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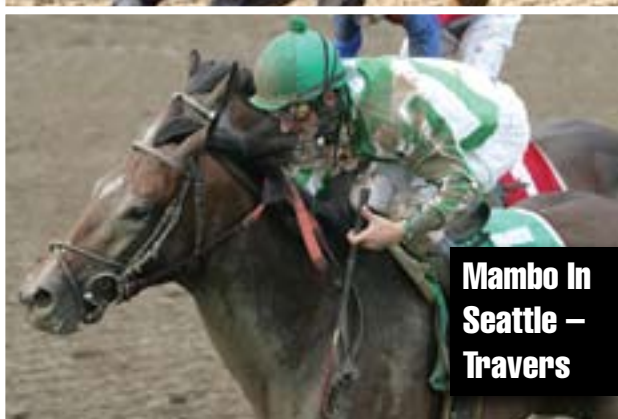
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### The thrill of victory, the agony of defeat

Take a guess as to  
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had a better race.



Connie Bush

### Worth Repeating

"I was dreading doing this."

**Trainer Bruce Levine**, as he pulled  
the mane of a steely gray 2-year-old  
with extremely wiry and thick black hair

"Who said that?"

**Jockey agent Matt Muzikar** when it  
was noted that he and fellow agent  
**Roger Sutton** looked like friends as  
they stood together outside Levine's barn

"The strangest things happen in Saratoga. And over  
the years, you see more strange things happen."

**Trainer Mark Hennig** on the  
hock infection that forced the scratch  
of Red Rocks from the Sword Dancer

"But Mom, aren't all horses fast?"

**Young fan** — while his mom tried to pick  
a fast (or faster) horse — at the races Monday

“*Linda, I hope  
you had that.*”

**Announcer Tom Durkin**, over the  
public-address system,  
after trainer Linda Rice swept  
the superfecta in Monday's  
Mechanicville Stakes

"Is that David Cassidy?"

**Jane Motion**, daughter of Graham Motion,  
as Dallas Stewart galloped past on his pony

"She wanted Mrs. Mo, but I'd be embarrassed to be  
in the car with her."

**Jane Motion**, about her  
mother's license-plate request

"Is he really that smart or is he lying to me?"

**Trainer Tom Voss** about hotwalker Ryan Clancy

"I guess we've got some gas money to get home  
anyway."

**Trainer Larry Jones** after Honest Man  
won the Iselin at Monmouth and  
before Proud Spell won the Alabama

"It's like the SATs. Choose the one that's different  
than all the others."

**Owner Brant Laue**, while looking  
at the starters for the Union Avenue Monday

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**On Lake, fourth race.** The 4-year-old filly is out of The Parting Glass, which everyone knows is on Lake.

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**1** Jamaica hat worn by Winston Heslop, the day after Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt won the gold medal at the Olympics

## Weather



**Today:** Mostly sunny. High 74.  
**Tonight:** Clear. Low 51 (brrrr). Winds light and variable.  
**Thursday:** Sunshine. High in the low 80s and low in the upper 50s.  
**Friday:** Sun and clouds. High in the mid 80s and low in the low 60s.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy. High in the low 80s and low in the low 60s.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy. High in the low 80s and low in the low 60s.



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Trish Moseley  
Jeff Hooper  
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Grey Price  
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Colum O'Brien  
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Pam Ritter  
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Mike Sellito  
Jamie Lamonica  
Eddie Brown  
Bonner Young  
Harry Walker  
Pat Hennig  
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Ciarran Dunne  
Moon Gamble  
Roddy Valente  
Dave Rarey  
Craig Peretz  
Bessie Gruwell  
Eileen Cornacchia  
Joe Cornacchia  
Gregg Ryan  
Duke Burris  
Sandi Burris  
Mary Ryan  
Bill Hirsch  
Jack Fisher  
Ann Via  
Sonny Via  
Rose Hennig  
Peter Willmott  
John Morrison  
Dick Powell  
Jeff Odintz  
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### Independent

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Little Wendy (clocker girl)  
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David Engel  
Heather Craig  
Michael Thomas  
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Susie Bricker  
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Gus Brown

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### Margaret Thatcher

Jeremy Edge

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Dave Grening  
Wayne Lukas  
Jimmy Jerkens  
Tiffany Mueller  
Tom Albertrani  
The Fruit Man  
Javier Castellano  
John Adger  
Mitch Levites  
Ray Amato  
Jeff Carle

Doug Cauthen  
Tom Bush  
Joe DiAngelo  
Steve Klesaris

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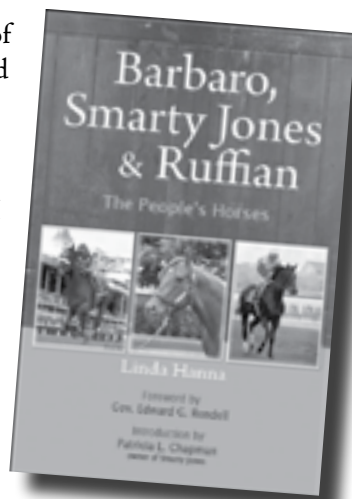
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# Rock's Hock

Turf star on mend after infection costs him Sword Dancer try

BY KAREN JOHNSON

## NEWS ROUNDUP

Red Rocks, who was scratched from Saturday's Grade I Sword Dancer Invitational because of filling in his left hind leg, was diagnosed as having a bacterial infection in his hock. The 5-year-old was scratched the day before the race.

Mark Hennig, Red Rocks' trainer, said the 2006 Breeders' Cup Turf winner is responding well to antibiotics, and is making a quick recovery.

"He is perfectly sound, and has no (fever)," Hennig said Monday. "The filling has gravitated to down the outside of the leg. The leg is pretty tight now."

Hennig theorizes that Red Rocks' infection began to manifest itself after he worked over Oklahoma's turf course Aug. 8.

"I thought maybe he tweaked (the hock) breezing on the soft turf because he had a little bit of heat and filling in it the following morning," Hennig said. "I treated it mildly, and it was fine all week long. Then, boom, Thursday afternoon, it was all blown up. You know how when they wrench something, the blood rushes to the area? The circulation brings something in there and then you have a problem. That's the only thing I can think of is that it set in there and brewed."

Following Red Rocks' win in the Grade I Man o'War over reigning Horse

of the Year Curlin at Belmont Park last month, owner J. Paul Reddam decided to leave the horse in the United States with Hennig. Red Rocks, a son of Galileo, had previously been trained in England by Brian Meehan.

Hennig doesn't anticipate that the setback will keep Sword Dancer's morning-line favorite sidelined for long.

"He's walking now, and we are going to try to get him going as soon as we can," Hennig said. "But we are not going to start training until we are 100 percent confident the infection is cleared. We'll play it by ear, but maybe even going to Canada for the (Northern Dancer Breeders' Cup Turf at Woodbine Sept. 7) is possible."

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Champs Elysees, who was scratched from the Sword Dancer as well, albeit for different reasons



Red Rocks could return to action in September after being shelved with a hock infection.

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*"We are not going to start training until we are 100 percent confident the infection is cleared."* Mark Hennig, trainer

than Red Rocks, will run next in the \$750,000 Northern Dancer Breeders' Cup Turf at Woodbine.

Champs Elysees' trainer, Bobby Frankel, wanted firmer conditions for the 5-year-old, who finished sixth as the favorite over yielding ground in the Grade I United Nations at Monmouth Park July 5. The turf was listed "good" for the Sword Dancer.

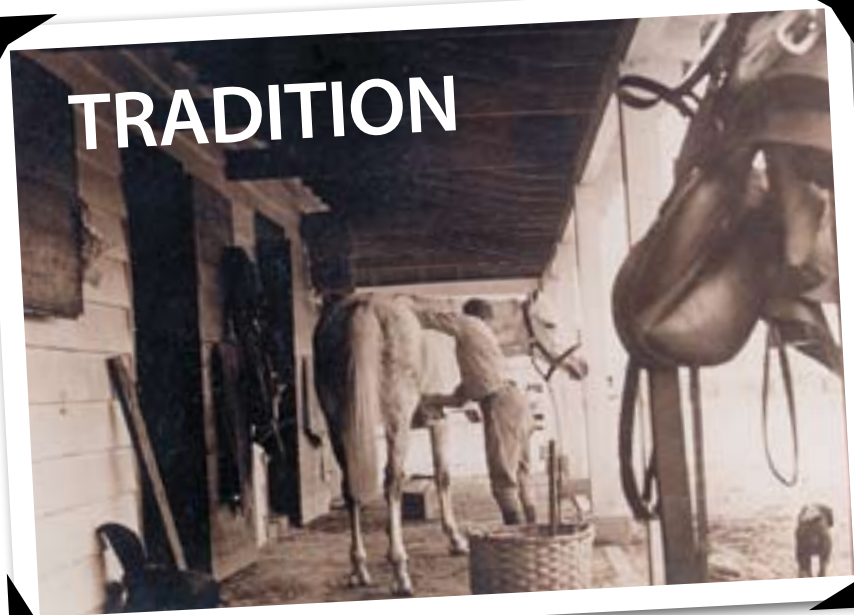
"It was actually better than I thought it would be," Frankel said Monday.

Champs Elysees, a Juddmonte Farm homebred, won the Grade II San Marcos on a firm course at Santa Anita in January.

Set to join Champs Elysees in Canada will be another Juddmonte runner,

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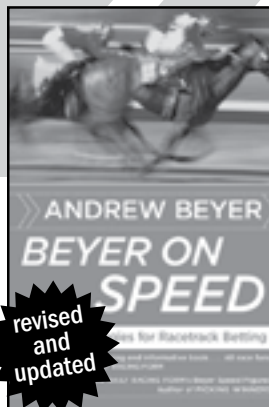
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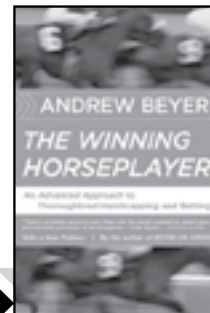
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Ventura, who will take on males in the Grade I Woodbine Mile Sept. 7. Ventura is expected to face Kip Deville, last year's Breeders' Cup Mile winner and the Woodbine Mile runner-up.

Frankel believes Ventura, who won the Grade I Just A Game at Belmont Park in June, can hold her own against males based on her speed figures, and said the conditions of the \$1 million Woodbine Mile will suit her very well.

"A one-turn mile, I think, is a big help for her," Frankel said. "She pulls, but she has that whole backside to settle. She's a quarter point slower than Kip Deville."

As a 3-year-old racing in England last year, Ventura defeated males in a listed stakes over Polytrack at Kempton.

• • •

Gary Contessa, the trainer of Sweet Vendetta, confirmed the filly bled while running in Saturday's Alabama. The 3-year-old was eased by jockey Ramon Dominguez in the stretch of the 1 1/4-mile race.

Contessa knew the WinStar Farm filly was a bleeder after she won the Andover Way Stakes at Aqueduct in March. Going forward, he aggressively treated Sweet Vendetta's bleeding problem, and he said the filly did not bleed when she won the Grade II Black-Eyed Susan Stakes at Pimlico in May. Following



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See **ROUNDUP** page 9 ► Top sprinter Bustin Stones could run in the Vosburgh or the Ancient Title in September.

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*“I don’t know what WinStar is going to do with her. . . I know she will make a great broodmare.”* Gary Contessa, on Sweet Vendetta

## Roundup—

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her win in the Black-Eyed Susan, Sweet Vendetta’s co-breeder, David Cassidy, and Team Penney Racing privately sold the filly to WinStar Farm. She remained with Contessa after the sale.

“We gave her everything we could – every therapy out there, every feed supplement out there, every allowable medication to the maximum – and it held her in the Black-Eyed Susan, and it held her in her workouts,” Contessa said Monday. “And she bleeds during the Alabama. It was such a disappointment. I can honestly say that when I saw her going by with her nose full of blood and being eased, I was just beside myself. I have (controlled) all kinds of bleeders and I can’t remember, other than her, a horse of mine bleeding out of the nostrils after a race.”

