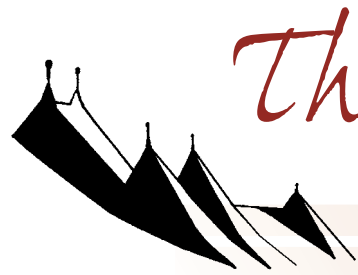


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to win Sanford*

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Worth Repeating

"This is as close to riding on a garbage truck as I hope I ever get."
Jack Clancy while riding on the back of the Special's golfcart

"We call it Brigadoon. It just rises out of the mist."
Mary Grant on the Saratoga reformation each season

"Where are all the hispanics?"
Jose Santos Jr., when watching five jumpers (ridden by Miller, Wyatt, Buchanan, Aizpuru and Hodsdon) school Wednesday morning. There was one, a gelding named El Viaje

"Do people try to say funny things to make the paper?"
Jane Motion, while riding on The Special's golfcart Wednesday

"For a liberal newspaper, you tell the truth."
John Hennig

"Depends on what circuit we're at. On the New York circuit, he is. In Kentucky, now that's a different story."
Jocks' agent Lenny Pike when asked who was the better agent, him or Matt Muzikar

"They warmed up like one of those oldtimers who need twice around Clare Court before coming out to the main track. Once they warmed up, they played like a stakes horse."
Kip Elser, reviewing the Crosby, Stills and Nash concert Tuesday night

"This is hazing."
The Special's Ben Meyers on the working conditions

"Nice haircut."
Jockey Ramon Dominguez to The Special's Brian Nadeau, who cut off his ponytail during the off-season

"Curlin."
Barbara Banke, wife of owner Jess Jackson, when asked what got her interested in having her own racing stable

"So we can tell which ones are our's."
Trainer Steve Asmussen on why his three boys were wearing the same color sweater

"She took off."
Jockey Robby Albarado when asked what Hot Dixie Chick did when he touched her with his whip

"Are you kidding? This is like underwear. I don't get dressed without it."
Steeplechase trainer Todd Wyatt, on the ever-present bandana in his back pocket

Wife, after the horse lost: "Now it's time for a drink."
Husband: "It was time for a drink when you got up this morning, it was time for a drink when we got here and it's been time for a drink all day . . ."

"We're off the list."
Trainer Dave Donk after winning a race (and breaking the duck) Opening Day



Tod Marks

BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE. A seagull takes in the morning works at Oklahoma on Wednesday morning.

"Corte Pelo"
Sign on a dorm window; means haircut in Spanish

"He's the only one I can ride any more."
Trainer Dave Duggan about his lead pony

By the Numbers

19: Geese flying over the Oklahoma track at 6:01 a.m. Thursday.

9: Golf carts lined up for the turf works Wednesday morning.

1: Bench painted in Rick Violette's colors outside Graham Motion's barn.

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NOT VERY LADY LIKE. Rachel Alexandra rears after working out on Wednesday.

Off the Turf

2008: 35 vs. 2009: 2

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One Winner

Kiaran McLaughlin: "Expansion."

Tim Ritvo: "My favorite horse runs Monday."

Name of the Day

Attractive Ride, ninth race: Merrill Scherer's gelding is by Candy Ride out of Valid Attraction.

Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. High of 77.

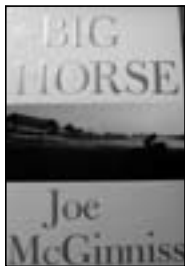
Tonight: Clouds clearing. Low of 63.

Saturday: Party cloudy. High of 83.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms. High of 79.

Summer reading

The Special's Colin Beury got some expert advice from John DeMarco at Lyrical Ballad on Saratoga's best summer reads.



The Big Horse by Joe McGinniss is about trainer P.G. Johnson, and his Breeder's Cup Classic winning horse, Volponi; a 44-1 long shot, Volponi was unquestionably Johnson's "biggest" horse. This book provides an in-depth look at a polarizing trainer and his moment of glory. A longtime fixture in the New York racing scene, Johnson's defining achievement as a trainer is revisited in The Big Horse. McGinniss' book will pique the interest of New York racing fans, and readers who enjoy a great underdog story.



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All Talk from Backtalk

Kentucky 2YO comes up big in Gr. II stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

Tom Amoss raised his glass and laughed when the television in the Trustees' Room showed five minutes to post for the fourth at Hoosier Park.

"The Saratoga of the midwest," Amoss said.

SANFORD STAKES RECAP

Good thing Amoss and Goldmark Farm did better at the Saratoga of the East. Backtalk improved his record to 3-for-3 with a steady and professional performance in a wild renewal of the Grade II Sanford Thursday.

Owned by Goldmark Farm and ridden by Miguel Mena, Backtalk steadily wore down Enumerate and Louisville to win the \$150,000 stakes by a neck.



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Backtalk, far left, stayed perfect with a win in the Sanford on Thursday.

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Sanford —

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Goldmark and Amoss' Courante went off 3-5 at Hoosier but faded to finish third.

Probably the first owner and trainer in history to need to watch a race at Hoosier 28 minutes after winning the Sanford, Amoss calls it straight.

"We're a ham andegger," Amoss said of his stable.

Call Backtalk eggs benedict.

A big, burly, beautiful son of Smarty Jones, Backtalk still looks a little soft. In the paddock, there were eight typical Saratoga 2-year-olds, honed and fast, and then there was Backtalk. The \$250,000 Keeneland yearling purchase has room to grow. That's fine by

Amoss.

"First of all he's gorgeous, he's a really, really good looking horse. On pedigree and style of running, you've got to believe when they go further, he's going to be tough to handle," Amoss said. "Where he was early in the race and the trip he got, it doesn't usually equate to a win. When I say he's a really terrific-looking athlete, he is, but there's more to come."

Look out.

Miguel Mena allowed Backtalk to sit comfortably in sixth as Soundman, Interactif and Activity Report zipped on the lead, three abreast, through a quarter mile in 21.99 and a half in 44.96. Steve Asmussen's duo of Enumerate and Louisville luminary came next. Then a gap to Backtalk who raced alone in sixth. Nacho Friend, Bricklayer and Bulls And Bears followed. The

latter fumbled the start, veering out badly, then made up 10 lengths before ducking inside when Alan Garcia hit him right-handed at the eighth pole. The second-choice finished fifth, beaten just more than a length for everything.

Backtalk put up one of those rare 2-year-old performances at Saratoga; idling in sixth without being pressured and then mowing down his foes late. Louisville luminary established first run, Enumerate tapped on the brakes, Bulls And Bears checked every trouble line in the deck. Backtalk simply kept to his task, finishing 6 furlongs in 1:10.07, two seconds off the track record.

They went 5 1/2 furlongs at Hoosier in 1:02, a new track record.

Goldmark's Todd Zaust picked out Backtalk at Keeneland last year. A half-brother to Grade II stakes winner Bsharpsonata, he walked into Amoss'

barn this spring and stood out.

"I win a lot of races, but we run a lot of claiming horses and allowance horses and I make no bones about it," Amoss said. "I can probably count on one hand the number of \$250,000 yearlings I've had in my barn in the last 20 years. Those just don't happen, so it's fun. A lot of fun."

And different. Amoss won the Go For Wand with Heritage Of Gold in 2000 but walking over as the favorite for a Grade II stakes at Saratoga felt different than his usual assault on claiming and allowance races.

"When I walked over to the paddock today, I got that tingly feeling I haven't had since I first started training back in '88. I was like, 'Wow, where's that been?' It felt good," Amoss said. "I'd love to tell you some line, that I did this and I did that, but I can't do it; he's been simple. I've done nothing. He brought himself here, I haven't had a lot of really good ones but the really good ones I've had are trouble free, he's been trouble free from the beginning."

Mena climbed aboard Backtalk for his first victory, a maiden win at Churchill Downs June 11. He returned to win the Grade III Bashford Manor July 3. Neither victory came easily. The only horse to win two races and own a 6-furlong victory, Backtalk used those experiences to his advantage in a race that had helter running from skelter.

"His experience really kicked in at the end. He has more experience than any other horse in the race and that really helped him in the stretch," Mena said. "I really love this horse because the two races he won at Churchill Downs he was really green, so you know the best is yet to come. He's just a big horse that hasn't reached his peak yet."

Goldmark's Paul Bulmahn agreed.

"I can't tell you how excited I am, it's fabulous," Bulmahn said. "Watching the way he performed down the stretch, that was awesome. To go seven wide around the turn and then to fight his way to the wire over some really top-notch horses. I'm thrilled."

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Miguel Mena smiles after winning the Sanford on Thursday.



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Todd Quast, far left, and Paul Bulmahn, holding trophy, celebrate winning the Sanford.

