stable's Move West (Jody Petty) tepidly led the field down the hill toward the fourth. Trained by Sanna Hendriks, the 7-year-old homebred son of Gone West never relinquished the lead, controlling the \$35,000 stakes by a length over Patriot's Path (Darren Nagle). New Jersey Hunt Cup winner Erin Go Bragh (Paddy Young) made a run but finished third with Western Fling (James Slater) fourth after a yawning 10 minutes and 12 seconds. The race, run over perfect ground, took 1:14 longer than last year's edition won by Earmark.

That was fine by Petty.

"I did not want to be in front but nobody wanted to be in front," Petty said. "My guy outjumped (Western Fling) at the third so I ended up in front. He was pretty strong but it was a sensible pace for 4 miles."

Sensible is the new slow. Move West sauntered along in front while jumping accurately and efficiently. With a circuit to go, Professor Maxwell lost George Hundt, reducing the field to four. Still no one challenged Move West, who galloped along like he was in the Cheshire hunt field. The big bay gelding flew the water jump on the final circuit but pecked on landing, righting himself and shrugging off his only anxious moPENNSYLVANIA HUNT CUP

Sunday, November 2

ment.

As Move West turned into the stretch, Patriot's Path homed in and Erin Go Bragh began his patented rally. Western Fling creeped into it too. Crawling at slower than a 2 1/2-minute per mile pace ensures a dramatic finish and the four timber toppers provided a run to the last that had jockeys gunning and fans cringing.

"That last fence was really cool but I was so glad I didn't have to ride that fast," said retired amateur rider Hendriks. "I could hardly stand to watch, they were flying and they've got to meet it right. I could see Jody sit up and steady him for a split second and then he winged it."

Petty knew there was only one

"When you're coming down to those fences going that fast, you want a little leeway to fix it on your own," Petty said. "We were flying down to the last and it was either make or break, he nailed it. From a long way out, I saw it and I could tell the horse next to me was on a different stride, I felt good about that."

Move West soared over the last and sprinted away from the stake-andbound fence, one of the smaller ones on the testing course, to ensure his third timber victory to go along with two hurdle wins. Dynamic enough to win the Foxbrook Novice at Far Hills in 2005, Move West switched to timber in the spring of 2007, winning his debut at Winterthur and finishing third in the Radnor Hunt Cup. Hendriks tabbed Move West for her brother, amateur Stewart Strawbridge, this spring. They finished second at My Lady's Manor before falling in the allowance at the Grand National, putting Strawbridge on the sidelines for the rest of the season. After riding Move West over hurdles, Petty climbed aboard for the first time over timber in the Virginia Gold Cup





Move West (Jody Petty) sails a fence midway through the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup.

where they finished a non-threatening fifth behind Bubble Economy.

Put away for the summer, Move West dominated allowance foes at Morven Park in his fall debut. Equipped with blinkers and hurdle-oriented jockey Xavier Aizpuru (when Petty was injured earlier in the day) Move West opened up 26 lengths and won by 19. The frontrunning win looked impressive but far from a blueprint for the 4-mile Hunt Cup. Hendriks schooled Move West in blinkers leading up to the Unionville classic, then changed everything Saturday night.

We've always liked him and we're just starting to figure him out. Blinkers on, blinkers off. I got to thinking I needed to take the blinkers off to get the trip. I didn't want him whizzing on the front end, I was on the fence because he jumps spectacularly with the blinkers,' Hendriks said. "I made my decision last night and at about 9 o'clock this morning I told Jody I was taking the blinkers off. He said 'OK, no problem.' I just felt like we had to get him switched off to get the distance. He ran really well at Morven Park but it was an average race and this was a big step up.'

But not an impossible step.

"I thought it was a big question and Sanna thought it was a big question, but it wasn't insane," Petty said. "If you know this horse and see this horse, you want him to be a Maryland horse or a Pennsylvania Hunt Cup horse. When vou look at him, he's that type, but that doesn't make him that type.'

Four miles, 10 minutes and flawless jumping certainly does.

• Mike Berryman and the Haynes family faced a tough decision with veteran timber horse Shady Valley. Eligible for the Arthur Choate Memorial allowance race and experienced enough for the Hunt Cup, Shady Valley stayed in both after scratch time but opted for the more prudent direction.

Good decision.

Shady Valley (Russell Haynes) hid for the first 3 miles before emerging on the outside at the last fence. A swarm of horses left the ground with a chance and only Shady Valley landed with one. The 9-year-old galloped away from Richard Valentine's entry of pacesetter Major Frank (Robbie Walsh) and Grevhame (Petty), finishing the 3-mile, nonwinners-of-two affair in 6:58 2/5.

Shady Valley collected his first timber victory since taking the maiden at Callaway Gardens in 2006 for Haynes' first win as a jockey. Not that he hasn't been trying. The Pennsylvania-bred knocked heads with the best over the past two seasons, finishing second in the 2007 Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, third in the 2007 International Gold Cup and sixth in that race this season.

"He's one of those horses that doesn't meet a fence wrong so you can have all the confidence in the world," Haynes said. "We've had such hard ground all fall and we've had a hard time with his feet. I just wasn't able to train on him enough to think he could get 4 miles here; we decided he got 3 1/2 miles at the Gold Cup so drop him in the allowance and win one, end the year on a good note."

• Dot Smithwick, silver in hand, headed back to the barn after the Lewis C. Ledyard amateur timber and accepted congratulations.

"Oldest horse. Oldest trainer," Smithwick joked.

Mary Fleming Finlay's Dr. Ramsey, 14, turned back the clock (he won the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup in 2002 and 2004) to upset the four-horse opener. Diana Gillam allowed the veteran to settle off the pace of Sandyland and Music To My Ears before engaging the latter. The duo picked it up toward the last two flights with Dr. Ramsey outjumping the 10-year-old youngster at the last. Gillam gave Dr. Ramsey a slap and then threw a double cross, Jerry Bailey-esque, before drawing off to win by 3 3/4 lengths over Music To My Ears (George Hundt) and Sandyland (Jake

"He doesn't really surprise me," Smithwick said. "I spend as much time as I can on him, keep him turned out as much as I can. He's out all day and all night. I don't know what it does but I think it keeps him a little more supple. He doesn't like to be in a stall. I was lucky when I got him from Jack.3

Dr. Ramsey made his first appearance in Steeplechase Times, all the way back in 1998 when advertised as a steeplechase prospect. Jack Fisher bought him on behalf of Cary Jackson and he made his hurdle debut at the International Gold Cup in 1998. Nine out of the 12 jockeys and 11 of the 12 horses in the

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Dr. Ramsey (right, Diana Gillam) leads Beneficial Man in the amateur timber.

Hunt Cup —

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race have retired while Dr. Ramsey continues to log more steeplechase miles than John Thigpen. The jet black son of Northern Baby performed productively over hurdles but reinvented himself (the first time) when switched to timber. He won his first Pennsylvania Hunt Cup for Jackson and Fisher, his second for Finlay and Smithwick.

Gillam picked up a win on Dr. Ramsey last year through a disqualification at Virginia Fall and has posted several wins at the point-to-points, but this one was special.

"He's a legend. He goes out there and is a total gentleman. He was really keen today, really into it. I had to make him take some short ones early to get him to settle and he did. When I said it was time to go, he put his foot on the gas and took care of it," Gillam said. "We were humming all the way. I came to the last and said, 'I can't believe this is an amateur race.' We were flying. He's a total lady's ride. Mrs. Smithwick is the best, I remember tagging along with dad to the races and having Mrs. Smithwick take care of me. Now I'm riding for her, it's a family, it's fun."

Pennsylvania Hunt Cup

Unionville, Pa. Sunday, November 2. Turf: Firm.

1st. \$5,000. Hwt. allowance timber. 3 miles. NW \$9,000 once in 07-08. Amateur Jockeys.

1. Dr. Ramsey L 180 Gillam
2. Music To My Ears (Ire) L 180 Hundt
3. Sandyland L 170 Chalfin
4. Beneficial Man (Ire) L 170 Stierhoff
Mgn: 3 3/4. Time: 6:50.

O: Mary Fleming Finlay. T: Dot Smithwick. Dk. B./Br. g. 14 Northern Baby-Insipid, Sham. Bred By Arthur Hancock III (Ky).

2nd. \$15,000. Allowance timber. 3 miles.

