



Weekly Horseplaying Report and Fun Stuff

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## COMING NEXT WEEK

### Your new-look *Insider*

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#### Bullet briefs . . .

- **Ark Derby longshots were simply “rule” horses. Did you cash?**
- **With two weeks to Kentucky Derby, [bonus cash](#) continues**
- **Get rich for 20-cents today: Golden Pick 6 is \$331,000**
- **Equine virus keeps ASD trainers in lockdown at Fonner Park**
- **Is horse breeding “child’s play?” Sorta.**
- **Top four jocks expected to return to tangle. Will Skye show them all up?**

#### \*\*\*\*\* FUN & GAMES \*\*\*\*\*

**BRIAN NORRIS WINS KENTUCKY DERBY WAGER:** None of the top three finishers in the prep race contest got any points in the Arkansas Derby last Saturday so contest leader **Brian Norris** wins the \$100 win/place wager on the Kentucky Derby. Congrats, Brian! Who will he bet? Find out on Derby Day Saturday, May 7. Thanks to all who entered! Winning the Kentucky Derby mug draw last Saturday was **Ron Zurba**. [Here's](#) the final leaderboard.

## WILL THIS MAKE YOU A BELIEVER?

### 3 of 4 horses in Arkansas Derby superfecta fit “rule”

It's interesting that following last week's item about “rule” horses and “opinion” horses **three of the top four finishers in the Arkansas Derby were “rule” horses**. Congratulations if you noted that. The rule horses finished first, second and fourth. The superfecta paid \$419 for 20-cents. The \$2 exactor paid \$120.



“Bounce” horse wins Arkansas Derby at 11/1

Most players were betting “opinion” horses in the Derby— which, of course, were **Cupid** at 4/5 and **Whitmore** at 5/1. They were obvious. But “rule” players looked beyond the obvious and noted three horses had the “bounce” factor going for them. They all had won big—by open lengths—two races back and could have bounced in their last race. That made them contenders because a rebound was likely.

When players asked me who I liked, I told them #3, **Creator**, because he had finished three lengths behind Cupid in his “bounce” race and would likely improve off that effort. It was nice to see him roaring off the pace to produce a healthy win price and superfecta.

The two other bounce horses, **Suddenbreakingnews** (5/1) and **Dazzling Gem** (19/1) finished second and fourth. The “opinion” horse, Whitmore, finished third. Cupid finished 10th in the 12-horse field.

Through the years, the bounce factor for 3-year-olds has been especially strong. Why not make a point of looking for possible bounce horses this weekend? Email *The Insider* with your success stories.

[Here's the Arkansas Derby program page. Note "bouncers" #3, 4 and 7](#)

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# DO THE DOWNS



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Mother's Day! 885-3330 for brunch or race night buffet

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>17</b> Tampa Bay 11:35 AM <b>HASTINGS BEGINS 3:59 PM</b> Hastings: \$50,000 Inaugural -\$10 SHAVED PRIME RIB	<b>18</b> Mahoning 11:45 AM <b>FINGER LAKES BEGINS 12:19 PM</b> Sam Houston 1 PM Turf Paradise 3:25 PM Mohawk 6:30 PM	<b>19</b> Mahoning 11:45 AM Sunland 2:30 PM Turf Paradise 3:25 PM Mountaineer 6 PM	<b>20</b> Tampa Bay 11:35 AM Mountaineer 6 PM	<b>21</b> Freehold 11:30 AM Gulfstream 11:55 AM Los Alamitos 4 PM Prime rib buffet plus pasta bar	<b>22</b> Freehold 11:30 AM Tampa Bay 11:35 AM Los Alamitos 4 PM <b>DELTA BEGINS 6:15 PM</b> -\$10 RIB DINNER -\$5-Alive thoroughbred 7 PM -\$10 buy-in poker 7:30 PM -Free VLT tourney 8 PM	<b>23</b>   I won big 10:30 AM Mahoning 11:15 AM Tampa 11:35 AM <b>CHARLES TOWN: \$1.25 million Classic</b> Mountaineer 6 PM -\$10 MEATLOAF DINNER -\$5-Alive harness 7 PM -\$10 buy-in poker 7:30 PM -Free VLT tourney 8 PM
<b>24</b> Tampa Bay 11:35 AM <b>AQUEDUCT FINAL 12:29 PM</b> -\$10 SHAVED PRIME RIB	<b>25</b> Monticello 11:50 AM Parx 11:55 AM <b>THISTLEDOWN BEGINS 11:55 AM</b> Turf Paradise 3:25 PM Mohawk 6:30 PM	<b>26</b> Monticello 11:50 AM Parx 11:55 AM Finger Lakes 12:10 PM Turf Paradise 3:25 PM Mountaineer 6 PM	<b>27</b> Tampa Bay 11:35 AM Mountaineer 6 PM	<b>28</b> Freehold 11:30 AM Gulfstream 11:55 AM FINAL: Prime rib buffet plus pasta bar	<b>29</b> Freehold 11:30 AM Tampa Bay 11:35 AM <b>BELMONT BEGINS 12:25 PM</b> <b>BELTERRA BEGINS 2 PM</b> -\$10 RIB DINNER -\$5-Alive thoroughbred 7 PM -\$10 buy-in poker 7:30 PM -Free VLT tourney 8 PM	<b>30</b>   I won big 10:30 AM Tampa 11:35 AM Player's Choice Tourney <b>CHURCHILL BEGINS 11:45 AM</b> <b>Cal Chrome Stakes (Los Al)</b> -\$10 MEATLOAF DINNER -\$5-Alive harness 7 PM -\$10 buy-in poker 7:30 PM -Free VLT tourney 8 PM

