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Dear Mr. Osborne,

As a long time subscriber, California Thoroughbred owner, and horse racing enthusiast, I am disappointed by the diminishing coverage of the great sport of racing in the San Diego Union-Tribune. Horse racing has a long history in this state, dating back to the mid 1800s. In years past, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported not only complete race results – including listing the jockeys, trainers, owners and breeders of each winning horse – but also provided regular news coverage of our important stakes races and race meets at Del Mar, Hollywood Park and Santa Anita.

Now, the most one can find in your newspaper is usually a condensed listing of the top finishers in each race with prices for the various wagers. This information is of very little use or interest except perhaps to those who are strictly hard core gamblers. However, to a great many of us who love horse racing and for whom the sport is a very important part of our lives, your race results coverage is simply unremarkable, and well below the standard of journalism and coverage set by Hank Weesch, and for which the Union-Tribune was once known.

As I said, Thoroughbred horse racing has a grand history and tradition in this great State, and represents a vast agri-business that employs and supports tens of thousands of Californians, and entertains millions annually, many here in San Diego County. Despite what some journalists have asserted recently, racing remains is a beloved sport, vital to California. I respectfully request that you recognize it as such with the coverage that it deserves!

Sincerely,

Signed

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