

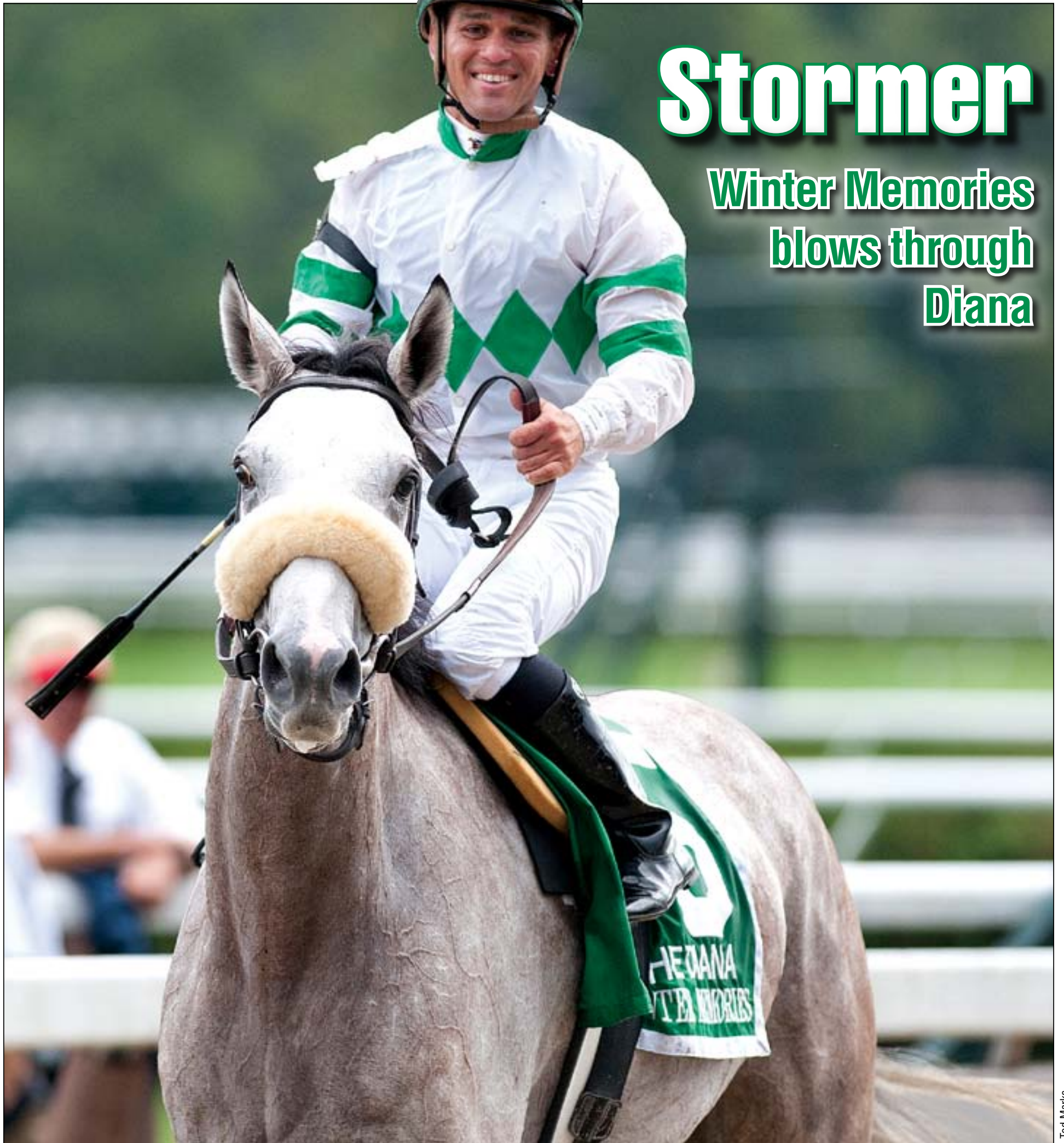
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WORTH REPEATING

The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"We did a rain dance last night, because he loves the off track."
Co-owner Roger Sofer, after Street Life won the Curlin over a wet track

"As soon as the nanny, groom, housekeeper and the cook arrive."
Trainer Tim Keefe, who has one in Monday, on what time he was getting to Saratoga (Keefe's wife is at the Olympics while he's home with four kids)

"Everybody calls me Bill. I get Bill Gallo's dry cleaning."
Parting Glass Racing's Tom Gallo, about being mistaken for the NSA's Bill Gallo

"Write an article on that guy. That's what I want to read."
Jock's agent, Mike Sellito, as he drove past John Panagot Tuesday morning

"It was getting around March and I thought, 'Go back to Arlington, ride good horses and I'll see you next year.'"
Jockey Junior Alvarado, on his decision to return to Arlington after the 2011 Aqueduct meet

"Senor Jack."
Jockey Ramon Dominguez, greeting Jack Clancy in the paddock Thursday

"He had the day off because of the rain."
Trainer Dominic Galluscio as his pony pranced to the track Saturday morning

Track patron in the boxes Thursday: "Well, I'm not really sure where I am."
Head usher Joe Vernon: "You're in Saratoga . . ."

"He'll be at the foot of your bed by August 15."
Cindy Nichols, on the danger of feeding a chipmunk

"She's tough."
Trainer Nick Zito, when asked about Rosie Napravnik's toe

"Was the ink still wet yesterday or was it the rain?"
Pat Hennig, about a soggy edition Friday

"It's good to be back."
Trainer Lisa Lewis, on her return to Saratoga

"Worth Repeating's are getting light. Either people aren't saying anything funny or we're not hearing anything funny."
Member of The Special staff, nine days into the meet

"It couldn't get any better. We are in Saratoga."
Niall Brennan, railside, Saturday morning

"The stewards want to talk to you."
Agent Mike Gonzalez, after The Special's golf cart shut him off on the turn

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Treed. Stakes horse Wise Dan munches on some leaves Saturday morning.

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"Who are you calling nervous, jittery?"

Trainer Jimmy Toner, after reading his personality description in *The Special* (he was laughing when he said it)

"Sitting down? That's your first mistake."

Katie Bo Williams, when asking the whereabouts of a *Special* writer Saturday morning

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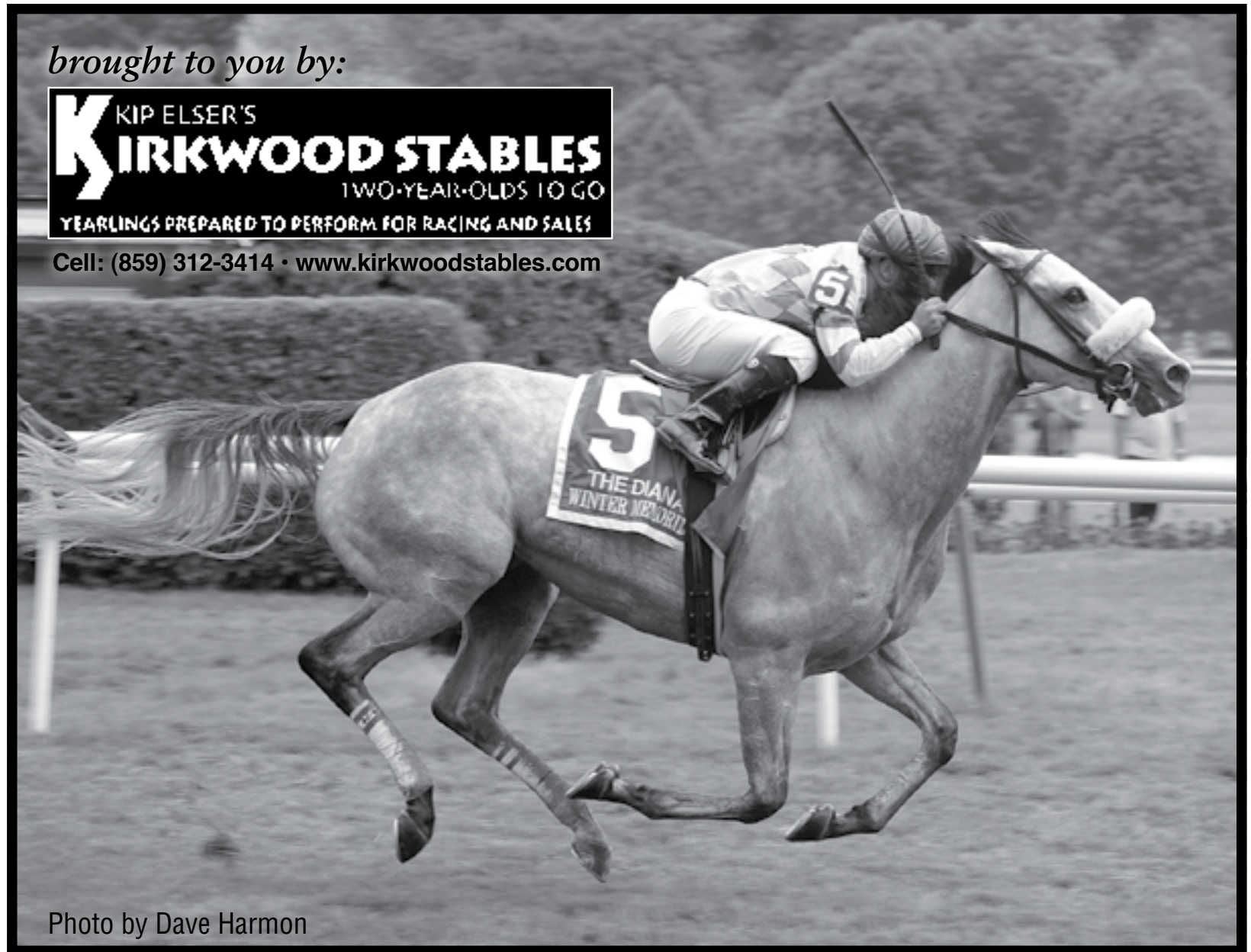


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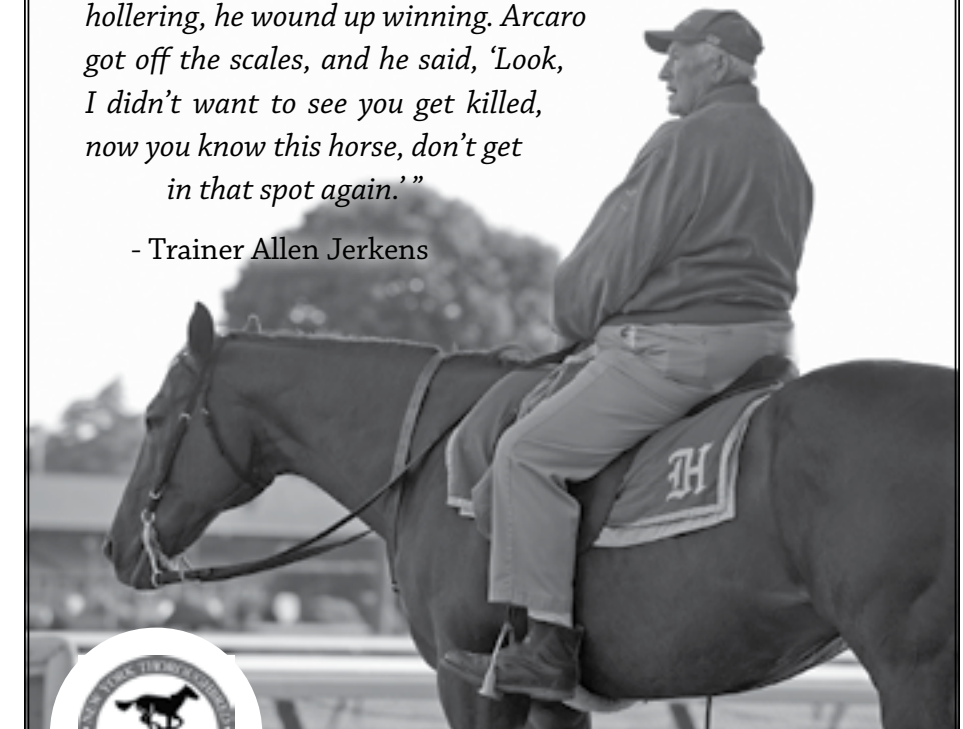
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- Trainer Allen Jerkens



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Winter Memories leads late in the Diana.

