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ALBANY STAKES



Tin Cup Chalice (second from right) and That'srightofficer battle in the stretch of the Albany

Dave Harmon

Capital Win

Tin Cup Chalice takes stakes, Triple and huge check, while remaining undefeated

BY SEAN CLANCY

Mike Lecesse was nervous. His undefeated New York-bred Tin Cup Chalice missed a breeze in early August. Then he coughed five times Wednesday morning. Then his jockey Pedro Rodriguez left his red-and-white silks at Finger Lakes.

Lecesse sat stone still in a crowded box, row E, situated a few yards before the wire. His daughter was there, his father was there, as were a gaggle of friends, fans and family.

All there to see Tin Cup Chalice earn Lecesse and co-owner Scott Van Laer a

cool \$340,000 for winning the Albany and completing the OTB Big Apple Triple.

Lecesse sat still during the post parade, sat still during the first 7 furlongs of the 9-furlong race. Turning for home, Tin Cup Chalice faced his acid test – graded stakes horses Icabad Crane and Big Truck took runs at him.

Lecesse stood up and started pleading with his Finger Lakes dynamo. Tin Cup Chalice dispatched Icabad Crane and Big Truck then had to stave off a final barrage from That'srightofficer who couldn't threaten Tin Cup Chalice in their

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Jockey Pedro Rodriguez and owner/trainer Mike Lecesse after the Albany.

Tod Marks

Albany—

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first two meetings. This time, he made it close – desperately close for Lecesce – but couldn't get past the stubborn Tin Cup Chalice.

Lecesce jumped out of his box and headed down the stairs.

"What a horse," Lecesce said. "What a horse."

Yeah, what a horse. Tin Cup Chalice, a gelded son of Crusader Sword, boosted his record to 7-for-7 while increasing his earnings to \$565,720.

"It's unbelievable. I love seeing the streak kept alive," Lecesce said. "I love seeing any unbeaten horse stay unbeaten. That was my goal and it's still my goal – keep him unbeaten."

Jockey Pedro Rodriguez cued Tin Cup Chalice to take his customary spot on the lead while breaking from the 5 hole. Outside him, favorite Big Truck stumbled, but was over it quickly to collect a stalking spot in second after a dawdling quarter mile in 25.66 seconds and a half in 50.88. Tin Cup Chalice led by a length over Big Truck while second choice Icabad Crane and Almighty Silver filled out the phalanx in third and fourth. Outsiders That'srightofficer and Overextended bided their time behind the front four.

Without pace factor Writingonthe-wall, who scratched Wednesday morning, Tin Cup Chalice waltzed through three quarters in 1:15.33.

"It was amazing," Rodriguez said after the race. "I never would have expected they'd give me that kind of pace. I expected more pressure from Big Truck. My horse relaxed good in front, they let me go

in almost 51. I could tell I went a half in 50 at least, then I just wait, wait, wait."

In store was a sterner test than Tin Cup Chalice had met in six previous races. Big Truck went after him and Icabad Crane circled up on his outside. Tin Cup Chalice shook them off and then had to face That'srightofficer who came roaring to his jugular. He couldn't get past. At the wire, Tin Cup Chalice held off That'srightofficer by a head. The winner stopped the clock in 1:51.33.

"I've been getting on him in the morning," Rodriguez said. "Mike had this horse ready 200 percent. The horse helps us too, he does everything right, he's not a tough horse to train. Most of his races, you put him in gear out of the gate, then lower it down and he responds, then he does the rest. The last quarter of a mile, he gave me another gear, I had plenty of horse left. He's a game, game horse."

Rick Schosberg, trainer of That'srightofficer sought out Lecesce after the race.

"I tried to spoil it for you, buddy," Schosberg said, shaking Lecesce's hand.

"Whew," Lecesce said.

The Finger Lakes bus had its steam. Jason Czudak, who's had a few horses with Lecesce over the years, came traveled from the Finger Lakes region to cheer on his friend and his freak.

"You did it. You did it. You did it," Czudak said. "This is like the Kentucky Derby for New York-breds."

In that case, Tin Cup Chalice reigns as the Affirmed of New York-breds.

Lecesce still couldn't quite believe it had happened.

"I had a first-time starter win here but this is the biggest ever," he said. "You're always nervous. I was second-guessing myself on everything. Like this morning, he was coughing. I was like, 'What's happening here?' He didn't do it last night, he didn't have any snot, didn't have a temperature, I thought I should scope him. I got him out and walked him and he seemed fine, but I was nervous. It was probably a little dust, but everything is everything."

Especially when it comes to taking down the Big Apple Triple, a \$250,000 bonus awarded to the horse who sweeps the Mike Lee at Belmont Park, the New York Derby at Finger Lakes and the Albany. Since its creation in 1999, no one had swept the series.

"It hasn't sunk in. I've never thought about the money. I just focused on the race. I just wanted to win. The streak. The unbeaten horse is tough to keep," Lecesce said. "He does everything like it's nothing. He takes everything in stride. He's unbelievable, he's so quiet in the paddock. We schooled him, the first day he was a little nervous but he got himself together and was great. He's just a game horse. He wants to win. And so do I."

Lecesce has carved out a niche at Finger Lakes. He tried Philadelphia Park in the late 80s and did OK, then had to come back to Finger Lakes to help his dad in their bowling alley. He tried to train a few horses on the side but eventually had to give them up to help his father. That was tough.

"I had a couple of horses and worked at the bowling alley at night. Then I had to get out because my dad really needed me," Lecesce said. "Once he didn't need me, I went back into the horse business. It was great. I told my dad, I loved the horses, couldn't get it out of my skin."

Adorned in a "Tin Cup Chalice" hat and carrying a tin cup (no kidding), Pete Siegel, bloodstock manager for Van Laer, shook Lecesce's hand.

"Your work schedule with this horse was a thing of beauty," Siegel said. "When I saw that sharp 6-furlong work, legendary type of conditioning, that's why he held on."

Lecesce couldn't take too much credit.

"I was a little bit worried," Lecesce said. "I actually missed a work in between because he was snorting a little bit, that's why I was so worried this morning when he was coughing."

Not that he told Rodriguez.

"He said nothing," Rodriguez said after the race when told about the coughing. "In the post parade, he was so happy, the horse, he was stomping the ground, he was ready for this race, he knew what was going on. I can't believe he was coughing, I'm going to tell him, 'I was worried going to the gate because he coughed a couple of times.'"

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Here & There at Saratoga



Tod Marks

California Colonel

Travers contender Colonel John and "Chino" Abiel stroll off the van after arriving in Saratoga Wednesday afternoon.

Worth Repeating

"How did you get one?"

Darley exercise rider Anna Hollander
to Sean Clancy, who was wearing
a Darley jacket Wednesday morning

"Hey, the least loser is the first winner."

The Special's Carl Hott to Sean Clancy, who's
"leading" the New York Post
Showdown; Sean has since lost
\$222.50 of a mythical \$1,800 bankroll

Oklahoma turf gatekeeper Paul Hutzky at 9:44

Wednesday: "What do you want, Angel?"

Rider Angel Cordero: "We want to go in."

Hutzky: "In a minute."

