

# NEWSLETTER

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## A SOVEREIGN AWARD WINNING YEAR



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The Sovereign Award for outstanding trainer was awarded to Reade at the annual awards dinner held in Toronto on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Conducted by The Jockey Club of Canada, The Sovereign Awards are the thoroughbred racing industry's equivalent to the Academy Awards.

Two of Reade's charges were also honoured. The Selene and Labatt Woodbine Oaks winner, *Gold Strike* captured the champion three year old filly title and the precocious colt, *Judith's Wild Rush* was named champion sprinter.

Keeping in step with a reputation for winning at the track with horses who win their first time out, this is the first time Reade had been nominated for the title.

Reade has experienced the best year of his 16 year career as a trainer. In all categories, his numbers were outstanding. The stable's purse earnings totaled \$4 million dollars; with 10 stakes winners, 16 two year old wins, and 10 wins by first time starters. Total winners check in at 55 on the year.

### 2005 Year In Review

#### JANUARY – 1 Win, - Gulfstream Park

The first win of the year was with *Si Si Amiga*, a 4 year old filly by Desert Style (IRE) out of No Hard Feelings (IRE), by Alzao. Owned by Harlequin Ranches, and ridden by Joe

Bravo, *Si Si Amiga* won impressively on the turf in her Gulfstream Park racing debut on January 8<sup>th</sup>. With the focus being set on the Woodbine 2005 race meet, the winter racing action was kept at a minimum in February and March.

#### APRIL – 2 Wins, including the Gr. 3 Vigil H. Stakes

Woodbine opened the race meet on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and the stable was active right from the start.

*Pirouetting* who trained in Florida during the winter, scored the first victory on April 29<sup>th</sup> for Harlequin Ranches.

*Judith's Wild Rush* captured the first stakes victory of the year on the 30<sup>th</sup>, taking the **\$150,000 Gr. 3 Vigil**

**Handicap** in 1:23.1 for owner Harvey Tenenbaum. The win came on Reade's birthday so the celebration was a complete one.

#### MAY – 7 Wins, including the Fury S., the Gr. 3 Selene S., and the Lady Angela S.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the 2004 Nandi Stakes winner *Bosskiri* won, for the partnership of Harlequin Ranches, Park Stud and Morgan Firestone, an allowance race by three lengths. *Northern Whiskey* won his maiden allowance race on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and later that day *River Nore* won the **\$150,000 Fury Stakes** by 4 lengths. *River Nore* is by *Archers Bay* out of *First Prom* and is bred and owned by Ormonde Farm in Ontario. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, *Randy Jan* won his maiden allowance race in his debut for owner Astor Racing Stable. *Fool's Town*, was *Knoll Body's Fool* (name of his dam) on the 22<sup>nd</sup> when he won a maiden allowance race by a neck, for owner and breeder, James and Janeane Everatt. The most exciting time in May occurred

when *Gold Strike* won the **\$250,000 Gr. 3 Selene S.** over her rival *Lemon Maid* on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. *Gold Strike* got to the top of the stretch under a hand ride by Jim McAleney and finished 5 1/2 lengths in front of the rest of the field at the finish line. *Gold Strike* is by *Smart Strike* out of *Brassy Gold* and is bred and owned by Harlequin Ranches of Calgary. *Bosskiri* demonstrated who was the boss on the 28<sup>th</sup> when she won the **\$125,000 Lady Angela S.** by 3 1/2 lengths. She went off as the betting favourite and did not disappoint. Bred by Michael Byrne in Ontario, *Bosskiri* is by *Kiradashi* out of *Bossy Boots*.