Hitting the Mark

Goldmark Farm's owner Paul Bulmahn and farm manager Todd Quast react to Backtalk's impressive performance in the Sanford.

Quast: "We shipped him out in March, I saw him for the first time today and I couldn't believe how much he's grown. Last year we broke Be Smart for Wayne (Lukas), most of the Smarty Jones were smaller, it seems the ones who have a little more scope to them are better, and he's got that."

Bulmahn: "When I was a little shaver, I wanted to be a jockey. My sisters were all tall, in fifth and sixth grade, I stopped eating because I did not want to grow as tall as my sisters. My mom had to force food down me and suddenly I shot up so I could no longer be a jockey. From that experience I devoured everything in the library that had horse in it. I always wanted to be Willie Shoemaker. Not like Willie Shoemaker, but Willie Shoemaker."

Quast: "We bought him from Taylor Made, I heard all this commotion and this horse had flipped over, and he's running around and they can't catch him. I walk up to him and catch him. It was

Backtalk. He was a little tough early but he was easy to break. It isn't about (winning the Sanford), it's about whether he can go farther. There's still more room for this horse to improve, and you don't usually say that when you win a race like this."

Quast: "I worked for Wayne in California, a year at Hollywood and I had the training center all through the '90s. Serena's Song, Flanders, Grindstone, Charismatic, Boston Harbor, Cat Thief. Then I moved to Florida to work for Padua. When that broke up, I took a year off and then started with Goldmark. I met with (Bulmahn), developed a business plan and he said do it. He said he wanted to do it right, I told him it would take about five years and told him it will take one good horse to make it worth it. We only buy 20 to 25 horses a year, about a third of them colts so to have this horse is special."

Bulmahn: "I never go into anything small. You don't know what's going to happen but you're very hopeful when you launch something and I've been very blessed to be wildly successful. We open the doors of the farm in 2006 and we had a Kentucky Oaks horse a year ago and now to have a horse that just won a Grade II at Saratoga, I'm overwhelmed."

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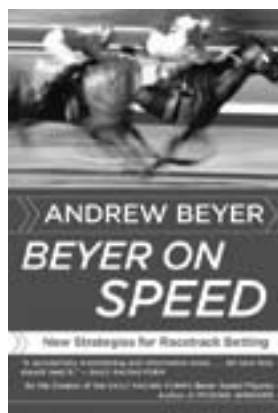
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7	You the Man	Kingsley A Jr	26.00	11.20	6.10
8	Left Unsaid	Buchanan P		5.80	3.90
2	El Viaje	Aizpuru X			2.90

Finish Time: 3:56.80

Trainer: Todd Wyatt. Owner: Bill Fossett.

Dk. B. or Br. g. 4. Lear Fan-No Fat Chicks, Spring Double.

Bred by Bill Fossett (Pa).

\$2 Exacta (7-8) Paid \$149.00; \$2 Trifecta (7-8-2) Paid \$539.00; \$2 Superfecta (7-8-2-3) Paid \$8,988.00

2ND. 6 FURLONGS. 3YO. CLM. PURSE \$31,900.

6	Working Class Hero	Garcia Alan	19.20	8.40	4.40
3	Woodacre	Dominguez R A		4.00	2.60
8	Dakota Dunes	Rose J			3.00

Finish Time: 1:09.43

Trainer: Steve Klesaris. Owner: Ruby Stables, Klesaris.

B. g. 3. Put It Back-Atlantic Hero, Partner's Hero.

Bred by Parkes Williams (Fla).

\$2 Exacta (6-3) Paid \$70.50; \$2 Quinella (3-6) Paid \$30.80; \$2 Trifecta (6-3-8) Paid \$268.50; \$2 Daily Double (7-6) Paid \$318.50

3RD. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$36,300.

2	Kaper Lake	Dominguez R A	8.40	3.80	2.80
9	Base Commander	Velazquez J R		3.40	2.80
4	Jazz Nation	Theriot H J II			3.50

Finish Time: 1:08.07

Trainer: Tony Dutrow. Owner: Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and Stuart Grant.

B. g. 5. Meadowlake-Weekend Caper, Honor Grades.

Bred by Charles Matses (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (2-9) Paid \$28.60; \$2 Trifecta (2-9-4) Paid \$89.00; \$2 Pick 3 (7-6-2) 3 Correct Paid \$2,033.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-2) Paid \$74.50

4TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$29,000.

10	Collar	Leparoux J R	7.30	4.30	3.60
8	Smart Trade	Dominguez R A		6.90	4.30
2	Crema d'Oro	Arroyo N Jr			5.10

Finish Time: 1:03.94

Trainer: Mike Maker. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

B. f. 3. Candy Ride (Arg)-Scammer, Pembroke.

Bred by Tim Hamlin (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (10-8) Paid \$56.50; \$2 Quinella (8-10) Paid \$33.60; \$2 Trifecta (10-8-2) Paid \$352.50; \$2 Pick 3 (6-2-10) 3 Correct Paid \$410.50; \$2 Daily Double (2-10) Paid \$52.00; \$2 Superfecta (10-8-2-9) Paid \$1,485.00

5TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$34,000.

8	Choosing (IRE)	Desormeaux K J	6.50	3.70	2.70
5	Classical Fashion	Luzzi M J		12.40	6.50
4	Survived	Prado E S			3.90

Finish Time: 1:43.94

Trainer: Bill Mott. Owner: Lakland Farm.

B. f. 4. Choisir (Aus)-Some Merit (BG).

Bred by Brian Donlon (Ire).

\$2 Exacta (8-5) Paid \$92.00; \$2 Trifecta (8-5-4) Paid \$381.00; \$2 Pick 3 (2-10-8) 3 Correct Paid \$175.50; \$2 Pick 4 (6-2-10-8/10) 4 Correct Paid \$1,433.00; \$2 Daily Double (10-8) Paid \$29.80

6TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. PURSE \$48,000.

2	My Luckey Penney	Espinoza J L	46.20	18.40	9.20
3	Zip by You	Arroyo N Jr		7.50	6.10
6	Corey's Coming	Desormeaux K J			3.50

Finish Time: 1:03.80

Trainer: Paulino Ortiz. Owner: Randy Stasi.

Dk. B. or Br. f. 4. Running Stag-Touchmeifyoucan, Touch Gold.

Bred by Richard and Kay Zwirn (ONY).

\$2 Exacta (2-3) Paid \$272.50; \$2 Trifecta (2-3-6) Paid \$1,590.00; \$2 Pick 3 (10-8-2) 3 Correct Paid \$808.00; \$2 Daily Double (8-2) Paid \$239.00; \$2 Superfecta (2-3-6-12) Paid \$6,196.00

7TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$55,000.

6	Kinsey	Prado E S	17.60	8.20	5.40
3	Awesome Maria	Velazquez C		9.30	8.70
4	Ailalea	Velazquez J R			10.40

Finish Time: 1:03.53

Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: Padua Stables.

Ch. f. 2. Delaware Township-Raspberry Eggcream, Time For A Change.

Bred by Padua Stables (Fla).

\$2 Exacta (6-3) Paid \$153.50; \$2 Trifecta (6-3-4) Paid \$2,004.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-6) Paid \$515.00 Daily Double Pool \$89,020; \$2 Pick 3 (8-2-6) 3 Correct Paid \$1,612.00 Pick 3 Pool \$87,978; \$2 Superfecta (6-3-4-2) Paid \$13,352.00

8TH. THE QUICK CALL. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. PURSE \$73,200.

6	Awakino Cat	Garcia Alan	20.20	10.60	6.90
7	True to Tradition	Carmouche K		9.00	5.20
1A	Redefined	Lezcano J			5.70

Finish Time: 1:01.87

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: F E Que Stable and Rice.

B. g. 4. Stormy Atlantic-Ski Racer (Fr), Ski Chief.

Bred by Budget Stable (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (6-7) Paid \$185.00; \$2 Trifecta (6-7-1) Paid \$1,232.00; \$2 Pick 3 (2-6-6) 3 Correct Paid \$4,881.00 Pick 3 Pool \$78,884; \$2 Daily Double (6-6) Paid \$169.00 Daily Double Pool \$72,981

9TH. THE SANFORD. 6 FURLONGS. 2YO. PURSE \$150,000.

4	Backtalk	Mena M	5.00	3.00	2.70
2	Enumerate	Prado E S		4.00	3.40
3	Louisville Luminary	Leparoux J R			4.00

Finish Time: 1:10.07

Trainer: Tom Amoss. Owner: Gold Mark Farm.

Ch. c. 2. Smarty Jones-Aspionata Sonata, Affirmed.

Bred by Clover Leaf Farms II (Fla).