DIANA STAKES RECAP

People's Horse

Winter Memories lives up to attention in Gr. 1

BY JOE CLANCY

Winter Memories walks into the paddock, head high, big ears higher, and people notice. She gets saddled, on the walk at a low simmer, and people notice. She walks down the horsepath to the track, people notice.

Then she roars through the stretch like an equine predator, and people really notice.

Always popular, always the favorite, always the one who gets the oohs and aahs, the 4-year-old filly proved worthy of the attention – again – with a runaway score in Saturday's Diana. She produced a traffic- and trouble-free trip, collaring Tapitsfly in the stretch and winning the Grade 1 turf stakes by 1 1/2 lengths for Phillips Racing Partnership and trainer Jimmy Toner. Javier Castellano rode the winner, who covered 9 furlongs in 1:48.50 over a good turf course. French invader Dream Peace rallied for second with 2011 race



Javier Castellano celebrates after crossing the wire with Winter Memories.

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winner Zagora third. Winter Memories won her second Grade 1, erased a loss to Tapitsfly in the Just A Game last time out and further confirmed what the fuss is all about. In a dozen career starts, she's started the favorite every time. She's won eight, earned more than \$1.2 million and collected admirers since the first day. "It's the gray, right?" Toner said Friday morning. "It's her, she deserves it, she has her own fan club."

Saturday, Toner looked at the tote board for a tough race, turned to owner John Phillips and said, "Why is she 8-5?" Then she made the price look generous.

"We got beat the last time, the other ones were doing this and that, but the people love her," Toner said. "You look at her, she's beautiful. She's a fan horse. You can't help but like her. She's fun to see run when she does her thing. It means a lot to me. I'm happy for her, happy to be part of it."

Toner removes himself from at least some of it as Winter Memories — who seems to grow a hand in the paddock — can be rough on handlers on raceday. Saturday, assistant trainer Dana Antonczak and valet Rodney Paine saddled her on the walk while Toner sweated from afar. The first girth didn't fit, and Paine used his 5K speed to hustle for another while Antonczak kept Winter Memories walking (Castellano's saddle stayed on her back). The delay didn't rattle the daughter of El Prado, who left



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the paddock to a swell of applause from the Paddock Bar.

On the course, Winter Memories delivered even more. As expected, Tapitsfly jumped to an immediate lead and was pushed mildly by English invader Low Of The Range. Zagora found a spot in third, Winter Memories just behind her and outside, unhindered. Dream Peace and Hungry Island completed the compact field of six. Never quite able to use her speed and stride the way she did in the Just A Game or her other blazing wins, Tapitsfly carried the group to the turn but the attackers soon arrived. Zagora moved first, Winter Memories followed. She drew alongside and quickly cleared to a 2-length advantage at the furlong pole. The rest was a gallop out as the homebred repeated the Diana victory of her dam Memories Of Silver in 1998.

Castellano loved the immediate response from his horse.

"My goal was to cover up a little bit and make that short move she is able to do," the jockey said. "I was able to do that. I did not want those kind of horses to steal the race and Zagora moved at the same time I did. I made the move kind of early but when I did she was so good. I smooched a little bit, she focused for me. She was so good, was able to relax, stay where there was room and then she kicked when I asked her to. I love that."

Castellano picked up the ride on Winter Memories after she finished fourth for Jose Lezcano in last year's Lake Placid at Saratoga and they won the Grade 1 Garden City together at Belmont Park. This year, Winter Memories returned with a win in the Beaugay on May 5 — Kentucky Derby Day — and Eddie Castro substituted ably for Castellano.

When he returned from the Derby, Castellano went straight to Toner's barn and asked for his ride back.

"She's your ride, that's your horse," Toner told him. The statement meant a great deal, and Castellano — also the regular rider of Zagora — stuck to the commitment in the Diana.

"Jimmy Toner has been very loyal to me," Castellano said. "He's been really good to me. I have to honor that. It was a tough decision because I've done good on both horses, but I have a commitment to ride Winter Memories for a long time. This time it worked out great for me. So many times it doesn't work out."

Castellano worked Winter Memories at Saratoga five days before the race (5 furlongs in 59 4/5 seconds) and hopped off knowing she'd be tough to handle Saturday.

"She's been working so amazing in the morning, so today I had a lot of confidence," he said. "The last time with her, it was a shorter distance and Tapitsfly took advantage and stole the race. I knew today was going to be a different ballgame — mile-and-an-eighth, two turns, Tapitsfly was not my concern

at all today."

Bottled up in traffic when fourth in the 2011 Lake Placid, Winter Memories had no such problems in the 2012 Diana.

"I didn't want to be too far back because it's hard to make up ground in soft turf and she has a short move," said Castellano. "If you have to move too much in wet ground, she's going to give it to you but maybe she's going to come up short. If you're too close to the pace and make the move, maybe she hangs. It's all timing and rhythm with her."

Toner doesn't get to feel Winter Memories' bounce in the morning, but he can see it and went into the Diana with confidence, while still fretting the details and the outcomes.

"I know what she is and what she can do," he said. "I felt like I did everything I could. We've done everything we've wanted to do with her. She's followed through with everything training-wise, schooling-wise. With any horse, sometimes it doesn't happen so when it does, it's exciting. When it does happen, it's an exciting thing to be a part of."

Phillips posed for another winner's circle photo with his filly — now 3-for-4 at the Spa — and thought about the past. Generations of his family's Thoroughbred breeding program course through Winter Memories, whose pedigree echoes with such names as Little Current, Graustark, Ribot and other greats.

"You think that there are five generations of horses with three generations of our family and that's just a special thing to be part of," he said. "It's a great victory for me, but for five generations of horses and three generations of family it really means something. I'm just kind of the steward that's trying to keep things going. I feel a responsibility but it's sheer joy to see the people respond to her."

Phillips is part owner, sure, but he's also all fan.

"She's got a racing style that kind of makes you want to watch," Phillips said. "It's dramatic and it's so much fun, there's boom an explosion there. She doesn't always win, but she tries all the time. You've just got to love that."

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JUST DANDY. Alpha floats across the finish line with a victory in Saturday's Jim Dandy. See page 13 for article.

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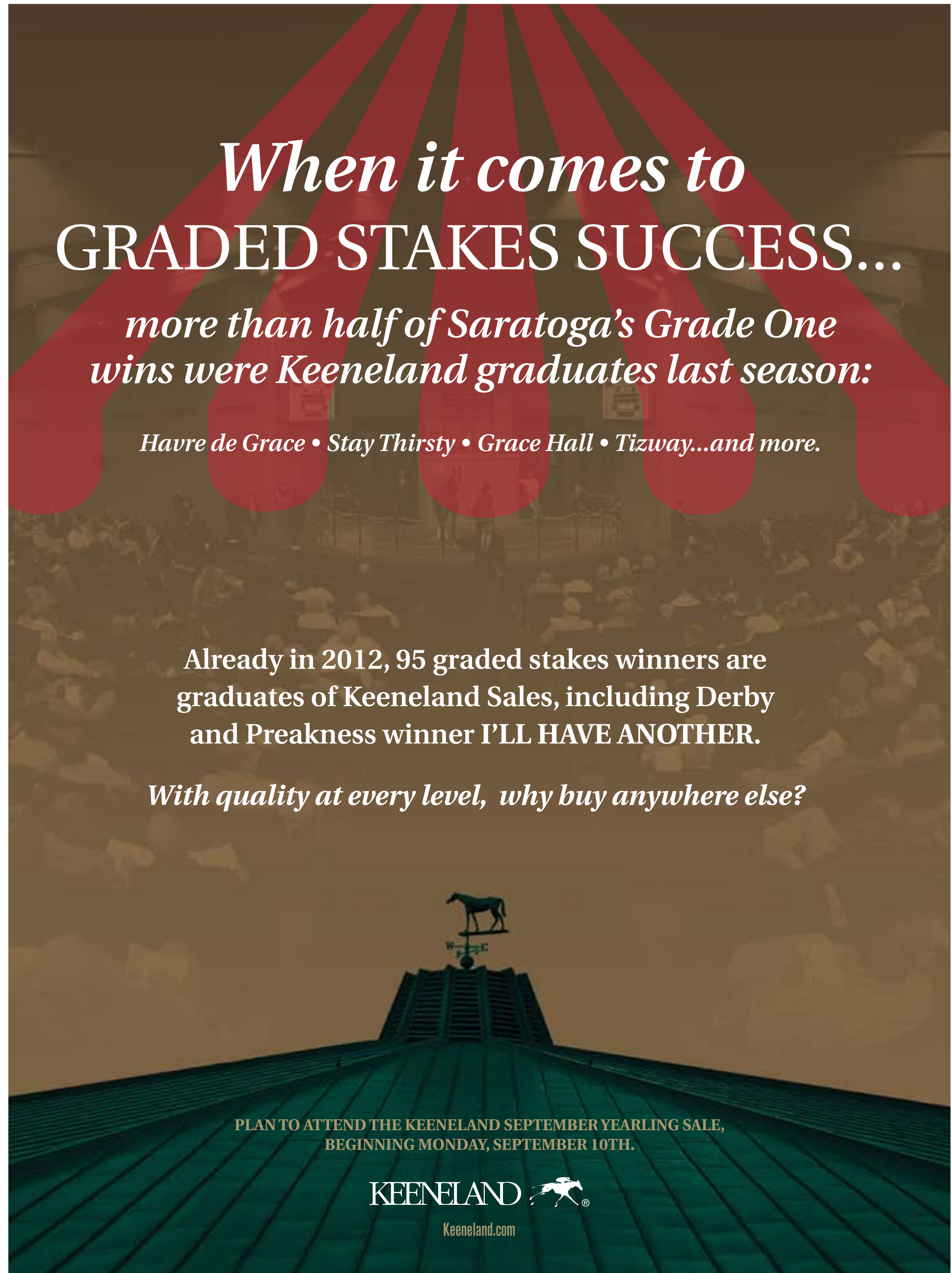
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JIM DANDY STAKES RECAP

New View

Alpha comes through in mud for McLaughlin

BY SEAN CLANCY

Kieran McLaughlin watched the Jim Dandy, isolated and alone in a fourth-row box. Traditionally, a big-screen viewer in the clubhouse, McLaughlin changed it up for Saturday's Grade II stakes, winding up in a box, alone and in awe.

The trainer liked what he saw as Alpha gripped the race from the beginning, but didn't say anything. McLaughlin watched the furlongs pass like he was counting sheep in his head. Then Alpha passed the quarter pole, splashing easily over the sloppy surface,

comfortably on the lead.

