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Palace Malice rocks the Jim Dandy

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Dave Harmon



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SARACH
by Arch

Pimlico Special-G3 winner
LAST GUNFIGHTER
by First Samurai

2yo SW
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Connie Bush

Hey Hoser. A Thoroughbred gets a mouthful on the backside Saturday morning.

WORTH REPEATING The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"You've got a better chance of getting struck by lightning."

Liza Hendriks, when asked by her father Ricky if they had a chance of winning Friday's last race

"I knew I'd make the paper for something."

Steeplechase jockey Xavier Aizpuru, after seeing a photo of Sulwaan rearing up before the Kiser Thursday

"There's a bunch of pretty ones in here."

Trainer Tony Dutrow, after being told his horse, Edge Of Reality, was pretty in the Curlin Friday

"I've got a headline, Stunned Railbirds."

Clocker Bryan Walls, after Wise Dan's breeze Saturday morning

"I'm glad that's over."

Trainer Charlie LoPresti after Wise Dan breezed

"Forget renting carts. I'll start a shuttle service. Charge by the mile."

Golf cart scion Mike Grigely as he dropped off Daily Racing Form's Mike Welsch and The Special's Sean Clancy

"I could have bought the sales topper at Fasig or the cake. I decided on the cake."

Mike Gatsas, after buying a birthday cake for trainer John Terranova at the Bread Basket Bakery

"Shuggy Bear...50 and 2."

Clocker, Friday morning

"Create one."

Trainer Chad Brown, with advice to a journalist looking for a story

"I haven't talked to anybody yet, so I'm doing fine."

Grumpy racetracker to "How ya doing?" Thursday morning

"I told him, 'let's get through Thursday before we start to worry about anything.'"

Jock's agent Ron Anderson, after Joel Rosario fretted about a slow (for him) start to the meet; Rosario is near the top of the list now

"Is he related at all to John's Call."

The Special's Ryan Jones, to the office trivia question about Quick Call

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Barbara Livingston

Our Gang. Back when they were kids in 2009, (from left) Michael Velazquez, Chappy Motion, Jane Motion, Jack Clancy, Lerina Velazquez and Holly Donk ran a lemonade stand on the backside.

WORTH REPEATING

"I've got two hours."
Trainer Gerry Carwood, mulling the John's Call Stakes or an allowance race for Tahoe Lake

"Mark Hennig said I hadn't been in yet, so..."
Owner – and Worth Repeating regular – Alan Brodsky, who is off the duck

BY THE NUMBERS

3: Variations on the spelling of Saturday winner Caixa Eletronica by The Special's handicappers. Only Gaile Fitzgerald and Tom Law spelled it correctly AND picked him on top.

47: Girths hanging in the paddock.

NAMES OF THE DAY

Play It Loud, first race. The 3-year-old colt is by Unbridled's Song out of Bsharpsonata.

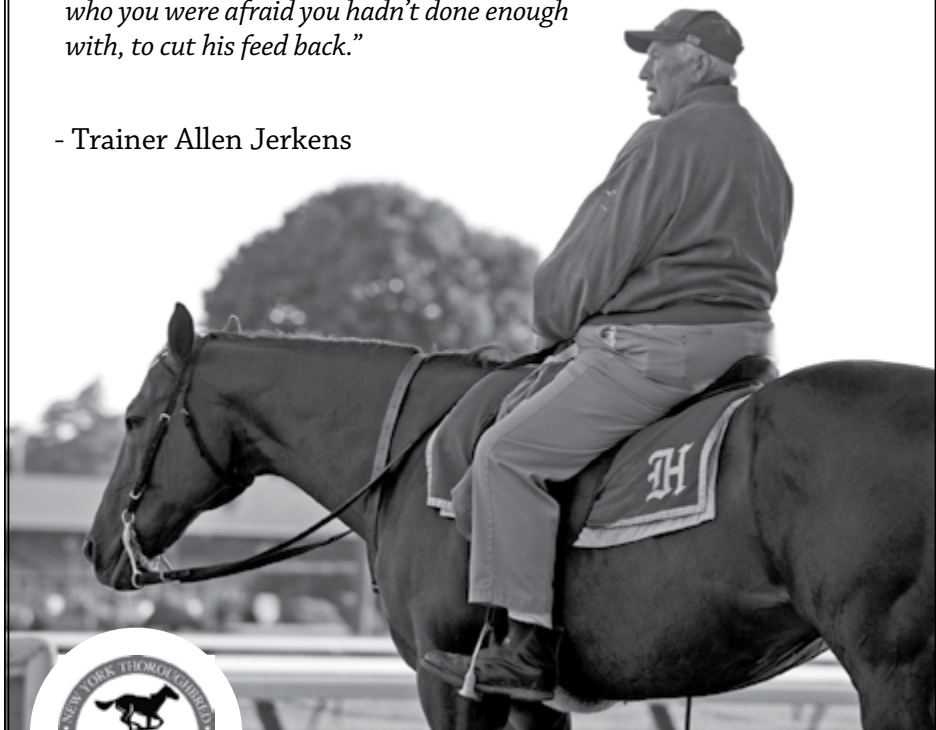
Macaroon, second race. The Darley homebred is out of Fast Cookie.

Time On My Hands, eighth race. The 3-year-old filly is out of As Long as Ittakes.

The Chief... Day 8

"We had a lot of horses who were bowed, there was something you kept in a crock, it was white powder, called sugar of lead, it was poison, you would put it on with water and ice, we kept a lot of horses going on that. Preston Burch used to use it too, he was a great trainer, not just because he wrote the book but he was good. Just basic things, you'll say to yourself, 'Yeah, he's right about that.' He shod a lot of his horses every three weeks, I always thought four, that was one thing that surprised me. He claimed if you were running a horse who you were afraid you hadn't done enough with, to cut his feed back."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To be a successful owner, you need to know what you don't know."

- Owner Alan Brodsky

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Funny Game – Laughing pulls Grade 1 upset

DIANA STAKES RECAP

BY TOM LAW

Richard Santulli and Alan Goldberg walked side by side as only friends from way back can do, through the smattering of fans hanging out in the picnic area and on the pavement behind the clubhouse and grandstand. They stopped once, not for a lemonade, popcorn or any of the other concessions in that area, just for a picture with a couple fans.

They kept a good pace, a purposeful walk, almost like they were keeping a low profile. They weren't quite running like they stole something, but pretty close. Barely 5:30 p.m. and with horses in the paddock and jockeys still in the room before the Jim Dandy, they already fled the scene.

Not 20 minutes earlier, Laughing, an Irish-bred Santulli owns and Goldberg trains in New Jersey, did steal something as she upset the Grade 1 Diana Stakes field under a precise ride from Jose Lezcano. Laughing, the nearly 7-1 fourth choice in the field of five, led from the start and fended off the expected and strong late runs from 2012 Diana runner-up Dream Peace and two-time Grade 1 winner Stephanie's Kitten to become a Grade 1 winner.



Tod Marks

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Laughing (right) turns back Dream Peace and Stephanie's Kitten to win Saturday's Diana.

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Diana —

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Laughing, like Santulli and Goldberg, came to Saratoga from the owner's Colts Neck Stables training center in Colts Neck, N.J. The 5-year-old Dansili mare didn't get back as quickly as they did, but she earned a little breather after first fending off a pesky Centre Court up the backstretch and around the far turn, then digging in to beat Dream Peace by a head in 1:47.24 for the 9 furlongs on the firm inner turf.



Winning trainer Alan Goldberg laughs about Laughing.

"When she had her head down in the stretch, I knew she was going to be tough," said Santulli, who serves as chairman of the helicopter and business jet leasing company Milestone Aviation, thus the quick and easy getaway. "We had to step up a little in here but we also had five pounds. Believe me that helped the last 70 yards. But she deserved to win. We knew she'd run well, but those are good horses.

"Rusty [Arnold, trainer of Centre Court] did the right thing with his horse, because otherwise we just lope along on the lead and open up 3 or 4 (lengths) and they're not going to catch her. He pressed us and Jose rode her the right way and she dug in."

Laughing started her career in her native country, winning two of four as a 3-year-old before coming to North America for the Grade 1 E.P. Taylor at Woodbine. She wound up on this side of the Atlantic after Frank Lyons, the former TVG analyst and bloodstock agent who has done work for Santulli in the past, bro-



Owner Richard Santulli leads Laughing into the winner's circle after Saturday's Grade 1 win.

kered a deal to buy the then winner of only a maiden at Navan and the 11-furlong Nijinsky Stakes at Leopardstown.

"Frank called me a couple years ago and said there was a filly that he loved," Santulli said. "So we sent some people over there to look at her. We liked her a lot."

The deal was struck before the E.P. Taylor, where she finished seventh for trainer Charles O'Brien. She was transferred to Goldberg, Santulli's longtime trainer whose two previous career Grade 1 wins both came

courtesy of champion Safely Kept in the 1989 Test at Saratoga and 1990 Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont, and adapted well to American racing.

Laughing won two of her first three starts in the States, the loss to eventual champion Zagora in the Gallorette at Pimlico. She won the Grade 3 Matchmaker at Monmouth, then lost three straight and nobody would have argued if she joined the more than 50 broodmares owned by Santulli that are spread out primarily at Kentucky farms.

They brought her back and now she and Tannery, another Irish-bred purchased on the advice of Lyons in 2012, have won three graded stakes on grass for the owner-trainer combination this year. Laughing won the Grade 3 Eatontown at Monmouth prior to the Diana and Tannery won the Grade 3 Sheepshead Bay at Belmont.

"She was doing so good, that's why we took a shot," Goldberg said of the decision to run in the Diana. "It was a little bit of a shot. Those are two good fillies we beat today. We try to run at a good level and do well, and today we did."

The victory was part of a particularly good run of late for Santulli, whose success in racing is by no means the overnight variety. Earlier this year he watched the Preakness from his home in Middletown, N.J., and cheered on Oxbow, a colt he bred and sold at Keeneland, to victory. Santulli hopes to do the same Sunday when the Tiznow colt runs at Monmouth, in the \$1 million Haskell Invitational.

"I'm leaving right now," Santulli said when asked how long he planned to stay in Saratoga to let the Diana win sink in.

Of course Santulli didn't even really need to come to Saratoga, since Laughing was entered and pegged as the 5-2 morning-line choice for the Matchmaker at Monmouth. Then again, Saratoga is Saratoga and a Grade 3 is certainly not a Grade 1.

"This was great . . . she ran big at Monmouth last time," Santulli said. "Sure [the Matchmaker], that's tomorrow, but this is a Grade 1 and we knew she'd run good and she did."

