

Race 1 News

Silverhill Volo Says let it rain

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And what about his prowess on off tracks?

"He's a strong horse. I think when the track gets tiring, it takes less of a toll on him and that's why he does so well."

Lackey also related that Silverhill Volo has a secret weapon, something you won't see in the pedigree or past performances.

"That would be his caretaker Fern Wald. She deserves a ton of credit for what this horse has been able to do here."

Duly noted, Chip.

Adventures With Mike Marten

by Steve Haskin

This week, Steve Byk posted on Facebook reminding everyone that on Feb. 11, Michael J. Marten would have turned 61. Mike, or Mick as some called him, died in 2012 after being diagnosed with cancer. That came as a shock considering what a health nut he was, a lifestyle that rubbed off on him living with his longtime companion, owner and breeder Joanne Nor. Many a time I would go with him to Whole Foods, where he would get some kind of herb or natural supplement. Mike may have been 54 when he died, but he looked like he was in his 30s.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

BLUE STAR TROOPER

Hopped aboard cover train half, followed top pair, tried 3wide bid into lane, driven. Just a mild rally. Tighter now?

READ ME MY RIGHTS

Far back early, uncovered around 2 gappers middle half, covered into lane, driven, best of the rest. Obvious gimmick player again.

WINKWINKNUDGENUDGE

Parked eighth plus, tracked to far turn, tipped out late in the bend, sped to safe lead, mild urging. Post relief. Looks solid again.

OUTLAW BLUE ICE

Sat in behind the top trio throughout, no rally into hw, much best of the rest. Steve's choice. Also usable.

LILBITOFMAMA

Saved all ground, began to tire late final turn. Faded out. Longshot.

THEREALGOODS

Far back, tipped out final bend, failed to get into it. James hops aboard. Worthy of a look.

ROCKET POWER

Left 3wide, parked quarter, attacked into lane, stalled once passed. Outside again. Luke returns to steer.



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1st Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	WINKWINKNUDGENUDGE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	WINKWINKNUDGENUDGE
Fastest time last race	BLUE STAR TROOPER
Fastest win time this year	THEREALGOODS
Fastest win time last year	THEREALGOODS
Fastest last '1/4' last race	BLUE STAR TROOPER THEREALGOODS
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	WINKWINKNUDGENUDGE (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	READ ME MY RIGHTS ROCKET POWER
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	WINKWINKNUDGENUDGE THEREALGOODS

PICK 5 (16% Takeout) - 50¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

50 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 1	\$.50	2 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$16.00
1 x 1 x 1 x 1 x 2	\$1.00	2 x 2 x 2 x 3 x 3	\$36.00
1 x 1 x 1 x 2 x 2	\$2.00	2 x 2 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$54.00
1 x 1 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$4.00	1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5	\$60.00
1 x 2 x 2 x 2 x 2	\$8.00	2 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$81.00
1 x 1 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$13.50	3 x 3 x 3 x 3 x 3	\$121.50
		2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6	\$360.00

Race 2 News

And, until he became involved with Joanne in 1995, the women would flock to him like bees to honey. She was the best thing to ever happen to him.

Mike was racing's premier photographer, coming up with the newly formed Figs Form and eventually becoming the photographer for Daily Racing Form. Among his many accomplishments were two Eclipse Awards.

Mike was extremely aggressive and competitive when it came to his photography and often boasted about his work, taking great pride in the extraordinary images he would get. But he was also helpful to other photographers just getting started in racing.

In the beginning I had my run-ins with Mike, as racing photographers and racing writers often do not mix compatibly. But with Mike, if you gave it to him as good as you got, he would back off and make light of it. The more I got to know Mike, the more I liked him, and in due time we became close and formed a terrific relationship, going on many memorable adventures together. I quickly realized that Mike had an unusual knack for always being in the right place at the right time and always being where news broke. He would often annoy reporters conducting a group interview by breaking in and asking the interviewee a series of questions as if he were one of the reporters. But that was the newshound in him. Racing people to Mike were not just figures to photograph. They were sources of information, which he always wanted to absorb. He wanted to get inside of people and that is why his head shots were so revealing.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MAGNIFIQUE

Out midturn, led past quarter, yielded to winner, struggled to keep up in blazing 3rd panel, urged, caught for 2nd, hw15. 1/3 dropping from open. Gotta use.

