

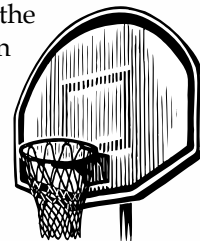


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March Madness Could Mean Winning Big With "Hoops and Horses"

Suffolk OTB is eagerly anticipating "March Madness" because when the college basketball season heats up, OTB customers can jump into the fray in a winner take all contest with a prize worth \$500 (a \$250 gas card and a \$250 OTB betting voucher.)

Scheduled to run between March 1st and March 21st, the "Hoops and Horses" contest allows entry by picking any NCAA Division 1 team and writing the name of the team, along with your name, phone number and/or e-mail on the back of a ten dollar (\$10) minimum non-winning bet ticket and depositing it in an entry box. If your team makes it to the final four you're in the drawing to become the lucky single winner on March 31st.



Watch our branches for further details as March approaches!

2008 Handicap Challenge

Even as our three 2007 Handicap Challenge winners were in Las Vegas playing for the chance to win \$1,000,000 Suffolk OTB was gearing up for our 2008 contests. Saturday, March 8th marks the first leg of the 2008 series and your chance to finish up to \$20,000 richer after a \$100 entry fee.

One of OTB's 2007 winning players ended the Vegas tournament in 12th place... think you can do better? Pick up an application at one of our branches or download it from our website and get ready to make your picks. A successful day at the event at our Racing Forum could find you in Las Vegas in January '09. For further information you can contact our Operations department at 631-853-1000.

Saratoga is a Special Place

Looking for something different for your next event? Well, look no further than the newly renovated *Saratoga Room* at our Racing Forum. Stylish tables and chairs have replaced the carrels to create a comfortable atmosphere for conversation and socializing while still affording the racing experience. Up to 50 guests can be accommodated for a Day at the Races lunchtime event, Night at the Races soiree or even a corporate breakfast meeting. On-site catering provided by *First Place Catering*, makes your event planning even easier. To arrange for that birthday, retirement party, fundraiser, or just to enjoy food & horseracing with a group of friends, call 631-436-5663 for more info.

In 2007 Suffolk OTB generated over \$2.4 million in non-tax revenue for Suffolk County.
Suffolk OTB makes all Suffolk residents winners!

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From the President's desk



We've been watching the ongoing NYRA situation with guarded optimism and while the tension stretched almost to the 11th hour, Suffolk OTB is glad that an agreement has finally been reached. With the franchise extension due to expire that very day, both the New York State Senate and Assembly voted mid-day on Feb. 13th to approve legislation averting the promised shut down of NY Racing.

The Governor, the Legislature, NYRA and the Oversight Board eventually found the common ground on which to craft a long term franchise agreement. In the end everyone realized that too much was at stake - too much of NY State's economy depends on horseracing.

As we have said all through this process, Suffolk OTB remains ready to work cooperatively with the franchise holder to bring the best of New York thoroughbred horseracing to you, our patrons.

Jeffrey A. Casale
President/CEO

Racing Around the World

Racing from Dubai returns on Thursdays in addition to February 22nd with an 11:30am post time. The Dubai World Cup is slated for Saturday, March 29th with Curlin an expected entrant.



Eclipse Winners

It wasn't much of a horserace at the 2007 Eclipse Awards presented on January 21st when *Curlin* literally ran away with the Horse of the Year title. The first 3 year old to win the title since 2001, *Curlin* did so handsomely taking 249 of the 266 votes for horse of the year beating out *Rags to Riches* and also garnered 262 of 266 votes for champion 3 year old male outdistancing *Street Sense*.

Congrats go to all the winners including *War Pass*, *Indian Blessing*, *Rags to Riches*, *Lawyer Ron*, *Ginger Punch*, *Midnight Lute*, *Maryfield*, *English Channel*, *Lahudood*, and *Good Night Shirt*. Kudos also to Todd Pletcher and Garrett Gomez who took Trainer and Jockey honors.

Houses and Horses

You wouldn't think there's a connection between the housing and horse industries but think again.

The downturn in housing construction has created a corresponding reduction in the creation of scrap wood and its subsequent byproduct - sawdust. The reduction in the sawdust supply has driven up the cost of the horse bedding material by 70% over the past two years so horse keepers, struggling with the increased costs of wood shavings, are mixing the bedding with hay.

Who would have thought that horse and human sleeping accommodations had so much in common?

A Brothers' Story

Churchill Downs, where he blew away the rest of the field to win the 2006 Kentucky Derby by more than 6 lengths, will become the final resting place for the colt named *Barbaro*. One year after his struggle to recover from complications of a catastrophic breakdown ended in his being euthanized, Gretchen and Roy Jackson have announced that *Barbaro's* ashes will be buried at Churchill Downs. In choosing the location, the Jacksons felt it offered a convenient site that the public could visit once it's completed in 2009. *Barbaro* is the first Derby winner to be buried at Churchill Downs rather than at the nearby Kentucky Derby Museum.

Meanwhile, hopes are high for the champion's two full brothers currently training in Florida & Kentucky.

The Daily Racing Form, www.thehorse.com, www.bloodhorse.com, www.nyra.com and www.msnbc.com were sources for material contained in this newsletter

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