### ***JUNE – 3 Wins, including the Labatt Woodbine Oaks S.***

This June was the most memorable ever! The highlight occurred with the winning the **\$500,000 Labatt Woodbine Oaks S.** on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The stable ran 5 fillies. This was one of two firsts for Reade. More importantly the other first was with *Gold Strike* taking the winner's share of the purse for owner breeder Harlequin Ranches. *Whisky and Low* ran 4<sup>th</sup>, *Bosskiri* ran 5<sup>th</sup>, *Pirouetting* ran 7<sup>th</sup> and *River Nore* ran 9<sup>th</sup>. The distance was 1 1/8 miles on the dirt, and *Gold Strike* captured the victory under her rider Jim McAleney by 3 1/2 lengths in 1:51.3. The Labatt Woodbine Oaks is the premier race for 3 year old fillies in Canada. After such a dominant win in the race, *Gold Strike* was entered into the **\$1,000,000 Queen's Plate S.** on June 26<sup>nd</sup>. *Gold Strike* went 1 1/4 miles and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. One of the most interesting features regarding her effort is the fact that she beat all the local colts that day. The first and second place finishers in the race were shipped in from the United States for the event and have not run at Woodbine since. Obviously if they had not shipped to Woodbine for the race, *Gold Strike* would have surely been victorious. But that's racing in North America! Although it was a disappointment not to get a Plate victory that day, *Gold Strike* had already proved herself to be a champion filly and the stable will look forward to another chance, with another three year old, in 2006. *Holy Soul* did win, and impressively on Plate day, in a maiden allowance race for two year olds in his first time out. *Holy Soul* is by *Vision and Verse*, out of *Bellatrix* and is owned by the partnership of Cam Allard and Waymor Holdings Ltd. The end of the month came quickly and *Savannah Jazz* gave owners Curraghmore Farm and Formal Racing Stable reason to celebrate on the 30<sup>th</sup> when she broke her maiden by 5 1/2 lengths on the turf beating up on a field of 14 starters.

### ***JULY – 10 Wins, including the Bold Venture H., S.***

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, *U R Flashy* was first in her two-year-old maiden allowance race for Harlequin Ranches. This filly by *Bold n' Flashy* out of *Lively U*, won by 1 1/2 lengths over *La Gran Marilyn*. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, *Silver Bird* dominated a six furlong allowance race and took home the top prize of \$42,780. Owned by Jim McAlpine, it was *Silver Bird's* first win this year after scoring in the money in previous efforts earning a total of \$165,874.00 in 2005 alone. *Judith's Wild Rush* won his second Stakes race in 2005 on the 9<sup>th</sup> taking the **\$125,000 Bold Venture H.** in a quick time of 1:15.41. Jockey Slade Callaghan guided *Judith's Wild Rush* to the 1 1/2 length victory over *High Blitz* and the even money favourite *Ministers Wild Cat*. *Susur* is the name of the pre-eminent restaurant in Toronto. If you are interested in fine dining, you should experience the food at *Susur's*. Having been to *Susur*, the restaurant, Reade and Janis named a horse *Susur*. She is a three year old filly by *Cape Canaveral*, out of a *Vice Regent* mare named *Twochindordor*. *Susur* won her maiden allowance race on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July under jockey Jim McAleney. In the very next race on the card that day, Jim McAleney celebrated another allowance win with *One to Celebrate* for Curraghmore Farm and Formal Racing Stable. *One to Celebrate* is by *Ascot Knight* out of the Stakes winning mare, *Honoured One*. The sixth winner of the month was *The Last Wish* who won on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the partnership of Lloyd Simpson, Jai Narine and Reade Baker. *Urge to Go* won his first race ever on the 17<sup>th</sup> for A and A Stables, who went on the purchase a *Bold Executive* filly at the CTHS yearling's sale in September. On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, an *American Chance* gelding out of *Meadow Storm* named *Grasp the Concept* won a maiden allowance race for owner Leonard Zenith, of Calgary, Alberta. The 2004 Bison City Stakes winner, *Touch Now* won an allowance race on the 28<sup>th</sup> under her regular rider Patrick Husbands for owner George Farr. The tenth winner in July was *Alaya*. She is by *Ascot Knight* out of *Riches and Honour* by *Matter of Honor* and is owned by Curraghmore Farm and Formal Racing Stable. *Alaya* challenged a field of 14 horses on the turf for six furlongs and won by 2 lengths.

