Dear Blog, Pride of our team:

Last week only a few months ago  turned 57, but was named the best horse trainer in the world by the BBC yesterday after winning the Kentucky Derby with Medina Spirit. Baffert is a great example of how success is achieved! There were many times over the past week I found myself saying the same thing… "I couldn’t be prouder of my team." Last week, many across America watched the 147th Running of the Roses, the Kentucky Derby, a horse race that has been run every year since 1875. This year, the race was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The horse, Medina Spirit, set a Kentucky Derby record with his seventh career win at Churchill Downs. Baffert also said, "I couldn’t be prouder of my team." Bob Baffert, the trainer of the winning horse, Medina Spirit, is perhaps the ultimate single event honor in equestrian racing.

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