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COURTESY OF ASHFORD STUD

Scat Daddy in 2015 ranks among the top 10 stallions by progeny earnings and leads North American-based sires by stakes winners and stakes wins

## SCAT DADDY DIES AT AGE 11

By Evan Hammonds

Scat Daddy, amid his best year at stud, collapsed and died walking out of his paddock Dec. 14 at Ashford Stud near Versailles, Ky.

The farm's notification of the 11-year-old stallion's death came via Twitter. "He was a smashing horse with a great career ahead of him," Ashford manager Dermot Ryan said, noting Scat Daddy was in good health.

Winner of the Champagne Stakes (gr. I) at 2 and Florida Derby (gr. I) at 3, the son of Johannesburg had been a top-notch stallion from the start. He led the 2011 freshman sire list and as of Dec. 13 had sired 69 stakes winners.

He ranks among the top 10 by 2015 progeny earnings and leads North American-based sires by stakes winners, stakes wins, and number of graded stakes winners (tied with Tapit at 16). His current 2-year-old crop may be his best to date as he leads the list with nine stakes winners and is second in earnings to Uncle Mo.

Scat Daddy's fee had been boosted from \$35,000 to \$100,000 for 2016. His 2015 yearlings averaged \$185,748. **BH**

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## EDITORS PICK WILLIAMS OVER 'PHAROAH'

By Ron Mitchell

Though respondents to a non-binding online poll overwhelmingly favored Triple Crown winner American Pharoah as *Sports Illustrated's* Sportsman of the Year for 2015, the magazine's editors, who had the ultimate vote, selected tennis superstar Serena Williams.

Zayat Stables' colt garnered 47% of the online votes, with World Series champion Kansas City Royals a distant second at 29%. Williams received less than 2%.

*SI* managing editor Christian Stone wrote that Williams was honored not only for her athletic accomplishments that included winning 53 of 56 matches and three of professional tennis' four Grand Slam events, but also "for reasons that hang in the grayer, less comfortable ether, where issues such as race and femininity collide with the games."

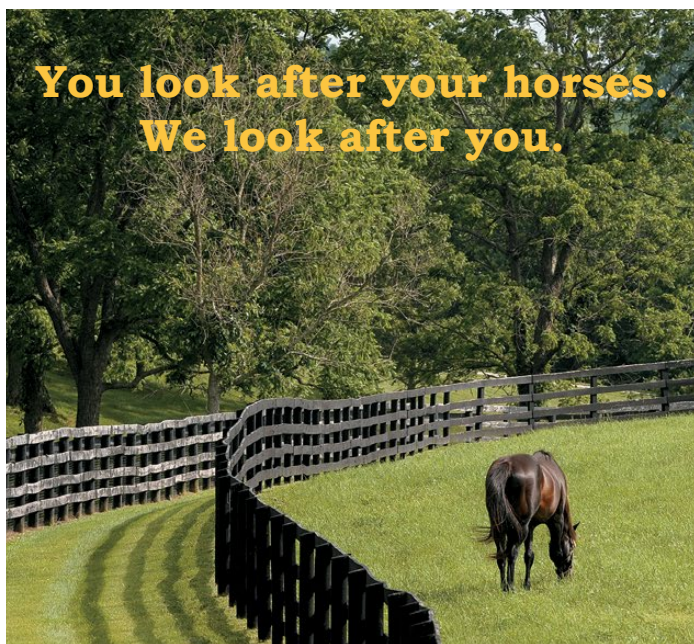
Predictably, the decision was criticized by many racing fans—ostensibly those who voted for American Pharoah—and the Zayat camp.

"Why have a poll if you totally ignore it? Serena failed at winning the Grand Slam. (American Pharoah is a) once-in-a-lifetime horse," Justin Zayat wrote on Twitter. His father, Ahmed, said the colt was "robbed." **BH**



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

American Pharoah won the popular vote but didn't get the endorsement of editors when it came to 2015 Sportsman of the Year



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Unusual Heat, the six-time leading sire in California and California's all-time leading stallion in total progeny, turf, and California-bred earnings, already has a full book for 2016 at a fee of \$20,000.

#### TAA ISSUING \$2.48 MILLION IN GRANTS

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance announced Dec. 14 that \$2.48 million in grants will be awarded to its 56 accredited aftercare organizations.