Contessa was unsure of WinStar’s plans for Sweet Vendetta, who was placed on the New York Racing Association’s bleeders’ list after the Andover Way in March, and banned from running for a 30-day period.

“I don’t know what WinStar is going to do with her; whether they are going

to turn her out for a few months and bring her back or not,” he said. “I know she will make a great broodmare.”

Sweet Vendetta, a New York-bred who has won three of eight career starts, is a daughter of Stephen Got Even, out of the Desert Wine mare Sand Pirate.

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Bustin Stones, scratched from the Alfred G. Vanderbilt the morning of the race because of a bruised foot, will resume galloping this week, trainer Bruce Levine said.

The undefeated Bustin Stones was outfitted with aluminum pads on both front feet, after the bruise in his right front hoof was discovered July 26.

Levine said he hasn’t settled on a race for Bustin Stones, but it would likely come down to the Grade I Vosburgh at Belmont Sept. 27, or the Grade I Ancient Title at Santa Anita, the same day. The ultimate goal for Bustin Stones, who hasn’t run since winning the Grade I Carter Handicap at Aqueduct in April, is the Breeders’ Cup Sprint at Santa Anita Oct. 25.

“I don’t know yet where he will run until I breeze him once or twice, and then I will make that decision,” Levine said.



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# Cup Quest

## Lecesse aims for Big Apple Triple

### ALBANY STAKES PREVIEW

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Unraced 2-year-old Tin Cup Chalice returned to the barn at Finger Lakes last summer after working in company with a stablemate; like Thomas Edison, Michael Lecesse saw the light bulb go on.

"The first time we ever breezed him he actually got outworked. But when he came back to the barn he learned something that day. He figured out what it was all about," Lecesse said. "The next time we worked him he blew by everyone. We knew early on that we had a horse with some ability."

Tin Cup Chalice's ability gets tested today in the biggest assignment of his career, as he meets seasoned stakes horses Icabad Crane and Big Truck in the \$150,000 Albany Stakes at 9 furlongs. A win would give Tin Cup Chalice a sweep of the New York Triple Crown and the Big Apple Triple \$250,000 bonus that goes with it.

Tin Cup Chalice enters the Albany as the morning-line favorite, unbeaten in six lifetime starts. Lecesse has had a hand in his development from the start. He bred and trains the son of Crusader Sword and co-owns him with Scott Van Laer. Lecesse started Tin Cup Chalice

at his Finger Lakes base in late October, and he rolled to a 15 1/4-length win over nine overmatched foes. He returned Nov. 3 to take the \$50,000 Finger Lakes Juvenile by 1 3/4 lengths, and Lecesse began expanding his horizons.

"After he won the Juvenile we basically started thinking of the New York

Triple Crown right then," Lecesse said. "We decided to give him the rest of the year off and bring him back with the three races – the Mike Lee, New York Derby and Albany – in mind."

Tin Cup Chalice made his 3-year-old debut in an open allowance at Finger Lakes, easily winning by 4 1/4 lengths

May 11. Another allowance score, this time by 8 1/4 lengths over state-bred foes, sent Tin Cup Chalice undefeated, and mostly untested, to Belmont Park for the \$109,000 Mike Lee.

Despite his 4-for-4 record, Tin Cup Chalice was essentially ignored at the windows and sent off at 9-2. Racing beyond 6 furlongs for the first time, regular jockey Pedro Rodriguez put Tin Cup Chalice on the lead and the pair never looked backed, wiring the 7-furlong race by 1 1/2 lengths.

Stretching to two turns in the \$159,000 New York Derby back home at Finger Lakes, Tin Cup Chalice again proved up to the task, wiring the 1 1/16-mile race to defeat fellow Albany entrants Almighty Silver and That'srightofficer. With almost six weeks between the Derby and the Albany, Tin Cup Chalice has had plenty of time to recuperate.

"He came out of that race at Finger Lakes a little tired and it took a lot out of him," Lecesse said. "But he's really trained well in the last few weeks and his work on last Tuesday – 6 furlongs in 1:12 3/5 – was great. That's him though, he's always worked fast since we had him. He's coming in pretty good



Dave Harmon

Big Truck rolled over everyone in his debut here last year and looks to get going again in today's Albany Stakes.

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# Albany —

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now. I think he took to the Saratoga track. He's trained good in the last three days and we're really looking forward to running."

Tin Cup Chalice has done his best running on the lead, including the first two legs of the New York Triple Crown. While some will point to today's distance as the biggest roadblock in Tin Cup Chalice's path to the crown, Lecsse sees a different obstacle.

"So far so good, but this is the toughest one yet. It's not like the regular Triple Crown, where everyone carries the same weight. We have to give some weight to some very nice horses on Wednesday. It's basically like a Grade III race and we have to give Icabad Crane and Big Truck three pounds," Lecsse said. "I really don't think the 9 furlongs will be a factor, he'll get that far. He's got Crusader Sword on the top and the mare (Twice Forbidden) has thrown some horses with speed up to a distance. He's a horse that doesn't need the lead and that should allow Pedro to play things off the break."

Earl Mack's Icabad Crane hasn't met fellow New Yorkers since winning an entry-level allowance at Aqueduct Jan. 20; in the interim, the son of Jump Start has traded paint with some of the classiest 3-year-olds in training. Trained by Graham Motion, Icabad Crane ran third in the \$100,000 Rushaway Stakes at Turfway Park March 22, won the Federico Tesio Stakes at Pimlico April

19 and then set his sights on the Grade I Preakness May 17. In a gallant effort Icabad Crane rallied from last, checked and steadied at the five-sixteenths pole but still took third, a half-length behind Grade II Jim Dandy winner and Travers contender Macho Uno.

took us to each race, kept passing all the tests. Tomorrow, 9 furlongs is his deal. Tomorrow is a good starting point and after tomorrow we'll know where to go for the rest of the year."

By the time Icabad Crane had gotten on the Triple Crown trail, Big Truck had

over the track so this is a good spot to get him started again."

Almighty Silver gave Tip Cup Chalice a scare in the New York Derby before settling for second, 1 1/2 lengths behind the winner. Charlton Baker trains the Catienus homebred for Ken and Sarah Ramsey and Almighty Silver should once again be a threat in the Albany on a track his sire ran third over in the Grade I Whitney in 1999. Baker reaches out for John Velazquez, and the pair has teamed to go 7-for-18 together the past two seasons.

Writingonthewall should be motoring early from his inside draw and could loom a troublesome foe on the front end for Tin Cup Chalice. A Flying Zee Stable homebred trained by Carlos Martin, Writingonthewall comes in off a dominating entry-level allowance score at Belmont July 19, where the son of E Dubai set a 46-second half-mile before drawing off to a 6-length win. He attempts two turns on the main track for the first time and should be a factor from the opening bell. Kent Desormeaux rides for the first time.

J. Paul Reddham's Overextended (Alan Garcia to ride), an allowance winner in his first start for Mark Henning two-back at Belmont, and Clear Stars Stable's That'srightofficer (Edgar Prado), fourth in the Mike Lee and third in the New York Derby for Rick Schosberg, round out the field.

No horse has completed the Big Apple Triple since its inception in 1999, though three — Image Maker (2000), Ferocious Won (2006) and Chief's Lake (2007) — have entered the Albany with a chance to sweep the series.

## Writingonthewall could loom a troublesome foe on the front end for Tin Cup Chalice.

"The Tesio, looking back, was a pretty impressive race. Mint Lane came back to win the Grade II Dwyer and we beat him that day," Motion said. "That was the day we realized he was a pretty serious horse. In the Preakness he probably should have been second, he had a really lousy trip that day."

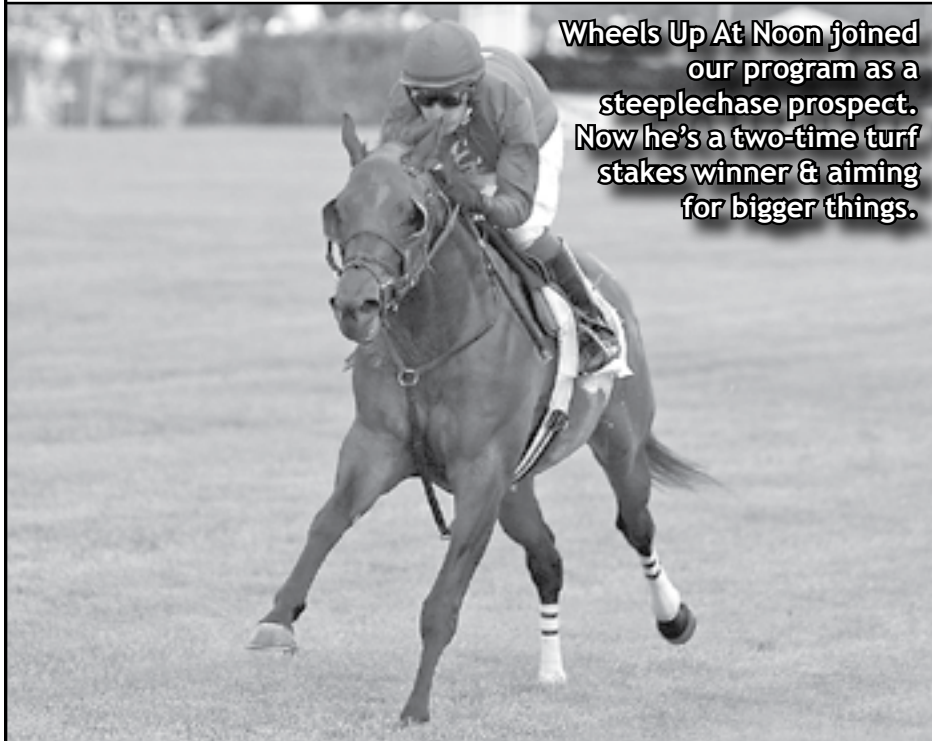
Buoyed by the closing finish in the Preakness, Motion sent Icabad Crane to Long Island with the hopes of crashing Big Brown's Triple Crown bid. It didn't happen. Icabad Crane struggled home eighth, more than 25 lengths behind upset winner Da' Tara. The time was right for a freshening.

"I just think that he didn't handle the distance of the Belmont. He hit a wall that day. We backed off a little bit and gave him an easy three or four weeks. We had this race in mind as a starting point and it seems like a pretty logical spot," Motion said. "He's not a flashy work horse so we didn't have any aspirations that he would take us to where he has. Absolutely not. He just kind of

already exited. Trained by Barclay Tagg for Eric Fein and Barry Elberg, Big Truck finished second in the Sam F. Davis Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 16 and took the Grade III Tampa Bay Derby March 15. Tagg sent Big Truck to Keeneland for the Grade I Blue Grass Stakes and he disappointed, finishing 11th and not handling the Polytrack. Big Truck moved on to Churchill Downs, where he endured a brutal trip and came home 18th after being steadied, bumped and battered. Tagg opted to bypass the Preakness and the rest of the spring season and Big Truck has trained forwardly for the Albany, including five works over the main track, a surface he broke his maiden over at first-asking last August.