SURPRISINGLY SWEET

Bided time to half, came up with cover, swung wide, rallied into the hw, strong again. Took a week off. Looks awfully strong among this quintet.

BETTOR LADY

Rode cones to far turn, tipped out with cover, urged, best of the rest. Also drops. Dean hops aboard. She's got a shot.

BLUE NOTE

Sent under urging, kept a snappy pace, urged through the lane, hw15+. James choice. Tackles tougher but might be controlling the pace.

TOTALLY RACY

Sped from gate, yielded, back out 1st over midfar turn, urged into hw15. Exits top class. Outside but only a 5 horse field. Can't rule out.



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2nd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Fastest time last race	MAGNIFIQUE
Fastest win time this year	SURPRISINGLY SWEET BETTOR LADY
Fastest win time last year	BETTOR LADY
Fastest last '1/4' last race	SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Closed Strongly last race	SURPRISINGLY SWEET
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	N/A
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	SURPRISINGLY SWEET

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Race 3 News

Mike's personality wasn't for everyone, if you didn't really know him, and one year when he antagonized someone at a major race-track it started a chain reaction with other heads of communication that resulted in Mike being refused credentials from those tracks, preventing him from covering the Triple Crown and other major stakes. It broke his heart as he tried unsuccessfully to get reinstated and he was never the same. He seemed a broken man, his passion for the racetrack taken away from him. He passed away a few years later.

I have discussed some of our adventures before, and on this occasion I have to begin with the infamous Smarty Jones story that you couldn't make up. The year 2004 was unlike any other year in racing with Smarty Jones and Philadelphia Park, of all tracks, the center of the racing universe, as reporters and photographers would flock to Philly Park to chronicle Smarty's amazing Cinderella story. On the Saturdays following the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, Philly Park opened its gates in the morning for the public to come and watch Smarty gallop. It truly became the Smarty party, as about 6,000 fans the first Saturday and 10,000 fans the second Saturday showed up, many lined up outside the gates starting at 5 a.m. to get a good spot on the rail.

Mike had connections with other sports, shooting the NFL Houston Texans games for team owner and horse owner Bob McNair. When it was announced before the Belmont Stakes that Smarty Jones' trainer John Servis would throw out the first pitch at a Philadelphia Phillies game, Mike

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT

Led early, yielded, snuck out middle last bend, followed 3wide, urged, away into hw. Steps way up tonight.

DANCINGONTHE SAND

Reserved to half, took cover, not a good lead up, still exploded late to get there. Some extra time off. Can't argue with recent form.

MISSPANDEROSAJONES

Gapped behind speedy fractions on the wet track, failed to get involved. Looks to be another longshot in here.

OUTRAGEOUSDELIGHTN

Returns from layoff. The obvious question is how ready can she be in here. Steve returns to steer.

BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE

Away to tuck, quarter moved, went for air far turn, some urging lane, easy late, hw15. Outside but just 5 in the field. Your obvious choice.



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3rd Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	DANCINGONTHE SAND
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	DANCINGONTHE SAND
Fastest time last race	DANCINGONTHE SAND
Fastest win time this year	OUTRAGEOUSDELIGHTN
Fastest win time last year	OUTRAGEOUSDELIGHTN
Fastest last '1/4' last race	DANCINGONTHE SAND
Closed Strongly last race	LOOKSLIKEWEMADEIT DANCINGONTHE SAND
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	OUTRAGEOUSDELIGHTN
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	DANCINGONTHE SAND

CAL EXPO PICK 3 RULES

1. Any scratch in the first leg of a Pick Three is now a refund.
2. A wager with a scratch in the second leg creates a consolation pool.
3. A wager with a scratch in the third leg creates another consolation pool.
4. A wager with scratches in the second and third leg creates another consolation pool.
5. A consolation pool is the sum of all wagers that include the scratch(es) for that leg or legs. The winning combination for the consolation pool is a wager with the winner or winners of the non-scratch leg(s).

Race 4 News

was able to get credentials for both of us. He picked me up at my house in his rented SUV and we drove to Citizens Bank Park. There I was, standing on the field warming up Servis, who stood by the dugout throwing pitches to me near the first base line. Eventually, the players emerged from the clubhouse and seemed thrilled to meet Servis. Then came the announcement, "Now, ladies and gentleman, please welcome the trainer of the athlete everyone is talking about: winner of the Kentucky Derby, winner of the Preakness and gunning for the first Triple Crown since 1978 - Smarty Jones! Throwing out the first ball is Philly's own John Servis."

