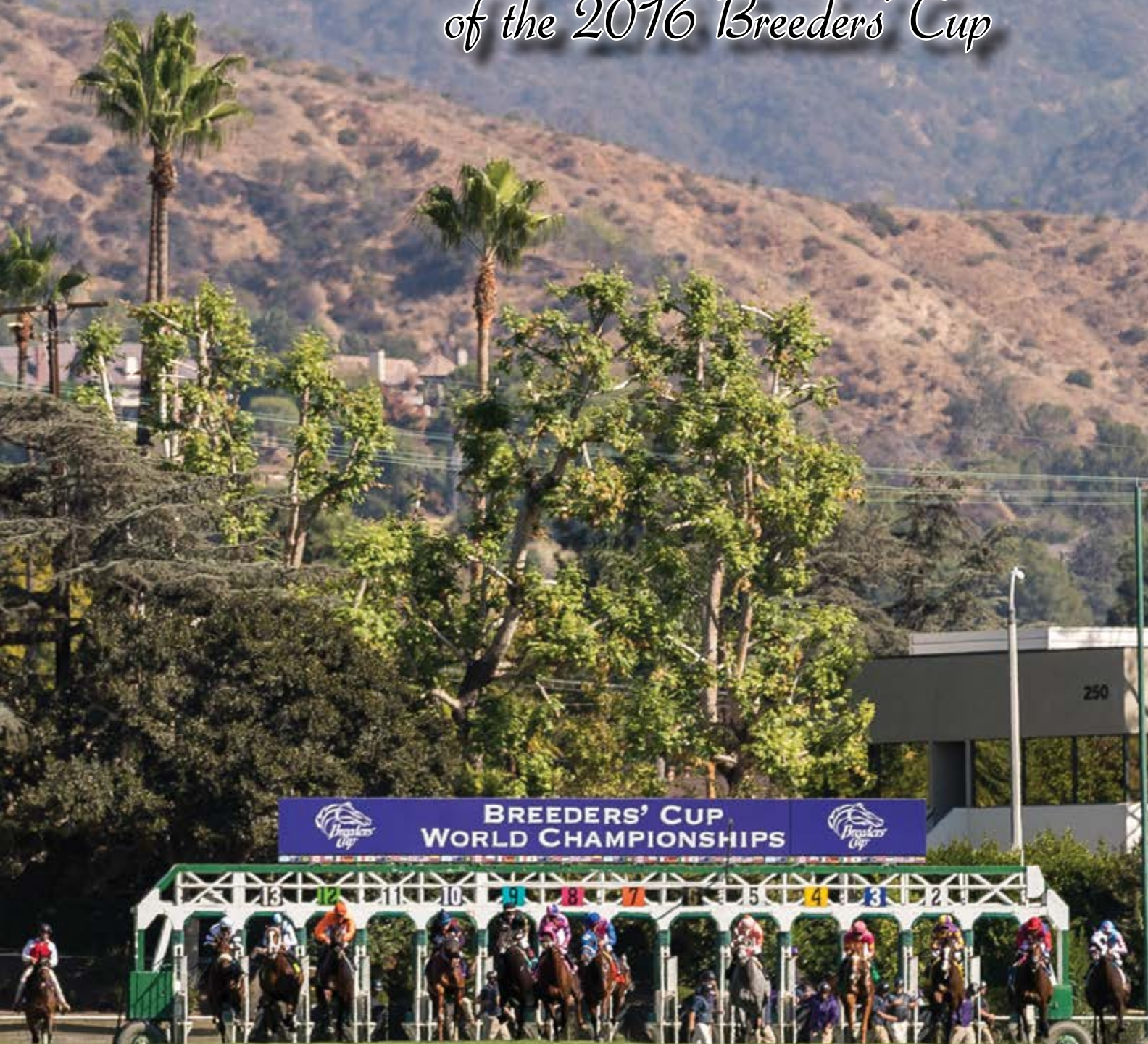


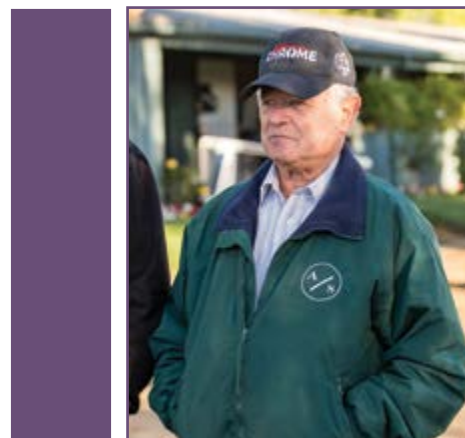
BREEDERS' CUP

*A Photographic Storybook
of the 2016 Breeders' Cup*



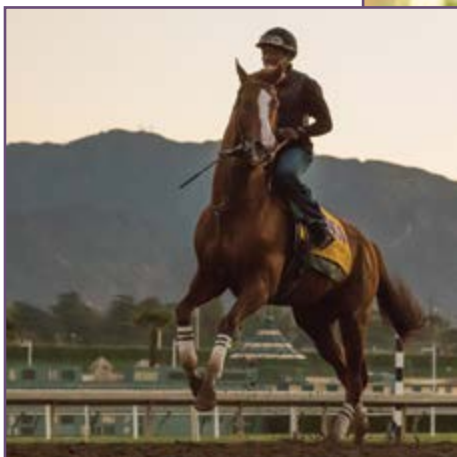
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The Breeders' Cup World Championships returned to beautiful Santa Anita Park on November 4th and 5th, 2016. Here is a photographic journey through the amazing weekend of racing highlighted by two epic showdowns: the undefeated Songbird versus champion Beholder in the Distaff and the 2014 Horse of the Year, all-time earnings leader and undefeated in 2016, California Chrome versus the unknown potential of Saratoga's track record setting, Arrogate, in the Classic.





& CALIFORNIA CHROME



Opposite page L to R: Arrogate heads to the track for his morning work; Arrogate focuses on the upcoming Classic and a chance to prove that his recording setting Travers Stakes at Saratoga last time out was no fluke; The Breeders' Cup statue on display at Santa Anita; California Chrome's trainer, Art Sherman, visits Bob Baffert's barn to get his first look at his horse's main rival in the Classic, Arrogate; Chrome's saddle cloth hangs outside his barn.



Top L to R: California Chrome is full of spunk after his morning workout; The stunning California Chrome; California Chrome enjoys his morning bath; He may have won more earnings than any other racehorse in history, but California Chrome still loves to roll in the dirt.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016



Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1)

1 Mile on Turf - \$1,000,000

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Horse: Oscar Performance, Bay Ridgling, by Kitten's Joy out of Devine Actress, by Theatrical (IRE). Foaled April 6, 2014 in Kentucky

Breeder: Mrs. Jerry Amerman

Owner: Amerman Racing, LLC

Trainer: Brian Lynch

Jockey: Jose Ortiz

Top: The San Gabriel Mountains overlook Breeders' Cup week at Santa Anita

Right: Wellabled made the lead, setting a quick opening 1/4 and 1/2 mile with Oscar Performance racing just to his outside. Rounding the far turn Oscar Performance challenged Wellabled before striking the lead and opening up two lengths on the tiring pacesetter. Wellabled fell further back and Oscar Performance hit the wire 1 1/4 lengths in front of Lancaster Bomber.

Opposite top: The Santa Anita starting gate is readied for the Breeders' Cup





Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)

1 Mile on Dirt - \$1,000,000

Horse: Tamarkuz, Chestnut Horse, by Speightstown out of Without You Babe, by Lemon Drop Kid. Foaled February 26, 2010 in Kentucky

Breeder: John D. Gunther

Owner: Shadwell Stable

Trainer: Kieran McLaughlin

Jockey: Mike Smith

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1)

1 Mile on Turf - \$1,000,000

Horse: New Money Honey, Bay Filly, by Medaglia d'Oro out of Weekend Whim, by Distorted Humor. Foaled May 1, 2014 in Kentucky

