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Dave Harmon

# Weekend Warriors

Macho Again (top) & Kodiak Kowboy shine in pair of Grade II stakes to close first week of racing

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Knight Ridder chief executive, in 1974

# Here & There at Saratoga

## Worth Repeating

"He's not one of those 'in-the-four-path' riders that drive me crazy . . ."

**Trainer Mike Hushion, complimenting jockey Channing Hill, who won his fourth race of the meet Monday aboard Hushion's Over Forli**

"I don't know why I fretted all those years, because it's all worked out. The house is paid off, I got a little stash and I'm at Saratoga."

**John Hennig, assistant to his son Mark, while sitting in a chair after training hours Tuesday morning**

"No pace."

**Trainer Eddie Kenneally while watching the first half-mile of Ginger Punch's Go For Wand**

"The luck of the Irish."

**Trainer Nick Zito to sportscaster Hank Goldberg after the Whitney Handicap; Irish?**

"You know you haven't made it when Leroy Jolley calls you Joe."

**Trainer John Fahey III**

"Who says you can't go home again?"

**Jockey Richard Migliore when named on a horse for Leo O'Brien Monday**

"Those were two of the greatest rides I've ever seen. Not too many jockeys can be cool at the three-sixteenths pole in a \$4 million race. He just gathered him up, gathered him up, gathered him up . . . Beautiful."

**Trainer Allen Jerkens, on Chris McCarron's Breeders' Cup Classic victories with Tiznow in 2000 and 2001**

"Where is 1A?"

**Jockey Ramon Dominguez when seeing The Special's golf cart without Jack Clancy Tuesday morning**

"Do you know what you're looking at there?"

**Rick Violette's assistant Melissa Cohen, to Special handicapper Brian Nadeau, who was leafing through Wednesday's Racing Form. With two winners over the past two days, even Nadeau isn't sure.**



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**Ronny Brunson sponges off the legs of Diana winner Forever Together Sunday morning.**

"I kept looking at my watch and he just kept getting faster. And he could have gone faster."

**NYRA placing/patrol judge Sonny Taylor, the official timer for Secretariat's Belmont Stakes win in 1973. Big Red covered the 1 1/2 miles in 2:24.**

## Worth Repeating – Election Edition

**Trainer Jimmy Toner: "Nobama."**

**NYRA placing/patrol judge Sonny Taylor: "Whoever gets in there sure gets a headache."**

## The Big Horserace

The Special's straw (well, hay) poll began back at Keeneland in April, and we'll keep a running total of the votes around town.

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Rick Violette  
Kieran McLaughlin

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Roger Horgan  
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Pat Kelly  
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## One Winner Winner

Rick Violette guaranteed Cribnote last week and it worked. Cribnote won a maiden race Sunday, paying a chalky \$3.90 (they're reading).

## By The Numbers

**27,534:** Payout (in dollars) of the Pick 3 ending with Monday's eighth race.

**7,194:** Average payout of a Pick 3 Monday, which saw the final six such wagers on the card each surpass four digits.

**2:** Mobile phones used by trainer Pat Kelly. One's a phone, the other's an address book.

**1:** American Flag flying from a tractor on the Oklahoma track.

## Name of the Day

**Recovering, sixth race.** He's by Not For Love out of Heartbreak.

## The Weather

**Today:** Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 83.

**Tonight:** Cloudy with scattered thunderstorms. Low near 65.

**Thursday:** Thunderstorms possible. High in the low 80s and low in the low 60s.

**Friday:** Sun and clouds. High in the low 80s and low in the low 60s.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy with stray thunderstorm. High in the low 80s and low in the low 60s.



PEEKABOO! A lead pony hides out behind a tree Sunday morning.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## NTRA'S EQUINE TAX SEMINAR

Members of the equine industry will benefit from revisions to the Federal tax code via the Economic Stimulus Act of February and the recently passed Farm Bill. These two provisions will affect buyer's decisions in 2008 and planning for tax years 2009 and beyond.

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Find out more and ask an equine tax law expert your questions at the NTRA's complimentary tax seminar offered August 6 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

### Topic:

Tax law benefits of the Economic Stimulus Act and the Farm Bill

### Presenter:

Thomas A. (Tad) Davis, partner, Davis & Harman LLP and author of *Tax Tips for Horse Owners*

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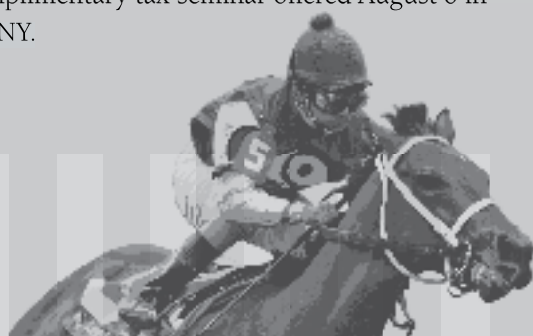
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# Garden Spot

## Restricted stakes provides room to grow for turf fillies, mares

BY JOHN PANAGOT

Every distaffer in the Wednesday's De La Rose would like to win a graded stakes on the lawn. Most have already tried; none have pulled if off. Yet.

Some just missed. Some are switching surfaces. Some are still climbing. The De La Rose is their point of entry.

Restricted to non-winners of a turf sweepstakes in 2008, the \$80,000 turf stakes features a full field of 10 going 1 mile over the inner course.

Shug McGaughey sends out Carriage Trail, winner of the Grade III Double-dog-dare over the Keeneland Polytrack in April. The 5-year-old daughter of Giant's Causeway has tried every surface in 2008, and enters off a close third in a overnight turf stakes at Belmont Park July 5.

After trying her in few different spots, the Hall of Fame trainer believes he's found her comfort zone.

"She likes the turf. She had a good turf race in Florida where she was second to All Is Vanity," McGaughey said Tuesday morning. "The other day at Belmont she was hampered a little bit by the slow pace. A little bit disap-

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pointing, but she came up here and had a very good breeze on Sunday morning and that's what made me want to enter her. I think her running style has changed a bit - I thought she was going to be a come-from-behind sprinter type. Now I think not, I think you kind of got to leave her alone in her races and let her run."

Though winless from three turf starts at Wednesday's distance, McGaughey likes this spot for Stuart Janney & Phipps Stable's homebred.

"I do like her at a mile. There have been some signs of late that she might want to run a little bit further, especially in her last race," he said, "but I think this race fits into her schedule pretty good. We'll see how she does on Wednesday and take it from there."

Michael Matz's Rasta Farian won a second-level allowance over Saratoga's inner turf course in 2007 and recently returned to the lawn after tries on dirt and synthetics.

The 5-year-old daughter of Holy



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Stormy West (center) tires to duplicate this win at Saratoga in 2007.

Bull will have Javier Castellano aboard. Matz enjoys having the laid-back mare.

"She's real simple. Everything about her is nice," the trainer said. "Everything she does is easy and nice. She trains well and is a nice horse to be around. She does everything well. She ran a real nice race the last time. She tries hard, she's honest and she'll give us whatever she has. A mile, mile and an eighth - distance is not a problem with her."

Matz scratched his other entrant, Street Sounds, which enabled trainer Jonathan Sheppard to squeeze in with

Long Approach.

The 4-year-old Broad Brush filly will be making her first start since November, and the trainer glad to see her.

"She popped quite a bad splint in the spring. So that kind of set her back, that's why she hasn't run," Sheppard said. "Nothing major though, we're trying to get her back in action. She's been ready to run for a couple of weeks. I'd rather of found an easier spot for her, and not bring her back right into a

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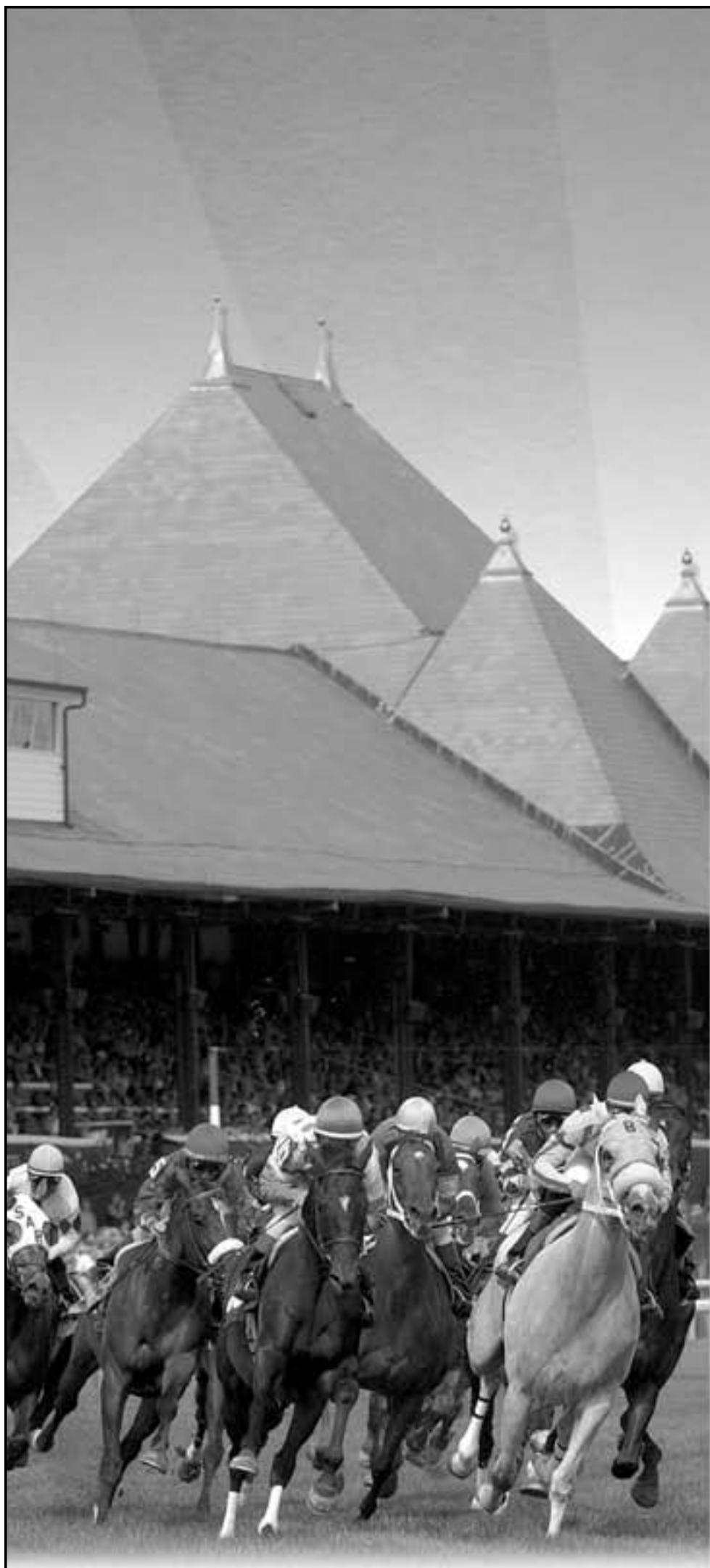
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Talking Treasure represents Ken Ramsey and Charlton Baker in the Fleet Indian.

# Daring Duo

## Ramsey, Baker team up with Talking Treasure in Wed. co-feature

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Though not quite Oscar Madison and Felix Unger, the pairing of owner Ken Ramsey and trainer Charlton Baker seems a bit incongruous.

Ramsey has been to all corners of the globe and won some of the biggest races on the planet.

Roses In May won the world's richest race, the Dubai World Cup, to go along with the historic Whitney Handicap. Stable stars such as Kitten's Joy and Precious Kitten were multiple Grade I winners who took Ramsey and his wife, Sarah (who co-owns several of the horses) to the Breeders' Cup.

Baker plies his trade at the small-scale Finger Lakes Racetrack in western New York, and a road trip for him is not a passport to a foreign country but a receipt from the New York State thruway and a trip to Belmont Park.

What unites the pair is both are very good at what they do.

The duo team up at Saratoga Wednesday when Baker saddles Ramsey's Talking Treasure in the \$80,000 Fleet Indian, a 7-furlong stakes for state-bred fillies/mares.

A homebred daughter of Catienus, Talking Treasure enjoyed a long and prosperous 2007, running 10 times and sporting notching five wins and three seconds while raking in earnings of \$252,620. One the highlights was a half-length win here in the \$82,000 Lady D'Accord Stakes last summer, when Talking Treasure pressed a hot pace and gamely held on under John Velazquez, who has the call again today. After running from January through September and visiting all four of the state's flat tracks, Baker decided to give Talking Treasure an extended vacation. She returned June 15 at Finger Lakes, losing a hard-fought neck decision in the \$50,000 Susan B. Anthony, and has Baker looking forward to Wednesday's assignment.

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"She got a nice tightener in her prep last time and she should get a lot out of that race and run big. She really loves the track, she's 3-for-4 at the distance and has been training great, so we're excited to bring her over," Baker said. "We just decided to stop on her last year and give her some time, and it really helped. This season she came back more mature and put some weight on, really filled out."

As for the the trainer-owner combo, Baker and Ramsey are in tune and ready to play.

"It's been a couple of years now and I love training for Mr. Ramsey. He's a passionate guy that likes to win races and that fits me perfectly," Baker said. "What I like is he lets me run them where they fit the best and where they can win, and that's really all you can ask for from an owner. He's a competitive guy and loves to win races at Saratoga, so hopefully well add another one tomorrow."