Cordero: "A Puerto Rican minute or an Ameri-
can minute?"

"It's not a pickup truck, Robert."

Trainer Tom Voss, to assistant Robert Cutler
after Cutler put a bag of feed on the front seat of Voss' Jaguar

"He can drive, read a condition book, drink
coffee and talk on his cell phone, all at the same
time."

Jane Motion, about
her father, trainer Graham Motion

"Herd her onto the track."

Instructions from an assistant trainer
to an exercise rider at the gap
of the main track Wednesday morning

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1 Caprice Classic sedan (vintage 1980s) eyeballed by trainer Jonathan Sheppard at Oklahoma Wednesday morning; Sheppard, who now drives an Audi, must have been missing his series of bygone Caprices.

1 "S" missing from a sign on the barn of trainer Dale Romans (not Roman).

Name of the Day

Elusivity, fifth race. It's not really a word, but it should be. And it certainly works for a son of Elusive Quality.

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny. High 81. Wind light and variable.



Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low 56. Winds light and variable.

Friday: Mainly sunny. High near 85.

Saturday: Sunshine. (No dis-

claimers, no qualifiers — just sunshine.) High in the mid 80s and low in the low 60s.

Sunday: Mix of sun and clouds. High in the low 80s and low in the mid 60s.



Connie Bush

The horse isn't a horse, unless, of course...

Better Talk Now isn't speaking to trainer Graham Motion's assistant Heather Craig, but the 9-year-old turf warrior (who finished second in the Sword Dancer last week) does appear to have something to say.

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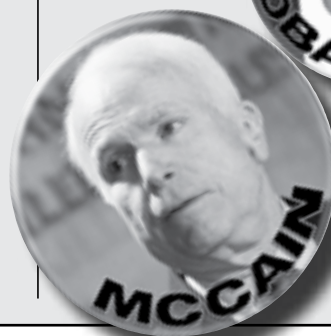
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The Big Horserace

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



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BY BRIAN NADEAU

BALLSTON SPA STAKES PREVIEW

Though the long-standing handicapping rule reads "pace makes the race," today's Ballston Spa Stakes figures to test the adage. The \$200,000 stakes drew five graded stakes winners long on accomplishments but short on early foot.

With five of the best jockeys on the grounds lined up, the Grade II for fillies and mares could be the perfect staging ground for a battle of horse and rider at 1 1/16 miles on the Mellon Turf Course.

Sharp Susan should be in the mix early; the daughter of Touch Gold wired the Grade II Lake Placid here last August. Owned by IEAH Stable, WinStar Farm and Pegasus Holdings Group, she enters off a win in the \$200,000 Dr. James Penny Memorial at Philadelphia Park July 7. That day, she stalked the pace and powered away late to score by 2 3/4 lengths. Trained by Bill Mott, Sharp Susan hasn't seen the front early since her Lake Placid score and Kent Desormeaux figures to be playing cat-and-mouse with John Velazquez and Wait A While, who drew the rail.

"Johnny will be the first one to engage if I go and I'll be the first one to engage if he goes, I'll determine which one is faster from a certain point," said Desormeaux. "Watch her ears, see how comfortable she is – those kinds of things, pace. Pace in the way your horse is handling the pace. Pace not necessarily whether we go 25 and 50, it's how comfortable my horse is and how comfortable the other horses are. Find the horse to beat, first. That's me. Find the pace, second. It will probably be Wait A While or me. We've wired them here before. Early in her career, she was pretty aggressive but she's gotten real good now. Play the break with that in mind, it'll be either me or her. I'd like to follow her as long as nobody tries to camp on my hip. I'll either be on the lead or laying second."

Sharp Susan drew well in the Ballston Spa, landing post three, and with Wait A While leaving from the rail, Desormeaux should enjoy a tactical advantage, allowing him to gauge the proceedings early and gameplan from there.



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Wait A While (here with Garrett Gomez) gets reacquainted with jockey John Velazquez today.

"The short field is harder because everyone knows where everybody is. In a big field, everything's more honest, there will be honest pace – somebody trying to engage at the (three-eighths pole), somebody keeping you honest at the half. In this situation, I'll be keeping everyone honest," Desormeaux said. "With Wait A While being inside of me, she's either going to have to commit to leading me or she's going to be behind me. That will be decided in the first 50 yards. Then, you've just got to outrun them from there. If one of these guys comes from behind, then I'll engage. Carriage Trail miraculously got up last time, Rutherienne is one-run. Arguably

speaking, I should engage early because this filly can make a long run and stretch them, take their kick away. Her weapon is not her turn of foot, it's her gameness to just keep on keeping on."

Arindel Farm's Wait A While should be in the mix early with Velazquez aboard for the first time since a win in the Grade III Honey Fox at Gulfstream in January 2007. The Todd Pletcher-trainee enters off a seventh in the Grade I Diana here July 26, her first start since taking the Grade II San Gorgonio at Santa Anita on Jan. 14. The champion 3-year-old filly of 2006 won the Ballston Spa last season in

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Ballston Spa —

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decisive fashion and enters in much the same manner: looking to make amends for a disappointing loss. Last June, Wait A While finished second in the Just A Game Stakes at Belmont as the 3-5 favorite before winning the Ballston Spa. She starts with more than \$1.8 million in lifetime earnings and a pair of Grade I wins to her credit. Velazquez starts with a him-or-me mentality.

"There's one speed in the race, him (Desormeaux) or me. If he doesn't go, I'll take it. If he goes, I'll lay second. I'm pretty sure he doesn't want to go so I'm pretty sure I'll be on the lead," said the meet's leading jockey. "There's nothing I can do, if they go 24, 48, I'm going to be on the lead. I don't decide on that until they break. I have to wait to see what Todd says. The only bad thing is the track is not good for speed. They don't finish; even the horses that go in 24, 48, they can't finish. There was so much rain on it, they keep rolling it and rolling it, it's just heavy, very tiring. The track favors Rutherford but I can't do anything about it, I have to ride my own race and hopefully I have something to fight her with down the lane."

Stretch-running Rutherford enters off three consecutive losses (all thirds) after winning nine of her first 11 starts. Trained by Christophe Clement, she took her first start of the year April 12 in a solid renewal of the Grade II Jenny Wiley Stakes at Keeneland. She shipped to Hollywood Park for the Grade I Gamely May 26 and finished behind division heavyweights Precious Kitten and Diamond Diva. The journey continued June 21, where Rutherford checked in third in the Grade III All Along at Colonial Downs. In the Diana, she again crossed the wire third-best behind upstart Forever Together and Dynaforce.

The Virginia Kraft Payson homebred took the Grade III Lake George over this course and distance last year and enters a perfect 6-for-6 at 1 1/16 miles. A deep closer with devastating stretch speed, Rutherford should be rolling late with Julien Leparoux aboard for the first time. He will ride to his filly's strengths.

"I'll talk to Mr. Clement and see what he wants to do but I don't think you should change anything on a horse just because there is not much pace in

there," Leparoux said. "It can go both ways — if it's really slow I have to be careful not to be too far out of it. We'll have to see when the gates open as it's a very difficult race to figure out what's going to happen. Maybe there will be some speed in there, you don't know."

