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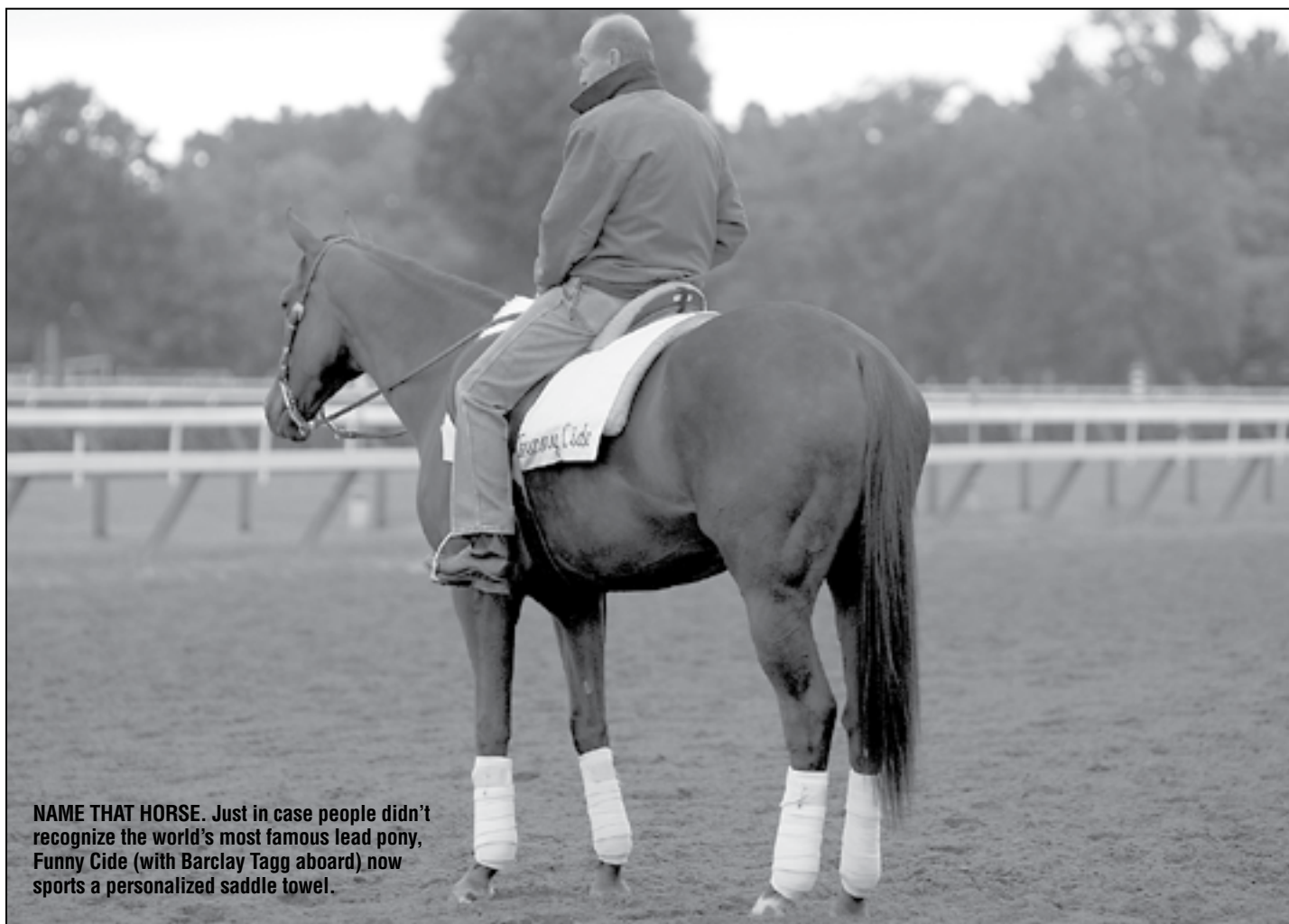
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Trainer Pat Reynolds, about trying to handicap races with trainer Tom Voss

"Not me."
Universal look of four exercise riders from the Patrick Biancone barn, to the question 'OK, which one of you boys fell off?' from an Oklahoma bystander