### ***AUGUST – 9 Wins, including the Nandi S., and the Eternal Search S.***

August was another flourishing month for the stable not just at the races but behind the scenes as Reade Baker, trainer, incorporated and is now operating as Reade Baker Racing Stable Inc. We were also busy planning our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Owner Appreciation Party for September 4<sup>th</sup>. This involved menu planning with the Yorkshire Pudding Caterer and with Rodney's Oyster Bar for some of the best oysters in the city. We purchased Sandy Hawley's biography as a gift for every client and Sandy autographed each book prior to the event. At Woodbine, the horses continued to perform. *U R Flashy* won the **\$125,000 Nandi S.** for two-year-old fillies in the 6<sup>th</sup> race on the 6<sup>th</sup>, for Harlequin Ranches. The 7<sup>th</sup> race that same day was won by *Susur* who was the best of 11 horses who competed in the 6 furlong allowance race on the turf. *Bounce Forever* who was purchased in 2004 for \$40,000 won an allowance race on August 18<sup>th</sup> for the partnership of John Pepper and Bud Roberts. *Fools Town* was victorious on the 21<sup>st</sup> for breeders, and owners - J. & J. Everatt of St. Thomas, Ontario. *Port Renfrew*, named after a British Columbia venue on Canada's west coast, won a maiden allowance easily under

## Trainer's Message



I have had an outstanding year thanks to the loyalty and support of our clients, the courage and ability of their horses and the entire team of staff and individuals who have had a positive influence on the racing year. The team includes my wife Janis, breeding consultants, farm staff, racing managers, van companies, the race office, our stable staff, support staff, jockey's, valets, blacksmiths, veterinarians, assistants, gate crew, and WEG.

The highlights of the year are detailed in the month by month racing update. The icing on the cake was in winning the Sovereign Award for outstanding trainer. It was a very emotional and proud moment for me and my family.

We are stabled at Gulfstream Park for the winter and expect to race with the best, prepare for Woodbine, claim and purchase a few new ones to bring home. Please contact me if this dovetails with your strategy or if you would simply like to discuss your 2006 racing program.

I am proud of the work we do, the year we have had, and look back on it as a stepping stone to bigger and better things to come in 2006 and beyond.

Reade.

### 2005 Year In Review continued

"Jimmy Mac" going 7 furlongs on the main track. *Port Renfrew* is a two-year-old colt by *Miesque's Son* out of *Rainbow Stage* by *Lear Fan* and is owned by Harlequin Ranches. Did you know that jockey Jim McAleney is known as Mac and has that embroidered on the back of his helmet covers? *Grasp the Concept* owned by Leonard Zenith was the third winner of the day for Reade Baker on the 21<sup>st</sup> winning the 9<sup>th</sup>, an allowance race. Harvey Tenenbaum who owns *Judith's Wild Rush*, names the majority of his horses after his wife Judith. Judith Tenenbaum writes in **The Globe and Mail** newspaper. Her column is called "Hatch, Match and Dispatch". If you haven't guessed, the column features interesting stories about newly weds, new arrivals and unfortunate passings. Back to the horses, their two year old filly named *Crafty Judith* won at first asking on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August by 5 1/2 lengths. James and Janeane Everatt are both the breeder and owner of *South Paw* who won an allowance race in 1:21.6 on the turf on the 26<sup>th</sup>. *South Paw* is by *Two Punch* out of *Air Raid Siren*, by *Ack Ack*. Did you know that the term "South Paw" is a term used to describe a person who is left-handed? The final day of August fell on a Wednesday and the races at Woodbine are conducted in the evenings. It was a thrilling night when *Whiskey and Low* captured the **\$125,000 Eternal Search S.** over the post time favourite *Coastal Fortress*. *Whiskey and Low* is by *Whiskey Wisdom* out of *Lady Low*, by *Lyphard* and is owned and bred by Harlequin Ranches.