After leaving the stadium, as we drove to the hotel we had booked that was located on the grounds of Philly Park, we passed through the Society Hill section of Philadelphia and I couldn't believe how many homes were adorned with Smarty Jones posters and banners complete with flowers, many wishing him good luck in the Belmont Stakes.

The next morning, Smarty was scheduled to van to Belmont Park, and Mike was intent on following the van all the way, shooting Smarty getting on the van, shooting the van leaving the track, and finally shooting Smarty getting off the van at Belmont. I would be the designated driver and Mike would ride shotgun, shooting from the vehicle.

At 9 o'clock, with three TV helicopters disrupting the morning silence, whirling overhead waiting to record Smarty's departure to Belmont, two motorcycle police officers arrived, ready to escort Smarty on the first leg of his jour-

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

PINK LADY

Settled in behind top pair at once, chased to lane, some urging to save show. Second start after layoff. Mooney returns. Figures from the pole. REYS N A RUCKUS

Led early, yielded past quarter, regained before half, opened up when fave broke last bend, urged in lane. Price gonna drop after last. User.

EDDIE BRUSH

Raced along cones to the lane, just a mild rally on the no passing track. Steve gets in the bike.

BRUSHIN ALBERT

Rode cones to half, moved around gapper far turn, didn't advance much. Dean's choice in this field.

ZACHARIAHS HONOR

Out past quarter, cover half, surged 3wide into far turn, broke, had pace. Missed a week. Luke returns. Figures a major player.

HERECOMESTHETHUNDR

Parked long eighth plus, yielded, tracked to far turn, mild traffic behind breaker, back out near 3/4s, driven, just fair. James returns. Not worst stab.



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4th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	REYS N A RUCKUS
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	REYS N A RUCKUS
Fastest time last race	REYS N A RUCKUS
Fastest win time this year	ZACHARIAHS HONOR
Fastest win time last year	HERECOMESTHETHUNDR
Fastest last '1/4' last race	HERECOMESTHETHUNDR
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	REYS N A RUCKUS
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	HERECOMESTHETHUNDR
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	REYS N A RUCKUS

PYLON RULE

(For Horses Racing Without Interference)

1. Going inside two (2) pylons and lapped-on at the finish: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed behind any lapped-on horses at the wire.
2. Going inside three (3) or more consecutive pylons: The offending horse will be disqualified and placed last.
3. If an unfair advantage is gained by going inside, over, or in-between one or more pylons in order to pass another competitor: The offending horse will be disqualified.

The steward's discretion applies to all placement.

Race 5 News

ney. Officer John Gladu removed his helmet, put on a Smarty Jones hat, then took out his camera and began taking pictures of the horse standing in a grassy paddock adjacent to the loading ramp. "Hey, I'm just a fan." he said.

Soon they were off, with Mike leaning out the window shooting the van leaving the backstretch. People all along neighboring Galloway Road stood in front of their homes with cameras and camcorders photographing and videotaping the van as it went by. Others just gave a double thumbs up, several shouting, "Go get 'em, Smarty." Two Bensalem police cars blocked traffic on busy Street Road., while an unmarked police car tucked in behind the van. At the tollbooth for the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which was momentarily shut down to traffic, all the toll takers gathered outside the booths, applauding and cheering for Smarty Jones as he moved through. Shortly after getting on the turnpike, the van passed a billboard that read, "Look out New York, Smarty's Coming!" People even gathered on a grassy hill behind a turnpike service area just to watch Smarty go by. After leaving Pennsylvania, the van was picked up by New Jersey state troopers, who eventually would turn it over to the New York police for the final leg of the trip.

As we got to the New Jersey Turnpike, Mike had a decision to make. What do we do about the toll booths? The van obviously was going straight through, so do we follow it, signaling that we're part of the entourage, as we did in Pennsylvania, or do we stop and pay and risk losing contact with the van?

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

LA DIVA DE ROSA

Came from last into far turn, not a good flow, mild rally into hw. Noteworthy post relief. Gets into a good spot.

SMILYS AMIRA

Took cover half, led up to lane, urged, failed to rally. Extra time off. Should sit soft journey here.

NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS

Apparently suffered flat tire early, looped leaving, took back to drop, followed to lane, urged, only fair. Slice maybe DUET

Parked eighth to top, went for air far turn, urged, never in doubt. She might be able to control the pace once more.

DOUBLE MYSTERY

Settled early, rode cones whole trip, didn't have any late pop. Seems like longshot again.

FRISKIES ANGEL

1st up from half, never covered, kept grinding to lane, faded bit. James returns. What's the plan from outer post?



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5th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS DUET
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Fastest time last race	DUET
Fastest win time this year	DUET
Fastest win time last year	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LA DIVA DE ROSA SMILYS AMIRA NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS DOUBLE MYSTERY
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	DUET
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	SMILYS AMIRA (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	LA DIVA DE ROSA
Blocked or in trouble last race	LA DIVA DE ROSA NIGHTTRAINTOVEGAS FRISKIE'S ANGEL
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	LA DIVA DE ROSA

CHRB Rule No. 1699

(b) A horse shall not interfere with or cause any other horse to lose stride, ground or position in a part of the race where the horse loses the opportunity to place where it might be reasonably expected to finish.

(c) A horse which interferes with another and thereby causes any other horse to lose stride, ground or position, when such other horse is not at fault and when such interference occurs in a part of the race where the horse interfered with loses the opportunity to place where it might, in the opinion of the Stewards, be reasonably expected to finish, may be disqualified and placed behind the horse so interfered with.

Race 6 News

"It's your rented car, Mike," I said to him. "I'm just the driver. Just let me know what you want to do." Mike needed to be at Belmont just before Smarty arrived to set up his shot so he said to just go through the toll booths, which I did.

We did it again leaving the turn-pike, and as we got closer to the George Washington Bridge, maneuvering through traffic to stay with the van, we were gloating about how well everything was going. Driving in the left lane, I noticed the SUV slowing down until we were now coasting at about 10 miles an hour, about to come to a stop. What the hell was happening? I looked at the fuel gauge, and lo and behold, it was on empty. I couldn't believe it. We had run out of gas in the left lane in the middle of who knows where, and I had to get over four lanes of heavy traffic while crawling at about five miles an hour. With people shouting all kinds of obscenities at me and giving me the finger I finally managed to creep off to the shoulder. I had no idea where we were.

"How could you not fill up the tank before we left?" I barked at Mike. "How come you didn't look at the gauge?" he snapped back. "Hell, it's not my car," I said. "I'm just concentrating on driving so you can get your shots. You're supposed to make sure you have gas in the tank."

We quickly called a truce and tried to come up with a plan. Fortunately, we were close to an entrance ramp. I was about to call AAA when Mike dashed out of the car and said he was going to look for gas. Shooting Smarty getting off the van was no longer an issue.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

LA MADAWNA DE ROSA
Out on rim near half, cover into far turn, faded readily into hw. drops, rail, Dean returns. Figures.

TICKET TO ROLL
Rode cones whole trip, failed to get involved. Ryan's back in the bike. Undercard maybe.

SILENT RESCUE
Left to tuck, moved on cover train last bend, gapped flow into lane. Drops. Steve hops aboard. Wake-up call?

LIVE A LITTLE
Led from start, slowed pace while untested to lane, sped home when asked. How ready will he be after such a long lay-off?

LAISSEZMOIPICOLER
Parked hard eighth plus, braked to far turn, attacked by strong winner, stalled a bit. Extra week off. Fires out?

EXCEPTIONAL
Sat in to far turn, edged out late in bend, urged, failed to rally. Some tactical issues but can get part.

CHILLINLIKEAVILLIN
1st out past half, never caught cover, wide into str, stalled. Stuck outside again. Trainer takes the drive.



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6th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA CHILLINLIKEAVILLIN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	LA MADAWNA DE ROSA
Fastest time last race	EXCEPTIONAL
Fastest win time this year	CHILLINLIKEAVILLIN
Fastest win time last year	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER
Fastest last '1/4' last race	LAISSEZMOIPICOLER
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	CHILLINLIKEAVILLIN
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	CHILLINLIKEAVILLIN

STARTER'S RULES

1728. Starter's Control. The starter shall have control over the horses from the formation of the parade until he gives the word 'go.' The starter shall report to the stewards any misconduct or violation on the part of the driver and may order any unmanageable or disabled horse declared (scratched) from the race with the concurrence of the stewards.