Breeder: WinStar Farm, LLC

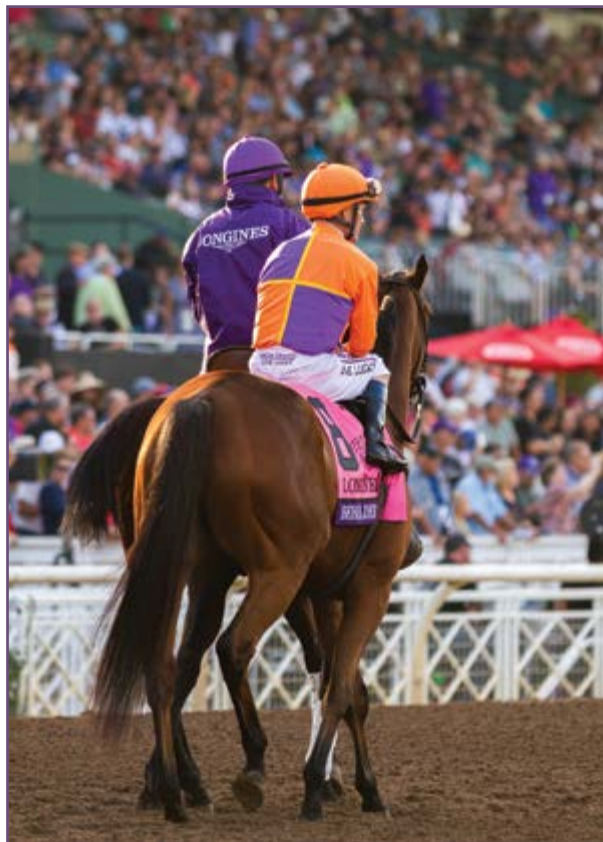
Owner: e Five Racing Thoroughbreds

Trainer: Chad Brown

Jockey: Javier Castellano

Former Breeders' Cup Champ, Runhappy, broke poorly but accelerated to the lead with the talented Dortmund. Texas Chrome and Accelerate rounded out the top four until Gun Runner took third in the clubhouse turn. Runhappy stretched his lead on the backstretch while Dortmund and Gun Runner settled off the pace. Tamarkuz raced near the back of the pack until beginning his move, four-wide around the far turn. Runhappy faded and Gun Runner challenged Dortmund for the lead but Tamarkuz accelerated down the center of the track, passing Dortmund and Gun Runner to win going away by 3 1/2 lengths.

Lull, Roly Poly and Sweeping Paddy made the early lead while New Money Honey tucked in by the rail. Hydrangea sat inside of New Money Honey and moved into fourth around the first turn. Lull separated from the field around the clubhouse turn, opening a 3 1/2 length lead on the backstretch. Lull eventually tired and New Money took the lead from the outside, crossing the finish 1/2 length ahead of deep-closing, Coasted.



Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)

1 1/8 Miles on Dirt - \$2,000,000

Horse: Beholder, Bay Mare, by Henny Hughes out of Leslie's Lady, by Tricky Creek. Foaled May 9, 2010 in Kentucky

Breeder: Clarkland Farm

Owner: Spendthrift Farm, LLC

Trainer: Richard Mandella

Jockey: Gary Stevens





BEHOLDER



SONGBIRD



Opposite Page Top L to R: The undefeated three-year-old, Songbird, walks on the track prior to the Distaff; Beholder makes her way to the starting gate for the last time in his storied career.

DISTAFF- The centerpiece of Breeders' Cup Friday featured a Distaff matchup between multiple Breeders' Cup and Eclipse Award winner, Beholder, against the undefeated and also previous Breeders' Cup winner, Songbird. The race was the final of six-year-old Beholder's Hall-of-Fame Career and first against the three-year-old Songbird. Some believed Beholder lost a step compared to her epic 2015 campaign and she subsequently went off as the third betting choice behind Songbird and Stellar Wind; the latter whom defeated Beholder twice earlier in the year. Songbird (post one) and Beholder (post eight) bookended the field in the gate. Both broke well and made for the lead while Stellar Wind was slow at the start and shuffled back. Songbird officially set the pace with I'm a Chatterbox in second and Beholder rating in third. Curlina moved ahead of Beholder around the turn, but the champion mare sat comfortably off the pace and in clear position. Stellar Wind fought back into fifth after her slow start. Beholder began to move past Curlina and Songbird maintained an easy pace on the lead, looking as if the race was hers to lose. Gary Stevens asked Beholder to quicken as the field entered the final turn. I'm a Chatterbox and Beholder shortened Songbird's lead but the former couldn't sustain her run. Songbird and Beholder entered the stretch, engaged in battle. Songbird held her lead by a nose with less than a furlong to go. Beholder refused to quit, inching even closer until she was a whisker ahead of her valiant counterpart at the end. The race was immediately considered one of the best moment of the 2016 racing season and served as a rare example of an outcome exceeding its lofty expectations. Stellar Wind finished fourth behind Forever Unbridled.