### SEPTEMBER – 8 Wins including the Gr. 2 Summer S.

Zooming right along... September 3<sup>rd</sup> was the date of Reade's first winner of the month and *Hong Kong Dancer* made it happen for owner Peter Ho. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, *Perigee Girl* by *Perigee Moon* out of *Xlendi*, romped a field of 9 two-year-olds in a maiden allowance race by 9 lengths. Owned by the partnership of Harlequin Ranches, Park Stud and Morgan Firestone, *Perigee Girl* earned an 84 beyer speed rating for her win. All was set for the September 4<sup>th</sup>, Client Appreciation Party, and what a great celebration it was. The weather gods smiled on the evening. Guests were greeted by the musical sounds of flute and classical guitar performed in the garden of Janis and Reade's home by Pat Doherty and Eileen Fawcett. Sandy Hawley attended and shared some of his life stories from his book **Ride of a Lifetime**, and every guest received an autographed copy of the book. *Two Stepper* won first time out, in a maiden race for two-year-olds on the 7<sup>th</sup> for Harlequin Ranches. The CTHS yearling's sale was conducted on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a buyers market with a multitude of excellent horses offered. Clients were active and purchased a number of yearlings both at the Woodbine sale and in Kentucky. Watch for another great year of two year olds in 2006 from this stable. *Devil's Bride* was the 4<sup>th</sup> winner in September doing it in an impressive time of :57.4 for the 5 furlong race. Bred and owned by J. & J. Everatt and J. Arika Everatt-Meeuse, this *Devil's Bag* filly is out of *Carpenter's Lace* by *Woodman*. *Bounce Forever* was the first to cross the finish line on the 10<sup>th</sup> for John Pepper and Bud Roberts. *Chasin Tiger* led most of the way when he won his maiden allowance race on the 14<sup>th</sup> for the partnership of Cam Allard and Waymor Holdings. This son of *Jade Hunter* out of *Eliza Donner*, by *Oh Say* showed courage and talent in his 5 1/2 length victory. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of September the two-year-old colt by the name of *Bear's Kid*, won the **\$250,000 added, Gr. 2, Summer Stakes** for owner Bear Stables Ltd. *Bear's Kid* is a son of *Lemon Drop Kid* out of the stakes winning mare *Tap to Music*. This is the first stakes winner at Woodbine for the

# STAKES WINNERS - HIGHLIGHTS (Michael Burns Photography)



## VIGIL HANDICAP, GR. 3

Woodbine, April 30th, \$150,000, 4yo & up, 7f, fast 1:23.1

**JUDITH'S WILD RUSH**, 120, G c, 4, by **Wild Rush** – Tie Talk by Black Tie Affair. Owner, Harvey Tenenbaum; breeder, Sez Who Thoroughbreds (KY); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, Callaghan, Slade. \$99,180.

2nd – Mobil

3rd – A Bit O'Gold

Also ran: I Thee Wed, Norfolk Knight, Royal Place, Chris's Bad Boy



## FURY STAKES

Woodbine, May 8th, \$150,000, 3yo, f, 7f, fast 1:24.5

**RIVER NORE**, 114, B f, 3, by **Archers Bay** – First Prom by Black Tie Affair. Owner, Ormonde Farm.; breeder, Ormonde Farm (ON); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$99,270.

2nd – Time Saver

3rd – Silver Impulse

Also ran: Candy Box, Wewakiwoowho, Simply Lovely, Dancehall Deelites



## SELENE STAKES, GR. 3

Woodbine Racetrack, May 22nd, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16, fast, 1:45.8

**GOLD STRIKE**, 116, DB f, 3, by **Smart Strike** – Brassy Gold by Dixieland Brass. Owner, Harlequin Ranches.; breeder, Harlequin Ranches (MB); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$162,900.

2nd – Lemon Maid

3rd – Charming Ruckus

Also ran: Silver Impulse, Carlea, Miss Venturous.



## LADY ANGELA STAKES

Woodbine, May 28th, \$125,000, 3yo, f, @, 7f, dirt, fast, 1:23.8

**BOSSKIRI**, 118, B f, 3, by **Kiridashi** – Bossy Boots by Academy Award. Owner, Harlequin Ranches, Park Stud, & Morgan Firestone; breeder, Michael C. Byrne (ON); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$75,000.