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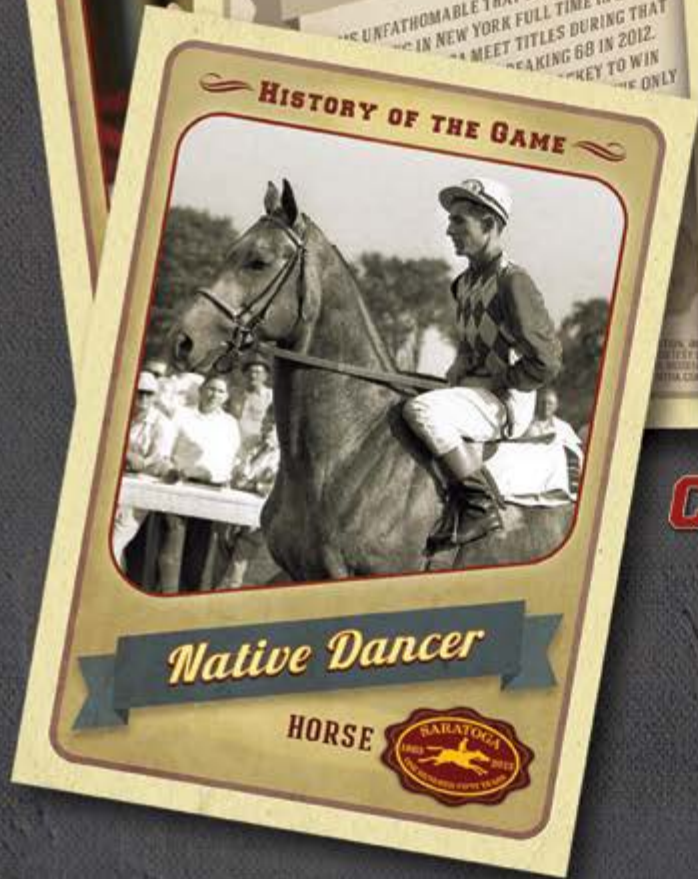
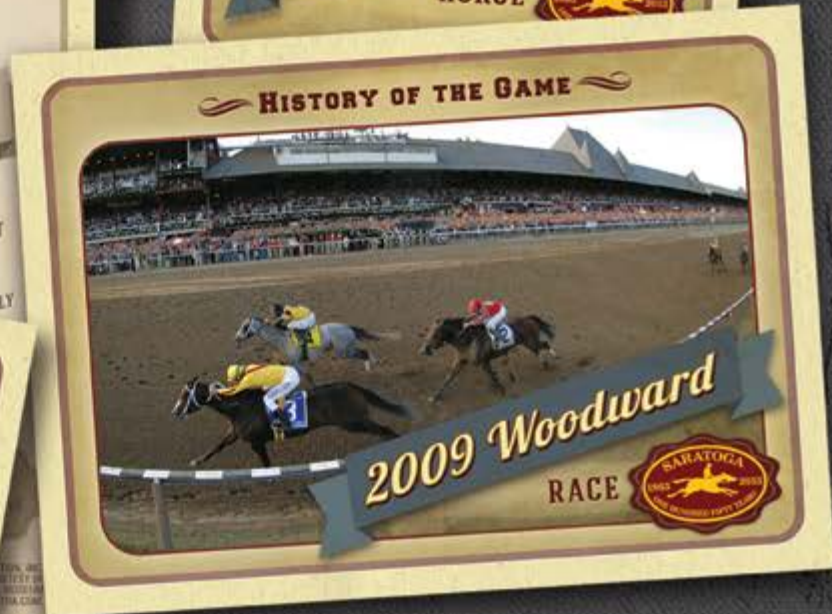
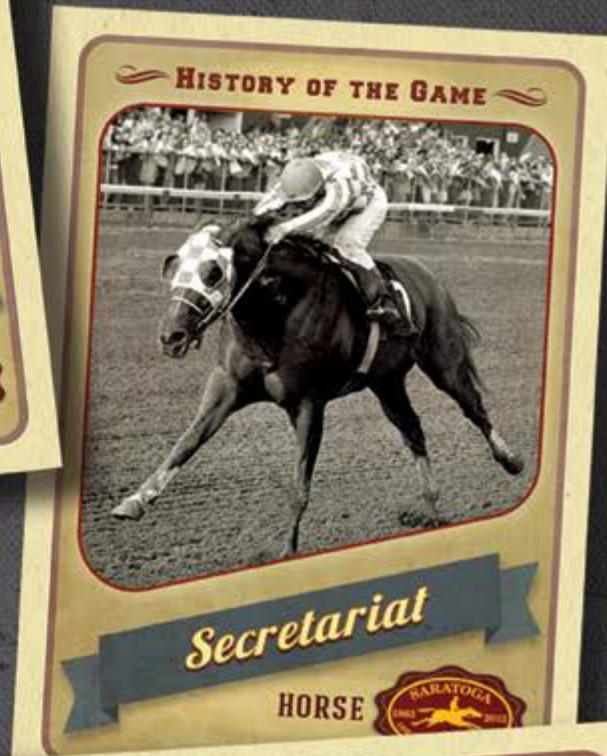
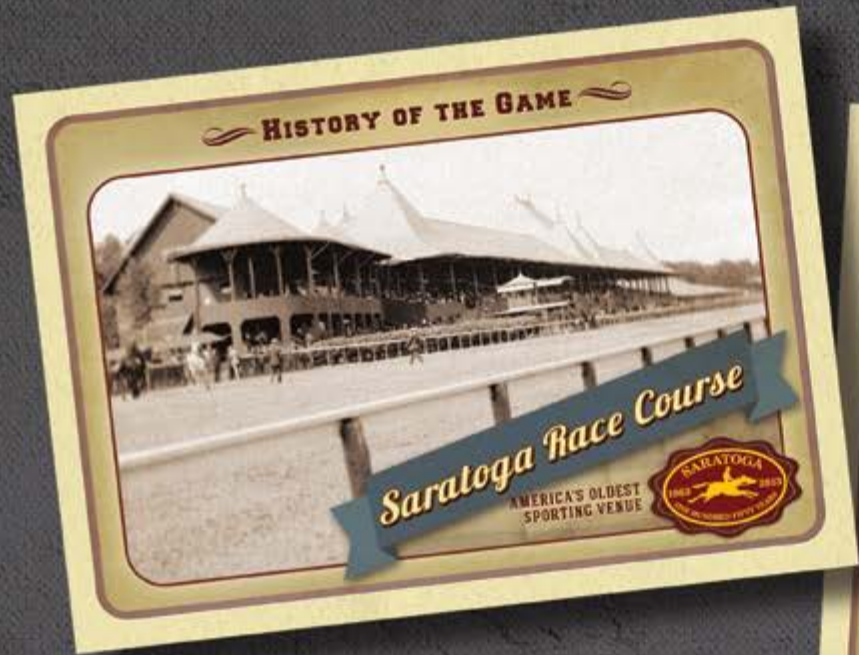
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JIM DANDY STAKES



Tod Marks

Palace Malice reaches for the finish line in the stretch of the Jim Dandy.

Belmont winner delivers goods in Travers tuneup

BY SEAN CLANCY

Mike Smith danced through the crowd after the Jim Dandy. Already late for a plane, the California-based jockey signed autographs on the fly, posed for pictures while trying to keep moving and then stopped.

“He’s a different horse now,” Smith said. “That was a 24 first quarter and he sat off it. I was well within myself, he was very comfortable, could have went faster if need be, could have went slower if I had to.”

Amazing what three months will do.

After running off and fading in the Kentucky Derby, Palace Malice produced his second consecutive stakes win, securing the Grade 2 Jim Dandy Saturday. Owned by Dogwood Stable and trained by Todd Pletcher, the 3-year-old Curlin colt upset the Belmont Stakes in June.

Making his first start since the Belmont, Palace Malice replicated that effort, combining tactical speed and tractability to win another big 3-year-old stakes.

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Jim Dandy —

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As expected, Moreno broke sharply and cleared Will Take Charge, Code West and Bashaar to his inside. To his outside, Smith nudged Palace Malice for a few strides, then hit pause, finding the sweet spot, a length off the leader, outside, clear. To his outside, Luis Saez eased Freedom Child into third. In a matter of strides, the pacesetters fell into order like shelled peanuts on a pickup floor.

Moreno led through an easy first quarter mile in :24.06. Palace Malice melted into a perfect spot, outside in second as Freedom Child rated off the two leaders. Smith loved it.

“Trip wise, it really was perfect,” Smith said. “I broke, I looked to my right, right away, and saw that I got the jump on the outside horse, knew the inside horse was committed and I was able to set my own pace.”

Straightening down the backside, Palace Malice swapped to his right lead and clenched.

“Coming out of the turn, he jumped on it, thinking it was time to break off and go,” Smith said. “It took a little coaxing and I talked him out of it. Then, he was great.”

Like pushing buttons on his home remote, Smith settled Palace Malice for another quarter mile before moving to Moreno after three quarters in 1:11.13. Moreno dug in but Palace Malice ranged up on his outside with ease. Palace Malice collared Moreno nearing the eighth pole and opened up a clear lead



Tod Marks

Palace Malice keeps Will Take Charge safe in the stretch of the Jim Dandy.

as Will Take Charge separated from the plodders.

Smith threw two double crosses, both hands reaching for a new hold, pulled his whip through to his left hand, flicked the favorite twice, then turned his whip down and hand rode him to the finish, one eye on the wire and one eye on a tepid rally from Will Take Charge, who was making up ground, but certainly not enough. Palace Malice secured a length win over Will Take Charge as Moreno held third, five lengths clear of Bashaar.

Palace Malice finished 9 furlongs in a quick 1:47.37.

Pletcher, watching from his customary spot in the box seats, stood up, hugged his wife Tracy and walked to the winner's circle, a sixth Jim Dandy checked off with precision.

“I loved the setup,” Pletcher said. “I wanted him to get into a comfortable rhythm, when Freedom Child didn't lap on him, I was pretty happy. I couldn't have drawn it up any better.”

It took a while, but Pletcher and Smith have been able to draw up and execute two perfect game plans for Palace Malice. After squandering opportunities in three consecutive Kentucky Derby preps and blowing the Derby with runaway speed, Palace Malice has arrived. He upset the Belmont with a professional effort, sitting just off the pace and staying the trip to win his second career race. Two months later, he returned with another facile performance, securing the Jim Dandy and booking a ticket to the Travers in a month.

You can't win the Jim Dandy without thinking about the Travers. Pletcher has been here before, analyzing the performances of Graeme Hall, Strong Hope, Purge, Flower Alley and Stay Thirsty and wondering how they would come back in a month. Some he worried about, some he wrote off and some convinced him to march confidently forward. Palace Malice would definitely be in the latter category.

“Now that he's shown he can take those races, and the training, if he has a tough race in the Jim Dandy, it's not going to worry me,” Pletcher said, the day before the Jim Dandy. “Purge, for example, it was like, ‘Oh, no. He ran too good today.’ He was light and nervous. Stay Thirsty, actually, he ran a faster race in the Jim Dandy. He ran a more courageous race in the Travers. Flower Alley, keep him where he is and he's going to be pretty nasty in the Travers.”

As for Palace Malice, he checks a lot of Travers' boxes.

“He's a good moving horse, strong horse, been a sound horse, high-cruising speed and the ability to carry it over a distance of ground, it's what makes any

of them good,” Pletcher said. “Then you have to have some luck to go along with it and some guts.”

Palace Malice has gradually righted his career. Dogwood's Cot Campbell purchased the athletic colt for \$200,000 at Keeneland's 2-year-olds in training sale last April. He didn't miss a beat, making his debut at Belmont Park in July. A mother later, he broke his maiden at Saratoga. He failed to run again until reappearing at Gulfstream Park in January, finishing second as the favorite in a 7-furlong allowance. Shipped to Fair Grounds, he was beaten a half-length while third in the Risen Star. Five weeks later, he found trouble quicker than Leroy Brown, finishing a troubled seventh in the Louisiana Derby. In need of points, he ran back in two weeks and lost the Blue Grass in the final strides. That placing gave him enough points for the Kentucky Derby.

Pletcher added blinkers, Palace Malice ignited and scorched through three quarters in 1:09.80. The fractions took their toll, Smith folded up on him late, he wound up 12th.

“I was sick when I saw the fractions,” Campbell said. “You can't do that and be around at the end, it was exhilarating, but little more than that. Every race up to then he had been kind and rated well, it was clearly the blinkers. It was a muddy track and he heard all that noise smacking behind him, it scared him and he took off like a scalded dog.”

Pletcher and Campbell reconvened at the barn afterwards. They tacitly blamed the blinkers and worried they had fried a nice horse.

Palace Malice was anything but fried.

“Any time you run a horse in the Derby, you always worry about how quick they're going to bounce out of it,” Pletcher said. “We've run a lot of them over the years, you get them back and you're like, ‘Wow, this horse is really gutted.’ You know you're not going to be running him back anytime soon. In his case, he bounced out of it good. Of all the horses we ran, if you were going to run one back in the Preakness, he would have been the one. We could have run him back if we wanted to.”

Campbell and Pletcher never considered the Preakness and put the Belmont on the back burner. Palace Malice, licking his tub and training like a soldier, moved it to the front. Palace Malice kept eating, kept training, kept moving forward, delivering his career best work 12 days before the Belmont.

“You could almost argue that the Derby was something that moved him forward,” Pletcher said. “That he went to the well and moved forward.”

The Belmont wasn't pretty but Palace Malice had at least erased his Derby debacle and secured a classic. Pletcher and Campbell marched forward and aimed at the Jim Dandy.

Doing so well, Palace Malice worked earlier than what Pletcher had planned and rolled into the Jim Dandy as a fresh, fit and fast horse ready to make up for what he squandered in the spring.

Smith, aboard for his last three races, thinks the well is far from dry.

“Believe it or not, but I think this colt is still growing. He was better than the Belmont this time, the last sixteenth of a mile, he was well within himself,” Smith said. “He was still pricking his ears, as soon as he felt the other horse, he jumped right back on it, he'll be one to reckon with, if he continues to run the way he's running and if he grows.”

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Mike Smith salutes the heavens.

No Pressure

Lighthouse Bay flies home to score in Gr. 1

BY GABBY GAUDET & RYAN JONES

George Weaver is on fire. There's no other way to put it.

With three wins from five starts, including his most recent score with Lighthouse Bay in Saturday's Grade 1 Prioress Stakes, Weaver's stable has already earned more than half of what he captured at last year's Saratoga meet.

The winner of three of six herself, Lighthouse Bay didn't get much support and went to the post at more than 22-1. She wasn't the longest price in the race, but delivered a big upset when she caught game early leader Wildcat Lily in the stretch. The Florida shipper dug in, but could not hold off Weaver's charge, who won by a half-length. She got the 6 furlongs in 1:09.29 in her third career stakes win.