"He came out of the Derby and was a bit slow to come around. He got really banged around in there and we just felt it was a good time to back off and let him get his head back together," Tagg said. "He's laying down in his stall with his feet up, so he's doing fine. He's worked well and has some big works

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| 1        | Flibberjibit<br>Soul Violins<br>Contessa entry             | Flibberjibit<br>Normalize<br>Soul Violins             | Flibberjibit<br>Soul Violins<br>Normalize             | Flibberjibit<br>Hanna Banana<br>Normalize             |
| 2        | Sneak Peek<br>Distant Strike<br>Memorized                  | Sneak Peek<br>Memorized<br>Herr Mozart                | Keeping The Honor<br>Sneak Peek<br>Umbra              | Sneak Peek<br>Memorized<br>Relatively Ready           |
| 3        | Pretty Carina<br>Song Of Love<br>Awesome I Am              | Pretty Carina<br>Pious Ashley<br>Awesome I Am         | Awesome I Am<br>Song Of Love<br>Pious Ashley          | Awesome I am<br>Ocean Goddess<br>Pretty Carina        |
| 4        | On Lake<br>Ardnagh<br>Mynia                                | On Lake<br>Ardnagh<br>Kevazinga                       | On Lake<br>Ardnagh<br>Kevazinga                       | Ardnagh<br>On Lake<br>Princess Westly                 |
| 5        | Warm Springs Girl<br>Swirly Girl<br>Consequence            | Warm Springs Girl<br>Swirly Girl<br>Closing Speed     | Heavenly Vision<br>Closing Speed<br>Warm Springs Girl | There Are Rainbows<br>Warm Springs Gal<br>Consequence |
| 6        | Terrific Storm<br>Rio Mistico<br>Real Quality              | Encinas<br>Rock Lobster<br>Real Quality               | Encinas<br>Real Quality<br>Rock Lobster               | Bon Marie<br>Real Quality<br>Encinas                  |
| 7        | Messa Nera<br>Fenaghville<br>Trip To The Bank              | Messa Nera<br>Metulla<br>Distant Shine                | Tonsina<br>Fullmoongoose<br>Tomlinson Hill            | Messa Nera<br>Metulla<br>Secret Design                |
| 8        | Zada Belle<br>Dorm Fever<br>City Bird                      | Zada Belle<br>Dorm Fever<br>Over Forli                | Zada Belle<br>City Bird<br>Dorm Fever                 | Zada Belle<br>Be Golden<br>City Bird                  |
| 9        | Big Truck<br>Icabad Crane<br>Tin Cup Chalice               | Icabad Crane<br>Tin Cup Chalice<br>Big Truck          | Big Truck<br>Icabad Crane<br>Tin Cup Chalice          | Big Truck<br>Icabad Crane<br>Tin Cup Chalice          |
| 10       | Stormy Relations<br>Absoulute Heaven<br>Miss Blarney Stone | Absoulute Heaven<br>Western Slang<br>Stormy Relations | Aristo<br>Stormy Relations<br>Absoulute Heaven        | Stormy Relations<br>Absoulute Heaven<br>Western Slang |
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## WEDNESDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

BY BRIAN NADEAU

**RACE 1:** Mike Maker and Ken Ramsey have come alive (especially in the day's opener) over the past week and FLIBBERJIBIT meets a field she should like. She's well-drawn inside and should be tough to deny. SOUL VIOLINS gets back to her game, sprinting on the main track; if she returns to her June 12 race she'll give the top one fits. NORMALIZE takes her first crack at winners but is far from outmatched.

**RACE 2:** SNEAK PEEK makes his second start, his first with Lasix, both successful angles for Ken McPeck. Got the perfect tightener here Aug. 4 and should move forward. UMBRA takes bow for Todd Pletcher, who's won a boatload of 2-year-old grass races here the past few seasons. MEMORIZED goes out for expert connections and drew a cozy post, something that can be very important when a pack of 2-year-olds see the clubhouse turn for the first time. On dirt: Keeping The Honor, Sneak Peek, Seal Team.

**RACE 3:** AWESOME I AM rates as the day's best bet off a pair of solid thirds at longer distances; should have some snappy splits to chase and be in a perfect spot turning for home. SONG OF LOVE rates a look on the return to dirt. Chased Music Note and several other talented ladies earlier in the year. PIOUS ASHLEY finally gets back to a sprint after tiring in a pair of route outings.

**RACE 4:** ON LAKE is an intriguing newcomer in a race calling out for a fresh face; know her late. ARDNAUGH has run well since moving to Chad Brown's barn five starts back. KEVAZINGA returns to the turf for the first time in over a year and can threaten on her best. On dirt: Kevazinga, Ardnagh, On Lake.

**RACE 5:** CLOSING SPEED makes her debut for a barn that has done little wrong this meet. Not the best turf breeding, but you can overlook that in these dashes. WARM SPRINGS GIRL goes out for a white-hot outfit; having Edgar Prado named adds to the intrigue. SUCH FLASH flashed some speed in her last and has some synthetic form that suggests she might like the turf. On dirt: Heavenly Vision, Code Name, First To Come Home.

**RACE 6:** ENCINAS ran huge off an almost eight-month layoff; anything close to that effort would get it done again. REAL QUALITY goes out for Tom Albertrani (long overdue for a win) and shortens up after flattening out in his last. ROCK LOBSTER fits but be careful of taking too short a price on this guy. On dirt: Rio Mistico, Certain Circles, Encinas.

**RACE 7:** There seems to be plenty of speed to set up a late rally so maybe TONSINA can get there. Toss his debut, as he had no chance; he takes the big drop today and should be a player late. The same can be said for FULLMOONGOOSE, who stumbled at the break Aug. 1 but recovered to run well. TOMLINSON HILL will try to run them off their feet early and rates the best of the speedy types.

**RACE 8:** ZADA BELLE gets some class relief after running a good second in the Grade II Honorable Miss. She should be tough to beat and rates a deserving favorite. CITY BIRD came from off the pace to blow away a decent field at Belmont Park and rates the main danger. Jimmy Jerkens hits at 37 percent off a 180 day or more layoff so DORM FEVER should be respected.

**RACE 9:** The call goes out to BIG TRUCK, who has been freshened since testing the Triple Crown trail earlier this year, in this very solid renewal of the Albany Stakes. Outside draw isn't ideal but he should be able to follow Tin Cup Chalice into the first turn and set up shop off of that rival. ICABAD CRANE returns after trying in the last two legs of the Triple Crown, including a huge third in the Preakness; rates a huge stretch threat if the pace gets too heated. TIN CUP CHALICE goes seeking the New York Triple Crown but has several things going against him, including spotting weight to the top two. Thinking he might come unglued in furlong number 9.

**RACE 10:** STORMY RELATIONS has done little wrong in four starts this year and got the feel for the course earlier in the meet. Talented miss should get first run on the closers; honk, honk. ABSOULUTE HEAVEN ran too-good-to-lose in her last at Belmont and the winner that day came right back to score. WESTERN SLANG gets back to turf, and should be right there on the wire. On dirt: Aristo, Salt City Miss, One In A Romp.



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# Going for the gold

## Improving filly looks for her first stakes score

BY JOHN PANAGOT

Be Golden has polished her game since entering Steve Margolis' barn. Owners Richard, Elaine and Bert Klein sent the daughter of Touch Gold to Margolis last summer, and the filly has responded with three wins from six starts under his eye.

"I picked up some really nice horses from them," the trainer said. "She's a beautiful filly, and has a great pedigree."

Excluding one race at Gulfstream Park (where the 4-year-old got caught in a speed duel worthy of Carl Lewis), Be Golden has been competitive since joining Margolis. After an indirect path — her four career wins have come at four racetracks — Be Golden will make her stakes debut in today's \$80,000 Bennington, a 6-furlong race restricted to distaffers who haven't won an open stakes in 2008.

"We had her at Churchill, she was training well and actually we wanted to run her there but the race didn't go,"



Tod Marks

Second in the Grade II Honorable Miss, Zada Belle hopes for a first stakes win in today's Bennington.

Margolis said of Be Golden. "It's funny, I had horses in Monmouth too, so we decided to ship her there and her first race off that layoff she ran a huge race."

Be Golden drew off easily in the allowance race but returned with a chip. Surgery followed and she didn't return

to the races until February.

"She came into a race at Gulfstream training really, really well, but got into a wicked speed duel and got tired," Margolis said. "But she came back real well, and has had a few good races at Churchill and then one at Ellis Park because we couldn't get her into one at Churchill. She keeps stepping up — the quality of (today's) horses will let us see where we're at. She has come a long way over her last four races. We felt like we needed to take a shot and step her up to a black-type race."

Godolphin Stable's Zada Belle (John Velazquez) enters as the 2-1 morning-line favorite for trainer Saeed bin Suroor. The 4-year-old daughter of Indian Charlie ran second to Any Limit in the Honorable Miss Handicap Aug. 1 and is 2-for-3 at 6 furlongs.

Stonewall Farm's Over Forli (Channing Hill) comes in off a win (at nearly 20-1) in the 7-furlong Lillian Russell here July 28 for Stonewall Farm. Trained by Mike Hushion, the Chilean-bred had made her first start on North American dirt that day; the 5-year-old's three other starts in the United States had been over Polytrack and grass.

"When she came in from California,

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Mike spent some time with her at Belmont to see how she was," said assistant Graham Wolfram. "It took a little time, but she kept improving and improving; and they decided to go on with her after they were thinking about giving her a break. Her coat started looking better, and she'd been training well. She looks good, her weight's good and all. She ran nice here but (today) is tougher than the last time. But she should go forward."

Eibar Coa reunites with Officer In Pursuit for the first time since July 2007, when they teamed up to take the Nany at Belmont. Edward Lipton's 4-year-old Officer filly makes her second start since entering Ben Perkins' barn at Monmouth Park.

"(The owners) looked at a couple spots and they just wound up sending her over there," Perkins said. "They asked if I wanted to take her and I said yes. She's a compact filly. She's nice and balanced. There's not a lot of sprints around, actually, and I thought this looked like a good spot."

Dorm Fever (Cornelio Velasquez) has been away from the races since October, but Ned Evans' Virginia-bred finished fourth in the Grade I Gazelle to Lear's Princess and Rags To Riches last September. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens has been successful running his horses off long layoffs.

Scalinatella (Richard Migliore) enters as a decided longshot for French-born owner/trainer Raja Malek. The 5-year-old Brazilian bred compiled a 6-for-9 record in her native land for J.C. Silva but is winless in her two starts since coming to the States.

City Bird (Edgar Prado) ran away from an entry-level allowance field at Belmont July 9 for Stronach Stables. Trained by Richard Dutrow Jr., the Carson City filly has been training consistently at Aqueduct.

Gem Sleuth (Julien Leparoux), a 4-year-old daughter of Officer, makes her 19th career start and owns two wins from 12 tries at today's distance, including a closing score in the Gulfstream speed duel that cooked Be Golden. Eddie Kenneally saddles the Summerplace Farm filly.

Rounding out the Bennington field is Bully Bones (Ramon Dominguez), who breaks from the outside post in her first start for trainer Todd Pletcher. Owned by Twin Creeks Racing Stable, the daughter of Hesabull has not raced since December, when she took a 6 1/2-furlong stakes at Turf Paradise.



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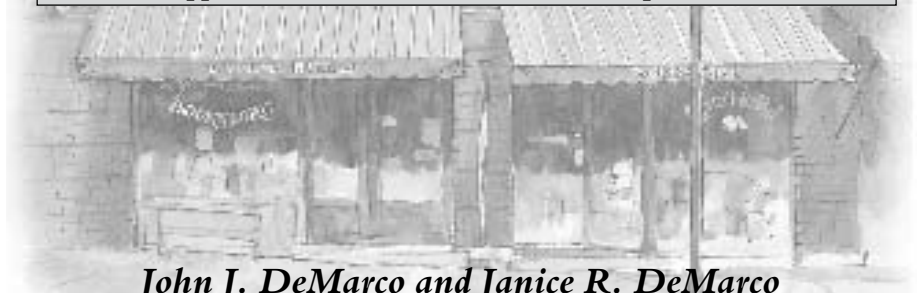
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Dave Harmon

The New York Jockeys pose before taking on the state police in a softball game on Monday.