2nd – Baby Lou

3rd – Whiskey and Low

Also ran: Simply Lovely, Wewakiwoowho



## LABATT WOODBINE OAKS STAKES

Woodbine, June 12th, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8, fast 1:51.6

**GOLD STRIKE**, 121, DB f, 3, by **Smart Strike** – Brassy Gold by Dixieland Brass. Owner, Harlequin Ranches; breeder, Harlequin Ranches (MB); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$300,000.

2nd – Ready and Alluring

3rd – Victorious Ami

Also ran: Whiskey and Low, Bosskiri, Dancehall Deelites, Pirouetting, Silver Impulse, River Nore, Archie's Gal

*Sovereign Award for Champion Three-Year-Old Filly.*



### **BOLD VENTURE HANDICAP**

Woodbine, July 9th, \$125,000, 3yo & up, 6 1/2f, fast 1:15.4

**JUDITH'S WILD RUSH**, 122, G c, 4, by **Wild Rush** – Tie Talk by Black Tie Affair. Owner, Harvey Tenenbaum; breeder, Sez Who Thoroughbreds (KY); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, Callaghan, Slade. \$82,125.

2nd – High Blitz

3rd – Ministers Wild Cat

Also ran: Mister Coop, Twisted Wit, Seeking the Carat, Mike's Classic.

*Sovereign Award for Champion Sprinter.*



### **NANDI STAKES**

Woodbine, August 6th, \$125,000, 2yo, f, 6f, dirt, fast, 1:11.4

**U R FLASHY**, 116, B f, 2, by **Bold n' Flashy** – Lively U, by Lively One. Owner, Harlequin Ranches; breeder, D. Morrison & K. Schmidt (ON); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$75,000.

2nd – To the Brim

3rd – Bajan Princess

Also ran: London Snow, Sweet Afton, My Sunday Gal, Tiara Key



### **ETERNAL SEARCH STAKES**

Woodbine, August 31st, \$125,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16, dirt, fast, 1:44.5

**WHISKEY AND LOW**, 116, DK B f, 3, by **Whiskey Wisdom** – Lady Low by Lyphard. Owner, Harlequin Ranches; breeder, Harlequin Ranches (ON); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$75,000.

2nd – Coastal Fortress

3rd – Cherry Grove

Also ran: Archie's Gal, Ours to Keep, Regent Light



### **SUMMER STAKE, GR. 2**

Woodbine, September 18th, \$250,000, 2yo, 1 mile Turf, soft, 1:40.3

**BEAR'S KID**, 122, B c, 2, by **Lemon Drop Kid** – Tap to Music, by Pleasant Tap. Owner, Bear Stables Ltd.; breeder, Adena Springs (KY); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$170,100.

2nd – Badge of Truth

3rd – Wedding Singer

Also ran: Smoke Em Again, Kid Carousel, Thunder Bowl, Baur Au Lac



### **VICTORIAN QUEEN STAKES**

Woodbine, October 5th, \$125,000, 2yo, f, 6f, dirt, fast, 1:11.8

**PERIGEE GIRL**, 118, Ch f, 2, by **Perigee Moon** – Xlendi Girl by Tralos. Owner, Harlequin Ranches, Park Stud, & D. Morgan Firestone; breeder, Michael C. Byrne (ON); Trainer, Reade Baker; Jockey, McAleney, Jim. \$75,000.

2nd – La Gran Marilyn

3rd – U R Flashy

Also ran: Chickenonastikbaby, Archeress, Arzu

## 2005 Year In Review continued

Bear Stables who until recently raced primarily at Northlands Park in Alberta. The race was run on the turf at a distance of one mile. Danny Dion who is the owner of Bear Stables purchased *Bear's Kid* in March 2005 at the Adena Springs' sale of two-year-olds in training in Ocala, Florida. Be sure to watch for more "Bear" horses racing at Woodbine next year. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month, *Tothemoonandback* won a maiden allowance race in his first time out. This two-year-old by *Perigee Moon* out of *Kate Byrne* was bred by Michael Byrne in Ontario and was purchased by Reade for the partnership of Jim Aston, Rob Smithen, Mobile Stable and Reade at the OBS two-year-olds in training sale in Ocala, Florida for \$45,000.