Lansdon Robbins and Kevin Callahan's Ice Cool Kitty enters as the morning-line choice in the Fleet Indian, though she seems a bit of an enigma for Rick Dutrow. When on her game the daughter of Tomorrows Cat can be overpowering, as evidenced by four state-bred stakes victories last year, including the Saratoga Dew here by a comfortable 3 1/2 lengths. But Ice Cool Kitty has only one neck victory to show from her last four starts. She was ambitiously placed last out in her seasonal debut, the Grade II First Flight at Belmont Park, and struggled versus the competition and the muddy racetrack, checking in last of seven, beaten 17 3/4 lengths. She returns amongst friends in the Fleet Indian, and holds a 7-for-12

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# Saratoga Leaders

Through Tuesday, July 29

Jockeys	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	Top 3%	Earnings
John Velazquez	30	7	3	3	23.3	43.3	\$784,868
Cornelio Velasquez	36	6	5	6	16.7	47.2	332,371
Eibar Coa	34	6	2	5	17.6	38.2	333,287
Edgar Prado	38	4	10	2	10.5	42.1	467,354
Alan Garcia	31	4	4	5	12.9	41.9	386,203
Shaun Bridgmohan	21	4	3	3	19.0	47.6	468,845
Channing Hill	20	4	0	4	20.0	40.0	197,558
Javier Castellano	28	3	5	2	10.7	35.7	247,638
Julien Leparoux	30	3	3	1	10.0	23.3	742,262
Elvis Trujillo	6	3	1	0	50.0	66.7	104,936

Trainers	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	Top3%	Earnings
Steve Asmussen	15	4	3	3	26.7	66.7	\$509,073
Nick Zito	16	3	3	2	18.8	50.0	623,832
Richard Dutrow Jr.	11	3	3	0	27.3	54.5	203,082
Gary Contessa	22	3	3	0	13.6	27.3	137,570
Bobby Frankel	9	3	1	1	33.3	55.6	304,422
Wesley Ward	8	3	1	1	37.5	62.5	108,708
Kiaran McLaughlin	6	2	2	1	33.3	83.3	239,838
Bruce Levine	11	2	2	1	18.2	45.5	118,305
Todd Pletcher	12	2	1	1	16.7	33.3	108,736
Mike Hushion	5	2	0	1	40.0	60.0	111,825
Jonathan Sheppard	2	2	0	0	100.0	100.0	321,000
Chad Brown	4	2	0	0	50.0	50.0	63,263
David Duggan	3	2	0	0	66.7	66.7	58,607



Dave Harmon

Getting to the top can be a dirty job – just ask leading jockey John Velazquez.

## De La Rose —

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stake, but she needs to run, its mid-summer already so we need to get going."

Sheppard is optimistic about what lies ahead.

"We think she's a really nice filly, she ran in two stakes last season. She didn't win but was not beaten too far. She's not quite a top horse, but a useful horse. You always hope at 3 and 4 they might improve a little bit."

Still, he's not letting himself get carried away.

"We're going to have a bad post position and it's a flat mile," Sheppard said. "That might be a little short for her and there are some nice horses in there."

Bill Mott's Stormy West, who may be the most consistent filly in the race, headlines those nice horses as the morn-

ing-line favorite.

The daughter of Gone West is 2-for-3 at the distance and 1-for-1 over the track. Kent Desormeaux retains the mount.

Rounding out the De La Rose are: Todd Pletcher trainee Jade Queen (John Velazquez), who missed the Grade I Flower Bowl by a half length in 2006; English import Medley (Alan Garcia), who cuts back to a mile in her fifth outing for Christophe Clement; Unforgotten (Julien Leparoux), making her turf debut for Dallas Stewart; Tom Albertrani charge Trouble Maker (Eibar Coa), a consistent sort making her 16th career turf start; Lady Carlock (Robby Albarado), third in May's Grade III Arlington Matron, who goes out for soon-to-be Hall of Famer Carl Nafzger; and Solarana (Shaun Bridgmohan), who's never traveled a mile over any surface, goes for Stan Hough.

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Ice Cool Kitty is the favorite for Wednesday's co-featured Fleet Indian.

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lifetime record against state-breds. Edgar Prado rides.

Sagamoon tests state-bred foes for the first time in more than a year and should be able to work out a favorable trip with Ramon Dominguez aboard. Country Life Farm's homebred charge started off her career 3-for-5 when trained by Tom Albertrani but has struggled since, scoring only one victory (via disqualification) from six starts. Transferred to Mike Trombetta's barn to start the season, the daughter of Malibu Moon has slowly come around and enters off a turf score at Delaware Park, where she finished second but was placed first. Trombetta is aware the waters get deeper in the Fleet Indian, but also knows Sagamoon has a few things going for her.

"She's training good and coming into the race in good shape but I don't know if she's up to that task just yet," Trombetta said. "She gets back to state-breds, which should help, and is coming in off a turf race, and that's something I always like with my horses. We've only had her for four starts but I think we're getting to know her and what she can do. Seven-eighths is a good spot for her so I expect she'll run well tomorrow."

My Dinah figures based on her powerful 6-length score in an allowance/optional claimer June 11 on the dirt Belmont, where the 3-year-old daughter of Victory Gallop stalked in second before taking control and drawing off in the stretch. Trained by Kathleen Feron

for Akindale Farm, My Dinah enters off a fifth-place finish to the accomplished I Lost My Choo in the Elmont Stakes on the turf at Belmont. Feron sports a 4-for-8 record with horses going turf-to-dirt and My Dinah rates a long look for just off the pace. Jose Espinoza has the call.

Last summer Trinity Farm's Precise Lady (Javier Castellano) put together two of the best races of her career at Saratoga, rallying from well of the pace to win the Dancin Renee before running a close third in the Union Avenue. Things haven't gone as smoothly in 2008 for the 5-year-old, who has beaten just one horse in a pair of open-company allowance/optional claiming tilts at Belmont. A return trip to the Spa, where she's picked up two wins and two thirds from four starts, could wake her up for Pat Kelly.

Derek Ryan brings up Sunset Cocktail (Rajiv Maragh) from his Monmouth Park base, where the daughter of Precise End sandwiched a pair of fourth-place allowance runs around a seventh on the Belmont turf. Last summer Sunset Cocktail enjoyed the trip up from the Jersey Shore to the tune of a 29-1 shocker over a state-breds in an allowance/optional claimer and will look to make a late run.

Morning Gallop (Alan Garcia) shortens up to 7 furlongs in the hopes of securing her first win of the year for Mark Hennig. Alan Brodsky's 6-year-old mare is winless in six starts this season, all of which have come at 1-mile or over. The last time the daughter of Victory Gallop sprinted she closed from 18 lengths back to win a 7-furlong Belmont allowance.

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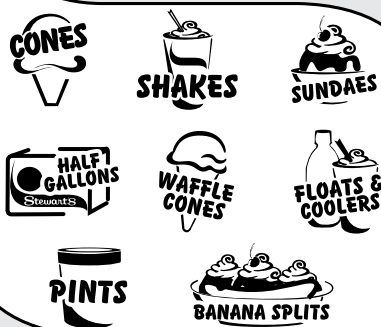
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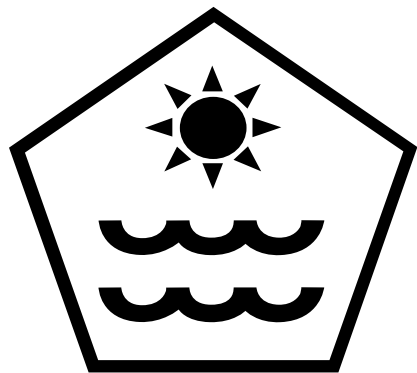
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## WEDNESDAY'S SARATOGA ENTRIES

Wednesday, July 30. Post Time 1:00 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

### 1ST (1:00) THE NINEPINS NOVICE. 2 1/16 MILES. HURDLE. 4&UP. PURSE \$70,000.

1	1	Dynaski	Whelan P	Voss Tom	5-1
2	2	Discreet Charmer	Young P J	Fout Doug	12-1
3	3	C R's Deputy	Rafter C	Hendriks Ricky	7-2
4	4	Slip Away	McCarron M O	Voss Tom	3-1
5	5	Swagger Stick	Dowling W	Fisher Jack	15-1
6	6	Sparkled	Walsh R	Sheppard Jonathan	12-1
7	7	Look At Him	Hodsdon D	Sheppard Jonathan	4-1
8	8	Seer	Aizpuru X	Fisher Jack	5-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (1-3), Daily Double

### 2ND (1:35) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

1	1	Helen's Lady	Velasquez C	Hernandez Mike	6-1
2	2	Saarlandisourland	Garcia Alan	O'Brien Keith	30-1
3	3	Glory Gold	Dominguez R A	Trombetta Michael	3-1
4	4	Best for Last	Prado E S	Bush Tom	5-1
5	5	Sneakin Up	Coa E M	Pierce Jr Joseph	6-1
6	6	Larcenous Lady	Hill C	Contessa Gary	20-1
7	7	Dixie Time Thief	Castellano J J	Kelly Pat	8-1
8	8	Akilina	Maragh R	Clement Christophe	5-2

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (2-4), Pick 4 (2-5), Daily Double

### 3RD (2:08) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.

1	10	Wending	Albarado R J	Howard Neil	15-1
1A	MTO	Lantern	Albarado R J	Howard Neil	15-1
2	1	Kulka	Coa E M	Albertrani Thomas	10-1
3	2	Kapanga	Maragh R	Penna Angel	4-1
4	3	Pleasant Song	Leparoux J R	Stewart Dallas	15-1
5	4	Sophisticated Lass	Dominguez R A	Ritvo Timothy	15-1
6	5	Palace Cat	Chavez J F	Lerman Roy	30-1
7	6	Madam Bling	Prado E S	Toner Jimmy	8-1
8	7	Onoitsmymothernlaw	Migliore R	McLaughlin Kieran	3-1
9	8	Queenofalldiamonds	Velasquez J R	Frankel Bobby	7-2
10	9	Venetian Causeway	Garcia Alan	McGaughey Shug	5-1

A-Coupled: Wending and Lantern  
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (3-5), Daily Double

### 4TH (2:41) 6 FURLONGS. 3&UP. CLAIMING 16,000. PURSE \$25,000.

1	1	Unigold	Samyn J L	Jacobson David	4-1
2	2	He's a Lumberjack	Maragh R	Ritvo Timothy	6-1
3	3	Sal the Pal	Arboleda A	DeMola Joseph	12-1
4	4	Brooker D	Coa E M	Galluscio Dominic	5-2
5	5	Haileys Hero	Castillo E	Tebbutt John	8-1
6	6	Seeking the Money	Bermudez J E	Gullo Gary	15-1
7	7	Storm Boot Gold	Luzzi M J	Contessa Gary	2-1
8	8	Game of Skill	Espinoza J L	Barker Edward	30-1

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (4-6), Daily Double



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### 5TH (3:15) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

1	1	Dougie	Desormeaux K J	Dutrow Tony	3-1
2	2	Saratoga Steve	Dominguez R A	Ritvo Timothy	12-1
3	3	Double Domino	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd	7-2
4	4	Wiskaway	Maragh R	Levine Bruce	12-1
5	5	Western Fable	Prado E S	Martin Carlos	6-1
6	6	Momsboy	Castillo E	Tebbutt John	30-1
7	7	Grand Morning	Migliore R	O'Brien Leo	30-1
8	8	Ziptronic	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	6-1
9	9	Original Ray	Castellano J J	Hills Timothy	15-1
10	10	Sweet Groom	Espinoza J L	Arroyo Enrique	10-1
11	11	Spencerific	Hill C	Cedano Heriberto	20-1
12	12	Mr. Petersson	Trujillo E	Badgett Billy	12-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (5-7), Pick 6 (5-10), Daily Double

### 6TH (3:49) 1 3/8 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. ALLOW. PURSE \$76,000.

1	2	Dynamont	Prado E S	Hendriks Sanna	15-1
1A	6	Recovering	Albarado R J	Sheppard Jonathan	15-1
2	4	Giant Storm	Castellano J J	Hough Stan	9-2
2B	MTO	Discreet Treasure	Prado E S	Hough Stan	9-2
3	1	So It Goes	Velasquez C	Donk David	7-2
4	3	Summer Patriot	Coa E M	Tagg Barclay	3-1
5	5	Lord Snooty (IRE)	Dominguez R A	Motion Graham	12-1
6	7	Titan of Industry	Desormeaux K J	Violette Jr Rick	5-1
7	8	Sky Dragon	Velazquez J R	Cedano Heriberto	8-1
8	9	Chasing the Crown	Bridgmohan S X	Baker Charlton	30-1
9	10	Borobudur	Leparoux J R	Gaver III John	8-1
10	MTO	Building New Era	Leparoux J R	Aquilino Joe	3-1
11	MTO	Tergesti	Leparoux J R	Contessa Gary	5-1

A-Coupled: Dynamont and Recovering  
B-Coupled: Giant Storm and Discreet Treasure  
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (6-8), Grand Slam (6-9), Daily Double