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| Jockeys            | Sts. | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Win% | Top 3% | Earnings    |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|-------------|
| John Velazquez     | 126  | 22  | 19  | 20  | 17.5 | 48.4   | \$1,879,226 |
| Edgar Prado        | 130  | 21  | 28  | 16  | 16.2 | 50.0   | 1,498,137   |
| Cornelio Velasquez | 135  | 21  | 22  | 21  | 15.6 | 47.4   | 1,227,326   |
| Alan Garcia        | 126  | 21  | 16  | 18  | 16.7 | 43.7   | 1,634,808   |
| Ramon Dominguez    | 138  | 20  | 19  | 11  | 14.5 | 36.2   | 1,322,778   |
| Eibar Coa          | 123  | 17  | 17  | 18  | 13.8 | 42.3   | 1,122,606   |
| Julien Leparoux    | 92   | 16  | 9   | 8   | 17.4 | 35.9   | 1,386,258   |
| Javier Castellano  | 111  | 12  | 22  | 19  | 10.8 | 47.7   | 1,178,166   |
| Rajiv Maragh       | 100  | 11  | 13  | 15  | 11.0 | 39.0   | 673,193     |
| Shaun Bridgmohan   | 68   | 10  | 9   | 7   | 14.7 | 38.2   | 801,352     |
| Kent Desormeaux    | 85   | 9   | 11  | 17  | 10.6 | 43.5   | 850,151     |
| Robby Albarado     | 80   | 9   | 3   | 12  | 11.2 | 30.0   | 693,467     |
| Mike Luzzi         | 68   | 6   | 8   | 5   | 8.8  | 27.9   | 293,924     |
| Channing Hill      | 75   | 6   | 6   | 9   | 8.0  | 28.0   | 408,798     |
| Jose Espinoza      | 54   | 5   | 4   | 7   | 9.3  | 29.6   | 312,999     |
| Elvis Trujillo     | 8    | 4   | 1   | 0   | 50.0 | 62.5   | 132,896     |
| Richard Migliore   | 26   | 4   | 0   | 2   | 15.4 | 23.1   | 192,182     |
| Jorge Chavez       | 53   | 3   | 3   | 8   | 5.7  | 26.4   | 147,301     |
| Sebastian Morales  | 47   | 3   | 3   | 4   | 6.4  | 21.3   | 171,318     |

| Trainers           | Sts. | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Win% | Top3% | Earnings |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|----------|
| Todd Pletcher      | 52   | 12  | 5   | 7   | 23.1 | 46.2  | 629,568  |
| Richard Dutrow Jr. | 37   | 9   | 8   | 6   | 24.3 | 62.2  | 551,175  |
| Steve Asmussen     | 34   | 8   | 7   | 4   | 23.5 | 55.9  | 721,603  |
| Tony Dutrow        | 22   | 8   | 4   | 5   | 36.4 | 77.3  | 398,916  |
| Barclay Tagg       | 27   | 8   | 3   | 2   | 29.6 | 48.1  | 531,794  |
| Gary Contessa      | 85   | 7   | 12  | 5   | 8.2  | 28.2  | 451,359  |
| Kiaran McLaughlin  | 36   | 7   | 5   | 8   | 19.4 | 55.6  | 503,811  |
| Bobby Frankel      | 25   | 7   | 5   | 2   | 28.0 | 56.0  | 546,891  |
| Linda Rice         | 35   | 6   | 5   | 3   | 17.1 | 40.0  | 283,611  |
| Mike Maker         | 17   | 6   | 2   | 1   | 35.3 | 52.9  | 196,166  |
| Bruce Levine       | 35   | 5   | 8   | 6   | 14.3 | 54.3  | 306,789  |
| George Weaver      | 19   | 5   | 5   | 3   | 26.3 | 68.4  | 306,435  |
| Wesley Ward        | 16   | 5   | 1   | 3   | 31.2 | 56.2  | 180,212  |
| Nick Zito          | 36   | 4   | 6   | 3   | 11.1 | 36.1  | 708,076  |
| Wayne Lukas        | 41   | 4   | 3   | 1   | 9.8  | 19.5  | 196,396  |
| David Duggan       | 11   | 4   | 1   | 1   | 36.4 | 54.5  | 173,527  |
| Jonathan Sheppard  | 15   | 4   | 0   | 2   | 26.7 | 40.0  | 425,945  |

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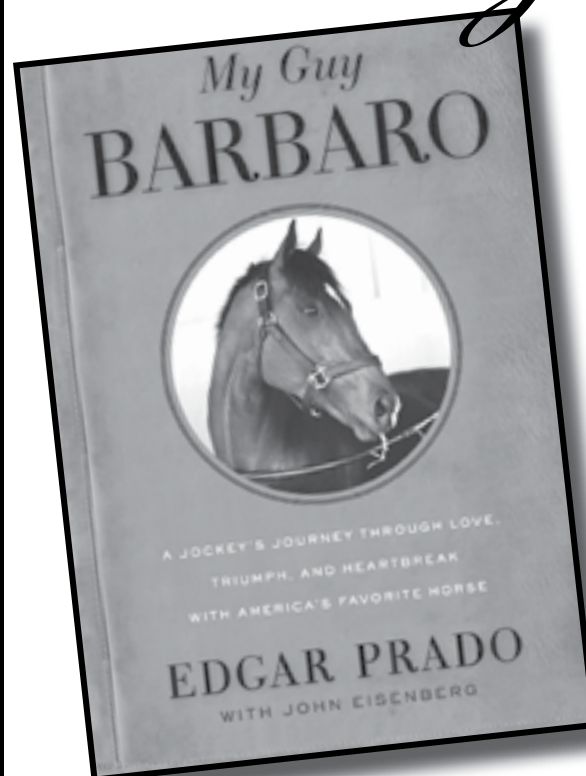
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# Crosstown Traffic

By The Light maneuvers to victory

BY SEAN CLANCY

Edgar Prado crossed the scales and walked halfway across the winner's circle after Monday's featured Union Avenue before stopping and taking a deep breath.

"Whew," Prado said, as he watched the stewards' views of the \$84,150 stakes.

Whew was right, after the seven-horse field of New York-bred distaffers played scatter march around the far turn.

On the outside, Just Zip It and jockey Jose Espinoza tightened it up on Light Tactic and Javier Castellano, who forced Summer Palace and John Velazquez to check sharply along the rail. Just behind the trio, Ramon Dominguez yanked Salt Water Reign to the right to avoid Summer Palace's heels. Prado, moving forwardly on By The Light, had to veer around Salt Water Reign and into Eibar Coa on Street Sass.

It looked like boardwalk bumper cars.

"Sitting there and all of a sudden, I have another horse in front of me. That's one of the closest ones in a long time," Velazquez said. "You know when you check like that somebody has to be behind you. You know somebody's in

## UNION AVENUE STAKES RECAP

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danger behind you. If I go, I'm pretty sure two or three others are going to go too."

Coa felt like he was cruising on Street Sass, then all of a sudden had company.

"I didn't know anything had happened," Coa said. "I was trying to keep Edgar in there and the next thing I know, we saw a horse right in front of us. Edgar tried to avoid it, and pushed me out. It stopped my motion and she couldn't come back after that. Up to that point, I thought I was going to win the race. It happened quick, snap, snap, snap."

Prado eventually righted favorite By The Light, who came running despite the melee.

"It was a chain reaction. Close. Very close," Prado said. "I knew (the inquiry) wasn't against me, I was innocent, I'm glad nobody got hurt."

The once-defeated By The Light closed resolutely to nail Light Tactic and Just Zip It. The daughter of Malibu Moon won by a half-length over Light Tactic, who had a neck on Just Zip It. By The Light finished the 6 furlongs in 1:10.58.



Dave Harmon

By The Light (left) charges home in Monday's Union Avenue Stakes.

"I looked good leaving the backside, those other horses were running in front of me, I thought if something opened up I'd shoot through, then they started backing up all at the same time so I thought I better get out of the way and I began easing out," Prado said. "Then I saw Johnny check real hard and stop right in front of me, big time. I had to come out and bump Coa a little bit. My

filly was brave, she broke slow, took a lot of dirt and overcome it all, she was very nice."

Owned by Jay Em Ess Stable and trained by Richard Dutrow Jr., By The Light has been very nice, compiling a 6-for-7 career mark, with her only defeat delivered by juvenile champion Indian Blessing in the Grade I Prioress July 5.

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# 4-Front

## Rice saddles superfecta in Monday turf stakes

BY BRIAN NADEAU &amp; JOHN PANAGOT

Linda Rice stood at the top of the grandstand steps overlooking the track and watched the furious finish in Monday's Mechanicville. Ahvee's Destiny got up in the last jump on Canadian Ballet, giving the trainer a one-two finish. That much she knew. Silver Timber fell in behind the pair for third. Rice again. Then Karakorum Elektra headed favorite Redefined under the line.

Suddenly the unthinkable became reality. The tote board flashed "8-3-5-1"; it could just as well have displayed "R-I-C-E" as the trainer had saddled the first four finishers in the \$83,250 Stakes.

"I didn't know right away," Rice confessed. "I was watching and counting: 'One, two, three. Four? Wow! Are you kidding?'"

Hardly. Rice has dominated the turf-sprint division over the past few years and Monday's sweep confirmed her position. Ahvee's Destiny (John Velazquez), a 4-year-old filly owned by Everything's Cricket Racing, has earned \$236,790 with six wins from 16 starts.

Redefined went postward as a solid 8-5 favorite in the Mechanicville, based on his win over open company here July 31 and his nose loss in the \$77,000 Pebo's Guy Stakes at Belmont Park May 31. Rice countered with three fillies and the accomplished Silver Timber, 2-for-3 over the track.



Dave Harmon

Ahvee's Destiny (second from right) leads a Linda Rice-trained sweep of the first four spots in the Mechanicville.

Canadian Ballet (Javier Castellano) outbroke the gate and shot off to a quick lead, with Redefined and Ahvee's Destiny chasing. Karakorum Elektra rated in fourth with Silver Timber (Edgar Prado) sixth. Canadian Ballet clicked off a quarter-mile in 22.85 seconds and a half in 45.39, with Redefined drawing to within a half-length, and Ahvee's Destiny following that move as the field hit the far turn.

Canadian Ballet cut the corner turning for home and nearing the eighth-pole she surged to a clear lead. Redefined backed out of it and Ahvee's Destiny picked up the chase, setting her sights on her stablemate. She collared Canadian Ballet near the wire to score by a head – and start the procession of Rice trainees.

Like several of Rice's horses, Ahvee's Destiny has thrived since being switched to turf sprints last summer.

"Those fillies, they want to do that, they want to

run 5 1/2 on the grass. They like it. So running against the boys, that didn't worry me," Rice said. "We knew Redefined was a tough horse but frankly I thought any one of ours had a chance to win or we could just get a piece and take home some checks. We had four in there but didn't expect to take all of them! That was a lot of fun."

The all-Rice superfecta paid \$3,490,

- Before Proud Spell and Music Note there was Country Star. Stonerside Stable's homebred entered 2008 near the top of every early season 3-year-old filly poll thanks to convincing victories in a pair of late-season Grade I wins in the Alcibiades at Keeneland and a convincing victory in the Hollywood Starlet. While things haven't exactly gone according to plan

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since, Country Star got going again in Monday's seventh, a \$70,000 optional claimer on the lawn.

While Country Star's laurels were earned on synthetic main tracks, she did finish second in her career debut on turf (behind Backseat Rhythm, who won the Grade II Lake Placid here last week) and the daughter of Empire Maker returned to the grass Monday in her first start since running sixth behind Proud Spell in the Kentucky Oaks May 2.

Trained by Bobby Frankel, Country Star (Castellano) broke alertly and settled in third as Stately set a pressured 48.33-second half-mile, with Tazarine glued to her outside. Country Star sat in the garden spot while traveling wide on the backstretch. As the field reached the far turn, Castellano produced Country Star on the outside and got the jump on Marie Rossa (Ramon Dominguez) and Sweet Ransom (Velazquez). Country Star struck the lead inside the eighth-pole and gamely held off Marie Rossa to score by a half-length.

"She came back to run well. We can now put this one behind and move forward and look to get her back into some big stakes," said Frankel's longtime assistant Jose Cuevas, who deputized for the out-of-town trainer. "She came in training really well, her minute-flat work the other day was great. This filly will run on anything, turf, dirt, Poly-track, it doesn't matter to her."

John Adger, Stonerside's racing and bloodstock manager, was on hand for the race and echoed Cuevas' thoughts.