### **OCTOBER – 8 Wins including the Victorian Queen S.**

*Chasin Tiger* started off the month with a win on the first day of October. He was the heavy favourite and did not disappoint fans winning the allowance race in 1:09.3 for the partnership of Cam Allard and Waymor Holdings Ltd. The 2<sup>nd</sup> winner in the month was *Hong Kong Dancer*, by *Tejano Run* out of *Token Gift*, by *Lyphard*. She won an allowance race for owner Peter Ho on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Did you know that *Tejano Run* is going to stand in Ontario for the 2006 breeding season? *Perigee Girl* became the 10th stakes winner of the year for the stable when she won the **\$125,000 Victorian Queen S.** on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The stakes victory was particularly nice for Harlequin Ranches who not only owns the winner in partnership with Park Stud and Morgan Firestone, but also owns all of *U R Flashy*, who finished third in the race. *Boldest of All* was claimed by Reade Baker Racing Stable Inc. in September for \$30,000 and ran back to win at \$40,000 on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Leonard Zenith teamed up with Jim and Sue Hill of Calgary and formed a racing stable which they name Up Hill Stable. The stable ran their first two-year-old on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a *Stormy Atlantic* colt out of *Wiggle*, named *Storm Caller*. He won his first start, a maiden allowance race going 6 furlongs. *River Heights* is a two year old colt by *Royal Academy* out of *Palace Light* and is owned by Rob Smithen. He ran 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Cup and Saucer S. on October 16<sup>th</sup>. He is still a maiden but needs to be recognized for his outstanding effort in the stakes event and for his "in the money" races leading up to the stakes as well. He will be one to watch on the turf in 2006 for sure. On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Woodbine hosted the \$2 million Gr. 1, Pattison International and racing fans were able to witness some of the finest turf horses from around the world compete. Although Reade did not have a horse in that race, (maybe next year) he did start off the day with a win in the first race of the day. The winner was a two-year-old by *Lemon Drop Kid* out of *Stone Flower* by *Storm Bird* named *Hard Core Topic* for owner Sequel Racing of Ocala, Florida. The Kentucky bred colt won by 11 1/2 lengths, over a sloppy racetrack. *Okanagan Strike* won a maiden allowance race under Patrick Husbands on the 28<sup>th</sup> for owner Harlequin Ranches. She is a three year old by *Smart Strike* out of *Okanagan High*, by *Vice Regent*. Finishing off the month, *Savannah Jazz* won on the 30<sup>th</sup> for Curraghmore Farm and Formal Racing.

### **NOVEMBER – 4 Wins.**

The month began with some good efforts on behalf of the runners in the stable but it was the 10<sup>th</sup> before we saw a winner. *Fire Power* was the first horse to win this month for owner Frank Romano. Believe me when I say that *Edmonton* is not just the name of a city in Alberta, It is also the name of an extremely fast two-year-old colt by *Silver Deputy* out of *Flower Canyon*. Owned by Cam Allard, *Edmonton* was bred in Kentucky by Dr. Knapp's, Monticule Farm. *Edmonton* was trained in Virginia under Allen Jenkins before being shipped to Reade to prepare him for his racing debut. In that debut, *Edmonton* wowed the racing viewers with a 6 1/2 length win in a time of :57.98. The races were cancelled before the end of the day, due to high winds. I wonder how fast he would have gone if the high winds were not a factor down the stretch? On Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>, *Elusive Sugar*, a two-year-old filly by *Elusive Quality*, won her maiden allowance race for owner Brereton C. Jones of Kentucky. This was the debut start for the filly, giving Reade his 14<sup>th</sup> win by a two year old. *Alaya* who won an allowance race earlier in the year on the turf pleasantly surprised us when she ran for the first time on the dirt on the 27<sup>th</sup>. She went off as the favourite and her fans were not surprised that she could win an allowance race on the dirt. It was the 9<sup>th</sup> race on a cold Wednesday night, *Alaya* won the 7 furlong race by a head. Maybe she's a bit of a party girl.