Valbenny aims to recapture the form that enabled her to win the Grade II Honeymoon last summer in California when trained by Paddy Gallagher. Lael Stables purchased her at Keeneland November for \$1.2 million and turned the Irish-bred over to Michael Matz. In two starts this season, the 4-year-old filly has a third in the Grade III Gallorette May 17 and a second in the Penny to Sharp Susan, where she lagged at the back of the five-horse field before rallying late. Ramon Dominguez has the return call and will have to play the give-and-take game of keeping Valbenny in touch with the field early.

"It can be tricky, but there's just so much you can change on a horse. My horse likes to come from behind and if you try and keep her close just because there is no pace, it might cost her later. You don't want to take her out of her game," Dominguez said. "But at the same time you're worried if she breaks sharp she'll be too close at the start. With only four others in there you still have to focus on your horse more than anyone else's, but you do know where everyone else is, as opposed to a larger field. It could definitely come down to a jockey's race."

Carriage Trail rounds out the compact field and the Giant's Causeway mare enters off the best turf performance of her career, a nose victory in the \$84,000 De La Rose here July 30. Owned and bred by the Phipps Stable and Stuart Janney III, the 4-year-old filly looks to score her second graded stakes victory. Earlier this year, she took the Grade III Doubledogdare over Keeneland's Polytrack. Edgar Prado, who showed off his Hall of Fame form with his ride in the De La Rose, once again has the call on the versatile daughter of Giant's Causeway.

"My filly is drawn outside and she can go either way from there; she can be on the pace or come from behind. With the outside post, I'll be able to play it by the break," Prado said. "With just five horses in there you can get to looking around and watching the other horses and jockeys to keep an eye out and see what they are doing. You've just got to feel the pace and see where everyone else is going."



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- 1 GILDED YOUTH** Lightly-raced, he won a Kempton maiden last September. He hasn't been the most reliable of late, although the majority of his best work has come on either all-weather or soft surfaces. **Timeform Rating 73**
- 2 UNLIMITED** Won on his first start for his current yard at Chepstow in May and has mostly run creditably without winning since. Suited by seven furlongs and, in a race where plenty of the jockeys are inexperienced, his rider is one of the more accomplished ones. **78**
- 3 OBE ROYAL** A consistent performer on the all-weather during the winter but he has struggled to maintain that level of form on turf in his last few outings. Fairly well treated at the weights now, however. **79**
- 4 MACHINATE** Has won twice on the all-weather this year, but this is his first start on turf since last September and his first since April over shorter than a mile so he is probably best watched. **77**
- 5 TRI CHARA** He has a tendency to race freely over distances further than this and his only win so far came on his only previous start over this trip, at Wolverhampton in January. Seen out just once since (in May), but wears a visor for the first time today and is an interesting candidate. His jockey rode a double over hurdles on Saturday. **80**
- 6 LEPTIS MAGNA** Not the most reliable but has run creditably on his last two starts, both on a soft surface. Has been known to sweat in the preliminaries and, if he can avoid getting worked up, he could make a bold bid. **78**
- 7 SANDS OF BARRA** Has ability but it's been some time since he showed it. Back to a reasonable mark now, but he cannot be backed with confidence. **?**
- 8 TANFORAN** Had been steadily falling down in the weights this year before finally taking advantage on his penultimate start. Back up the handicap now, and it remains to be seen if he can overcome it. **74**
- 9 FEELING FRESH** Better than ever having been given a break earlier in the year. Both wins have come over a furlong shorter than this, but he has proved he can stay seven furlongs. Ridden by the current leading apprentice, with 35 winners to his name this season. **74**
- 10 KIRSTY'S LAD** No better than poor on either start this term. Dropped back in trip here, but his previous form at this distance isn't too encouraging either. **77**
- 11 DANZIG FOX** A good third over course and distance in July on his penultimate start. He has generally faced stiff tasks in handicaps otherwise, and had little chance from long way out of the weights here last time. Races off a 12-lb lower mark today and is not without a chance. **72**
- 12 CHEERY CAT** Has been running respectably whilst coming down the handicap recently. Now back below his highest winning mark, but it's a over a year since he was tried at this trip and the jury is still out as to whether this distance is what he needs. **78**
- 13 ETERNAL LEGACY** Back on the Flat for the first time in nine months following a short-lived hurdles career. Hard to back with confidence on that basis. **76**
- 14 ZENNERMAN** He has shown respectable form on four of his five turf starts this season, although not up to his fairly useful standard of last year. Has won from a stone higher than his current mark, but has changed stables twice since then and it's hard to see more than a place today. **75**
- 15 ALSERAAJ** Yet to show her form in three starts for her new stable, and she hasn't beaten a rival in her last two runs. **?**

CONCLUSION

TRI CHARA has his quirks but is potentially better than his current rating, especially if first time blinkers have the desired effect. Chester is an idiosyncratic course, so form around the track is an advantage and **Danzig Fox** makes appeal on that front based on his penultimate run.

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RACE ANALYSIS (In Program Number Order)

- 1 AINAMA** A winner at Newmarket on his last outing nineteen days ago. That represented improved form and, even though he's been raised 6 lb, that shouldn't be enough to prevent him going well again. **Timeform Rating 87**
- 2 DZESMIN** The Polish Triple Crown winner in 2005. This is his first start for a yard that regularly revives jaded types and, as such, he has to be on the shortlist given that he's also potentially well handicapped. His capable apprentice rider claims a handy 7 lb, and rode a winner and a second for the stable at this quirky track in June. **90**
- 3 SHE'S OUR LASS** Not the most consistent but probably failed to stay this trip on her most recent outing and it seems doubtful she'll run to her best here, either. **86**
- 4 COMMAND MARSHAL** Pulled up last time when his rider lost an iron. Showed fair form over this course and distance on his only run at four, but isn't very consistent and is hard to trust. **88**
- 5 LESLINGTON TAYLOR** Better known as a capable jumper these days and he could manage only never-nearer ninth on return to the Flat earlier this month. Has won from this rating, however, and will be suited by the likely underfoot conditions. **87**
- 6 FIRST AVENUE** Two seconds and two thirds from four starts this year point to his consistency, for all he's been a beaten favorite in three of those. He occasionally gives the impression that he may not be completely straightforward, a trait which many of his sire's progeny possess. **84**
- 7 PRELUDE** Four wins, all from at least 6 lb lower, and two thirds from eight starts over this course and distance, and she has only once won anywhere else. Her best run came on her penultimate start, when she finished second by under a length at Pontefract with the remainder nine lengths adrift, but she was well beaten here last time out. **88**
- 8 ALTITUDE** Won a maiden on the all-weather in July. She gave a lifetime best in first-time blinkers on her latest run, although she hung badly once headed. Further improvement, which is not out of the question, would give her every chance. **86**
- 9 COLORADO BLUE** Steps up to this trip for the first time on only his second run for his new trainer, his first being a disappointing effort. Looked irresolute on that outing, and is tried in first-time cheekpieces here. **82**
- 10 OVERRULE** Has been disappointing since changing yards at the end of last year and there's little to suggest this longer trip will necessarily bring about a revival. Well backed when below his best again last time. **86**
- 11 Compton Dragon** Ran poorly on his belated reappearance here in June, never getting into the race having been slowly away. A dual distance winner, he won from just 1 lb lower than his current rating at Pontefract last October and can't be completely ruled out if able to recapture that form for all that his best form is on a sound surface. **88**

CONCLUSION

A competitive affair for the class. **First Avenue** possesses obvious talent as well as a quirky side to his character, while **Prelude** could pose a threat at a track where she goes so well, but the vote goes to **DZESMIN**, who has just made the move to a good stable and will be tough to beat if recapturing his best form from last season.