### 7TH (4:23) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. CLAIMING 35,000. PURSE \$34,000.

1	10	Frenchman's Cove	Velasquez C	Motion Graham	8-1
1A	MTO	Giron	Velasquez C	Motion Graham	8-1
2	1	Veritable	Velazquez J R	Frankel Bobby	5-1
3	2	Allaboutmack	Chavez J F	Lostritto Joseph	30-1
4	3	Second Approval	Prado E S	Hendriks Sanna	20-1
5	4	Brushed Prince	Samyn J L	Allyn William	30-1
6	5	Senor Enrico	Hill C	Contessa Gary	12-1
7	6	Into the Wind	Dominguez R A	Trombetta Michael	3-1
8	7	All in No Outs	Coa E M	Galluscio Dominic	6-1
9	8	Great Emperor	Luzzi M J	McLaughlin Kieran	8-1
10	9	Chobe	Garcia Alan	Clement Christophe	5-1
11	11	Emotival (ARG)	Espinoza J L	Malek Raja	20-1
12	12	Najibes Time	Bridgmohan S X	Sheppard Jonathan	12-1
13	AE	Lil O's Expression	Carr D	Barrera Jr Oscar	50-1
14	MTO	Sonofawitch	Morales S	DiPrima Gregory	4-1
15	MTO	Will Never Bend	Espinoza J L	Kelly Pat	6-1

A-Coupled: Frenchman's Cove and Giron  
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (7-9), Pick 4 (7-10), Daily Double

### 8TH (4:57) THE DE LA ROSE. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 4&UP. PURSE \$80,000.

1	1	Jade Queen	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd	5-1
2	2	Medley (GB)	Garcia Alan	Clement Christophe	12-1
3	3	Street Sounds	Gomez G K	Matz Michael	15-1
4	4	Carriage Trail	Prado E S	McGaughey Shug	7-2
5	5	Unforgotten	Leparoux J R	Stewart Dallas	20-1
6	6	Rasta Farian	Castellano J J	Matz Michael	8-1
7	7	Stormy West	Desormeaux K J	Mott Bill	3-1
8	8	Trouble Maker	Coa E M	Albertrani Thomas	6-1
9	9	Lady Carlock	Albarado R J	Nafzger Carl	12-1
10	10	Solarana (ARG)	Bridgmohan S X	Hough Stan	15-1
11	AE	Long Approach	Dominguez R A	Sheppard Jonathan	10-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (8-10), Daily Double

### 9TH (5:31) THE FLEET INDIAN. 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. PURSE \$80,000.

1	1	Ice Cool Kitty	Prado E S	Dutrow Jr Richard	2-1
2	2	Precise Lady	Castellano J J	Kelly Pat	20-1
3	3	Sagmoon	Dominguez R A	Trombetta Michael	6-1
4	4	Sunset Cocktail	Maragh R	Ryan Derek	20-1
5	5	Morning Gallop	Garcia Alan	Hennig Mark	4-1
6	6	My Dinah	Espinoza J L	Feron Kathleen	6-1
7	7	Talking Treasure	Velazquez J R	Baker Charlton	5-2

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

### 10TH (6:04) 6 FURLONGS. 3&UP. MDN CLM 25,000. PURSE \$22,000.

1	1	Who Can Bluff	Hill C	Jerkens Allen	5-1
2	2	Metulla	Coa E M	Levine Bruce	15-1
3	3	Messa Nera	Velasquez C	Kenneally Eddie	4-1
4	4	Up the Limit	Castellano J J	Brown Chad	8-1
5	5	Sapphire Eyes	Dominguez R A	Brown Bruce	5-1
6	6	Buddha's Ballet	Chavez J F	Zito Nick	15-1
7	7	Catsatiger	Rodriguez R R	Stoklosa Richard	30-1
8	8	Digital Age	Leparoux J R	Contessa Gary	15-1
9	9	Valiant Humor	Maragh R	DiPrima Gregory	9-2
10	10	Tomlinson Hill	Velazquez J R	Schosberg Rick	6-1
11	11	Whistle a Tune	Morales S	Terranova II John	30-1
12	12	Baby Thinker	Arboleda A	DeMola Joseph	30-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

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**Pete Fornatale**



**Sean Clancy**



**Brian Nadeau**



**John Panagot**

Race #	Pete Fornatale	Sean Clancy	Brian Nadeau	John Panagot
1	Dynaski C R's Deputy Look At Him	Dynaski Swagger Stick Look At Him	Dynaski Swagger Stick Look At Him	Dynaski C R's Deputy Look At Him
2	Akilina Dixie Time Thief Best For Last	Akilina Glory Gold Helen's Lady	Glory Gold Akilina Sneakin Up	Glory Gold Akilina Dixie Time Thief
3	Kapanga Venetian Causeway Sophisticated Lady	Kapanga Queenofalldiamonds Onoitsmymothernlaw	Onoitsmymothernlaw Queenofalldiamonds Kapanga	Onoitsmymothernlaw Kapanga Venetian Causeway
4	Storm Boot Gold Brooker D He's A Lumberjack	Brooker D Unigold Haileys Hero	Storm Boot Gold Unigold Brooker D	Brooker D Haileys Hero He's A Lumberjack
5	Ziptronic Wiskaway Double Domino	Original Ray Dougie Double Domino	Ziptronic Double Domino Sweet Groom	Double Domino Saratoga Steve Western Fable
6	Sky Dragon Summer Patriot Dynamont	Summer Patriot Dynamont Giant Storm	Sky Dragon Summer Patriot Titan Of Industry	Summer Patriot Borobudur Sky Dragon
7	Into The Wind Veritable All In No Outs	Frenchman's Cove Into The Wind Veritable	Frenchman's Cove Senor Enrico All In No Outs	Veritable Into The Wind All In No Outs
8	Carriage Trail Rasta Farian Medley	Stormy West Rasta Farian Jade Queen	Long Approach Stormy West Carriage Trail	Carriage Trail Stormy West Trouble Maker
9	Talking Treasure Sagamoon Ice Cool Kitty	Sagamoon Ice Cool Kitty My Dinah	Talking Treasure Ice Cool Kitty My Dinah	Ice Cool Kitty Morning Gallop Talking Treasure
10	Tomlinson Hill Messa Nera Who Can Bluff	Sapphire Eyes Metulla Valiant Humor	Digital Age Valiant Humor Up The Limit	Valiant Humor Up The Limit Sapphire Eyes
To Date:	<b>10/50</b>	<b>13/50</b>	<b>10/50</b>	<b>12/50</b>

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## WEDNESDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

BY BRIAN NADEAU

**RACE 1:** DYNASKI has done little wrong in his two hurdle starts and should be a handful from close range for the Tom Voss barn. SWAGGER STICK is arguably the most talented horse in the field, but he just can't seem to get through a race unscathed. If you still believe, you get your guy at a nice price today. LOOK AT HIM ran big to the talented Rainiero at Radnor before things went amiss at Philly Park. He's dangerous from stalking range.

**RACE 2:** GLORY GOLD goes out for underrated connections and Mike Trombetta is lethal with first-timers; filly shows quick works in a field that doesn't look loaded with speed. AKILINA is a deserved favorite and will be tough to deny off solid debut; outside post is the main concern. SNEAKIN UP should be in the mix if she can run back to her first effort; may have bounced in last.

**RACE 3:** ONOITSMYMOTHERNLAW makes her second start and stretches out for Kiaran McLaughlin, who sports huge numbers with those angles. In a field where the main rivals seem to lack positional speed, she should be able to make first run turning for home. QUEENOFALLDIAMONDS ran well sprinting but stretches out; anyone's guess at an underlaid price. KAPANGA will make her presence felt late, but lack of pace could be her undoing. MTO: Queenofalldiamonds, Lantern, Kulka.

**RACE 4:** No speed here either, so here's hoping STORM BOOT GOLD gets loose and forgets to stop. His form is highly suspect and the drop is worrisome, but he might just have enough to beat this crew. UNIGOLD is another dropper who fits if he's right. BROOKER D should be closest to the top pick early, which could be a good spot if that fellow falters.

**RACE 5:** ZIPTRONIC looks to have found a solid spot for his debut. Fleet works and the Linda Rice-Alan Garcia combo tell you all you need to know. DOUBLE DOMINO was a pricey yearling buy and wouldn't have to be a world-beater to get it done. Give a longshot look to SWEET GROOM, who has shown several very fast a.m. drills. MTO: Ziptronic, Dougie, Western Fable.

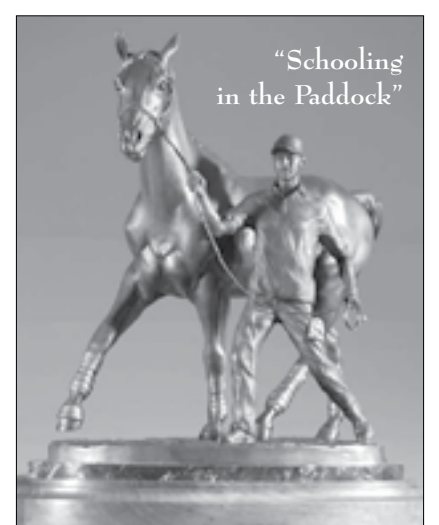
**RACE 6:** SKY DRAGON'S lone try going long on the turf (two back at Belmont Park) resulted in a troubled but close-up fourth against three seasoned stakes performers; anything near that performance would put his nose on the wire. SUMMER PATRIOT has excelled in a pair of marathon efforts and should be up close to what projects as a moderate pace. TITAN OF INDUSTRY might try and lead these on a merry chase, which could work well in a field devoid of speed. MTO: Discreet Treasure, Summer Patriot, So It Goes.

**RACE 7:** FRENCHMAN'S COVE drops down off some solid allowance runs early in the year and his tactical speed should allow him to work out a nice trip. SENOR ENRICO has never been in for a tag and might have enough to get him over the top. ALL IN NO OUTS is the best of the rest. MTO: Great Emperor, Sonofawitch, Giron.

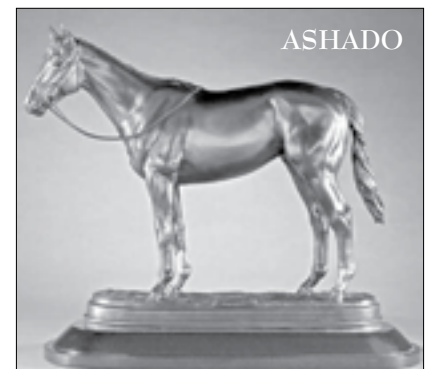
**RACE 8:** Deep and competitive renewal of the De La Rose. LONG APPROACH returns for white-hot flat trainer Jonathan Sheppard – yup, you read that right – who figures to have this miss ready off the long layoff. STORMY WEST is the one to beat but won't offer any value in the win pool. CARRIAGE TRAIL should be able to build off her first turf run in well over a year.

**RACE 9:** The last time TALKING TREASURE was at the Spa she was a game winner of a New York-bred stakes at 7 furlongs, so maybe lightning will strike twice; ideally drawn outside, she got a nice tightener for this last time. The old ICE COOL KITTY would win this one for fun, but it's fair to ask if we'll see her today; the rail offers no favors either and she'll be a big underlay. MY DINAH faces some tough elders but does have room for improvement.

**RACE 10:** DIGITAL AGE is the quickest of the quick, so he's taking this field as far as he can on the engine. Scary if he shakes free. VALIANT HUMOR had no real excuse last time and could do no better than a distant third; not the kind to take at a short price. UP THE LIMIT makes his second start for Chad Brown, who has done good work so far at the meet.



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# On Target

## Kodiak Kowboy rewards Ludt, Jones with gutsy score in sprint

BY SEAN CLANCY

AMSTERDAM STAKES RECAP

Monday, July 28

Tom Ludt made a big decision. Vinery's general manager disbanded his horses from trainer Steve Asmussen earlier this summer. Five-time winner Kodiak Kowboy transferred to trainer Larry Jones at Fair Hill Training Center and made his debut for Jones in Monday's Amsterdam.

Critics go home.

Owned by Vinery and Rick Porter's Fox Hill Farm, Kodiak Kowboy fought like he was Ludt's brother, nailing pacesetter Desert Key in the final yards to win his second stakes at Saratoga. Desert Key and Kodiak Kowboy volleyed like Nadal and Federer.

"How good is he? Did he get headed? I think he got headed, he's got guts," Ludt said, on his way to the trustees' room. "It's a big win for us after we left Steve, because everybody's going to second-guess you if you don't win. We ran Lantana Mob and he got beat, people are saying you made a mistake. Well, I make a lot of mistakes."

Kodiak Kowboy proved he wasn't one of them.

Gabriel Saez positioned Kodiak Kowboy to the outside as Desert Key

sprinted to the lead, going the first quarter in 21.79 seconds and a half in 44.19. Eaton's Gift and Silver Edition entertained Desert Key on the lead and then retreated, leaving Kodiak Kowboy to clean up the dust. Desert Key battled hard but Kodiak Kowboy finally prevailed by a head, after 6 1/2 furlongs in 1:15.56.

By Vinery's stallion Posse, Kodiak Kowboy fetched \$70,000 at the OBS August Sale in 2006 and has done little wrong in a busy career that's taken him to seven racetracks. The Amsterdam improved his Saratoga mark to 2-for-2, after winning the Saratoga Special last summer.

Then he was a talented 2-year-old who had won four out of his first five races while going from 2 furlongs in his debut to 6 1/2 in the Saratoga Special. He failed in the Futurity, finishing second to Tale Of Ekati and then picked up third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, nearly 17 lengths behind War Pass. That would be the last time he saw a second turn.



Dave Harmon

Kodiak Kowboy (5) battles with Desert Key near the wire of the Amsterdam.

Jones got the horse on July 3 and tried to do nothing. That's not easy.

"You try not to change anything, it's been working. You just try and listen to the horse, let him tell you what's going on," Jones said. "My first impulse when I got on him was he probably wasn't going to be fit enough to make this race. Now in hindsight the trip probably knocked him out a little and he probably had never packed anybody as heavy as me."