"It's a less pressure situation when you're 20-1 on the board," said Weaver, satisfaction evident in his tone. "We knew we were taking a shot. I certainly didn't think it was impossible for her to win. I was



Tod Marks

Lighthouse Bay charges up the rail to win the Prioress Stakes for trainer George Weaver.

pretty relaxed. Honestly, in Philadelphia I'm more nervous because we're 4-5 and supposed to win. With a race like this we're rolling the dice and if she doesn't run well it's easy after the fact to say we'll just find an easier race. It was certainly enjoyable."

Lighthouse Bay was on the board in five of her six starts, with three wins, but was making the leap from the listed Jostle Stakes to a Grade 1. She was

third, beaten 1 3/4 lengths, two starts back in the Miss Preakness at Pimlico and fifth, beaten nearly 5 lengths, in an optional claimer in her seasonal debut April 4 at Gulfstream.

Afterward, owner Evelyn Pollard made her way through the crowded Saratoga clubhouse straight

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Priores —

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from the winner's circle to the Trustees Room to celebrate her filly's first graded stakes win with a little champagne. Pollard, who bred Lighthouse Bay in the name of her and husband Richard's Richlyn Stables, found a chair at one of the nearest tables and took a seat, champagne glass in hand.

"I'm overwhelmed," she said, letting out a deep exhale. "I've always had faith in her. She's so good. She's so cool. She's so cool. I love her to pieces."

A Kentucky-bred by Speightstown out of the Seeking The Gold mare Pay Lady, Lighthouse Bay was named after the area where Richlyn Farm's business operates from, Lighthouse Point, Florida.

"Her name is Lighthouse Bay," Pollard said. "We tried to get Lighthouse Point for our girl, but that was already taken. What we normally do is name the girls after the bays and the boys after the counties."

As Pollard caught her breath and let the events sink in, more and more people piled into the room to congratulate her. One of them was Weaver.

"I trust that Georgie," Pollard said. "I have so much faith in him. We've been together, well, going on 11 years. We were one of his first clients. 'Let George do it.' That's my motto. And he certainly did."

Weaver reached a career milestone with the victory — getting his first American Grade 1 victory. The former assistant to Todd Pletcher and Wayne Lukas won a Group 1 in Dubai in 2005, but



Lighthouse Bay poses with the Weaver team after upsetting the Priores.

Tod Marks

Lighthouse Bay delivered in a big way at Saratoga Saturday.

Jockey Joe Rocco Jr. collected just the second Grade 1 of his career. He rode Lighthouse Bay in and out of traffic through the 6 furlongs on the dirt, stayed busy on the filly in the stretch and left others like Irish Lute, So Many Ways and 1-2 favorite Kauai Katie behind.

"The closer we got to the stretch, the easier I was getting to them," Rocco said. "When the rail opened up and I saw we were going to get through, I just shot on through there. She was very

comfortable. I had a lot of horse the whole way."

A second Grade 1 win on his resume opens doors reserved for the privileged few. Earlier in the week the jockey won the \$100,000 Evan Shipman Stakes on 26-1 pickup mount Bigger is Better. Saturday he found himself back in the winner's circle, twice, with the first win on a Grade 1 winner.

"It's fantastic, Saratoga's the pinnacle of horse racing," Rocco said. "Just to be here feels good, but to get lucky and win some stakes means so much."

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Velazquez sets all-time Saratoga victory mark

You can't delay the inevitable. John Velazquez, one of the sport's all time greats, now reigns supreme, his kingdom, Saratoga Race Course.

At one of racing's most competitive venues, becoming the Spa's all time winningest jockey is no small feat. On his rise to the top, Velazquez has surpassed Hall of Famers left and right.

"I knew that during that period of time that he was one of the guys I had to beat every time out," said Jerry Bailey, the former title holder.

To hold the win title at Saratoga is akin to Jack Nicklaus' 18 major championships; it's taken a career to attain and it's so far beyond the scope of comprehension, it seems almost unattainable by anyone else.

"The numbers speak for themselves," said Bailey, commenting on Velazquez's 694 career wins at Saratoga, "But from what I see, he's not only a great rider but a great family man as well. He's in the winner's circle with his wife and his children. That really says something about him as a person."

It's Velazquez's personality that's captivated fans for years. Humble in victory, as he rode back to the winner's circle after yesterday's fourth race, he was greeted by thunderous applause. To say he was sto-



Dave Harmon

Unitarian reaches the finish line first in Saturday's fourth race, helping John Velazquez break Jerry Bailey's record for career wins at Saratoga.

ic, as he sat atop the Todd Pletcher trained Unitarian, would be an understatement.

"He's not only a great rider, but he's a beautiful person," commented Angel Cordero, Velazquez's agent, and the man Velazquez surpassed two years ago for second on the win list at Saratoga. "People like him a lot."

As he walked through the clubhouse after the seventh, three races removed from breaking the win re-

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SATURDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

Saturday July 27.

FIRST \$70,000, SOC \$25,000, 4 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

2	Caixa Eletronica	J. Castellano	\$3.30	\$2.70	\$2.50
5	Tuvia's Force	R. Napravnik		\$5.30	\$4.20
9	Most Happy Fella	A. Solis			\$6.50

Ch Horse 2005, by Arromanches - Edyta by Skip Away

Owner: Repole Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: Richard Rowan (KY).

Late Scratches: Cinnamon Beach, Magic Harbor

Time: 1:50.91

Exacta (2-5), \$23.60; Superfecta (2-5-9-11), \$1,723.00; Trifecta (2-5-9), \$300.50

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

2	Base Case Scenario	R. Albarado	\$8.20	\$4.50	\$2.50
5	Stroll to Victory	A. Garcia		\$5.90	\$3.10
1A	Bobby's Kitten	J. Rosario			\$2.30

Dk B/ Br Colt 2011, by Pioneerof the Nile - Mamboalot by Kingmambo

Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H..

Trainer: Albert Stall, Jr.

Breeder: Dapple Bloodstock & Gryphon Investments LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Bold Visionary, Indigo Kitten, Spun. Time: 1:44.04

Daily Double (2-2), \$14.00; Exacta (2-5), \$40.60; Quinella (2-5), \$25.40; Superfecta (2-5-1-9), \$932.00; Trifecta (2-5-1), \$108.00

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

3	Twang	J. Rosario	\$4.50	\$2.90	\$2.40
4	Justin Nguyen	L. Saez		\$7.80	\$5.10
2	A Touch of Poetry	R. Napravnik			\$3.70

Gr/ro Colt 2011, by Dixie Union - Spoken by Unbridled's Song

Owner: Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B.. Trainer: Albert Stall, Jr.

Breeder: Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY).

Late Scratches: Bay of Biscay

Time: 1:10.87

Daily Double (2-3), \$14.40; Exacta (3-4), \$22.40; Trifecta (3-4-2), \$81.50; Pic 3 (2-2-3), \$29.60

FOURTH \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/16M

6	Unitarian	J. Velazquez	\$6.10	\$3.50	\$2.70
2	Parnelli	L. Saez		\$4.00	\$3.20
8	Mr. Jenney	J. Rosario			\$4.50

B Colt 2010, by Pulpit - Minimalist by Dynaformer

Owner: Evans, Robert, S.. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: R. S. Evans (KY).

Late Scratches: Rome Burned, Speechmaker

Time: 1:54.65

Daily Double (3-6), \$18.80; Exacta (6-2), \$21.20; Quinella (2-6), \$10.20; Superfecta (6-2-8-7), \$269.50; Trifecta (6-2-8), \$110.00; Consolation Double (3-4), \$4.10; Pic 3 (2-3-6), \$65.00; (2-3-4), \$13.80

FIFTH \$300,000, STAKES - PRIORESS S., 3 YO, 6F

4	Lighthouse Bay	J. Rocco, Jr.	\$45.20	\$14.80	\$27.20
2	Wildcat Lily	J. Castellano		\$5.40	\$9.70
1	Irish Lute	R. Albarado			\$17.80

Ch Filly 2010, by Speightstown - Pay Lady by Seeking the Gold

Owner: Richlyn Farm, Inc.. Trainer: George Weaver. Breeder: Richlyn Stables (KY).

Late Scratches: Ju Ju Eyeballs

Time: 1:09.29

Daily Double (6-4), \$145.50; Exacta (4-2), \$213.00; Superfecta (4-2-1-5), \$2,443.00; Trifecta (4-2-1), \$1,244.00; Pic 3 (3-6-4), \$549.00; (3-4-4), \$104.00; Pic 4 (2-3/5-4/6/10-4), \$2,339.00

SIXTH \$40,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

3	Alcomatch	J. Rocco, Jr.	\$8.90	\$4.70	\$2.90
7	Shankopotamus	J. Castellano		\$4.90	\$3.70
13	It's Truly Ahvee	C. Velasquez			\$4.30

Ch Gelding 2007, by Smart Strike - Vilva by Royal Academy

Owner: Winning Move Stable and Jacobson, David.

Trainer: David Jacobson. Breeder: Brookdale Thoroughbreds LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Meeker Avenue, Winning Touch, Economic Forecast

Claimed: Alcomatch claimed by Rice, Linda for \$20,000, Equivocation

claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$20,000

Time: 1:10.33

Daily Double (4-3), \$244.50; Exacta (3-7), \$39.00; Superfecta (3-7-13-4), \$2,674.00; Trifecta (3-7-13), \$290.00; Pic 3 (6-4-3), \$878.00

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

5	Favor Factor	J. Castellano	\$4.60	\$3.40	\$2.60
4	Balthazar	J. Rosario		\$9.30	\$6.30
1	Cantonic	R. Napravnik			\$3.60

B Colt 2010, by Harlan's Holiday - Gospel Singer by Pulpit

Owner: Martin, Johns, O'Grady, Tom and Rucker, Bill. Trainer: Chad Brown.

Breeder: Alan Quartucci (KY).

Late Scratches: Tiz Now My Choice, Midnight Taboo, Tiz Adonis, Norumbega, Cary Street

Time: 1:40.35

Daily Double (3-5), \$21.40; Exacta (5-4), \$58.00; Superfecta (5-4-1-2), \$789.00; Trifecta (5-4-1), \$230.50; Pic 3 (4-3-5), \$1,070.00

EIGHTH \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

1	Plainview	J. Lezcano	\$7.60	\$4.50	\$3.40
8	Film Shot	E. Prado		\$7.00	\$4.20
2	Sachem Spirit	J. Leproux			\$3.60

B Gelding 2008, by Street Cry (IRE) - Butterfield by Unbridled's Song

Owner: Iglesias, Jesse and Imperio, Michael. Trainer: Gregory DiPrima.

Breeder: Phil Milner & Randy Bloch (KY).

Late Scratches: Don Dulce

Time: 1:40.31

Daily Double (5-1), \$23.20; Exacta (1-8), \$56.50; Superfecta (1-8-2-10), \$4,956.00; Trifecta (1-8-2), \$261.00; Pic 3 (3-5-1), \$139.00

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

4	Laughing (IRE)	J. Lezcano	\$15.80	\$6.70	\$3.50
1	Dream Peace (IRE)	J. Rosario		\$5.90	\$3.60
2	Stephanie's Kitten	J. Velazquez			\$2.60

B Mare 2008, by Dansili (GB) - Comic (IRE) by Be My Chief

Owner: Santulli, Richard. Trainer: Alan Goldberg.

Breeder: Floors Farming & The Duke Of Devonshire (IRE).

Late Scratches: Dayatthespa

Time: 1:47.24

Daily Double (1-4), \$91.50; Exacta (4-1), \$75.00; Trifecta (4-1-2), \$209.50; Pic 3 (5-1-4), \$300.00

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

5	Palace Malice	M. Smith	\$4.70	\$3.40	\$2.70
3	Will Take Charge	J. Alvarado		\$11.80	\$6.10
4	Moreno	J. Ortiz			\$4.30

B Colt 2010, by Curlin - Palace Rumor by Royal Anthem

Owner: Dogwood Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: W. S. Farish (KY).

Late Scratches: Vyjack

Time: 1:47.37

Daily Double (4-5), \$52.00; Exacta (5-3), \$60.00; Superfecta (5-3-4-1), \$4,132.00; Trifecta (5-3-4), \$677.00; Pic 3 (1-4-5), \$211.00; Place Pic Nine (1/4/5-1/2/8-1/2/4-5), \$19.00

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

1	Richmond County	J. Rosario	\$23.40	\$12.00	\$7.00
9	Shmooz Talker	S. Bridgmohan		\$11.60	\$7.40
3	Writingonthewall	J. Castellano			\$4.20

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2009, by First Samurai - Pay Lady by Seeking the Gold

Owner: Brewster, Clark, O.. Trainer: Steven Asmussen.

Breeder: Richlyn Stables (KY).

