



Managing Editor's Welcome

Hitting A Home Run

It's that time of year when America's favorite pastime, baseball, is the center of attention nationwide. As it progresses from the regular season to the post-season playoffs, divisional championships and, ultimately, World Series, it's an exciting time for everyone involved at this stage of the game.

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny surely wishes he was part of the current finale, in which the Houston Astros and Chicago White Sox were doing battle in the last best-of-seven series of 2005, just as we were going to press. However, he did end up hitting a home run of his own while attending last month's California's October Yearling Sale. Penny went home from the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex Park in Pomona as the proud new owner of a \$105,000 yearling, whom he now hopes to enjoy a "perfect game" with in the future.

Co-hosted by the CTBA (California Thoroughbred Breeders Association) and Barretts Equine Ltd., the inaugural combination of what previously was each organization's Del Mar Yearling Sale and October Preferred Yearling Sale, respectively, turned out to be a big success. Those details, including the latest scoop on Brad Penny's companion at the sale, the famed—or should that be "Charmed"—actress Alyssa Milano, who also dipped into the world of Thoroughbred ownership, are all covered in-depth starting on page 23 of this November 2005 issue of *California Thoroughbred* magazine.

There is also a host of other interesting and informative contributions to look out for, including a wrap-up of the successful Ninth Annual CTBA Harris Ranch Seminar, a CTBA Member Profile on the exuberant Pablo Suarez, an analysis of those prominent stallions who will be making the Golden State their new home in 2006, a review of California-bred Brother Derek's fine graded stakes win last month, and a look at the distinguished career of Big Jag, the 24th locally bred equine millionaire.

Plus, Fairplex Park's September 2005 race meet is covered, along with racing reports on the recent Cal-bred stakes winners in both Southern and Northern California. There is also the enclosed supplement "A Cal-Bred Tribute by Bill Mochon," which features the unique work of this talented local photographer going back three decades. Finally, this publication closes with a detailed piece on the glorious 21-year history of the On Trust Handicap.

So, along with all our other regular features and departments, it is hoped that this particular edition provides all of you with an enjoyable and helpful read.

Well, that's all I have time and space for right now so, until next time, may you breed the best to the best and not just have to hope for the best!

—Rudi Groothedde
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In the Company of... Well-known actress Alyssa Milano and LA Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny (right) at the inaugural California's October Yearling Sale, co-hosted by the CTBA and Barretts Equine Ltd., in the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex Park in Pomona, Calif., on October 4, 2005



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