Kodiak Kowboy won his 3-year-old debut at Oaklawn Park this spring, then languished over Keeneland's Polytrack in the Lafayette before running hard in the Derby Trial where Macho Again held him off by a half-length. Jones kept the Grade II Amsterdam — three months since the Derby Trial — on the calendar and mapped out a plan to get there and hopefully the Grade I King's Bishop on Travers Day. Jones gave the Kentucky-bred three breezes at Fair Hill. The first one was routine. The second gave him hope. And the third — a work in company — sealed Jones' confidence.

"After the second time, I said, 'it's a possibility.' Then after I worked him the last time, I said, 'he might not be fit enough to win this thing but if we're going to win the King's Bishop, we need this race under his belt.' So we needed to do it," Jones said. "Thank goodness, it was the right choice, we got the race into him and hopefully it won't knock him out."

In the final breeze, Jones matched Kodiak Kowboy with a stakes-winning filly. She broke off in front of him and he ran her down, going 5 furlongs over the Tapeta surface in 1:01 2/5.

"I knew we were pushing him to get fit enough to suit me," Jones said. "He ran her down so easy, he went by her and exploded, Gabriel called on him a little and he rebroke and was

gone. It's hard to tell, working on the Tapeta, how fast is fast. Working them with other horses is the best way to get a judge, and I know that filly is quality and he ran by her like a claimer horse."

Jones never wavered from bringing his stable jockey to Saratoga. Saez and Jones teamed up to finish second in the Kentucky Derby with Eight Belles and win the Kentucky Oaks with Proud Spell. The 20-year-old became the seventh jockey to ride Kodiak Kowboy.

"He trusts me. We have a nice relationship, not like a daddy and son, like a brother," Saez said. "He's a nice person, he's given me the best opportunity of my life. He gave me the opportunity to finish second in the Kentucky Derby and win the Kentucky Oaks and now this horse. From my heart, I appreciate that."



Dave Harmon

Vinery general manager Tom Ludt leads in Kodiak Kowboy.

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2007	RAMONTI	8	S bin Suroor	5-9-7	L Dettori	9/2
2006	COURT MASTERPIECE	5	EAL Dunlop	6-9-7	J Fortune	15/2
2005	PROCLAMATION	7	J Nosedá	3-8-13	M Kinane	3/1
2004	SOVIET SONG	5	J R Fanshawe	4-9-4	J Murtagh	3/1
2003	REEL BUDDY	7	R Hannon	5-9-7	P Eddery	20/1
2002	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	3	A P O'Brien (Ire)	3-8-13	M Kinane	8/13f
2001	NOVERRE	11	S bin Suroor	3-9-0	L Dettori	9/2
2000	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	6	A P O'Brien (Ire)	3-9-0	M Kinane	3/1f
1999	ALJABR	6	S bin Suroor	3-8-13	L Dettori	11/10f

### THE GROUNDWORK

Reel Buddy's 20/1 success in 2003 aside, the Sussex is a race that has required every winner since 1990 to show at least very smart form in order to come out on top. Twelve months ago, Ramonti became the fourth older horse to win in the last five years, and it was the seventh time in the last nine that a previous Gr1 winner had been successful. Yet despite the dominance of the older generation in recent years, the mid-season championship for milers has generally been a good race for three-year-olds and five have been successful in the last nine years, while Excellent Art went down by only a head to Ramonti. Proclamation was the only one of the five not to have won at the highest level beforehand. Two of the three-year-olds had won classics, Rock of Gibraltar the English and Irish Guineas and Noverre the French Guineas at Longchamp. Not surprisingly, the form from the St James's Palace Stakes (won by Excellent Art in 2007) is usually well represented, with Proclamation again the only one of those five winning three-year-olds not to have finished first or second in that, though he was an impressive winner of the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot. A good performance immediately prior to Goodwood is a big plus, and you have to go back to Sayyedati in 1995 to find the last winner who hadn't run into at least a place on their previous outing, Giant's Causeway raising the bar in 2000 when coming into the race off the back of success in the Eclipse. Understandably it pays to follow those prominent in the market, seven of the last ten winners coming from the first three in the betting. Ramonti's success was Saeed bin Suroor's third win in that time whilst Aidan O'Brien has been responsible for a couple of winners.

### RACE ANALYSIS IN POST POSITION ORDER

**1. MAJOR CADEAUX:** Lightly raced for a four-year-old and better than ever this year, winning the Sandown Mile before defying a Gr2 penalty when beating subsequent Wokingham winner Big Timer in the John of Gaunt at Haydock, in the latter doing well to overcome a slipped saddle and a troubled passage. There are others with more convincing claims on form, however.

**2. TARIQ:** Successful in the Betfair Cup at this meeting twelve months ago and looked better than ever when showing a good turn of foot from a poor position to get within a length of Creachadoir in the Gr1 Lockinge at Newbury on reappearance. Rather disappointing on very firm ground in the Queen Anne at Royal Ascot last month, though, and will need things to fall right for him.

**3. DREAM EATER:** Only a win in a two-year-old sales race to his name, but has progressed further in a tongue tie this season, finishing fifth to Henrythenavigator in the Guineas at Newmarket and third to Aqlaam in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot. The return to a mile might bring about a bit more improvement but still one of the least likely winners.

**4. HENRYTHENAVIGATOR:** Undoubtedly the best three-year-old miler around after wins in the Guineas at Newmarket and the Curragh, as well as in the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot, where he again showed a fine turn of foot to beat Raven's Pass by three quarters of a length. Looks to have nothing to fear from the older horses after Ramonti's withdrawal, and only the rain likely to stop him—his only defeats have come on ground softer than good.

**5. RAVEN'S PASS:** A high-class miler who has made the frame all four starts this term, putting up his best effort when beaten three quarters of a length by Henrythenavigator in the St James's Palace at Royal Ascot. Had an excuse when beaten in France last time and looks the most likely to give 'Henry' a race again, particularly if he's ridden more positively than at Ascot.

**6. WINDSOR PALACE:** Useful at two years, when winning a maiden at Dundalk, but has been off the track since last autumn (withdrawn from Irish 2000 Guineas in May due to unsatisfactory scope) and will need to improve the best part of two stone if he's to play any worthwhile role other than pacemaker.

**7. WINKER WATSON:** Unbeaten at two years, completing hat-trick in the July Stakes at Newmarket, but subsequently off twelve months with niggling problems. Not entirely discredited in circumstances (reportedly lost shoe) when seventh to Tamayuz in Prix Jean Prat on return (Raven's Pass second), but this looks quite a lot tougher still, and he'd have a better chance if taking up his engagement in the Betfair Cup the previous day.

### CONCLUSION

The best three-year-olds look a cut above the older horses in the mile division, and HENRYTHENAVIGATOR and Raven's Pass look set to repeat their Royal Ascot one-two. A solid 4-5 exacta play with the favourite on top; reverse for a small saver.

#### TOP ON FORM RATINGS:

Henrythenavigator 136  
Raven's Pass 134  
Tariq 130  
Major Cadeaux 128  
Winker Watson 126

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### RACE ANALYSIS IN POST POSITION ORDER

**1. PERFECT STAR:** Did nothing but progress last year, winning handicaps at Salisbury (twice) and Ascot. She may have further improvement left in her but will likely need another career best to concede weight all round, her reappearing after an absence of 305 days potentially another negative.

**2. FARLEY STAR:** Lightly raced for a four-year-old and has won already this season at Leicester and Haydock. Unsited by steady pace when fifth in muddling affair behind Lindelaan last time and chance the handicapper may have her measure for now.

**3. ALGARADE:** Improved to win handicaps at Great Leighs and Chester first two outings this season and not disgraced on first start in listed company last time where slightly longer trip and softer ground were probably against her. Looks capable of defying new mark of 86 and could go close.

**4. JAZZ JAM:** Reliable sort who's mostly kept listed company this year, winning at Kempton on her reappearance and following that with a career best when beaten around six lengths by subsequent Ribblesdale winner Michita at this track. Got going all too late when behind the potentially smart Scuffle at Salisbury last time and potentially vulnerable to other improvers here too.

**5. FREE OFFER:** Dual-winner last year who's run with credit on her last two starts, doing particularly well when beaten two and a half lengths by Algarade in messy race at Chester last time having been held up off the modest gallop. This looks tougher however, and pedigree suggests she may be seen to better effect over further.

**6. MARAMBA:** Matched pick of useful juvenile efforts when third to Scuffle at Salisbury last time, beaten five and a half lengths, and could well have more to offer on just her sixth start. Step up in trip looks sure to suit and one of the more likely winners.

**7. GHAIJDA:** Lightly raced filly who attracted plenty of support when upped in grade to listed company last time and although not running her race on her first start on softish ground she wasn't given a hard time and wasn't discredited in the end, finishing around six and a half lengths behind Classic Remark. She'd been beaten just half a length by subsequent Ribblesdale runner-up Arthur's Girl on her debut and she's well worth another chance to progress.

**8. FONGS GAZELLE:** Hasn't won since success in this twelve months ago off mark of 1 lb lower and looks to have gone off the boil on evidence of her last two runs. That said, she's impossible to rule out for trainer who targets this meeting but a leap of faith is required.

**9. APHRODISIA:** Has flourished for the drop back in trip this year, winning handicaps at Bath and Newmarket. She's gone up in the weights as a result though and disappointed in a competitive race at Newbury on her latest start. Others look preferable.

**10. ASFURAH'S DREAM:** Never saw another horse when making all in a fairly weak maiden at Goodwood on her reappearance, becoming the sixth runner to win next time out from her debut at Lingfield last October where she looked headstrong. Open to further improvement and worth a check in the betting.

**11. MARYQUEENOFSCOTS:** Very much ready when making successful debut in maiden at Haydock last September, coming from poor position to win by three quarters of a length from Ballochroy (one of four behind to win next time out). Makes her reappearance having reportedly suffered a stress fracture in February and although will be suited by step up in trip, could need the run.

**12. SPELL CASTER:** Proved well suited by drop in trip to run best race since her juvenile days when beaten a neck by Cosmea at Newbury last time, allowing her rival first run but seeing things out well. Improvement needed to figure in this and not hard to have reservations given overall profile.

**13. LEE MILLER:** Looks just the type her yard thrives in these events, and placed both starts before getting off mark in weak maiden at Pontefract last month, taking longer to get going than had seemed likely and once again hanging left. Chance that could be down to inexperience and it would be no surprise to see her go well.

### CONCLUSION

A difficult fillies' handicap to solve, with a number of lightly-raced three-year-olds taking on their elders. Pace and post position will play a factor, as many of the leading contenders like to be on or near the lead, so a well positioned stalking type can pick up the tiring front runners down the long, half-mile plus Goodwood stretch. Algarade, from the shrewd Sir Mark Prescott stable should get a good stalking trip from a favorable draw and looks to hit the front about a furlong out. However, Seb Sanders' mount but may get caught by any one of a number of the younger fillies more open to improvement. Ghaidaa didn't care for the soft ground last time and will be suited by a return to firmer going; her maiden win was excellent. Spell Caster just failed last time at Newbury after a troubled trip, but may want a longer trip. The bottom weight LEE MILLER from the hot Luca Cumani barn (runners finished 1-2 in decent Goodwood Class 2 Handicap yesterday and stablemate beaten a neck in the next race), makes her first start in a handicap after easily winning a moderate Pontefract maiden. Her previous start in a hot Goodwood maiden has turned out to be a key race, producing three subsequent winners and a number of placed horses. Receiving tons of weight from other leading contenders, Lee Miller looks well handicapped and should progress on to better company after winning her race at Glorious Goodwood.



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# MONDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

MONDAY, JULY 28

## 1ST. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. NY BRED. AOC 25,000. PURSE \$64,000.

1	Tergesti	Velasquez C	Purse Money Only		
3	Lorccan	Garcia Alan	12.00	4.30	2.90
4	Overextended	Chavez J F		2.90	2.10
6	Brookhaven's Money	Castellano J J			2.60

Finish Time: 1:52.24

Trainer: Gary Contessa. Owner: Sanford Robbins,  
P and D Kaplan Racing, & Orchard Kids Stable.  
Ch. g. 6 Old Trieste-S. S. Sparkle, Victorian Prince.  
Bred by Edna Bensen (NY).

\$2 Exacta 3-4 Paid \$38.40; \$2 Trifecta 3-4-6 Paid \$86.00

## 2ND. 6 FURLONGS. 3&UP. NY BRED. MDN CLM 35,000. PURSE \$25,000.

10	Arrrrr	Luzzi M J	11.40	6.50	3.20
5	Little Wise Guy	Espinoza J L		16.20	5.90
1	Blazing Buddha	Velasquez C			2.40

Finish Time: 1:11.78

Trainer: Mike Miceli. Owner: James McGlenn & Robert Genovese.  
Ch. g. 4 Regal Classic-Lemons Ain't Limes, Bold Ruckus.  
Bred by James McGlenn (NY).

\$2 Exacta 10-5 Paid \$154.50; \$2 Quinella 5-10 Paid \$73.50; \$2 Trifecta  
10-5-1 Paid \$409.50; \$2 Daily Double (3-10) Paid \$74.00

## 3RD. 7 FURLONGS. 4&UP. AOC 100,000. PURSE \$76,440.

5	Wanderin Boy	Leparoux J R	4.40	2.90	2.10
3	Gold Trippi	Castellano J J		3.10	2.20
1	Like Now	Desormeaux K J			3.20

Finish Time: 1:21.87

Trainer: Nick Zito. Owner: Stone Farm.  
Ch. h. 7 Mr. Greeley-Deceit Princess, Vice Regent.  
Bred by Select Broodmare Fund 2000 (KY).

