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## Turbulent Descent Annihilates Test Stakes Foes at Saratoga!



Turbulent Descent winning the 76th running of the Grade 1 Test Stakes for 3 year-old fillies at Saratoga recording a 103 Beyer.

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Turbulent Descent, the 3 year-old filly partly owned by the Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC founder Steve Zerda, won her second Grade 1 race of the season and 3rd overall in beating 7 other 3 year-old fillies in the Test Stakes at Saratoga. Turbulent Descent recorded a career high 103 Beyer while stopping the clock in 1:24 enroute to a 3 1/4 length victory over Pomeroy's Pistol and Bobby Flay's Her Smile. Ridden by David Flores and trained by Mike Puype, Turbulent Descent made her 3rd trip back east and second to New York a successful one in banking the winner's share of the \$250,000 purse.

The classy filly stalked the pace early in the race in a light rain at Saratoga, ranged up while four wide on the turn, loomed behind Roman Treasure into the

stretch, took over when asked outside the 3/16 pole and drew away from there.

For photos of race day click here: [Test Stakes Photos](#).

Turbulent Descent's next start will be the \$1,000,000 Breeders Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (G1) at 7 furlongs at Churchill Downs on November 4th against fillies and mares 3 years old and up, her biggest career test and first against older horses.

Mike Puype has requested the Santa Anita racing secretary if they would write a race specifically for TD in early October but was declined. Mike is does not want to ship TD back East again prior to the Breeder's Cup and is content to stay home and train up to the big race.



Turbulent Descent leaving the paddock at Saratoga with jockey David Flores.

Turbulent Descent has moved to Del Mar near San Diego since her home base at Hollywood Park closed for the summer and will move back to Hollywood Park in September.

## Harbor Wind Breaks Maiden in Style! - Next Start on Monday, Sept 5th

### Harbor Wind Pedigree

- Sire - Harbor the Gold
- Grand Sire - Seeking the Gold
- Dam - Bon Jour Paris
- Half-brother to Skimming the Wave who set 5 furlong fastest time at EmD for 2010 season.
- Grand Sire on dam side - Cox's Ridge
- A++ True Nicks rating for Seeking the Gold / Cox's Ridge cross.
- [Link to Catalog Page](#)

Harbor Wind, a 2 year-old chestnut colt by Harbor the Gold, out of Bon Jour Paris, won his maiden race in nearly wire-to-wire fashion at Emerald Downs. Harbor Wind is owned by Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC and Steve Zerda and partners Erik Storm, Betty McCaffrey, and Joe Connolly. His first win was in \$25K maiden company on August 5th in his 3rd career start running the 5 1/2 furlongs in 1:04 4/5 and winning by 2 1/4 lengths.

### Harbor Wind Race Photos

The colt has rebounded nicely from trouble in his first two

starts and is being pointed towards a restricted allowance race at Emerald Downs on Monday, September 5th.

On Saturday, Harbor Wind recorded a workout at 1/2 of a mile which was recorded at 48 3/5 and was 4th of 17 horses at the distance on the day. He will work again Sunday and blowout a few days before the race.

The allowance race run on Labor Day is sponsored by the WTBOA and is restricted to 2 year-olds of either sex that went through the WTBOA sales ring last year.

Frank Lucarelli has added blink-



Harbor Wind, 2yo colt by Harbor the Gold, is shown winning his maiden race at Emerald Downs in August.

ers to the colt to keep him focused on business especially around the turn.

## ZT Racing Records Coast to Coast Win Photos inside 24 Hours!



### HARBOR WIND

Z TB Racing, Betty McCaffrey & Erik Storm - Owners  
Frank Lucarelli - Trainer  
Juan Huerta - Asst Trainer  
Pedro Terrero - Jockey  
Leadership - 2nd Don't Be Coy Roy - 3rd  
5 1/2 Furlongs in 1:04.4  
Purse \$12,300 August 5, 2011

Harbor Wind Breaks Maiden at Emerald Downs on Friday night in Seattle, above.

Turbulent Descent Wins Test Stakes in New York on Saturday afternoon, below.



### THE TEST-GRADE I Purse \$250,000

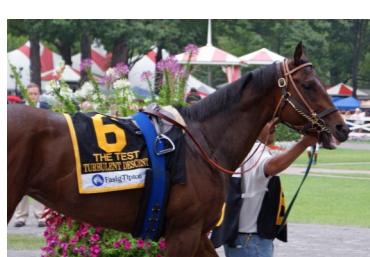
## TURBULENT DESCENT

Saratoga, New York  
Mike Puype trainer  
David Flores up  
Blinkers On Racing Stable, William Strauss, David Aurelio, Robert Butler, Joleen Coons, Robert Lapso, Vince Prezler, Steven Zerda & Robert Zinman owners  
Presentation by Mr. Boyd Browning & Ms. Bo Derek

August 6, 2011  
7 furlongs time 1:24  
Pomeroy's Pistol 2nd



## Turbulent Descent Will Work Up to Breeder's Cup



Turbulent Descent, 3 year-old filly, in the Saratoga paddock.

Turbulent Descent's next start will be in the \$1,000,000 Breeder's Cup Filly and Mare Sprint at Churchill Downs on November 4th. Winning the prestigious Breeder's Cup race would clinch the Eclipse Award for Turbulent Descent as the best Filly and Mare Sprinter in North America. Although there will be 12 weeks between starts for the accomplished filly, her trainer Mike Puype is confident she can prepare properly for her first race against older horses and the biggest test of her career.

The Breeder's Cup is the year-end championship series of racing with 15 races over 2 days with purses totaling \$26 million. It attracts the best horses from Europe and North America and will be televised by ABC/ESPN to many countries around the world. The F&M Sprint will be held on day one, Friday Nov 4th with live coverage on ESPN.

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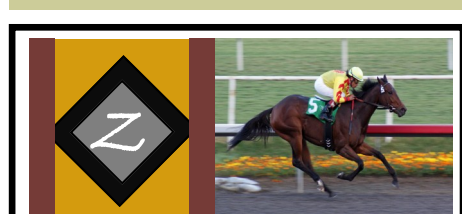
Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC has a YouTube Channel where you can follow the exploits of the ZTR stable of horses as they prepare and compete in races at Emerald Downs.

See Harbor Wind's latest workouts and races.

[ZThoroughbredRacing Channel](#)

*"Turbulent Descent will take on any horse out there at this distance (7 furlongs). She put herself in a new financial category today and she's in line to win an Eclipse Award."*

Mike Puype after the Test Stakes



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Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC was founded by Steve Zerda in 2010 to bring the opportunity for thoroughbred ownership to more racing fans in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona. Steve is formerly a successful airline executive whose interest in horse racing began back in 1978 when he calculated Beyer figures by hand for races at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, and Del Mar. A follower of horses of that era such as Vigors, John Henry, and Flying Paster, Steve has studied pedigree analysis and conformation to enable the acquisition of quality stock for racing. Along with his company based in Renton, Washington, Steve owns a portion of the 3 year-old filly Turbulent Descent based at Hollywood Park, winner in 2010 of the Moccasin Stakes, the Grade I Hollywood Starlet, and an Eclipse Award finalist for 2010. In 2011, TD has won the Test Stakes (GI) at Saratoga, the Santa Anita Oaks (GI), the Beaumont Stakes (GII) at Keeneland and was 2nd in the Las Virgenes (GI) and Acorn (GI). She is 6-2-0 in 8 starts and has lifetime earnings of \$828,350.