"It's really nice to have her back because she means so much to us," Adger said. "She ran so well as a 2-year-old and then she was so disappointing in the Ashland and the Kentucky Oaks. Of course, now we found out, we were running against some awfully good horses. You always want to win, but today, I just wanted her to finish well and now we're onto great things. I think Bobby's thinking her next start will be the Gazelle."

- Law N Dora (Prado) outbobbied Yelt (Velasquez) in Monday's fourth, a \$50,000 claimer, to capture the first win of the Spa season for Alan Seewald. The trainer shipped Law N Dora from Monmouth Park, and the son of Silver Deputy used every inch of the 6-furlongs to collar the favored Yelt.

"He's a nice, useful colt," Seewald said. "He had a real good race and we gave him a little bit of a break. It took us a little time to get back going but he was in the right spot, got a little lucky. He got a good ride by Edgar. Straight 3-year-old claimers don't go in Jersey, or Philadelphia, so we came here, and this race ran and it set up perfect."

- Lorccan (Jeffrey Sanchez) delivered on the promise he showed earlier in the meet when he took Monday's third, a \$64,000 state-bred optional claimer. Trained by Jimmy Ferraro for Lianna Stables, Lorccan chased Tergesti July 28 to just miss at this level. He left little to chance Monday, pressing the early pace set by Atlas Mountain (Maragh) then surging to the lead in mid-stretch to defeat Lee Stewart (Garcia).

Ferraro claimed Lorccan for \$25,000 at Aqueduct in February and the 4-year-old son of Aptitude has proved a bargain. In eight starts for Ferraro, Lorccan has produced two wins, a second and three thirds.

"He likes this track a lot and keeping him at two turns is another thing that helped him. He's proven to be a very useful horse for us," Ferraro said.

- Bernardo Callejas bid a fond farewell to Bishop's Back after the eighth race, but not before the 4-year-old took the \$35,000 claimer at 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf. Hobeau Farm sent the homebred to Callejas, former assistant to Bishop's Back's previous trainer Allen Jerkens, earlier this season. Seventh in his 2008 debut, he was moved to the lawn. Bishop's Back scored May 29 at Belmont and followed that with two thirds in starter allowances.

Monday, Bishop's Back (Jose Espinoza) pressed the early pace of Call Tiger (Cornelio Velasquez) and the pair went a quarter-mile in 23 seconds. Bishop's Back

turity at Finger Lakes in October. In December, she won her open debut, taking the Delta Princess at Delta Downs. This year, she made her 3-year-old debut in the Pearl City at Belmont, taking that easily. After playing bridesmaid to Indian Blessing, she came to Saratoga having already earned \$547,565.

"She knows the wire," Prado said. "The time before she did the same thing, got left at the gate, stuck in the back of the pack, made one run and that filly was a little bit better than today, she kept on going. Look who beat her the last time."

There were no Indian Blessings in the Union Avenue.

"Definitely not," Prado said. "Definitely not."



Dave Harmon

**Country Star (right) holds off Marie Rossa near the end of Monday's seventh.**

took over turning for home and coasted to a 2-length win. Call Tiger bested Mr Sam I Am (Castellano) for the place.

Mike Maker dropped the claim slip for Bishop's Back on behalf of Ken and Sarah Ramsey, but Callejas was happy that the time he'd spent on Bishop's Back paid off.

"He had a lot of problems but when we finally got him on turf and got him racing consistently he runs big. I had to work with him a lot but when he's sound he's OK," Callejas said. "Sprinting on the turf has really turned into his thing and he always ran hard for us every time we sent him out there."

## Sunday Racing

- Amanwella (Dominguez) looked home free in Sunday's second, a 7-furlong event for maiden 2-year-olds. At the head of the stretch, she led by 4 lengths, but after setting splits of 22.74 and 46.08, the daughter of Fusaichi Pegasus began to get weary and Persistently (Garcia) lived up to her name to reel-in the favorite.

The Phipps Stable homebred closed determinedly to finish third in her debut here July 28, and the Smoke Glacken filly was again unhurried Sunday. Trailing along the backstretch before circling six-wide around the far turn, she continued to rally through the stretch and blew past the pacesetter with authority.

"You know, as a second-time starter, she ran well," said Dinny Phipps. "I didn't think she'd fall out of it as far as she did at the start. I thought she'd break pretty well and then fall back a little but I really didn't think she'd be that far out of it . . . She looked like a sprinter that wants to go long. You never know with the breeding. We've always liked her and she's always been nice."

The win completed Garcia's early double.

- Godolphin Stable's Numaany (Castellano) was back at the distance of his lone career win, and improved to 2-for-4 at 9 furlongs after winning Sunday's third race. The 3-year-old son of A.P. Indy stumbled at the break but recovered nicely to race in a comfortable spot along the rail down the backstretch. Castellano waited patiently for some running room on the turn, and when he found some, he came four wide to wear down Tizbig (Velasquez) by 2 lengths.

"He went to Dubai and ran one pretty good race, then he kind of fell off a little bit his next two races," said Godolphin's Rick Mettee. "We then brought him back to Kentucky and gave him some R&R. He's really starting to come around this year though."

- After Stepside (Dominguez) swooped down the stretch to win the eighth (a \$64,000 optional claimer for state-breds on the turf) going away, trainer Tom Voss started thinking big.

"I think I've got to take a look at a New York-bred stakes with him after this performance. He ran huge out there," Voss said. "He should have beat Banrock last fall and we saw how he did the other day when he won that stakes (the West Point Aug. 10), so he should fit in with those horses."

If Sunday's 2 1/4-length win was any indication the others might be hoping to fit in with Stepside. Owned by New Day Racing Stable and John Lauriello, Stepside has risen through the ranks at the Spa after breaking his maiden last fall at Belmont. On July 26 the 4-year-old son of Real Quiet closed from ninth and drew off to a 3 3/4-length win.

He cut back to a mile Sunday after running a 1 1/16 miles or longer in the first eight starts of his career. Not that it mattered. Though he sat last behind dawdling splits of 25.11 and 50.28, he circled the field on the far turn and won as much-the-best over Alexandros (Velasquez) and Typhoon Tycoon (Robby Albarado).

"Cutting him back to a mile was a bit of a concern today but the way he did it, after they went so slow early, he was very impressive," Voss said. "Maybe he just likes this track, I'm not really sure what's gotten him so good, but he's turned the corner up here."

- Gary Sciacca overemphasized things a bit, but Frisky Rosie was overdue for a win entering Sunday's finale, a \$35,000 conditioned claimer on the turf.

"This horse has been knocking on the door for us — second, second, second, second. She finally got to them today," Sciacca said. "She got a nice tightener last time on the dirt and I think that might have moved her forward."

After running on turf for her last seven starts, Frisky Rosie went to the dirt July 28 when the 35,000 claimer was washed off the grass. The daughter of Wiseman's Ferry rewarded Sciacca with a game second, the same spot she finished at Belmont July 11.

Sunday Frisky Rosie (Coa) rallied from ninth early on to post a mild upset over Empress Indy (Maragh) and Unbridled Nation (Velasquez). Dance Lesson set off on an ambitious pace, carving out a half-mile in 47.17 while Coa and Frisky Rosie were content to lag well off the early leader. Rallying three-wide turning for home Frisky Rosie took the lead inside the eighth-pole and drew off to a 1 1/4-length win, her second in 16 lifetime starts for Fertile Acres Farm.

# Union Avenue —

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The Union Avenue, a stakes restricted to New York-bred fillies and mares which had not won a graded sweepstakes in 2008, proved to be a decidedly easier spot.

A \$190,000 yearling purchase at Fasig-Tipton Timonium in September 2006, the Paul Rothfuss-bred filly made her debut at Belmont Park last July. She took that by 6 1/4 lengths, then won the Lady Fingers (a state-bred stakes) at Finger Lakes in September. She handled the boys in the New York Breeders' Fu-

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MONDAY, AUGUST 18.

### 1ST. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. CLM 20,000. PURSE \$31,000.

|   |                |              |      |      |      |
|---|----------------|--------------|------|------|------|
| 5 | Last Tram      | Leparoux J R | 7.30 | 4.80 | 3.60 |
| 3 | Sweet Sugar    | Chavez J F   |      | 7.30 | 4.70 |
| 2 | Emotival (ARG) | Espinoza J L |      |      | 4.80 |

Finish Time: 1:51.24

Trainer: Mike Maker. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey.  
B. c. 3 Malibu Moon-Miss Suilleabhain, Silver Deputy.  
Bred by Castleton Lyons (KY).

\$2 Exacta 5-3 Paid \$64.00; \$2 Trifecta 5-3-2 Paid \$320.50

### 2ND. 6 FURLONGS. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

|   |                 |                |      |      |      |
|---|-----------------|----------------|------|------|------|
| 4 | Tall Poppi      | Coa E M        | 7.30 | 3.60 | 2.20 |
| 3 | Head Heart Hoof | Dominguez R A  |      | 7.70 | 3.20 |
| 7 | Aoja            | Castellano J J |      |      | 2.10 |

Finish Time: 1:12.21

Trainer: Barclay Tagg. Owner: Michael Yurch.  
Dk.B./Br. c. 2 Intidab-Jupiter Hollow, Salt Lake.  
Bred by Philip Trowbridge (NY).

\$2 Exacta 4-3 Paid \$57.00; \$2 Quinella 3-4 Paid \$30.60; \$2 Trifecta 4-3-7 Paid \$103.50; \$2 Daily Double (5-4) Paid \$28.60

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

|   |                |             |      |      |      |
|---|----------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| 3 | Lorccan        | Sanchez J   | 7.80 | 3.80 | 2.70 |
| 2 | Lee Stewart    | Garcia Alan |      | 3.90 | 2.90 |
| 1 | Atlas Mountain | Maragh R    |      |      | 3.80 |

Finish Time: 1:51.78

Trainer: James Ferraro. Owner: Lianna Stables.  
B. c. 4 Aptitude-Designer Phone, Phone Trick.  
Bred by Sorin Stables (NY).

\$2 Exacta 3-2 Paid \$23.40; \$2 Trifecta 3-2-1 Paid \$114.50; \$2 Pick 3 (5-4-3) 3 Correct Paid \$131.50; \$2 Daily Double (4-3) Paid \$32.80

### 4TH. 6 FURLONGS. 3YO. CLM 50,000. PURSE \$47,000.

|   |            |             |      |      |      |
|---|------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Law N Dora | Prado E S   | 9.90 | 4.60 | 3.20 |
| 7 | Yelt       | Velasquez C |      | 3.00 | 2.50 |
| 5 | Pocatello  | Maragh R    |      |      | 2.70 |

Finish Time: 1:10.46

Trainer: Alan Seewald. Owner: David Simon.  
B. c. 3 Silver Deputy-Lady Dora, Lord At War (ARG).  
Bred by F.E. Dixon Jr. (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-7 Paid \$34.00; \$2 Quinella 1-7 Paid \$15.80; \$2 Trifecta 1-7-5 Paid \$96.50; \$2 Pick 3 (4-3-1) 3 Correct Paid \$279.50; \$2 Daily Double (3-1) Paid \$50.50

### 5TH. 1 MILE. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$34,000.

|    |                   |               |      |      |      |
|----|-------------------|---------------|------|------|------|
| 10 | Big Wig           | Velazquez J R | 9.40 | 4.20 | 2.70 |
| 7  | Titan of Industry | Coa E M       |      | 3.30 | 2.70 |
| 4  | The Cuban Hawk    | Prado E S     |      |      | 3.20 |

Finish Time: 1:35.23

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Owner: Dogwood Stable.  
Ch. g. 3 A.P. Indy-Ruthian, Rahy.  
Bred by Payson Stud (KY).

\$2 Exacta 10-7 Paid \$27.60; \$2 Trifecta 10-7-4 Paid \$82.00; \$2 Pick 3 (3-1-10) 3 Correct Paid \$271.00; \$2 Pick 4 (4-3-1-10) 4 Correct Paid \$1,236.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-10) Paid \$60.50; \$2 Superfecta 10-7-4-1 Paid \$410.00

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**1st:** Sweet Sugar by Charlton Baker, Senor Enrico by Randi Persaud for C.P. Racing Stables, Know The Game by Joe Aquilino for Jay Lieberman.