1. Shady Valley 160 R. Haynes 2. Major Frank 160 Walsh 3. Greyhame 160 Petty 4. Ice Is Nice 155 Nagle 5. Twill Do 160 Santoro 6. The Other Me 7. Wazee Moto Chalfin 160 160 Slater 8. Profowens (Ire) 160 J. Murphy LR. Ravens Rock 165 Young PU. Genghis 157 Carter

Mgn: 1. Time: 6:58 2/5.
O: Anne Haynes. T: Mike Berryman.
Gr./Ro. g. 9 Carnivalay-We Wak Harbor, Waquoit. Bred by Nina Gardner (Pa)

3rd. \$35,000. Timber stakes. 4 miles. The Pennsylvania Hunt Cup

 Move West 165 Petty 2. Patriot's Path Nagle 3. Erin Go Bragh (NZ) 165 Young 4. Western Fling 165 Slater LR. Professor Maxwell 160 Hundt LR. Woodmont 160 J. Murphy L 165 Walsh 155 R. Haynes R. Bubble Economy R. A Fine Story (GB) Mgn: 1. Time: 10:12.

O: Augustin Stable. T: Sanna Hendriks. B. g. 7 Gone West-Ristna (GB), Kris (GB). Bred by George Strawbridge (Pa).

4th. Training flat. 2 miles. Apprentice Jockeys.

1. Highcrest L 160 Chalfin
2. Best Attack L 160 Dang
3. Lunar Labor L 150 Steall
4. Sheriff Dillon L 160 Stierhoff
5. Right Punch L 150 R. Haynes
Mgn: Nose. Time: 4:11 2/5.
0: Wolver Hill Farm. T: Ricky Hendriks.
Dk. B./Br. g. 4, Unbridled Jet-Valcrest, Val de

L'Orne. Bred by C. Oliver Iselin III (Va).

Tod Marks

Shady Valley (left, Russell Haynes) leads a crowd over the last fence in the allowance timber.

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No Apology

Walsh, Dr. Bloomer blaze to win in Grade I AFLAC Championship

BY SEAN CLANCY

PINE MOUNTAIN, Ga. – Sometimes you have to say you're sorry.

"Sorry lads, I apologize now for going too fast," Robbie Walsh said to his six rival jockeys at the start of the AFLAC U.S. Championship Supreme Hurdle at Callaway Gardens Nov. 1.

Dr. Bloomer apologized for nothing.

Walsh and Dr. Bloomer combined in a clinic of front-running precision to hold off Swagger Stick and The Price Of Love in the \$100,000 novice stakes. Owned by Calvin Houghland and trained by Jonathan Sheppard, Dr. Bloomer tipped his hand to Walsh before the race.

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"I knew today," Walsh said. "I jumped on him to go to the start and he locked his jaw sideways, spooked and took off with me. I was like, 'Uh oh.' I got down to the start and had to apologize. In fairness to him, he did jump off and relax but he was sharp, very sharp."

Making his 13th career hurdle start and perhaps his final scrap in novice company, Dr. Bloomer utilized Callaway's undulation to his advantage, managing breathers when he needed

CALLAWAY GARDENS

Saturday, November 1

and stealing lengths where he could. The Price Of Love, one of three Sheppard entrants, clawed his way closest to Dr. Bloomer down the backside but couldn't match his finishing run.

Dr. Bloomer won by three-quarters of a length over Swagger Stick (Willie Dowling) who bested The Price Of Love (Richard Boucher) by a nose for second after 2 1/4 miles in 3:57 1/5.

As confident as Walsh was before the race, Sheppard didn't know what to expect during.

"No, of course, I didn't know," Sheppard said. "I didn't know what to expect, you figured he might hold on but frankly I wondered. Robbie said he walked through the second-to-last but they didn't really close on him, I think they had been driving up the hill to try and close. He said he had a little bit left and could barely pull him up. I don't think he's perfectly clean-winded, he might get a little short of air. I always thought when Doc Henderson owned him that he would be a good jumper



Catherine French

Dr. Bloomer skips over a jump on the way to a Grade I victory at Callaway Gardens.

type, we schooled him and he was pretty brilliant."

Owner/breeder Doug Henderson's Marablue Farm campaigned Dr. Bloomer on the flat with Sheppard, but sold the son of Fantastic Fellow to Houghland. The Florida-bred started quickly with a second at Nashville and a win at Colonial Downs last year. He made two disappointing starts at Saratoga, then fell in the novice stakes at the Meadowlands. Regrouped for the AFLAC last year, he opened up a big lead but

couldn't see it out and finished third to Planets Aligned and Lead Us Not. This year he sandwiched a win in the Marcellus Frost with losses in the Carolina Cup, Temple Gwathmey, Zeke Ferguson, Jonathan Kiser and Monmouth County.

He made up for an unproductive summer and hinted at a promising fall with a close third to Seer and Be Certain at Monmouth Park in September.

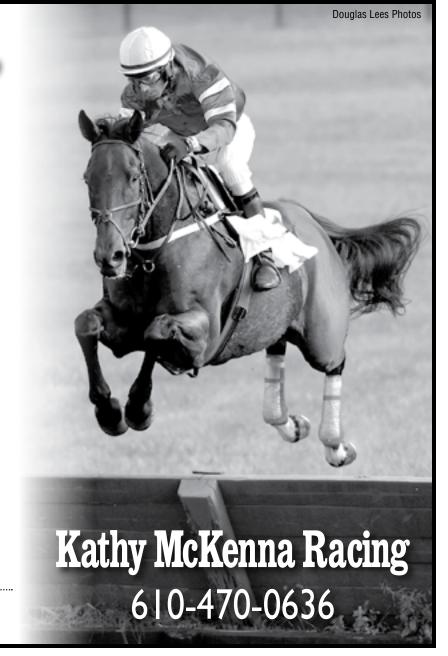
"He's always had the license to step

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See you in the spring. Have a great holiday!



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up when it sets up for him. He's probably a little better horse at a track like this where he can get a breather. He was still in front jumping the last at Monmouth but it's hard to get a breather at the track," Sheppard said. "He's not that easy to train because he's rank. We've got a couple of people on the farm who do pretty well with him, Timmy Wyatt and Frankie Steall can ride him pretty well."

Sheppard sent Dr. Bloomer to Camden with his Aiken string, a week before any of his other Callaway runners, to meet up with another key assistant.

"I just had a feeling Jonathan Smart would settle him. He's good at it, he gets him to gallop, seems to not be afraid to let him gallop along without fighting him," Sheppard said. "He gave him a school and a work, three-quarters in 1:15 and 2 inside the mile track on the turf. It was obviously a good work. He ran well here last year when he was quite a lot greener. It's his last go-round as a novice unless we take him to Florida."

Walsh climbed aboard Dr. Bloomer for the first time in the Temple Gwathmey, finishing third, and then guided him to a win in the Grade III Frost at Nashville this spring. Walsh tossed a fifth in the Ferguson when he couldn't get near the lead and then loved his run at Monmouth – which filled the jockey with confidence for Callaway.

"I knew I'd end up on the lead here because there was no other speed. He was sharp the whole way, he jumped brilliant. He was dragging me everywhere, in a good way, in my hands," Walsh said. "I knew when I jumped the third-last and got a breather and still no one was taking me me on, I was like, 'This lad is going to take some catching today.' He will pick up going to the second-to-last and then he'll flatten out a little, but today he never came off the bridle until after the last."

• Mimi Voss and Betty Merck almost retired their star mare Guelph after Far Hills. The daring front-runner ran hard but couldn't hold off Class Shadow, three years her junior and in receipt of four pounds. Like a daughter, Guelph pulls heart strings on her breeders/owners and a broodmare career beckons at the end of the season.

Mimi Voss handed the decision to her husband/trainer, Tom, and Merck.

Love of the game crept into the conversation and Guelph, Voss and Merck were on their way to Callaway Gardens. And after five minutes of jumping and work ethic, Guelph had her third win of the season and Voss and Merck had a moment to remember.

Co-owners, co-breeders and close friends, the women locked in an embrace as Guelph crossed the wire.



Catherine French

Dictina's Boy heads to victory in the maiden hurdle.



Catherine French

Guelph (right) holds off the charges of (from left) Confined, Perkedinthesand and Jellyberry late in the Crown Royal.

The hug took as long as the decision to run.

Padge Whelan put Guelph on the engine from the outset. Confined, third at Far Hills and in receipt of 18 pounds, sat second under Danielle Hodsdon. Richard Boucher parked Jellyberry in third while Perkedinthesand and Willie Dowling relaxed in fourth, settling better than at Far Hills where she softened up Guelph and gave away all chance while pulling for 2 miles. Second-time starter Moon Dolly followed in fifth while 14-year-old former champion Feeling So Pretty lagged in last.