"Come on, Alpha. Come on. Come on, Alpha," McLaughlin yelled as Ramon Dominguez and Alpha turned into the stretch. McLaughlin stood up, clutching a wooden chair with his right hand and snapping a program in his left hand. Then he shook the chair like a stray dog who wouldn't go home. The chair rattled off the wooden floor, once, twice, three, four times, clanking down with disdain.

Godolphin's Alpha kept to the task, putting away Teeth Of The Dog and holding Neck 'n Neck at bay through the last furlong, hitting the wire 2 lengths clear in the \$600,000 stakes.

"Yeah," McLaughlin whooped, watching Alpha gallop under the line.

"Yeah . . . yeah . . . yeah."

Then McLaughlin turned and looked around.

"My family left me," he said, looking all around for his wife, son and daughter.

They were nowhere to be seen.

"That was a great ride," McLaughlin said, walking down the steps to the winner's circle. "Wowww, that's huge. He was training great, I was worried about the track, he hasn't run on the slop, but he's been doing so well. No more Churchill Downs for this horse. Ever."

Alpha hadn't run since finishing 12th in the Kentucky Derby, now a distant memory.

McLaughlin met his son Ryan at the apron of the winner's circle.

"Ryan...!" McLaughlin said, hugging his son.

McLaughlin's wife, Letty met her husband there.

"I was in the box. Why didn't you come up there?" he said.

"We never watch in the box," she said (she was right).

Then he laughed. She laughed.

"We changed our TV, we always change our TV for better luck," Letty said.

They wound up finding McLaughlin's brother Neal at a faraway TV and watched it together.

They loved every minute of it.

Alpha broke sharply from the inside post and Dominguez did exactly what he told McLaughlin he would do, not giving away what they give you, keeping his position as Teeth Of The Dog looked for a forward position as well. Into the first turn, Alpha led Teeth Of The Dog by a length, going the first quarter in a tepid 24.40. Neck 'n Neck found a sweet spot in third as Prospective galloped along in fourth. Fast Falcon sat inside on the rail, Atigun was restrained to his outside, Liaison tried to make up for a tardy start and My Adonis trailed.

Dominguez melted the favorite through a half in 49.3 as Joel Rosario kept Teeth Of The Dog lapped on his outside and Neck 'n Neck kept in touch as well. Leaving the backside, suddenly seven jockeys were under a drive while Dominguez hovered above Alpha, allowing it to happen. After three quarters in 1:14.03, Dominguez began to roust Alpha with wide left-handed stirs, elbow pointing toward the infield pond. Alpha responded as Neck 'n Neck began to loom on the outside, Teeth Of The Dog began to fade and Liaison rallied from the back. Past the eighth pole, Alpha deflected Neck 'n Neck's challenge and rolled away with his biggest career victory, hopping tire tracks inside

See **JIM DANDY** page 14 ►



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Alpha (right) takes the lead.

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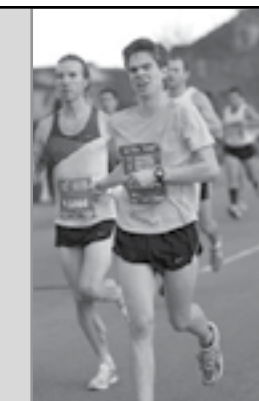
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Jim Dandy —

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the sixteenth pole while in complete control. By the wire, Alpha led by 2 lengths over Neck 'n Neck and Liaison, finishing the 9 furlongs in 1:50.47 over a sealed racetrack.

Alpha erased the pain of a 19-length defeat in the Derby and an aborted attempt at the Belmont.

"It was frustrating because I felt like we lost the race before the race. He came in the paddock and I felt like he was a popsicle melting right before my eyes, he had excuses, everybody had to do the same thing, but he did not handle it well," McLaughlin said. "Then we were going to the Belmont and I see on my phone at 6:38, 10 days before the Belmont, a text from (assistant Art Magnuson), 'Alpha, 1:03 and change.' I stayed with him until 11 at night with Dr. Tara O'Brien and Artie until his temperature broke."

McLaughlin and Godolphin's Simon Crisford discussed what to do next and agreed to scrap any plans of the Belmont and send the horse to Saratoga to Neil and Trish McLaughlin for a long regrouping for Saratoga.

"I said when it happened, 'Maybe it's a blessing in disguise and we'll have a fresh horse for the summer and fall,' it's worked out that way," McLaughlin said. "He's done very well up here, I give a lot of credit to Trish, Neal, Rob Massey, the groom, the green grass."

Alpha arrived at Greentree around June 10 and aimed at the Jim Dandy.

Dominguez guided Alpha to wins

in the Count Fleet and Withers and a second in the Wood Memorial leading to the Derby but stuck with Hansen for the Derby. Nearly three months later, Dominguez reunited with the Darley-bred colt, riding him with confidence, even if he had questions.

"I was not sure at all (about the mud). You always hope they like the mud. I don't think there's a true sign, regardless of whether they are bred for it or not. You're just hoping they like it enough to run as well as they can in it and you don't really know until they do it," Dominguez said. "The whole idea was to get him as forwardly placed as we could. We didn't have to be on the lead. When he broke that sharp, I took a light hold and he relaxed and I was still in front. You know what? I'm not going to give up my position at this point."

The art of riding a race is finding the balance of being closest to the finish line without using your horse. Facing little pressure from his rivals, Alpha lobbed along like he was open galloping in the morning. Best horse, slow fractions, count the money.

"I was very pleased to get away with those kind of fractions," Dominguez said. "Turning for home, he was so quiet and when I felt the challenge — I guess it was the 4 horse who was coming — I opened up my reins a couple of times and typical of him it took him a couple of strides to get going but once he did he took off when I chirped to him in the last eighth. He was great, didn't get tired. No worries, really none at all. I was pretty confident and comfortable the whole way."



Alpha strides to the wire in the Jim Dandy.

Tod Marks

Clunk This

Raison d'Etat returns in style for Mott, Juddmonte

BY RYAN JONES

SATURDAY RACING RECAP

The word "clunker," often brings to mind images of rusty, beat up, smog-inducing automobiles. The kind of car that sounds like it's trying to run a marathon with asthma. The one where you have to jiggle the keys to get it started, hit the dashboard to turn on the radio, and two people, a coat hanger, and a prayer to pop the hood.

It's not often that you hear the term "clunker," used to describe a Thoroughbred race horse, especially one that's run in the Travers. But that's exactly how trainer Bill Mott chose to explain his horse, Raison d'Etat's performance the last time the 4-year-old colt ran.

"He had a clunker of a race last time," Mott said. "He looked like he went off form a little bit. We just gave him rest and brought him back."

And that rest has certainly paid off with a convincing 4 3/4 length victory in yesterday's first race, a 1 1/8-mile allowance on the dirt.

The bay colt with a beautiful blaze had his way with the seven-horse field. Waiting patiently through three quar-

ters in 1:13.38, the son of champions A.P. Indy and Sightseek, stalked the leaders under Junior Alvarado. After drifting wide coming out of the far turn, Alvarado turned to the whip to provide some encouragement, and Raison d'Etat responded clearing the field, leaving Bridge Loan and Most Happy Fella a distant second and third.

"The whole thing is, if you're able to run him against the right group of horses," said Mott of the challenges coming off a long layoff. "If you run them in a spot that they can't win no matter how fit they are it's a problem. But if you're running them with their own type, fresh horses usually run pretty well."

With so much time left in the Saratoga meet and a win under his belt at the Spa, it's doubtful that another six months will pass before Raison d'Etat gets his next start, but that remains to be seen.

"It's early enough in the meet we could run him at the end perhaps. It's possible," Mott said. "He ran well, it



Dave Harmon

Raison d'Etat splashes home to win Saturday's opener.

was a good comeback."

• With the rain beginning to fall and an ominous presence in the air, the 2-year-olds got the opportunity to strut their stuff in back-to-back maiden races, the second and third of an 11-race card.

Trainer Todd Pletcher found his way into the winner's circle in both races, raising his win count at this year's meet

to five.

In the third, a 6-furlong maiden special weight, Lawn Man, a graduate of the 2011 Fasig-Tipton July sale, the son of Flatter and Holly Park did what his parents were unable to accomplish in their careers, breaking his maiden in first start.

"He actually showed a little more

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Now, that's a Thoroughbred . . .

"The one year I had Jet Run, he was rated the best horse/ rider combination in the world and we don't go to the Olympic Games in 1980, that was a big disappointment because I knew he was one of the best horses in the world. He started at 4 and was still winning international competitions at 16. And he was good for Bernie Traurig, Melanie Smith, Fernando Senderos, Michael Matz . . . he was a real, real good horse. He won two Pan Am games with different riders, he was a real winner."

- Michael Matz, Kentucky Derby-winning trainer and member of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame



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SATURDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

Saturday July 28.

FIRST \$87,000, AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

9	Raison d'Etat	J. Alvarado	\$5.10	\$3.40	\$2.70
3	Bridge Loan	J. Castellano		\$4.70	\$3.50
6	Most Happy Fella	D. Cohen			\$5.20

B Colt 2008, by A.P. Indy - Sightseek by Distant View
Owner: Juddmonte Farms, Inc. Trainer: William Mott.
Breeder: Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY).
Late Scratches: Holist, Sumo
Claimed: Most Happy Fella claimed by Burroughs, Malvern C and Burroughs, Janet for \$25,000
Time: 1:51.05
Exacta (9-3), \$26.80; Superfecta (9-3-6-2), \$661.00; Trifecta (9-3-6), \$186.00

SECOND \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

9	Charming Kitten	J. Castellano	\$5.40	\$3.60	\$2.80
1	Fire Guard	J. Alvarado		\$20.40	\$10.00
2	Newfound Zapper	A. Solis			\$5.70

Dk B/ Br Colt 2010, by Kitten's Joy - Iteration by Wild Again
Owner: Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.
Breeder: Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY).
Late Scratches: El Duro, Boston Proper, Page McKenney
Time: 1:45.73
Daily Double (9-9), \$13.40; Exacta (9-1), \$115.00; Quinella (1-9), \$73.00;
Superfecta (9-1-2-10), \$7,774.00; Trifecta (9-1-2), \$793.00

THIRD \$80,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F

8	Lawn Man	J. Castellano	\$22.80	\$8.90	\$5.30
2	Pass the Pico	J. Leproux		\$4.60	\$3.40
1	Honorable Dillon	J. Lezcano			\$4.00

Dk B/ Br Colt 2010, by Flatter - Holly Park by Go for Gin
Owner: Starlight Racing. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.
Breeder: Loch Lea Farm (KY).
Late Scratches: Revelationist, Gunderman, Gulfport. Time: 1:11.25
Daily Double (9-8), \$57.50; Exacta (8-2), \$95.00; Superfecta (8-2-1-9), \$1,335.00; Trifecta (8-2-1), \$386.50; Pic 3 (9-9-8), \$129.00

FOURTH \$37,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

7	Pete's Parley	J. Alvarado	\$59.00	\$20.40	\$10.60
1	Crown the Chief	J. Castellano		\$4.80	\$3.70
5	Shankopotamus	R. Maragh			\$7.00