Late Scratches: Regal Strike, Sam Sparkle, Jess Not Jesse, Alltiffedoff

Claimed: Writingonthewall claimed by Drawing Away Stable for \$20,000,

Christiesborntorun claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for

\$20,000, Luigi P claimed by Dunn, Christopher T. for \$20,000, Shotgun

City claimed by MAT Stables, LLC for \$20,000

Time: 1:02.05

Daily Double (5-1), \$88.50; Exacta (1-9), \$361.50; Superfecta (1-9-3-10),

\$10,359.00; Trifecta (1-9-3), \$1,809.00; Pic 3 (4-5-1), \$941.00; Pic 4

(1/11-4-5/10-1), \$3,628.00; Pic 6 (3-5-1/11-4-5/10-1), \$731.00

Attendance: 25,375

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Veteran Caixa Eletronica (2) makes off with his 22nd career win Saturday.

Tod Marks

Saturday —

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cord, you wouldn't be able to tell the man in the vibrant red silks had just broken one of the sport's most prestigious records.

"There is never a milestone for me, I just go day by day," said Velazquez. "At Saratoga it's all about winning every race."

To win at Saratoga, where competitiveness runs through the veins of every jockey, trainer, and owner is unlike a win anywhere else.

"I was always looking to win big races, and I can imagine it's the same for Johnny [Velazquez]," said Bailey. "The other nine and a half months of the year or 10 months of the year I'm looking to win big races. Here at Sara-

toga you're looking to win every race because the owners come here; everyone comes here. You might get on a 2-year-old that might win next year's Kentucky Derby. Almost every race you ride here at Saratoga has more importance than anywhere else in the country because it might be a very, very good horse that you're on. I think that's the difference."

— Ryan Jones

• Caixa Eletronica's been around the track a few times. During a career that began before the bottom fell out on the U.S. economy, the now 8-year-old is a model of consistency across time and on the board.

"He's definitely a barn favorite, one of our all-time favorites," trainer Todd Pletcher said after Caixa Eletronica won Saturday's first, his 22nd win from 65 starts. "He brings it at six furlongs, a mile and an eighth. He can do it all. To still be performing as well as he does at the age of 8. He's approaching a million eight-hundred thousand in earnings. He's just one of the coolest of all time."

Under Javier Castellano, Caixa Eletronica, still proving he can do it his way, came from off the pace and ran down Tuvia's Force in deep stretch for the win in the starter optional claiming race. He's run that way before, and on the lead, and from last.

"I was talking to Mike Repole before and he asked what our strategy was," Pletcher said. "I told him in this case he can do whatever he wants. He's smarter than you, me and Javier combined. We just let him be happy. The great thing about a horse like this is even though he's 3-5 on the board everything with him is gravy. We claimed him for \$62,500 and he's paid us back in spades. There's no pressure. There's no stud career involved. It's all just having fun, letting him run and that's what he loves to do."

Caixa Eletronica is basically Pletcher's pinch hitter in the barn that he can put in the game in the bottom of the ninth, two outs, bases loaded, and walk away with a win.

"Momentum is a hard thing to gain and an easy thing to lose, so anytime you have a little momentum I like it," Pletcher said. "It's a sign that what you're doing is working for you."

— Ryan Jones

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Plainview sweeps toward the wire in the eighth for trainer Greg DiPrima.

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Saturday —

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• Joe Rocco Jr. went right back to work one race removed from winning his first Grade 1 at Saratoga aboard Lighthouse Bay. He swept the midday double—the fifth and sixth races—thanks to Alcomatch winning the second half for \$20,000 claimers. And he got a surprise in the process.

“It’s great,” Rocco said of winning two in a row. “It always feels good in the winner’s circle, especially when your family’s here it means even more.”

Rocco’s wife, Jamie and sons Brodie and Luke surprised him by being at the track Saturday, meeting him after his Prioress victory on Lighthouse Bay. The two victories Saturday give him four for the meet.

— Ryan Martin

• Al Stall Jr. took advantage of the condition book with two colts ready to run and came away with victories in Saturday’s second with Base Case Scenario and third with Twang.

Base Case Scenario broke his maiden in his second start and first on the turf after a third going 6 furlongs June 30 at Churchill Downs. Base Case Scenario held off Stroll To Victory to win the 1 1/16-mile turf race.

“The longest they run on the main track is seven furlongs this time of the meet,” Stall said. “He also has some Kingmambo on the bottom of his pedigree, and Pioneerof The Nile had a good winner at Belmont on the turf, so it all kind of fit together.”

Stall said Base Case Scenario could make his next start in the Grade 2 With Anticipation Aug. 29, which is run on the same Mellon turf course.

Twang was also making his second start after a third at Churchill and Stall said he “was ready to roll.”

Roll he did, winning by 3 1/4 in 1:10.87 for the 6 furlongs.

“Joel [Rosario] asked me if he could leave the gate with some speed and I said I think he can,” Stall said. “The first thing that Joel said was that he’ll stretch

out, so that’s exciting.”

Stretch out the 7 furlongs of the Hopeful closing day?

“You never know, but there’s a good chance of it,” Stall said.

— Ryan Martin

• The field for the Aug. 31 Bernard Baruch continues to take shape and after Saturday’s eighth it might have added another starter in Plainview.

Plainview, a well-beaten sixth in the Grade 1 Woodford Reserve Manhattan Stakes on Belmont Stakes Day last month, was back to his old form and went gate-to-wire in the optional claiming race on the Mellon course. The 5-year-old Street Cry gelding is “absolutely” the star of trainer Gregory DePrima’s 11-horse

string here at Saratoga. He earned a spot in the Manhattan off a similar front-running victory in his 2013 debut May 3 at Belmont.

“He ran such a big race on the break, that we thought he deserved a chance there [in the Manhattan],” DiPrima said. “He was doing real well, and with his speed, it’s always dangerous. I thought that with a mile and a quarter in the Manhattan that he could get there. But the turf came up yielding that day and he likes a firm turf.”

DiPrima said he would talk to Jesse Iglesias and Michael Imperio before deciding Plainview’s next start.

“I’d like to think about the Bernard Baruch, maybe,” he said. “But who knows, we’ll see how everything goes.”

— Ryan Martin



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Twang glides to the finish
with a maiden win
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Unbeaten Rainbow Heir steps up to Grade 2 in Saratoga for Perkins

BY CATLYN SPIVEY

Four starts, four wins. Next comes Saratoga.

Trainer Ben Perkins Jr. shipped Amsterdam Stakes contender Rainbow Heir from Monmouth Park Thursday evening and the streaking 3-year-old immediately settled into the routine of life at the Spa. Elite sprinters can be fresher and sharper than their distance counterparts in the Thoroughbred game. Not Rainbow Heir. Saturday morning, he strolled the grounds like an old pro. He walked on to the main track without a care. He checked out everything, yet took it all in with great composure. He galloped past the usual crowd at the Morning Line blowing with every stride. He was a portrait of relaxation.

"This horse is going to run good," revealed the lucky exercise rider called in for spot duty. Perkins just smiled and complimented how well the colt was moving across the track, as not to jinx it.

After winning the first two starts of his career at Laurel Park this winter, Wildcat Heir made light work of a New Jersey-bred allowance at Monmouth May 12 and then rocketed one more

AMSTERDAM STAKES PREVIEW

notch to win the Grade 3 Jersey Shore Stakes at his home track July 4. The New Farm homebred faces serious competition in the Grade 2 Amsterdam, a 6 1/2-furlong test worth \$200,000.

In four starts, the Wildcat Heir colt has yet to be headed. He has also yet to face rivals like the 1-2 finishers in Belmont Park's Grade 2 Woody Stephens, Forty Tales and Declan's Warrior. Normally Rainbow Heir breaks like a shot and, with an easy lead, can relax on the front end. In the Jersey Shore, he set lightning fractions only to draw away to a 5-length victory.

"We schooled him behind horses a few times, only because at this level there is always somebody fast," said Perkins. "But every time a horse has come to him, Elvis [Trujillo] moves his hands and he's off again."

Trujillo returns to ride today and will try to keep the streak alive, from the front or not.

To Perkins the scene is all too familiar. The veteran trainer also conditioned the colt's sire, who won the Grade 1 De



Joe Clancy

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Rainbow Heir ships in from Monmouth to tackle the Amsterdam for Benny Perkins.



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*“He reminds me
so much of his sire.
He was lightning fast,
but in the morning
he was like a pony.”*

*— Trainer Ben Perkins Jr.
on Rainbow Heir*

Amsterdam —

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Francis Dash at Pimlico, and the Teddy Drone at Monmouth among other victories. The New Farm homebred finished second in the Grade 2 Sanford here as a 2-year-old, and Perkins would love to see the next generation come through at the Spa.

“He reminds me so much of his sire,” said Perkins, who also trained Rainbow Heir’s dam Rainbow Pride. “He was lightning fast, but in the morning he was like a pony.”

Rainbow Heir has yet to race beyond 6 furlongs. In tough company, with an extra half-furlong, the chestnut could look vulnerable — though Perkins isn’t concerned.

“It’s only an extra hundred yards,” he said. “We kind of were pointing for this race. We knew he had a lot of talent. It was the Jersey Shore and then here.”

Rainbow Heir is the 4-1 third choice on the morning line and breaks from post six in a field of seven.

Favored at 2-1, Forty Tales has won four of six for trainer Todd Pletcher, the last a late-running score in the Woody Stephens on Belmont Stakes Day. Joel Rosario rides the 3-year-old Tale Of The Cat colt for Perretti Racing Stable.

Lucky Shamrock Stable’s Declan’s Warrior (5-2) breaks from post three for trainer Nick Zito and looks to reverse a three-quarter length loss to Forty Tales in the Stephens. Jose Lezcano rides the son of Majestic Warrior, first or second in all six starts.

Mico Margarita (5-1, Ricardo Santana Jr.) breaks from the outside for trainer Steve Asmussen. The son of Run Away and Hide comes off a Grade 3 win at Calder. John Shirreffs entered Mentor Cane, who breaks from the rail at 6-1. The son of Mizzen Mast broke his maiden at Belmont last out after losing two in California.

Salutos Amigos scratched from the Quick Call Thursday to run here. He is unplaced in three graded stakes tries for trainer Eric Guillot attempts another. Julien Leparoux stays in town for the ride. Florida shipper Cat Five Hurricane rounds out the field at 30-1 for trainer Barry Rose and jockey Manoel Cruz.



Mentor Cane represents trainer John Shirreffs in the Amsterdam.

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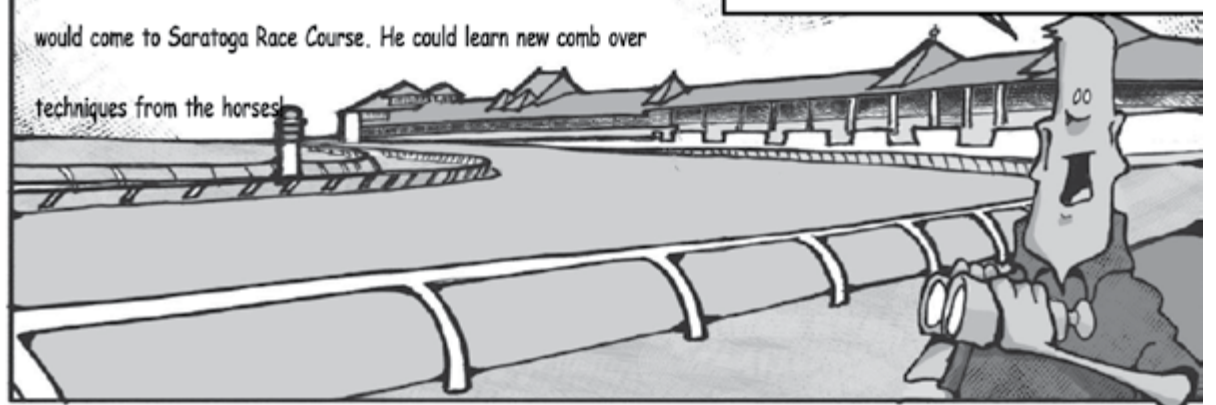
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Prowlers

Sophomores seek first turf stakes wins in Sunday's \$100,000 opener

BY RYAN MARTIN

Play It Loud reminds Michelle Nihei of that teenager you might know down the street. The one who fills his day sleeping, texting and doing other somewhat mindless things, but one that also competes with all the vigor and enthusiasm of his youth.

"He's like a 16-year-old boy who wants to play video games all day," Nihei said of the Unbridled's Song colt who starts in today's \$100,000 Sir Cat Stakes to open the card. "But he's very competitive. He's a horse who deserves to be well respected because he has talent and he comes in to play the game. He doesn't want to sit on the bench."