\$2 Exacta 5-3 Paid \$12.80; \$2 Trifecta 5-3-1 Paid \$47.20; \$2 Pick 3  
(3-10-5) 3 Correct Paid \$140.00; \$2 Daily Double (10-5) Paid \$24.20

## 4TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. AOC 30,000. PURSE \$64,000.

7	Cagey Girl	Luzzi M J	47.60	17.00	8.40
1	Stormy Relations	Velasquez C		8.30	5.90
8	Boxitup	Velazquez J R			10.20

Finish Time: 1:44.24

Trainer: David Duggan. Owner: North Shore Racing.  
B. f. 4 Crowd Pleaser-A Girls Gotta Eat, Ordway.  
Bred by Alan Quartucci (NY).

\$2 Exacta 7-1 Paid \$364.50; \$2 Quinella 1-7 Paid \$139.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-1-8  
Paid \$4,440.00; \$2 Pick 3 (10-5-7) 3 Correct Paid \$881.00; \$2 Daily Double  
(5-7) Paid \$127.50

## 5TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

12	August Rush	Trujillo E	11.00	6.60	4.50
10	Nan	Prado E S		9.20	8.90
5	Scintillation	Coa E M			7.70

Finish Time: 1:05.04

Trainer: Wesley Ward. Owner: Steven Michael Bell.  
Dk.B./Br. f. 2 Milwaukee Brew-Vividly, Touch Gold.  
Bred by Adena Springs (FL).

\$2 Exacta 12-10 Paid \$95.50; \$2 Trifecta 12-10-5 Paid \$1,597.00; \$2 Pick 3  
(5-7-12) 3 Correct Paid \$1,016.00; \$2 Pick 4 (10-5-7-12) 4 Correct Paid  
\$6,863.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-12) Paid \$372.50; \$2 Superfecta 12-10-5-6  
Paid \$11,418.00

## 6TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$57,000.

2	Unflagging	Hill C	62.50	20.40	10.60
5	Burnished Copper	Dominguez R A		5.20	3.80
4	Fra Lippo	Garcia Alan			3.90

Finish Time: 1:45.53

Trainer: George Weaver. Owner: C'est Tout Stable.  
Gr./Ro. g. 4 Wheelaway-Wave Off, Personal Flag.  
Bred by William Hettinger (NY).

\$2 Exacta 2-5 Paid \$361.00; \$2 Trifecta 2-5-4 Paid \$1,390.00; \$2 Pick 3  
(7-12-2) 3 Correct Paid \$13,407.00; \$2 Daily Double (12-2) Paid \$485.00;  
\$2 Superfecta 2-5-4-10 Paid \$14,434.00

## 7TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. MDN CLM 45,000. PURSE \$30,000.

11	Donna's Sandee	Velasquez C	21.60	7.80	5.50
9	Fiona Freud	Prado E S		3.90	2.80
2	Chauette	Maragh R			4.40

Finish Time: 1:05.09

Trainer: John Hertler. Owner: Gianca Stable.  
Dk.B./Br. f. 3 Cryptoclearance-I'm a Fighter, Fit to Fight.  
Bred by Tony Evangelista & Philip Teinowitz (KY).

\$2 Exacta 11-9 Paid \$60.00; \$2 Trifecta 11-9-2 Paid \$282.50; \$2 Daily Double  
(2-11) Paid \$1,025.00; \$2 Pick 3 (12-2-11) 3 Correct Paid \$7,903.00;  
\$2 Superfecta 11-9-2-5 Paid \$1,028.00

## 8TH. THE LILLIAN RUSSELL. 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$82,250.

9	Over Forli (CHI)	Hill C	41.20	19.20	12.40
7	Silver Knockers	Velazquez J R		5.80	5.70
1	Debbie Got Even	Leparoux J R			8.20

Finish Time: 1:24.13

Trainer: Mike Hushion. Owner: Stonewall Farm.  
B. m. 5 Milt's Overture-Eastern Forli (ARG), Forflitano (ARG).  
Bred by Haras Godolphin (CHI).

\$2 Exacta 9-7 Paid \$262.50; \$2 Trifecta 9-7-1 Paid \$1,988.00; \$2 Pick 3  
(2-11-9) 3 Correct Paid \$27,534.00; \$2 Daily Double (11-9) Paid \$248.50;  
\$2 Superfecta 9-7-1-3 Paid \$6,314.00

## 9TH. THE AMSTERDAM (GR. II). 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 3YO. PURSE \$150,000.

5	Kodiak Cowboy	Saez G	6.10	3.00	2.70
3	Desert Key	Prado E S		2.90	2.60
2	Devereux	Bridgmohan S X			3.90

Finish Time: 1:15.56

Trainer: Larry Jones. Owner: Vinery Stables & Fox Hill Farm.  
B. c. 3 Posse-Kokadrie, Coronado's Quest.  
Bred by Hartwell Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 5-3 Paid \$16.60; \$2 Trifecta 5-3-2 Paid \$81.00; \$2 Grand Slam  
(2/4/5-2/9/11-1/7/9-5) Paid \$139.00; \$2 Pick 3 (11-9-5) 3 Correct Paid  
\$3,496.00; \$2 Daily Double (9-5) Paid \$195.50

## 10TH. 1 1/8 MILES. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$40,800.

7	Royal Skip	Espinoza J L	33.40	12.60	4.90
2	Frisky Rosie	Coa E M		6.50	3.70
11	Irish Bride	Dominguez R A			2.50

Finish Time: 1:57.07

Trainer: Paulino Ortiz. Owner: Randy Stasi & Giorgi Stable.  
Gr./Ro. f. 4 Skip Away-Royal Ching, Royal Roberto.  
Bred by Andrew Albstein & Mark Scharfman (NY).

\$2 Exacta (7-2) Paid \$258.50; \$2 Trifecta 7-2-11 Paid \$814.00; \$2 Daily  
Double (5-7) Paid \$208.50; \$2 Pick 3 (9-5-7) 3 Correct Paid \$3,175.00;  
\$2 Pick 4 (11-9-5-7) 4 Correct Paid \$37,481.00; \$2 Pick 6 (12-2-11-9-  
5-7) 4 Correct Paid \$3,521.00

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**1** Tergesti



**2** Arrrrr



**3** Wanderin Boy



**4** Cagey Girl



**5** August Rush



**6** Unflagging



**7** Donna's Sandee



**8** Over Forli



**10** Royal Skip

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# New scene proves kind to Over Forli

BY JAMIE SANTO

Hopping hemispheres has its drawbacks. The jet lag last for months, the exchange rate can be unfavorable and your hard-earned credentials won't necessarily provide a leg up in your chosen profession. And try enduring two winters in a row.

Over Forli can attest to all this. The Chilean-bred distaffer ventured north after winning five races in her native land, but after three tries at Santa Anita with diminishing returns, she was worn out, low on funds and out of conditions.

But America is the land of opportunity, and the \$82,250 Lillian Russell at 7 furlongs presented just such an opportunity. The Latin lady made good use of it, streaking to a 2 3/4-length victory.

"It was extremely difficult to find a race for her because of all the \$4,000 races she won in Chile. She's not eligible for anything here," said trainer Mike Hushion, who took charge of the bay mare when owner Barry Schwartz sent her to New York. "In California, you can do it. It was like a four-other-than, which they don't write here, or an overnight stakes, which seemed ambitious, but we had no choice. She had trained really well, and she had wins going seven-eighths on her



Dave Harmon

Over Forli (Channing Hill) pulls away in the stretch of Monday's Lillian Russell Stakes.

form in Chile, so why not?"

The public didn't value the vacation time and sent her off at nearly 20-1, the longest shot in the field of nine. Chasing Maryland invader Circuit Breaker (Ramon Dominguez) and Silver Knockers (John Velazquez) through a half mile in 45.39 seconds, the winner (Channing Hill) hit the final turn full of fresh run and flew home for the win.

"Barry was running the horse on the West Coast, and her form got where we told him to give her some time and bring her here and freshen her," Hushion said. "I had seen her out in California and she looked like maybe the change in seasons was catching up with her, as it will to some South American horses. So when we brought her back here that's why we gave her plenty of time until she showed us she was ready. She shed

her hair out, got big and fat again, and that was pretty much it."

The win marked the second longshot score of the day for Hill, and his fourth win of the week-old meet. He had six wins from 125 mounts last year at the Spa. But it's not that Hill has suddenly rounded into form.

"He was a good rider last year. People are finally starting to catch on a little bit," Hushion said. "I hear the chatter on the backside, I expect to see him show up in some better stables hopefully. I root for him to take the next step. I think he's one of the best young riders around."

The modest jockey deferred the credit to the trainer, who has given him the call more than 200 times in the

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# Monday —

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past two years.

“Mr. Hushion has done just a great job with her,” Hill said. “I was just kind of a passenger.”

Of course, Hill doesn't mind the recent Spa success, which also saw him notch a double Sunday.

“If I can win two races every day, that wouldn't be a bad goal.”

• Nick Zito has carved out a new specialty — training 7-year-olds. Two days after Commentator roared to his second Whitney, barnmate Wanderin Boy joined the millionaire's club by beating a short-but-stacked allowance/optional claimer field.

So what's the secret to conditioning winning 7-year-olds? Well, it's not really a secret — it's just hard to do.

“Well, number one you've got to have the horse. Like Commentator. Number two, you've got to have good owners. Number three, you've got to have good help. Then I can go from there,” Zito said. “The good horse, the good owner, and the good help — believe in your system, you've got a chance. The horse does it first, the owner cooperates, and the help cooperates with the trainer. You're only as good as your help, and you can't do it by yourself. I'm here 18 hours a day — that still ain't good enough.”

Sent off as the favorite in the five-horse field, Wanderin Boy (Julien Leparoux) stalked pacesetter Mr. Umphrey, put that one away nearing the stretch and strolled to the wire. Owned



Tod Marks

**Wanderin Boy (right, Julien Leparoux) kicks clear late in his allowance win.**

and bred by Arthur Hancock, Wanderin Boy finished 3 1/4 lengths clear of Gold Trippi (Javier Castellano), covering 7 furlongs in 1:21.87, with Like Now (Kent Desormeaux) up for third. Leparoux cruised to victory atop a horse that just kept getting stronger.

And yes, the son of Seeking The Gold is still all horse.

“Believe it or not,” Zito said. “And he's now a millionaire.”

A winner of nine races (with 16 on-the-board finishes) from 22 lifetime starts, Wanderin Boy still has more on his plate before he ambles off to stallion duty. He owns four graded-stakes scores, but he's never landed the big

one for Hancock, who still aspires to a Grade I score for his homebred.

“He was second to Invasor in the Pimlico Special, that was one of the toughest beats we had, second to Bernardini, and he was second to Lawyer Ron right here in the Whitney (when that one set a track record),” said Zito. “He's done good enough, but . . .”

And under Zito's care, he still has a chance to do even better.

• Tom Durkin didn't have an eyepatch and a parrot in the booth, but the Spa announcer did his best pirate impression in the stretch call of Monday's second.

“And it's Arrrrr . . . Arrrrr . . . Arrrrr . . .”

Captained by Mike Luzzi, Arrrrr sallied forth from his stalking position to overtake his quarry and capture his first victory. After tracking the pace from the middle of the pack, he emerged to ambush leader Crafty C J on the turn, taking the 6-furlong state-bred affair for trainer Mike Miceli and owners James McGlenn and Robert Genovese.

Though making his 13th start, Arrrrr had Miceli thinking positively. After 11 races against state-bred maiden specials, Miceli dropped Arrrrr into the claiming ranks at Belmont Park June 26 and saw him finish a strong second.

“He showed good speed going a mile. Sometimes when you shorten them back up off a one-turn mile, it gives them that little finishing power,” he said. “I guess it worked out OK today.”

Luzzi, taking his 10th trip aboard the son of Regal Classic, knew the plan and executed it.

“There wasn't too much to say — just get the job done,” said Miceli.

Yo ho ho.

• Luzzi took a New York-bred turf affair aboard Cagey Girl to collect the second win of the meet for himself and trainer David Duggan. Sent off at nearly 23-1 in the 10-horse field, the Crowd Pleaser filly broke quickly and kept clear for 1 1/16 miles, staying on the lead to outfinish the surging Stormy Relations (Cornelio Velasquez) by a half-length, as Boxitup (John Velazquez) took third.

The 4-year-old filly entered off a disappointing sixth at the same conditions

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# Monday —

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more than a month ago at Belmont, and while the public lost confidence, her trainer hadn't.

"The turf course last time was too hard and she didn't like it," Duggan said. "We gave her a little break and brought her back here. She's been good running against good fillies. If she's good she's very good."

• Elvis Trujillo is in the building. And he's usually easy to find. Just look in the winner's circle — he's the one standing next to trainer Wesley Ward.

The jockey, who's parked his tack box at Calder, Monmouth Park and Churchill Downs this year, picked up his third victory of the meet — all for Ward — in Monday's fifth race.

Aboard first-time starter August Rush in a 5 1/2-furlong turf sprint, Trujillo sat second of 12 early, dueling with pacesetter Remedy (Shaun Bridgmohan) before putting the hurt on that one and fighting off the late-arriving cavalry. The son of sophomore sire Milwaukee Brew held off hard-charging Nan (Edgar Prado) by a neck to secure the victory for owner Steven Michael Bell, as Scintillation (Eibar Coa) closed six-wide for third.