1729. Starting the race. The starter shall bring the horses to the starting gate as near one-quarter of a mile from the starting point as the track may permit, and shall endeavor to get all horses away in position and on gait. If a horse refuses to come to the gate, is unmanageable or liable to cause an accident or injury to any other horse or driver, it may be declared and all monies wagered on that horse shall be refunded.

1730. Recalls. The starter may sound a recall for only the following reasons: 1-A horse scored ahead of the gate; 2- There is interference prior to the word 'go' being given; 3-A horse has broken equipment; 4-A horse falls prior to the word 'go' being given. There shall be no recall after the word 'go' is given and any horse, regardless of his position or an accident, shall be deemed a starter from the time he entered into the starter's control unless dismissed.

Race 7 News

We had blown that. I told Mike to just let me call AAA, that we're in the middle of nowhere and he's just wasting time. I figured we probably were about four miles from the GW Bridge, probably in some residential area on the outskirts of Fort Lee. But Mike insisted on looking for gas, so I sat in the vehicle and waited.

About 15 minutes later, a pickup truck pulled up behind me and out steps Mike. I see the driver get out carrying a can of gas. I couldn't believe it. As it turned out, he was a construction worker Mike had run into and offered to pay him \$100 if he would give us some gas and bring Mike back to our car. He emptied the can in the gas tank and told Mike, "I wouldn't try making it all the way to Belmont Park. It'll be enough to get you to a gas station, but I wouldn't push my luck."

I was still trying to comprehend Mike shelling out \$100 of his own money when we could have gotten gas for free from AAA. After all, we no longer had any reason to rush to Belmont. Smarty was long gone.

But Mike was insistent that he could still get there in time. He got behind the wheel and gunned it, going about 80 miles an hour. He knew the van wasn't allowed on certain major highways in New York and that it would take it a little longer to get to Belmont. I thought he was nuts, especially risking running out of gas again or even getting a speeding ticket. Mike had one of his associates at Belmont and kept calling him to see if the van had arrived. It hadn't; so far so good. Mike kept up his daredevil driving. With Belmont now in sight, he was told

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MAJOR JESSE

2nd over into far turn, not a good lead up, angled wide, no rally. James choice but tough spot.

MINT TO CRUISE

Wide early, excess cover far turn, failed to get into it. Significant post and class relief tonight.

CENALTA ECLIPSE

Checked into turn one, parked most the bend, tried to follow winner, left on rim, flattened. Slice maybe.

BECKYS DREAMBOAT

Parked past quarter, kept marching, fought off fave far turn, urged, away, hw12+. Sharp. Takes big hike.

HIHOS LITTLE REV

Hopped on cover train near half, not a good flow, still rallied on late. Chip in the bike. Slice?

FOX VALLEY HOSS

Looped leaving, right to pocket, stalked balance, urged, rallied hard wire to hold. Rick steers here.

HAY HAY ALRIGHT

Looped by winner, into pocket at once, stalked balance, some late urging, easy 2nd best. Plan and bulky field?

IM BLUE TOO

Moved out from half, not a good flow, carried wide, closed well to save place. Quentin hops aboard.

BLUE STAR MAVERICK

First over half, cover into far turn, angled wide, rallied best to eke out 2nd spot. A danger if able to overcome 9 hole.

PL JALAPENO

1st over half, carried wide near 3/4s, urged, still trying late. Adds Rene. Killer post.

URGOINTOHEARMEROAR [second-tier]

Sped to top, no pressure to lane, few taps into fierce hw. Razor sharp but does face some tougher foes tonight.



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7th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Fastest time last race	MINT TO CRUISE
Fastest win time this year	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Fastest win time last year	MINT TO CRUISE
Fastest last '1/4' last race	MINT TO CRUISE
Closed Strongly last race	FOX VALLEY HOSS I'M BLUE TOO BLUE STAR MAVERICK
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	MAJOR JESSE MINT TO CRUISE URGOINTOHEARMEROAR
Blocked or in trouble last race	MAJOR JESSE MINT TO CRUISE CENALTA ECLIPSE HI HO'S LITTLE REV
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	URGOINTOHEARMEROAR

POST POSITION TEN - 10 Across

When there is a field of 10, the horses will score 10 across the track. Horses drawing post positions **HIGHER THAN 10** will start from the 2nd tier.