Guelph strolled on an an uncontested lead for two circuits. Boucher pulled the same trump card he used at Far Hills with Class Shadow and prodded Jellyberry to take on Guelph as the field jumped the third-last. Jellyberry turned for home on the inside and in front while Whelan sat chilly knowing he had 2 lengths to spare. With two jumps still to go and sitting aboard a mare who knows only one spot late - long - Whelan could afford to wait. Jellyberry clouted the second-last and Guelph vaulted back to the lead. It was over and done with from there as the daughter of Sky Classic galloped to the line with a length advantage over Jellyberry who had a nose over the rallying Perkedinthesand. Confined finished another neck back in fourth with Moon Dolly fifth, beaten 4 lengths for everything. Guelph went 2 1/4 miles in 3:58 3/5.

"Richard did the right thing but to be fair to her, she stuck her head down and battled," Whelan said. "I didn't overly panic, we were a long way from home when we started racing, she stuck to her guns and finished the race."

Whelan joined Voss' stable this spring but missed Guelph's wins at Nashville and Fair Hill due to a broken ankle. He rode her for the first time in the A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga where she couldn't wrestle the lead from the determined Salford City and wound up fifth. Whelan and Guelph came closer to victory at Far Hills and nailed it at Callaway.

"Your first vibes are, 'Jeez, you're small,' " Whelan said. "She might be tiny but she's got a huge heart. She makes up for it with heart."

• Two weeks before Callaway Gardens, Tom Voss leaned on his truck outside his Maryland barn and thought about where to run Dictina's Boy, a first-time starter owned by Riverdee Stable and Thomas Miscannon. Voss thought about Montpelier, Palm Beach, Camden and then settled on Callaway Gardens.

"Callaway," Voss said. "That's the place, we'll send the mares down there, Padge can ride him, he'll like that course."

Filling air space, a co-owner agreed. "Sounds good.

If he goes down there and gets an education, finishes third, that would be great."

Voss scoffed. "Third? He'll win first time out, he's that kind of horse."

Amen.

Whelan rated the 6-year-old son of With Approval near the back of the seven-horse field as Mark Watts sent Dubai Sunday to the lead, opening 6 lengths with a circuit to go. Dictina's Boy worked his way through the field and turned down the backside in fourth, just off Delta Park (Dowling). Dictina's Boy dispatched Delta Park, galloped past BK's Double Jade and then reeled in Dubai Sunday, sweeping to his outside and flying the last two fences to win by 4 1/2 lengths. Dubai Sunday held on for second with Delta Park third after 3:58.

A winner of three races on the flat for trainer Dave Carroll, Dictina's Boy joined Voss' barn at Saratoga this summer. The Kentucky-bred finished seventh on the flat at Saratoga and third at Delaware Park this fall. Voss began to school him in September and then circled Callaway.

Whelan called the horse a fast learner.

"It was a case of whether he was going to take to it," said the jockey. "He was a little bit novicey early but once he got into his rhythm, he was enjoying himself. I knew he was going to win a long way out. It was all new to him this fall, but he took to it straight away. He was pretty natural from the first day, he liked it and he liked today."

• Jack Fisher always liked Shiny Emblem. For three seasons, Fisher has struggled to find any luck for Arcadia Stable's 7-year-old. Until Callaway. Running for his fourth NSA owner, Shiny Emblem stylishly won the \$15,000 maiden timber under Willie Dowling.

Shiny Emblem ran on the flat for owner/breeder Fitz Dixon and over jumps for Dixon's wife, Edie. After breaking his hind leg and needing surgery, Shiny Emblem sold in the Dixon dispersal at Keeneland in January 2007. Fisher won a bidding war with his father (it's a long story) for Shiny Emblem and campaigned the horse under Bear Creek Stable and Kingfisher Farm in 2007. He won a maiden claimer over hurdles at Great Meadow last spring. Now he runs for Arcadia Stable.

And that's where he'll stay.

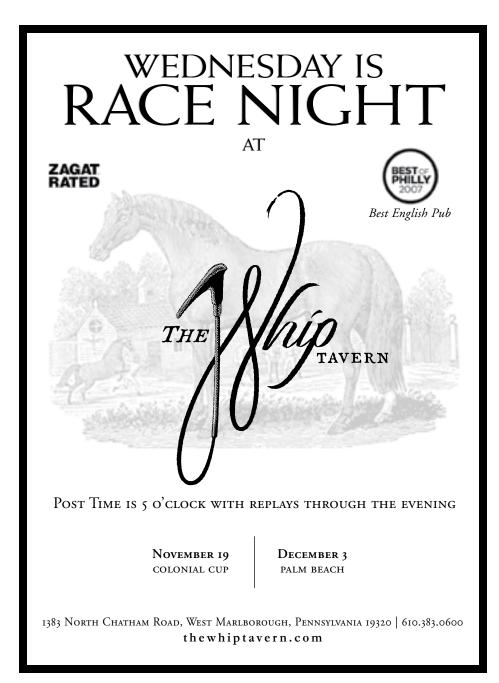
Dowling placed Shiny Emblem in a comfortable spot in third, following first-time timber starter Deb's Delight and veteran Timmy R for most of the 3 1/8-mile race. Shiny Emblem reeled in Deb's Delight and won comfortably by a half-length over Deb's Delight

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Catherine French

Say What You See flies a fence on the way to jockey Adam Helders' first career win.



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(Danielle Hodsdon) and Won Wild Bird (Will Haynes). A 7-year-old son of Our Emblem, the winner entered off four losses in 2008 but had finished a decent third to Move West at Morven Park three weeks earlier.

"He won over hurdles but I always thought he was a timber horse," Fisher said. "I run him at Shawan Downs (point-to-point) in the big race and he falls at the second-to-last against my best horses, it was a great race. Then we run him at Nashville, he falls, then I say we need to win a race so I run him at Fair Hill and the horse stops in front of him, knocks him down, cuts himself all up. Then we run him at Middleburg (last month) and another loose horse props and falls in front of him, Willie falls off of him. It's just been one thing after the next. Next spring, I'm thinking Maryland."

As for that bidding war at Keeneland, it wasn't the Fishers' best teamwork. With a plate in his leg, Shiny Emblem was bound to be cheap. Fisher figured \$2,000, but wanted to be discreet so rival jump trainers didn't see him bidding and get involved so he asked his dad, John, to do the bidding. That's where it gets complicated.

"He had Play Bingo right before this horse, he's all nervous, so I said, 'Don't worry about bidding on my horse, I'll handle it.' Sermon Of Love went for \$62,000, I went to \$60,000 and they bring me the ticket. I'm like, 'maybe I did buy him.' Then the guy who did buy him comes up arguing so I'm talking about that.' So I tell Mike Miller to buy this horse while I deal with that," Fisher said. "I look up and see \$15,000 and I'm like 'Mike, stop bidding.' Then I get pissed figuring it was some jumping trainer and I bid a couple of times. Then he goes for \$20,000 and I'm like 'forget this.' Then my dad comes around and says, 'I bought that horse for you.' I'm like, 'You've got to be kidding, there were only two bidders in the ring. Me and you."

• Houghland horses dominated the entry box of the \$15,000 amateur hurdle, accounting for two of the five runners.

He dominated the running as Say What You See and Meneef hooked up coming to the second-last. The battle ended there as Meneef and Jake Chalfin parted company, allowing Adam Helders and Say What You See to pop the last and win by a comfortable 10 lengths over Karen Gray's entry of Summersville (Russell Haynes) and Reigning Count (Will Haynes). Say What You See finished the 3 1/8 miles in a 6:38 4/5.

Bred in Ireland, Say What You See emigrated to the United States with big credentials but failed in his debut, a seventh in the New York Turf Writers Cup back in 2005 and made just four starts between then and Callaway Gardens.

Trained by Ted Thompson, the 8-year-old provided Helders with his first career victory.

"I asked him for what he had left and he gave it all. He came flying to the last and it came up a little short but he's such a clever little horse, he popped right over it," Helders said. "I saw Jake go down beside me and at that point I absolutely knew it, just had to keep it together for the last. I've been a victim of that second-to-last several times here so it was nice to get over it."

Say What You See won twice over hurdles in England and competed in such high-profile stakes as the Galway Hurdle and the Lanzarote Hurdle. He ended a 10-race losing streak that dated back to Taunton Racecourse in 2004.

"He's a great horse, real efficient, doesn't waste any energy, just sat back there and rolled on down the hill when I let him and came right back to me when I asked him," Helders said. "He was fantastic. Jake came flying around the turn with me, I said if he wants to go, we'll go. I knew I was sitting on a nice horse.