B Horse 2007, by Freud - Clever Turk by Turkoman
Owner: Matties Racing Stable LLC. Trainer: Gregg Matties.
Breeder: P Hanks, D Hanks, J McDermott, L McDermott & C McDermott (NY).
Late Scratches: Hurricane Heat, The Zipster, D' Sauvage
Claimed: Crown the Chief claimed by Castle Village Farm for \$20,000,
Coffee Boy claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$20,000,
King Rock claimed by Scuderi, Vincent S. for \$20,000
Time: 1:10.90
Daily Double (8-7), \$638.00; Exacta (7-1), \$293.50; Quinella (1-7), \$103.50; Superfecta (7-1-5-10), \$52,254.00; Trifecta (7-1-5), \$3,068.00;
Pic 3 (9-8-7), \$1,349.00

FIFTH \$85,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

7	Our Edge	J. Lezcano	\$77.00	\$38.80	\$10.80
3	Prince Silver	K. Desormeaux		\$20.20	\$7.90
5	Associate	R. Dominguez			\$3.00

B Horse 2006, by The Cliff's Edge - Cash the Flash by Star de Naskra
Owner: Moquett, Ron. Trainer: Ron Moquett.
Breeder: Terrapin Stables Inc, Phillip Cohen & Marcia Cohen (FL).
Late Scratches: Head Heart Hoof
Claimed: Escrow Kid claimed by Dubb, Michael for \$50,000, Gallant Fields
claimed by J.W. Singer LLC for \$50,000, Flat Bold claimed by Falcone,
Robert for \$50,000. Time: 1:10.27
Daily Double (7-7), \$1,350.00; Exacta (7-3), \$813.00; Trifecta (7-3-5), \$3,768.00; Pic 3 (8-7-7), \$17,829.00; Pic 4 (9-8-7-7), \$91,156.00

SIXTH \$35,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

13	El Cuadro	J. Rosario	\$11.60	\$6.10	\$4.60
12	Keyaly	E. Prado		\$36.60	\$15.80
7	Karakorum Holiday	J. Alvarado			\$7.60

Ch Gelding 2008, by Mutakddim - Regal Magnolialass by Regal Classic
Owner: DePaula, Anthony, J.. Trainer: Desmond Farrell.
Breeder: Anthony DePaula & Susan DePaula (NY).
Late Scratches: Seghesio, Irish Etiquette, Ommadon's Reign
Claimed: Rockheaded claimed by Imperio, Michael for \$20,000
Time: 1:12.01
Daily Double (7-13), \$826.00; Exacta (13-12), \$460.00; Superfecta (13-12-7-11), \$29,451.00; Trifecta (13-12-7), \$5,882.00; Consolation Double (7-3), \$95.50; Pic 3 (7-7-13), \$20,819.00; (7-7-3), \$1,753.00

SEVENTH \$87,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

10	Assateague	S. Bridgmohan	\$28.40	\$12.60	\$5.60
2	Kitty Wine	J. Lezcano		\$6.00	\$3.50
8	Pianist	J. Castellano			\$2.50

Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Stormy Atlantic - Amelia by Dixieland Band
Owner: Alexander, Helen C., Matz, Dorothy and Groves, Helen K..
Trainer: Michael Matz. Breeder: Alexander Groves Matz, LLC (KY).
Late Scratches: New Wave, Thisizsparta, Heart of Destiny, Assyria, Star
Torina, Tapit Dancer. Time: 1:43.45
Daily Double (13-10), \$375.50; Exacta (10-2), \$228.00; Superfecta (10-2-8-6), \$4,583.00; Trifecta (10-2-8), \$602.00; Pic 3 (7-13-10), \$24,835.00;
(7-3-10), \$1,986.00

EIGHTH \$60,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 & UP, 5 1/2F

5	Subtle	J. Rosario	\$6.20	\$3.60	\$2.80
10	Thescreenisred	J. Castellano		\$3.90	\$2.80
2	Princess Jenny	R. Dominguez			\$4.20

Ch Filly 2008, by Yankee Gentleman - Ava Anne by Gulch
Owner: Hauman, Eugene E. and Dahlman, E.. Trainer: Bruce Brown.
Breeder: Ernest J. Dahlman & Eugene E. Hauman (NY).
Late Scratches: Ms. True Way, Mighty Reward, A. P. Hutchy, Bell Notes
Time: 1:04.05
Daily Double (10-5), \$163.00; Exacta (5-10), \$20.00; Superfecta (5-10-2-3), \$2,316.00; Trifecta (5-10-2), \$74.00; Pic 3 (13-10-5), \$1,353.00

NINTH \$600,000, STAKES - DIANA S., 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

5	Winter Memories	J. Castellano	\$5.50	\$3.40	\$2.60
4	Dream Peace (IRE)	J. Leproux		\$6.40	\$3.70
3	Zagora (FR)	R. Dominguez			\$3.00

Gr/ro Filly 2008, by El Prado (IRE) - Memories of Silver by Silver Hawk
Owner: Phillips Racing Partnership. Trainer: James Toner.
Breeder: Phillips Racing Partnership (KY).
Time: 1:48.50
Daily Double (5-5), \$19.80; Exacta (5-4), \$42.20; Superfecta (5-4-3-1), \$464.50; Trifecta (5-4-3), \$126.00; Pic 3 (10-5-5), \$588.00

TENTH \$600,000, STAKES - JIM DANDY S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M

1	Alpha	R. Dominguez	\$5.60	\$3.70	\$3.20
4	Neck 'n Neck	L. Goncalves		\$4.50	\$4.10
7	Liaison	M. Garcia			\$4.20

B Colt 2009, by Bernardini - Munnaya by Nijinsky II
Owner: Godolphin Racing LLC. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin.
Breeder: Darley (KY).
Time: 1:50.47
Daily Double (5-1), \$15.60; Exacta (1-4), \$32.20; Superfecta (1-4-7-6), \$271.00; Trifecta (1-4-7), \$98.50; Pic 3 (5-5-1), \$70.50; Place Pix Nine (2/8/10-2/5/10-3/4/5-1), \$10.60

ELEVENTH \$40,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

15	Chasing Moonlight	R. Maragh	\$5.80	\$3.70	\$2.50
11	Nick Rules	J. Rosario		\$6.90	\$4.30
1	Venture World	C. Velasquez			\$3.20

B Gelding 2008, by Grand Slam - Feminine by Tale of the Cat
Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds. Trainer: Thomas Albertrani.
Breeder: Parrish Hill Farm & Ramona S. Bass (KY).
Late Scratches: Logical Order, Synthesizer, Undergroundregulatr,
Ice Theater, Townner, War Hitch, Kathy's Kitten
Claimed: Venture World claimed by Moquett, Ron for \$20,000
Time: 1:04.86
Daily Double (1-15), \$19.40; Exacta (15-11), \$32.80; Superfecta (15-11-1-6), \$312.50; Trifecta (15-11-1), \$109.50; Pic 3 (5-1-15), \$55.50; Pic 4 (5-5-1-15), \$220.00; Pic 6 (13-10-5-5-1-15), \$238.50; Pic 6 (13-10-5-5-1-15), \$38,717.00

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pace than I thought he would," said Pletcher. "He's been very solid. We've had him good and fit. We knew he's the kind of horse that needed at least six furlongs to get underway. He broke alertly and put himself right in the game and did very well throughout."

With Javier Castellano at the controls, the colt showed he was running on more than just fumes down

the stretch

"I think he'll stretch out," Pletcher said. "I think ultimately he'll be a two-turn horse."

• After the fourth race, there were nearly too many people in the winner's circle to fit in a single photo. With 50 or 60 people packed in around long shot winner Pete's Parley, it was as if an entire section of the grandstand flooded the winner's circle, braving an ever-increasing rain, as returning jockeys hurried to avoid the wave of people.



Dave Harmon

Pete's Parley upsets Saturday's fourth race.

Through the hoots and hollers, high fives and fist bumps, one could just barely make out trainer Gregg Matties, although the ear-to-ear smile gave him away pretty easily.

"The reason why everyone is here is it's my brother Duke's birthday. It's his birthday party, and a bunch of the people here have never been to the races before," said Matties. "I guess we have luck on our side today."

Indeed. The 28-1 shot paid \$59 to win.

Even after losing his whip at the quarter pole and swerving to avoid horses down the stretch, Alvarado was able to guide the son of Freud across the finish line for his second win of the day.

"He doesn't like sloppy tracks," Matties explained. "We were worried a little bit the way the track was going to be with the rain, but we were happy when they harrowed it. He doesn't mind as long as it's harrowed, not when it's sealed."

Claimed for \$15,000 from Kirk and Judy Robison on July 5, Pete's Parley only had a single win in the past year and a half.

Matties explained how he thought his horse would handle the slop at Saratoga.

"We had been following him quite a while now. We knew he didn't like the Aqueduct main track so we excused a couple of those races and we knew he didn't like a wet track," Matties said. "But besides that all of his races were pretty good. We were kind of local up here at Saratoga so we thought that he would like it because he likes the Aqueduct inner dirt track and a lot of the horses that like the Aqueduct inner dirt like Saratoga."

Birthday party and all, it was a good day for Matties. The track was sealed for the start of the sixth race, less than an hour later. There's no telling how Pete's Parley would have run on a sealed surface, one which he doesn't seem to like. In the end it's all part of the game.

• Some horses are born to run on the turf, others

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never leave the dirt. Yet there are some horses who are at home in the mud, not happy unless they make their rider use each pair of goggles.

Thus is the case of Our Edge the 6-year-old who went off at better than 38-1 in yesterday's fifth, a 6-furlong sprint in the dirt, or rather, the slop.

Jockey Jose Lezcano knew just what to do with the four-time winner, quickly setting in on the rail, waiting patiently

for the opportunity to break to the lead. Down the stretch, it seemed questionable as to whether Our Edge, with an open lane, would be able to capitalize. But with a strong kick at the sixteenth pole, Lezcano guided the Ron Moquett-owned/trained runner to a 3/4 length victory over Prince Silver and Associate.

"He's by a good sire in Cliff's Edge who loves slop being a son of Gulch," said Moquett. "When I got the horse from Nick Zito he told me, 'If we could run more on the slop we'd win more races but it didn't rain enough.' It kind of smiled on us with the rain today."



Our Edge holds on to win the fifth.

Dave Harmon

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AMSTERDAM STAKES PREVIEW

Money Man

Currency Swap back at Saratoga for sprint

BY GABBY GAUDET

The stakes barn, just to the edge of the paddock, was quiet and peaceful. If you stood there for a second, you could hear the muffled noises from the main track. There were only a handful of people in the barn, a groom putting on ice boots, a security guard waiting for a horse to cross the road, a woman in a black shirt – her blonde hair in a low ponytail beneath her black cap that read “Currency Swap.” It made sense, she’s Terri Pompay.

The conversation started with Currency Swap, her 3-year-old colt entered in today’s Grade II Amsterdam.

“We got him last April as a 2-year-old and we knew right away that he was special,” Pompay said. “Just his whole demeanor, attitude, the way he handled himself. Since then we’ve had our ups and downs but mentally, he just has the head of a good horse.”

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Tod Marks

Unbeaten in two starts at Saratoga last year, Currency Swaps looks to add the Grade 2 Amsterdam to his record.

rence, Currency Swap won his debut at Saratoga last summer, drawing off to win by 6 lengths. A month later he won his first stakes in the Grade I Hopeful over Trinniberg. He ran like a champion in both starts, and Pompay couldn’t suppress her excitement.

“We were very excited and we were training to run in the Breeders’ Cup,” said Pompay. “He started to get a little heat in his left front and we found a chip in there. I breezed him once on it. He came back and

it was the first time he showed that he was not right. I called the owners and we made the decision that we were going to take the chip out.”

