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Turbulent Descent Returns From Breeder's Cup to the La Brea Stakes



Turbulent Descent's partners in the paddock at the Breeder's Cup World Championships. TD is pointing toward the La Brea at Santa Anita on December 31st.

Turbulent Descent, a troubled 5th in the Breeder's Cup World Championships on November 4th at Churchill Downs, is planning to run in the \$300,000 La Brea (G1) for 3 year-old fillies at Santa Anita on New Year's Eve.

The La Brea has been run since 1974 and is the last Grade 1 stakes for 3 year-old fillies for the calendar year. The stakes record for the La Brea was set by Switch last year in a time of 1:20.33. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert has won the La Brea a record 6 times and will likely have a competitor in the race.

[Possibles for the La Brea](#)

Turbulent Descent worked 5 furlongs on Saturday, Dec. 3rd in 58 2/5 which was the fastest of 30 at the distance. Trainer Mike Puype said he was originally planning to work her a half mile but she was so wound up the last couple of days he wanted her to blow off some steam.

"She did it easy, as usual, said Mike. "They went a little faster than I would have liked early because the horse she was working with got a bit too aggressive when the pony horse bolted. The good news is she came back in great shape and is on target for the 31st."



Turbulent Descent shown taking the lead in upper stretch in the Breeder's Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1).

A victory in the La Brea would win TD some voters for the 2011 Eclipse award as the Champion Female Sprinter.

Harbor Wind Begins Training at Sunny Creek Farm for 2012 Campaign



Harbor Wind in the horse exerciser at Sunny Creek Farm in December.

Harbor Wind, 2 year-old gelding owned by Z Thoroughbred Racing Partners I, has commenced jogging in the exerciser at Sunny Creek Farm in Galt, California.

Harbor Wind was gelded in November after finishing his 2011 debut season at Emerald Downs. The colt won twice in 5 starts with 2 thirds and earned \$25,492. He most recently finished 4th in the Dennis Dodge Stakes as the 7 to 10 favorite.

Harbor Wind will be stabled at Golden Gate Fields in late December to begin training for the 2012 season as a 3 year-old. He will be pointed to a Starter Allowance race at 6 furlongs and will be tested for the first time at two turns in 2012. He will be moved to Emerald Downs when that meet opens in April.



Harbor Wind will begin his 3 year-old campaign at Golden Gate Fields.

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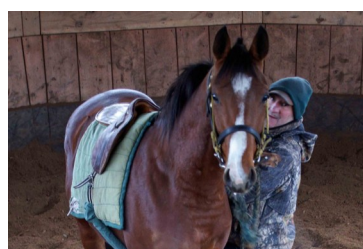
2011 Breeder's Cup Images - Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY



Turbulent Descent ran a troubled 5th in the 2011 \$1,000,000 Breeder's Cup Filly and Mare Sprint run on November 4th at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.

The 2012 Breeder's Cup World Championships will be held at Santa Anita race track in Arcadia, California.

ZTR's Yearling Soul Intent's Grand Sire is Sadler's Wells - Super Sire of Sires



Soul Intent is ZTR's yearling colt by Perfect Soul out of Danish Wildcat.

Z Thoroughbred Racing has acquired a yearling colt just named **Soul Intent**. The colt is sired by **Perfect Soul** and is out of the mare Danish Wildcat whose sire is **Danehill**. He is currently at Jones Farm in Renton, WA where he is being broken this month.

Stallion Perfect Soul was the Champion Turf Male in Canada in 2003 and has career earnings of \$1,528,000 and holds the course record at Keeneland of 1:33 2/5 in the G1 Keeneland Turf Mile in 2003.

Perfect Soul's other progeny includes the filly **Perfect Shirl**, the recent winner of the Breeder's Cup Filly & Mare Turf. Perfect Shirl has won \$1,350,000 in her career and will contest the Group 1 Gran Premio Internacional Carlos Pellegrini at San Isidro Race Course in Buenos Aires, Argentina on December 17th.

[Watch Perfect Shirl win the 2011 Breeder's Cup Filly & Mare Turf.](#)

Sadler's Well's, Perfect Soul's sire and Soul Intent's grandsire, has sired prominent sons **Galileo** and **Montjeu**, who currently lead North America and Europe in combined progeny earnings. Sadler's Wells also sired stallion **High Chaparral** who is 7th in progeny earnings.

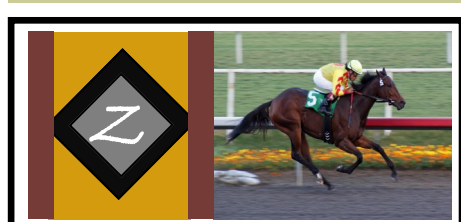
Soul Intent's Broodmare Sire is **Danehill**, currently the Number 1 leading Broodmare Sire in North America and Europe with combined progeny earnings of \$16.4 Million and 32 Stakes Winners. *Sadler's Wells is the 2nd leading Broodmare Sire at \$15.7M.*

2011 Leading Sires Through Dec 6th. By Earnings - North America, Europe and Dubai

Rank	Name	Starters	Winners	SWs	Earnings
1	Galileo (IRE)	365	148	29	\$16,210,317
2	Montjeu (IRE)	288	122	29	\$12,018,962
3	Distorted Humor	245	124	18	\$10,103,150
4	Smart Strike	259	128	13	\$9,216,008
5	Tapit	224	118	13	\$8,963,437
6	Giant's Causeway	334	146	18	\$8,104,080
7	High Chaparral	237	89	11	\$7,712,630
8	Malibu Moon	271	121	14	\$7,268,206
9	More Than Ready	316	137	14	\$7,146,778
10	Medaglia d'Oro	192	90	12	\$6,657,307



Perfect Shirl (No. 8) wins the \$2M BC Filly and Mare Turf at 27-1.



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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 won the Test Stakes (GI) at Saratoga, the Santa Anita Oaks (GI) and the Beaumont Stakes (GII) at Keeneland and was 2nd in the Las Virgenes (GI) and Acorn (GI) and most recently 5th in the Breeder's Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. She is 6-2-0 in 9 starts and has lifetime earnings of \$858,350.