"Grazing him is a little like being in Iraq. You never know when the bomb is going to go off."
Bob "This is not my real job" Hackworth, while grazing an explosive horse for trainer Tony Reinstedler Tuesday morning

"I guess we call that presence, but I believe in that; horses that look good, that have something, are the good horses."
Trainer Christophe Clement, on the personality of 9-year-old stakes winner Revved Up

"You think he knows he's old?"
Clement, to owner Charlotte Weber, after Revved Up won the John's Call Sunday

"I haven't had a drink in 3 1/2 years, but I am tempted to now."
Owner Shirley Shaw, after her Brushed Prince won Sunday's 10th race

Take A Number

4: Stops (to simply gaze into the distance) made by Street Sense from the backside road crossing to the gap on his way to work Tuesday morning.

3: Disposable Kodak cameras on the floor of Barbara Livingston's car.

21.5: Hot dogs eaten (in 12 minutes) by Crazy Legs Conti to win the Nathan's Hot Dog eating contest at the track Monday.

Name of the Day

Vesper, sixth race. This 2-year-old filly is by Black Tie Affair out of She's A Storm. James Bond (the secret agent not the trainer), who always liked a black tie affair and a stormy woman, fell in love with Vesper Lynd in Ian Fleming's 1953 novel *Casino Royale*. Bond even named a drink after Lynd. Remember, the Vesper martini is shaken not stirred.

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, high of 72, low of 56. Chance of rain, 20 percent.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low of 56. Chance of rain, 10 percent.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, high of 81, low of 64. Chance of rain, 20 percent.

Friday: Scattered thunderstorms, high of 85, low of 65. Chance of rain, 50 percent.

Travers Day: Isolated thunderstorms, high of 89, low of 63. Chance of rain, 30 percent.

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A Capitalist

Chief's Lake could score \$250,000 bonus for New York Triple sweep

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Dominic Galluscio sat at the table outside his Barn 53 Tuesday morning, pondering the question at hand.

"How do you beat Chief's Lake?" Galluscio was asked.

A quick perusal of the *Racing Form* gave Galluscio a few clues and helped to make it seem at least plausible, but he still came to a somewhat predictable conclusion.

"Chief's Lake is an awfully good horse."

And that's the dilemma facing Galluscio and five other trainers when they try and prevent heavily favored Chief's Lake from sweeping the Big Apple Triple today in the \$150,000 Albany, a state-bred stakes for 3-year-olds at 9 furlongs. If he's able to complete the sweep of the Mike Lee, New York Derby and Albany, Chief's Lake will bring home a \$250,000 bonus for his connections: owner Vinery Stables, trainer Steve Asmussen, and jockey Garrett Gomez.

"Nobody has won the bonus."

Galluscio pointed out that since the inception of the Big Apple Triple in 1999, no state-bred sophomore has

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been able to turn the trick.

So history's against Chief's Lake, at least.

Chief's Lake enters the Albany as an odds-on proposition to secure the bonus and cement his status as the leading state-bred 3-year-old. He's the fastest and most talented entrant in the field. Moreso, most of today opponents already know it.

Count Galluscio's Dr. V's Magic among them. The son of Raffle's Majesty has seen more of Chief Lake's tail than he would like, chasing him home in the Mike Lee at Belmont Park and New York Derby at Finger Lakes. Still, Galluscio isn't leading Dr. V's Magic over just to fill up the starting gate. His reasons for heading back into the fire could help to put out Chief's Lake's flame.

"We are getting a little bit of a weight break from him this time; last time we were giving him three (pounds) and now I'm getting three, so it's a six-pound weight shift," Galluscio said. "Going a mile and an eighth, a six-pound shift could be a lot. Plus we have Desormeaux, and he is riding terrific."



Tod Marks

Chief's Lake (seen here last summer) casts a long shadow in today's Albany.

True indeed. Kent Desormeaux scooted home four winners Monday and begins the day with a two-victory lead over Cornelio Velasquez in the race for leading jockey.

Galluscio will take the blinkers-off Dr. V's Magic in the Albany in the hopes of getting his charge to relax and come from off the pace. The distance could also prove to be an equalizing factor – just check out the family tree.

"The plan with the blinkers-off would be to make a late run. The blinkers seemed to make him a little rank," Galluscio said. "I don't think the 9

furlongs will be a bother to him. His sire Raffle's Majesty almost won the Travers at a mile and a quarter, and his full brother Organizer won the Empire Classic going a mile and an eighth, and won up here at that distance too, so I think it will be OK."