\$2 Exacta (4-2) Paid \$22.00; \$2 Trifecta (4-2-3) Paid \$99.50; \$2 Grand Slam (2/3/6-3/4/6-1/6/7-4) Paid \$164.50; \$2 Pick 3 (6-6-4) 3 Correct Paid \$645.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-4) Paid \$81.50

10TH. 1-MILE. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. MSW. \$45,000.

3	Livin Large	Lezcano J	7.60	4.30	3.90
2	Bullstar	Arroyo N Jr		10.40	8.70
9	Wiseacre	Maragh R			7.40

Finish Time: 1:38.16

Trainer: Bruce Brown. Owner: Our Sugar Bear Stable.

B. g. 3. A.P. Jet-Pierpont Account, Private Account.

Bred by Bill Terrill (NY).

\$2 Exacta (3-2) Paid \$64.00; \$2 Trifecta (3-2-9) Paid \$664.00; \$2 Superfecta (3-2-9-8) Paid \$4,258.00; \$2 Daily Double (4-3) Paid \$15.20; \$2 Pick 3 (6-4-3) 3 Correct Paid \$239.50; \$2 Pick 4 (6-6-4-3) 4 Correct Paid \$2,250.00; \$2 Pick 6 (8-2-6-6-4-3); 5 Correct Paid \$1,157.00; Carryover Pool \$34,729

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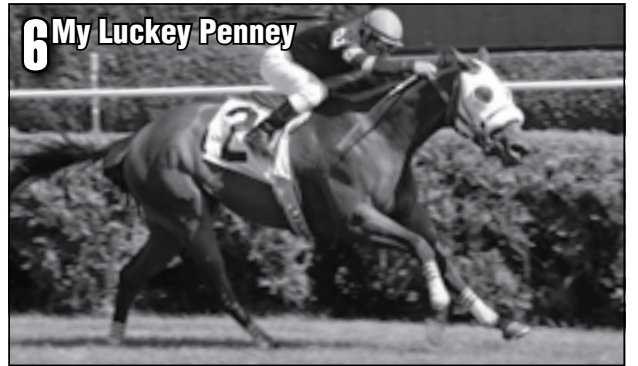
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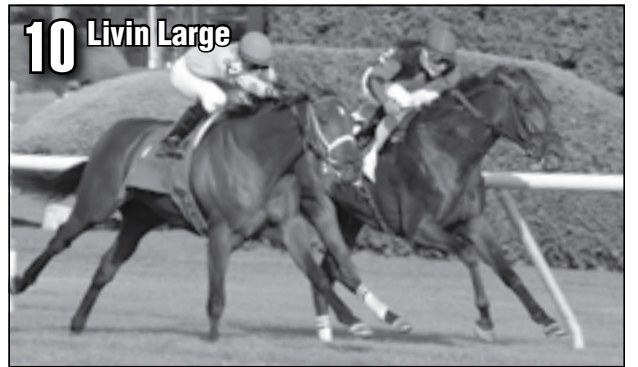
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Just like she always does

Rice nails down another turf sprint with Awakino Cat in Quick Call

BY BRIAN NADEAU
AND COLIN BEAURY

You could almost hear the crowd murmuring after the Quick Call was made official.

"How could we let Linda Rice go off at 9-1 in a turf stakes?"

How indeed.

Rice scored again with a turf sprinter when Awakino Cat (Alan Garcia) defeated True To Tradition (Kendrick Carmouche) and Redefined (Jose Lezcano) in the \$73,200 5 1/2-furlong stakes.

Awakino Cat, co-owned by Rice and F E Que Stable, stalked from fourth while True To Tradition blazed the way through a 44.28 half-mile. The son of Stormy Atlantic angled out turning for home and got up in deep stretch to get past the stubborn pacesetter for a 1-length score.

Awakino Cat won five of his first nine starts but struggled recently in two stakes at Monmouth Park, running third in the Wolf Hill and fifth in the

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John McSorley. Rice, who scratched the mare Ahvee's Destiny from the Quick Call, was excited to leave the Jersey Shore with Awakino Cat.

"This colt was a little off form in his last two but frankly I don't think he cared for that chute they have down there at Monmouth so I expected him to come here and run a big race," Rice said. "We have the filly (Ahvee's Destiny) running tomorrow for \$100,000 at Penn National and that looks like a good spot so I thought it was best to spread them out and just run Awakino Cat here. It was nice to see him bounce back after a few sub-par efforts and get a win."

• Arch Kingsley immediately said the only word that came to mind when he almost parted ways with Bill Fossett's You The Man early in the Jonathan Kiser Stakes.

"Stirrup. Stirrup. Stirrup. Stirrup. Stirrup. Stirrup. Stirrup."

Kingsley pegged it right. The retired (kind of) jockey got back in the saddle and remarkably stayed in it en route to a victory over Left Unsaid (Peter Buchanan) and El Viaje (Xavier Aizpuru) in

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Alan Garcia brought home another turf sprint winner for Linda Rice on Thursday.

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the \$70,000 Kiser for novice hurdlers at 2 1/16 miles.

Mabou headed straight to the front early in the Kiser and opened 20 lengths while It's My Choice and You The Man tracked the runaway leader, ahead of well-backed runners Left Un-said, El Viaje, Dugan and Jellyberry. As Mabou continued to roll along on the lead things got interesting when Kingsley lost his balance after the 4-year-old jumped the fourth fence. Kingsley danced on the edge for a few strides but somehow righted himself and continued after Mabou.

"There's only one thing to do when that happens and so I just tried to hold on," he said. "I was able to get back on and he found himself again and took care of me all the way around. I put him wrong at all kinds of fences but he just kept finding his way back into the race after I tried to mess it up."

Mabou led the field to the final turn but began to tire badly as You The Man, Tricky Me, Dugan and Jellyberry drafted into contention. You The Man struck the front coming out of the final turn and Kingsley went to work as Left Un-said and El Viaje rallied into contention. Left Un-said made a last charge at the final fence but You The Man jumped it well and took off upon landing to clearly to score by 1 3/4 lengths, with El Viaje third.

"I saw him last night for the first

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The field clears one of the early hurdles during the first official steeplechase at Saratoga this season.

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Kinsey exits the winner's circle after breaking her maiden on Thursday.

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time. I had never even got on him before but he's just a natural jumper and a very gifted horse," Kingsley said. "All I knew was what was in front of me and besides me and I knew I had a ton of horse and that they were going to have to run pretty hard to get by me."

- Satish Sanan couldn't help but think back a few years to when Electrify was amassing a bankroll of more than \$650,000. The reason was because his full-sister Kinsey (Edgar Prado) had just defeated a field of well-bred sophomores in Thursday's seventh race. Sanan's homebred, a 2-year-old daughter of Delaware Township and Raspberry Eggcream, pressed the early pace, kicked clear in midstretch and held on to win by a half-length over Awesome Maria (Cornelio Velazquez) and Ailalea (John Velazquez).

Kinsey made her career debut at Churchill Downs June 27 and broke sixth of 10 en route to a fourth for trainer Steve Asmussen. She shipped to Saratoga in early July and put together three solid breezes in preparation for her second start. Sanan was eager to see how his filly would respond to a little racing experience.

"She got a lot out of her first race. We needed her to break sharp that day and she didn't do it so didn't get to run her best race," Sanan said. "Today she broke well and showed a lot of speed, just like Electrify, who had a great career for us. She's been a fast horse ever since we began with her and it was good to see her come through today."

- Ramon Dominguez's record-setting year has served as proof of the jockey's ability to get the most out of his mounts. He went a step further in the third when he brought Kaper Lake to the wire in 1:08.07 for the 6 furlongs, barely missing Spanish Riddle's 37-year-old track record of 1:08.00.

Kaper Lake, owned by Michael

Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and Stuart Grant, entered with a solid 6-for-13 record at 6 furlongs. The 5-year-old son of Meadowlake sat fourth early behind Jazz Nation's grueling 44.53 half-mile before surging to the front in midstretch to post a 1-length win over Base Commander (Velazquez), who was well clear of Jazz Nation (Jamie Theriot). For Dominguez, it was all about the horse.

"I was just tracking the leaders and hoping for room to get through," Dominguez said. "When I did finally get room my horse really exploded and came home pretty fast that last eighth."

- In the sixth, 22-1 long shot My Luckey Penney claimed the victory with Jose Espinoza in the irons. The allowance race for New York bred seemed like anyone's for the taking until Espinoza and the Paulino Ortiz trained filly took over down the stretch. Owner Randy Stasi benefited from Espinoza's heady ride.

"I'm very excited," Espinoza said as he walked back to the jocks' room amid well-wishers looking for autographs and Polaroids. "This was my first win of the meet and to get it in the first week is great."