And just like that, the bay colt found himself pulled over on the side of the road to the Breeders’ Cup.

“That was disappointing. I think he would have gone in there and been one of the favorites. With how

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	Stakes Wins	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes Wins	Individual Gr. Winners
Team Valor International	9	6	4	3
Pinnacle Racing	4	2	3	2
Eclipse TB Partners	4	3	2	1
Peachtree	3	3	2	2
Starlight	3	3	2	2
Dream Team Stable	2	2	1	1
Donegal Racing	1	1	1	1
Class Racing	1	1	1	1
Let's Go Stable	1	1	1	1
Thoroughbred Legends	1	1	1	1
West Point	1	1	1	1
Dogwood	1	1	0	0
IEAH	1	1	0	0
Live Your Dreams	1	1	0	0
Majestic Racing	1	1	0	0
Summit Racing	1	1	0	0
Blinkers On	1	1	0	0
Bongo	0	0	0	0
Centennial	0	0	0	0
Fantasy Lane Stable	0	0	0	0
Funky Monkey Stable	0	0	0	0
Magdalena Racing	0	0	0	0
Parting Glass Racing	0	0	0	0
Sackatoga Stable	0	0	0	0
Sovereign	0	0	0	0
Starview	0	0	0	0
Thoroughbred Futures	0	0	0	0
Woodford Racing	0	0	0	0

Source: TVI statistician Kathleen Jones, from reports from Bloodstock Journal and TDN. Stats are current through July 23, 2012.

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Amsterdam —

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he had been training before that, I thought we could win it," she said. "I was very disappointed. We gave him the time off, it was a long road back."

Six months later, Currency Swap was back in action. In his first start off the layoff, he ran in an allowance race at Gulfstream, it just so happened to be the same allowance race that the undefeated Gemologist wired the field by seven lengths. Currency Swap finished second, 5 lengths clear of the third horse.

"I ran him in Florida and he wasn't quite ready to run but we kind of had the Derby idea in our heads," she said. "We ran him there and ran into Gemologist there. We tried the Illinois Derby and he had a nightmare trip in there. So we regrouped and started back sprinting him and we've done great since then."

Currency Swap overcame his 11th in the Illinois Derby, returning to win the You And I at Belmont and finishing second to Trinniberg in the Grade 2 Woody Stephens on Belmont Stakes Weekend. Freshened since, he's posted two solid moves at Monmouth Park and gets Rajiv Maragh for the sixth time.

Pompay, a Saratoga native, walked over to the bay colt's stall as the conversation continued about the horse, the race, the jockey and her expectations.

"We will be prepared," she said. "If no one goes (to the lead), we'll go. I have to leave it up to Rajiv. He knows the horse. That's why I ride him. He uses his head. He'll figure out what's happening right as they break and make a decision."

Pompay stopped just outside of a stall, inside stood a wide, brawny colt tied to the wall. He was getting ready to gallop in the first set after the break. Very friendly, extremely relaxed, strikingly elegant, flawless. Well, besides one minor detail.

"He has hillbilly teeth," Pompay said as she lifted the 3-year-old's lip. "It's like a beautiful guy you were



Currency Swap's trainer Terri Pompay.

Tod Marks

going out on a date and he smiled at you and he had like no teeth."

Tacked and ready to go, Currency Swap clicked his way across the road and into the paddock. He circled around the parade ring as he if he'd been there 20 times before. A little boy stood on the first board of the white fence that surrounds the Saratoga paddock.

"Wow," the boy said as he gazed, jaw-dropped at Currency Swap. "They're so much bigger in real life." The comment brought a smile to everyone's face.

As Pompay led the colt to the racetrack, the racing fans sipped on their coffee, ate their breakfast and enjoyed the sight of 1,000-pound athletes thundering down the lane.

The racetrack was crowded, as per usual for the first set after the break. Breezers flew by, horses bucked,

riders yelled, Currency Swap stood, and watched. An old soul, the 3-year-old did not act his age.

"Look at him, he's so smart," Pompay commented on the 5-2 favorite's behavior.

No one could disagree.

The Amsterdam attracted six rivals to tackle Currency Swap.

Gun Boat entered off a big win against allowance foes at Hollywood Park. Trained by Bob Baffert, the son of Congrats has yet to win a stakes in three attempts, including a third in the Laz Barrera at Hollywood in March. He tried the dirt once before, a second against allowance rivals in April. Joel Rosario rides.

Fort Loudon tries to replicate stablemate Jackson's Bend transfer of form from Stanley Gold's Calder barn to Nick Zito's Saratoga barn. A solid third-choice, the son of Awesome Of Course rides a three-race winning streak into the Amsterdam. He upset Trinniberg in his most recent win, the Carry Back at Calder. Fernando Jara keeps the ride.

Unbridled's Note won his most recent start, an allowance at Churchill Downs over a sloppy track. Julien Leparoux takes the call for Steve Asmussen.

Laurie's Rocket switches from trainer Dallas Stewart to Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas while trying to snap a two-race losing streak. The son of Bluegrass Cat makes his eighth consecutive stakes start. John Velazquez takes the call.

Trainer Wesley Ward scratched Politicallycorrect from the Curlin to aim at the Amsterdam, shortening up the son of Kitten's Joy from a runner-up performance in the Ohio Derby last time out. Irad Ortiz rides.

Breaking from the outside, but far from an outsider, Doctor Chit represents Mill House and Todd Pletcher. The son of War Front streaks in fresh off three consecutive wins, climbing the ladder from a maiden win to an allowance win to a stakes win at Belmont. Ramon Dominguez rides for the first time.

Say What?

G1 winner Karlovy Vary looks ready for turf stakes

BY GABBY GAUDET

NANI ROSE STAKES PREVIEW

Rusty Arnold trainee Karlovy Vary is the even-money favorite in Sunday's Nani Rose Stakes. The pronunciation of the 3-year-old Dynaformer filly's name sounds a little something like this, car-loave-ee var (rhymes with car)- ee. Owner Alex Campbell named the 3-year-old daughter of Dynaformer after a spa city in Bohemia, Czech Republic.

"If you Google it, it's a wonderful place," said trainer Rusty Arnold. "The owner named her after that, I guess he had a friend there or he had been there, I don't know."

The pronunciation of the filly's name may be a little unclear, but her talent is not. In eight starts, Karlovy Vary has managed to bag four wins, three of which came on the turf. She earned her first stakes victory in the Grade 1 Ashland in April and is sitting on a 1 1/4-length win in an allowance race at Churchill Downs in June.

Saturday's \$100,000 Nani Rose, a stakes for 3-year-old fillies going one mile on the inner turf, is a distance that the filly has never gone before.

"It's backing up for me, which is probably not an ideal situation," Arnold said. "However the conditions of the race are ideal. You don't find a place to run a grade 1 winner in a listed stake very often. They are usually written out of them. This one is written for horses who haven't won a graded stake on the turf. She luckily won hers on the Poly-track, but she's a turf horse. She loves the turf. So I'm giving up a little distance for the conditions of the race."

Horse racing wouldn't be the sport we know and love without a few hiccups here and there. For Arnold's case, one hiccup led him slightly off course.

"I missed the Virginia Oaks," Arnold said. "She was headed for the Virginia Oaks and she came up with a lung infection, about two weeks ago. I had to put her on antibiotics and I couldn't make the Virginia Oaks. I was thinking about waiting on the Lake Placid and then this race just popped up in the book and it looked like a good spot, so we decided to run."



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Karlovy Vary stands out in Sunday's Nani Rose Stakes on the turf.

K.V. (as she's known around the Special office) only shows two disappointing races, both on the dirt. Her first time on the dirt in the Grade 2 Golden Rod at Churchill, Karlovy Vary laid mid-pack during a five wide trip and faded to seventh. Arnold tried her on the dirt again, in the Kentucky Oaks, she crossed the wire 12th beaten 26 lengths.

"She didn't behave well, huge crowd," he said. "It's at night by the time they run. The band was playing as we walked over. She's a young filly and she didn't handle any of that well.

Nothing went well, and it's dirt, I don't think she'll run on the dirt but I'm not positive she won't."

Despite the two dirt finishes, Karlovy Vary's chart proves that she can run all day on the turf.

"On paper, if the distance is right, she's the horse to beat," Arnold said. "She's obviously more accomplished than most of them to this point, but I know how tough Saratoga is."

Arnold won the first 3-year-old filly

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Sunday, July 29

1ST (1:00PM). \$67,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Piscesbymoonlight	R. Napravnik	B. Brown	3-1
2	2	Zivo	R. Dominguez	C. Brown	3-1
3	3	Elder Skatesman	M. Luzzi	W. Allyn	30-1
4	4	Mad Bomber	C. Montalvo	R. Lugovich	20-1
5	5	Live For Today	J. Alvarado	D. Schettino	5-2
6	6	Dehere of The Cat	R. Maragh	M. Trombetta	7-2
7	7	Tycoon Cat	I. Ortiz, Jr.	P. Granville	30-1
8	8	Rutherford B.	W. Garcia	E. Arroyo	10-1

2ND (1:32PM). \$60,000, MSW, 2 YO, 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	1	Song of Aspen	A. Lezcano	R. Persaud	30-1
2	2	Can't Catch Me Now	J. Rosario	G. Gullo	8-1
3	3	Hengroen	C. Velasquez	P. Kelly	15-1
4	4	Thingamajigger	M. Luzzi	B. Brown	5-1
5	5	Comandante	R. Napravnik	C. Martin	3-1
6	6	No Nukes	R. Maragh	W. Badgett, Jr.	6-1
7	7	Rockin Mandy	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Contessa	8-1
8	8	Awesome Weekend	R. Dominguez	G. Contessa	8-5

3RD (2:04PM). \$37,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Landing My Way	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	7-2
2	2	Truly Devoted	R. Napravnik	P. Quick	8-1
3	3	Cat Ferrad	J. Rosario	D. Galluscio	6-1
4	4	Primal Baby	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Englehart	5-2
5	5	Smarty Bull	J. Lezcano	J. Servis	3-1
6	6	Beautifulnightmare	W. Garcia	M. Friedman	20-1
7	7	Sansannah	R. Dominguez	C. Englehart	5-1

4TH (2:36PM). \$85,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1 3/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	South Shore	J. Rosario	C. McLaughlin III	15-1
2	2	Normative Appeal	R. Napravnik	J. Toner	6-1
3	3	Riolama	R. Dominguez	C. Brown	3-1
4	4	Vacationing	E. Prado	C. McLaughlin III	4-1
5	5	Dixie Rocks	S. Husbands	C. Figueroa	50-1
6	6	Opalite	C. Velasquez	D. Donk	12-1
7	7	Why Not More	R. Maragh	J. Sheppard	8-1
8	8	Let the Kitten Run	J. Velazquez	M. Maker	4-1
9	9	Perfect Forever	J. Lezcano	D. Stewart	8-1
10	10	Geisha Gal	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	15-1
11	11	Dixie in Pink	J. Lezcano	E. Harty	12-1

5TH (3:08PM). \$35,000, MCL \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Anchovy	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Barbara	2-1
2	2	Fruttidimare	J. Lezcano	C. Clement	4-1
3	3	Fly Cat	W. Garcia	J. Aquilino	10-1
4	4	Hooked On Dreams	E. Castro	R. Stoklosa	8-1
5	5	Simple Rules	J. Lezcano	M. Hushion	5-2
6	6	Thirty Minutes	C. Montalvo	G. Contessa	15-1
7	7	Lemon Sundae	M. Studart	T. Albertrani	10-1
8	8	Lady Utopia	S. Husbands	G. Goodwin	30-1
9	9	Sim Sala Bim	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	15-1