Callaway GardensPine Mountain, Ga. Saturday, November 1. Turf: Firm.

1st. \$15,000. Maiden timber. 3 1/8 miles. 1. Shiny Emblem L 165 Dowling 2. Deb's Delight L 165 Hodsdon 3. Won Wild Bird L 154 W. Haynes 4. Timmy R L 165 Walsh

5. Plum Brush L 155 Chalfin 6. Toughkenamon L 165 Slater Mgn: 1/2. Time: 6:38 4/5.

O: Arcadia Stable. T: Jack Fisher. Dk. B./Br. g. 7 Our Emblem-Plenty Of Sunshine, Deputy Minister. Bred by Fitz Dixon (Ky).

2nd. \$15,000. Hwt. open hurdle. 3 1/8 miles.

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1. Say What You See (Ire)	L	166	Helders		
2. Summersville	L	163	R. Haynes		
3. Reigning Count	L	163	W. Haynes		
4. Te Akau Five (NZ)	L	176	Durkee		
LR. Meneef (Aus)	L	171	Chalfin		
Mgn: 10. Time: 6:02 3/5.					
O: Calvin Houghland. T: Ted Thompson.					
B. g. 8 Charnwood Fores	t (Ire)-A	ster Aweke		

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3rd. \$100,000. Nov. hurdle stakes. 2 1/4 miles. NW prior to 6/1/07.

AFLAC U.S. Championship (Gr. I)						
1. Dr. Bloomer	L	153	Walsh			
2. Swagger Stick	L	153	Dowling			
3. The Price Of Love	L	156	Boucher			
4. Cuse	L	150	Slater			
5. Mecklenburg	L	144	W. Haynes			
6. Tax Ruling	L	150	Watts			
PU. Baby League	L	150	Hodsdon			
Mgn: 3/4. Time: 3:57 1/5.						
O: Calvin Houghland. T: Jo	ona	than	Sheppard.			
Dk. B./Br. g. 7 Fantast						

Bloom (Ven), Imperial Ballet (Ire). Bred by Marablue Farm (Fla).

4th. \$30,000. F&M hurdle stakes. 2 1/4 miles. Crown Royal Stakes

1. Guelph	L	152	Whelan
2. Jellyberry	L	140	Boucher
3. Perkedinthesand	L	135	Dowling
4. Confined	L	134	Hodsdon
5. Moon Dolly (GB)	L	138	Slater
PU. Feeling So Pretty	L	144	Walsh
Mgn: 1. Time: 3:58 3/5.			
O: The Fields Stable. T: To	om	Voss.	
Ch m 7 Sky Classic-Dis	tan	t Dru	mroll Fast-

ern Echo. Bred by Mimi Voss (Md).

5th. \$25,000. Maiden	nurai	e. 2 '	1/4 miles.
1. Dictina's Boy	L	154	Whelan
2. Dubai Sunday (Jpn)	L	154	Watts
3. Delta Park	L	148	Dowling
4. BK's Double Jade		149	W. Haynes
5. Class Bop		136	Boucher
PU. Dynegor	L	148	Slater
PU. Expel	L	148	Hodsdon
Mgn: 4 1/2. Time: 3:58			

O: Riverdee Stable & Tom Miscannon. : Iom Voss.

Gr./Ro. g. 6 With Approval-Dictina (Fr), Dictus. Bred by Anthony and Marie Rizzo (Ky).

6th. Training flat. 1 1/2 miles. Amateur jockeys.

*1. Dig This Hoss L 168 Helders *Race declared a walkover. O: Jubilee Stable. T: Ted Thompson. Ch. g. 9 Dignitas-Step Fast Linda, Wolf Power (SA). Bred by Donald Hughes, Gary Biddle (Ky).



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Triple shot pays off for Day

Trainer upsets Laing with allowance-eligible 5-year-old Triple Dip

BY JOE CLANCY

MONTPELIER STATION, VA. – Jimmy Day entered maiden winner Triple Dip in the Noel Laing Stakes with some optimism. The trainer figured his horse belonged, despite just five lifetime hurdle starts.

Then Day saw the entries.

"Going a distance, he's not your average allowance horse, so I thought he could run well, but when I picked the program up I was a little more worried,"

he said. "Preemptive Strike has done nothing wrong this year and there were a few others

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Saturday, November 1

in there. I figured my horse was tight, but I would have been happy with second or third. That would have been a very good effort in that field."

The \$40,000 stakes, over the brush course, lured a solid field of eight on the 74th Montpelier card Nov. 1. Mon Villez eyed his fourth consecutive win in the race. Stalwart stakes veteran Preemptive Strike showed up again. Grade II winner Orison tried to get back on track. Irish visitor Dalucci got some class relief.

But Triple Dip, one of two 142-pound lightweights, won a three-horse tussle with Orison and Preemptive Strike in the stretch to score by a nose for Day and owner Joe Henderson. The winner (Liam McVicar) covered the 2 1/2 miles in 5:10 2/5, with Orison (Matt McCarron) second and Preemptive Strike (Jody Petty) third.

As expected, Preemptive Strike went to the front, controlling the race with solid jumping and a relentless gallop. Dalucci set up shop in second, with Isti Bee, Mon Villez and Triple Dip next. Orison and Motel Affair settled out the back. The pace quickened in the downhill run to the 10th of 11 jumps as Dalucci (Bernie Dalton) took over from Preemptive Strike. Briefly. Preemptive Strike re-rallied and got back in front with a huge leap at the last as the closers launched bids into the tight final turn. Triple Dip struck first, but carried Orison with him up the rail as three horses hit the wire together. Preemptive Strike never wavered, but lost by a half-length.

"There were three of them and I couldn't tell anything early in the stretch," said Day, who watched on a television in the horsemen's tent. "For about 50 yards, the camera goes off the horses and then comes back to a shot directly on the wire. I saw he had it, not by much but he had it. He was pretty brave when he needed to be."

With no video proof, McVicar was not so sure about the result.



Douglas Lees

Hawk Hill (right) stalks Belknap County early in the allowance.



Douglas Lees

Preemptive Strike (right) and Dalucci battle on the lead as Triple Dip works into contention at the last fence of the Noel Laing.

"He got in front of one on his outside (Preemptive Strike) and then the other one came (Orison)," said the jockey. "He really had to fight, but he's as tough as they come. I didn't know I'd won until they called it. It was more horse than jockey I'll tell you that."

McVicar played a role as well. The jockey sat well off the early lead, resisted the temptation to hurry when Dalucci struck the front and dropped to the inside of Preemptive Strike after the last. His horse responded with a quality move late in a long race.

After two tries over jumps as a 3-year-old in 2006 (including a second at Far Hills), Triple Dip won a 2 1/2-mile maiden at the Virginia Gold Cup in May 2007, and broke his flat maiden that summer. He didn't run again until last year's Noel Laing (where he was a well-beaten sixth), before returning this fall with a third on the flat at Morven Park. Day pointed for an optional claimer at Great Meadow, but Triple Dip lost McVicar when a horse fell in front of them early.

That foul-up left the door open for a Montpelier start, but not before Day sent Triple Dip for one more tightener – a second to Zozimus at the Oak Ridge Point-to-Point Oct. 26.

"We've always thought he was a nice horse," said McVicar. "It's been little problem after little problem since then."

Day, who added blinkers for Oak Ridge and Montpelier, said Triple Dip injured his pelvis last year after a foxhunt interrupted a morning gallop – costing him several months of training.

"He's an easy horse to get back, but he needed a race or two to be at his best and that showed here," said Day. "He really wants that distance, more if he can get it."

• Ups and downs. In his first start in more than two years, Stewart Strawbridge's Hawk Hill (Jody Petty) dominated a \$20,000 allowance hurdle for trainer Sanna Hendriks. The 6-year-old also left in the horse ambulance, with a bowed tendon.

"He's a cool horse and a phenomenal jumper," said Petty. "He just galloped and kept himself in it. I gave him a little breather, even if it didn't look like it and then he won easily. It's a shame to see him get hurt, I hate for it to happen."

Hawk Hill sat second behind Belknap County throughout and took over with three fences to go. Four lengths clear and in total command at the last, he drifted wide into the stretch but still won by 2 3/4 lengths in 4:30 2/5 for the 2 3/8 miles. Ordered To Listen (McVicar) finished second with Gigger (Matt McCarron) third.

Hendriks said the winner, who also bowed a tendon back in 2006, will get a long break and then a happy retirement as a foxhunter.

"We'd been schooling him over timber, but we just ran out of races for him," Hendriks said three days after the win. "I've got to give credit to the help in the barn, because they said we should run him over hurdles at Montpelier. I hate to see him get hurt, but he won, he's resting comfortably now and he gets to be a foxhunter."