This Page Top: Gary Stevens acknowledges the cheers for Beholder from the Santa Anita crowd

This Page Bottom: Despite finishing second, Mike Smith is all smiles and proud of his Songbird after a historic race in the Distaff



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016



14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1)

1 1/16 Miles on Dirt - \$2,000,000

Horse: Champagne Room, Bay Filly, by Broken Vow out of Lucky to Be Me, by Bernstein. Foaled February 5, 2014 in Kentucky

Breeder: Respite Farm

Owner: Ciaglia, Exline-Border, Gulliver Racing, R. Christensen, D. Legan and S. Alesia

Trainer: Peter Eurton

Jockey: Mario Gutierrez

Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1)

1 1/4 Miles on Turf - \$2,000,000

Horse: Queen's Trust (GB), Bay Filly, by Dansili (GB) out of Queen's Best (GB), by King's Best. Foaled March 4, 2013 in Great Britain

Breeder: Cheveley Park Stud, Ltd.

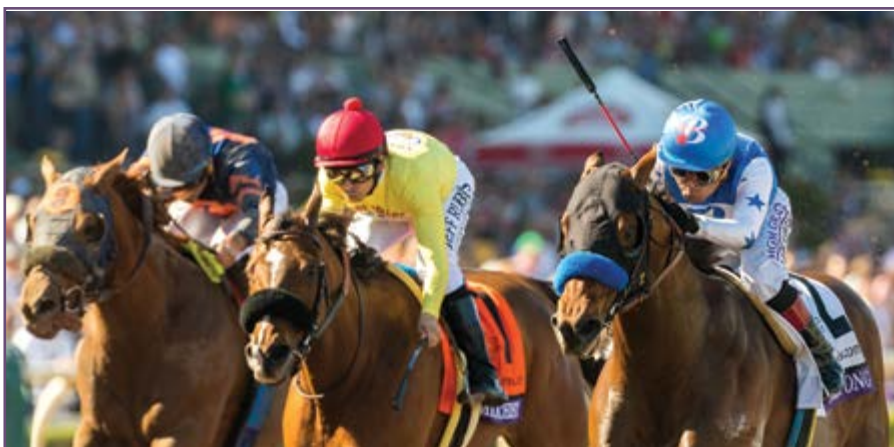
Owner: Cheveley Park Stud, LLC

Trainer: Sir Michael Stoute

Jockey: Lanfranco Dettori

Above: Noted and Quoted sped to the early lead with Champagne Room racing second on her outside. The two maintained position as Noted and Quoted slowed the pace down the backstretch. American Gal glided into third after starting near the back. Champagne Room veered wide on the final turn, spinning to lead. Noted and Quoted tired and Champagne Room extended the lead while Valadorna put in a late run and passed American Gal in second. Champagne Room fought off Valadorna's charge and hit the board in first at odds of 30-1.

Above: Catch a Glimpse and Avenge led the field from the gate. Avenge eventually settled alone on the lead, galloping quick fractions over the firm Santa Anita turf. Avenge rounded the final turn while Catch a Glimpse drifted back. Former Breeders' Cup Champion, Lady Eli, moved out and charged the leader. Lady Eli briefly grabbed the lead until a huge, late run by Queen's Trust caught her on the wire.



TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)

6 Furlongs on Dirt - \$1,500,000

Horse: Drefong, Bay Colt, by Gio Ponti out of Eltimaas, by Ghostzapper. Foaled February 19, 2013 in Kentucky

Breeder: Frederick M. Allor, Michael T. Barnett, Anthony M. Warrender

Owner: Baoma Corporation

Trainer: Bob Baffert

Jockey: Martin Garcia

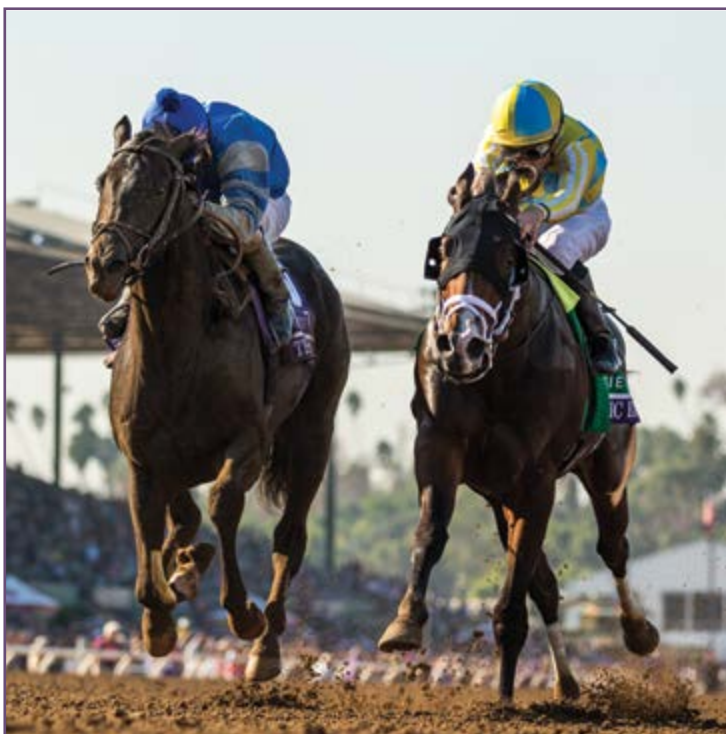
Left: Masochistic flew from the gate in the always quickly-paced sprint. Delta Bluesman wasn't far behind but Drefong moved swiftly from the rail, racing beside Masochistic. The two traded positions around the turn until Drefong sprung the lead. Mind Your Biscuits closed on the leaders and almost passed Masochistic, but Drefong remained alone on the front, winning by 1 1/4 lengths. Masochistic was disqualified and placed seventh. Mind Your Biscuits was elevated to second.



Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)

6 1/2 Furlongs on Downhill Turf - \$1,000,000
 Horse: Obviously (IRE), Bay Gelding, by Choisir (AUS) out of Leala (IRE), by Montjeu (IRE).
 Foaled April 29, 2008 in Ireland
 Breeder: Miss Deidre Cogan
 Owner: Anthony Fanticola and Joseph Scardino
 Trainer: Philip D'Amato
 Jockey: Flavien Prat

Left: Obviously wasted no time grabbing the lead as the field scorched the downhill turf course. Pure Sensation raced second but was unable to close any ground on Obviously. Deep in stretch Obviously seemed easy winner until Om made a tremendous move, splitting horses and nearly catching the leader. Obviously crossed the finish just a nose in front of Om.



Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1)

1 1/16 Miles on Dirt - \$2,000,000
 Horse: Classic Empire, Bay Colt, by Pioneerof the Nile out of Sambuca Classica, by Cat Thief. Foaled March 21, 2014 in Kentucky
 Breeder: Steven Nicholson & Brandi Nicholson
 Owner: John C. Oxley
 Trainer: Mark Casse
 Jockey: Julien Leparoux

Left: Syndergaard and Classic Empire headed the cavalry charge for the lead. Three Rules raced outside them with Theory and Gormley behind. Syndergaard held the lead until Classic Empire engaged him on the turn for home. Not This Time and Practical Joke also passed Syndergaard and aimed for Classic Empire. Not This Time drew closer, but Classic Empire refused another inch, edging his opponent's late run by a neck.

Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)

1 1/2 Miles on Turf - \$4,000,000
 Horse: Highland Reel (IRE), Bay Colt, by Galileo (IRE) out of Hveger (AUS), by Danehill. Foaled February 21, 2012 in Ireland
 Breeder: Hveger Syndicate
 Owner: Michael B. Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier and Derrick Smith
 Trainer: Aidan O'Brien
 Jockey: Seamus Heffernan

Right: Highland Reel was intent on the lead. He quickly moved to the front and settled through easy fractions, comfortably two lengths ahead of Ectot. Down the backstretch Highland Reel extended his lead and attempted to run away from the field. He separated by as much as 8 lengths and turned for home with a commanding lead, daring his challengers to run him down. Flintshire made a game effort but could get no closer than the 1 3/4 lengths that separated him from Highland Reel at the finish.





Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1)

7 Furlongs on Dirt - \$ 1,000,000
 Horse: Winner: Finest City, Chestnut Filly, by City Zip out of Be Envied, by Lemon Drop Kid. Foaled March 28, 2012 in Pennsylvania
 Breeder: HnR Nothhaft Horseracing, LLC
 Owner: Seltzer Thoroughbreds
 Trainer: Ian Kruljac
 Jockey: Mike Smith

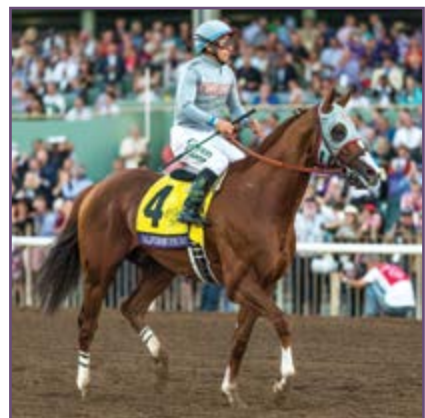
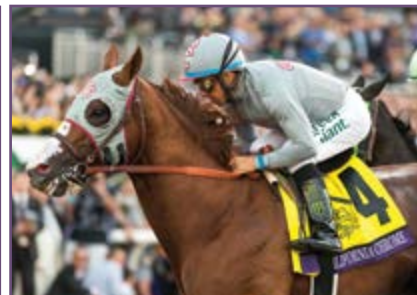
Breeders' Cup Mile (G1)

1 Mile on Turf - \$2,000,000
 Horse: Tourist, Dark Bay or Brown Horse, by Tiznow out of Unbridled Melody, by Unbridled's Song. Foaled April 10, 2011 in Kentucky
 Breeder: WinStar Farm, LLC
 Owner: WinStar Farm, LLC, Wachtel Stable & Gary Barber
 Trainer: William Mott
 Jockey: Joel Rosario

L to R from Top: The Dirt Mile field leaving the gate;

FILLY AND MARE SPRINT - The early lead was hotly contested with Gloryzapper emerging as the front runner. Paulassilverling and Finest City raced outside Gloryzapper as they flew down the backstretch and entered the turn. Finest City hung three-wide but remained glued to the pacesetter. Paulassilverling took the lead with Gloryzapper falling back. Finest City went with Paulassilverling as defending champ, Wavell Avenue made a bid on the outside. Finest City surged to the lead and fought back the late run by Wavell Avenue, crossing the wire 3/4 lengths in front.

MILE - What a View broke sharply on the inside with Midnight Storm in second on the outside. Miss Temple City raced third with Limato fourth, Photo Call fifth and defending champ, Tepin, in sixth. What a View blazed through the opening quarter, distancing herself from the field. What a View kept the torrid pace through 1/2 mile, leading into the final turn. Tourist moved on the rail and passed Tepin. Midnight Storm took the lead as they entered the stretch and Tourist continued to move on the rail. Tepin seemed to flounder and fall back until making a ferocious late run, picking off horses and looking to defend her title. With Tepin hot on his tail, Tourist found the finish first, just 1/2 length in front of the game mare.



Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)
 1 1/4 Miles on Dirt - \$6,000,000
 Horse: Arrogate, Gray or Roan Colt,
 by Unbridled's Song out of Bubbler,
 by Distorted Humor. Foaled April 11,
 2013 in Kentucky
 Breeder: Clearsky Farms
 Owner: Juddmonte Farms, Inc.
 Trainer: Bob Baffert
 Jockey: Mike Smith



Top L to R: California Chrome enters the track to the roar of the Santa Anita crowd; Chrome struts during the post parade; California Chrome takes the lead in the Classic; Arrogate catches California Chrome at the wire and validates himself as one of the best horses in racing; A disappointed Victor Espinoza and California Chrome fall short in their second attempt at the Breeders' Cup Classic; Mike Smith and Arrogate reflect on their amazing victory on racing's biggest stage; All eyes focus on Arrogate as he heads to the winner's circle; Bob Baffert hoists the Breeders' Cup Classic trophy for the third year in a row (Bayern in 2014 and American Pharoah in 2015) with his son Bode and Mike Smith joining in on the celebration



ARROGATE



With twelve races complete, the \$6,000,000 Classic remained with the anticipated matchup between California Chrome and upstart, Arrogate. Arrogate loaded last before the gates flew open and California Chrome zipped to the early lead. Arrogate also broke well, but chose to settle off the pace and to the outside of Chrome, Melatonin, Effinex and Frosted. California Chrome lead the field around the clubhouse turn with Melatonin sticking to his outside. Arrogate moved past Effinex and Frosted and into third, just two lengths behind Chrome. California Chrome was easy on the lead, with his race seemingly unfolding perfectly. He began to leave Melatonin while Arrogate held in third. Chrome accelerated the pace and continued increasing the gap with Melatonin. Arrogate dropped to the inside as they rounded the turn for home, easily passing the tiring Melatonin but remaining just over two lengths behind Chrome. Mike Smith pressed Arrogate as Victor Espinoza looked behind multiple times, appearing confident that Chrome had the race. He was wrong. Arrogate was relentless and by the time Espinoza realized it, the big roan horse was right on Chrome's heels. The two superstars separated themselves by over ten lengths from the rest of the field. Chrome tried repeatedly to turn back Arrogate, but he couldn't hold him off any longer. The now budding three-year-old Arrogate ran down the future Hall-of-Famer and 2014 Horse of the Year in the final yards, spoiling the storybook end to California Chrome's previously undefeated season.

Steve Heuertz Bio

It started with a horse named Cowboy. Disregarded and discounted, this nine-year-old Red Dun Quarter Horse left his life as a ranch horse in South Dakota and ventured a new path into the life of Steve Heuertz in 2004.

Shortly thereafter, a bond was formed that fully catapulted Steve into the world of the horse where he became fascinated with the wonderful capabilities of this majestic animal. Of particular interest were the speed, endurance and competitive spirit demonstrated by the equine heroes within the sport of Thoroughbred Racing. Although initially satisfied with observing from afar, Steve became increasingly captivated by the sport and turned toward capturing the splendor of racing via his other passion, photography. The result was a recipe where he could combine his great love for horses, racing and photography into one harmonious blend that was greater than the sum of its parts.

Since then, racing has taken Steve across the country to such wonderful places as Saratoga Race Course, Churchill Downs, Santa Anita Park, Pimlico Race Course, Belmont Park, Keeneland and Hooiser Park. During these travels, Steve has been fortunate to witness and photograph equally wonderful races such as the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes (racing's famed Triple Crown) as well as the Travers Stakes, Santa Anita Derby, Indiana Derby, Stephen Foster Handicap and Breeders' Cup, among others. However, residing in the Chicago suburb of St. Charles, IL, Steve regu-

larly frequents Arlington Park and Hawthorne Race Course where he has enjoyed capturing magnificent races like the Arlington Million and Hawthorne Gold Cup.

Today, Steve's passion for horses, racing and photography is like a fire that continues to be stoked. While either behind the lens capturing the thrill of a Grade 1 race or in the saddle loping around a field with Cowboy, Steve has learned to operate under the simple truth that the more he is able to involve the horse in his life, the happier his days become.



Steve Heuertz;
Steve's horse and
loyal friend, Cowboy,
a 21-year-old, Red
Dun Quarter Horse