6TH (3:41PM). \$38,000, MCL \$25,000, 3 & UP, F & M, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double

1	1	Bluegrass Rumor	J. Rosario	D. Romans	6-1
2	2	Londoness	I. Ortiz, Jr.	W. Cesare	15-1
3	3	Billboard Hit	J. Lezcano	P. Serpe	10-1
4	4	Raquel	R. Maragh	M. Casse	5-2
5	5	Carpi Clements	W. Garcia	R. Barbara	8-1
6	6	Ginagain	E. Prado	B. Tagg	5-1
7	7	Comment	R. Dominguez	W. Mott	4-1
8	8	Field Star	M. Studart	L. Alvarez	50-1
9	9	Flashy American	D. Cohen	K. McPeck	10-1
10	10	Shes Tuff as Nails	J. Sone	J. Kettell	30-1
11	11	Shewreckstheplace	S. Husbands	G. Goodwin	20-1
12	12	She Gets It	R. Napravnik	G. Contessa	12-1
13	13	AE Deverell	E. Castro	C. Clement	6-1
14	14	AE Accent	J. Lezcano	S. Asmussen	4-1
15	15	MTO Melissa Song	J. Lezcano	B. Brown	8-1
16	16	MTO Esthers Classy Las	J. Lezcano	D. Farrell	20-1

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7TH (4:14PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Saturday's for Fun	E. Prado	B. Tagg	15-1
2	2	Unbridled Fire	A. Garcia	K. McLaughlin	7-2
3	3	Majestic Raffy	W. Garcia	J. Aquilino	20-1
4	4	Kanagaro	R. Maragh	T. Albertrani	4-1
5	5	Scorcher	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Guerrero	30-1
6	6	Arc Above	R. Dominguez	C. Clement	3-1
7	7	Desert Storm	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	8-1
8	8	Alburj	R. Napravnik	J. Elliot	12-1
9	9	Tapaway	J. Lezcano	P. Quick	12-1
10	10	King Kid	J. Rosario	D. Romans	8-1
11	11	Hangover Kid	J. Lezcano	J. Servis	10-1
12	12	Vindication Now	C. Velasquez	R. Moquett	20-1

8TH (4:48PM). \$38,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 & UP, F & M, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	1	Purely Majestic	R. Dominguez	E. Kenneally	6-1
2	2	Tutti Va Bene	M. Studart	G. Sciacca	15-1
3	3	Nurse Dolce	O. Gomez	R. Ramos	15-1
4	4	The West Rim	R. Maragh	B. Parboo	5-2
5	5	Sasta Go Lucky	D. Cohen	J. Signore, Jr.	15-1
6	6	In Her Hey Day	W. Garcia	E. Arroyo	30-1
7	7	Proudroad to Glory	J. Rosario	M. Matz	3-1
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10	10	Kittylicious	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Sciacca	20-1
11	11	Princess Maura	E. Prado	R. Schosberg	20-1
12	12	Jardenia	R. Napravnik	M. Maker	12-1
13	13	AE Glory in Motion	J. Alvarado	S. Benzel	3-1
14	14	MTO Alykela	J. Lezcano	G. DiSanto	20-1
15	15	MTO Rock Star Royalty	W. Garcia	B. Brown	5-1
16	16	MTO Santorini Moon	M. Studart	N. Terracciano	6-1

9TH (5:22PM). \$100,000, STK-THE NANI ROSE, 3 YO, F, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Dame Marie	J. Lezcano	E. Kenneally	6-1
2	2	Alaura Michele	E. Castro	W. Mott	12-1
3	3	Sweet and Lovely	E. Prado	I. Wilkes	10-1
4	4	New Wave	R. Napravnik	G. Arnold, II	20-1
5	5	Peace Preserver	J. Lezcano	T. Pletcher	8-1
6	6	Harbor Mist	I. Ortiz, Jr.	P. Serpe	20-1
7	7	Karlovy Vary	R. Dominguez	G. Arnold, II	1-1
8	8	Dear Lavinia	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-1
9	9	Angel Terrace	J. Rosario	J. Sheppard	15-1
10	10	MTO Lady Cohiba	J. Lezcano	C. Clement	3-1
11	11	MTO Proud Pearl	R. Dominguez	H. Motion	4-1
12	12	MTO Delightful Quality	J. Lezcano	T. Albertrani	8-5

10TH (5:56PM). \$200,000, STK - THE AMSTERDAM, 3 YO, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

1	1	Gun Boat	J. Rosario	B. Baffert	4-1
2	2	Fort Loudon	F. Jara	N. Zito	7-2
3	3	Unbridled's Note	J. Lezcano	S. Asmussen	8-1
4	4	Currency Swap	R. Maragh	T. Pompay	5-2
5	5	Laurie's Rocket	J. Velazquez	D. Lukas	15-1
6	6	Politicallycorrect	V. Santiago	W. Ward	10-1
7	7	Doctor Chit	R. Dominguez	T. Pletcher	3-1

11TH (6:30PM). \$42,000, CLM \$35,000, 3 & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta

1	1	Manx	R. Maragh	D. Lukas	10-1
2	2	Captain Webb	R. Dominguez	T. Pletcher	7-2
3	3	Impetuous Spirit (GB)	E. Prado	D. Manning	20-1
4	4	Police Chatter	J. Lezcano	P. Serpe	4-1
5	5	Imperial Robyn	A. Garcia	D. Green	20-1
6	6	The Paddyman (IRE)	J. Rosario	C. Brown	3-1
7	7	Renzo Bertoni	C. Velasquez	H. Jerkens	15-1
8	8	Hey Cuz	R. Napravnik	M. Maker	6-1
9	9	Myhorseofcourse	J. Alvarado	R. Hess, Jr.	12-1
10	10	Vee One Rotata	J. Lezcano	K. McPeck	6-1
11	11	AE Namron	J. Rosario	R. Dutrow, Jr.	6-1
12	12	AE Not Today	D. Cohen	S. Klesaris	8-1
13	13	AE Reserve Currency	C. Velasquez	P. Quick	6-1
14	14	MTO Junior Officer	E. Castro	G. Weaver	8-1
15	15	MTO Minescape	J. Lezcano	N. Zito	7-2
16	16	MTO Acadian Blues	I. Ortiz, Jr.	L. Gyarmati	4-1

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7	Unbridled Fire Kanagaro Arc Above
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10	Currency Swap Doctor Chit Gun Boat	Currency Swap Gun Boat Doctor Chit	Gun Boat Currency Swap Doctor Chit	Currency Swap Gun Boat Fort Loudon	Doctor Chit Unbridled's Note Currency Swap
11	Minescape Captain Webb The Paddyman	Acadian Blues The Paddyman Hey Cuz	Minescape The Paddyman Police Chatter	Police Chatter Hey Cuz Captain Webb	Reserve Currency Police Chatter The Paddyman

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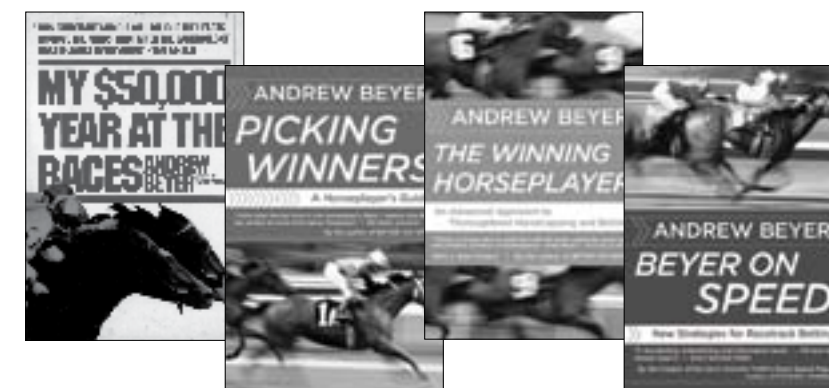
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Tod Marks

Alaura Michele won a stakes here last summer for trainer Bill Mott.

Nani Rose —

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turf stakes when Centre Court won the Lake George Wednesday.

Despite the presence of a Grade 1 turf filly, the overnight stakes packed a full packet of entry slips, with 11 entered, including three on the main-track-only list.

Todd Pletcher entered Bobby Flay's Dear Lavinia in the Desert Vixen Stakes at Monmouth Saturday but scratched the daughter of Grand Slam from that spot. John Velazquez is tabbed on the three-time winner who adds Lasix for the first time while exiting a fifth in a stakes in France back in May. Dear Lavinia finished 14th in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, her only American start thus far.

Pletcher also cross entered Peace Preserver but opted to run her at Monmouth on Saturday.

Bill Mott engineered a stakes win from Alaura Michele last summer when the daughter of Arch won the P.G. Johnson. She returned a month later to flop as the favorite in the Miss Grillo and hasn't been seen in the afternoon since. She sports a string of local drills over the Oklahoma training track and gets the services of Eddie Castro.

Eddie Kenneally gets class relief for Lally Stable's Dame Marie, the daughter of Smart Strike returns six weeks after finishing sixth in the Grade 3 Regret. Jose Lezcano gets the call.

Sweet And Lovely, New Wave, Harbor Mist and Angel Terrace complete the field. Lady Cohiba, Proud Pearl and Delightful Quality could draw in the race is switched to the main track.

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Shiny Light

Toner barn tries for second stakes in three days with Sunlight Sonata

BY STEPHEN HEATH

CARESS STAKES PREVIEW

Saratoga is place where the young guns and the old-timers come together, and go to barn 20 and you'll see a real old-time tradition – pillows. Each stable has an extensive semi-circle of straw outside the door, just as deep as the rest of the bed, and, as trainer Jimmy Toner points out, people as well as horses have benefitted.

"I remember the first time I came to Saratoga, everyone did this, it was part of the show," Toner said. "Bruce Johnstone used to be starting at 4 a.m., and he'd just sleep on one of the pillows out in the barn! That's the old-time stuff and we try to maintain it."

Toner had news of another old-timer, his former charge, Hawthorne Derby winner Bold Hawk.

"I thought we were gonna make it back, we just wanted to see him come back for him, but on his last breeze he came up with a suspensory issue, and that really hurt," Toner said. "He's such a grand old horse, though there's nothing nice about him, don't get me wrong, he's a nasty old sucker, but just one of those horses you can't help but root for.

So it's sad that we won't make it back this time, he's been retired and we're trying to find him a good home."

As Toner talked about his grand old warrior, his star gray filly, Winter Memories slept behind him. In Monday's \$100,000 Shakespeare Caress Stakes it is another gray filly, Sunlight Sonata who will represent Barn 20. Owned by AJ Suited Stable and John Puig, Sunlight Sonata has won once in eight starts but has produced stakes-placed starts in the Xtra Heat and the Lucy Scribner.

Things failed to get off to the ideal start in 2012 as Sunlight Sonata was pulled up and vanned off in her seasonal debut at Belmont. Toner explained that nothing came to light.

"Rajiv (Maragh) felt like she took a funny step, but after he pulled her up, he said she felt good," Toner said. "We looked at her closely afterwards and couldn't find anything wrong with her. It's just one of those freaky things that happens, and you can't very well blame the jockey for doing something if he felt there was an issue you know."



Tod Marks

Sunlight Sonata tackles Monday's Caress Stakes for trainer Jimmy Toner.

