



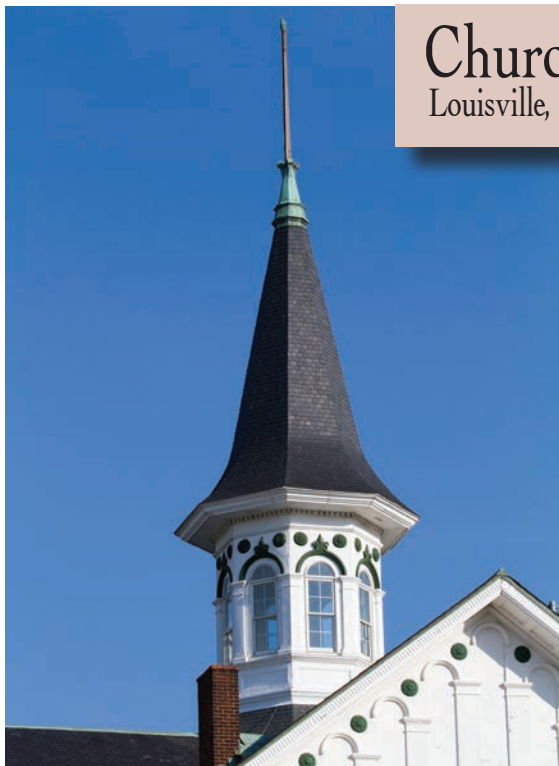
SUMMER/

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Summer/Fall Recap 2013

While the first half of every racing season is dominated by the run through the Triple Crown, the calendar inevitably turns to a second season that focuses on both younger and older horses as they work toward the Breeders' Cup and eventual Eclipse Awards. Churchill Downs, Arlington Park, Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park are among the many stops en route to end-of-the-year honors. Here is a look back at some of the fabulous racing they each hosted during the summer and fall of 2013.



Churchill Downs Louisville, KY – June 14, 2013

"Downs After Dark"
—featuring the Stephen Foster Handicap (Gr. 1), Fleur De Lis (Gr. 2), Matt Winn (Gr. 3) and Regret (Gr. 3).



L to R from above: The spires watch over more than just the Derby; The connections of Orb accept the official, engraved trophies following their victory in the Kentucky Derby one month earlier; Two-time Eclipse Award winner, Royal Delta, walks in the paddock in front of her adoring fans; Funny Proposition upsets Royal Delta in the Fleur De Lis (Gr. 2); Code West (inside) fights off Uncaptured to win the Matt Winn (Gr. 3).





L to R: Defending Breeders' Cup Classic champ, Fort Larned, romps in the Stephen Foster Handicap (Gr. 1). As a Breeders' Cup "Challenge" event, Fort Larned's victory earned him a spot again in the Breeders' Cup Classic with a chance to defend his title; Brian Hernandez Jr. is congratulated after Fort Larned's dominant wire-to-wire victory; Churchill Downs is illuminated for the "Downs After Dark" night racing card; Kitten's Dumplings takes the Regret (Gr. 3) and continues the winning ways of owner's Ken and Sarah Ramsey; Live music entertains the "Downs After Dark" crowd; Enjoying night racing beneath the spires.



Downs After Dark



Arlington Park

Arlington Heights, IL - July 13, 2013



"Million Preview Day"
-featuring the Arlington Handicap (Gr. 3), Modesty Handicap (Gr. 3), American Derby (Gr. 3) and Stars & Stripes (Gr. 3).



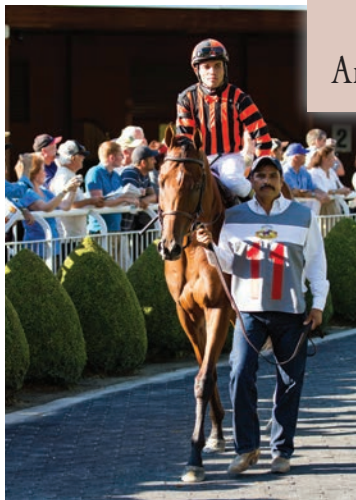
L to R from top: Getting ready for "Million Preview Day" at Arlington Park; Dark Cove (right) wins the marathon that is the Stars & Stripes (Gr. 3); Ausus enjoys a victory in the Modesty Handicap (Gr. 3); Ausus heads toward the winner's circle in front of the large Arlington crowd; Infinite Magic (second from right) fights to take the American Derby (Gr. 3); Rahystrada (center) fights for the lead and becomes the first three-time winner of the Arlington Handicap (Gr. 3); Flags fly above the Arlington tote board to honor the international tradition of the meet.



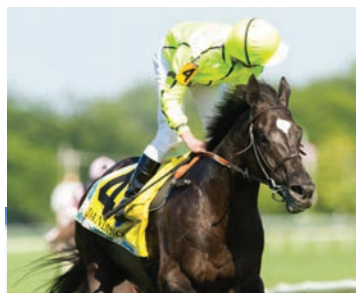
Arlington Park

Arlington Heights, IL - August 17, 2013

"The International Festival of Racing"
-featuring the Arlington Million (Gr. 1), Beverly D. (Gr. 1), Secretariat (Gr. 1) and American St. Leger.