### **DECEMBER**

With nine days of live racing in December *Cheetah Chat* was the first of three winners in the month. *Cheetah Chat* is owned by the Bear Stables Ltd. The next winner was *Vestrey Lady* who is by *Vicar* out of *Episode* and is owned by Harlequin Ranches. This was the 16<sup>th</sup> two year old win for Reade and the 11<sup>th</sup> win for Harlequin Ranches. *Boldest of All*, who was the final runner of the year for Reade Baker Racing Stable won her race and provided a sparkling ending to an outstanding year. Bring out the Dom Perignon!

## Facts And Arguments

- Any one who builds a new race track in the future should consider having three surfaces: dirt, turf and an all-weather track.
- With an all weather race track at Woodbine, we could race all winter on Saturdays and Sundays. Start the full week of racing on April 1st, and run five days a week until November 30th.
- More than 95% of injuries to our athlete horses occur or develop in the morning during training. In the morning the track is harrowed twice and approx. 500 horses would train over the surface. In contrast, after every race, the track is harrowed. Since horses travel at a slower speed when they train than when they race, is it possible that training over an uneven surface (due to previous hoof imprints) is what is contributing to the excessive number of injuries to our horses?
- It is amazing that the sole solution by racing management is to lessen racing days. Let's hope that they are willing to take less pay.
- It is time for us to implement the European rule of 8 or less for the number of times a jockey is permitted to whip a horse.
- What are the chances that the freshman crop of sires are better than some of the older under-valued sires?
- If young jockeys are not educated in nutrition and proper diet, the scale of weights might start at 150lbs in the future.
- The HBPA should give out an award of excellence for hard working successful horse people who never had the quality of horses to compete for a sovereign award.
- Our stable's most success as far as percentage of wins occurred when horses trained on the farm for 2 weeks after they raced.
- Racing secretaries need to be more innovative when writing the condition book, for example races for chestnut coloured horses, or running a race in the opposite direction, on the turf etc.

## 2005 Scoreboard Wins by Owner

This list includes 25 winning owners, and their purse earnings. The balance of the total purses for 2005 of \$4,059,370 is comprised of earnings on horses that finished everywhere else.

Owner	Wins	Stakes	Earnings
Harlequin Ranches	11	4	\$1,210,844
Curraghmore & Formal Stable	5		219,765
Harlequin, Park Stud & M. Firestone	4	2	267,230
Everatt, J. & J.	4		221,111
Tenenbaum, Harvey	3	2	262,762
Bear Stables Ltd.	2	1	210,394
Zenith, Leonard	2		129,060
Baker & Maine	2		122,088
Ho, Peter	2		98,136
Allard, Cam & Waymor Holdings	2		84,000
Reade Baker Racing Stable	2		83,438
Allard, Cam	2		74,080
Pepper & Roberts	2		49,240
Ormonde Farm	1	1	189,485
McAlpine, Jim	1		185,043
Astor Racing Stable	1		118,136
Farr Bloodstock	1		83,566
Sequel Racing	1		45,842
UpHill Stable	1		45,449
Jones, B. C.	1		39,777
Aston/Baker/Mobile/Smithen	1		36,000
Wallace, B.	1		36,000
Baker/Narine/Simpson	1		22,103
Romano, Frank	1		21,419
A & A Stable	1		11,700
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>10</b>	

## Breeding and Sales Update

In 2004 and 2005 our breeding and sales operation focused on selling. The Kentucky sired foals were sold as weanlings in Kentucky and the Ontario sired foals sold as yearlings in the CTHS yearling sale in Ontario. In 2004 we sold 4 weanlings by Jump Start and in 2005 we sold 2 weanlings by D'Wildcat in the Keeneland November sale. We sold 5 yearlings by Cat's at Home in the 2005 CTHS September yearling sale. We have a Can-Bred 2005 colt by Harlan's Holiday in KY that we will enter in the Saratoga Yearlings Sale in 2006. The following is a list of our mares, the stallions we bred to in 2005 and the stallions we are going to breed to in 2006.