Race 8 News

the van was just pulling into the gate. It would take the driver several minutes to check in and then make his way through the backstretch to Barn 5 where Smarty would reside. That also happened to be Secretariat's regular barn.

We zipped through the backstretch gate and headed straight to Barn 5, defying every speed bump along the way. We got to the end of the road near the tunnel to the paddock where you could see Barn 5. The van was already there, but Smarty had not yet unloaded. Mike jumped out, grabbed his camera, told me to park the SUV, and dashed to the van, arriving just as Smarty appeared at the head of the ramp. I parked the car. Mike got his shot. We looked at each other and laughed. Piece a cake. That was what Mike Marten was all about.

Then there were our many trips together to various airports, such as driving to the back cargo terminals of JFK to get Galileo and the other Coolmore horses arriving for the 2001 Breeders' Cup in the aftermath of 9/11. It was at JFK in 1995 that Mike met Joanne, who was there to greet her eventual Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Desert Stormer. I never thought it would ever happen with so many girls coming and going in his life, but Mike had finally found his soul mate.

Mike had become good friends with Paul Holthus who was in charge of Tex Sutton and who always helped Mike, getting him into the airports and keeping him informed of shipping plans. One year, we drove out to the airport in Farmingdale, N.Y. to get War Emblem arriving for the Belmont Stakes. We both stood in the van

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

RAGINS FLIGHT
1st out near half, attacked uncovered to lane, kept grinding to save place. Obvious use from the rail.

GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Moved out 4th over half, followed cover to lane, urged, many vying for show slot. Couple weeks off. Back inside. Plays.

CONTEMPORAY LEGEND
First out near half, dropped to rail 3/4s, urged along cones, outnodded. James choice. One more to include.

CRUSIN FOR YOU
Way back early, followed winner past half, good lead up, driven, just fair. Better post. Mooney takes the drive.

LINCOLN
3rd over half, loose cover far turn, driven, best of the rest. Adds chip. Longshot though.

MUSICIAN
Parked hard 3/8s to clear, attacked far turn, battled to end, caught by flying foe. Nathan steers. Hikes.

TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME
Pushed hard leaving, yielded, chased to lane, some urging, fair. Tactical issues from tougher post.

JUSTABITCRAZY
Left 3wide to tuck, chased to lane, cleared traffic, urged, fair near wire. Fires out? Price stab?

WALKER MEISTER
Moved out 4th over into last bend, good lead up trip, driven, only fair. Luke's choice over 2 others. Plan from #9?



CAL EXPO HARNESS

8th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	CONTEMPORAY LEGEND TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	CONTEMPORAY LEGEND
Fastest time last race	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Fastest win time this year	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Fastest win time last year	LINCOLN
Fastest last '1/4' last race	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL
Closed Strongly last race	CONTEMPORAY LEGEND
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	TIMETOPLAYTHEGAME
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	JUSTABITCRAZY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	GRAVELSINMYTRAVEL CONTEMPORAY LEGEND

Pick Four (16%) - \$40,000 Guaranteed Pool

To win the **Pick Four**, you must select the winners of the four (4) races designated as the pick four races. Otherwise, pursuant to (CHRB 1976.9): **If no ticket correctly selects all four winners, 10% of the net pool will be paid to the winner(s) correctly selecting the most winners, 90% of the net pool will CARRYOVER to the next Pick Four Pool.**

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with the Derby and Preakness winner when Paul walked up the ramp with another horse. "Can you guess who this is?" he said. I had no idea. "It's Harlan's Holiday; he's going to Pletcher." On the drive back to Belmont I called the office at BloodHorse and gave them the scoop that the Kentucky Derby favorite had been taken away from Kenny McPeck and given to Todd Pletcher.

A perfect example of Mike being in the right place at the right time and always being where the news was came in 2000 when we drove to Baltimore-Washington International Airport from Pimlico to see Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus get off the plane. Paul, as usual, gave Mike the schedule and directions where to go. As we waited outside the cargo terminal, also waiting was Kirk Wineland, the executive administrator of the airport, who normally doesn't wait for planes to arrive. I was introduced to him and was able to interview him, as he compared waiting for this "DV (Distinguished Vistor)" to waiting for Vice President Al Gore four months earlier. "I came to meet the vice president," he said, "but this is a distinguished visitor as far as I'm concerned. I wouldn't miss this for the world, even if I can't pronounce his name. I exercised executive privilege on this one. I decided this required my presence." Another exclusive anecdote thanks to Mike Marten.