Play It Loud, one of eight 3-year-olds entered for the 1-mile turf event, was on the bench for about four months earlier this year and returned with a strong second to the highly regarded Notacatbutallama at nearly 37-1 in the Grade 3 Hill Prince June 15 at Belmont Park. Nihei's been ready to run Dennis Narlinger's colt since then and he's breezed well at Saratoga to prepare for today.

"We've been looking forward to it," Nihei said. "There's no question. Ever since he ran in the Hill Prince race, we've been look-

SIR CAT STAKES PREVIEW

ing forward to his next start after that. We were certainly not well respected [in the Hill Prince] because of his long layoff."

Play It Loud won his debut New Year's Day at Gulfstream going a mile and then finished a non-descript seventh in an optional claimer a month later. He went the sidelines after that, not because of an injury, just circumstances beyond anyone's control.

"We had some bad weather in Kentucky on the way up [from Florida]," she said. "We also didn't have a great turf course to deal with at the end of the season. We were trying to find the spot we liked the best for our better horses."

Cornelio Velasquez gets the mount back on Play It Loud, the 5-2 choice on the morning line.

Joha, winner of the Grade 1 Breeders' Futurity last fall at Keeneland, is the 2-1 choice on the line. The Johar colt is 0-for-4 since that victory on Polytrack, including two losses this season. He was 10th in the Hill Prince. Trainer Tom Albertrani admitted the colt was probably not as ready as he needed to be for the stakes try to start the year.



Tod Marks

Trainer Michelle Nihei will saddle Play It Loud in today's Sir Cat Stakes, the first race on the card.

"He was a lot fitter going into his second start," Albertrani said of Joha's next race, a runner-up effort by a half-length behind Notacatbutallama in the Solar Splendor at Belmont. "It was a big race just to get beaten that day."

Mike Trombetta again sent a small string from Maryland to Saratoga this season and sends out One More Cat, winner of an optional claimer race going 7 furlongs on the turf June 28 at Belmont. The Discreet Cat colt takes a step up in this spot, but Trombetta says the horse is prepared for it.

"He ran so good on the turf in his first two tries," he said. "It's probably time to get

one more step up and see if he can do it. He does whatever we ask of him. He's won on dirt and now he's taken right to grass, so he seems to be one of those useful, versatile types."

One More Cat, kicking and playing coming off the Oklahoma training track Friday morning with Mel Williams in the tack, is 10-1 on the morning line.

Others entered include Coolmore Lexington Stakes winner Winning Cause for Todd Pletcher, 7-2 on the line with Joel Rosario, and Bellarmine, a versatile colt by Magna Graduate for Ken McPeck at 6-1 with Javier Castellano.

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SUNDAY'S SARATOGA ENTRIES

Sunday, July 28.

1ST (1:00PM). \$100,000, STK - THE SIR CAT, 3 YO, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Winning Cause	J. Rosario	T. Pletcher	7-2
2	2	Bellarmine	J. Castellano	K. McPeck	6-1
3	3	One More Cat	I. Ortiz, Jr.	M. Trombetta	10-1
4	4	Flying Bird	J. Alvarado	N. Zito	15-1
5	5	Hamp	J. Lezcano	I. Correas, IV	10-1
6	6	Play It Loud	C. Velasquez	M. Nihei	5-2
7	7	Joha	R. Maragh	T. Albertrani	2-1
8	8	Elusive Son	J. Espinoza	O. Barrera, III	30-1
9	MTO	The Truth and K G	J. Ortiz	R. Rodriguez	5-2
10	MTO	Tenango	D. Cohen	D. Jacobson	3-1

2ND (1:30PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 1 1/16M (TURF)

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

1	5	Macaroon	I. Ortiz, Jr.	K. McLaughlin	5-1
1a	MTO	Dancing House	I. Ortiz, Jr.	K. McLaughlin	5-1
2	1	Rau Breck	D. Cohen	K. McPeck	10-1
3	2	Red Constitution	C. Velasquez	M. Azpurua	20-1
4	3	Samurai's Honor	J. Ortiz	T. Albertrani	12-1
5	4	Illapa	J. Lezcano	N. Zito	8-1
6	6	Murmure	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	7-2
7	7	Spangled Banner	J. Alvarado	E. Harty	15-1
8	8	Striking Style	J. Rocco, Jr.	M. Matz	10-1
9	9	Miss Frost	E. Prado	T. Albertrani	15-1
10	10	Granny Mc's Kitten	J. Rosario	C. Brown	2-1
11	MTO	Prove It All Night	J. Rosario	J. Terranova, II	4-1
12	MTO	Ocean Boulevard	E. Prado	I. Wilkes	3-1

3RD (2:00PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	6	Clearbrook	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	7-2
1a	9	Sustained	J. Rosario	D. Romans	7-2
2	1	Moonlight Caper	D. Cohen	K. McPeck	20-1
3	2	Grenoble	C. Velasquez	N. Zito	15-1
4	3	Riolama	J. Castellano	C. Brown	4-1
5	4	Town Flirt	J. Rocco, Jr.	G. Weaver	15-1
6	5	Riverboat Queen	I. Ortiz, Jr.	T. Pletcher	10-1
7	7	Strike Charmer	E. Prado	D. Carroll	8-1
8	8	Ezpz Lemon Squeeze	J. Espinoza	D. Frisco	30-1
9	10	Enchanting Lisa	J. Lezcano	C. LoPresti	2-1
10	11	Miss Lamour	L. Saez	M. Matz	10-1
11	12	Secret Union	J. Ortiz	K. McLaughlin	15-1
12	MTO	Belle Gallantey	R. Maragh	M. Friedman	6-1
13	MTO	Galloping Giraffe	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	5-2
14	MTO	Lady Kierkegaard	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Clement	7-2

4TH (2:31PM). \$41,000, MCL \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	6	Master of Markets	J. Lezcano	N. Zito	12-1
1a	10	Navajo Ca Lo	L. Saez	N. Zito	12-1
2	1	Plausibly	C. Velasquez	R. Lerman	15-1
3	2	Great Call	D. Cohen	R. Moquett	5-1
4	3	Barrister Jim	J. Rosario	W. Ward	3-1
5	4	So Outspoken	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	5-1
6	5	Prince Curlin	J. Espinoza	R. Persaud	15-1
7	7	Let the Cat Out	I. Ortiz, Jr.	T. Albertrani	8-1
8	8	Tapulous	R. Maragh	G. Contessa	5-2
9	9	Retired	J. Rocco, Jr.	B. Brown	12-1

5TH (3:03PM). \$75,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Fiddlers Tango	J. Rocco, Jr.	J. Antonucci	30-1
2	2	Post Pattern	D. Cohen	D. Schettino	5-1
3	3	Irish Jade	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Terranova, II	3-1
4	4	Volatile Markets	J. Rosario	R. Violette, Jr.	8-1
5	5	Grahamandwithers	J. Castellano	D. Schettino	5-1
6	6	Acadian Connection	A. Solis	J. Orseno	20-1
7	7	Raffies Bay	R. Maragh	H. Bond	10-1
8	8	National Buck	C. Velasquez	G. Weaver	15-1
9	9	Sun Worshipper	J. Espinoza	P. Kelly	20-1
10	10	Professor Chaos	J. Ortiz	R. Metivier	20-1
11	11	Oklahoma Den	E. Prado	C. Simon	12-1
12	12	Mike and Rob	L. Saez	G. Weaver	7-2
13	MTO	Privatize	J. Ortiz	L. Gyarmati	6-1
14	MTO	Face the Race	J. Rosario	M. Matz	7-2
15	MTO	Bernardo	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Toscano, Jr.	4-1
16	MTO	Mr. G. Zee	.	D. Schettino	5-1

6TH (3:35PM). \$37,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

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

1	2	Sky Lover	J. Rosario	M. Maker	2-1
1a	MTO	The Sixties (GB)	J. Rosario	M. Maker	2-1
2	1	Turn Up the Music	L. Saez	H. Bond	12-1
3	3	Saylor's Creek	E. Prado	G. Carwood	12-1
4	4	Cap'n Raymond	J. Ortiz	G. Sciacca	30-1
5	5	Silent Thunder	J. Espinoza	D. Schettino	10-1
6	6	Life's a Roar	J. Lezcano	J. Fisher	8-1
7	7	You Tarzan	G. Rodriguez	P. Ortiz	20-1
8	8	Storm Pursuit	C. Velasquez	M. Trombetta	6-1
9	9	Chics Palace	A. Lezcano	R. Persaud	30-1
10	10	Smiling Bob	R. Maragh	T. Pompay	5-1
11	11	Freud's Debut	J. Castellano	R. Rodriguez	6-1
12	12	One Smokin Cat	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Gullo	15-1
13	AE	Mr. Starr's Report	A. Solis	J. Fisher	15-1
14	AE	Bairn	J. Alvarado	A. Adsit	8-1
15	AE	Too Much Talk	J. Lezcano	T. Morley	8-1

7TH (4:07PM). \$37,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Sneaky Freud	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	8-1
2	2	Praetorian Guard	J. Ortiz	J. Antonucci	20-1
3	3	Hey Leroy	J. Rosario	M. Maker	3-1
4	4	August Osage	C. Velasquez	R. Rodriguez	4-1
5	5	Last Run	L. Saez	B. Brown	15-1
6	6	Mister Woolman	J. Lezcano	N. Zito	6-1
7	7	M Six	C. Amaro	M. Lucas	30-1
8	8	Meeker Avenue	J. Espinoza	D. Schettino	20-1
9	9	Beat of the Drum	R. Maragh	J. Jerkens	12-1
10	10	Splittin' Wood	J. Alvarado	P. Reynolds	12-1
11	11	Hamme Dancer	I. Ortiz, Jr.	H. Jerkens	10-1
12	12	Song of Aspen	A. Lezcano	R. Persaud	50-1
13	13	Cape Glory	J. Rocco, Jr.	R. Morse	5-1

8TH (4:39PM). \$37,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 & UP, F & M, 5 1/2F (TURF)

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

1	1	Time On My Hands	J. Castellano	G. Contessa	6-1
2	2	Dissension	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Gullo	20-1
3	3	Colorme Kitten	L. Saez	T. Pompay	10-1
4	4	Jealous	A. Lezcano	R. Legall	30-1
5	5	Pumpkin Lane	J. Rocco, Jr.	A. Quartarolo	30-1
6	6	Midnight Rider	E. Prado	N. Canani	15-1
7	7	Rodinia	J. Lezcano	J. Servis	7-2
8	8	Sharon Spagetti	J. Ortiz	R. Rodriguez	12-1
9	9	Rosie My Way	J. Alvarado	J. Orseno	20-1
10	10	Honorable Pass	J. Rosario	M. Maker	6-1
11	11	Maid for Joe	R. Maragh	M. Trombetta	5-1
12	12	Top Tier Lass	C. Velasquez	R. Rodriguez	3-1
13	MTO	Legal Lady	.	R. Schosberg	12-1
14	MTO	Frosty But Funky	.	G. Gullo	15-1
15	MTO	Little Gabby Girl	J. Castellano	B. Brown	7-2
16	MTO	Midnightinpositano	G. Rodriguez	R. Metivier	6-1

9TH (5:12PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Midnight Taboo	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	2-1
2	2	Cap the Moment	G. Rodriguez	D. Smith	15-1
3	3	Tiz Now My Choice	J. Rocco, Jr.	G. Arnold, II	15-1
4	4	Cary Street	J. Lezcano	B. Walsh	4-1
5	5	Tiz Adonis	J. Alvarado	R. Moquett	6-1
6	6	Kid Sidney	L. Saez	R. Morse	12-1
7	7	Norumbega	J. Rosario	C. McGaughey III	9-5

10TH (5:45PM). \$200,000, STK - THE AMSTERDAM, 3 YO, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

1	1	Mentor Cane	E. Prado	J. Shirreffs	6-1
2	2	Forty Tales	J. Rosario	T. Pletcher	2-1
3	3	Declan's Warrior	J. Lezcano	N. Zito	5-2
4	4	Salutos Amigos	J. Ortiz	E. Guillot	12-1
5	5	Cat Five Hurricane	C. Velasquez	B. Rose	30-1
6	6	Rainbow Heir	E. Trujillo	B. Perkins, Jr.	4-1
7	7	Mico Margarita	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asmussen	5-1

11TH (6:18PM). \$37,000, MCL \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	1	Magnificentmillion	C. Velasquez	R. Rodriguez	7-2
2	2	My New Hope	A. Lezcano	A. Quartarolo	30-1
3	3	Thingamajigger	R. Maragh	J. Jerkens	9-2
4	4	My Teddy Bear	J. Ortiz	G. Sciacca	8-1
5	5	Woburn	J. Rocco, Jr.	B. Dunham	15-1
6	6	Purple Pico	R. Santana, Jr.	L. O'Brien	15-1
7	7	Without Regard	D. Cohen	D. Jacobson	3-1
8	8	Never Naked	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Schosberg	8-1
9	9	Spin Chief	J. Alvarado	C. Domino	6-1
10	10	Keyaly	E. Prado	G. DiSanto	15-1
11	11	Jump Johnny Jive	G. Rodriguez	D. Prine	50-1
12	12	G W's Hammer	J. Espinoza	J. Hertler	20-1