With three hits in six at bats so far at the Spa, Trujillo succinctly summed up his summer in Saratoga,

"It's good, you know? Wesley Ward has a lot of nice horses," he said. "It's good, everything's good."

• The "Nebraska Kid" made a stunning getaway in the sixth with an accomplice he'd just met. Sent postward at 30-1 aboard unraced 4-year-old Unflagging, Hill rode off with an unlikely victory for trainer George Weaver.

"As a 2-year-old he went unsound with me. As a 3-year-old he went unsound with me," Weaver said. "And to be honest I didn't expect him to be fit enough to win today. Sometimes you need a race over the turf to see how they do and then go on from there. That's

kind of what I was thinking — I knew he had ability but I was surprised that he won."

Facing nine other New York-bred maidens over 1 1/16 miles on the inner turf, Unflagging quickly took to stalking the pace, then unleashed a strong move to outfinish Burnished Copper (Dominguez) and Fra Lippo (Alan Garcia).

Hill — identified as Nerbaska Kid on the back of his green helmet cover — had never ridden the Wheelaway gelding before, but got a quick feel for him.

"Today was the first time I met him. And I got a chance to get to know him in the post parade, and he seemed like a pretty nice little horse," the jockey said. "I mean, he broke and he settled nice and he ran a huge race."

Despite the size of the task, Hill never considered the odds.

"Once you load in the gate, and they're taking you there, it doesn't matter what your odds are," he said. "If you've got the horse, then it feels like you're on a 9-5 shot."



Dave Harmon

August Rush (12, Elivs Trujillo) holds off Nan in the fifth.

• By the time Donna's Sandee neared the sixteenth pole, John Hertler had modified his ambition.

"That's when I was settling for fourth," the trainer said. "Then she found new life."

Discovering an untapped resource, the 10-1 daughter of Cryptoclearance suddenly surged from the outside flank of the turf-sprint herd, rushing wireward to take the seventh race by a length over favored Fiona Freud (Prado), who was a neck faster than Chauette (Rajiv Maragh).

Donna's Sandee entered the state-bred turf dash with an 0-for-12 mark, but the 3-year-old had been on the upswing since entering Hertler's care and switching to the grass. After a troubled fourth two weeks ago at Belmont, Hertler was hopeful.

"Last time she ran into a lot of trouble on the inside," he said. "Today, this horse had run good from the outside. Yeah, she wore 'em down at the end."

And lifted her trainer's spirits.

• Perhaps it was the rain that washed away all the chalk; perhaps it was just bad racing luck. The bookends of Monday's 10-race card, on which just one favorite won, argue for both.

In the opener, Gary Contessa's entry of Successful Affair and Tergesti hit the post parade as the heavy choice. But when the former reared prior to the start, the latter ran for purse money only — and rolled home, rewarding only his owners and those content to simply see their opinion confirmed.

The finale, the only race washed off the turf, saw a wave of scratches which brought in two main-track only horses as the first and second choices.

Instead it was Royal Skip (Jose Espinoza) who eventually navigated 9 furlongs in 1:57.07 to score for trainer Paulino Ortiz at nearly 16-1.

The rash of longshots on the day meant Pick 6 consolation prizes for anyone shrewd enough to find even four winners and left a carryover of \$42,264 for Wednesday.

Additional reporting by John Panagot.

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# Macho Man

## West Point hero hangs on to Gr. II

BY SEAN CLANCY

"If you win, act like you've been there before."

That was the advice given to West Point Thoroughbreds' Terry Finley when he placed Seattle Fitz in the Whitney Handicap in 2004. It didn't matter that day, the horse flopped. Everybody's been there.

Four years later, Finley tried to stand by the advice. West Point's Macho Again won a dramatic renewal of the Jim Dandy. Trained by Dallas Stewart and ridden by Julien Leparoux, Macho Again stopped, started, zigged, zagged, opened up and finally staved off Pyro to win the \$500,000 stakes.

The West Point crew – about 50 deep – staked out the big screen in the clubhouse. They lurched, screamed, hugged, cringed and erupted with every stop and start from their upstart 3-year-old. It started rumbling as the field left the backside and accelerated from there. Pearl Jam concerts have less rocking.

A rival trainer even found it entertaining, "I love watching those guys."

Finley grabbed the hand of his wife, Debbie, and stifled tears. As he marched to the winner's circle (repeating the walk he made when Dream Rush won the Test here last year), he almost looked

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like he had been there before.

His West Point crew . . . they had never been there before.

Craig Peretz gushed tears. Josh Cooper talked to himself. Tom Bellhouse looked like he had ridden the last furlong with Leparoux.

By the time Macho Again had made his way to the winner's circle, 40-plus West Pointers lined up for the picture. A woman snapped photos from the winner's circle – she had never been there before.

Forgive her, the Jim Dandy had it all.

Da' Tara shot from the gate and was quickly joined by Mint Lane, the duo dueled into the first turn, instantly giving the five other jockeys room to breathe. The two frontrunners couldn't have set a better table for the closers. Da' Tara led into the first turn and then Eibar Coa engaged him from the outside with Mint Lane. They went the first quarter-mile in 23.51 seconds and a half in 46.94. Macho Again cruised along in third, about 5 lengths off Da' Tara and



Dave Harmon

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Macho Again (right) holds off Pyro in Sunday's Jim Dandy.

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# Jim Dandy —

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Mint Lane. Edgar Prado maneuvered Tale Of Ekati to the outside of Macho Again as the field went three quarters in 1:11.82. Tiz Now Tiz Then circled outside, relegating Macho Again to fifth with Leparoux tapping the brakes. That's when the West Point crowd weakened.

Then they got loud.

Tale Of Ekati turned for home with the lead, then Tiz Now Tiz Then took over. Leparoux angled to the inside of Tiz Now Tiz Then but had to alter course again, diving back to the outside. Tale Of Ekati stopped, Tiz Now Tiz Then flattened out and Macho Again roared to the lead.

The West Point crowd hit its crescendo. Then Pyro loomed to the outside. For a moment, the favorite looked like he had it timed to the second, but then he wavered, leaving Macho Again to grind it out by a half-length.

"I started sweating," Stewart said. "I thought we were home free and then he swooped in there, I said, 'oh no.' The wire couldn't get there soon enough. He's a good horse and he was trying, that little horse wouldn't let him by."

The gray son of Macho Uno finished the 1 1/8 miles over a good track in 1:51.16.

Tiz Now Tiz Then held on for third while Tale Of Ekati finished fourth. Anak Nakal made no impact finishing fifth and Mint Lane straggled in sixth with Belmont Stakes winner Da' Tara last of seven.

Leparoux guided Macho Again for the fifth time. They teamed up to win an allowance race at Fair Grounds this winter, upset the Derby Trial and beat everybody but Big Brown in the Preakness.

"He always fights. You get in a little trouble, a little bump, he always tries," Leparoux said. "He's tough. He loves to fight. In the Derby Trial, I got bumped five times in the straight and he kept going and won. I was really confident at the quarter-pole actually. I knew I had some horse and it was a matter of if I got through. He's a cool horse, he doesn't cheat, you can do whatever you want with him."

Tell that to Stewart, who collected his first Saratoga stakes win. The trainer has stretched the Florida-bred colt from 6 furlongs to 12 furlongs this year.

He won an allowance race sprinting, then flopped in the 9-furlong Lane's End at Turfway Park. Shortened up in the Derby Trial, he won the \$115,000 stakes going 7 1/2 furlongs. Stretched to 1 3/16 miles in the Preakness, he closed like a bouncer at last call, falling 5 1/4-

lengths short of Big Brown. Stretched to his limit in the Belmont Stakes, Macho Again never threatened, winding up fifth. Given seven weeks between races, Macho Again breezed three times at Churchill Downs and struck.

"I thought he had a good shot, he was training super," Stewart said. "I didn't even work him up here. I worked him two weeks ago, I was actually on vacation and Terry put it on YouTube, he had two horses in front of him and my man Chopper (Kenny Bourque) laid back, it looked like a race. That was all I needed to see."

Next stop Travers. The 1 1/4-mile classic looms in a month.

"He's not a big horse, but he's a bad ass on the track," Stewart said. "He's beaten some nice horses, Kodiak Kow-

boy, all the horses other than Big Brown in the Preakness and he ran good in the Belmont. Will Big Brown come back? That's the question. We'll be looking good, we've got to get him back to the way he was here, it's four weeks, it's not six weeks, not eight weeks. But, he's pretty tough, he'll let you know how he's feeling."

And that he's been there before.

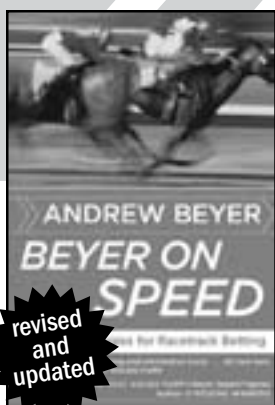
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"He won going six furlongs and now a mile and an eighth, hopefully he gets a mile and a quarter. If you don't have Big Brown, it's open to everybody, he'd have a big shot. If Big Brown comes back good in the Haskell, he'll be tough, but you never know, it's horse racing."

—Julien Leparoux,  
on Macho Again's Travers hopes


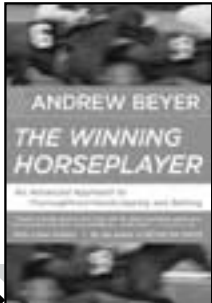


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Mambo In Seattle heads to the winner's circle after the Henry Walton Stakes.

# Mambo in Seattle tosses hat in ring

BY SEAN CLANCY

Neil Howard stood outside his tack-room Friday and made two horses stop. On their way to school in the paddock, the two horses stopped and posed.

"He looks good, huh?" Howard said, pointing to a dark bay colt.

Grasshopper. Last year's Travers runner-up, due to run in the Whitney Handicap the next morning. He finished third.

"Look at this horse. Look at this horse. Look at this horse," Howard said, when the second horse stopped in front of him. "He's pretty, huh?"

Mambo In Seattle stood like a rock, staring across across the horizon like he could hear Howard sing.

On Sunday, Mambo In Seattle doggedly outran You And I Forever to win the Henry Walton, a restricted stakes on the Jim Dandy undercard. Amped finished 12 1/2-lengths back in third.

It'll be the last time Mambo In Seattle runs on the undercard.

Owned and bred by Will Farish and Mrs. William Kilroy, Mambo In Seattle ratcheted up his win streak to three with a neck decision over You and I Forever who was trying for his own three-race win streak.

Robby Albarado guided Mambo In Seattle to the victory, clocking 1:50.98

HENRY WALTON STAKES

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for the 1 1/8 miles, .18 seconds faster than the Jim Dandy, run a race later.

"You don't like to say too much, but obviously you feel relieved afterwards because he's been a good colt all along," Howard said. "Patience is the hardest thing in this business but it looks like patience paid off a little bit. He's a nice colt and his demeanor is what really sets the trend for him. He's got a real pleasantry about him; you could see it in the paddock. He's very focused in a very honest way."

Yes, Howard likes him. And now he'll try the same pattern as Grasshopper, who won a two-turn allowance early in the meet last year before nearly taking down Street Sense in the Travers.

"After the last race at Churchill I kept mentioning these different races, the Barbaro, the Dwyer, to Mr. Farish and he was into it," Howard said. "I've always liked him and he's developed into a real handsome horse. The perfect size; not a giant but not small. He's similar to Grasshopper but this horse is in a better situation. We were always a race behind with Grasshopper but this horse seems to be stepping along nicely."

# An A-Plus

## Cribnote comes through for barn, rolls home with double-digit tally

BY BRIAN NADEAU

As Cribnote loaded into the gate for Sunday's second race, assistant trainer Melissa Cohen recalled the colt's rather eventful debut July 3 at Belmont Park.

"If this horse doesn't win today it's going to be a long meet for us,"

A striking 2-year-old son of Read The Footnotes, Cribnote didn't get a dream trip that day downstate, checking behind horses and slamming the rail on the turn. But he did close furiously in the final furlongs to make up almost 6 lengths.

Red Diamond Stable's colt broke from the rail again Sunday, but Cribnote (Rajiv Maragh) had learned his lesson the first time – this time he'd be teaching one. He cruised to a 13 1/2-length win in the \$56,000 state-bred maiden, and in the process may have set himself up for Saratoga's ultimate final exam – the Grade I Hopeful on Closing Day.

Cribnote broke alertly from the rail and Maragh held his position along the inside, stalking early leaders Natty Meboy and Footnote This as the field clicked off a quarter mile in 22.09 seconds. Maragh eased his mount out as the leaders approached the three-eighths pole and Cribnote quickly took charge off the far turn. Widening in an instant he was 5 lengths clear in mid-stretch, clocking 5 1/2 furlongs in a sparkling 1:03.32 – just .19 off the track record set by J Be K last year. Remarkable Storm (Julien Leparoux) nosed out Tall Poppi (Eibar Coa) for the place.

Maragh, aboard for Cribnote's debut, was relieved he didn't have to relive that outing.

"At Belmont he broke from the one-hole and there were five horses going for the same spot. He really bounced off the fence and had an unbelievably tough trip, but he still showed enough to come running at the end," Maragh said. "Today he broke a bit sharper and I really never had any worries. Once he broke well and I got separation and

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there wasn't a crowd going into the turn I knew I was going to get a clear trip and knew that's all it would take. The trainer and exercise rider told me he was really talented (prior to his debut) and with the clean break today he got a chance to show his true colors."

- The bettors weren't the only ones shocked by The Truffle Man's 20-1 upset in Sunday's opener.

Trainer Leah Gyarmati admitted she, too, was pleasantly surprised to win the \$50,000 claimer.