She demonstrated that she was none the worse for the unfortunate beginning with a strong third in a Belmont allowance behind another of today's rivals, Ballistic Sue, giving her trainer hopes of further progress in stakes company today.

"We decided to take a run at this thing on Monday, and very happy with the way she's doing, she breezed well down at Belmont before we left and we're ready to go," Toner said. "She's a typical Unbridled's Song, I'm sure if anyone has had one they'll be able to

relate to that."

Ballistic Sue's trainer, Gary Contessa, is already busy trying to find the next one, studying videos of a potential claim and postulating upon how he could improve those up for tag. He claimed the City Zip mare two starts back for \$25,000 as a possible turf switcher.

"I looked at her pedigree and I really liked what I was seeing for grass. I think in order to make good claims, you got to have a little bit of guts and take a

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Monday, July 30.

1ST (1:00PM). \$38,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double		
1	Wayward Sailor	J. Castellano..... M. Maker.....3-1
2	Recharged	R. Maragh..... N. Chatterpaul.....4-1
3	East Indies	J. Alvarado..... J. Signore, Jr.....6-1
4	Dominant Jeannes	J. Lezcano..... J. Servis.....5-2
5	Foolish Tiger	E. Castro..... T. Bush.....8-1
6	Monteagle	C. Velasquez..... J. Fisher.....8-1
7	Alltiffedoff	M. Luzzi..... L. O'Brien.....30-1
8	Sky Music	I. Ortiz, Jr..... G. Contessa.....15-1
9	Gamblin Fever	J. Espinoza..... W. Turner, Jr.....20-1
10	Wishingtonadream	A. Lezcano..... G. DiSanto.....30-1
11	AE Shalanger (IRE)	J. Rosario..... R. Hess, Jr.....3-1
12	AE Talk Therapy	R. Dominguez..... L. Rice.....3-1
13	AE Ground Frost	R. Dominguez..... T. Voss.....8-1
14	AE Quick Recovery	W. Garcia..... C. Martin.....5-1
15	AE Dugan	C. Velasquez..... J. Sheppard.....8-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$64,000, AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double		
1	Fiftyfour Forever	J. Castellano..... A. Quartarolo.....5-2
2	Sunny Desert	R. Dominguez..... J. Parisella.....2-1
3	Two Moons	I. Ortiz, Jr..... J. Serrey.....12-1
4	She's Fired Up	J. Alvarado..... C. Baker.....15-1
5	Myrtle's Gray	R. Maragh..... D. Duggan.....10-1
6	Lenders Way	D. Cohen..... J. Ryerson.....5-1
7	Easy Ending	W. Garcia..... R. Rodriguez.....7-2

3RD (2:06PM). \$52,000, MCL \$75,000, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double		
1	The Roofer	J. Rosario..... W. Ward.....7-5
2	River Cruising	R. Napravnik..... A. Stall, Jr.....6-1
3	Brother Bob	R. Dominguez..... M. Trombetta.....5-1
4	Zaccheus	I. Ortiz, Jr..... J. Jerkens.....4-1
5	Fly Bye Pomeroy	W. Garcia..... C. Martin.....12-1
6	Mister Woolman	J. Lezcano..... N. Zito.....8-1
7	Gladhander	R. Maragh..... T. Albertrani.....12-1
8	Status Maker	C. Montalvo..... J. Hertler.....20-1
9	AE Boston Proper	J. Alvarado..... W. Mott.....6-1

4TH (2:39PM). \$36,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double		
1	Destination Moon	I. Ortiz, Jr..... H. Jerkens.....12-1
2	Beautiful One	C. Velasquez..... L. Rice.....4-1
3	African Jazz	D. Cohen..... E. Barker.....9-2
4	Princess Reyana	A. Lezcano..... R. Persaud.....30-1
5	Readygetsgold	R. Napravnik..... T. Bush.....5-1
6	Rough Winter	J. Espinoza..... P. Kelly.....15-1
7	Maria's Luck	J. Rosario..... W. Cesare.....6-1
8	Summer Flick	A. Smith..... C. Martin.....8-1
9	World Premier	R. Dominguez..... G. Contessa.....3-1
10	House of Leaves	W. Garcia..... G. Contessa.....20-1

5TH (3:13PM). \$80,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double		
1	Priscilla Marie	J. Rosario..... D. Romans.....7-2
2	Regal Joanne	R. Maragh..... S. Asmussen.....10-1
3	Mariel N Kathy	J. Alvarado..... D. Schettino.....15-1
4	Jane of All Trades	R. Dominguez..... K. McLaughlin.....5-1
5	Apple Cider	J. Lezcano..... C. Clement.....2-1
6	Smittenwithkitten	R. Napravnik..... M. Maker.....8-1
7	Top Tier Lass	J. Velazquez..... T. Pletcher.....6-1
8	Sabel Browne (IRE)	J. Lejaroux..... H. Motion.....6-1
9	AE Saponetta Bobo	C. Velasquez..... L. Rice.....8-1
10	AE Worthwhilepursuit	J. Castellano..... T. Pletcher.....8-1
11	AE Victoria Shines	J. Rosario..... W. Ward.....12-1
12	MTO Korat	J. Rosario..... T. Albertrani.....7-2
13	MTO Bustle	J. Rosario..... M. Matz.....3-1
14	MTO Graceful Rage	D. Cohen..... R. Moquett.....8-1

6TH (3:47PM). \$42,000, MCL \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double		
1	Harvest King	W. Garcia..... E. Reiff.....30-1
2	Backdown	R. Maragh..... J. Terranova, II.....10-1
3	Saturday's Charm	J. Lejaroux..... S. Asmussen.....9-2
4	Smart Farda	K. Desormeaux..... K. McPeck.....6-1
5	Original Art	I. Ortiz, Jr..... K. McLaughlin.....8-1
6	Poker Power	R. Napravnik..... N. Zito.....20-1
7	Dixie Minister	E. Castro..... D. Stewart.....30-1
8	Cat Man Fu	A. Ayuso..... C. Horton, Jr.....50-1
9	Trickey Guy	E. Prado..... G. Sciacca.....20-1
10	Towering	J. Rosario..... R. Dutrow, Jr.....12-1
11	Stormy Acre	C. Velasquez..... R. Rodriguez.....15-1
12	Willy Pay	J. Alvarado..... J. Kimmel.....5-1
13	Wise Guy Charlie	J. Castellano..... C. Brown.....7-2
14	Flapsup	J. Lezcano..... E. Kenneally.....8-1

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7TH (4:21PM). \$95,000, AOC \$75,000, 3 & UP, F&M, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double		
1	Federation (GB)	J. Lejaroux..... C. Clement.....9-5
2	Prize Catch	E. Castro..... A. Penna, Jr.....8-1
3	Great Gracie Dane	J. Lezcano..... R. Dutrow, Jr.....20-1
4	Sure Route (GB)	A. Garcia..... R. Ribaldo.....15-1
5	In the Slips	E. Prado..... H. Motion.....8-1
6	Arch Support	I. Ortiz, Jr..... G. Contessa.....15-1
7	Vivo Per Lei	J. Alvarado..... W. Mott.....7-2
8	The Underling	R. Maragh..... D. Duggan.....30-1
9	La Pernelle (IRE)	R. Dominguez..... C. Brown.....3-1
10	MTO Devilish Spirit	D. Cohen..... D. Galluscio.....4-1

8TH (4:55PM). \$100,000, STK - 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 5 1/2F (TURF)

THE SHAKESPEARE CARESS		
Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double		
1	Page Springs	O. Rossi..... D. McFarlane.....30-1
2	Zermatt	J. Velazquez..... T. Pletcher.....4-1
3	Kid Kate	J. Lezcano..... C. Brown.....6-1
4	Karakorum Elektra	C. Velasquez..... L. Rice.....12-1
5	Holiday for Kitten	R. Dominguez..... W. Ward.....7-2
6	Well Deserved	J. Rosario..... S. Asmussen.....3-1
7	Sunlight Sonata	E. Castro..... J. Toner.....8-1
8	Ballistic Sue	R. Napravnik..... G. Contessa.....15-1
9	Afleet Lass	J. Castellano..... T. Pletcher.....8-1
10	Rosa Salvaje	A. Solis..... L. Lewis.....10-1

9TH (5:30PM). \$64,000, AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double		
1	Night Maneuver	E. Prado..... C. Martin.....7-2
1a	The Prize Fighter	J. Lezcano..... P. Serpe.....7-2
2	Ezy	J. Espinoza..... W. Youngmans.....50-1
3	Mineswept	I. Ortiz, Jr..... L. Gyarmati.....6-1
4	Cap the Moment	A. Ayuso..... D. Smith.....30-1
5	Manteca	C. Velasquez..... C. Englehart.....3-1
6	Notmyfirsttime	J. Lejaroux..... S. Asmussen.....5-1
7	Haya's Boy	W. Garcia..... J. Englehart.....15-1
8	Moonlight Song	J. Alvarado..... C. Baker.....20-1
9	Readytodefer	R. Dominguez..... B. Levine.....4-1
10	Overextended	D. Cohen..... D. Jacobson.....12-1
11	Recurring Dream	K. Singh..... E. Barker.....15-1
12	Little Dale	J. Rosario..... D. Romans.....30-1

10TH (6:04PM). \$60,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta		
1	Johnnies Last Burn	G. Richards..... F. Raia II.....50-1
2	Barnards Galaxy	M. Luzzi..... L. O'Brien.....20-1
3	Verde Mont	D. Cohen..... J. Kimmel.....3-1
4	Big Guy	W. Garcia..... B. Levine.....5-1
5	Dreamsgonewild	E. Castro..... B. Alexander.....10-1
6	Countknickerbocker	J. Lejaroux..... C. Domino.....15-1
7	Calypso Bob	R. Maragh..... M. Gorham.....20-1
8	Irish Humor	R. Dominguez..... T. Keefe.....6-1
9	Sunshawn	J. Castellano..... G. Weaver.....6-1
10	Lakota Freud	C. Velasquez..... L. Rice.....7-2
11	Winning Pal	I. Ortiz, Jr..... L. Rice.....20-1
12	Solengo	R. Napravnik..... H. Bond.....12-1
13	AE Tricked Out Tux	C. Montalvo..... R. Lugovich.....20-1
14	MTO Big Bro	M. Luzzi..... B. Brown.....4-1

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Connie Bush

Go on, get your feet dirty.



Successful Dan and Reeve McGaughey at Saratoga Saturday.

Tod Marks

Successful Dan to miss Whitney with injury

Last week, trainer Charlie Lopresti was contemplating where to run stable stars, and half-brothers, Successful Dan and Wise Dan, at Saratoga. Both in the Whitney? One Dan in the Whitney, the other in a turf stakes?

Saturday morning, the decisions were a little bit easier – if more painful. Successful Dan, 7-for-11 in his career and a multiple graded stakes winner, was headed to Kentucky to be seen by Dr. Larry Bramlage with a potential injury to his left front. Lopresti sent the 6-year-old to the track for a jog Saturday morning, but the Aug. 4 Whitney is off the schedule. Instead, Successful

Dan will be evaluated in Kentucky with what Lopresti hopes is a strain.

"It's come down and looks better already so he might be back for the Woodward, who knows?" Lopresti said. "It's just a bummer to miss a race like that. I was excited about running him. I'll be cautious, he's done some things to that leg before. It's the one we worry about."

