



# PIN OAK'S HORSE GOSSIP

March 20, 2020

## RACE RESULTS

### OVERSHADOW

OAKLAWN – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in a maiden special for the Von Hemel camp on Saturday afternoon. He broke well, laid in mid position and sustained a nice move down the lane and finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donnie was very happy; thought he ran excellent for a first-time starter over conditions that were not ideal. He finished full of run and came out of the race in good shape. Hopefully he will move forward from this effort – Donnie thinks he will. We will look forward to his next start, preferably on a dry racetrack.

## STALLION NEWS



Alternation



Broken Vow

### ALTERNATION



•**SERENGETI EMPRESS** put her natural speed on display and left outmatched rivals in her wake on March 14 with a frontrunning victory in the \$350,000 Azeri Stakes-G2 at Oaklawn Park. Joel Politi's 4yo daughter of **Alternation** picked up her first victory since the 2019 G1 Kentucky Oaks. She came off a third in the 2019 Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1 to finishing second in the Houston Ladies Classic Stakes-G3 in her first start of 2020 for trainer Tom Amoss. "There was no secret what the plan was going to be today. We took it to them early and she set such a blistering pace. It's the kind of pace that a lot of people would not think she could withstand, or a racehorse could withstand. But she's a little different," said Amoss. Serengeti Empress broke quickly and established a three-length lead in the 1 1/16-mile Azeri. She clicked off fractions of :23.33, :46.49, and 1:11.34 on a sloppy track under jockey Joe Talamo without a rival in sight, impressing her rider with her ease of going. "She set some legit fractions," Talamo said. "I was surprised she went in :46 2/5. She felt like :47 2/5. She has a tremendous stride. She was very impressive today, and I was just fortunate to ride her. She handled the off track very well." With six wins and earnings of \$1,731,520, she is eyeing the \$1 million Apple Blossom Handicap-G1 April 18 at Oaklawn. *Excerpts from the Blood-Horse/photo by Coady.*



## WEEKEND WATCH

Post times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time

### Saturday, March 21

3:38p	FG	Tom Benson Memorial S. (\$100,000)
4:10p	FG	New Orleans Classic S.-G2 (\$400,000)
4:42p	FG	Muniz Memorial Classic-G2 (\$300,000)
5:15p	FG	Fair Grounds Oaks-G2 (\$100,000)
5:30p	SA	San Simeon S. (\$100,000)
5:49p	FG	Louisiana Derby-G2 (\$1,000,000)
6:09p	OP	Gazebo S. (\$125,000)
6:30p	SA	San Luis Rey S.-G3 (\$200,000)

### Sunday, March 22

3:25p	SUN	New Mexico Breeders' Oaks (\$120,000)
4:41p	SUN	New Mexico Breeders' Derby (\$120,000)
5:08p	SUN	NM State University S. (\$120,000)
5:37p	SUN	Harry W Henson H. (\$100,000)
6:07p	SUN	Bill Thomas Memorial S. (\$100,000)
6:37p	SUN	Sunland Park Oaks-L (\$200,000)
7:00p	SA	Sensational Star S. (\$100,000)
7:08p	SUN	Sunland Park Derby-G3 (\$700,000)

## RACE CALENDAR

### DON'T FORGET

TODAY – Scheduled to run this afternoon at Oaklawn in a claiming \$40,000 going 1 1/16 mile for Donnie Von Hemel. He's trained forwardly since his last race and this looks like a good spot for him this afternoon. It could be competitive.

### SYNCHRONY

SATURDAY – Scheduled to run in the G2 Muniz Memorial Classic tomorrow afternoon. He's been training forwardly for Mike Stidham and gets the service of Joe Bravo. He's drawn post 12 of 13, but some scratches are possible and he'll get to move inwards. And hopefully, the weather will cooperate and they will not get too much rain in New Orleans. The horse could not be doing any better at this point.

## TRAINER NEWS

### GRAHAM MOTION

**PALM MEADOWS** – I'LL TAKE THAT breezed a nice 5/8's on the grass and is doing very well, should be looking at a maiden race towards the latter part of the month. **DANCE RECITAL** is back galloping at the track after having an easy week. **FAIR HILL** – **IMPLICATION** is back at Graham's Fair Hill base and is doing well. He will be looking for a race at Laurel in the near future.

### MIKE STIDHAM

**TAMPA** – **CLEAR AS DAY** is training. **FAIR GROUNDS** – **SYNCHRONY** is in the entries for Saturday.

### DONNIE VON HEMEL

**OAKLAWN** – **DON'T FORGET** is entered for today.

### MICKEY PREGER, JR.

**CAMDEN** – **VERBOTEN** is doing really well, galloping every day. **GOOD ALTERNATIVE** is still having some easy time. All the 2yos are just going about their lessons in a very professional manner at this point.

## BROODMARE NEWS

### FORTHCOMING FOALS

Due	Mare	Stallion
3/03	<b>Proclivity</b>	Dialed In
3/13	<b>Whisper to Me</b>	Flatter
3/14	<b>Tis Duet</b>	Munnings
3/18	<b>Tell All</b>	Collected
3/25	<b>Another World</b>	Mastery

### MARES BRED

•**ALWAYS IN MY HEART** (to Collected), •**BACHATA** (Violence), •**BEDANKEN** (Lookin at Lucky), •**DON'T LEAVE ME** (Medaglia d'Oro) •**READY TO CONFESS** (Flatter), •**WHIMSICALITY** (Omaha Beach).

### MARES CHECKED IN FOAL

•**BROWNIE POINTS** (Union Rags), •**GOLD MEDAL DANCER** (Candy Ride), •**MISSIVE** (Ghost-zapper), •**OVERHEARD** (Justify), •**SWEET RELISH** (Catholic Boy).

### COVID-19 HEALTH TIPS

#### Mental Health & Relieving Anxiety

Stay informed with reliable sources such as [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.kycovid19.ky.gov), [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), @GovAndyBeshear & [Facebook.com/GovAndyBeshear](https://www.facebook.com/GovAndyBeshear)

Maintain a healthy diet, engage in regular exercise and get enough sleep

Preserve daily routines as much as possible



Take advantage of outdoor activities while still maintaining social distancing

Take a break from social media and news and don't overexpose yourself to too much information

Do not isolate, connect with others through appropriate social distancing or virtual opportunities

TEAM KENTUCKY

**"SOME OLD-FASHIONED THINGS LIKE FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE ARE HARD TO BEAT."**

—Laura Ingalls Wilder



**"Bloom where you are planted."**