"How did I think he fit? I really didn't," Gyarmati said. "I entered him for \$35,000 and the race didn't go so we tried here. He was ready to run and we decided to give it a go and hoped he would just get a piece of it."

The 3-year-old got the big slice of the purse for owner John McCarthy, rating in fifth and overtaking early leader Loaves And Dishes (Maragh) and favored Yelt (Cornelio Velasquez) for a 2-length score. The win was the fourth lifetime for The Truffle Man, and pushed his record to 3-for-4 over an off-track.

- Jonathan Sheppard topped off a memorable weekend in Sunday's nightcap, taking the \$35,000 claimer with Come Close (Shaun Bridgmohan). After upsetting the Grade I Diana with Forever Together a day earlier, Sheppard pulled a surprise Sunday with the Augustin Stable homebred, who was making his first start since November.

Sheppard shortened up Come Close, a veteran of long-distance turf races, and pointed to the Spa with the 2-for-20 son of Belong To Me – winless since taking a Keeneland allowance in October 2005. Rating in seventh, Come Close steadied when making his move turning for home

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# Sunday —

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before angling out in mid-stretch and finishing in time for a half-length decision over Chief Operator (Javier Castellano) and Intuition Magic (Jorge Chavez).

Assistant Barry Wiseman deputized for Sheppard, and admitted it wasn't the normal course of action for the barn.

"It was kind of an odd spot for us. We were looking to run him long but it didn't happen, so we went here," Wiseman said. "He really ran well, better than I thought he would. It's a pretty nice capper to a really good weekend He has been away for a long time so we were just looking to get him back to the races but he surprised me a bit and made a nice strong run to get it done."

- City Roar may have looked like a lion on paper, but when the 3-5 favorite broke like a lamb in the third things were wide-open. Spotting the field several lengths at the start after being fractious and rearing when the gates opened, City Road never got un-tracked and finished a well-beaten seventh behind gate-to-wire winner Critical Cathy (Hill), who drew off to a 6 1/4-length score over Swept The Series (Edgar Prado) and Palmetto Bluffs (Maragh) for Barry Schwartz and trainer Mike Hushion.

- Long regarded as a conditioner that likes to give his 2-year-olds a few starts before readying them to win, Nick Zito has shown he can fire with firsters as well in recent years. The trend continued on Sunday when Zito sent out Miss Ocean City (John Velazquez) to a debut score in the sixth, a \$62,000, 6-furlong dash for freshman fillies.

Owned by Leon Blusiewicz, Miss Ocean City broke on top and immediately sprinted clear while in hand, opening up over Ride With The Herd though a half-mile in 46.27. Charging off the turn the daughter of Mineshaft busted clear by 5 lengths and won as a filly



Tod Marks

The Truffle Man (left) pulls away to win Sunday's opener.

with a future, scoring by 3 3/4 lengths over Pumpkin Shell (C. Velazquez) and Persistently (Alan Garcia).

- The driving rain that has become commonplace during week one at Saratoga did little to deter Kent Desormeaux from reaching a career milestone (see page 30).

The Hall of Fame jockey scored his 5,000th career win when he guided Bella Attrice to take the seventh for Bruce Brown and Gumpster Stable. Sitting patiently off a moderate pace, Bella Attrice rallied strongly to gain contention on the far turn and drew clear to a 2 1/4-length win over Sonic Sound (Jean-Luc Samyn) and Dr. Jess Jr. (Garcia).

- Pretty Carina (Castellano) made her first start for trainer Bobby Frankel a winning one, breaking her maiden in the eighth by a commanding 7 1/2 lengths.

Off since placing third in her debut last November at Churchill Downs when trained by Eduardo Camadori, Pretty Carina returned with a string of strong Belmont works for Frankel.

Sunday she pressed the early pace, took over after a quarter-mile and was never threatened in a dominating performance. Sahara Wind (Velazquez) rallied in her career debut to finish a clear second over Nurture (Prado).



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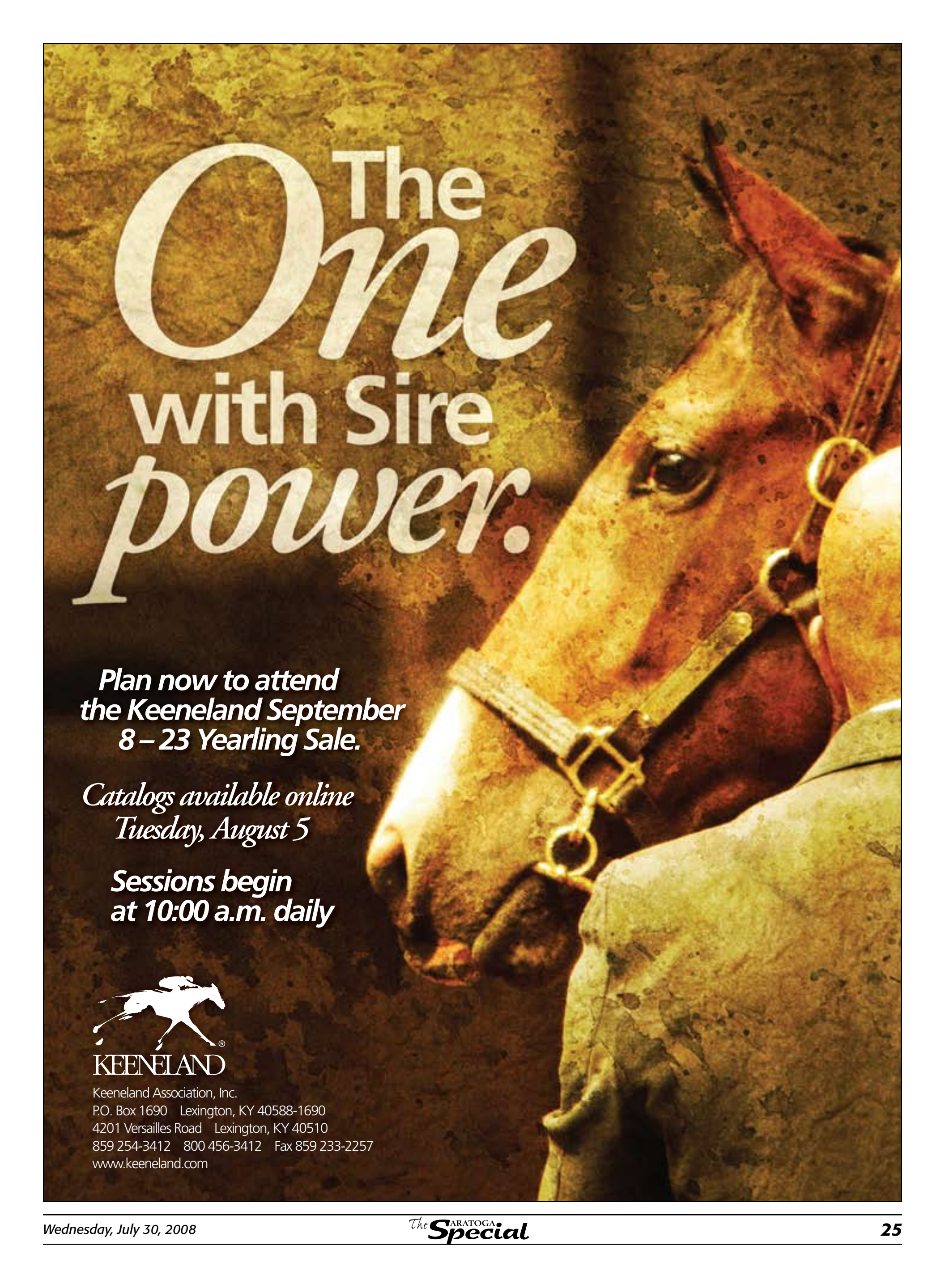
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**2ND. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.**

2	Cribnote	Maragh R	3.90	3.10	2.30
5	Remarkable Storm	Leparoux J R		12.80	6.10
6	Tall Poppi	Coa E M			3.60

Finish Time: 1:03.32  
 Trainer: Rick Violette Jr. Owner: Red Diamond Stable.  
 Ch. c. 2 Read the Footnotes-Totebook, Notebook.  
 Bred by Red Diamond Stable (NY).  
 \$2 Exacta 2-5 Paid \$59.00; \$2 Quinella 2-5 Paid \$41.40; \$2 Trifecta 2-5-6  
 Paid \$292.00; \$2 Daily Double (8-2) Paid \$154.50; \$2 Superfecta 2-5-6-8  
 Paid \$2,415.00

**3RD. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALW. PURSE \$61,000.**

3	Critical Cathy	Hill C	11.00	5.90	5.60
4	Swept the Series	Prado E S		8.70	7.90
6	Palmetto Bluffs	Maragh R			5.60

Finish Time: 1:09.99  
 Trainer: Mike Hushion. Owner: Barry Schwartz.  
 Gr./Ro. f. 3 Gold Token-Boltono, Unbridled's Song.  
 Bred by Stonewall Farm (NY).  
 \$2 Exacta 3-4 Paid \$74.00; \$2 Trifecta 3-4-6 Paid \$450.50; \$2 Pick 3  
 (8-2-3) 3 Correct Paid \$648.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-3) Paid \$34.40;  
 \$2 Superfecta 3-4-6-5 Paid \$1,661.00

**4TH. 6 FURLONGS. 3&UP. CLM 25,000. PURSE \$39,000.**

3	Bill Place	Velasquez C	8.40	4.40	3.10
1	R Fast Favorite	Prado E S		5.00	4.00
8	Democrat	Hill C			4.80

Finish Time: 1:09.89  
 Trainer: Enrique Arroyo. Owner: Robert Urrutia.  
 B. g. 4 Master Bill-Magical Place, Out of Place.  
 Bred by John Scott (FL).  
 \$2 Exacta 3-1 Paid \$37.40; \$2 Quinella 1-3 Paid \$17.80; \$2 Trifecta 3-1-8  
 Paid \$187.50; \$2 Pick 3 (2-3-3) 3 Correct Paid \$123.50; \$2 Daily Double  
 (3-3) Paid \$44.40; \$2 Superfecta 3-1-8-6 Paid \$563.00

**5TH. 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 40,000. PURSE \$46,000.**

1A	Boss Tiffany	Coa E M	9.10	4.30	3.00
14	Starship Cruiser	Prado E S		3.30	2.10
8	Spirited Seacat	Desormeaux K J			3.40

Finish Time: 1:23.38  
 Trainer: Gary Contessa. Owner: Winning Move Stable.  
 B. f. 4 Commendable-Little Password, Verbatim.  
 Bred by Clarkland Farm (KY).  
 \$2 Exacta 1-14 Paid \$23.80; \$2 Trifecta 1-14-8 Paid \$98.50; \$2 Pick 3  
 (3-3-1) 3 Correct Paid \$153.00; \$2 Pick 4 (2-3-3-1) 4 Correct Paid  
 \$467.50; \$2 Daily Double (3-1) Paid \$28.00

**6TH. 6 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.**

8	Miss Ocean City	Velasquez J R	12.20	9.20	6.80
9	Pumpkin Shell	Velasquez C		11.80	6.70
2	Persistently	Garcia Alan			12.80

Finish Time: 1:11.64  
 Trainer: Nick Zito. Owner: Leon Blusiewicz.  
 B. f. 2 Mineshaft-Madam Lagonza, Kingmambo.  
 Bred by Mike Connelly (KY).  
 \$2 Exacta 8-9 Paid \$143.50; \$2 Trifecta 8-9-2 Paid \$2,342.00; \$2 Pick 3  
 (3-1-8) 3 Correct Paid \$254.50; \$2 Daily Double (1-8) Paid \$46.00;  
 \$2 Superfecta 8-9-2-1 Paid \$10,787.00

**7TH. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALW. PURSE \$62,000.**

7	Bella Attrice	Desormeaux K J	5.10	3.60	2.80
11	Sonic Sound	Samyn J L		7.60	4.70
8	Dr. Jess Jr	Garcia Alan			4.30

Finish Time: 1:40.94  
 Trainer: Bruce Brown. Owner: Gumpster Stable.  
 Dk.B./Br. m. 5 Tomorrows Cat-Irish Actress, Seattle Song.  
 Bred by Neal Galvin (NY).  
 \$2 Exacta 7-11 Paid \$43.40; \$2 Trifecta 7-11-8 Paid \$213.00; \$2 Daily  
 Double (8-7) Paid \$33.00; \$2 Pick 3 (1-8-7) 3 Correct Paid \$185.00;  
 \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (1-8-10) Paid \$51.00; \$2 Superfecta 7-11-8-2  
 Paid \$1,422.00; \$2 Consolation Double (8-10) Paid \$12.60

**8TH. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.**

9	Pretty Carina	Castellano J J	4.10	3.40	2.70
5	Sahara Wind	Velasquez J R		6.90	4.30
8	Nurture	Prado E S			4.10

Finish Time: 1:11.22  
 Trainer: Bobby Frankel. Owner: Stud TNT.  
 Dk.B./Br. f. 3 Seeking the Gold-Ile de France, Storm Cat.  
 Bred by Stud TNT (KY).  
 \$2 Exacta 9-5 Paid \$29.20; \$2 Trifecta 9-5-8 Paid \$101.00; \$2 Pick 3 (8-7-9)  
 3 Correct Paid \$94.50; \$2 Daily Double (7-9) Paid \$10.40; \$2 Consolation  
 Pick 3 (8-10-9) Paid \$31.60; \$2 Superfecta 9-5-8-7 Paid \$598.00