Five-year-old Wise Dan, second to Ron The Greek in the Grade 1 Stephen Foster this spring, could also be a Whitney player but Lopresti was leaning toward a return to the turf in the Fourstar-dave Aug. 11. The millionaire has won stakes on turf, dirt and synthetic tracks

so options abound.

"After all this happened, I was thinking I was going to change my mind because he's really starting to get over the (dirt) track good," Lopresti said. "But I think I'm going to stick with my plan."

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chance," Contessa said. "This one was kind of an under-the-radar type claim – nobody else was in for her. When we claimed her, she ran an OK, fourth on the dirt, but the idea was always to get her on the grass, and she freaked."

That freak effort came in the Belmont allowance in which Sunlight Sonata also competed, almost eight weeks ago, and her trainer explains this was by design.

"She ran so fast, I figured she needed six or eight weeks to recover, and that's why she hasn't run since," Contessa said. "She's trained really, really well, so she's coming into this race as good as possible. I don't know if she's a stake horse but I know she's a hell of a \$25,000 claim. At the very worst."

A bunch of proven stakes fillies and mares will face Sunlight Sonata and Ballistic Sue, headed by two-time Saratoga 2011 victress Kid Kate. Chad Brown's filly may be proven in this class of company, but failed to transfer her dirt form to the sod on her only attempt when a lacklustre seventh of nine in Monmouth's Little Silver Stakes as a 3-year-old.

Well Deserved is also seeking a first stakes win on turf, having previously

achieved the feat over today's distance on Hollywood Park's cushion track surface. Steve Asmussen's filly is, however coming off a sharp Churchill allowance score, running like she was on rails to an almost 4-length victory.

Like Well Deserved, Holiday For Kitten is also seeking a debut turf stakes victory, but she does have a victory at a higher level than any of her rivals today when taking the Grade 2 Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes at Keeneland last year. Off since Christmas Eve, Holiday For Kitten will need to be as sharp as a couple of recent bullet works suggest she might be.

Another pair of last-time allowance winners line up in the shape of Rosa Salvaje and Zermatt. Both have similar profiles, being tough allowance fillies, yet to hit the board when upped into stakes company.

Todd Pletcher, responsible for Zermatt, also sends out prolific winer Afleet Lass, a hard-knocking mare who has clawed her way up from claiming to stakes company and figures to be tough on the front end.

Arizona-bred Page Springs rounds out the field for Dan McFarlane. After posting some big victories against state-bred opposition, she has found things tougher shipped to the East, including when soundly defeated in her turf debut last time.



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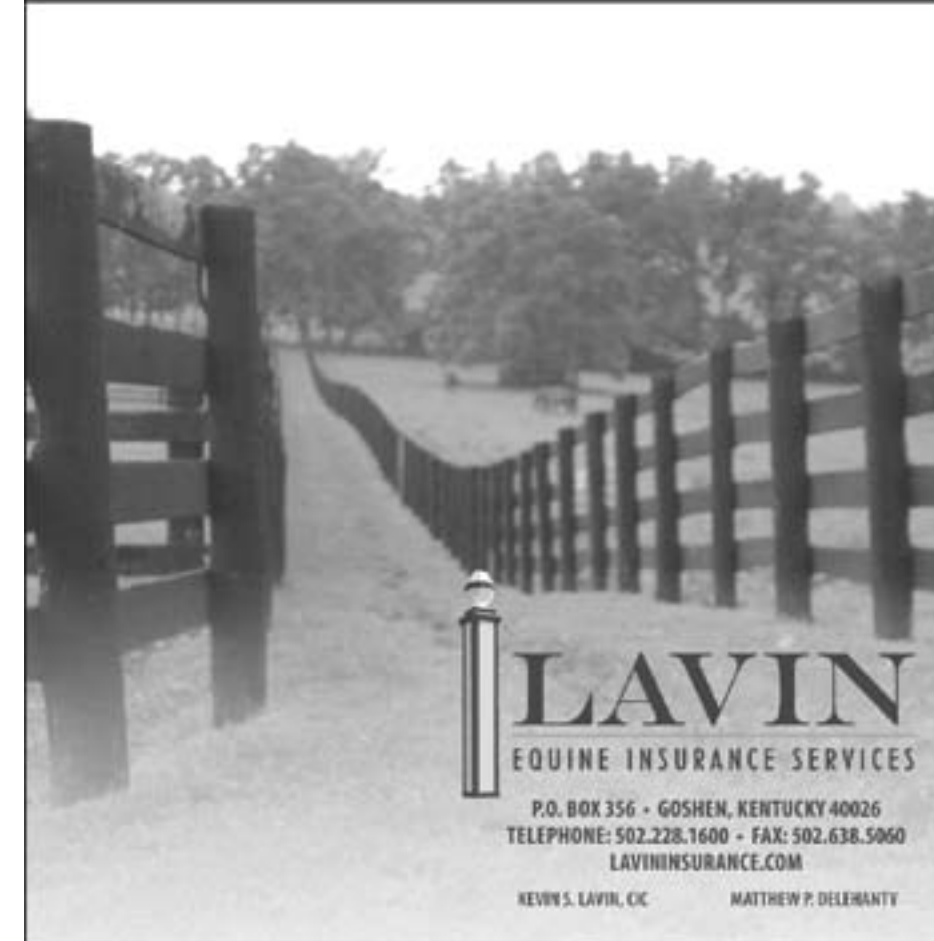
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by Joe Clancy

This morning, Friday, July 27, 2012, all of our services were down for a time due to an upstream provider issue. The data center that supplies all of our power and internet services lost all internal power and power backup systems. The result was that any servers and server systems such as ours that depend on them were totally shut down.

After their power and connectivity were restored, we were able to restart our systems and get them back in-sync and providing all services again.

We apologize for any inconvenience. This is a very unusual circumstance in that they have backup generators that take over in the case of a normal power outage but, as we understand it at this point, ALL of their systems were shut down by mistake leading to a cascade of issues.

We have everything functioning currently but will be doing more testing Friday evening and over the weekend to make sure that there are no remaining issues. You may experience short blips in services during those tests.

Thanks as always for your business. We will stay on top of the issue with our provider in order to determine what measures will keep this from happening in the future.

How's that for an explanation? It came from our website hosting company in Delaware Friday afternoon and made me laugh – a little. When our company website and e-mail addresses shut down early Friday morning, it really turned out to be little more than an inconvenience – and actually a nice break from a near-constant e-mail barrage.

Somebody, somewhere “upstream” hit the wrong button or parked his car in the wrong place or forgot to reset a breaker and kabloom, kablooy, kerplunk, no website, no e-mail.

People sent me notes about ads, about stories. I'm sure I got something from Walgreen's, Brooks Brothers, the Paulick Report, the Phillies (seems like they show up every day). I didn't really miss those Friday morning while sloshing around in the rain on the backside. By 10 or so, I was getting Tweets from readers looking for the digital edition. I posted it like normal, all was good. Or, it wasn't. The cyber paper was gone . . . well, not gone, just not there.

To our customers and online readers, we apologize. We heard from a few (Andrew Motion in Virginia, Peggi Lovelless in Maine, Susan Egerton in Riverside . . .) via Twitter and text. Out of our control. See the beginning of this column. To our print readers, maybe inky fingers aren't such a bad thing.

The blip pointed out the world's dependence on technology. You'd think an “upstream” issue would only bother fish, kayakers and ferry operators, but hey this is the 21st century and streams don't just hold water. I couldn't help thinking about how much things have changed in what seems like a short time.

When we started The Special, in 2001, the Internet was a thing but nobody counted on it. Lived by

it. Used it to shop, game (when did that become a verb?), navigate, share, communicate by the second. People didn't use it constantly or on the go. Connecting involved a screeching, caterwauling modem, a free phone line, a clunky computer of one kind or another. An e-mail address probably consisted of a whole lot of numbers.

Advertisers sent us new art by FedEx, not e-mail. Our printer accepted computer files (no PDFs) on an Iomega Zip disc, which we drove to the plant in Clifton Park. I haven't been to this printer's plant (in Gloversville) ever and the files get transmitted as PDFs via the Internet – less than 30 seconds per page. And we used to drive?

Back in 2001, our friend Paul Wasserman (The Special's first distribution chief, i.e. paper boy) signed us up for Nextel phones. Sean had one, I had one, Paul had one. We could talk to each other instantly (in theory) with the boxy bricks hanging off our belts. They were cost-prohibitive, however, so we only signed up for the six-week plan and dropped it after Labor Day. They could also really foul up an interview. Nothing like trying to talk to Bobby Frankel while “Hey Joey” squawked from your hip over and over. Cutting edge stuff, right?

Now look. I've got an iPhone with apps. I can talk to it. It'll find places for me, even draw me a map. I can send a text, make a call, play word games, play music, watch a baseball game, take a photo, order food, Tweet, look up a horse's record, confirm that the guy I'm about to interview really is the guy I'm about to interview, even send an e-mail or update our website.

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No Mistake



by Sean Clancy

so-wrong? feeling. The one that keeps you up at night, keeps you on edge all the time, and yes, in a strange way, keeps you coming back for more. Private torture on public display.

Michael Matz has been making decisions for horses since he began his long odyssey with the equine, when he didn't know leads from diagonals at his Pony Club rally.

Matz did it, first, with show horses. Now, with race horses.

He made the decisions for two-time Pan American champion Jet Run. He made the decisions for Barbaro, the ill-fated Derby winner. He made the decisions for Union Rags, the Belmont Stakes winner. He made the decisions for Teeth Of The Dog, Dwyer winner.

In show jumping, Matz had the ultimate responsibility, the reins were in his hands, the mistakes his and only his.

"When I was riding, if I made a mistake I knew I made a mistake, it was plain and simple," Matz said. "How many really good rides did I ever have and how many rides did I have when I made a mistake and got away with it or I was lucky? You can count on your hands, when you say, 'This was a ride that's hard to beat.' But, when you made a mistake, you knew you made a mistake."

That's the ultimate change from being in control, on the horse, to being out of control, off the horse. That still leaves Matz uneasy.

"Sometimes here, when you make a mistake, you can see it coming," Matz said. "The hard part for me is when you see it happening and then don't do anything about it. I've never ridden a race, maybe that's what you do, to wait it out, I don't know. That's the disap-

pointing part to me, when you see it coming."

As for the training part, Matz thinks long and hard about the differences between show jumping and horse racing. If you deal with horses – in any discipline – disappointment is riding in the sidecar.

Jet Run suffered a suspensory injury. Union Rags suffered a suspensory injury. The former came back, won international competitions when he was 16. The latter, whose injury isn't nearly as bad, apparently won't get that chance.

Matz thinks about all the horses, all the rides, all the years, all the decisions – the disappointments palpable – and finally answers which one is worse.

"There is more disappointment in this than show jumping. You can probably come back quicker in another class, you can make amends for yourself in the next class, the next week or something like that. Here, it's hard to come back quick," Matz said. "I would say the speed makes it different in a way. There are disappointments in the show jumping too, but, at least, you can find the reasons, if you didn't ride good that day, you got your horse to a too-close-a-distance, you gave him a bad ride, it was you. You're dealing with two personalities, there are a lot more variables in this."

Two different sports. Two different skill sets. Two different approaches. But, still it comes back to the horse. Matz knows this better than anybody.

"That was one stage, I really enjoyed it and now it's different times, too old to do that," Matz said. "This is similar in that if you take care of the horse, you get him in the right frame of mind, get him conditioned well enough . . . despite the rider, the trainer, good horses are good horses, they're amazing animals."

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