• Two races earlier, Petty started a double when he steered Peter Jay's Wolf Shadow to a lopsided win in a \$10,000 maiden claiming hurdle for fillies and mares. The 4-year-old daughter of Mojave Moon settled in mid-pack before getting outrun down the hill before the second-last.

Petty sat still as early leader World Away led Swallow Creek and Straight To Court up front. When the leaders wavered, Wolf Shadow picked up the pieces – going from 10 lengths down to 5 lengths in front. She gawked at the second-last, but got over it, flew the last and won by 15 1/2 lengths in 4:15 4/5 for 2 miles. Swallow Creek (Nick Carter) stayed for second with Scandalizer (Richard Spate) third. Todd Wyatt trained the winner, who was fourth in her jump debut at Virginia Fall Oct. 5.

Wyatt and his wife, Blair, gasped when Petty hit the front at the second-last but the jockey had no choice.

"They all took off down the hill, but I was cruising," said Petty. "I know how much of a hill that is so I sat as patiently as I could. We hit the uphill and within three strides I saw everyone else's sticks go up and then I was head and head with them. I figured I better make the best of it. I was hoping to time it a little better than that, but I couldn't believe how easily she did it."

• Kinross Farm's Humdinger turned in a similar effort to win the \$15,000 conditioned claimer, rallying from deep in the field of nine to get up in the stretch for trainer Neil Morris. Humdinger (McCarron) found a spot in the middle early, then dropped back to seventh – and caused his jockey to sweat.

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"He ran very well at Morven Park against better horses and then he just felt like he wasn't going to run well at all here," said McCarron. "They got away from him and I thought I was done. I was worried."

Humdinger paid no heed, and closed like Brad Lidge over the final quartermile. The 5-year-old son of Broad Brush charged around horses at the last and won by three-quarters of a length over Zozimus (Petty) with Algezir (Jeff Murphy) third in 4:38 2/5 for the 2 3/8 miles.

"They started to come back and that picked his head up and he got interested," said McCarron. "He came with a decent run to get the job done, he just kept coming."

• When Justabud scratched from the maiden claimer, jockey Richard Spate figured he would be watching Montpelier's third race. Instead, he took a leg up from owner/trainer Janet Elliot on Bounding Cat – who drew in from the scratch – and nailed down a win.

"How about that?" he said of his first sanctioned American win. "I lost one in the race and picked up this one. Right place, right time."

An Englishman who works for Louise McLean in Virginia, Spate has been in America since September and appreciated the opportunity. He settled Bounding Cat out the back of the 14-horse field and picked his way into the race before arriving at the second-



Douglas Lees

Bounding Cat (Richard Spate) flies the last with a lead in the maiden claiming hurdle.

last when the leaders started to tire. From there, Bounding Cat outran fellow closer Meshwaar (Gregg Ryan) and Simon (Xavier Aizpuru) to the line to score by 2 1/2 lengths in 4:42 4/5 for the 2 3/8 miles.

"I was traveling so well I could barely get 'round the bend," said Spate. "I was supposed to leave it to the last minute, but when you're traveling that well it's very hard to stop them. If they want to go on, you can't disappoint them."

An 8-year-old homebred whose half-

brother Professor Maxwell runs over timber, Bounding Cat scored in his ninth NSA start over jumps.

• "Why do we do it? I don't know. We don't really get anything out of it. It's just fun."

And thus owner Lucy Howard summed up the reason why all owners participate in steeplechase racing. With a horse like Right Hand Red, the fun part is covered. Howard and her niece, Mary, campaign as Ivy Hill Stable and picked up their first win as the 5-yearold rolled from far back to win the \$15,000 maiden hurdle.

Right Hand Red (Billy Santoro) started out 11th in a field of 12 as Delawarelovedoctor, Steve Bo and Jimtown sparred up front.

Jimtown (Roderick Mackenzie) emerged with the lead late and spurted clear by 2 lengths over News Flash (Darren Nagle) at the last. Making up ground outside horses, Right Hand Red

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Tod Marks

Wolf Shadow shows the way late in her maiden claiming win for trainer Todd Wyatt.



Montpelier —

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spun wide off the turn and ran past the pair to score by 1 1/4 lengths in 4:07 3/5 for the 2 miles. Jimtown stayed for second with News Flash third. The latter was later disqualified when Nagle failed to weigh in, elevating Coupe de Ville (Paddy Young) to the show spot.

Trained by Alicia Murphy, Right Hand Red finished a fast-closing third at Morven Park and took another step forward at Montpelier.

"He's gotten to be really quite professional," said Santoro. "Back in the spring, he was a solid runaway. Now he settles and you've just got to remember to wake him up in time to get there. I know he's got a good turn of foot once you get it going, so I just tried to get it going in time.'

Bred in New York, the winner sold for \$17,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Eastern Fall Yearling Sale at Timonium in 2004. The buyer was Jonathan Sheppard and Right Hand Red made four flat starts for Augustin Stable before being sold to the Howards with an eye on steeplechasing.

"He really wasn't going to make their A Team, so we bought him," said Lucy Howard. "He's been improving ever since so this is wonderful."

Lucy Howard is a former editor at Newsweek, and carries a wealth of steeplechase background in her family. Her mother, also named Lucy Howard, raced horses for years after being introduced to ownership by former NSA president Bryce Wing. Her uncle, Francis "Ike" Iglehart, campaigned numerous top steeplechasers.

The 21st century Ivy Hill includes Lucy, who lives in New York City, and Mary who made the trek to Montpelier from her home in Ohio.

"It's a family affair," she said. "Ivy Hill was my grandmother's place, and Uncle Ike and my mother had Ivy Hill Stable first. They had a bunch of horses, and she turned the colors over to Uncle Ike and he turned them back over to

Montpelier Hunt Races

Montpelier Station, Va. Saturday, Nov. 1. Turf: Firm.

1st. Training Flat. 1 Mile On Dirt.

1. Poplar Grove	L	155	McCarror
2. E Racer	L	150	Delaney
3. Pan Adam		155	Harris
Mgn: 5 1/2. Time: 1:46 4	l/5.		
O: Kinross Farm. T: Neil	Mor	ris.	
Dk B/Br a / Albort T	ho G	roat_C	actus Roll

Gone West. Bred by Tracy Farmer (Ky.).

2nd. \$15,000. Cond. clm. hurdle. 2 3/8 miles. NW3. \$15,000 clm. price.

L 144 McCarron

2. Zozimus	L	144	Petty			
3. Algezir		144	J. Murp			
4. Kirimbai	L	144	Aizpuru			
5. Prancing Cat	L	144	Young			
6. Analyze		138	Nagle			
7. Sussex County	L	139	Macken			
8. Old Fellow (Arg)	L	139	McVica			
9. Cumulus Nimbus	L	144	Spate			
Mgn: 3/4. Time: 4:38 2/5.						
O: Kinross Farm. T: Neil Morris.						
B. g. 5 Broad Brush-Indy Pick, A.P. Indy.						

3rd. \$10,000. Mdn. clm. hurdle. 2 3/8 miles. \$10,000-\$5,000 clm. price.

Bred by Phipps Stable (Ky).

L	148	Spate
L	156	Ryan
L	152	Aizpuru
L	145	Mackenzi
L	148	Young
L	144	Santoro
L	156	McCarron
L	134	McVicar
L	155	Carter
L	147	Nagle
L	156	Petty
L	150	Dalton
L	143	Delaney
L	152	J. Murphy
4/5.		
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Basque. Bred by Janet Elliot (Pa).

4th. \$10,000. F&M mdn. clm. hurdle. 2 miles.

\$10,000 clm. price.					
1. Wolf Shadow	L.	148	Petty		
2. Swallow Creek	L	155	Carter		
Scandalizer	L	152	Spate		
4. Just Sarah	L	152	J. Murphy		
5. Bulgarian Miss	L	144	Santoro		
6. Straight To Court	L	147	McVicar		
PU. World Away	L	148	Young		
Mgn: 15 1/2. Time: 4:15 4/5.					
O: Peter Jay. T: Todd Wyatt.					

B. f. 4 Mojave Moon-Flight Numbers, Polish Numbers. Bred by Richard Granville (Md).

5th. \$15,000. Maiden hurdle. 2 miles. 1. Right Hand Red 149 Santoro Mackenzie 2. Jimtown 145 3. Coupe De Ville 150 Young 4. Rosemont Runner 154 Spate

150

Aizpuru

Nagle

5. Freeboard

6. Questioning 154 McCarron 7. Dynaskill 148 Petty 8. Legendary Pacer 154 J. Murphy PU. Steve Bo Carter 155 PU. Twickenham 138 McVicar PU. Delawarelovedoctor 150 Dalton

*DQ. News Flash L 145 *From third for failure to weigh in. Mgn: 1 1/4. Time: 4:07 3/5.

