

## Solution to Puzzle #135 – August, 2012 "Off to the Races"

<b>T</b>	O	N	I	L	S	O	L	I	D	V
A	<b>R</b>	A	N	C	E	M	O	N	G	E
L	L	<b>I</b>	G	H	T	E	N	G	E	N
I	A	L	<b>P</b>	U	B	L	I	C	T	A
B	Y	D	I	<b>L</b>	L	Y	C	H	I	N
N	O	U	N	B	<b>E</b>	S	E	E	M	T
I	C	K	E	E	S	<b>C</b>	A	R	P	I
N	T	E	R	E	S	A	<b>R</b>	O	U	S
E	A	D	O	R	E	R	I	<b>O</b>	T	E
R	D	O	R	A	D	F	A	T	<b>W</b>	A
I	S	T	A	S	C	E	S	I	O	<b>N</b>

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell **SIR BARTON** and **AFFIRMED**, the first and the most recent triple crown winners.

### Across

1. TON(S)IL
2. SOLID
3. VAR(I)ANCE
4. MONG(R)EL
5. LIGHTEN
6. GENIAL
7. PUBLIC
8. TA(B)BY
9. DILLY
10. CH(A)IN
11. NOUN
12. BESEEM
13. TICKE(R)
14. ESCARP
15. INTERES(T)
16. AROUSE
17. ADORE
18. RIOTER
19. DORAD(O)
20. FAT
21. WAIST
22. ASCE(N)SION

### Down

1. TALIB(A)N
2. IN(F)ERIOR
3. (F)LAY
4. OCTAD
5. SNAIL
6. DUKE
7. DOTING
8. PINERO
9. RA(I)L
10. CHU(R)L
11. BEER
12. ASSET
13. BLESSED
14. COMELY
15. SCAR
16. FELON
17. ICE
18. ARIA
19. SING
20. CHEROOT
21. (M)IDGET
22. IMPUT(E)
23. WOVEN
24. ANTI
25. SE(D)AN

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.