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**5th:** Big Wig by John Fahey III for Expensive LLC, Titan Of Industry by Mike Maker for Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

**8th:** Bishop's Back by Mike Maker for Ken and Sarah Ramsey, Call Tiger by Gary Gullo for Funky Monkey Stable.

### 6TH. THE MECHANICVILLE. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. PURSE \$83,250.

|   |                 |                |       |       |      |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------|------|
| 8 | Ahvee's Destiny | Velazquez J R  | 20.60 | 10.00 | 6.00 |
| 3 | Canadian Ballet | Castellano J J |       | 11.20 | 6.80 |
| 5 | Silver Timber   | Prado E S      |       |       | 4.30 |

Finish Time: 1:02.72

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: Everything's Cricket Racing.  
Ch. f. 4 Rizzi-Love Destiny, Silver Deputy.  
Bred by Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY)

\$2 Exacta 8-3 Paid \$248.00; \$2 Trifecta 8-3-5 Paid \$914.00; \$2 Pick 3 (1-10-8) 3 Correct Paid \$498.00; \$2 Daily Double (10-8) Paid \$80.50; \$2 Superfecta 8-3-5-1 Paid \$3,490.00

### 7TH. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. AOC 50,000. PURSE \$70,000.

|   |                  |                |      |      |      |
|---|------------------|----------------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Country Star     | Castellano J J | 3.80 | 2.70 | 2.30 |
| 5 | Marie Rossa (GB) | Dominguez R A  |      | 4.10 | 2.80 |
| 4 | Sweet Ransom     | Velazquez J R  |      |      | 2.40 |

Finish Time: 1:36.54

Trainer: Bobby Frankel. Owner: Stonerside Stable.  
Dk.B./Br. f. 3 Empire Maker-Rings a Chime, Metfield.  
Bred by Stonerside Stable (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-5 Paid \$12.00; \$2 Trifecta 1-5-4 Paid \$32.80; \$2 Daily Double (8-1) Paid \$55.50; \$2 Pick 3 (10-8-1) 3 Correct Paid \$188.00

### 8TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$35,000.

|    |               |                |      |      |      |
|----|---------------|----------------|------|------|------|
| 6  | Bishop's Back | Espinoza J L   | 8.60 | 4.60 | 2.70 |
| 3  | Call Tiger    | Velasquez C    |      | 6.10 | 3.40 |
| 10 | Mr Sam I Am   | Castellano J J |      |      | 2.60 |

Finish Time: 1:03.18

Trainer: Bernardo Callejas. Owner: Hobeau Farm.  
Dk.B./Br. g. 4 Put It Back-Bishop's Delight, Sawbones.  
Bred by Hobeau Farm (FL).

\$2 Exacta 6-3 Paid \$44.00; \$2 Trifecta 6-3-10 Paid \$99.00; \$2 Pick 3 (8-1-6) 3 Correct Paid \$184.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-6) Paid \$15.80; \$2 Superfecta (6-3-10-9) Paid \$665.00

### 9TH. THE UNION AVENUE. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. PURSE \$84,150.

|   |              |              |      |      |      |
|---|--------------|--------------|------|------|------|
| 7 | By the Light | Prado E S    | 2.70 | 2.30 | 2.10 |
| 2 | Light Tactic | Garcia Alan  |      | 3.70 | 2.70 |
| 5 | Just Zip It  | Espinoza J L |      |      | 3.20 |

Finish Time: 1:10.58

Trainer: Richard Dutrow Jr. Owner: Jay Em Ess Stable.  
B. f. 3 Malibu Moon-Dixie Tempo, Major Impact.  
Bred by Paul Rothfuss (NY).

\$2 Exacta 7-2 Paid \$8.50; \$2 Trifecta 7-2-5 Paid \$51.00; \$2 Grand Slam (3,5,8-1,4,5-3,6,10-7) Paid \$13.80; \$2 Pick 3 (1-6-7) 3 Correct Paid \$19.80; \$2 Daily Double (6-7) Paid \$13.40

### 10TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

|   |              |           |      |       |      |
|---|--------------|-----------|------|-------|------|
| 7 | Unity        | Prado E S | 6.30 | 3.60  | 2.90 |
| 4 | I'm Entitled | Maragh R  |      | 16.20 | 7.40 |
| 9 | Dr. Decter   | Coa E M   |      |       | 7.90 |

Finish Time: 1:03.93

Trainer: Richard Dutrow Jr. Owner: Jay Em Ess Stable.  
Dk.B./Br. c. 3 Tiger Ridge-One Final Wish, Red Ransom.  
Bred by Carapan Farm & M. Gibson (NY).

\$2 Exacta 7-4 Paid \$119.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-4-9 Paid \$969.00; \$2 Superfecta 7-4-9-3 Paid \$7,545.00; \$2 Superfecta 7-4-9-6 Paid \$4,740.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-7) Paid \$7.30; \$2 Pick 3 (6-7-7) 3 Correct Paid \$36.80; \$2 Pick 4 (1-6-7-7) 4 Correct Paid \$69.50; \$2 Pick 6 (10-8-1-6-7-7) 6 Correct Paid \$2,294.00, 5 Correct Paid \$35.60

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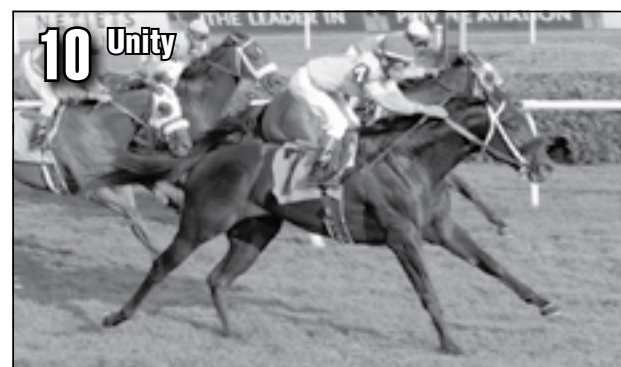
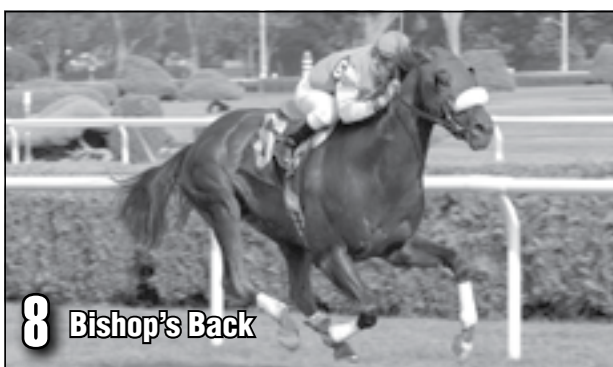
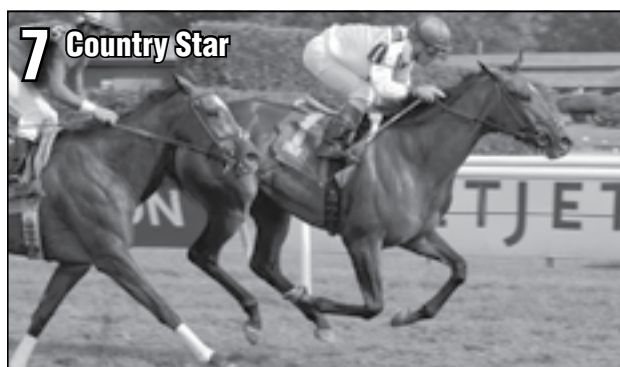
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## SUNDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

### 1ST. 7 FURLONGS. 3&UP. NY BRED. STR AW. PURSE \$62,000.

|   |                  |             |       |      |      |
|---|------------------|-------------|-------|------|------|
| 7 | Kiss the Cruiser | Garcia Alan | 13.40 | 6.20 | 4.20 |
| 1 | Building New Era | Prado E S   |       | 5.40 | 3.70 |
| 2 | Of All Times     | Coa E M     |       |      | 3.90 |

Finish Time: 1:23.12

Trainer: Jonathan Buckley. Owner: Donall Fingleton & Joseph Moloney.  
Dk.B./Br. g. 4 Intidab-Kiss the Judge, Judge Smells.  
Bred by Mallory Mort (NY).

\$2 Exacta 7-1 Paid \$72.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-1-2 Paid \$267.50

### 2ND. 7 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

|   |                |               |      |      |      |
|---|----------------|---------------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Persistently   | Garcia Alan   | 9.90 | 4.10 | 2.80 |
| 9 | Amanwella      | Dominguez R A |      | 3.90 | 3.00 |
| 8 | State Treasure | Prado E S     |      |      | 3.30 |

Finish Time: 1:24.35

Trainer: Shug McGaughey. Owner: Phipps Stable.  
Ch. f. 2 Smoke Glacken-Just Reward, Deputy Minister.  
Bred by Phipps Stable (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-9 Paid \$33.40; \$2 Quinella 1-9 Paid \$14.00; \$2 Trifecta 1-9-8  
Paid \$104.50; \$2 Daily Double (7-1) Paid \$63.50; \$2 Superfecta 1-9-8-6  
Paid \$479.00

### 3RD. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$66,640.

|   |             |                |      |      |      |
|---|-------------|----------------|------|------|------|
| 1 | Numaany     | Castellano J J | 7.10 | 4.50 | 2.90 |
| 3 | Tizbig      | Velasquez C    |      | 4.40 | 2.50 |
| 4 | Mucho Macho | Velazquez J R  |      |      | 2.30 |

Finish Time: 1:50.95

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor. Owner: Godolphin Racing.  
Ch. c. 3 A.P. Indy-Munnaya, Nijinsky.  
Bred by Gainsborough Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-3 Paid \$30.80; \$2 Trifecta 1-3-4 Paid \$54.50; \$2 Pick 3 (7-1-  
1) 3 Correct Paid \$335.50; \$2 Daily Double (1-1) Paid \$42.00

### 4TH. 6 FURLONGS. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

|   |            |              |      |      |      |
|---|------------|--------------|------|------|------|
| 6 | Troy G.    | Albarado R J | 4.80 | 3.10 | 2.50 |
| 1 | Stomp      | Prado E S    |      | 3.20 | 2.40 |
| 2 | Land Grant | Garcia Alan  |      |      | 3.00 |

Finish Time: 1:11.16

Trainer: Ken McPeck. Owner: Jerry Carroll,  
Stan Kaplan & Magdalena Racing.  
Ch. c. 2 Cape Canaveral-Caveat Apt, Chief's Crown.  
Bred by Hunter Farms (FL).

\$2 Exacta 6-1 Paid \$14.60; \$2 Quinella 1-6 Paid \$8.20; \$2 Trifecta 6-1-2  
Paid \$43.20; \$2 Pick 3 (1-1-6) 3 Correct Paid \$135.00; \$2 Daily Double  
(1-6) Paid \$21.60

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

|   |                   |           |      |      |      |
|---|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|
| 6 | Anjorie           | Prado E S | 5.00 | 3.80 | 2.90 |
| 3 | Fabulous Florence | Hill C    |      | 8.30 | 5.00 |
| 2 | R Betty Graybull  | Coa E M   |      |      | 3.60 |

Finish Time: 1:05.38

Trainer: Richard Dutrow Jr. Owner: Sugar Maple Farm.  
Dk.B./Br. f. 2 A. P Jet-Mrs. Filio, Eastern Echo.  
Bred by Sugar Maple Farm (NY).