#### JOCKEY BERRY HONORED UPON RETIREMENT

On the penultimate program at Remington Park before he retired, 53-year-old veteran jockey Cliff Berry was honored with several presentations as a show of appreciation for a career that spanned more than 30 years.

#### PRADO COULD BE SIDELINED FOR TWO MONTHS

What was initially believed to be minor injuries sustained by Hall of Fame jockey Edgar Prado when he was unseated Dec. 13 has been diagnosed as six broken ribs that will sideline the rider for up to two months.





KEENELAND PHOTO

Breeders' Cup Challenge Series races will be televised via NBC Sports Group for the next three years

## THREE-YEAR DEAL FOR BC CHALLENGE SERIES

By Tom LaMarra

**B**reeders' Cup and NBC Sports Group Dec. 14 announced a three-year renewal of the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series the two groups introduced in 2014.

In 2016 the "Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In, presented by Lane's End Farm and America's Best Racing" will consist of nine telecasts on NBC and NBCSN and feature 16 "Win And You're In" races plus other major stakes on the road to the Breeders' Cup World Championships. The series will also be streamed live on NBC Sports Live Extra.

Winners of Challenge races, which combined offer more than \$10 million in purses, automatically qualify for a spot in the World Championships at Santa Anita Park Nov. 4-5 next year.

NBC Sports Group's viewership for the 2015 Challenge series increased 136% year-over-year for the nine telecasts, according to Nielsen Co.. Collectively, NBC and NBCSN averaged 936,000 viewers for the nine shows from June 13-Oct. 4, compared with the 2014 Challenge Series, which averaged 397,000. **BH**

The only stallion in North America with progeny earnings of over \$10m in

**2015**

**2014**

**2013**

**2012**

Source: bloodhorse.com



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The Brown Advisory Iroquois Cheltenham Challenge will offer a \$500,000 bonus for any horse that wins both the Ladbrokes World Hurdle at Cheltenham in England and Calvin Houghland Iroquois Steeplechase at Percy Warner Park in Tennessee

## HUNT, FLAT RACING HAVE CONNECTION

By Clive Webb-Carter

Amidst the holiday season, National Hunt racing dominates the British and Irish racing calendar. National Hunt racing has a vital link with European

flat racing: Not only were many National Hunt sires high-class flat performers, but the industry offers residual value for flat-bred horses to go steeplechasing and hurdling at certain points in their careers. The Dec. 11-12 meets at Cheltenham, considered the "home of National Hunt racing," are fine examples.

Saturday's feature race, the Caspian Caviar Gold Cup (a National Hunt group III handicap chase), was won by Philip Hobbs-trained Village Vic, a son of leading National Hunt sire Old Vic (Sadler's Wells), winner of the 1989 Irish and French Derbys.

Friday's feature, the Ryman Stationery Handicap Chase (a National Hunt group III), went to Venetia Williams-trained Aachen. A son of Rainbow Quest, the Darley-bred Aachen was listed-placed on the flat before switching codes. He is out of 1993 Park Hill Stakes (Eng-III) winner Anna of Saxony, who is also the dam of group III winner Anna Palariva. **BH**

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# TEXAS RECONSIDERS HISTORICAL RACING

By Eric Mitchell

The future of historical racing in Texas could be decided Dec. 15 at a regular meeting of the Texas Racing Commission, which has two new recently appointed members.

One of the new appointments is Rolando Pablos, a former TRC chairman who was named in early November. Pablos also is the new chairman, appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott after previous chairman Robert Schmidt declined Abbott's request to schedule a vote to rescind historical racing rules on the December agenda.

Schmidt has said he intended for the vote to be held in February 2016 after new commissioners were up to speed on the issue.

Texas horsemen expect a close vote Tuesday. The TRC has three options: repeal the rules; vote to republish the proposed rules for 30 days and then make a decision later, likely in February; or take no action and leave the rules in place. Even if historical racing rules survive the vote, few Texas horsemen are confident they will remain in place. **BH**



Historical racing machines, such as those operating at Ellis Park and other tracks in Kentucky, are sought by Texas tracks and horsemen to increase purses

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# RACING COMMENTARY

with Bob Barry



GOGLIANESE PHOTOS

The catastrophic injury rate at New York Racing Association tracks, including Aqueduct, is down this year

## HAPPY NEWS FOR SAD TIMES

Now is the beginning of seasonal affective disorder (SAD) season, which Wikipedia defines as a mood disorder subset in which people with normal mental health throughout most of the year experience depressive symptoms in the winter or the summer.