- Livin Large lived up to his name in Thursday's finale, a state-bred maiden on the turf, when he overtook Bullstar in the final furlong under jockey Jose Lezcano. Second twice on Opening Day, Lezcano was able to angle out Livin Large in deep stretch and run down Bullstar (Norberto Arroyo) by a half-length. Wiseacre (Rajiv Maragh) was third.

Trainer Bruce Brown also scored his first win of the meet and was quick to mention that his 3-year-old gelding, owned by Our Sugar Bear Stable, liked the 1-mile distance as opposed to the five sprints to start his career.

"We wanted to run him long — he trains like he would want to — and he proved it today," Brown said. "He got in a lot of trouble, and he was still good enough to get it done."

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Here I come Brother

Sister to a star, Lady Shakespeare eyes first stakes win for Attfield

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Lady Shakespeare surveyed her surroundings in the stakes barn on a quiet Thursday morning as she readied for her biggest assignment to date in today's Grade II Lake George Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/16 miles on the turf. It's taken the full-sister to Grade I winner Shakespeare a little time to catch up with her older brother but the daughter of Theatrical heads to Saratoga looking to join the ranks of the leading sophomore grass fillies.

Trained by Roger Attfield, Lady Shakespeare won her debut at Woodbine as a 2-year-old before running a distant sixth in the Grade III Natalma Stakes over soft ground. Whereas Shakespeare rattled off five consecutive wins to start his career, little sister took some time before coming to hand.

"Obviously with her pedigree she was cut out to be a very nice horse but she was a bit backwards as a 2-year-old and so I only ran her twice," Attfield said. "She won that first going short so we ran her in a stakes over soft ground and she didn't run good at all. We just decided to put her away and point to her 3-year-old season."

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Lady Shakespeare (Kent Desormeaux to ride) made her 2009 debut at Keeneland in a grassy allowance race in April and ran well to finish third behind the well-regarded Magical Affair. Attfield went back to his Woodbine base and she reeled off two consecutive wins against older allowance foes in handy fashion. The trainer scanned for a graded stakes for Charles Fipke's homebred and the dart landed on Saratoga.

"She's been improving leaps and bounds each and every day so we're expecting her to keep developing into a very nice filly," Attfield said. "We shipped her in Wednesday evening and she seemed to take everything in and was very polite about it. It was her first time away from home in a while but she just looked around and took it all in stride so we're ready for a big run on Friday. She shipped well and this is just another step for her."

Attfield also starts Three Chimneys' Miss Keller (Javier Castellano), clearly the wildcard of the Lake George field. The Irish-bred daughter of Montjeu

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Miss Keller steps right into action after arriving from Ireland for trainer Roger Attfield.

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was purchased shortly after her fourth in the Kilboy Estate Stakes at The Curragh and transferred to Attfield from the barn of John Oxx. For her career Miss Keller is 2-for-7, including a small stakes at Down Royal in Ireland. Attfield, like everyone else, will be a keen observer on Friday.

"I don't really know too much about her so this is a good trial run to see where she fits in before we ship her back to Woodbine," Attfield said. "She shipped from Ireland on Sunday night and just raced earlier this month so it might be a quick turnaround after the trip across the pond but she should like some give in the ground and we'll just see how she does and go from there."

Shug McGaughey saddles Phipps Stable's homebred Consequence (John Velazquez), who comes in off her first stakes score in Arlington Park's American 1000 Guineas. The daughter of El Prado won her debut over the Spa lawn last summer and encountered trouble in her final two starts as a juvenile. Consequence ran fourth after a wide trip, beaten just a half-length in the Grade III Miss Grillo at Belmont Park and then went west for the Breeder's Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, where she finished sixth after steadying sharply in the stretch.

McGaughey regrouped and started Consequence in a main track allowance at Gulfstream Park in March where she ran fourth. The Grade II Beaumont on Keeneland's Polytrack followed in April and she ran well to finish third by a length. The Hall of Fame trainer added blinkers for the Guineas and Consequence responded with her most polished performance to date.

"(The blinkers) really helped to settle her and get her to become more focused," McGaughey said. "We got her back to turf last time and that's what she wants to do. She's coming into the race in great shape and she obviously likes this course as well so that's always nice to have in your favor. I was excited to win a stakes with her because last year she got into some trouble in a few of them and maybe she could have won, so with her pedigree it's great to get one."

Tom Proctor sends out Barbara Hunter's homebred Keertana (Jose Lezcano) who won the Grade III Regret at Churchill in June and followed that with the Indiana Distaff at Prairie Meadows

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Lady Shakespeare takes it easy in the stakes barn at Saratoga Thursday.

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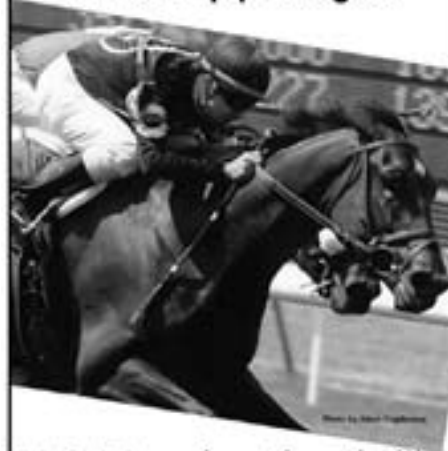
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Consequence tries to duplicate her win at Saratoga in 2008.

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on July 6. The daughter of Johar is perfect in three turf runs this year and brings a dangerous mix of tactical speed and stamina to the Lake George. After a spotty juvenile campaign with one win from five starts Proctor has witnessed a different filly in 2009.

"She kind of turned the corner this year as a 3-year-old and I think her maturity has a lot to do with it. She's better behaved and has stepped forward off of last year and done everything we have asked of her," Proctor said. "She won a graded stakes at Churchill so she stacks up well with these fillies. Obviously you have to respect Shug's horse Consequence as well as a few others but she's doing great and that's why we're here. I'm not going to try and get too intelligent and overdo things so we'll just let her run her race and see where we stand."

Mary's Follies (Ramon Dominguez) and Kiawah Cat (Julien LeParoux) exit the Grade III Boiling Springs at Monmouth Park on June 27. The former, now in the barn of Rick Dutrow, scored a half-length decision over Kiawah Cat. It was the first start on the grass for Mary's Follies after five main track starts for the tandem of Patrick McBurney and John Forbes. Dutrow sports a gaudy 30-percent strike rate with horses

making their first start in his care and that alone stamps Mary's Follies as a contender.

The Bill Mott-trained Kiawah Cat rallied from last to just miss in the Boiling Springs and looms a major stretch threat. The daughter of Lemon Drop Kid has taken her game to a new level when Mott added blinkers two starts back—an allowance score at Monmouth—and signaled her readiness for the Lake George with a sparkling :49 bullet work over the Oklahoma track on July 15.

The Best Day Ever (Robby Albarado) just missed catching Keertana in the Regret, her late rally falling a neck short. Ken McPeck sent the reformed claimer to Hollywood Park for the Grade I American Oaks on July 5 where she ran seventh at a mile and a quarter. The daughter of Brahms should appreciate the cutback in distance today.

Strike the Bell broke her maiden over Belmont's turf course in May for Dave Donk and then ran second in the Perfect Sting Stakes there on June 26. The Mizzen Mast filly has a bold stretch run that could have her flying late under Cornelio Velasquez.

Be Fair, who makes her turf debut for D. Wayne Lukas after running in four consecutive Grade I's on the main track rounds out the field for Friday's Lake George Stakes. Ain't Love Grand (Velasquez) is entered for the main track only.

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4	Key Quality Taconic Victory Just Parker	Key Quality Whydah Tribeca	Key Quality It'smyburtday Jill's Kitten	Key Quality Whydah Kid Kate	Key Quality Kid Kate Whydah
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6	Redreamit Maraschino Red Girl Can Rock	Redreamit Heavenly Vision Dulcet Tone	Yes It's Barbara Redreamit Heavenly Vision	Heavenly Vision Yes It's Barbara Redreamit	Heavenly Vision Devil By Design Yes It's Barbara
7	Future Prospect Stud Muffin Joe Corrigan	Future Prospect Stud Muffin Naughty New Yorker	Tommasi R Clear Victory Stud Muffin	Future Prospect Stud Muffin Tommasi	Future Prospect R Clear Victory Stud Muffin
8	Consequence Lady Shakespeare Mary's Follies	Ain't Love Grand Consequence Lady Shakespeare	Ain't Love Grand Consequence Miss Keller	Consequence Lady Shakespeare The Best Day Ever	Ain't Love Grand Mary's Follies Keertana
9	Golden Age Marq of Love Nothing Impossible	Golden Age Nothing Impossible Hall Of Famer	Golden Age Nothing Impossible Icetate	Attractive Ride Marq of Love Icetate	Golden Age Marq Of Love Icetate
To Date:	2/20	5/20	5/20	6/20	5/20

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FRIDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

BY BRIAN NADEAU

RACE 1: In a race with an abundance of speed it's never a bad thing when the best horse just happens to like to come from off the pace. That's what you get with FOR FREE. Not crazy about Jacobson's turf stats but in Ramon we trust. LINSALATA ran off and then tired in her last but rates a long look on the cutback. QUIET DANCER broke her maiden and then won right back, a sign that there's some quality here.
If on dirt: Hot And Bothered, Quonata, Mustang Fever.