O: Ivy Hill Stable. T: Alicia Murphy. Dk. B./Br. g. 5 Crowd Pleaser-Nal Edge, Red Ransom. Bred by Wendy Upton & Barry Tobias (NY).

6th. \$20,000. Allowance Hurdle. 2 3/8 miles.

14 VV \$ 12,000 1A					
1. Hawk Hill	L	144	Petty		
2. Ordered To Listen	L	134	McVicar		
3. Gigger	L	156	McCarron		
4. Fogcutter	L	151	Santoro		
5. Belknap County	L	153	Ryan		
6. Major Malibu	L	138	Aizpuru		
7. Hold Your Fire	L	137	Nagle		
8. G'day G'day	L	156	Young		
PU. Baron Von Ruckus	L	152	Swope		
Mgn: 2 1/4. Time: 4:30 2	/5.		·		
0: Stewart Strawbridge.	T: Sa	anna F	lendriks.		
Dk. B./Br. g. 6 Rahy-Fa					

Falcon. Bred by FF-HH Partnership (Ky).

7th. \$40,000. Hurdle stakes. 2 1/2 miles. **Brush Course. The Noel Laing**

1. Triple Dip	L	142	McVicar	
2. Orison	L	150	McCarron	
3. Preemptive Strike	L	154	Petty	
4. Dalucci (Ire)		146	Dalton	
5. Isti Bee (NZ)	L	154	Young	
6. Duke Of Earl (Ire)	L	150	Aizpuru	
7. Mon Villez (Fr)	L	154	J. Murphy	
8. Motel Affair	L	142	Nagle	
Mgn: Nose. Time: 5:10 2	/5.			
O: Joseph Henderson III.	. T: J	limmy	Day.	
B. g. 5 Storm Broker-Triple Wrapped (Ire), Be				
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8th Training flat 1 1/2 miles

our. maining nat. 1 1/2 miles.					
1. Dark Equation	L	155	McCarron		
2. Artist's Stroke		155	Dalton		
3. Commodore Bob	L	155	Aizpuru		
4. Quick Now	L	150	Mackenzie		
5. Wall Of Lead	L	150	Petty		
6. Command	L	155	McVicar		
Mgn: 2 1/4. Time: 2:42	3/5.				
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O: Peggy Steinman. T: Doug Fout. B. g. 7 Polish Numbers-Night Risk, Wild Again. Bred by Derry Meeting Farm & London Thoroughbred Services (Pa).



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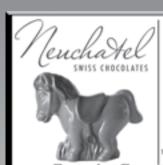
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Turning for Home – with very little drama

Almost home. With two weeks to go in the 2008 season, the Pick Six contest looks just about wrapped up as the top two stables share three active horses – Good Night Shirt, The Price Of Love and Preemptive Strike. Monochrome Farm also boasts Colonial Cup contender Dark Equation, though runner-up Champagne Taste has timber horse Bubble Economy.

That doesn't mean you have to stop counting as there are plenty of placings to be sorted out and one – that we can see at a glance – wild card in current 10th-place stable Samiam. A Colonial Cup win by Best Attack (\$90,000) would vault Sam Clancy, wife of ST editor Joe Clancy, up the ladder and a further score by Jellyberry at Palm Beach (\$15,000) could mean an overall victory.

But we'll worry about that when we have to. Keep watching the standings – it all wraps up Nov. 29 at Palm Beach.

> The Top 37 stables (of 173) are listed here. See www.st-publishing.com for complete standings.

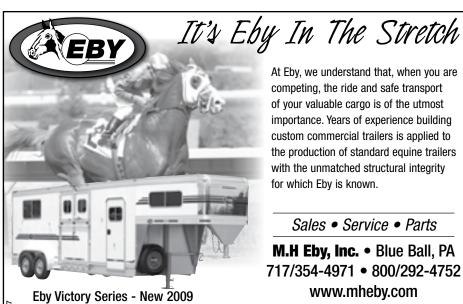
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Erin Go Bragh	\$50,200
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Champagne Taste	. Lisa McLane
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Preemptive Strike	\$40,000
Miles Ahead	\$28,800
	\$702.920
Plum Creek Farms	. Cathy Fowler
Good Night Shirt	\$395,520
Bubble Economy	
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Imagina	\$58,500
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TIMES EDITORIAL

Time is now to reach flat world

"Why would I spend money to reach those people?"

Öuch.

That was the response from a flat-racing person (who used to be in the jump game) to a sales call from this newspaper. We were looking for a half-page ad, about \$370, for the Camden issue. Obviously we didn't make the sale.

Steeplechasing continues to suffer from its constant divorce proceedings from flat racing. How did it get here and how do we fix it?

We wanted to say, "those people" include George Strawbridge Jr., owner of the best 2-year-old (flat) filly in England and the champion (flat) turf female in America. Those people include Charlie Noell and Tom Voss, winners of the Grade III (flat) Sycamore at Keeneland. Those people include Ken Luke, owner of Grade III 2-year-old (flat) stakes winner Sara Louise and (flat) stakes winner Wheels Up At Noon. Those people include Arch Kingsley, George and Sue Sensor who stepped up and bought a Friends Lake yearling for \$130,000 at Keeneland September (flat) Sales.

Isn't everybody playing the same game? The sports certainly play with the same horses, whether flat racing admits it or not. Tracy Farmer, Phipps Stable, Derry Meeting Farm and Arthur Hancock (to name a few) bred jump winners last week. Kentucky stallions Albert The Great, Broad Brush, Rahy, Gone West and Sky Classic (to name a few) sired jump winners last week.

Yeah, that's what we wanted to say, but there is also some credence to the cry, "those people." Those people continue to be an insulated group. They stymie fans faster than they make them.

The Breeders' Cup Steeplechase and the Royal Chase at Keeneland have gone to ground. That hurts. They might not have been perfect, but they were at least tangible doorways to flat racing for steeplechasing to promote and market. Not having them is a major blow to our sport and, sadly, it makes no difference to the Breeders' Cup or Keeneland whether steeplechasing is involved or not.

As the 113th American steeplechase season winds to a close and as six National Steeplechase Association board members come up for election (or re-election in some instances), it's time to fix that discrepancy – that chasm between flat racing and steeplechasing. Some of it is misguided. Some of it, as much as it hurts to say, is true.

Flat racing is in the midst of a crisis regarding Thoroughbred retirement. Steeplechasing serves as one way to keep Thoroughbreds viable and productive. Sure, the races are risky but for most horses, it's the first step to getting off the track.

Steeplechasing makes horsemen who make direct impacts in flat racing: George Strawbridge, Ken Luke, Barclay Tagg, Jonathan Sheppard, Tom Voss, Scotty Schulhofer, Sidney Watters . . . and there will be more.

If steeplechasing sets one goal, it should be to reach out and bridge that ever-increasing gap between the two sports. Forget the ocean, fish from the pond outside your door. Make it a priority. Create a proper mechansim to achieve something. Fund it. Plan it. Work it. The sport needs to promote ownership, horsemanship, recognition, racetrack participation, second careers for Thoroughbreds, cross-over by owners, trainers and breeders.

Face it, steeplechasing needs flat racing more than flat racing needs steeplechasing. Let's act that way.



Tod Marks

Made in the Shade

Despite loss, Haynes family carries on success

ood old Shady Valley. The weathered 9-year-old came through in the allowance timber at Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, kicking clear at the last to win his first race in two years. Snapping an 0-for-8 streak, Shady Valley picked up \$9,000 to last the winter and gave jockey Russell Haynes a much-deserved victory.

They go back a long way.

Russell Haynes won his first career race when he guided Shady Valley to a timber win at Callaway Gardens, back in 2006.

"I've gotten to ride in some big races because of him – the Virginia Gold Cup, the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup, it's nice to ride big races on a good horse," Haynes said. "You don't come across horses like that. It's a joy to get one like him, this early in my career. He was my first sanctioned winner."

Life was different then.

For Haynes, his brother Will, their youngest brother Aaron and their mother Anne, it's been a long and trying year after losing patriarch Bruce Haynes this winter. Bruce was a Hall of Fame do-it-yourselfer. He worked hard, tried hard and left a hard spot for his sons and his wife when he died of a heart attack in January. Fold up shop, go to school and get out of steeplechasing? Or come out swinging?

