



Gambling Alert - Sept. 20, 2018



Last evening Mark Maxwell from *WCIA* reported:

Edgar coaches Pritzker behind the scenes - They were on same horseracing board . . . The two men met in 2007 when they **both sat on the board of YouBet.com, an early gambling website for horse racing.** Less than two years after Pritzker joined the board at YouBet, the state legalized **advanced-deposit wagering**, but only granted a license to four companies. YouBet was one of them. It raked in \$34.7 million in its first year operating officially on the books, according to records kept by the Illinois Racing Board, though **the website and operation were up and running before the state legalized it.**

The company has since **merged with a website called TwinSpires, a Churchill Downs entity** that was also a charter member approved for a business license in Illinois. Last year, TwinSpires handled 46 percent of all legal online horse racing bets placed in Illinois.

Pritzker, like Edgar, wants to legalize sports gambling in Illinois. [Read more](#)

The *Courier-Journal* in Kentucky reported that **Churchill Downs opened Derby City Gaming, with "900 'instant racing' machines similar to slot machines, and a "50 seat sports bar featuring stacks of television screens".**

Could the company be positioning the facility for sports gambling? [Read more](#)

NOTE: Churchill Downs also owns Arlington Park in Illinois and has been lobbying for slot machines, table games and Internet sports gambling at racetracks.

FanDuel won't pay out winning bets, blames glitch

A man, who placed a bet at the window at Meadowlands (NJ), said he was cheated out of a winning bet worth \$82,000. FanDuel says it won't pay out due to a glitch. [Read more](#)

After the [story aired](#), "another gambler said the same thing happened to him when he placed the same bet online". [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Contact your State [Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to OPPOSE Internet Sports gambling and gambling machines/table games at racetracks.
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