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**LAST TWO CHANCES FOR PRIME RIB:** Thursday prime rib buffets end next Thursday so you have only two chances—tonight and next Thursday—to enjoy the only place in town where you can fill your plate with the very best prime rib (and pasta bar) that money can buy. And [here's](#) a coupon!



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Aiden with Play the Ace the day after he was born; Keaton feeding mom and foal

## Breeding is "child's play"

Keaton, 13, and Aiden, 10, get an early start

You're never too young to breed horses, it seems. **Keaton Ziprick**, 13, and his brother, **Aiden**, 10, are listed as breeders of the 3-year-old **Don Schnell**-trained gelding, **Blackburn** (4-0-1-0) on their parents' farm in Russell, MB. And now they are putting their hopes in a yearling, **Play the Ace**.

Says mom, **Sherisse Ziprick**, a school teacher and breeder herself: "It was important to us that the boys be involved early on with the racing side of the farm. They owned their first racehorse,

**Miss D**, several years ago and they have been listed as breeders of Blackburn and now Play the Ace.

*"The boys see the time and effort that goes into the breeding operation, and they are expected to help where they can, so it's nice for them to take some pride in owning their own horses too."*

*"Keaton helped with grooming a few of our sales yearlings last summer and has taken an interest in being more hands on with the mares and foals as he has gotten older. He loves going to the track to watch the horses work and race, and visit them back at the barn."*

*"Aiden's allergies keep him out of the barn for the most part, but he enjoys meeting the new foals and then visiting with them once they are in the pasture."*

Sounds like the making of a true Ziprick dynasty – or not. *"Keaton's passion is farming (and hockey),"* says Sherisse. *"Aiden loves hockey. Not sure that the horses will fit into either of their futures but by keeping them involved now, even just a little, we give them the option."*

Good plan!



Chavion Chow

Chris Husbands

Rohan Singh

Adolfo Morales

Skye Chernetz

## Jock talk (part 1)

The "big four" return to ASD plus a Woodbine invader

So last year's four leading jockeys at the Downs have indicated their intention to return. One wants to retain his title; the other three want to topple him. A Woodbine invader, **Skye Chernetz** who won a Sovereign Award for leading apprentice in 2014, wants to vanquish them all.

Who's your money on?

**Chavion Chow**, of course, won the title; **Chris Husbands** won it the previous season and finished second last year; **Rohan Singh** won three early in his career and wants to prove he still has what it takes; and **Adolfo Morales** is simply the leading percentage winner. Should there be an award for that?

**NEXT WEEK: New faces. Is there a gem (or two) among them?**

## THE WEEK THAT WAS

### EQUINE VIRUS HITS FONNER; WILL KEEP ASD HORSES THERE:

ASD trainers **Jerry Gourneau** and **Ardell Sayler** who were expected to bring big stables to the Downs in early May are now forced to stay at Fonner Park for a minimum of 21 days as the Nebraska track weathers a lockdown in the face of equine herpes being discovered in several horses in another part of the stables. One horse had to be euthanized.

**SONGBIRD IS OUT; OAKS SUDDENLY IS COMPETITIVE:** A low-grade fever will keep perhaps the best 3-year-old in North America, filly **Songbird**, from being entered into the Kentucky Oaks the day before the Kentucky Derby. Players had already conceded the race to her; now it's opened up and an Oaks/Derby double will be worth a play.

**I WON BIG: SCRATCH AND BAD TRIP COSTS 'EM:** The seemingly best horse (by the rules) in the last race at Tampa Saturday was scratched and the other "rule" horse got a terrible trip ("forced out wide in the first turn"), scuttling "I won big" pick-4 success. That's not something you can handicap for. We'll return to Tampa's last five races again this Saturday, the third last session until live racing begins. Let's go out in a blaze of glory!



## "TIPS 'N' TRICKS"

with Marshall Posner



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Got a question for Marshall? Email [theinsider@ASDowns.com](mailto:theinsider@ASDowns.com)

### HISTORY ON THE HOOF: The best of Bob

**Did you know . . .** that old Whittier Park race track in St. Boniface is a burial ground for thoroughbreds? In 1939, good guy "**Spud**" Murphy chooses Whittier Park as **Joe Geary's** final resting place. Read about it [here](#).



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