We then followed the van with its police escort back to Pimlico. The arrangement was that the van would pull into an open area near the barn, which was on the backside and not on the frontside in the customary Preakness barn. Trainer Neil Drysdale wanted him

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

GETTER QUEEN FLUSH
Stuck at back to far turn, tipped out around gapper, no rally. Noteworthy class drop and Luke's choice. Obvious favorite.

MOONSHINEMONKEYS
Settled in behind top pair, soft trip to the lane, driven, failed to rally. Rick in the bike.

THE GOBYE GIRL
Looped, parked eighth plus, yielded near half, gapped far turn, then stuck behind stalling foe midstr. Could juice exotics.

PLACE AT THE BEACH
Left alone, yielded, back out around gapper into far turn, circled by winner, stalled bit, hw15+. Chip returns.

ALONG CAME JANE
Sat in the trip, cleared into the lane, rallied by some hard used foes. James choice. Not impossible either.

GRAN SAN
First over into far turn, carried 3wide late in the bend, still a solid rally on speed favoring track. Okay form. Usable too.

FIRE DANCE
Parked eighth, reserved to last bend, kicked 3wide, surged to lead, urged to hold, hw15+. Adds Nathan. One more thought.

GREEKONA
Far back to last bend, cleared from behind gapper, angled out, urged 2nd best. Sharp, but another tough post to overcome.

SPARKIN YOUR FIRE
Gapped in snappy 3rd panel, tipped out late, last turn, didn't advance. In tough spot from #9.



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9th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	FIRE DANCE GREEKONA
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	GETTER QUEEN FLUSH
Fastest time last race	FIRE DANCE GREEKONA
Fastest win time this year	GREEKONA
Fastest win time last year	GRAN SAN
Fastest last '1/4' last race	GREEKONA
Closed Strongly last race	ALONG CAME JANE GREEKONA
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	THE GOBYE GIRL
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	N/A
Favorable post position change from last race	N/A
Blocked or in trouble last race	THE GOBYE GIRL GRAN SAN FIRE DANCE
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	GREEKONA

HI-FIVE - .20¢ WAGER COMBINATIONS

10 Cent Wagers	Your Cost		
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away from all the hoopla. With the van going to the designated area, the photographers could get him coming off.

As we drove through the stable gate, Drysdale, who was also following the van, jumped out of his car and hopped onto the running board of the van and told the driver to go directly to the barn instead of the designated area. This caught the photographers by surprise when they saw the van stop right outside the barn and they all came frantically running over. Mike, knowing this information ahead of time, headed to the opposite side of the barn entrance. The other photographers barely made it in time, and while they were getting only shots of the top of Fusaichi Pegasus' head only, Mike was stationed where he was able to look through the barn and get the only clear head-on shot of the horse coming off the van. The newshound had struck again.

That reminded me of Mike's second Eclipse Award-winning photo of Frankie Dettori's famed dismount after winning the Breeders' Cup Turf aboard Daylami. All the photographers were in front of the horse waiting to capture the dismount. Mike, however, went to the back of the horse. By doing that, he not only caught Dettori at the very height of his dismount, his arms thrust in the air, he also caught the reaction of the crowd, as well as noted British journalist John McCririck, who was working for NBC, with his arms also thrust in the air in triumph. Mike had nailed the moment in every way.

Mike and I had many a good time in Baltimore, attending the post position draw downtown each year

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

CHINA KING

Sent hard from pole, attacked into the lane, faded out deep in the drive. Significant class relief, adds Luke. Major player.

CRASH AND BURN

Rode cones in return, faded out far turn. Another tough spot.

SMOKE RINGS

Parked eighth plus, back out near half, rimmed balance, kept marching to end. Segues from claimers. Post relief noted.

IN FOR THE CHASE

2nd over near half, lost cover top of lane, urged to eke out show slot. Consistent sort. Nearby with right trip.

COZ AND EFFECT

Steadied into turn one, accelerated to engage leader past half, battled to lane, away in impressive bow for Kennedy barn. Lots to like.

MORTGAGE MY VILLA

Left, took back to drop, caught behind stalled foe in lane, no chance. Skipped a week because of wet oval.