MARE NAME	IN FOAL TO	2006 MATING
Closerthanyouthink	Montbrook	Mr. Greely
Confidential	Montbrook	Forest Wildcat
Elusive Thought	Forest Wildcat	Forest Wildcat
Luckierthanuthink	Indian Charlie	Yankee Gentleman
Matter of Law	Northern Fleet	Friends Lake
Ontheqt	Montbrook	Mr. Greely
Start Stinging	Cat's at Home	Pico Central
Twochindordor	Northern Fleet	Open
Love Whisper	Cat's at Home	Tejano Run
Tamarisk	Whiskey Wisdom	Slew City Slew
Boldest of All	Maiden mare	Not For Love
Ruth Ann D'Or	Open	Proud Citizen

## Welcome New Clients

The following owners have selected Reade to train horses for them since our last issue. We thank them for their support and welcome them to the stable.

A & A Stable  
 Anecchini & D'Alimonte Holdings Inc  
 Art Attard  
 Astor Racing Stable  
 Barry Schwartz & Partners  
 Bernard Cowan  
 Cam Allard  
 Frank Romano  
 Harvey Tenenbaum  
 Ian Conroy  
 Ivan Dalos  
 Jacqueline Armstrong  
 Kelynack Farm  
 Leonard Zenith  
 Navin Maharja  
 Sequel Racing  
 Up Hill Stable  
 Waymor Holdings, Inc.

## OWNER OF THE MONTH

What started as a joke quietly became a competition amongst owners at the barn as we referred to the client whose payment arrived first as *Owner of the Month*. The runners-up are not far behind with payment, often just a day or two later, and often there are two, sometimes three owner's cheques arriving at the same time. Jim McAlpine, Peter Ho, Rob Smithen, Jai Narine, John Pepper & Bud Roberts, these all deserve special mention.

Congratulations but most of all, thank you!

Month	Winner	Runner-Up
April	Astor Racing Stable	Cavendish Investing
May	Astor Racing Stable	Farr, George
June	Peter Ho	Astor Racing Stable
July	Art Attard	Astor Racing Stable
August	Astor Racing stable	Attard, Art
September	Astor Racing Stable	Waymor Holdings
October	Attard, Art	Ho, Peter
November	Astor Racing Stable	Attard, Art
December	Attard, Art	Smithen, Rob Frank Romano

## Calendar of Events

Be sure to mark these important dates on your calendar.

DATE	EVENT
January 09–15	Keeneland – Horses of All Ages Sale, Lexington
January 17–20	OBS – Winter Mixed Sale, Ocala
February 7	OBS – Selected Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, Calder
February 12–13	Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, Lexington
February 28	Fasig-Tipton – Selected Two Year Olds in Training, Calder
March 20	OBS Week of Champions, Ocala
March 20	Adena Springs, Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, Ocala
March 21–22	OBS – Selected Sale of Two Year Olds in Training, Ocala
April 01	Opening Day – Woodbine
April 18	Keeneland – Two Year Olds in Training Sale, Lexington
April 25–28	OBS – Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala
June 4	Queen's Plate Trail, Woodbine
June 11	Labatt Woodbine Oaks, Woodbine
June 25	Queen's Plate, Woodbine
June 20–21	OBS – June Two-Year-Olds & Horses of Racing Age Sale, Ocala
July 17–18	Fasig-Tipton Selected Yearlings Sale, Lexington
August 8–9	Fasig-Tipton – Selected Yearlings Sale, Saratoga
August 12–13	Fasig-Tipton Preferred New York Bred Yearlings Sale, Saratoga
August 15	Fasig-Tipton Open Yearlings Sale, Saratoga
August 21	OBS – Selected Sale of Yearlings, Ocala

## NEW CLIENTS ARE WELCOME

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