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1	The Truth and K G Winning Cause Play It Loud	Play It Loud Joha One More Cat	Joha Winning Cause Play It Loud	Bellarmine Play It Loud Hamp	Joha Winning Cause Play It Loud
2	Ocean Boulevard Granny Mc's Kitten Murmure	Granny Mc's Kitten Murmure Darley Entry	Granny Mc's Kitten Macaroon Illapa	McLaughlin entry Illapa Samurai's Honor	Murmure Striking Style Granny Mc's Kitten
3	Galloping Giraffe Pompa entry Enchanting Lisa	Riolama Pompa Entry Enchanting Lisa	Pompa entry Town Flirt Riverboat Queen	Enchanting Lisa Pompa entry Grenoble	Sustained Enchanting Lisa Riolama
4	Tapulous Barrister Jim Great Call	So Outspoken Tapulous Barrister Jim	Tapulous Barrister Jim Prince Curlin	Tapulous Barrister Jim Great Call	So Outspoken Tapulous Let the Cat Out
5	Face The Race Irish Jade Mike and Rob	Irish Jade Grahamandwithers Post Pattern	Mike And Rob Grahamandwithers Acadian Connection	Mike and Rob Irish Jade Oklahoma Den	National Buck Oklahoma Den Irish Jade
6	Maker entry Smiling Bob Freud's Debut	Ramsey Entry Storm Pursuit Freud's Debut	Smiling Bob Sky Lover Silent Thunder	Turn Up the Music Storm Pursuit Maker Entry	Sky Lover Freud's Debut Smiling Bob
7	Hey Leroy Cape Glory August Osage	Hey Leroy August Osage Cape Glory	August Osage Mister Woolman Hey Leroy	Hey Leroy Beat of the Drum Sneaky Freud	Hey Leroy Mister Woolman Beat of the Drum
8	Rodinia Top Tier Lass Maid For Joe	Rodinia Top Tier Lass Honorable Pass	Top Tier Lass Time On My Hands Rosie My Way	Colorme Kitten Dissension Rodinia	Rodinia Time on My Hands Top Tier Lass
9	Norumbega Cary Street Midnight Taboo	Midnight Taboo Norumbega Tiz Adonis	Norumbega Cap The Moment Midnight Taboo	Norumbega Cary Street Kid Sidney	Norumbega Midnight Taboo Cary Street
10	Forty Tales Declan's Warrior Mico Margarita	Declan's Warrior Forty Tales Mico Margarita	Declan's Warrior Rainbow Heir Forty Tales	Declan's Warrior Mentor Cane Rainbow Heir	Declan's Warrior Forty Tales Mico Margarita
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BY GABBY GAUDET

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Back in the woodsy corner behind Pat Kelly's barn on the backside of the main track, stood a little chestnut filly getting a bath.

A man dressed in khaki pants, a blue jacket and a tan hat held the shank, the groom unwrapped a pair of bandages from the horse's front legs. The man threw a blanket over his horse and gave her a little pat on the head as they began to walk on the little dirt path between the tree line and the barn. They made figure eights, ducking in and out of the tall oak trees. As the man walked closer, the words on his hat became more legible.

Dance to Bristol.

The 4-year-old filly will return to a New York track Monday for Maryland-based trainer Ollie Figgins and owner Susan Wantz. Last out, she dominated the Bed o' Roses at Belmont June 15 and returns with her sights set on the Grade 2 Honorable Miss at 6 furlongs.

One of the toughest decisions for out-of-town trainers shipping to Saratoga for stakes is whether to keep the jockey who has consistently won on the

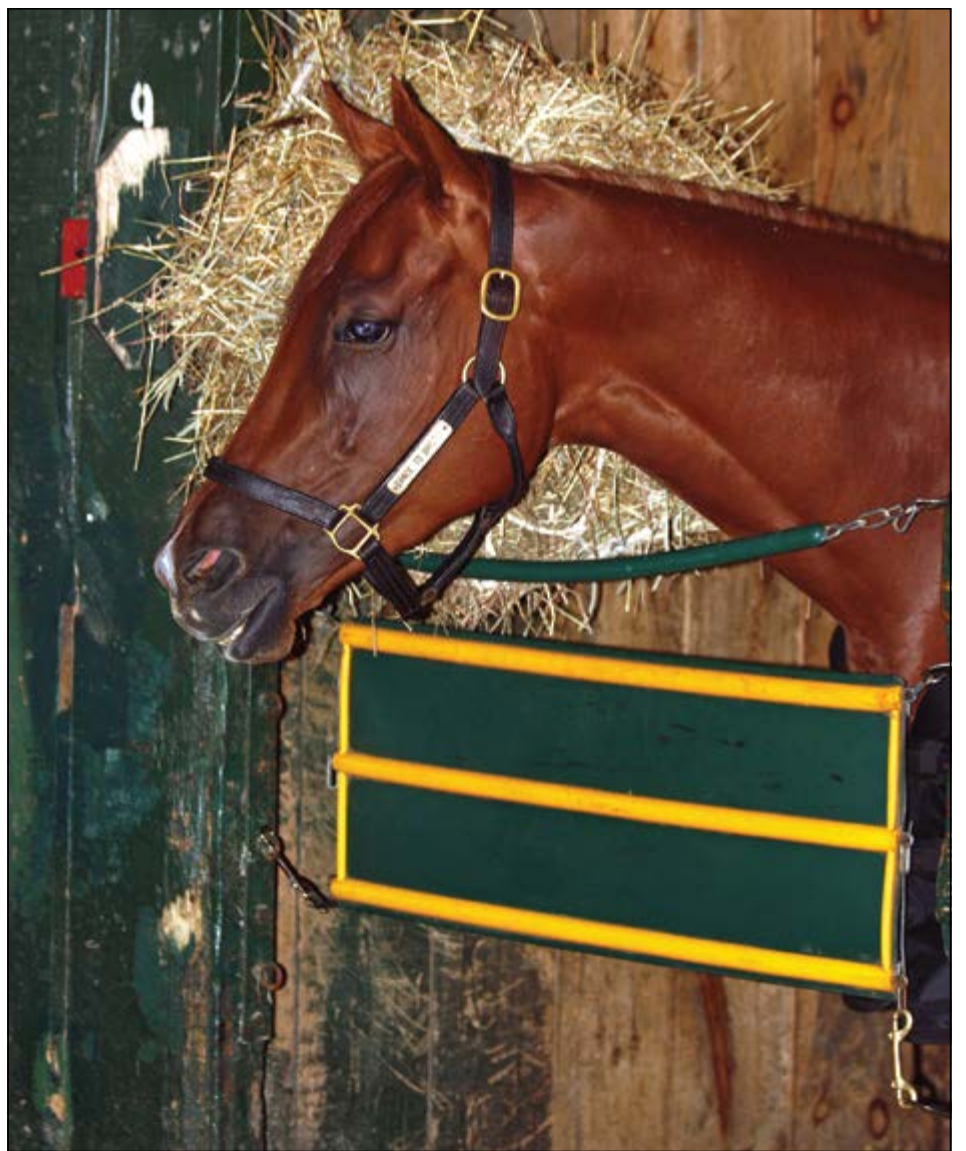
horse or choose an elite name from the world-class local colony.

For Figgins, there wasn't much of a decision at all.

"[Xavier Perez] breezes her for me," said Figgins. "He's ridden several for me in the past. We have a good relationship. I'm just always confident when he rides for me. He's a confident person. He's confident in himself and he's confident in her. I always feel like he believes in me and I believe in him and that means a lot."

Perez and Dance To Bristol first met back in February, and since then the duo have yet to lose a race — they're undefeated in five starts together. The streak includes two optional claiming wins at Laurel, the Sugar Maple Stakes at Charles Town, the Skipat at Pimlico. The daughter of Speightstown became a Grade 3 winner when she took the Bed o' Roses and looks to go one more Monday. Not only has Perez never lost aboard Dance to Bristol, he's

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Based at Bowie in Maryland with Ollie Figgins, Dance to Bristol checks out the action at trainer Pat Kelly's barn Saturday morning.

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Honorable Miss —

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also unbeaten at Saratoga. Last year, he shipped in to win the \$100,000 Coronation Cup on another Maryland shipper Sensible Lady.

Jockey? Check.

Dance to Bristol's groom? He happens to be a good luck charm as well.

"Juan [Arias] is a secret weapon," said Figgins. "Since he's been rubbing her, she's been undefeated."

From groom, to exercise rider, to jockey, the gang is all here and they are excited to see how far the filly's talent can go.

Figgins purchased the filly at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale in Timonium, Md. She

"She's the greatest filly to be around. No vices."

— Trainer Ollie Figgins on Dance to Bristol

was one of two Speightstown fillies that attracted him. He left with both, each selling for \$42,000.

"We bought her at Timonium," Figgins said. "We liked the way she breezed and we liked her pedigree. She breezed OK, 10 and change. I thought that was a good price for her. I looked at several other Speightstowns. We bought another filly, same price that day. That filly only won two. They actually ran together in [Dance to Bristol's] first start. She got beat that day at Charles Town. I couldn't believe it."

One race at the bullring was all it took to convince Figgins to make the move to Maryland. The tight turns at the West Virginia track can be beneficial to some horses, a hindrance to others. So he packed his bags, loaded up the horses that he thought would improve in Maryland, and became a new resident at Bowie Training Center.

"It's a mile track, and it's a better surface," said Figgins. "Charles Town is a hard place to train a horse that's going to run at this level. I had a couple of horses I thought would fit in Maryland, and her of course, and I wanted to creep in there and get going a little."

Dance to Bristol has come a long way since her maiden debut at Charles Town. Eight wins in 16 starts and more than \$500,000 in earnings. She has definitely earned her trainer's respect, and at 5-2 morning line she seems to have earned it from others as well.

"She's a little bigger this year than she was as a 3-year-old," said Figgins. "There's not much too her. She's kind of a long, lengthy filly but she's carrying more weight now than she has ever before. She's the greatest filly to be around. No vices."

Dance to Bristol breaks from post four in the \$200,000 stakes. Just to her outside breaks 3-1 second choice Burbank for trainer Eddie Kenneally. The Speightstown mare exits a stakes win at Churchill Downs and just missed in the Grade 1 Humana Distaff when second to Aubby K in May. Shaun Bridgmohan takes the return call. One more stall out stands 4-1 third choice Glorious View for trainer Bill Mott. The Laue Ranch homebred rides a four-race winning streak that took her from maiden in February to Grade 2 winner by May. Junior Alvarado rides the daughter of Pleasant Tap.

Sticking with a theme, the outside post in a field of seven belongs to Munnings Sister. The 4-year-old Speightstown filly has won two consecutive stakes for trainer Barclay Tagg and owner/breeder Chuck Fipke. Cornelio Velasquez rides at 5-1. Livi Makenzie (Joel Rosario, 5-1) breaks from the rail for trainer Ron Moquett. The Macho Uno filly has won two in a row. Classic Point (Alex Solis, 10-1) and Promise Me Cat (Javier Castellano, 20-1) complete the field.

Glorious View carries a four-race streak into the Honorable Miss.

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Monday, July 29.