SCARY HARRY

Parked turn, kept snappy clip, attacked far turn, held okay till deep in drive. What's his plan from outer post?

RAMSAY

Settled early, easy run to far turn, popped out 2nd over into lane, urged, away. Dean returns. Coming from last?



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10th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	IN FOR THE CHASE
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	IN FOR THE CHASE
Fastest time last race	MORTGAGE MY VILLA
Fastest win time this year	SMOKE RINGS
Fastest win time last year	CRASH AND BURN
Fastest last '1/4' last race	IN FOR THE CHASE
Closed Strongly last race	IN FOR THE CHASE
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	COZ AND EFFECT (W)
Favorable post position change from last race	SMOKE RINGS
Blocked or in trouble last race	SCARY HARRY
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	IN FOR THE CHASE

C.H.R.B. BREAKING RULES

1722. Breaking. Should any horse break from its gait in either trotting or pacing, the driver shall:

(a) Where clearance exists, take such horse to the outside.

(b) Attempt to pull the horse to its gait.

(c) Lose ground.

1723. Lapped-on Break. The driver of a horse which has broken from its gait who has complied with the breaking rule shall not be set back unless a contending horse on his gait is lapped on the hind quarter of the breaking horse at the finish.

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and then going into Little Italy to have dinner at Sabatino's. And then there was the year of Barbaro.

The Derby winner was stabled at Fair Hill, about an hour's drive from the track, and Mike and I would drive up there every morning. One morning, alone at the barn, we saw a group of people inspecting Barbaro. Mike made his usual inquiries and learned they were bigwigs from Coolmore. Another scoop perhaps? We never got to find out.

Another morning later in the week when no other photographers or reporters were at Fair Hill, Mike wanted to drive up anyway. Barbaro was scheduled to gallop (he had no works planned between the Derby and Preakness), and when we looked at the schedule posted on the barn we saw a "W" next to Barbaro's name. I assumed it meant he was only going to walk, but Mike said, "I bet he's gonna work." He went in the barn and asked around until he found out the horse indeed was going to work. So Mike set up near the finish line and I got out my stop watch. Sure enough, Barbaro broke off and wound up blowing out, which I was able to clock. When I asked trainer Michael Matz about it afterward, all he did was give a little smirk. Of course, Mike was the only photographer to shoot Barbaro's work and I had something in that day's story that no one else had. I was with Mike; what else is new?

So many stories. So many memories. After Mike, life at the race-track was never quite the same and never quite as much fun.

Individual Recap Last Race Footnotes

MUCHO MACHO MAN

Parked half turn, no pressure to 3/4s, faded out once passed. Luke's choice here. One of many gimmick players.

TORNADO HENRY

Left to tuck, 1st over half, kept marching, got by leader, some urging. Stays in for \$3000 tag. Deserves top billing.

LUCKY IVAN

Parked past quarter, out again past half, rim to lane, stalled. Adds chip. Better post too.

HE GRINS AGAIN

Away well, soft trip to the lane, cleared, driven. Usable, probably underneath though.

REGINA BEACH

Parked past quarter, kept a quick clip, urged far turn, attacked by winner, tired bit. Adds James, his choice here. Leaves?

RED STAR TIGER

Took easy run, followed winner from half, good lead up, driven to save place. Tougher post. The plan here?

MIGHTY FINE HIHO

Scratched 2/8, also eligible to \$3000 claimer. Gonna be coming from way back. Still hard to ignore.

BEST DREAM SEEKER

Sped from gate, yielded quarter, tripped to lane, cleared, urged. Rick drives here. Obvious post woes.



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11th Race Computer Analysis

Highest Win %	LUCKY IVAN
Highest Average Earnings Per Start	MIGHTY FINE HI HO
Fastest time last race	TORNADO HENRY
Fastest win time this year	REGINA BEACH
Fastest win time last year	HE GRINS AGAIN BEST DREAM SEEKER
Fastest last '1/4' last race	RED STAR TIGER
Closed Strongly last race	N/A
Big improvement last race	N/A
Consistent early speed	N/A
Favorite last race (B) Beaten (W) Winning	TORNADO HENRY (W) MIGHTY FINE HI HO (B)
Favorable post position change from last race	LUCKY IVAN
Blocked or in trouble last race	LUCKY IVAN
Computer Choices Multiple picks rated equal	LUCKY IVAN

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