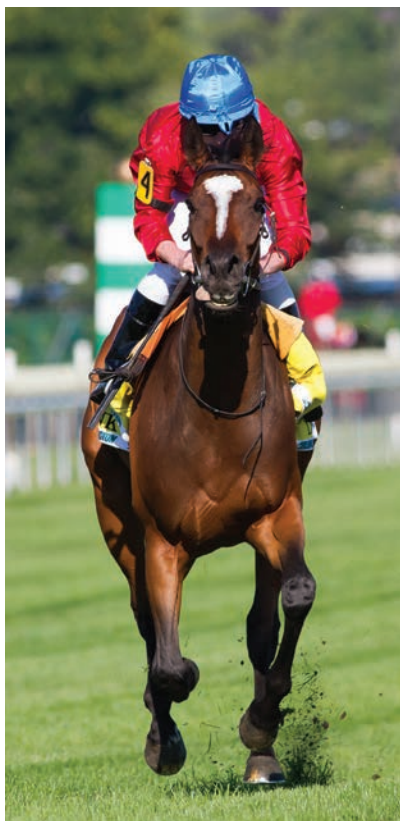


L to R from top: Defending champ, Little Mike, walks in the paddock prior to his bid to join the legendary John Henry as the only two-time winners of the Arlington Million and become the first horse to win back-to-back Millions; They're off in the original million dollars race! ; The Apache (right) and Real Solution (second from right) trade blows during the stretch run of the Arlington Million (Gr. 1); Awaiting the inquiry to determine who will wear the Arlington Million garland; Painting in the Arlington paddock; Dandino passes the grueling test that is the American St. Leger; Fans focus on the horses that make up the "International Festival of Racing" at Arlington Park; Admiral Kitten (middle, red with white "R"), takes the Secretariat (Gr. 1) and the first of two races for Ken and Sarah Ramsey on Million day.



Arlington Park

Arlington Heights, IL – August 17, 2013
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L to R from top: The Apache and his connections await the verdict of the Million inquiry; The connections of Real Solution believe The Apache will be taken down after bumping their horse in the stretch of the Arlington Million; The Apache is disqualified and placed second while Real Solution is awarded victory in the Arlington Million! ; The connections of Real Solution celebrate victory in the Arlington Million; European invader, Dank, flies to victory in the Beverly D. (Gr. 1); Ryan Moore salutes after his victory aboard Dank in the Beverly D; Thumbs up for a great day of racing at Arlington Park!

Saratoga

Saratoga Springs, NY - August 22-25, 2013

"Travers Festival" -featuring the Travers (Gr. 1), Personal Ensign (Gr. 1), Foxwoods King's Bishop (Gr. 1), Test (Gr. 1), Ballerina (Gr. 1), New York Turf Writer's Cup Steeplechase Handicap (Gr. 1) and Ballston Spa (Gr. 2).



L to R from top: Steeplechase has a place at Saratoga as Italian Wedding (left) wins the New York Turf Writer's Cup Steeplechase Handicap (Gr. 1); Dance to Bristol (inside) holds off Book Review to win the Ballerina (Gr. 1); Hanging out on the Oklahoma backstretch at Saratoga; Saratoga celebrated it's remarkable 150th year in 2013 and remains the oldest modern sports venue in the United States; A Saratoga weathervane; Dawn at the Oklahoma training track.



Saratoga (continued)
Saratoga Springs, NY - August 22-25, 2013



L to R from top: Making the turn at the "Spa. " ; There is no place in racing quite like Saratoga; Breaking for the lead on the Saratoga turf; The iconic Saratoga roof; Blazing into the clubhouse turn; Sweet Lulu (inside) passes the Test (Gr. 1); The twin canoes within the Saratoga infield honor Golden Ticket and Alpha after their historic "Dead Heat" in the Travers, one year earlier; Laughing skips to victory in the Ballston Spa (Gr. 2); Capo Bastone rallies late to steal the Foxwoods King's Bishop (Gr. 1).





L to R from top: Will Take Charge (outside) closes with a fierce kick to win the Travers (Gr. 1). By defeating the Kentucky Derby (Orb) and Belmont Stakes winners (Palace Malice), Will Take Charge adds his name to the top of the three-year-old division list; Royal Delta parades in the Saratoga paddock; Royal Delta screams toward victory in the Personal Ensign (Gr. 1) and continues her bid toward a possible third Eclipse Award; The sun sets on the Saratoga season for the 150th time; A bobble-head of the Saratoga legend, Fourstar-dave, honors him upon his grave within Claire Court.

150 Saratoga Sunsets



Belmont Park

Elmont, NY – September 28, 2013

"Super Saturday" –featuring the Jockey Club Gold Cup (Gr. 1), Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (Gr. 1), Flower Bowl (Gr. 1), Vosburgh (Gr. 1), Beldame (Gr. 1) and Kelso (Gr. 2).



L to R from top: Belmont Park awaits the start of "Super Saturday."; The giant Belmont Park grandstand; Fall is in the air at Belmont; The Jockey Club Gold Cup trophy; Kentucky Oaks (Gr. 1) winner and three-year-old Princess of Sylmar (outside), steps up in the Beldame (Gr. 1) to beat older horses for the first time, including the legendary, Royal Delta (inside); Graydar returns from his long lay-off to capture the Kelso (Gr. 2); Keeping a close eye on "Super Saturday."





L to R from top: Private Zone (inside) fights off Justin Phillip to win the Vosburgh (Gr. 1); Laughing continues her winning ways in taking the Flower Bowl (Gr. 1); Belmont Park is the site of "Super Saturday," the only day in racing with five grade 1 races, other than the Breeders' Cup; Little Mike (outside) storms to a nose victory over Big Blue Kitten in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (Gr. 1) and looks forward to a bid at repeating victory in the Breeders' Cup Turf (Gr. 1); Ron the Greek dominates the field to win the prestigious Jockey Club Gold Cup (Gr. 1) and looks to move onto the Breeders' Cup Classic (Gr. 1).



Super Saturday