Bruce Haynes didn't raise quitters.

The day-to-day work and decisions of the Haynes' Tennessee barn were plunked onto the brothers. Anne

The Inside Rail

By Sean Clancy

Haynes culled some of the horses, giving the brothers breathing room. Mike Berryman, a second father to them, stepped up as trainer of record, sounding board and general hitching post.

Russell Haynes, 21, left Virginia Tech and came home. Will Haynes, 18, stayed where he was, just without his dad. Berryman advises and guides, as does Anne, but most of the decisions belong to Will and Russell.

Big responsibilities.

After another up-and-down day at Pennsylvania Hunt Cup – Russell won with Shady Valley, pulled up a flat horse and came off A Fine Story when he refused in the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup – Haynes tried to put his new life in perspective.

"I feel like this year Will and I made some decisions that in hindsight weren't the best options so it's good to end the year on a good note," Haynes said. "We're slowly figuring out our new roles riding and trying to pick races and all that. It's a lot more responsibility than I ever imagined. It used to be party all week at college and show up and ride on the weekend. No

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bubbles, no troubles. Now, you're there for the day-to-day, seeing all the work that goes into it. It makes me a better rider because I realize how hard you work to get the horse to the weekend. I really want to put in that extra effort. It's starting to improve my riding."

Haynes won his first race of the year when Shady Valley came through in Unionville. The jockey rode patiently and looked tidy and strong in the finish.

Will Haynes started the year fast and owns four wins from 29 rides. He rides two holes too short for me (man, I'm getting old), but he sits like a jockey, quiet and patient.

Two American-born brothers, under the age of 22, riding and trying hard in American steeplechasing. Now that's an anomaly.

It seems like they've been around longer than they have been. Russell became legal to drink alcohol in August. Will became legal to vote in April.

Professionally, the brothers are judged on racetrack success, the way it should be, but you'd have to be a curmudgeon not to root for them as they juggle the loss of a father, the starts of jockey careers, the work of a barn and growing up all at the same time.

"We're total opposites in personality but we've learned to get along," Russell Haynes said. "We know what not to say to each other, we give each other space and let each other make the decisions for the horses we ride. We'll



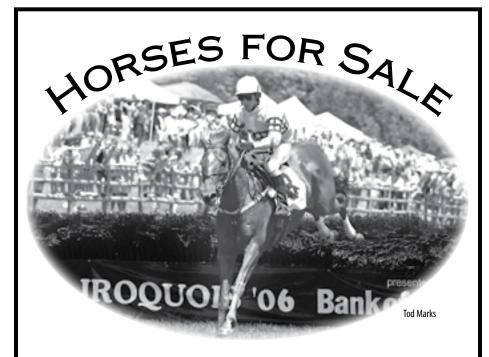
Tod Marks

Will Haynes and Classy Brute

ask each other for advice but we always wait for the other to ask, we have a good respect for each other. It's nice to have that."

Loss often bonds and the two brothers were forced to grow up fast.

"Quicker than we wanted, but I hope we're doing a good job – we're doing the best we can and hopefully it'll show on race day," Haynes said. "It's good to have a day like this, it keeps you going during the week. We're happy."



Owner-Rider Hurdle Prospect Mark The Shark (above)

- 9-year-old gelding by Summer Squall
- Stakes-placed multiple winner over hurdles, winner from 2 1/8 miles to 3 miles
- 27 jump starts without a fall
- ✓ Winner at High Hope 2008

Foxhunter/Eventer Prospect

Cohiba Coyote "Wiley"

- ✓ Dapple gray, 17-hand, 7-year-old gelding by Northern Wolf out of Per Ardua (half-sister to stakes winner Romantic) by Great Above
- Hunted three years with Elkridge-Harford, did local horse shows past three years, several clinics with Jimmy Wofford

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As you are probably aware, 2008 has been a difficult year for many horse sports in terms of safety concerns that resulted from high-profile accidents and injuries. In flat racing, the fatal breakdown of Eight Belles in the Kentucky Derby, as well as the publicized admission of steroid use on horses by some trainers led to outcry from animal-rights groups and a critical self-examination of the sport by many of its participants. In Three-Day-Eventing, multiple injuries and some fatalities to both horses and riders led to investigative pieces on the sport by both HBO and ESPN, and have caused many in that sport to call for drastic reforms.

In light of these occurrences and the increased scrutiny of all horse sports, the efforts of the National Steeplechase Foundation to promote safety in steeplechasing have never been more important. We may feel fortunate that American steeplechasing has avoided some of the aforementioned criticism and negative publicity, but we are only one publicized bad accident away from the same scrutiny, and in the "YouTube" age of instant information, that certainly could happen. And no matter what publicity we get, we are always concerned about safety for our horses and jockeys.

On a positive note, the framework of the Foundation's efforts so far has gone a long way toward avoiding some of these problems. We are grateful that you value the important role we continue to play; we could not do the work we do without your extraordinary support of these vital programs.

- Safe Courses-Sound Horses: The course inspection and assessment program that has been in existence for several years and is funded by the Foundation has resulted in dramatic improvements in racecourse conditions and increased safety in racing. In addition, the Foundation has funded educational trips overseas for NSA course inspector Barry Watson to examine how other steeplechasing jurisdictions handle course management, and that has led to ideas for improving American courses.
- **Drug testing at all NSA race meets:** Especially with increased sophistication of both performance-enhancing and masking drugs, as well as the recently-enacted ban on steroid use by the NSA, funding this program and keeping it as up-to-date as possible is critical.
- In past years, the NSF has fully or partially subsidized safety helmets, Pro-Cush whips, and safety wings at NSA race courses. It also gives a \$4,000 annual grant to the Marion DuPont Scott Equine Center to track equine injuries.

As you know, the Foundation is engaged in numerous other beneficial programs, such as promoting amateurism, supporting production of television and other media efforts to promote steeplechasing, and of course supporting steeplechasing in general and thereby the generation of approximately \$5 million donated to charities annually by NSA race meets.

I hope you would agree that, this year especially, it is the emphasis on safety by the Foundation that is so critical. We have been extremely effective in improving the safety of our sport, but we need to continue the momentum and look for ways to enhance it. Your generous contribution to the Foundation now will allow us to continue this important work.

This year there will be a benefit cocktail party at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden, South Carolina, on Saturday, November 15, the evening before the Colonial Cup, and all donors to the Foundation by that date will be welcome there as our guests.

I know you agree with me that safety in our sport is a paramount concern. Please join me and my fellow board members in supporting the National Steeple-chase Foundation, the organization that promotes safety throughout American steeplechasing.

With heartfelt thanks for your consideration, Samuel Slater, President

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Rock Solid

Chambers recovers form, confidence to capture open preliminary crown

BY KATY CARTER

Sports fans may be familiar with the concept of the "rebuilding year."

Although 2008 brought early success at the intermediate and advanced levels to Nate Chambers and his Hessian gelding Rolling Stone II, challenges arose and the pair spent the second half of the year rejuvenating and recovering their previous form. The results indicate they've been doing their homework, as Chambers and "Rolly" earned a commanding nine-point victory in the open preliminary division at Rubicon Farm Horse Trials, Nov. 7-9 in Leesburg, Va.

Chambers took the lead after Friday's dressage and never looked back, turning in double-clean rounds in cross country and show jumping to finish on a 30.4, topping the field of 27 entries. Boyd Martin finished second aboard Shatzi W (39.2), as well as fourth riding Valentino III (45.7). Kurt Martin and Scooby (43.0) earned the yellow ribbon

Chambers is happy that he and his longtime partner have begun to re-con-

"We had some confidence problems after I fell off at Jersey Fresh (three-star)

RUBICON HORSE TRIALS

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this spring," said Chambers, 21. "This was before the new rule, so I got back on and two fences later, I couldn't see and gave him some scary distances, so we called it a day."

Chambers, who sustained a concussion in the spill, took some time off before dropping down to two-star at Stuart, where the pair ran into trouble on course and ended up being eliminated. Afterward, Chambers and coach Phillip Dutton decided to drop Rolly back to preliminary to work on the confidence

"Jersey was a big hiccup," said Chambers, now based at Dutton's True Prospect Farm in Pennsylvania. "We ran preliminary at Middleburg and had a stop there, but now we're on a good track and just about back in form. Moving to Phillip's and being able to work with him and Boyd on a daily basis has helped tremendously.'

Since relocating from Virginia, Chambers has ridden just about everything on the farm, from Dutton's advanced horses to the up-and-comers.