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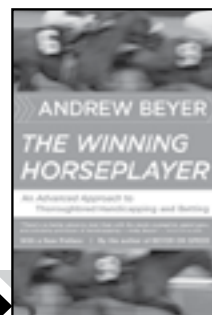
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6	Big Train Rabatash Hall Of Famer	Rubidium Big Train Clemens	Big Train Rabatash Intuition Magic	Rabatash Big Train Intuition Magic
7	Chestoria Medley Final Refrain	Bachata Medley Lady Carlock	Taletobetold Waquoit's Love Chestoria	Bachata Lady Carlock Audacious Chloe
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THURSDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

BY BRIAN NADEAU

RACE 1: DYNASKI was a professional winner of the Ninepins, probably the weaker of the two novice steeplechase stakes at the meet, but with his push-button acceleration in this corner he's clearly the one to beat for trainer Tom Voss. THE PRICE OF LOVE beat Bee Charmer (who is scratching out of here) in the Kiser and once again rates a long look for the master Jonathan Sheppard, who seems to win these hurdle races at about 6-1 every Thursday afternoon. SEER chased the top pick in the Ninepins and should once again be a stretch factor.

RACE 2: MY COUSIN MATT seems to have this field over a barrel, though at 9, it's fair to ask how he could have anyone over a barrel . . . I mean, I remember being at Lone Star Park in 2004 when this guy ran third in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. HAILEYS HERO will come from out of it but he's in reasonable form. BROOKER D fits at this level and would be no surprise.

RACE 3: NO LIEN HERE meets state-breds for the first time after running well against open maidens out west, a couple of which were stakes performers. NOTORIOUS NESS ran a big one at Belmont Park two back and would be no surprise. SIR SAPPHIRE woke up last time and rates a major player on or near the lead.

RACE 4: PROMINENT ran big earlier in the meet and meets a soft cast that should enable her to get the job done. KEY TRIP chased the top one and is the main danger up front. TINTED MOON has been away a long time but returns at the level she left at in December.

RACE 5: WESTERN DYNAMO takes the biggest drop in the game and should have no trouble with today's 9 furlongs; slight choice in a tough race. SILVER MAKER takes the blinkers off after an ill-fated sprint try at Belmont; capable stretching back out. WESTWARD GO raced wide every step of the way Aug. 6 and gets a much better post. On dirt: Silver Maker, Chauvinist, Handsome Sport.

RACE 6: BIG TRAIN looks spotted to score after winning a starter allowance at Belmont; finds a comfy spot and should be dangerous on or near the lead. RABATASH drops in for a tag for the first time; if he's rebounded from his last outing, he rates as the one to beat. INTUITION MAGIC caught a soft turf course for his local bow and could move forward. On dirt: Clemens, C. T. Phone Home, Intuition Magic.

RACE 7: This race looks next to impossible and with a full field traffic woes could be key. So, let's take the one who will be in front for as long as she can: TALETOBETOLD has never been past 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf but she could get brave in a paceless race. WAQUOIT'S LOVE shortens back up to one turn, which looks to be her best game. Not sure what to make of CHESTORIA but she's surely better than her last.

RACE 8: SHARP SUSAN gets back to a course and distance she loves and I'm hoping they elect to send her leaving the gate, as she has the ability to control the pace. WAIT A WHILE was in the same spot in last year's Ballston Spa - looking to make amends for a disappointing effort. It's fair to ask if she's the same filly that would once dominate this race. RUTHERIENNE is perfect at the distance but might not get the pace to aid her late rally.

RACE 9: FAST LEARNER beat open claimers in her last and I can't imagine that field was that much different than the state-breds she encounters today. We've waited for the last for the day's **best bet** - honk, honk. SONIC SOUND closed from the clouds at Belmont after breaking slow and is a threat with a better beginning. FAST N' SASSY blasted maidens at Belmont and takes the next logical step, though winner's first time is no easy shakes. On dirt: Miss Freud, Kitty Nip, Offhand Remark.



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OLD RED STAKES PREVIEW

BY JOHN PANAGOT

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Welcome to the recent history of Bachata, second choice in today's \$80,000 Old Red, a 1-mile affair over the inner turf for fillies and mares who haven't won a graded sweepstakes in 2008.

Bachata (Ramon Dominguez) has endured traffic troubles and tribulations the last few tries for trainer Graham Motion. While the 4-year-old daughter of Kingmambo hasn't won since September, she's had her reasons. Most recently, in the Ms. Liberty Stakes at Monmouth Park July 6, the Pin Oak Stable home-bred spent a good deal of time trapped inside while finishing third.

"She has been really unlucky," Motion said. "At Monmouth, she kind of got stuck down at the rail and just couldn't get out until too late – but she was flying at the end."

Jostled in the \$78,000 Scoot at Aqueduct in November, when she finished fifth, she missed the metaphorical train in October's Grade III Valley View at Keeneland.

"She actually got left in the gate," Motion said. "It wasn't her fault, she just wasn't ready. She still finished second."

Prior to these challenging circumstances, Bachata had won four in a row, highlighted by Monmouth's Twin Lights Stakes.

"She's got a pretty good turn of foot. I think she fits; It's a pretty evenly matched group," Motion said. "I could have run her at Ellis this weekend but I figured run her here and Ramon can ride her."

Taletobetold (Julien Leparoux) leads

the field in earnings, having banked nearly \$300,000 for owner/breeder Robert Dewitt. The Tale Of The Cat filly stretches out for trainer Eddie Kenneally, as the 4-year-old has never run longer than 6 1/2 furlongs in 22 starts.

"It is a bit of an experiment," said assistant Lorina Andersen. "She may or may not get the mile, but there aren't many spots to take her. It's been raining off the turf so much, it's tough. If she does handle it well then it's good for her pedigree. She's been great and she's been ready to go now for a while, she's a good filly."

Waquoit's Love (Edgar Prado) looks for her first stakes win. Owned and bred by Dennis Federico, the Not For Love filly has run well enough to win recently, especially in the Caress in June.

"Back at Belmont, she finished second with Prado but probably should've won," said Tim Hills' assistant Juan Alarcon, who noted that the giant gray 5-year-old has been training well at Monmouth.

"You should see the horse out here, she is (huge)," Alarcon said admiring the mare outside her stall. "She has been training very good. She is a nice, big horse. She got here (Tuesday night) from Monmouth. She looks in very good condition, and sharp."

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Tod Marks

Al Stall Jr. saddles Final Refrain (8), who won an allowance here Aug. 1.