RACE 2: FAIR LADY OLIVIA goes out for a trainer who can win with a firster and this filly looks to be primed. Shows some snappy works and doesn't meet much. MUSICSETSMEFREE ran well in her debut and it's reasonable to think she improves today. SUGAR TRADE will be well backed, especially after her last gate work, but it's best to bet Jimmy Jerkens' runners in their second start.

RACE 3: Bill Mott is 32-percent dropping horses into maiden claimers so that says CULLINAN needs to be respected. Should be more settled with the blinkers off as well. LIVE ON THE EDGE is clearly the one to deny and would be no surprise. MENDELSSOHN warrants consideration but Zito's 0-for-27 mark on the turf is alarming.
If on dirt: All West, Birdrun, St. Augustine.

RACE 4: KEY QUALITY was too bad to believe when hammered to 3-2 in her debut. I'll give her one more try today. WHYDAH shows a beautiful turf breeze on July 17, by far the best of all her morning trials and these More Than Ready's usually come out running. TRIBECA was a pricey yearling purchase and could surprise.
If on dirt: Key Quality, Saratoga Fling, Taconic Victory.

RACE 5: NO DETOUR takes the biggest drop in the game and looks spotted to score for an owner who loves to win races at Saratoga. DANCING DIGITS flashed speed against open maidens and also drops; that angle can be lethal. FRENCHONIONSOUF is another dropper who wouldn't have to improve much to get unsaddled.

RACE 6: Let's call this one the "what could have been allowance" as several of these fillies and mares were quite promising earlier in their careers. REDREAMIT ran off in her debut at Churchill Downs, then found the waters of the Grade III Old Hat a bit too deep. Freshened since and drew well in here. HEAVENLY VISION was awesome winning her debut here last summer but has not been seen since a pair of distant finishes in graded stakes in the fall. Makes her first start in a new barn and has been working well. DULCET TONE probably needed her return at Belmont following almost eight months on the shelf.

RACE 7: FUTURE PROSPECT looked awesome in his last two at Belmont and though he must now negotiate two turns he looks long gone on the lead in this paceless affair. STUD MUFFIN got the worst of it with this draw but with an off-the-pace running style maybe he won't lose that much ground. NAUGHTY NEW YORKER might finally be remembering he's 7 but he does love it here so a wakeup could be forthcoming.

RACE 8: CONSEQUENCE got back to turf in her last and the result was her first career stakes score. The blinkers made her more focused and tactical and that should go a long way in ensuring a good trip today. LADY SHAKESPEARE is a full sister to the multiple Grade I-winner Shakespeare and looks to be coming into her own. Big brother didn't care for soft ground and that's the big concern here as well. KEERTANA has won all three turf starts this year, including a Grade III at Churchill in June, so you know she fits with this group.
If on dirt: Ain't Love Grand, Be Fair, Consequence.

RACE 9: NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE takes a steep drop in class and just might be better than this group. HALL OF FAMER returns from a long absence with blinkers-off but Weaver is potent with both angles. ICETATE rises up the ladder and above what they claimed him for two back and that's never a bad sign.
If on dirt: Golden Age, I.M. Bloomer, Icetate.

FRIDAY'S SARATOGA ENTRIES

Friday, July 31. Post Time 2:30 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (2:30) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) F&M 3YO & UP CLAIMING (\$35,000) PURSE: \$31,000

1	1	My Anna Rose	Velasquez C	Sciacca Gary	8-1
2	2	Linsalata (IRE)	Velasquez J R	Motion H Graham	5-2
3	3	World Gone Wrong	Maragh R	Schettino Dom	10-1
4	4	For Free	Dominguez R A	Jacobson David	7-2
5	5	Quiet Dancer	Chavez J F	Contessa Gary C	8-1
6	6	Seasons Wise	Arroyo N Jr	Payne Curtis	20-1
7	7	Gin Tango	Leparoux J R	Badgett William	20-1
8	8	No Shopping Maria	Luzzi M J	Shetron Phyllis	20-1
9	9	Sweet Bama Breeze	Castellano J J	Brown Bruce R	3-1
10	MTO	Hot and Bothered	Maragh R	Dutrow Anthony	3-1
11	MTO	Top Lass	Borel C H	Ferraro James	15-1
12	MTO	Mustang Fever	Dominguez R A	Parisella John	5-1
13	MTO	Quonata	Castellano J J	DiPrima Gregory	4-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (1-3), Daily Double Wagers

2ND (3:03) 5 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO NY BRED MAIDEN PURSE: \$44,000

1	1	Sugar Trade	Arroyo N Jr	Jerkens James A	5-1
2	2	Miss Lulu Belle	Castanon J L	Ward Wesley A	5-2
3	3	Fair Lady Olivia	Garcia Alan	Barbara Robert	6-1
4	4	Smoke After Six	Luzzi M J	Contessa Gary C	10-1
5	5	Dream Train	Lezcano J	Jerkens H Allen	10-1
6	6	Musicsetsmefree	Velasquez C	Hernandez Ramon	3-1
7	7	Notably Made	Morales S	Aquilino Joseph	20-1
8	8	Rogue's Jewel	Castellano J J	Martin Carlos F	5-1

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (2-4)

Pick 4 Races (2-5), Daily Double Wagers

3RD (3:36) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3YO & UP MDN CLM (\$35,000) PURSE: \$25,000

1	1	Dancin' Deacon	Velasquez J R	Serpe Philip M	15-1
1A	7	Hangingonthefuture	Borel C H	Serpe Philip M	15-1
2	2	Headline Hunter	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	12-1
2B	MTO	All West	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	12-1
3	5	Mendelssohn	Lezcano J	Zito Nicholas P	6-1
3C	MTO	St. Augustine	Lezcano J	Zito Nicholas P	6-1
4	8	Cullinan	Prado E S	Mott William I	4-1
4X	MTO	Birdrun	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I	4-1
5	3	Morethan Fourhours	Desormeaux K J	Kimmel John C	4-1
6	4	Blasterman	Velasquez C	Levine Bruce N	15-1
7	6	Itch	Castellano J J	Lerman Roy S	10-1
8	9	Live On the Edge	Garcia Alan	Tagg Barclay	3-1
9	10	Wishingonadream	Arroyo N Jr	Disanto Glenn B	30-1
10	11	Last Noble	Maragh R	Badgett William	12-1
11	12	Baronshill	Dominguez R A	Clement Christophe	12-1

A-Coupled: Dancin' Deacon and Hangingonthefuture

B-Coupled: Headline Hunter and All West

C-Coupled: Mendelssohn and St. Augustine

D-Coupled: Cullinan and Birdrun

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (3-5), Daily Double Wagers

4TH (4:09) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) FILLIES 2 YO MDN PURSE: \$50,000

1	9	Whydah	Velasquez J R	Pletcher Todd A	7-2
1A	10	Caminadora	Prado E S	Pletcher Todd A	7-2
2	1	Just Parker	Albarado R J	McPeck Kenneth	8-1
3	2	Key Quality	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I	4-1
4	3	Kid Kate	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	8-1
5	4	It'smyburtday	Leparoux J R	Harty Eoin	10-1
6	5	Tribeca	Dominguez R A	Donk David	15-1
7	6	Ready to Party	Velasquez C	Dutrow Anthony	10-1
8	7	Alwaysinmydreams	Maragh R	Schettino Dom	15-1
9	8	Saratoga Fling	Mena M	Lukas D Wayne	12-1
10	11	Jill's Kitten	Castanon J L	Ward Wesley A	5-1
11	12	Taconic Victory	Castellano J J	Hennig Mark	12-1
12	MTO	Rumpus Room	Mena M	Sciacca Gary	12-1

A-Coupled: Whydah and Caminadora

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (4-6), Pick 6 Races (4-9)

Daily Double Wagers

5TH (4:42) 6 FURLONGS 3YO & UP MDN CLM (\$50,000 - \$40,000)

