



BARBARO

The courageous Kentucky Derby winner, who shattered his right hind leg at the Preakness, took his biggest stride toward recovery in November, when his cast was removed. "He's doing well," says University of Pennsylvania surgeon Dean Richardson of his "cooperative and resilient" star patient (above, in September). "He's gaining weight. He's a happy horse." Still, Richardson cautions that Barbaro has just begun to heal and is still at some risk: "He's got a lot further to go before I'd consider him to be a true success."