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Old Red —

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Final Refrain (Channing Hill) will test the blacktype waters for the first time since April, when she finished seventh in Grade III Bewitched at Keeneland. Trained by Al Stall Jr., the daughter of Lion Cavern exits an off-the-pace optional-claiming score Aug. 1 for owners George Hoskins and Barry Stiliz.

Rasta Farian (Javier Castellano) finished just 1 1/2 lengths behind Carriage Trail (entered in today's Ballston Spa) in last month's De La Rose. Owned and bred by Helen Groves, the Michael Matz-trainee has not won on the grass in nearly 13 months, but owns a stakes victory on Presque Isle Downs' synthetic track and finished second in Monmouth's Ms. Liberty.

Lady Carlock (Robby Albarado) should be coming late and will appreciate any sort of speed up front. The 4-year-old Chester House filly finished

fourth in the De La Rose, just in front of Rasta Farian. Hall of Famer Carl Nafzger trains the Bentley Smith homebred.

Medley (Alan Garcia) also comes out of the De La Rose. Trained by Christophe Clement, the 4-year-old is royally bred — Queen Elizabeth II is the breeder and owner — and the English daughter of Danehill Dancer should be lurking when they turn for home.

Following an encouraging win in the Mariensky at Belmont, E El R Stable's Chestoria (Eibar Coa) stepped up quite a few levels to take a shot in the Grade I Diana, where she finished 10th and last, and trainer Billy Badgett sends her back down to a more comfortable class today.

Audacious Chloe (John Velazquez) may be the classiest filly in the field. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the More Than Ready filly is out of the Manila mare, Audacious. Her turf-screaming pedigree has led her to four wins in 10 tries on the grass. If she can return to her to past form — when she won four stakes in five chances — she looms with a great chance for Team Valor and Stone-wall Stable.


Them There Eyes (Jose Espinoza), a 4-year-old New Yorker by Holy Bull, rounds out the Old Red field. Owned by Akindale Farm, the Kathleen Feron-trainee lost to Chestoria last time out in the Mariensky by more than 5 lengths but has two wins at the distance. The full field also includes two horses on the also-eligible list: Trouble Maker (second in the De La Rose) and Queen Joanne (who won twice here last summer).





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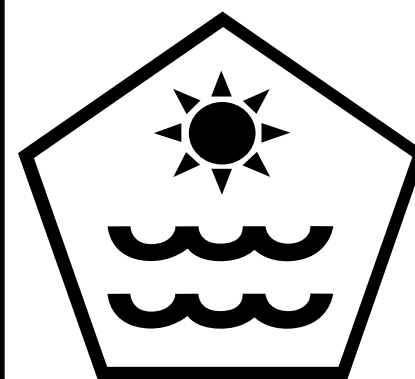
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Alan Garcia.....23	Richard Dutrow Jr.....9	Bobby Barbara.....2	Wally Dollase.....1
Cornelio Velazquez.....22	Steve Asmussen.....8	Bruce Brown.....2	James Ferraro.....1
Ramon Dominguez.....21	Tony Dutrow.....8	Mark Casse.....2	Doug Fout.....1
Edgar Prado.....21	Kiaran McLaughlin.....8	Christophe Clement.....2	Dominic Galluscio.....1
Eibar Coa.....18	Barclay Tagg.....8	Greg DiPrima.....2	Elizabeth Gray.....1
Julien Leparoux.....16	Gary Contessa.....7	David Donk.....2	Leah Gyarmati.....1
Javier Castellano.....12	Bobby Frankel.....7	John Fahey III.....2	Mark Hennig.....1
Rajiv Maragh.....12	Linda Rice.....7	Eoin Harty.....2	Neil Howard.....1
Shaun Bridgmohan.....10	Michael Maker.....6	Mike Hernandez.....2	Jimmy Jerkens.....1
Kent Desormeaux.....10	Bruce Levine.....5	John Hertler.....2	Larry Jones.....1
Robby Albarado.....9	Wesley Ward.....5	Pat Kelly.....2	John Kimmel.....1
Channing Hill.....6	George Weaver.....5	Carlos Martin.....2	Steve Klesaris.....1
Mike Luzzi.....6	Chad Brown.....4	Mike Miceli.....2	Scott Lake.....1
Jose Espinoza.....5	David Duggan.....4	John Morrison.....2	Mike Lecesce.....1
Richard Migliore.....4	Wayne Lukas.....4	Graham Motion.....2	Lisa Lewis.....1
Elvis Trujillo.....4	Shug McGaughey.....4	Bill Mott.....2	Michael Matz.....1
Jorge Chavez.....3	Jonathan Sheppard.....4	Angel Penna.....2	Michael McDonald.....1
Sebastian Morales.....3	Nick Zito.....4	Bob Ribauda.....2	Jeff Odintz.....1
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Aldo Arboleda.....1	Mike Hushion.....3	Dallas Stewart.....2	Patrick Quick.....1
Rafael Bejarano.....1	Allen Jerkens.....3	John Terranova II.....2	Jamie Sanders.....1
Garrett Gomez.....1	Eddie Kenneally.....3	Mike Trombetta.....2	Scott Schwartz.....1
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WEDNESDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

1ST. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 20,000. PURSE \$30,000.

5	Crafty N P	Garcia Alan	41.40	14.00	9.70
9	Climb to the Stars	Espinoza J L		23.20	8.90
1	Wild Logic	Maragh R			3.00

Finish Time: 1:17.59

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: Obviously NY Stable.

Ch. f. 3 Crafty C. T.-Midway Gal, Midway Circle.

Bred by Gus Schoenborn Jr. (NY).

\$2 Exacta 5-9 Paid \$714.00; \$2 Trifecta 5-9-1 Paid \$2,705.00

2ND. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.

6	Relatively Ready	Velasquez C	14.40	6.00	5.00
5	Umbra	Dominguez R A		3.50	3.10
9	Pynaformer	Castellano J J			7.40

Finish Time: 1:44.44

Trainer: David Donk. Owner: William Bloom,

John Behrendt & Charles Marquis.

Dk.B./Br. c. 2 More Than Ready-Relativa (ARG), Parade Marshal.

Bred by William Bloom, John Behrendt & Charles Marquis (NY).

\$2 Exacta 6-5 Paid \$61.00; \$2 Quinella 5-6 Paid \$27.20; \$2 Trifecta 6-5-9 Paid \$637.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-6) Paid \$313.00; \$2 Superfecta 6-5-9-10 Paid \$4,718.00; \$2 Consolation Double (5-1) Paid \$39.80

3RD. 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$61,000.

4	Awesome I Am	Maragh R	7.70	3.40	2.80
10	Pretty Carina	Castellano J J		3.30	2.80
2	Lady On Holiday	Velasquez C			6.30

Finish Time: 1:23.35

Trainer: John Terranova II. Owner: Sovereign Stable.

B. f. 3 Awesome Again-Facts of Winning, Known Fact.

Bred by Ocala Stud Farm (FL).

\$2 Exacta 4-10 Paid \$18.60; \$2 Trifecta 4-10-2 Paid \$248.00; \$2 Pick 3 (5-6-4) 3 Correct Paid \$1,544.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-4) Paid \$44.60; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (5-1-4) Paid \$212.50; \$2 Superfecta 4-10-2-8 Paid \$1,314.00

4TH. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$34,000.