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

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Chardsey	C. Velasquez	C. Englehart	12-1
2	2	Nelson Avenue	D. Cohen	A. Quartarolo	20-1
3	3	Out of Your Mind	E. Prado	G. Sciacca	30-1
4	4	Life's a Roar	J. Lezcano	J. Fisher	9-2
5	5	Bashful Bandit	S. Bridgmohan	C. Attwood	6-1
6	6	Pyro City	J. Velazquez	T. Voss	5-1
7	7	Tape It	J. Alvarado	A. Adsit	10-1
8	8	Fluent	J. Castellano	S. Asmussen	10-1
9	9	Madris	J. Rosario	M. Maker	8-5
10	10	Cash Your Ticket	L. Saez	J. Ness	15-1
11	AE	Pleiadian	J. Ortiz	A. Tarrant	12-1
12	AE	Call Up the Chief	D. Carr	J. Toscano, Jr.	15-1

2ND (1:32PM). \$85,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1 1/8M

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

1	1	Miss Emilia	J. Castellano	C. McGaughey III	5-1
2	2	Cora Mesa	R. Albarado	D. Stewart	8-1
3	3	Wedding Toast	J. Lezcano	K. McLaughlin	5-2
4	4	Closing Move	R. Napravnik	T. Voss	15-1
5	5	Lunar Surge	J. Velazquez	G. Weaver	6-1
6	6	Flores Island	J. Rosario	W. Mott	3-1
7	7	Proud Vixen	R. Maragh	A. Penna, Jr.	7-2

3RD (2:04PM). \$80,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Aireofdistinction	J. Rosario	S. Asmussen	4-1
2	2	I'm Smokin Hot	R. Napravnik	A. Dutrow	12-1
3	3	Political Storm	J. Castellano	A. Mitchell	15-1
4	4	Kiss Me Lola	A. Solis	L. Lewis	3-1
5	5	Quay	R. Maragh	R. Ribaldo	5-1
6	6	Mahna	A. Garcia	K. McPeck	9-2
7	7	Wild One	J. Ortiz	R. Rodriguez	10-1
8	8	Liquid Lunch	D. Cohen	M. Dilger	12-1
9	9	Tiger Jilly	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Rodriguez	20-1
10	10	Fevered Kiss	J. Velazquez	W. Mott	8-1
11	MTO	True Courage	J. Castellano	C. Brown	5-1
12	MTO	Hot Stones	J. Rosario	B. Levine	4-1

4TH (2:36PM). \$95,000, AOC \$100,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Tech Fall	J. Lezcano	W. Mott	7-2
1a	5	Aussi Austin	J. Velazquez	R. Rodriguez	7-2
2	2	Don Dulce	L. Saez	J. Ness	8-1
3	3	Big Screen	I. Ortiz, Jr.	T. Albertrani	6-5
4	4	Cease	J. Rosario	A. Stall, Jr.	2-1
5	6	Flashy Sunrise	S. Bridgmohan	D. Stewart	12-1

5TH (3:08PM). \$46,000, CLM \$35,000, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

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

1	1	Cashleigh	J. Velazquez	P. Serpe	8-1
2	2	Majestic Jess (IRE)	J. Castellano	N. Saville	12-1
3	3	Popplestone	A. Solis	J. Fisher	15-1
4	4	Hyman Roth	J. Ortiz	M. Hushion	5-1
5	5	One Golden Road	L. Saez	P. Gleaves	4-1
6	6	Ricochet Court	R. Napravnik	N. Zito	12-1
7	7	Bold Forest	R. Maragh	P. Quick	6-1
8	8	Chalybeate Springs	J. Rocco, Jr.	D. Lukas	15-1
9	9	River Boss	J. Lezcano	E. Kenneally	2-1
10	10	Uncle Mitcho	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Antonucci	15-1
11	AE	Eriugena (IRE)	E. Prado	H. Motion	6-1
12	AE	Get in Line	J. Rosario	M. Maker	7-2
13	AE	Logan Street	A. Solis	L. Lewis	3-1

6TH (3:41PM). \$72,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Antone Suavey	D. Cohen	A. Quartarolo	30-1
2	2	Stoneless	J. Alvarado	B. Levine	12-1
3	3	Holy Endeavor	J. Ortiz	W. Ward	10-1
4	4	Deferred Asset	R. Maragh	T. Hills	5-1
5	5	Dr Figawi	E. Prado	G. Weaver	2-1
6	6	Can't Catch Me Now	J. Rocco, Jr.	O. Barrera, III	30-1
7	7	Iron Power	J. Rosario	M. Hushion	8-1
8	8	Dark Roast	J. Castellano	R. Cash	10-1
9	9	Sirtori	C. Amaro	A. Rohena	30-1
10	10	Countknickerbocker	J. Velazquez	C. Domino	9-2
11	11	Bizarroworld	M. Franco	L. Cabrera	8-1
12	12	Lord of Love	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Hertler	15-1
13	MTO	Marriedtothemusic	C. Velasquez	D. Galluscio	5-2
14	MTO	Ambassador Bridge	L. Saez	L. Gyarmati	6-1
15	MTO	Street Swagg	E. Prado	J. Lostritto	10-1
16	MTO	Fiona's Hero	J. Ortiz	R. Rodriguez	5-1

7TH (4:14PM). \$77,000, AOC \$14,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

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

1	1	Ego Friendly	J. Castellano	J. Kimmel	5-1
2	2	Everydoghashisday	R. Albarado	J. Parker	30-1
3	3	Ultimate Empire	I. Ortiz, Jr.	T. Albertrani	9-5
4	4	Jade Run	A. Solis	C. Domino	10-1
5	5	Everyotherdayhero	R. Napravnik	N. Zito	20-1
6	6	Saturday Appeal	C. Velasquez	R. Schosberg	12-1
7	7	Sea to Sky	J. Rosario	R. Violette, Jr.	7-2
8	8	Piscesbymoonlight	J. Lezcano	B. Brown	3-1

8TH (4:47PM). \$200,000, STK - THE HONORABLE MISS, 3&UP, F&M, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Livi Makenzie	J. Rosario	R. Moquett	5-1
2	2	Promise Me a Cat	J. Castellano	C. Martin	20-1
3	3	Classic Point	A. Solis	H. Jerkens	10-1
4	4	Dance to Bristol	X. Perez	O. Figgins, III	5-2
5	5	Burban	S. Bridgmohan	E. Kenneally	3-1
6	6	Glorious View	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	4-1
7	7	Munnings Sister	C. Velasquez	B. Tagg	5-1

9TH (5:20PM). \$40,000, CLM \$20,000, 3&UP, F & M, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

1	1	Select Cat	R. Maragh	B. Levine	8-1
2	2	Need an Angel	G. Rodriguez	B. Levine	20-1
3	3	Granby Girl	J. Espinoza	P. Ortiz	20-1
4	4	Nice Stuff	J. Rosario	P. Serpe	5-1
5	5	Mollie's Prize	M. Franco	J. Toscano, Jr.	30-1
6	6	Delightful Dawn	D. Cohen	D. Jacobson	8-1
7	7	Grace and Courage	J. Ortiz	G. Goodwin	15-1
8	8	Sheza Classy Lady	A. Lezcano	W. Younghans	30-1
9	9	Revenue	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	5-2
10	10	She's Gospel	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Gullo	10-1
11	11	Bullet Baby	A. Solis	L. Gyarmati	12-1
12	12	Caribbean Lady	C. Velasquez	A. Dutrow	3-1
13	MTO	Elusive Jozi	J. Espinoza	D. Prine	4-1
14	MTO	World Premier	J. Castellano	G. Contessa	5-1
15	MTO	Flashy in Pink	L. Saez	J. Ness	6-1
16	MTO	Lucy Stragmore	C. Amaro	J. Englehart	8-1

10TH (5:52PM). \$37,000, MCL \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	1	Gingee	J. Rocco, Jr.	G. DiSanto	20-1
2	2	Mini Muffin	M. Franco	J. Polanco	12-1
3	3	Alexa	J. Castellano	B. Brown	8-1
4	4	Scenziato	J. Alvarado	A. Kingsley, Jr.	6-1
5	5	You Take the Cake	R. Maragh	J. Lostritto	15-1
6	6	Typhoon Teri	E. Prado	D. Galluscio	3-1
7	7	See See See	G. Rodriguez	M. Shevy	30-1
8	8	Light Weight	I. Ortiz, Jr.	E. Barker	12-1
9	9	Mononoke	J. Espinoza	C. Martin	5-1
10	10	Glassy Aly	L. Saez	G. Contessa	7-2
11	11	Ferritto	A. Lezcano	R. Persaud	8-1
12	12	Bebes Passion	R. Albarado	C. Goberdhan	50-1

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Pals from the past

New York division of Old Friends offers chance to see retired stars

BY REBECCA FEDLER

DARK DAY EXCURSION

A crowd of only 10 or 15 was gathered to see the impromptu race Tuesday afternoon. The rain had cleared off for the time being, and the contenders took advantage of the show of sunlight as they readied at their posts. And then they were off, it looked like Michael Blown might have the upper hand for once in the paddock turf race, but Will's



Connie Bush

JoAnn Pepper spends time with Thunder Rumble.

Way was only toying with him as he trotted past for the finish.

The 20-year-old retired stallion, winner of the 1996 Travers and 1997 Whitney at Saratoga, added yet another victory and happily accepted his peppermint from the loser, Blown, as the latter caught his breath.

Blown is the founder and president of Old Friends, a Thoroughbred retirement center. The non-profit's mission is to provide a dignified retirement for Thoroughbred racehorses, and to raise awareness of their needs.

Formed in 2003 and based in Georgetown, Ky., Old Friends provides a safe-haven for Thoroughbreds whose racing and breeding days are at an end, in other words, when they lose their monetary value.

Blown, a longtime film critic for the Boston Globe, said fair racing was a big reason he got into this whole thing. He saw what went on at the fairs while working for a trainer and got motivated.

"At the end of the day, the trucks would pull up, and off they'd go," Blown said. He couldn't do anything to stop it back then, but he wanted to.

Now he has, to some extent. There are 104 retired racehorses that know Old Friends as home in Kentucky. And there are another 15 who live at the satellite farm here in New York—Old Friends at Cabin Creek: The Bobby Frankel Division.

Unofficially dubbed as racing's living hall of fame, the Cabin Creek satellite

farm expects an increase in traffic during the Saratoga meet, since it's located in Greenfield Center and about 20 minutes from the gates at Saratoga Race Course.

When Blown isn't around to compete, Will's Way goes to his paddock fence to try to get fellow Travers winner Thunder Rumble to play. First New York-bred to win the Travers Stakes since 1867, the 1992 Jim Dandy and Travers winner takes up residence in the paddock beside Will's Way.

Some days he'll run, and some days he won't.

"He knows he's the boss, the big guy, the king of Cabin Creek," said 14-year-old volunteer Mary Eddy. "When he's on a lead, he tosses his head, has such class."

And at Cabin Creek he's in a safe place, which is why Natalie Garrison chose Old Friends as the retirement home for her gelding Capture the Power.



Connie Bush

Will's Way plays in the snow at Old Friends.

"I wanted him to have a forever home," she said, "and not go from one place to another."

Capture the Power found a good home at Cabin Creek and they call him "Truck" because he's big and powerful.

Truck and his paddock-mate, Karakorum Patriot, may play a little rough sometimes—evidenced by the bite marks on both geldings—but they enjoy a good time. The first dark day of the meeting they played, pawed and splashed in a large puddle that formed in their pad-



Connie Bush

Thunder Rumble greets a visitor at Old Friends.

dock after some rain. Not a care in the world, they entertained themselves.

Another pair who pal around are Zippy Chippy and Red Down South. The latter earned \$116,650 racing over six seasons, and Zippy Chippy never won a race—unless one against a minor-league baseball player counts.

Blown said Zippy's motto is "Winners don't always finish first," evidenced by his climb to fame with no wins in 100 starts. In 2000, People magazine named Zippy Chippy to its list of "Most Interesting Personalities."

And that personality was still there as he reached over his paddock fence Tuesday for carrots and peppermints. As Blown reached in his pail for another treat, Red Down South nipped Zippy Chippy away to get it for himself. Blown laughed and said, "And Zippy finishes second again."

In reality, all of these horses are winners now that they have found their way to Cabin Creek, which is what operator JoAnn Pepper was looking for. She always enjoyed being around horses, and when she discovered some retired Thoroughbreds were ending up in slaughterhouses, she wanted to get involved.

So she called Blown, and now she and her husband Mark run the Cabin Creek satellite farm on their 40 acres in upstate New York. Prior to teaming up with Old Friends, they boarded horses on the property for a year, and Pepper was a payroll manager before that.

"But really, this is what I wanted to do all along, but I just wasn't sure how we were going to make it happen," she said.

They've made it happen now. The land they have owned for 30 years had sat mostly undeveloped before they built a barn to board horses. And now there is a network of paddocks and run-ins called Cabin Creek.

There is a wood carving of a horse

outside the barn that Pepper said a friend made for them. It looks good as is, grooves in the wood showing the hard work and dedication that the artist put into completing it. Yet, Pepper said, "My husband was supposed to put something on it so it will rock a little bit, but time is hard to come by. But his name is Woody, and he needs a saddle."

Cabin Creek is like Woody. Everything looks great, and is beautiful, but the possibility for more is still there as much land sits unused. Pepper said she figures they probably had eight horses there within the first month when they opened in late 2009. The reason they only have 15 now is because they're out of space, and money to make more space usable.

Not to mention the time it takes to care for the horses. Beyond Pepper and her husband, it's all volunteers at Cabin Creek.

"So it's how much I can handle, and I'm getting older rapidly," she said with a laugh. "The biggest joy is just forming a relationship with every single one of these horses."

Pepper forms that relationship, and so do the volunteers and visitors. But some people who make their way up the tree-shrouded dirt drive have previous relationships—they come to see an old friend.

Harry Rice works as a valet at the track, and has been working there in some shape or form since 1972. When he came out to Cabin Creek last Tuesday for the first time, he said it was "Almost like an old high school reunion. This is great. It just brings back such good memories."