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Rolling Stone II and Nate Chambers clear a fence in the show ring at Rubicon.

Riding the experienced horses has given him the feel for the way things are supposed to be, and has helped him work with younger animals.

"I've been able to sit on everything from babies to Jacob Two Two, who has been to the Olympics," he said. "But my favorite is 'Chip,' The Foreman. He's a funny horse and has quite an attitude around the other horses. When you get to spend time with him and get to know him, he is quite nice. In a barn full of extremely nice horses, his personality stands out the most.

Chambers will head to Florida in the New Year to train with Silva Martin and Joe Fargis before reuniting with Dutton and the True Prospect team in South Carolina.

"I'll work with Silva on the dressage and Joe for show jumping. We spent some time in Wellington last winter and I was really pleased with the results, so it is definitely worth doing again," said Chambers. "We'll head up to Aiken afterward. Aiken will be perfect, as they

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Rubicon —

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have lots of small events in the early season where we can test ourselves and continue to build the confidence. I hope to aim big for the spring season and give another three-star a go."

• Maryland's Julie Abe and Casper II finished off the Area II season with a win in the preliminary rider division, adding 8.4 time penalties on cross country and show jumping clean to finish on a score

of 47.6. Wendy Furlong piloted Amazzing (47.9) to second, with Melissa Fox third aboard Diamond Legacy (52.8). Time penalties on cross country, rails in show jumping, three eliminations and one technical elimination shuffled the standings around in the division of 15

• Stephanie Cauffman and her Touch Of The Blarney emerged the victors in the junior/young rider preliminary division, scoring 58.0. Benita Strini took second riding Cavalier One To One (61.30) and Lela Hanagan and The Last Laugh took third on 78.6.

Ì		Rubico	n Farm	Horse Trials		
Ì	Leesburg, Va. Nov. 7-9.					
Open Preliminary				Junior Training		
Ì	Pl. Rider	Horse	Score	Pl. Rider	Horse	Score
Ì	1. Nate Chambers	Rolling Stone II	30.4	 Bethany Myers 	A Midday Star	32.2
Ì	2. Boyd Martin	Shatzi W	39.2	Rachel Peichert	Spyglass Hill	33.4
Ì	3. Kurt Martin	Scooby	43.0	3. Lee Lee Jones	Cayman Went	34.7
١	4. Boyd Martin	Valentino III	45.7	4. Louise Johns	Rickard's Red	35.6
I	5. Ryan Wood	Rhea	46.1	5. Melissa Davick	Reno	35.6
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١	1. Stephanie Cauffman			1. Jennifer Simmons		25.8
Ì	2. Benita Strini	Cavalier One To Or	,	2. LeighAnn Ferrar	Honest Abe	29.0
١	3. Lela Hanagan			3. Will Coleman	War End	30.0
Ì	4. Stephanie Cauffman	•	82.3	4. Loreen Kay	Betterton	33.0
Ì	5. Colleen McKitrick		87.6	5. Barbara Miller	In Sync	33.7
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ı	Prelim	inary Rider		Ope	n Novice	
ı	PI. Rider	Horse	Score	PI. Rider	Horse	Score
ı	1. Julie Abe	Casper	47.6	1. Steph Butts	Sgt. Pepper	29.0
ı	2. Wendy Furlong	Amazzing	47.9	2. Wendy Masemer	Likolina	30.3
ı	3. Melissa Fox	Diamond Legacy		3. Boyd Martin	This Is Houston	30.5
ı	4. Sheri Thornley	Toga	53.0	4. Melissa Hunsberger		32.6
ı	5. Tiffany Catledge	Allforit	53.4	5. Dara Brandt	Cardinio	33.6
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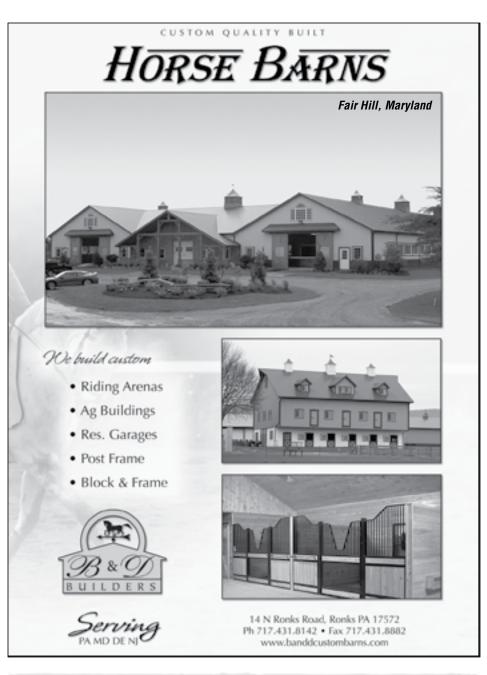


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Eventing News ••••

Four More Years

The USEF has renewed the contract for Capt. Mark Phillips, U.S. Eventing Chef d'Equipe and Technical Advisor, to serve through 2012. Phillips' 16-years tenure has been highlighted by a team gold medal at the 2002 World Equestrian Games and David O'Connor's individual gold at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. Phillips has never taken a team to an Olympic, World or Pan American Games without bringing home a medal. He continued his medal run this year in Hong Kong when Gina Miles won an individual silver medal aboard McKinlaigh.

Phillips commitment ensures the U.S. team remains on track for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Kentucky and the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

"I'm delighted to have renewed my contract with the USEF through the London 2012 Olympic Games," said Phillips in a release. "Over the next four years I will work to refine the training program for our top riders and put significantly more effort into reaching out to new or future talent in our Development Program. We have exciting times ahead."

Big doings in the Big Easy

The 2008 USEA Annual Meeting and Convention takes place Dec. 10-14 in New Orleans at the Astor Crowne Plaza. Highlights include the award luncheon with master of ceremonies Jimmy Wofford, the keynote presentation by former world champion eventer Lucinda Green and the chance to participate in any number of open forums, committee meetings and educational seminars. Those interested in attending can register online at www.useventing.com; reduced rates are available through Nov. 24

• The FEI will likely require that show-jumping course designers be licensed, possibly as soon as 2009, and the USEF will likely follow suit. As such, the USEA has arranged an Eventing Show Jumping Course Design Seminar, conducted by international show-jumping designer Richard Jeffery, to be held Dec. 10 in conjunction with the convention

A \$50 fee will be required for active participants wishing to obtain credit for licensing purposes. For information and registration, contact Nancy Knight, USEA Director of Educational Activities at nancy@useventing.com.

Gold in California

Youth (and the West Coast) was served in the Adequan/USEA Gold Cup Series as 21-year-old Californians Tory Smith and Jennie Brannigan won the advanced and intermediate divisions, respectively.

Smith partnered with her Irish Sport Horse gelding Bantry Bay V to beat out some of the country's top horses and top the advanced leaderboard with an impressive 630 points.

A senior at UCLA studying psychology, Smith racked up the Gold Cup points thanks to wins at the Rebecca Farm CIC***-W in July and the Twin Rivers advanced horse trials in September.

Brannigan, who recently relocated to Phillip Dutton's farm in Pennsylvania, took the second division aboard Cooper, a 7-year-old Dutch Warmblood. The pair won six upper-level competitions on the year, including intermediate-level scores at The Fork Horse Trials in April and the Woodside Horse Trials in May.

The winners receive a Gold Cup trophy, a supply of Adequan, a generous check from the USEA and number of gift certificates.

Adequan/USEA Gold Cup Series Final Standings

Advanced

	IIIUGI	Horse	Iotai Pts
1.	Tory Smith	Bantry Bay V	630
2.	Allison Springer	Arthur	495
3.	Leslie Law	Fleeceworks Mystere du Val	465
4.	Clark Montgomery	Up Spirit	425
5.	Jan Byyny	Syd Kent	360
5.	Debbie Rosen	The Alchemyst	360
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PI.	Rider	Horse	Total Pts
	Jennie Brannigan	Horse	405
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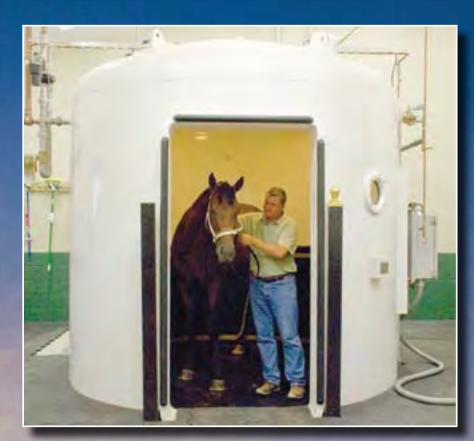
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