4	Ardnavagh (FR)	Coa E M	4.90	3.20	2.40
2	Mesa Girl	Samyn J L		22.40	6.90
5	On Lake	Prado E S			3.30

Finish Time: 1:37.82

Trainer: Chad Brown. Owner: John Eaton & Steve Laymon.

Dk.B./Br. f. 4 Anabaa Blue (GB)-Arel (FR), Highest Honor (FR).

Bred by M. Franck Benillouche (FR).

\$2 Exacta 4-2 Paid \$153.50; \$2 Quinella 2-4 Paid \$89.50; \$2 Trifecta 4-2-5 Paid \$377.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-4-4) 3 Correct Paid \$101.00; \$2 Daily Double (4-4) Paid \$16.60; \$2 Superfecta 4-2-5-1 Paid \$2,337.00

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

7	Consequence	Velasquez J R	14.80	7.60	5.40
4	Such Flash	Albarado R J		7.10	5.40
9	Closing Speed	Bridgmohan S X			6.20

Finish Time: 1:03.94

Trainer: Shug McGaughey. Owner: Phipps Stable.

Ch. f. 2 El Prado (IRE)-Educated Risk, Mr. Prospector.

Bred by Phipps Stable (KY).

\$2 Exacta 7-4 Paid \$100.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-4-9 Paid \$669.00; \$2 Pick 3 (4-4-7) 3 Correct Paid \$110.00; \$2 Pick 4 (6-4-4-7) 4 Correct Paid \$684.00; \$2 Daily Double (4-7) Paid \$33.80; \$2 Superfecta 7-4-9-8 Paid \$1,812.00

6TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$46,000.

2	Encinas (GER)	Garcia Alan	6.90	4.40	3.10
6	Real Quality	Castellano J J		4.40	3.40
10	Dr Rico	Maragh R			6.10

Finish Time: 1:43.23

Trainer: Kieran McLaughlin. Owner: Zabeel Racing International.

B. g. 7 Lomitas (GB)-Epik (GER), Selkirk.

Bred by Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER).

\$2 Exacta 2-6 Paid \$30.00; \$2 Trifecta 2-6-10 Paid \$313.00; \$2 Pick 3 (4-7-2) 3 Correct Paid \$79.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-2) Paid \$62.50; \$2 Superfecta 2-6-10-8 Paid \$1,416.00

7TH. 3&UP. MDN CLM 25,000. PURSE \$22,000.

3	Tomlinson Hill	Velazquez J R	12.40	7.90	4.90
12	Safari Kid	Morales S		34.40	12.20
11	Tonsina	Leparoux J R			5.60

Finish Time: 1:25.10

Trainer: Rick Schosberg. Owner: Richard Marquardt,

Niall Brennan & William Fillingame.

B. g. 3 Harlan's Holiday-Hail the Queen, Danzatore.

Bred by Diane Waldron (FL).

\$2 Exacta 3-12 Paid \$557.00; \$2 Trifecta 3-12-11 Paid \$3,234.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-3) Paid \$33.80; \$2 Pick 3 (7-2-3) 3 Correct Paid \$246.50

8TH. THE BENNINGTON. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$83,400.

6	Zada Belle	Velazquez J R	3.40	2.40	2.10
7	City Bird	Prado E S		3.70	2.90
8	Gem Sleuth	Leparoux J R			3.80

Finish Time: 1:09.60

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor. Owner: Godolphin Racing.

B. f. 4 Indian Charlie-Three of a Kind, Carson City.

Bred by Scott Lanier (FL).

\$2 Exacta 6-7 Paid \$10.40; \$2 Trifecta 6-7-8 Paid \$61.00; \$2 Pick 3 (2-3-6) 3 Correct Paid \$67.50; \$2 Daily Double (3-6) Paid \$24.00; \$2 Superfecta 6-7-8-9 Paid \$289.00

9TH. THE ALBANY. 1 1/8 MILES. 3YO. NY BRED. PURSE \$150,000.

6	Tin Cup Chalice	Rodriguez P A	6.70	4.70	3.60
4	That'srightofficer	Prado E S		8.50	4.80
7	Big Truck	Coa E M			2.90

Finish Time: 1:51.33

Trainer: Mike Lecesse. Owner: Mike Lecesse & Scott Van Laer.

B. g. 3 Crusader Sword-Twice Forbidden, Spectacular Bid.

Bred by Mike Lecesse (NY).

\$2 Exacta 6-4 Paid \$86.50; \$2 Trifecta 6-4-7 Paid \$259.00; \$2 Grand Slam (2,6,10-3,11,12-6,7,8-6) Paid \$32.60; \$2 Pick 3 (3-6-6) 3 Correct Paid \$61.50; \$2 Daily Double (6-6) Paid \$14.20

Winner earned \$250,000 bonus for completing the OTB Big Apple Triple

10TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. AOC 30,000. PURSE \$64,000.

8	Bella Attrice	Desormeaux K J	15.20	8.00	5.50
7	Boxitup	Velazquez J R		13.00	9.30
2	Absoulute Heaven	Prado E S			4.20

Finish Time: 1:43.28

Trainer: Bruce Brown. Owner: Gumpster Stable & Our Blue Streaks Stable.

Dk.B./Br. m. 5 Tomorrows Cat-Irish Actress, Seattle Song.

Bred by Neal Galvin (NY).

\$2 Exacta 8-7 Paid \$171.00; \$2 Trifecta 8-7-2 Paid \$719.00; \$2 Superfecta 8-7-2-1 Paid \$1,440.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-8) Paid \$62.50; \$2 Pick 3 (6-6-8) 3 Correct Paid \$85.50; \$2 Pick 4 (3-6-6-8) 4 Correct Paid \$431.50; \$2 Pick 6 (7-2-3-6-6-8) 6 Correct Paid \$2,808.00, 5 Correct Paid \$49.40

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2 Relatively Ready



3 Awesome I Am



4 Ardnagh



5 Consequence



6 Encinas



7 Tomlinson Hill



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Zada Zips

Godolphin filly finds clear sailing to claim Bennington stakes tally

BY BRIAN NADEAU & JOHN PANAGOT

Zada Belle got the trip in Wednesday's Bennington that her connections had been hoping for three weeks ago in the Honorable Miss.

The 4-year-old daughter of Indian Charlie had no problem in yesterday's \$83,400 Bennington, as an ideal journey allowed the filly to show off her talent in an impressive 4 1/2-length score.

"In the Honorable Miss she kind of got squeezed a little bit on the far turn," said Rick Mettee, Godolphin's U.S. assistant to trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "We didn't want her to get too far back especially against those caliber (horses). She trained fine leading up to it, she just didn't pull the trip she needed that day. We don't know if she would have beaten Any Limit – she won by 6 – but she may have been a little closer had she been closer to the lead."

Zada Belle broke alertly yesterday and settled right behind pacesetter Be Golden (Shaun Bridgman) through a half-mile. At the quarter-pole, the bay filly took command and spurted away, clocking in at 1:09.60 for 6 furlongs.