\$2 Exacta 6-3 Paid \$48.00; \$2 Trifecta 6-3-2 Paid \$153.50; \$2 Pick 3 (1-  
6-6) 3 Correct Paid \$76.50; \$2 Pick 4 (1-1-6-6) 4 Correct Paid \$667.00;  
\$2 Daily Double (6-6) Paid \$13.00; \$2 Superfecta 6-3-2-4 Paid \$1,233.00

### 6TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. STR ALW 50,000. PURSE \$66,000.

|   |                 |             |      |      |      |
|---|-----------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| 3 | Valtrus         | Prado E S   | 5.20 | 3.20 | 2.90 |
| 7 | Dancing Tin Man | Velasquez C |      | 5.00 | 3.60 |
| 4 | Baystreet Bully | Samyn J L   |      |      | 9.10 |

Finish Time: 1:43.55

Trainer: Eddie Kenneally. Owner: Joseph Sutton.  
B. c. 4 Lemon Drop Kid-Miss Valiant, Valiant Nature.  
Bred by Dr. Laszlo Makk & Joseph Sutton (KY).

\$2 Exacta 3-7 Paid \$27.60; \$2 Trifecta 3-7-4 Paid \$460.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-  
6-3) 3 Correct Paid \$45.20; \$2 Daily Double (6-3) Paid \$12.40;  
\$2 Superfecta 3-7-4-6 Paid \$3,391.00

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

|   |                    |              |       |       |      |
|---|--------------------|--------------|-------|-------|------|
| 6 | Ridge Royale       | Leparoux J R | 13.40 | 7.00  | 5.80 |
| 4 | Snuckinandsnuckout | Coa E M      |       | 16.80 | 7.70 |
| 2 | Maven              | Prado E S    |       |       | 5.40 |

Finish Time: 1:03.72

Trainer: Mike Maker. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey.  
B. c. 3 Cactus Ridge-Academie Royal (IRE), Royal Academy.  
Bred by John Hawkins (KY).

\$2 Exacta 6-4 Paid \$216.00; \$2 Trifecta 6-4-2 Paid \$1,283.00; \$2 Daily  
Double (3-6) Paid \$49.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-3-6) 3 Correct Paid \$101.50;  
\$2 Superfecta 6-4-2-1 Paid \$3,450.00

### 8TH. 1 MILE. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. AOC 30,000. PURSE \$64,000.

|    |                |               |      |      |      |
|----|----------------|---------------|------|------|------|
| 11 | Stepaside      | Dominguez R A | 6.30 | 4.20 | 2.90 |
| 2  | Alexandros     | Velasquez C   |      | 9.00 | 6.60 |
| 3  | Typhoon Tycoon | Albarado R J  |      |      | 7.20 |

Finish Time: 1:38.44

Trainer: Tom Voss. Owner: New Day Racing & John Lauriello.  
B. g. 4 Real Quiet-From Time to Time, Rahy.  
Bred by Elsway (NY).

\$2 Exacta 11-2 Paid \$71.00; \$2 Trifecta 11-2-3 Paid \$669.00; \$2 Pick 3  
(3-6-11) 3 Correct Paid \$156.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-11) Paid \$54.00;  
\$2 Superfecta 11-2-3-4 Paid \$1,739.00

### 9TH. THE JOHN'S CALL. 1 5/8 MILES. TURF. 4 YEAR OLDS AND UP. PURSE \$82,000.

|   |                |             |      |      |      |
|---|----------------|-------------|------|------|------|
| 5 | Summer Patriot | Coa E M     | 8.20 | 4.40 | 3.50 |
| 6 | Taconeo (VEN)  | Garcia Alan |      | 7.10 | 5.60 |
| 4 | Codeword (IRE) | Sanchez J   |      |      | 4.90 |

Finish Time: 2:42.50

Trainer: Barclay Tagg. Owner: Hare Forest Farm.  
Gr./Ro. c. 4 Unbridled's Song-Rose Diamond, Diamond Shoal (GB).  
Bred by Anne Wrenn Poulson & Unbridleds Song Syndicate (KY).  
\$2 Exacta 5-6 Paid \$64.00; \$2 Trifecta 5-6-4 Paid \$463.00; \$2 Grand  
Slam (3,4,7-2,4,6-2,3,11-5) Paid \$147.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-11-5) 3 Correct  
Paid \$166.00; \$2 Daily Double (11-5) Paid \$25.00; \$2 Superfecta 5-6-4-7  
Paid \$5,099.00

### 10TH. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$34,000.

|    |                 |               |       |      |      |
|----|-----------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
| 7  | Frisky Rosie    | Coa E M       | 18.80 | 7.80 | 5.10 |
| 10 | Empress Indy    | Maragh R      |       | 6.60 | 4.70 |
| 2  | Unbridled Union | Velasquez J R |       |      | 3.10 |

Finish Time: 1:38.56

Trainer: Gary Sciacca. Owner: Fertile Acres Farm.  
B. f. 3 Wiseman's Ferry-La Vie de Sud, Southern Halo.  
Bred by Paradiso (NY).

\$2 Exacta 7-10 Paid \$135.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-10-2 Paid \$451.00;  
\$2 Superfecta 7-10-2-9 Paid \$3,539.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-7) Paid  
\$88.50; \$2 Pick 3 (11-5-7) 3 Correct Paid \$353.00; \$2 Pick 4 (6-11-5-  
7) 4 Correct Paid \$3,824.00; \$2 Pick 6 (6-3-6-11-5-7) 6 Correct Paid  
\$8,874.00, 5 Correct Paid \$145.50

**TRACK: FAST; TURF: GOOD.**  
**ATTENDANCE: 65,598; HANDLE: \$4,486,660**

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# Fourth of July



Summer Patriot charges down the stretch to score in Sunday's John's Call Stakes.

Tod Marks

## JOHN'S CALL STAKES RECAP

Sunday, August 17

## Summer Patriot laughs home in marathon stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

Anne Poulson asked the question. Barclay Tagg answered. Then Summer Patriot backed it up.

Poulson asked Tagg how he thought Summer Patriot was going to run in the John's Call, Sunday's 1 5/8-mile turf stakes. The big gray 4-year-old was walking around the paddock and Tagg didn't hesitate.

"He'll win," the trainer said.

About 15 minutes later, Summer Patriot rallied from last in the field of eight to roll home by 7 3/4 lengths. Win? He galloped.

Announcer Tom Durkin narrated it for Tagg, Poulson and the rest of the 18,000 fans.

"Summer Patriot, fourth, third, second . . . Summer Patriot has vaulted to the lead . . . 5-length lead now . . . Summer Patriot . . . run all day . . . he won the John's Call by 7 lengths . . ."

Eibar Coa allowed the long-striding ridgling to lag in last while Biggerbad-derbetter and Crown Point posted a half-mile in 51.48 seconds. The favorite Just As Well, coming out of a tough trip

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# John's Call —

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in an allowance race earlier in the meet, pulled jockey John Velazquez and eventually won that battle. Just As Well took the field down the backside while Summer Patriot took Coa for a joy ride.

"The last time I had to rush him just to make sure I got a position, then he was tough the whole way around," Coa said. "So, today, I said I'll let him break

and try to get him to settle. He sucked back a little more than I wanted but I wasn't worried. It was fine. They were going a little slow for him, down the backside I let him be himself and he started to make up ground."

Like a backhoe through an anthill.

By the turn, Summer Patriot galloped his way around the breathless frontrunners. He went from being 2 lengths down in fourth to in front by 6 lengths. Coa kept after Summer

Patriot with a left-hand whip and the son of Unbridled's Song put on a galloping-in-motion diagram. He finished the 1 5/8 miles in 2:42.50. Venezuelan-bred Taconeo finished second in his best stateside performance to date. Codeword held off Mid-Atlantic shipper Luckman for third.

**Q: Hey, Eibar Coa, you've been riding Summer Patriot since he was a maiden. How did he go from maiden to stakes winner in four starts?**

**A:** "I remember when I finished second, I got in so much trouble because he was so immature. Everything I tried to do with him, he did things opposite. We got into trouble and I got him beat. Since that day, he's a different horse and I believe he's got a lot more in him. He's a beautiful horse."



Owner/breeder Anne Poulson meets Summer Patriot in the winner's circle.

Tod Marks

Poulson bought Grade I stakes-placed Rose Diamond, Summer Patriot's dam, in the Rokeby Stable dispersal at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale in 1992. She paid \$150,000 for the daughter of Diamond Shoal, who finished third in the 1989 Coaching Club American Oaks for Rokeby owner Paul Mellon. Rose Diamond is out of Summer Guest, winner of the CCA Oaks, Monmouth Oaks, Alabama and Spinster.

"The dam was stakes-placed going a mile and a half, the whole Mellon family wanted to go forever, so we always thought he'd want to go a little bit longer and we always thought he'd be turf just because he's such a beautiful mover," Poulson said. "He's got an enormous stride, I didn't think he'd like the tight turns because

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# John's Call —

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he's such a rangy horse, but he's very tidy about it. He's been really immature, when Barclay had him in Florida, one minute he'd be brilliant, the next minute . . . we always called him the bad teenager."

Summer Patriot made his long-awaited career debut in February at Gulfstream Park.

The race came off the grass and he finished second. Six weeks later, Tagg tried again and the maiden race came off the grass again, he finished fourth. Finally hitting the turf, he closed ground to finish third at Aqueduct. He won a maiden going 1 1/4 miles in May, then finished second against allowance foes

before walloping seven rivals in an allowance earlier in the meet.

"Each time, he's stepped up and hopefully we'll have a little fun with him," said Poulson, who owns Hare Forest Farm in Orange, Va., with her husband Richard. "The mare's getting old but she's been good to us. This horse is a great guy and done the mare well."

The Poulsons own Rose Diamond's 2-year-old colt by Empire Maker, who's in training with Tagg at Delaware Park. The mare has a yearling filly by Dynaformer. Summer Patriot's older sister Flawless Treasure won the Sabin Stakes earlier in the year but broke down in the Sheepshead Bay in May.

"It was horrible. She was the same thing, late developer, loved the turf," Poulson said. "We wanted to continue the line. She was really special to me, a home-

bred we just adored. She won a stakes, we brought her back and it was a bad step."

Summer Patriot is doing his best to continue the racing line while Poulson awaits the Dynaformer filly to continue the breeding line.

After the race, Tagg signaled the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic as his next target for Summer Patriot.

"It's an invitational," Tagg said. "I think we just got invited."

Coa has already RSVP'd for the Grade I turf stakes going 12 furlongs this fall at Belmont Park.

"He showed me today he's improving a lot and growing mentally a lot," Coa said. "Barclay has done a great job taking him step by step, he wasn't ready for a big step today, this is what he needed today and he'll be OK. Distance is what he wants. The more the better."