**9TH. THE HENRY WALTON. 1 1/8 MILES. 3YO. PURSE \$91,750.**

5	Mambo in Seattle	Albarado R J	6.00	3.80	2.70
1	You and I Forever	Desormeaux K J		5.40	3.90
3	Amped	Chavez J F			4.10

Finish Time: 1:50.98  
 Trainer: Neil Howard. Owner: Mrs. William Kilroy & Will Farish.  
 B. c. 3 Kingmambo-Weekend in Seattle, Seattle Slew.  
 Bred by Will Farish & Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership (KY).  
 \$2 Exacta 5-1 Paid \$27.20; \$2 Trifecta 5-1-3 Paid \$93.50; \$2 Pick 3  
 (7-9-5) 3 Correct Paid \$41.60; \$2 Daily Double (9-5) Paid \$13.20

**10TH. THE JIM DANDY (GR. II). 1 1/8 MILES. 3YO. PURSE \$500,000.**

7	Macho Again	Leparoux J R	18.40	5.30	3.40
4	Pyro	Bridgmohan S X		3.40	2.90
1	Tiz Now Tiz Then	Mena M			4.70

Finish Time: 1:51.16  
 Trainer: Dallas Stewart. Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds.  
 Gr./Ro. c. 3 Macho Uno-Go Donna Go, Wild Again.  
 Bred by Milan Kosanovich (FL).  
 \$2 Exacta 7-4 Paid \$49.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-4-1 Paid \$292.50; \$2 Pick 3  
 (9-5-7) 3 Correct Paid \$186.50; \$2 Daily Double (5-7) Paid \$84.50;  
 \$2 Grand Slam (7,8,11-5,8,9-1,3,5-7) Paid \$63.00

**11TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$35,000.**

5	Come Close	Bridgmohan S X	33.80	13.00	7.00
10	Chief Operator	Castellano J J		18.60	9.50
4	Intuition Magic	Chavez J F			4.70

Finish Time: 1:05.05  
 Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard. Owner: Augustin Stable.  
 Gr./Ro. h. 6 Belong to Me-Tarika, Cozzene.  
 Bred by George Strawbridge Jr. (PA).  
 \$2 Exacta 5-10 Paid \$435.00; \$2 Trifecta 5-10-4 Paid \$3,743.00;  
 \$2 Superfecta 5-10-4-3 Paid \$45,503.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-5) Paid \$228.50;  
 \$2 Pick 3 (5-7-5) 3 Correct Paid \$1,268.00; \$2 Pick 4 (4/9/11-5-7-5)  
 4 Correct Paid \$2,999.00; \$2 Pick 6 (8-3/7/10/12/13-4/9/11-5-7-5)  
 6 Correct Paid \$136,000.00, 5 Correct Paid \$518.00

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# A Knockout

Ginger Punch survives trouble, motors to repeat score in Grade I

BY JOHN PANAGOT

Editor's Note: Due to a printing error, a report of Saturday's Go For Wand Stakes was omitted from Sunday's newspaper. The article was included in online editions, but is repeated here for print publication readers.

With her head held high, Ginger Punch paraded around the walking ring before the Go For Wand.

With a confident swagger that only the most popular girl carries, Ginger Punch looked like a standout. Her marshmallow-white face and chestnut coat kept all eyes on her.

She knew you were looking.

Ginger Punch strolled to the race-track. Her trainer, Bobby Frankel fled to the racing office.

One foot on a short wooden bench, the other on the ground, Frankel leaned his arm on the windowsill and looked out the window as rain began to strengthen and then his eyes went back to the screen.

Composed and unfazed by the precipitation or the impending race, Frankel never said a word. That's him.

Then he grimaced.

Maybe this wasn't a foregone conclusion.

As the horses were loaded and ready

## GO FOR WAND RECAP

for the start Ginger Punch lurched and hit the front doors of the gate.

"Oooh," Frankel said.

It would get worse.

The reigning Eclipse champion broke well and jockey Rafael Bejarano made the decision to ease off the pace.

He allowed Edgar Prado and Moon Catcher to cross over and control the race. First problem. Copper State picked the next spot in second. Second problem. Ginger Punch sat on the rail in third.

The as-close-to-a-nightmare trip while still winning the race had begun.

Prado did exactly what everyone knew he would; he slowed it down, posting a quarter in 24.04 seconds and a half in 49.01.

"Jesus," the trainer muttered as his horse approached the far turn with nowhere to go. Moon Catcher led, Copper State stalked while Indescribable, Over Under and Runway Rosie ranged up on the outside. Ginger Punch's found herself four deep going into the final turn.

Bejarano tried to go outside and found a blocking sled. Back to the inside, he waited for a seam. When he finally saw daylight, Ginger Punch poked that glowing white face between a fad-



Tod Marks

All alone at the wire, Ginger Punch floats to another Go For Wand score.

ing Moon Catcher and Copper State near the furlong marker.

Once there, the foregone conclusion had finally come around. Ginger Punch skipped home to win by comfortable 1 1/4 lengths over Copper State and Indescribable, who picked up Grade I black type that deserved an asterisk. Owned by Stronach Stables, the home-bred Ginger Punch finished the 9 furlongs in 1:53.43.

"Jesus, what a trip she had. I thought she was dead," Frankel said as the remainder of the horses crossed the wire and he headed for the winner's circle.

On the way to the winner's circle

Frankel was hit by as many raindrops as "Congrats Bobby, unbelievable and great race."

When Ginger Punch entered the winner's circle, Frankel looked at Bejarano and shook his head.

His body language said it all – that was a little too close.

"Yeah they were after me," Bejarano said. "At first I was in perfect position, but at a half-mile they came around. Then finally after the turn, I was able to find some room."

Frankel returned to the racing office, just to catch another view of the bumper-boat trip.

"See they're all ganging up on her. They're all looking for her," Frankel said while watching the replay. "I guess that happens when you run a 1-5 shot, they're all over you. I was sweating it. She's a champion though, just a good filly."

Ginger Punch improved her stellar career lines to 11-for-19 for over \$2.7 million. Last year, she took the Go For Wand by 6 lengths, part of a five-win season that included Breeders' Cup Distaff, Ruffian and First Flight.

This year, she's collected the Louisville, Ogden Phipps and Go For Wand to give her five Grade I stakes wins in her career.

The popular girl got all the attention again. The daughter of Awesome Again earned the looks.



Dave Harmon

Ginger Punch (right) breaks sharply in the Go For Wand.



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# Queen of Saratoga

Champion Ginger Punch and Rafael Bejarano return after winning the Go For Wand Saturday. It was her second consecutive win in the Grade I and her fourth stakes score this year. For her career, she improved to 11-for-19 with five seconds and two thirds.



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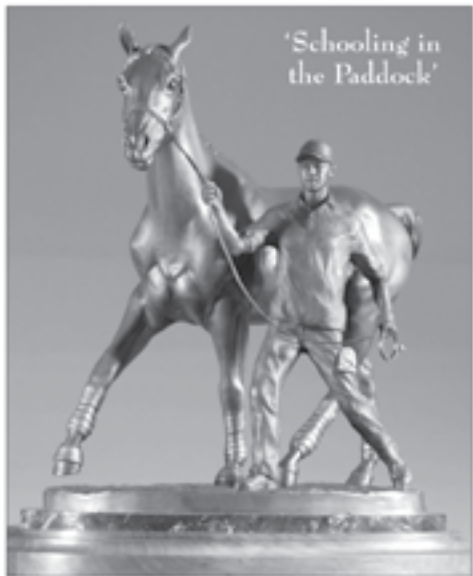
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# Kent's time arrives

## CUP OF COFFEE

By  
Sean Clancy



Kent Desormeaux did everything right in Saturday's Diana Handicap – settled Dynaforce in a perfect spot, blew past Bayou's Lassie to get first run on the closers and hit the eighth-pole with an insurmountable lead. Desormeaux hit Dynaforce one last time left-handed and then switched to his right. In mid-switch, Forever Together and Julien Leparoux blew past him.

Poof. Desormeaux snapped his whip down, cutting the air like a hatchet through an apple – 5,000 would have to wait.

It was the perfect moment for Desormeaux to win his 5,000th career race. Win the Grade I Diana Handicap at Saratoga, with a crafty trip for main man Bill Mott.

Disney doesn't do horse racing.

Instead, Forever Together flew home to nail a deserving Dynaforce. The loss continued a month-long drought for Desormeaux, who had toiled at the precipice of becoming the 23rd jockey in history to win 5,000. He stood two wins away on July 7. Two wins. For a guy who won 43 races at Saratoga last summer and 206 races during the year, two wins are a snap. He lost photos, missed holes, struggled.

Finally he reached the milestone. On Sunday, he guided Bella Attrice, a former \$35,000 claimer about half the size of Dynaforce, to a New York-bred allowance score for Bruce Brown. It wasn't the Diana, but, hey he got it.

"The last month wasn't normal. The racing gods have a funny way of making you appreciate something," Desormeaux said the morning after the win. "I believe in the racing gods a little bit; you have to. This is a very humbling game, the greatest game played outdoors, but it will humble you very quick. Ask Big Brown."

Don't feel sorry for Desormeaux enduring a bad month. He won the Derby – his third – and the Preakness on Big Brown this spring. He's already got a spot in the Hall of Fame. He drives a Porsche. But frustration is frustration, whether you're Kent Desormeaux trying to win 5,000 or a waitress trying to make a tip.

"It would have been more poignant; a Grade I at Saratoga for Bill Mott," Desormeaux said. "It was frustrating because that filly was absolutely flying. I couldn't believe I got caught. She ran a winning race and didn't get her picture taken; she deserved to win. She was a few lengths off the lead, made the lead inside the eighth-pole, and just had to carry that last 210 yards to the wire and it was Julien's turn. That's another thing you learn – when it's your turn it's your turn. Have everything go smooth as silk and still get beat."

Desormeaux began his riding journey at Evangeline Downs. He lasted five weeks. Too good. He arrived in Maryland and wanted to ride every horse, every race, every day. He broke Chris

McCarron's record for most wins in a year. Then he got too big for Maryland and went to California. He started out strong, then slumped, got disenchanted, irked most trainers on the grounds. He regrouped, came east again and now he rides first-call for Bill Mott and is Big Brown's jockey.

Milestones call for reflection.

Kent Desormeaux at Evangeline Downs? "Just gimme another horse to ride. Please let me ride your horse," he said.

Maryland? "Same thing. 'Turn me loose. Let me play,' " he said.

California? "Probably the first 10 years was much of the same but more realistic, less of an optimist," he said.

Saratoga? "Less optimism, more realistic," he said. "You have to have a long story for me to look at a Form on a horse that has no chance and tell me I'm going to win it. I'm a realist now."

A realist who sees the end. He's not Laffit Pincay or Bill Shoemaker or even Russell Baze, banging and grinding for every winner. He's got an end in sight. 2010. Forty years old. That'll do it.

"I won't get 6,000. I hope not. I doubt it. That means something went wrong, like the stock market crashed," Desormeaux said. "Now I win 200 if I'm rolling, five more years, I don't see it. My dream is 40. My last ride is going to be the \$10 million Dubai World Cup. I'd like to go out there, win that thing, and say 'Thank you very much.' That's a dream though. Probably a pipe dream."

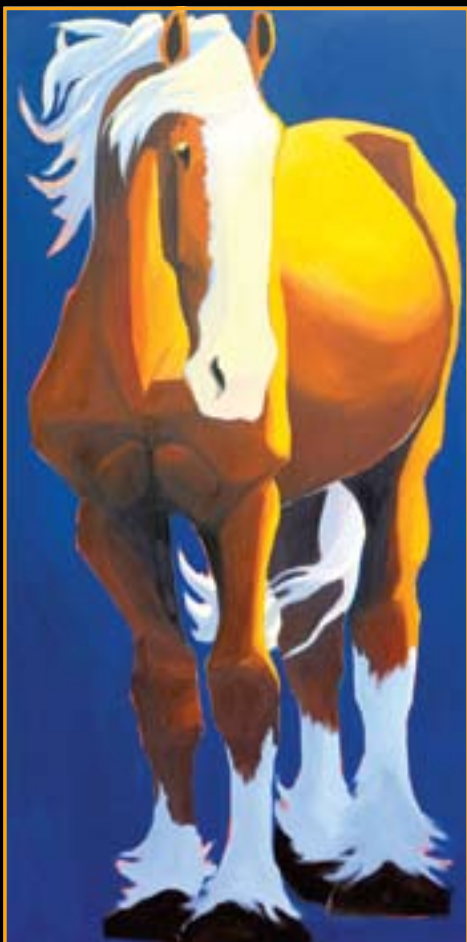
And there's the great riddle of Kent Desormeaux. He talks like it's all a business decision, a rational decision when to retire. He mentions the stock market as a factor in when he calls it a career. Pincay, Shoemaker, Baze . . . they never talked about the stock market. But moments after he sounds cut-and-dry about it all, Desormeaux switches into the boy at Evangeline Downs. Have saddle, will ride.

"To see if you can get him to float, like cattle following that herd. Then you ask them and shoooooom, then they go. That's a great feeling. That feeling still owns me," Desormeaux said. "When you know you make a difference, you hear that perfect gap and it was just like you read it on paper. The same reason as when a \$2 fan picks a winner and feels good about it. That's how I feel when I give him that smooth ride. You saw it, you knew how it was going to be tactically. It's called winning, that feeling of success. That's good stuff."

And onto 6,000.

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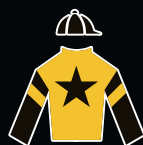
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