Ours is a mild form of the "winter" variety, triggered by such things as the sun riding low in the southern sky and the grudging realization that we won't be spending the season in Florida any time soon. Keeping negativity in check can be a challenge.

But the key to writing racing commentary these days is in maintaining a balance between clear-eyed realism and the desire to wax positive about a sport you just can't stop loving. As legendary racing writer Joe Palmer sagely noted six decades ago, any considerable industry in which everything is all right should be stuffed and put on exhibition. History suggests there will be many future opportunities for issuing both harsh realities and sunny forecasts, thus eliminating the need to choose now between being Debbie Downer or pure Pollyanna—not

that either is flattering on a man of my years.

These days the prospect of riding our fractious world through a long, gloomy winter can usher mere moodiness into abject depression, which is why we smiled when Christopher Kay, the New York Racing Association CEO, brightened up NYRA's Dec. 9 board meeting with the news that 2015 has so far been a very safe year for horses competing at Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga.

With about a dozen 2015 cards remaining, Kay reported that NYRA's tracks were showing a blended rate of 1.3 fatalities for every 1,000 starts. Six years' worth of data collected by The Jockey Club show a cumulative North American average of 1.9 fatalities per 1,000 starts, making NYRA's year-to-date result roughly a third lower than what currently qualifies as the industry standard.

Many have anguished at our seeming inability to reduce that number (after a 2.0 in 2009 the annual national average has since settled at 1.9). But with excellent results in two of the last three years—after four years at or near the national average—NYRA has demonstrated that real improvement in equine safety is there for the taking. (NYRA also reported 1.3 in 2013 before regressing to 1.8 last year.)

There's little doubt that the quality of NYRA's financial, equine, and human resources was instrumental in delivering this good result. While it may prove difficult for other "mainly dirt" locales to match NYRA's standard, there's no shame in reaching high. That's what a heaven's for. And sad old Earth can always use more happy news. **BH**






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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Parx Racing, Race 6, ALW

12/14, \$51,000, 3yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:48.24, track fast.  
 1—[Sanculpa](#) , 121, b g, 4, [Langfuhr](#)—Point Missed, by [Point Given](#), \$30,600, O—Lehman, Edward, Dun Roamin Farm, Inc. and Wire To Wire Stables, B—Estate of Edward P. Evans (VA), T—Edward Lehman, J—Frankie Pennington  
**Sale History:** 2011 KEENOV, \$100,000.



Margin: 2, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

12/14, \$51,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:12.07, track fast.  
 1—[Always Sunshine](#), 120, b c, 3, West Acre—Sunny Again, by [Awesome Again](#), \$30,600, O—Gilbert G. Campbell, B—

Gilbert G. Campbell (FL), T—Edward T. Allard, J—Frankie Pennington  
**Margin:** 13¼, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)


MAIDEN RESULTS


Parx Racing, Race 2, MSW

12/14, \$37,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (dirt), 1:29.18, track fast.  
 1—[Start Smok'n](#), 123, dk b/br f, 3, [Jump Start](#)—Smoking Quality, by [Elusive Quality](#), \$22,200, O—Gumpster Stable LLC, B—Thomas McClay (PA), T—Ramon Preciado, J—Joshua Navarro  
**Margin:** 2¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Zia Park, Race 9, MSW

12/14, \$28,000, 2yo, f, 5f (dirt), :58.27, track fast.  
 1—[Diamond N the Skye](#), 120, b f, 2, [Disappearing Trick](#)—Dela's Diamond, by Half High, \$16,800, O—Lucky Six, Inc., B—Lucky Six Inc. (NM), T—Johnnie L. Nall, J—Enrique Portillo Gomez  
**Margin:** ½, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