PURSE: \$30,800

1	6	Catch the Bottom	Arroyo N Jr	Brown Chad C	8-1
1A	9	Loveofthegame	Castellano J J	Brown Chad C	8-1
2	1	Frenchonionsoup	Maragh R	Levine Bruce N	6-1
3	2	Cherokee Bull	Dominguez R A	Alexander Frank A	10-1
4	3	No Detour	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	3-1
5	4	Silver Jazz	Desormeaux K J	Albertrani Thomas	10-1
6	5	Peytons Heart	Samyn J L	Kelly Patrick J	30-1
7	7	True Crusader	Prado E S	Kimmel John C	8-1
8	8	Dancing Digits	Velasquez J R	Zito Nicholas P	9-2
9	10	Telemachus	Lezcano J	Jerkens H Allen	7-2

A-Coupled: Catch the Bottom and Loveofthegame

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (5-7), Grand Slam Races (5-8)

Daily Double Wagers

6TH (5:15) 6 FURLONGS F&M 3YO & UP ALLOWANCE PURSE: \$59,800

1	5	Dulcet Tone	Velasquez J R	Frankel Robert	5-1
1A	7	Girl Can Rock	Dominguez R A	Frankel Robert	5-1
2	1	Let's Fly Away	Velasquez C	Hernandez Ramon	30-1
3	2	Heavenly Vision	Leparoux J R	Asmussen Steven	M7-2
4	3	Devil by Design	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I	10-1
5	4	Yes It's Barbara	Borel C H	Ward John T Jr	10-1
6	6	See the Forest	Castellano J J	Schwartz Scott M	20-1
7	8	Diamond Song	Theriot H J II	Stewart Dallas	12-1
8	9	Redreamit	Albarado R J	McPeck Kenneth G	3-1
9	10	Maraschino Red	Garcia Alan	Tagg Barclay	6-1
10	11	Distorted Love	Prado E S	Harty Eoin	15-1
11	12	Mine All Mine	Lezcano J	Ward Wesley A	10-1

A-Coupled: Dulcet Tone and Girl Can Rock

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (6-8), Pick 4 Races (6-9)

Daily Double Wagers

7TH (5:48) HIGH ROCK SPRING S. NY BRED 1 1/8 MILES 3YO & UP

PURSE: \$86,000

1	1	Naughty New Yorker	Samyn J L	Kelly Patrick J	10-1
2	2	Tommasi	Maragh R	Bond H James	8-1
3	3	Dr. D. F. C.	Lezcano J	Ubillo Rodrigo A	12-1
4	4	Joe Corrigan	Prado E S	Ubillo Rodrigo A	8-1
5	5	South Fourth St.	Castellano J J	Contessa Gary C	10-1
6	6	Future Prospect	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	2-1
7	7	R Clear Victory	Dominguez R A	Asmussen Steven	5-1
8	8	Stud Muffin	Velasquez C	Duggan David P	3-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (7-9), Daily Double Wagers

8TH (6:22) LAKE GEORGE S. (G2) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) FILLIES 3YO

PURSE: \$150,000

1	1	Lady Shakespeare	Desormeaux K J	Attfeld Roger L	8-1
2	2	Be Fair	Maragh R	Lukas D Wayne	20-1
3	3	Mary's Follies	Dominguez R A	Dutrow, Jr. R E	3-1
4	4	Keertana	Lezcano J	Proctor Thomas F	5-1
5	5	Consequence	Velasquez J R	McGaughey III C R	9-2
6	6	Miss Keller (IRE)	Castellano J J	Attfeld Roger L	12-1
7	7	Strike the Bell	Velasquez C	Donk David	10-1
8	8	The Best Day Ever	Albarado R J	McPeck Kenneth G	6-1
9	9	Kiawah Cat	Leparoux J R	Mott William I	4-1
10	MTO	Ain't Love Grand	Velasquez C	Dutrow, Jr. R E	4-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Daily Double Wagers

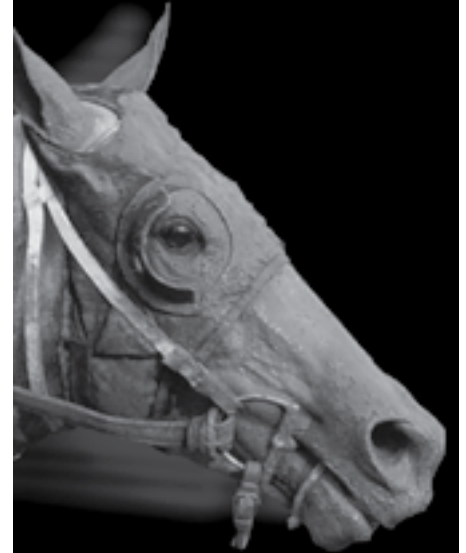
9TH (6:56) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3YO & UP CLAIMING (\$35,000)

PURSE: \$31,000

1	1	Marq of Love	Velasquez C	Jacobson David	5-2
2	2	Friar	Fuentes R D	Divitto Debra	30-1
3	3	Lil O's Expression	Rohena J M	Barrera Oscar Jr	50-1
4	4	Gold Bear	Falk J L	Falk Jacqueline	50-1
5	5	Nothing Impossible	Maragh R	Miceli Michael	5-1
6	6	Karakorum Tornado	Luzzi M J	Odintz Jeff	30-1
7	7	Calagaitor	Castellano J J	Domino Carl J	15-1
8	8	Remarkable Storm	Dominguez R A	Parisella John	6-1
9	9	Distant Point	Chavez J F	Contessa Gary C	12-1
10	10	Icetate	Leparoux J R	Maker Michael J	7-2
11	11	Hall of Famer	Velasquez J R	Weaver George	8-1
12	12	Isitruemossy	Coa E M	Farro Patricia	12-1
13	MTO	Saratoga Seven	Garcia Alan	Lukas D Wayne	10-1
14	MTO	Golden Age	Maragh R	Terranova, II John	3-1
15	MTO	I. M. Boomer	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C	7-2
16	MTO	Attractive Ride	Albarado R J	Scherer Merrill R	10-1

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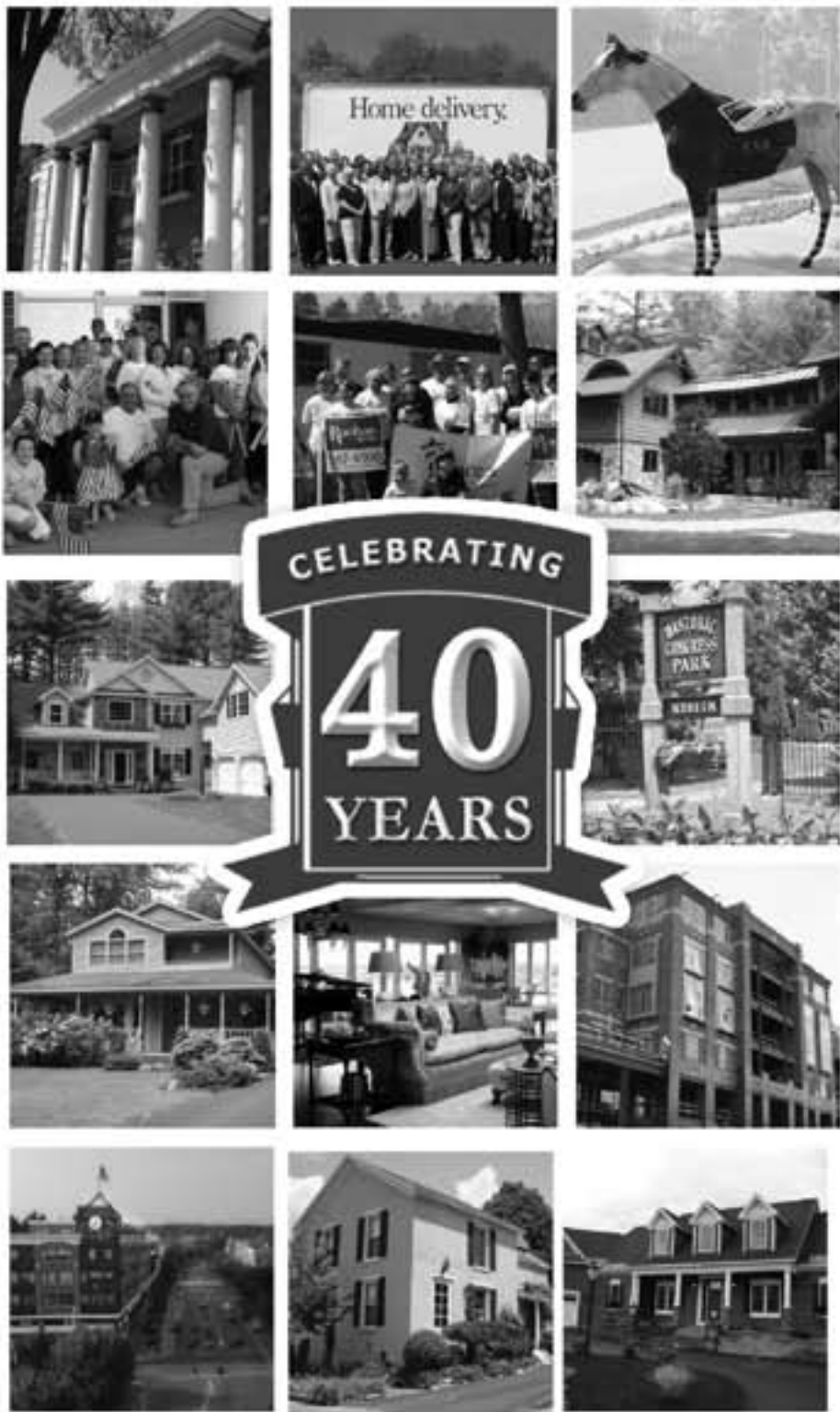


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Eddie Brown keeps tabs on a jockey's weight in the winner's circle at Saratoga.