"She went 24-and-1 for the last quarter, so that was nice to see, they went (1:09.60) and the track hasn't been that fast this year, so that's a pretty good time,"



Dave Harmon

Zada Belle floats to the wire with a win in Wednesday's Bennington Stakes.

Mettee said. "We'll see how she comes out of this, there are a few spots in September."

John Velazquez admired his filly's effort and appreciated her demeanor during Wednesday's win.

"She rated very kindly for me out there," the jockey said. "She's not rank at all. You can put your hands down on her and she'll let a horse pass her. She relaxed really easy out there. At the three-eighths pole she got into the bridle and I just let her do it. She was ready to roll. As soon as she took the lead she kind of eased herself out. She wasn't trying to run as fast as she could. She took the lead and kind of waited there but when she switched she went on again and took off."

City Bird (Edgar Prado) rallied to finish second as the best of the rest and Gem Sleuth (Julien Leparoux)

was third.

• Crafty N P (Alan Garcia) kicked off Week Five at the Spa in familiar fashion, taking the opener, a conditioned claimer, at nearly 20-1 for Linda Rice and Obviously NY Stable.

The connections have enjoyed plenty of success at Saratoga the past few years, and they have a common friend to thank.

"I started working for them, it's actually a cute story," Rice said. "I went to their farm to buy some City Zip babies, and they wouldn't sell them. So I said, 'Will you take a profit for them?' and they said no. So I said, 'Well do you have a trainer?' And they didn't,

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Wednesday —

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so I wound up training for them . . . it has gone well.”

Crafty N P finished 1 3/4 lengths ahead of Climb To The Stars (Jose Espinoza), while Wild Logic (Rajiv Maragh) held on for third.

- Consequence (Velazquez) parlayed an eventful start that included a bump and a check with a rail trip and a strong move into a convincing win in the fifth, becoming the second Phipps Stable homebred juvenile to score in the last three racing days.

“When we got up here she had a little bit of a shin splint,” said Shug McGaughey. “I had to take care of that. Then I worked her one time on the grass, and I liked the way she went. She was already OK out of the gate so I said, ‘let’s go on and run her and see what happens.’ I’m not surprised she ran well. Her mother (Educated Risk) was really fast, and so I figured let’s go on and run her see what happens.”

The chestnut daughter of El Prado completed the 5 1/2 furlongs over the Mellon turf course in 1:03.94, 3 lengths clear of early pacesetter Such Flash (Robby Albarado) and the appropriately named Closing Speed (Shaun Bridgmohan).

- Tomlinson Hill (Velazquez) and Safari Kid (Sebastian Morales) traveled one-two throughout all 7 furlongs of the seventh, a maiden claimer worth \$22,000. Tomlinson Hill, sent off as the third choice, never lost the lead to Safari Kid, the longest shot in the field of 11. No one kept closer tabs on the journey than winning trainer Rick Schosberg.

“I’m glad it was a 45-1 shot chasing him and not a 4-5 shot chasing him, put it that way,” Schosberg said. “I was pleased because he went forward off his last race and speed changes especially in a race like that with a bunch of maidens. But again, I’m glad it was 45-1 next to us. I was yelling to get that horse to win, believe me.”

Owned by Richard Marquardt, Niall Brennan and William Fillingame, the Florida-bred son of Harlan’s Holiday found the winner’s circle in his sixth try. Tonsina (Julien Leparoux) completed the \$3,234 trifecta.

- Was it daughters Paulina and Gi-ana providing good luck? The racing

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Crafty N P takes the first at better than 20-1.

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Wednesday —

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gods giving one back? The perseverance of horse and rider? Whatever the reason, John Terranova II isn't complaining. Awesome I Am stole victory from the jaws of defeat in deep stretch of the third, winning a head bob over erratic front-runner Pretty Carina.

Pretty Carina (Javier Castellano) broke swiftly and assumed the lead through quick opening splits of 22.31 and 45.09 seconds while Awesome I Am



Dave Harmon

Relatively Ready charges to the wire with a win in the second.

(Rajiv Maragh) sat patiently in sixth, some 8 lengths behind the runaway leader. Turning for home Pretty Carina spurred to a 3-length lead while Awesome I Am seemed resigned to second after rallying six-wide at the top of the stretch. In mid-stretch, Castellano went to work on a tiring Pretty Carina, who veered out. Awesome I Am was in full flight on the outside and though Castellano soon righted his mount, the damage had been done. Awesome I Am and Pretty Carina hit the wire together, separated by a nose, with Lady On Holiday (Cornelio Velasquez) a neck back in third.

Terranova trains Awesome I Am for main client Sovereign Stable, and the 3-year-old daughter of Awesome Again entered off two strong thirds, including one in the \$70,000 Serena's Song Stakes at Monmouth July 13, where she attempted two turns for the first time. Terranova cut the filly back to 7 furlongs Wednesday and scored a satisfying victory; the trainer had hit the board a dozen times in 14 prior starts this meet, with one winner and eight runners-up.

"We've kind of been overdue to get a win but the horses have been running good and that's about all you can ask for in this game. We'll take one any way we can," Terranova said, while carrying 2-year-old Giana in his arms. "(Awesome I Am) came in off two really big races and she's a filly we have always been high on. I think she has a bright future. She might have a really big race in her some day. We tried her going two turns in the stakes at Monmouth but I think this kind of trip is what she wants to do."



Dave Harmon

Awesome I Am (4) gets up in the final stride to catch Pretty Carina in the third.


• Getting through seven rivals, a rough trip and 1 1/16 miles on turf figured to be the least of Relatively Ready's worries — after all, the 2-year-old only has one functioning eye. He still took Wednesday's second, a \$63,000 maiden, in last-to-first fashion, winning by 1 1/4 lengths over Umbra (Ramon Dominguez) and Pynaformer (Castellano).

Relatively Ready lost sight in his right eye early on as a foal when his dam Relativa kicked him in his stall. Though the situation wasn't ideal for the young horse, he showed precociousness from the start.

After being schooled by J.J. Pletcher (Todd's father) early in his 2-year-old season, Relatively Ready arrived at

Donk's Belmont Park base ready to roll, and the trainer sent him out for his debut May 16 over an off track — not exactly what either of them wanted.

"J.J. broke him and trained him and he obviously came to me in great shape," Donk said. "I ran him in the slop going 5 furlongs and it was horrible. But I knew with his pedigree he was going to be grass anyway. He's trained very well so I expected him to run that way. He was kicked when he was 3 or 4 weeks old. It actually hasn't been that difficult to train him, he's always had it, so he's kind of used to it. As far as being a racehorse goes, I think not having his right eye is much better than if he didn't have his left."