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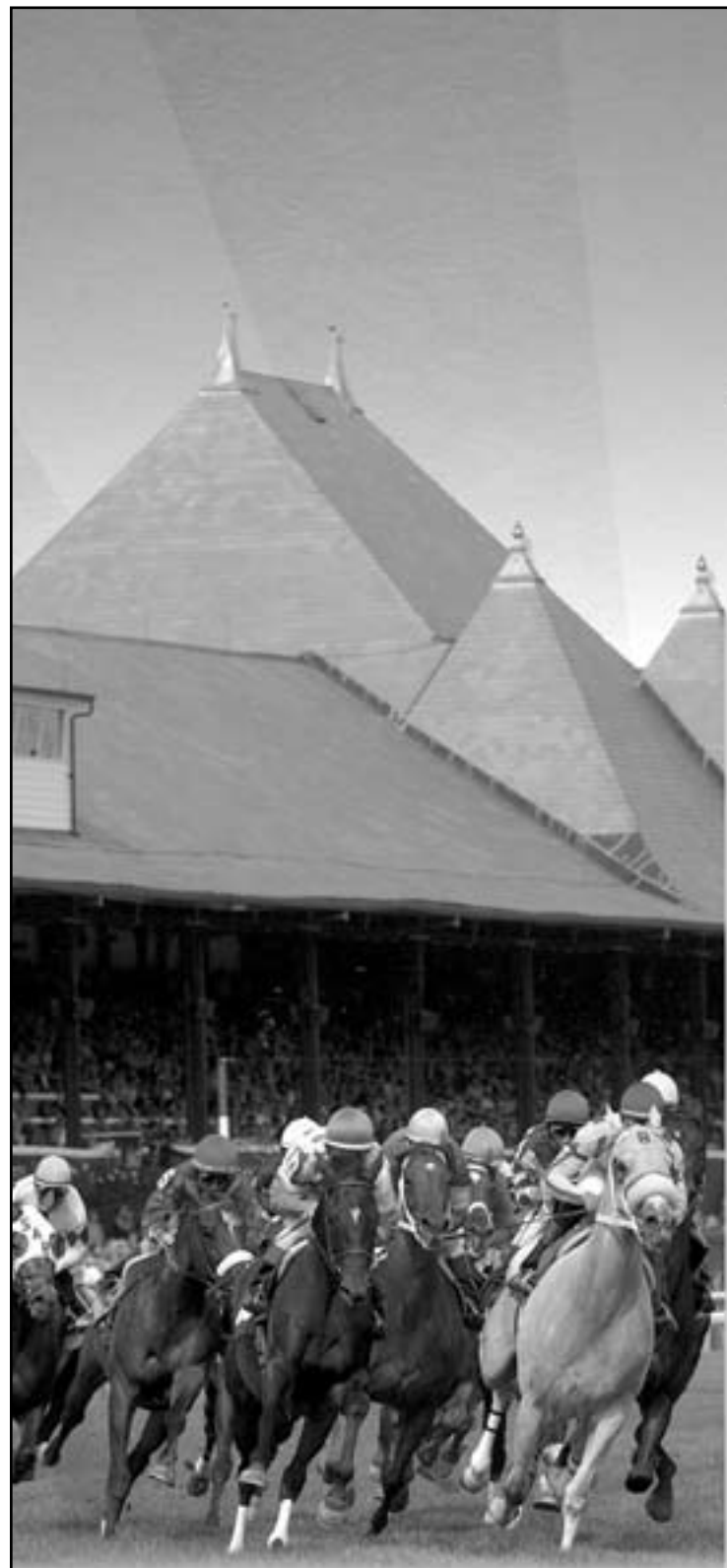


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# The Boys of Summer

Saratoga, your paper boys go home today.

The meet may have two weeks to go, but it ends today for the Clancy Brothers (junior division) as my sons Ryan, Jack and Nolan head south to Maryland with their mother, Sam. School starts Monday, Aug. 25 and it's time for haircuts, a little shopping and reintroducing themselves to friends. The boys will be in the boxes this afternoon for one final fling, but they hit the road before the last race today – earlier if they want to beat traffic.

We may have to drag them off the grounds. I'm going to miss them, but evidently so are the rest of you.

The boys always manage to win friends and influence people in Saratoga, but things went another step forward this summer.

Ryan, 15, graduated to idea guy – funneling stories our way along with gathering odd facts for Here and There, running down information when we needed it and traveling to local restaurants for food, coffee and other necessary provisions. Not sure he ever did sell an ad this summer, but he did lay the groundwork for a few and he made sure the papers got where they were supposed to be – he's big enough now to pick up a bundle of 100, which is a huge help. When not working for The Special, Ryan hotwalked for trainer Tom Voss over at the Annex, and lived to tell about it. Yesterday, Ryan (who is a week behind on cross-country practice) found out Voss also ran cross country back in the day. The story goes that Tom almost won a race, once. Like his cross-country training, Ryan still needs to finish one more “summer reading” book for English class – he completed 1984 and Things Fall Apart during Saratoga.

Jack, 12, spent more, total hours at the racetrack than any Clancy (young or old) this summer – splitting time between the box seats and the backyard with his various new friends young and old. Jack's crew included Sharon and Mike Balfe, the West Point crew, “Uncle Larry,” Daisy Phipps, Bill Farish, Doc Richardson, Lou Raffetto, Vinny the parking guy, Dallas Stewart, Larry Jones (who invited us over to play pool when we get home), the Darley team, Bluewater Sales (ice cream for breakfast!) and on and on. Jack also may have set the individual Saratoga shrimp-eating record – accompanying the connections of Proud Spell, Grand Couturier, Macho Again – to the Trustees' Room after major wins this summer. Jack woke himself at 5 every morning, caught Sean at his downstairs apartment, rode around in the golf cart (drove when security wasn't looking), handed out papers in the boxes and came home exhausted. Sometimes he napped, most times he didn't. The only problem that came out of Saratoga will be his lack of an excuse for not waking up on time for the school bus.

## THE OUTSIDE RAIL



By  
Joe Clancy

Nolan, 7, smiled his way through Saratoga all summer. He stuck to an every-other-morning schedule at the track and only did the box delivery once – newspaper bundles can be difficult to carry when they outweigh you. He did have a great time everywhere he went – the backyard, the boxes, the backside, the Annex, the battlefield, laser tag, the 5K he ran (33 minutes), Leon's, Pennell's, the wheel of death playground ride, Saranac Lake, the Reading Room, the Big Red Spring (he just loves the water). He may be hopelessly addicted to 10-cent superfetas and scratch-off lottery tickets, however. And his hair looks a lot like that of Tom Voss' dog, Otis.

This is a thank-you column to the boys for their work, their help, their motivation. I love to see them grow up a little more every Saratoga – the place where you have to introduce yourselves, shake hands, look people in the eyes and brush your teeth everyday. But it's also a thank you to Saratoga. Thanks for embracing them, making sure they didn't get into trouble (well, not too much – there was a small incident over a betting voucher) and making three kids feel like they were part of the show. A few years ago, we dubbed them the menial tasks division. People laughed. Now, we simply call them distribution, but that's an understatement. They are a department unto themselves with an impact on marketing, customer relations, quality control.

Also, thank you for the feedback. When a NYRA executive stops you in the winner's circle and brings up your kids (who were most likely at that moment scarfing free food somewhere), you worry that they did more than spill a little cocktail sauce on the carpet. But I never heard a disparaging word about our brood. And I heard from owners, trainers, jockeys, neighbors, executives, racing officials, exercise riders, hotwalkers, cooks, waiters, parking attendants, innkeepers, security guards, artists and bettors about how nice my kids are.

I wish I could take credit, but it just happened. They used to just be three kids. Now they're inspiration, role models, comedians, friends of Saratoga.

And heading for home. See you in a few weeks, boys.

Note: If you're looking for your newspaper at the track, you may have to stop by the rack at the clubhouse TV. The Special is actively recruiting delivery personnel for the rest of the meet, so send anyone our way. Jane Motion and Bryce Johnson (signed up by the boys) join the fold this week but even they have to get back to school.



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### **Former jockey Buckley dies after fall at Oklahoma**

Former jockey Parker Buckley died Tuesday after suffering a head injury when unseated from a horse he was galloping over the Oklahoma training track for trainer Steve Asmussen.

The accident occurred Monday morning, and Buckley was taken to Saratoga hospital and then transferred to Albany Medical Center where doctors placed him in a medically induced coma. He was taken off life support following his family's arrival.

Buckley, 40, had ridden for 10 years, predominantly at Finger Lakes. He retired in 2007, and began working for Asmussen. He was the regular exercise rider for Jim Dandy runner-up Pyro.

Buckley began his riding career at Churchill Downs in 1988 and won 947 races from 7,306 mounts. His mounts earned more than \$9.2 million. His final stakes victory came on the Asmussen-trained Keesler who won the Arctic Queen Handicap in 2004.

"Everyone knew him, he was a good guy and a good rider," jockey Robby Albarado said. "It's hard to believe. Hell of a nice guy."

Funeral arrangements were unknown at press time.


### **Impressions hosts jump jockeys for autographs**

Saratoga steeplechase jockeys Matt McCarron, Danielle Hodsdon and Padge Whelan will be on hand at an autograph session at Impressions of Saratoga on Broadway tonight from 7-9 p.m.

Each jockey will be available to personally autograph his or her photo for \$15 and all proceeds will be donated to the Race Track Chaplaincy of America. Photos are provided. Impressions is also holding a raffle for two prizes: a signed lawn jockey and a T-shirt autographed by every jockey who attends the jockey signing nights.

Tickets are available every day at the front counter of the store or at the autographing table on Wednesday evenings. The winner will be announced at the final signing session at the end of the race season.

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# A Toast To Absent Friends

I ran into David Mullins at the Cheltenham Festival, 2002. He gave me a burly handshake and we hustled to the parade ring to see a Mullins horse run in the hurdle finale. I

I kept thinking, "Does he have me mixed up with somebody else?" He talked to me like he knew me his whole life. I couldn't place him or our friendship or when we met or why he was introducing me to his family like I was a brother.

We ordered pints of Guinness in the Turf Club, then downed them in one quick elbow bender as he grabbed me by the arm again and said, "Let's go soak it all up. We won't be back for a while."

We bolted to the Great Lawn to see the winner come home in the fading light, and feel the buzz of Cheltenham one last time before we went home.

I think the Mullins' horse finished second. I'm still not sure which Mullins it was; cousin, uncle, grandfather or brother. There are a lot of Mullinses out there. All from County Kilkenny, Ireland.

Sadly, there's one less today.

David Mullins died Monday.

Mullins, 51, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in April. In four short months, our friend, the horseman, the man who rallied for every cause, the dedicated father, the gregarious Irishman who never missed a laugh was gone.

It turns out I didn't know him that well before Cheltenham; he knew me from riding a few races at High Hope and writing a paper about a sport he loved. That was good enough for him — we were friends. That was David Mullins' world — everyone included.

I called him around Derby week, when it was setting in (for both of us) that he had cancer. I had put off calling him, then stumbled in conversation.

"Look, Sean, I'd have hated to have gotten hit by a truck and never felt all this love and support. All my friends, my family, the community have shown me what life's about. They're having a 24-hour church service, all my friends are going to church . . . can you imagine, my friends in church? It's OK. If a positive attitude means anything, I'm going to beat it."

That was Mullins. Still positive while the odds stacked against him.

He almost cancelled his annual Belmont Party, but his friends helped and made sure it happened. Over a hundred friends and family joined him at his house

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## CUP OF COFFEE

By  
**Sean Clancy**



in Lexington, Ky. He had a big time.

He described it in an e-mail sent to all his friends in late June:

A number of friends, knowing how important the tradition of the Mullins Belmont Party was to our family, took it upon themselves to organize the greatest party ever. Most important, they even tidied up!

In and out of hospitals, Mullins studied the *Racing Form*, looking for mares to claim and sell at Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton's fall and winter sales.

He knew horses. And the value of horses. His Doninga Farm sold Baby Zip, dam of Ghostzapper and City Zip, and sold Drina, the dam of Spain. Doninga topped the 2001 Keeneland November breeding stock sale in average, when selling Saoirse for \$2.2 million. Doninga consigned Platinum Heights, the highest-priced yearling filly in North America in 2002.

He was sharp; I had sent him e-mails since that Cheltenham trip, "David, what do you think this mare is worth?" I sent him one about a Thunder Gulch filly, out of the Fourstardave family. I was wound up and said we need to get some money in an account and claim her. He wrote back, "You're right, the breeding is excellent, but unless you know something I don't know, she's a he and I don't think even us can fix that."

I got an e-mail this morning about a mare for sale. Based in Europe, she's related to Cool Coal Man, they asked me what I thought she was worth. I hit forward on my email screen and typed [futures@insightbb.com](mailto:futures@insightbb.com), then stopped, remembering the phone message from my friend Davant Latham. He said he was glad he reached my voice mail because he probably couldn't talk, told me David had died and he told how much David talked about the trip he made to Saratoga a couple of summers ago.

Mullins and his runningmate Gerry O'Meara needed a place to crash at Saratoga so they flopped down on two couches at my carriage house across the street from the Reading Room. They brought their own pillows and blankets. I didn't see them much, I was writing papers and they were living large in Saratoga. Every time I came home, they offered me a drink and begged me to stay awhile.

"We're in good shape," Mullins said the day after a Siro's night, "for the shape we're in."

Again that was Mullins. Hung over, but never hung up.

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