Brown keeps everything to scale

BY COLIN BEAURY

When Eddie Brown, the assistant clerk of scales at NYRA tracks, recalls his early days of working at the race-track, he looks back to a time when segregation still existed.

He started in 1951 at Aqueduct for trainer Bill Williams, a man Brown looked at "like a father." He later worked for trainer Frank Wright, "a brilliant man and a good horseman," according to Brown. Assisting trainers gave Brown his evident love for the horses, but it was his work as a valet in

the jockeys' room that is the source of Brown's fondest trackside memories.

As a valet, he worked with Hall of Fame jockeys Steve Cauthen, Pat Day, Jerry Bailey and Jose Santos. Santos and Brown fostered a particularly close friendship – Brown served as Santos' best man at his wedding. Brown spent countless hours with many different riders over the years. "You spend about 8 hours a day with them," he said, "and you see them more than their families sometimes." Brown has seen a lot.

He talked about two steeplechase riders "having a donnybrook" that caught his attention because "the walls were shaking." Incidents of this nature are a rare part of the game, though, as Brown pointed out. For a sport where the competitors share a locker room, so to speak, things run pretty smoothly.

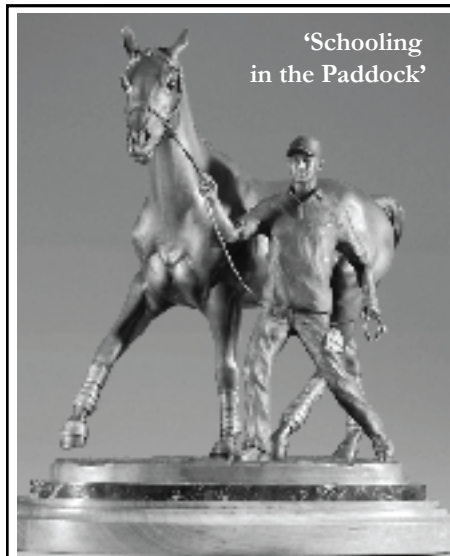
"We've got high-priced athletes competing against each other; they sit on the same bench; they might have to claim foul against each other," Brown said. "If the world could get along as good as these riders get along in this room, we'd be in a lot better shape."

Brown's affinity for horse racing led him to his current job, assistant clerk of scales, four years ago. He and Tim Kelly, the head clerk of scales, oversee an important part of the sport.

"We make sure that the riders' weights are correct going out and coming back in. We try to make sure that the colors are correct, which is a difficult thing," Brown said. Riders are now weighed on a digital scale, which guarantees far more accuracy. "There is no way of getting around the weight," Brown said of the digital scale. Also, the weights are now recorded on a computer, which makes Brown's work a bit easier.

After speaking with Brown, it becomes clear that being around the track, although a job, is fun for him. He said of the Spa, "it's just a great place to be." Tom Fool, Forego and 1987 Travers winner Java Gold are among the great horses Brown recalls from his years of being at the track. Brown's career brought him through the stables, around the jocks' room and to his current position, but he sticks to more immediate topics when asked what he hopes the 2009 meet brings – for all of us. "Sunshine," he said without hesitation.

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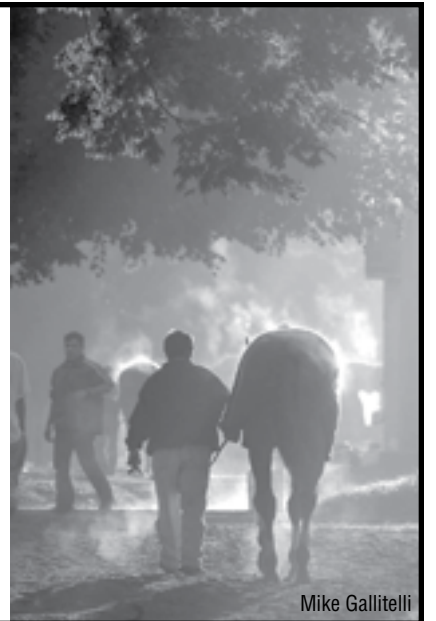
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# A win among friends

## A CUP OF COFFEE

By Sean Clancy



Jonathan Kiser is smiling.

His buddies Arch Kingsley and Todd Wyatt pulled off a shocker in his race, the Jonathan Kiser Memorial, the opening jump race of this Saratoga season. Kiser used to ride against Kingsley, while working wheelbarrow to wheelbarrow with Wyatt in Tom Voss' engine room. Kingsley and Kiser tied for champion jockey in 1997. Kiser died, after falling off a rope swing. Kingsley retired after too many concussions. Wyatt went out on his own.

They teamed up to win the \$70,000 steeplechase stakes with Bill Fossett's You The Man. He should have been called You The Men. Three friends, two left, one indelible victory at Saratoga.

Wyatt made his first trip to Saratoga in 1985, to walk hots for Jonathan Sheppard. Years later, Wyatt moved over to the Voss shedrow and walked on the right side of John's Call when he won the Sword Dancer. Now, Wyatt trains eight horses from a rented farm in Monkton, Md. He and his wife, Blair, do all the work. You The Man upset a maiden hurdle at Penn National four weeks ago. Jody Petty rode him that day but had committed to another ride for Wednesday's race. Wyatt went searching. He called his friend, Kingsley, who's not really a jockey. Any more. He's a horse trainer, bloodstock agent, blacksmith. Kingsley spent the summer at Colonial Downs with a decent string of turf horses. In 2007, he rode one of his horses in the Royal Chase at Keeneland and dabbled on a few others. Last year, he rode three races, all on his own horses. He hadn't jumped a fence – of any kind – this year.

When Wyatt called, Kingsley said no chance. Wyatt asked him to watch the replay from Penn National and think about it.

Once a jump jockey, always a jump jockey.

Kingsley slept on it. Then called Wyatt and said he'd give it a shot. He had 12 pounds to lose first. Kingsley pulled up his irons while galloping his horses at Colonial Downs. He felt good.

You The Man did the rest.

With a little help from Kiser. At the fourth hurdle, You The Man jumped right and nearly unshipped Kingsley. He and Wyatt thanked Kiser for the save. Not that Wyatt could see it. He watches a race like he's in a waiting room in a hospital, pacing, circling, cringing for 2 miles. Blair watched with son James in her arms. When she started screaming for You The Man, James started screaming too. By the wire, Todd



Tod Marks

The Jonathan Kiser Memorial trophy presentation echoed plenty of sentiment with (from left) Blair Wyatt, James Wyatt, Arch Kingsley, owners Bill Fossett and daughter Leslie, Dottie Kiser, trainer Todd Wyatt and Heather Kiser.

had sprinted to the top of the clubhouse steps, Blair had scared James into tears and the Kiser had turned into a geyser of emotion.

"You know how much this means to me. J.K. pushed him back on. To win my first race here, the Kiser, with Arch riding him . . ." Wyatt said. "I've never had aspirations to be leading trainer, well I have, but I don't want to have 50 horses, but I've always worked for good people and I've always wanted people to look at the program and see my horse and think, 'He'll have him ready.' I'm not coming up here to fill a race or see my name in the program, I liked my horse. You're always doubting yourself, you know that. To have my wife and my baby here, Tom and Jonathan are here. It means everything."

Kingsley won the New York Turf Writers Cup in 1997 and 2000. The former exercise rider for Bill Mott won a lot of races in a short amount of time and then retired after several concussions. He moved to Camden, S.C., had a child, learned to shoe horses and began to build a training business. For the last three weeks, he was a jockey (again). And for four minutes on Wednesday, he was at his very best. Kingsley rode confidently and cool, like he had ridden six races the day before. At least that's what it looked like.