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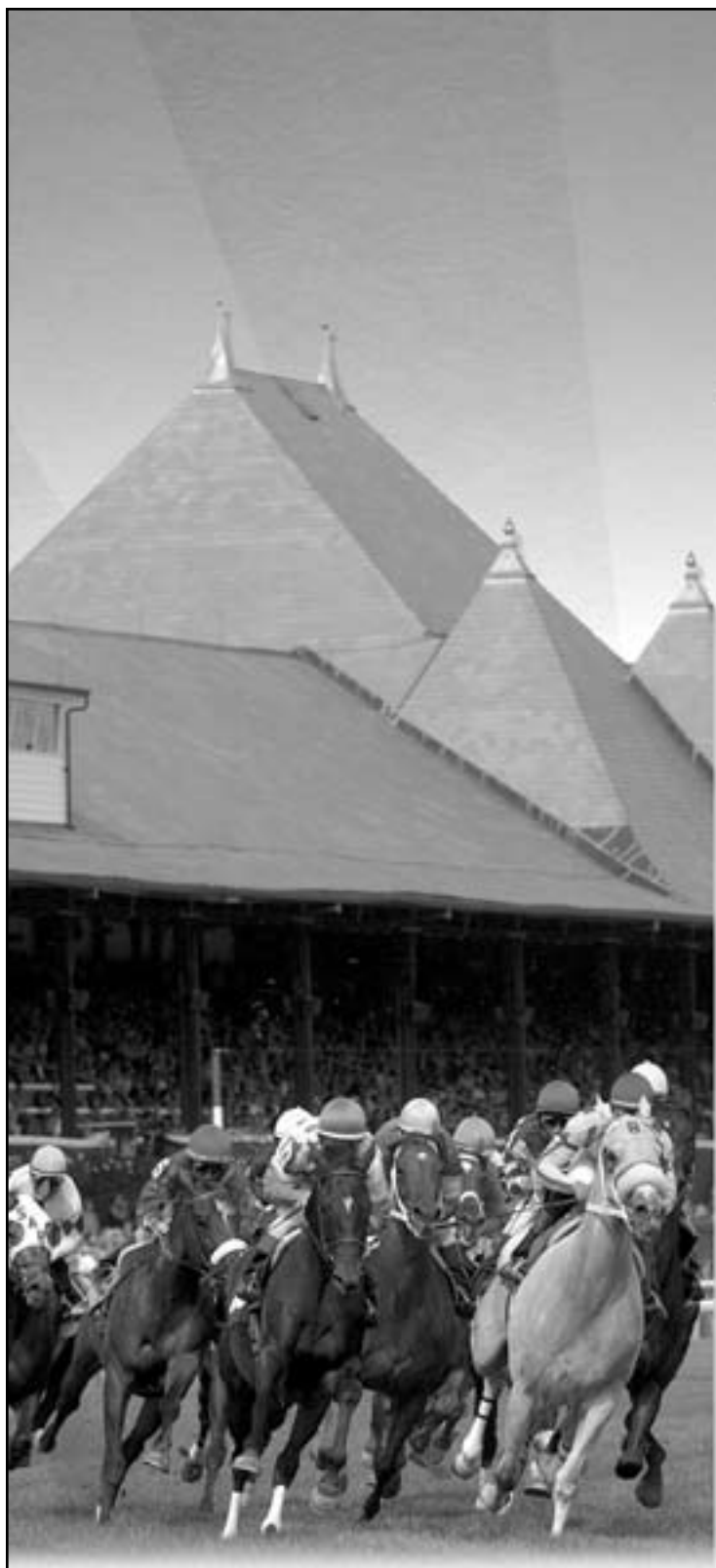


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Old days, good as new

These are the good old days.
The Morning Line Kitchen. The Paper Lady. The Fruit Man. The horses walked right down Gridley Avenue. Remember the loose horse that escaped from the stakes barn and ran down Jackson Street? John's Call manned the Oklahoma side. Funny Cide reigned on the main track side. Grade I-winning ponies tied to trees.

These are the good old days.
Mike Hushion had a heart attack and was back at work in four days. Channing Hill had hair down his back. Michael Phelps won gold medals like Todd Pletcher won titles. Desormeaux won his 5,000th race on a New York-bred filly. How about Alan Garcia, man, that kid could ride. Larry Jones galloped his own and then won everything with Proud Spell and Kodiak Kowboy.

These are the good old days.
Shug rolled out 2-year-olds Persistently and Consequence. Linda Rice dominated the turf sprints, fillies against the boys didn't matter. Parker Buckley. Storm Cat still topped the sales across the street. Paul worked the turf gap – worked it like a sergeant. Indian Charlie, man, how did he get away with it?

These are the good old days.
The Special ran a poll, Obama or McCain. Some wanted Daffy. Peter Pugh pedaled his bike around the barn area, all he needed was a horn. Lorna Chavez could gallop anything. David Donk won a turf race with a one-eyed colt. Tin Cup Chalice finally took home that big cardboard check the New York Thoroughbred Development Fund stored for years.

These are the good old days.
Those kids: Clancys, Badgetts, Matzes, Hennigs, McLaughlins, Motions, Carroll, Migliores, O'Briens, Velazquezes . . . man whatever happened to all of them? Christophe Clement put his horses on the shank and taught them to roll in his sand paddocks. Brant Laue and Doc Richardson held court on the turn of the Oklahoma. Sal Russo supplied Dominic Galluscio with his first cup of coffee every morning. The syndicates were big and get-

■ CUP OF COFFEE

By
Sean Clancy



ting bigger, didn't Chico the Shoeshine Man try to start one up?

These are the good old days.
Johnny started with a bang. Dominguez struggled, then all of a sudden was vying for the lead. Prado grinded them out. Velasquez, the quiet man, never said an extra word while riding like a clock. Coa had everybody on the lookout. Garcia kept his nose clean and rode hard.

These are the good old days.
Remember that Alabama, when the filly of Godolphin's looked home and hosed then that little filly of Larry Jones' came fighting back? Barclay Tagg had that big gray horse who didn't make his first start until he was 4. The Ramseys had four trainers over at the Annex and couldn't refuse a claim slip. Remember IEAH Stable? They owned Big Brown and Ariege. Winning Move threw paint at the wall like Jackson Pollock. Carl Lizza kept the old school bell ringing.

These are the good old days.
Bruce Levine never got excited. Roddy Valente did. Bustin Stones missed the meet. Richard DeStasio took Jose Espinoza's book and got him going. Curlin breezed like a Trojan horse once a week leading up to the Woodward. Dave Duggan, John Fahey and Chad Brown got going that meet. John Ward's stable came back to life, winning three or four right off the bat.

These are the good old days.
Shug lined up all those horses outside his barn, you could just look down the row and feel like Federico Tesio. Dutrow never showed up but kept winning. Roberto Urrutia won a bunch of races. Pat Reynolds had that filly who went so wide in the that turf stakes, Backseat Rhythm. The jockeys couldn't handle the sixth-graders in basketball, but beat the state police at softball.

These are the good old days.
Ginger Punch ruled supreme, but made Frankel nervous in the Personal Ensign. Sheppard and Voss rolled off the farm and into the winner's circle. John Hertler won a stakes with Latitude Forty. Commentator won his second Whitney – three years after his first. Indian Blessing passed the Test.

These are the good old days.
Macho Again won the Jim Dandy then had to face every gun left on the 3-year-old scene in the Travers. Better Talk Now was going strong at 9. Grand Couturier won two straight Sword Dancers for Bobby Ribaud. Allen Jerkens had everybody guessing. The sun came up. It rained. Then got cold. Joe's kids had to go home. *The Saratoga Special* made it through its eighth season.

These are the good old days.

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