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## 2015 LEADING SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by 2015 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 13, 2015. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2011 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2015 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'16 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'15 Earnings
1	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Frosted (\$1,912,200)	\$18,036,833
2	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	Songbird (\$1,502,000)	\$13,050,937
3	Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$125,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	American Pharoah (\$8,288,800)	\$11,544,781
4	Candy Ride (ARG)	Ride the Rails, '99	\$60,000	Lane's End, KY	Shared Belief (\$900,000)	\$11,268,138
5	Kitten's Joy	El Prado, '01	\$100,000	Ramsey Farm, Inc., KY	Stephanie's Kitten (\$1,658,800)	\$11,209,188
6	Curlin	Smart Strike, '04	\$100,000	Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	Keen Ice (\$1,735,770)	\$10,720,063
7	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	\$85,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Carpe Diem (\$810,000)	\$10,516,664
8	Speightstown	Gone West, '98	\$100,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	Force the Pass (\$1,117,754)	\$9,697,373
9	Scat Daddy	Johannesburg, '04	\$100,000	Ashford Stud, KY	El Kabeir (\$566,000)	\$9,501,086
10	Malibu Moon	A.P. Indy, '97	\$95,000	Spendthrift Farm, KY	Mr. Z (\$660,652)	\$9,010,238

## 2015 THIRD-CROP SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading third-crop sires by 2015 Northern Hemisphere earnings through December 13, 2015. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2011 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2015 Northern Hemisphere only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'16 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'15 Earnings
1	Pioneerof the Nile	Empire Maker, '06	\$125,000	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	American Pharoah (\$8,288,800)	\$11,544,781
2	Colonel John	Tiznow, '05	\$7,500	WinStar Farm LLC, KY	Airoforce (\$516,080)	\$4,139,110
3	Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway, '05	\$5,000	Pin Oak Stud, KY	Cowboy Son (\$724,500)	\$3,094,270
4	Zensational	Unbridled's Song, '06	N/A	N/A	Pure Sensation (\$234,000)	\$2,536,871
5	Square Eddie	Smart Strike, '06	\$25,000	Ocean Breeze Ranch, CA	Found Money (\$286,100)	\$2,406,502
6	Kodiak Kowboy	Posse, '05	N/A	N/A	Shotgun Kowboy (\$388,343)	\$2,366,668
7	Old Fashioned	Unbridled's Song, '06	\$6,500	Taylor Made Stallions, Inc., KY	Sweet Whiskey (\$129,336)	\$2,295,996
8	Giant Gizmo	Giant's Causeway, '04	5,000 CAN\$	Adena Springs North, CAN	Amis Gizmo (\$260,233)	\$2,211,653
9	Dunkirk	Unbridled's Song, '06	N/A	N/A	Jules N Rome (\$173,482)	\$2,075,721
10	In Summation	Put It Back, '03	\$2,500	Ocala Stud Farm, FL	Summation Time (\$110,858)	\$1,943,113

## 2015 TURF SIRES

Listed below are the top 10 leading sires by 2015 North American turf earnings through December 13, 2015. Only stallions that have at least one turf runner in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2015 North American only.

Rank	Stallion	Sire, YOB	'16 Stud Fee	Farm	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'15 Turf Earnings	% Total Earnings
1	Kitten's Joy	El Prado, '01	\$100,000	Ramsey Farm, Inc., KY	Stephanie's Kitten (\$1,658,800)	\$9,104,777	86%
2	Medaglia d'Oro	El Prado, '99	\$150,000	Darley, KY	Sentiero Italia (\$791,100)	\$4,533,477	39%
3	Galileo (IRE)	Sadler's Wells, '98	N/A	Coolmore Stud, IRE	Found (IRE) (\$1,650,000)	\$3,983,489	99%
4	Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat, '97	\$85,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Red Rifle (\$366,250)	\$3,932,341	40%
5	Scat Daddy	Johannesburg, '04	\$100,000	Ashford Stud, KY	Dacita (CHI) (\$220,000)	\$3,772,760	42%
6	Bernstein	Storm Cat, '97	Died	N/A	Tepin (\$2,092,520)	\$3,729,482	68%
7	English Channel	Smart Strike, '02	\$25,000	Calumet Farm, KY	The Pizza Man (\$1,088,600)	\$3,646,293	78%
8	Tapit	Pulpit, '01	\$300,000	Gainesway, KY	Closing Bell (\$374,415)	\$3,644,185	21%
9	Lemon Drop Kid	Kingmambo, '96	\$40,000	Lane's End, KY	Da Big Hoss (\$509,570)	\$3,414,993	54%
10	City Zip	Carson City, '98	\$40,000	Lane's End, KY	Catch a Glimpse (\$674,364)	\$3,336,586	38%