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## The real race of the year

The race of the year was actually a series of races contested by the two-year-old sons and daughters of Ashford Stud's Scat Daddy and Darley's Hard Spun to determine the Freshman sire championship. And it was a particularly close and exciting contest because the last day of 2011 probably determined the winner, as both stallions held entries on New Year's Eve that affected the slim margin of dollars—literally, a few thousand—that separated the two on December 30.

At the wire, it was Scat Daddy by a scant nose, or \$1,058: progeny earnings of \$1,698,560 versus \$1,697,502 for the Darley horse as reported to THOROUGHBRED TIMES from EquineLine.com. Note, however, that the following disclaimer applies: "Statistics include racing in the United States, Canada, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, and Uruguay. North American data through Tuesday, January 3, 2012. International data generally is delayed three to four days."

The U.S. is the only country among the countries listed above that determines its sire standings by including foreign progeny earnings, but this wasn't always the case.

For years, *Daily Racing Form* compiled stallion lists by North American earnings only, and this "official" list was more in line with those from around the world. But as the breeding industry became more internationally oriented here, with North American-bred horses racing abroad for significant purses and large-scale shuttling scattering the progeny of North American stallions around the globe, the major stud farms demanded lists to reflect this phenomenon.

EquineLine.com, not *Daily Racing Form*, is now the "official" provider of sire statistics in North America. The for-profit com-

pany, which is owned by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., (TJCIS), a subsidiary of The Jockey Club, sells data for various versions of stallion lists to publications such as this one and its competitors, based on client needs.

What it needs to do, however, is take a stand and provide "official" Jockey Club leading sire lists, along with its array of products for purchase. This official list needs to be distributed and marketed as such, because at present the situation is ridiculous.

One publication, for example, uses an abbreviated version of the EquineLine.com international sire data that doesn't include progeny earnings from Japan and Hong Kong.

As a result, the sire standings of two well-known industry publications that get their data from the same source have discrepancies in progeny earnings. One publication has Scat Daddy ahead of Hard Spun \$1,521,410 to \$1,510,235 at this writing, a difference of \$11,175.

Inconsistency, of course, leads to confusion. The race between Scat Daddy and Hard Spun for a sire championship should become the catalyst for the industry to change its ways, because it's possible that the \$1,058 that separates Scat Daddy from Hard Spun could change in the days ahead with international tabulations. And without an "official" list to designate a champion, it's possible we could have two champions with the black mark of an asterisk next to each name. This has been the case in several years since worldwide earnings were added to the equation, including for 2011 leading general sire.

And we don't need any more black marks in this game.

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## UPCOMING GRADED STAKES ENTRIES

### Busanda S.

January 7, \$100,000, f, 3yo, 1m 70y, Aqueduct, 3:09 PM ET

P	Horse	Sire	Jockey	Wt.	Trainer
1.	Sweet Seventeen	Hard Spun	Ramon A. Dominguez	116	H. Graham Motion
2.	The Winged Venus	Rock Hard Ten	Carlos Montalvo	118	William Badgett, Jr.
3.	Bourbonstreetgirl	Langfuhr	David Cohen	116	Gary C. Contessa
4.	Lady Clara	Hard Spun	Cornelio H. Velasquez	116	Michael J. Trombetta
5.	Captivating Lass	A.P. Indy	Michael J. Luzzi	116	Kiaran P. McLaughlin
6.	Almost a Valentine	High Cotton	Elias Peltroche	116	Ollie L. Figgins, III
7.	Terralba	Langfuhr	Junior Alvarado	116	Mark Shuman

### Count Fleet S.

January 7, \$150,000, 3yo, 1m 70y, Aqueduct, 3:37 PM ET

P	Horse	Sire	Jockey	Wt.	Trainer
1.	Il Villano	Pollard's Vision	Jose Luis Flores	120	Susan L. Crowell
2.	How Do I Win	Corinthian	Cornelio H. Velasquez	116	Todd A. Pletcher
3.	Whistleblower	Grand Slam	Ariel Smith	116	Kenneth G. McPeck
4.	Stephanoatsee	A.P. Indy	Junior Alvarado	116	H. Graham Motion
5.	Alpha	Bernardini	Ramon A. Dominguez	116	Kiaran P. McLaughlin
6.	Speightcity	Speightstown	David Cohen	118	Gary C. Contessa
7.	Shkspeare Shaliyah	Shakespeare	Jose Valdivia, Jr.	122	Doodnauth Shivmangal

## WORKOUTS

### TUESDAY

Horse	Track	Dist.	Time	Rank
Belo Acteon (Brz), 5, h.	Payson Park	4fT	:52.00b	4/4
Casablanca Smile (Chi), 6, m.	Payson Park	4fT	:49.00b	2/4
Heroi Do Baфра (Brz), 10, g.	Turf Paradise	4f	:48.00h	11/48
Jaycito, 4, c.	Hollywood	6fAW	1:12.20h	1/4
Jeranimo, 6, h.	Hollywood	5fAW	1:02.80b	12/12
Keertana, 6, m.	Tampa Bay Downs	5f	1:02.40b	4/21
Lang Field, 9, g.	Turf Paradise	4f	:48.60h	21/48
Murjan, 4, c.	Payson Park	5f	1:02.20b	1/5
Musketier (Ger), 10, h.	Payson Park	4fT	:48.00b	1/4
Private Jet (Arg), 7, g.	Belmont training track	4f	:50.09b	15/18
Rodman, 7, h.	Hollywood	4fAW	:48.80h	9/14

List of workouts is for all graded stakes winners at tracks and training centers in the United States and Canada, plus some selected horses.



AW—denotes all-weather surface

Note: b-breezing, h-handily; Rank lists horse's workout time compared with all others who worked that distance at the track that day.