"I saddled him in the Travers," Rice said with a hand on Thunder Rumble's neck. "Everyone looks forward to coming to Saratoga. Now I'm going to look forward to coming here."

Visit some friends

Old Friends at Cabin Creek: The Bobby Frankel Division is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the Saratoga meet. To learn more, check out www.oldfriendsatcabin creek.com

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Still The Man

Horse of the Year Wise Dan impresses again on Oklahoma turf

BY REBECCA FEDLER

The defending Horse of the Year was quiet as he stepped from his stall Saturday morning at Saratoga. With a subdued air about him, he calmly snorted and stepped from straw to dirt. He allowed his hooves to be picked, shook his head with ears up, then nodded up and down a few times.

Wise Dan held steady as exercise rider Damien Rock climbed aboard. The two moved smoothly as one unit as they circled the wash pad to get things loose. Wise Dan's forelock lifted on and off his head in rhythm to his steps. He became more alert the more times he went round, and accepted Rock's pat to his neck as his cue.

"Loosening up good there, Rock?" trainer Charlie LoPresti asked as he walked closer.

"Yeah, loose as a goose," Rock said.

LoPresti sat on an overturned tub next to his storage shed as he watched rider and horse work.

"Gonna have fun, boy?" he asked.

"Yeah, dragging me around the track," Rock answered for his partner.

"Think positive, maybe he'll listen to you," said LoPresti.

"I'm positive he's going to drag me

around," Rock replied with a laugh that perhaps covered a hint of apprehension.

Wise Dan deemed ready to go, man and horse began their trek from the backstretch to the Oklahoma training track. Assistant Reeve McGaughey moved to hook a shank to Wise Dan, but LoPresti waved him off, stating that he didn't need it.

And he didn't.

Wise Dan moved smoothly under Rock as his hooves clacked the pavement. The 6-year-old chestnut moved peacefully as he held his tail out and swished it back and forth.

"He'll get loose by the time he gets there," LoPresti said, as he watched the gelding's movements while he kept pace beside.

Spittle dripped from the prize gelding's mouth as he made his way across Union Avenue and into Oklahoma territory. He chomped at the bit, ready to go.

"He knows he's going to breeze," LoPresti said as Wise Dan's movements became more excited. He danced to the side when McGaughey removed the shank he hooked when it came time to cross the road.

"Oh yeah," Rock said as he reined in the champ.



Sean Clancy

Wise Dan and Damien Rock head for the finish of Saturday's 5-furlong work.

Wise Dan carried his head high, ears alert, as scoped out the stables in Oklahoma.

A call-out came from someone in Todd Pletcher's stable as Wise Dan moved past: "This the big one, Rock? The big one?"

"Yeah."

Horse and rider moved onto the dirt with a jog around the turn, then switched to a walk as they entered the turf. Normally only open for workouts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the Oklahoma turf was open for Wise Dan. Being Horse of the Year comes with some fringe benefits.

Tail out, Wise Dan made his way out on the turf and stationed himself in front of the clockers' stand. A good-sized crowd gathered and Rock and Wise Dan waited for trainer Chad Brown's multiple graded stakes winner Dayatthespa to arrive.

Wise Dan didn't stand long, and was soon off for his work. Motions fluid as he moved into a gallop, his length stretched out, and his tail streamed behind him.

The reigning Horse of the Year breezed alone on the turf, demonstrating to bystanders why he is in a class of his own. Rock gave no encouragement to hasten his steps, and Wise Dan took off like a rocket.

"He looked like a freak," said Erin Rock, Damien's wife who also works for LoPresti as an exercise rider.

After the breeze, an exhilarated Rock put it simply. "He just feels like a mon-

ster under you," he said. A tongue-lolling Wise Dan kicked up dirt as they made their way back toward LoPresti's barn. The horse's coat darkened with sweat, and tail out, he walked again with head high, ears up.

"Pretty fast," Rock said when he heard Wise Dan went 5 furlongs in :57:38. "He just doesn't feel like he's going that quick."

After crossing Union Avenue, Wise Dan made his way down the pavement toward his barn. When a driver had to maneuver his car around them, McGaughey suggested Rock take Wise Dan to the designated horse path on the side.

"He's Wise Dan, he can walk where he wants, all right?" Rock said, laughing and eventually moving him to the path.

"I always think he's going slower than he is," said Rock, who was told by LoPresti to go in :59. "He's just a machine. I swear his stride's gotten bigger. Just effortless, you know? His stride is so long—every time I think I have him figured, I don't."

Rock's been around long enough that on just about any other normal horse he probably would have been spot on. But this is Wise Dan, and he's far from normal.

His cadence quicker than it was on his way out, Wise Dan moved in silence on his return. And as the sun shone over his form, he met his first match for speed this year, as shadow of horse and rider kept pace with him on pavement.



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Reeve McGaughey (left) and Charlie LoPresti watch Wise Dan work.



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Charlie LoPresti let out a sigh. "I'm glad that's over." The trainer walked toward the gap on the Oklahoma training track, to greet Wise Dan who had just ripped around the Oklahoma turf course. Late on a tranquil morning, alone, a red blur, hovering above the ground, the 2012 Horse of the Year scorched through his drill, posting an official time of 57.38 seconds for 5 furlongs. Exercise rider Damien Rock sat still as darkness, high up in his irons, letting nature take its course. Trainers, agents, clockers, writers, fans stood in awe, silenced by the solitude of one horse in a moment of freedom. When I'm asked what's the best work I've ever seen, I'll think back to the second Saturday at Saratoga, 2013. Turf. Wise Dan. It's as good as I've ever seen.

LoPresti was awed again. Actually, not again, still. He lives in awe of Wise Dan.

"I don't think he needs to work anymore. What do you think?" the trainer asked as he walked. "You see him, he's not hard on the bridle. I don't have a watch on him, I just watch him, I don't care about time, I like to see how he's going across there. I was just saying, 'Just sit there Damien.' He's a different animal."

Watching Wise Dan puts perspective on all the other horses. I buy some, own some, care for some. They're horses, some of them are stakes winners. None of them are Wise Dan. He floats when he moves, all action go-

ing forward, a mechanical marvel, like he's pulled by a magnet. That's physical. Mentally, he's completely at ease with his talent, like it's just another day, doing what God asked him to do.

Rock, stirrups adjusted down, guided him off the dirt track, relaxed, rubber figure-eight noseband unwound and dangling under his chin. You could see he did something, but if you didn't just see the exercise, hear the time, you wouldn't have noticed anything. Just a horse heading home. God couldn't find a crease down his back. Rock, already clued in to the time, looked at LoPresti, like a scorned child, looking for approval.

"What did you think?" LoPresti asked.

"He's unbelievable," Rock said.

"Know how fast you went?" LoPresti asked.

"Yeah, they told me. It felt like he was going in 59." Rock said.

"Did he get tired?" LoPresti asked, knowing the answer.

"Tired?" Rock asked. "No."

With two weeks to go before the Fourstardave and a long, satisfied look at Wise Dan, LoPresti was content.

"Look at him, look at how he walks home. I've never been around anything like it. What's scary, he keeps going that way," LoPresti said, sliding his hand upward like he was conducting a concert.

Wise Dan has won seven in a row, dating back to the Fourstardave last summer. The 6-year-old gelding is 16-for-23 in his career and judging by his Saturday breeze, he's thriving. The Morton Fink homebred worked the same way last year. Some say he galloped out stronger a year ago. Hard to believe.

With a select string of quality owners and horses, including probable Whitney starter Successful Dan

(half-brother to Wise Dan), LoPresti recognizes that this is his moment. The chances of getting another Wise Dan? Unlikely. LoPresti anguishes over splitting his stable to take a small string to Saratoga. His wife, Amy, runs the show at Keeneland while he's in Saratoga. LoPresti doesn't want divisions, he doesn't want to race in the winter, he doesn't want to email training instructions and rely on all his horses breezing every seven days. I called him once and left him a message. He called me back and said he couldn't talk earlier because he was on his tractor. He likes driving his tractor.

In a game that will tame lions, LoPresti isn't roaring.

"He's once in a lifetime. How will I ever have a horse like this again?" LoPresti said. "When he was younger, before he ran, I thought he was a really nice horse, but I've always tried to get horses to go easy, the way I want them to go. When he galloped, he was always strong, we thought he was a run-off, then when I started to figure out, he needs to gallop 13, 14 to the furlong. Anything other than that, you're making him mad, once I got by all that, when I realized that's the way this horse trains...now, I don't have to train him that hard."

LoPresti followed Wise Dan's meandering path past Danny Gargan's barn, around Chad Brown's barn, onto the old Horse Haven track, past the soccer field, toward Union Avenue and eventually back to his sanctuary under the trees on the backside of the main track.

Back at the barn, the trainer stood and analyzed how he walked, how much he drank, how much he was blowing. He leaned in and straightened Wise Dan's cooler. The 6-year-old gelding, minutes after bending trees across the road, reached and snapped at his arm. LoPresti never flinched.

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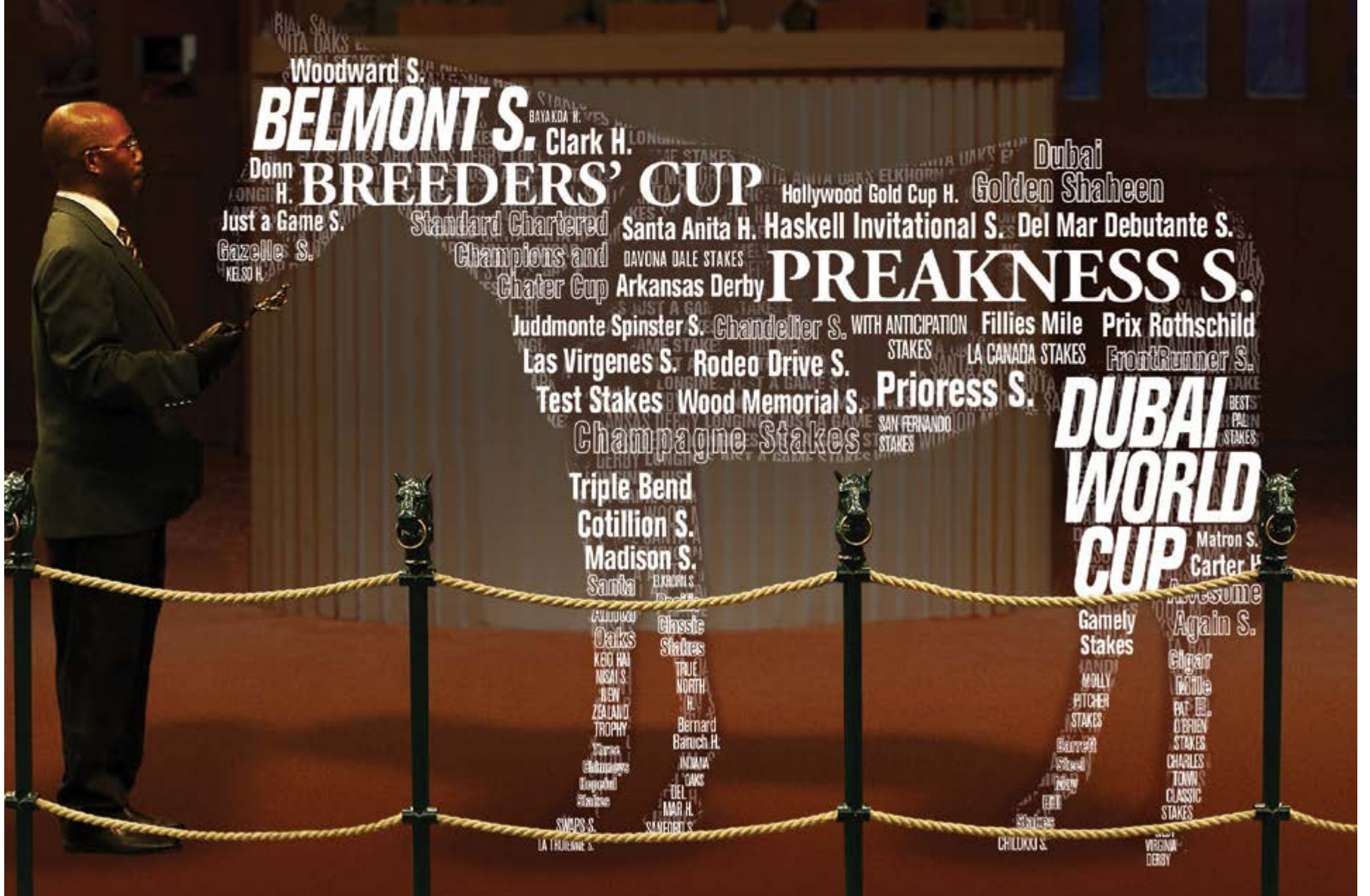
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