"I'm riddled with doubt every day of my life, then to do something like this, there's nothing but doubt. Scared to death," he said. "But, philosophically, I've reached a point in life that I know you've just got to go for what you want, it's so damn short, what the hell, why not?"

You The Man pulled Kingsley into third early, well off a wild pace set by Mabou. They engulfed him on the final turn, flew the last and held off the Voss-trained Left Unsaid and El Viaje.

"It's amazing, all of it was muscle memory," said Kingsley, who tried to lower his stirrups a few holes in the paddock only to realize they were already in the first hole. "Whether it's some survival instinct or what, but you get out there, and it could have been me, you and Craig Thornton (rivals in the '90s). It didn't feel like a day had gone by, walking around the tree out there, it just felt like another day at Saratoga."

Another day at Saratoga?

Two friends, one at the beginning stages of his career and one moonlighting in a career that he used to master combining to win a race, mostly because it was run in honor of their friend who's been gone nine years now. Kiser's family comes to Saratoga every year to present the trophy. This year, their son, their brother was responsible for the very combination that accepted the trophy.

"He pushed him back on. He had to have. He had to have," Wyatt said. "He'd be so happy for us, if he wasn't riding him. Well, I couldn't get him, he'd have had a triple call in the race. You know, we're blessed, to be here, to win here."

Kingsley knew it too.

"I'm still retired," Kingsley said. "This was me and a buddy getting together in memory of an old friend. That's what motivated me. Todd, the horse, Jonathan Kiser. Let's do this."

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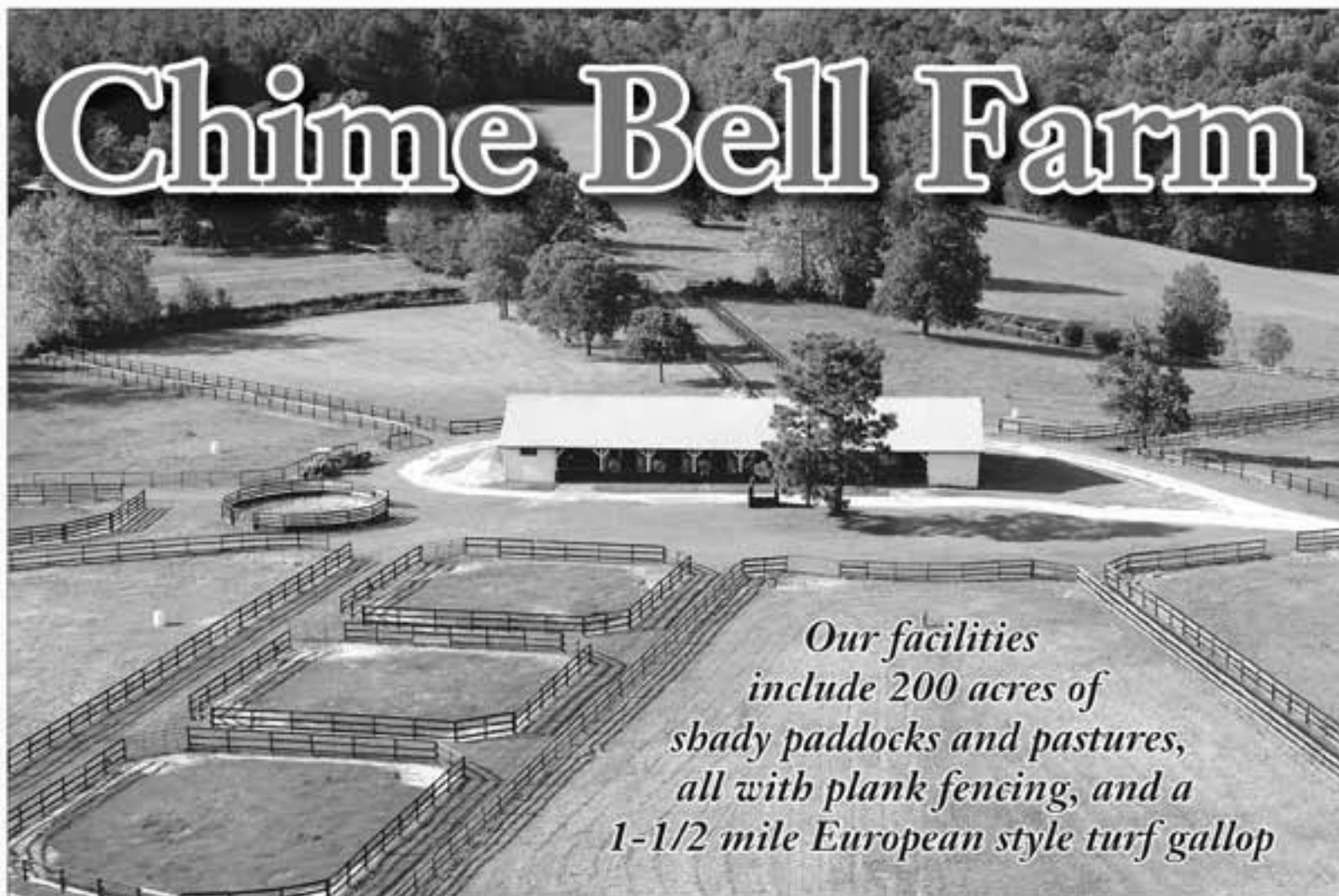
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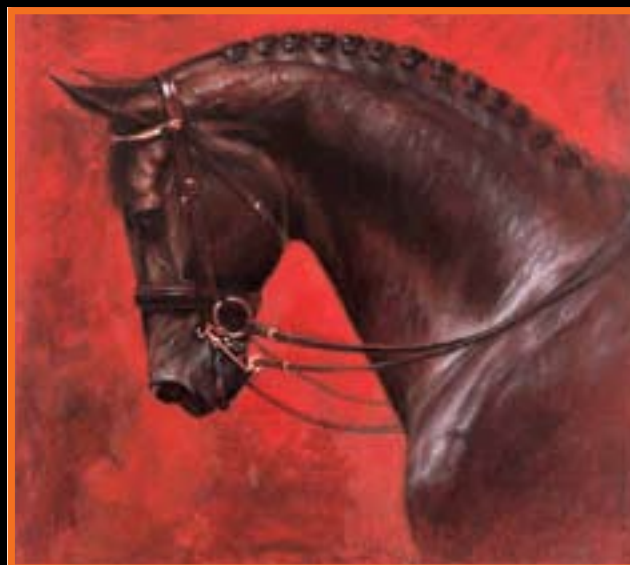
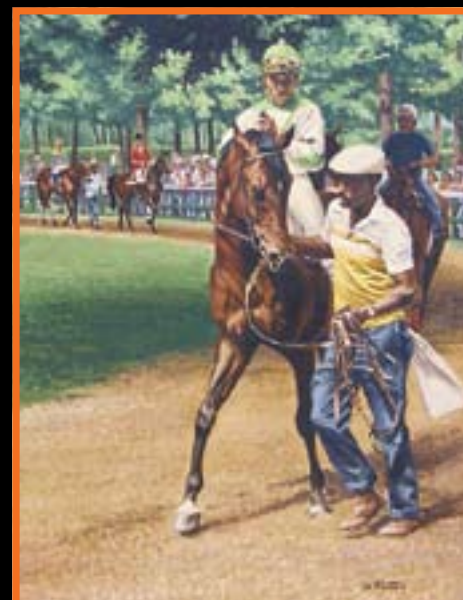
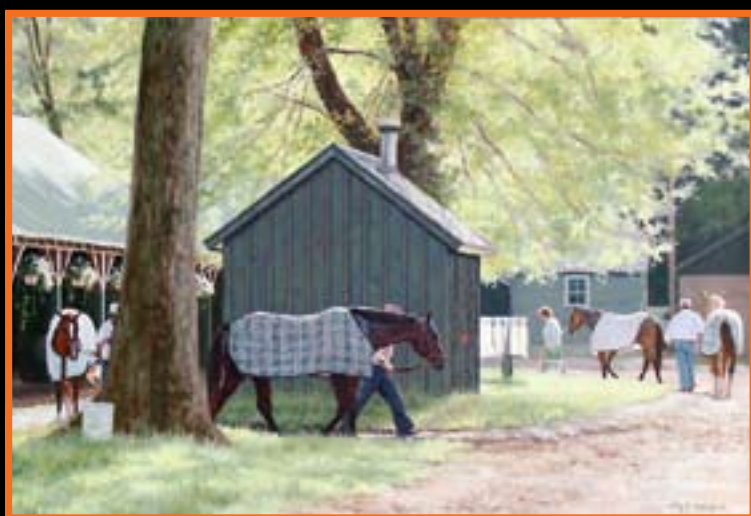
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