Trainer Gary Contessa wants back in as well. Stunt Man has finished behind Chief's Lake three times this year, but Contessa knows you can't win if you are watching from the barn.

"He seems to be training better up

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here, so maybe that Saratoga edge will help him out,” Contessa said. “This is as good or better than he has ever been training. He’s a hard-knocking horse who just keeps trying.”

Under jockey Ramon Dominguez, who’s back aboard in the Albany, Stunt Man was a deep-closing third just on the lawn two weeks ago in the \$150,000 Cab Calloway. It’s a style that Contessa thinks can work to his favor today.

“Ever since Dominguez has been on him he has found a new way to run; he has been closing,” Contessa said. “I think the mile and an eighth is a disadvantage to us, but maybe with this new running style we might get there. If the Albany was at a mile or a mile and a sixteenth, I would be in better shape, but with this deep-closing style maybe we can win it.”

And if none of that works? Well, maybe Chief’s Lake will beat himself.

“Hopefully Chief’s Lake is confident or over-confident. Maybe he will open up 3 lengths turning for home and assume he is going to win and we’ll catch him off guard,” Contessa said. “Truthfully though, my horse is not much behind Chief’s Lake.”

Which brings us to the heavy favorite.

Winner of five of eight career starts, the son of Yonaguska has yet to run a

bad race since donning blinkers in his second lifetime start. He’s posted three stakes victories; two in scintillating fashion, one with the help of the stewards.

In the Mike Lee Chief’s Lake pressed the pace for the first half-mile before Garrett Gomez pulled clear in the lane for a 3 1/4-length win. The New York Derby, however, was a not quite as easy.

Channing Hill rode Chief’s Lake that day, and they travelled comfortably in second, stalking the leader Berry Bound. Chief’s Lake and Berry Bound distanced themselves from the field as they streaked past the eighth-pole, bumping several times in deep stretch. Berry Bound prevailed in the end by a nose. After a lengthy delay the stewards decided the bumping cost Chief’s Lake — who had put his nose in front nearing the wire — the win and reversed the deci-

sion. On to Saratoga and a shot at the Big Apple Triple.

Doctor Freud is a fresh new face amid a familiar field. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the son of Freud visits stakes company for the first time since a disappointing run in April’s Times Square Stakes at Aqueduct. He brings speed to the table and should allow jockey John Velazquez to work out a trip on or near the lead on Wednesday.

Leah Gyarmati starts Good Prospect, who has finished behind Dr. V’s Magic, Chief’s Lake and Stunt Man in his last three starts. A son of the crack New York sprinter Good And Tough, he could find 9 furlongs a bit beyond his scope. Calvin Borel has the call.

Bayou Timber (Rafael Bejarano) for trainer George Weaver and Stopbluffing (Cornelio Velasquez) for Del Carroll round out the Albany field.



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Truly Blushed gets to the line first in the Hush Dear Stakes earlier in the meet. The top four finishers from that race return today.

Speed Skaters

Turf sprint stakes offers talented distaffers, but no ice

BY DAVID KOSAK

The \$80,000 Capades Stakes is an opening act for the featured Albany, but the race has enough talent to headline an event on its own. Carded as the seventh race, a field of nine decorated fillies and mares will go 5 1/2 furlongs over the Mellon turf. As a group, the field offers a little bit of everything, including the first four finishers from the \$82,000 Hush Dear Stakes here July 26.

First, there's pedigree.

Serena's Cat brings a rich one to the Capades. Trained by Kieran McLaughlin and owned by Dell Ridge Farm, the filly is by the immortal stallion Storm Cat out of the Mr. Prospector mare Serena's Tune (the first foal of champion Serena's Song). Serena's Tune was sold for \$1 million in the 1999 Keeneland July select sale.

The price for this pedigree line hasn't gotten any cheaper. Serena's Cat was bred in Kentucky by Hill 'n' Dale Farm and Edward McGhee and sold at the

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2003 Keeneland November select sales.

"She was a million-four as a weanling; her two brothers cost \$3.6 million and \$2.8 million. So it's a very valuable pedigree and a top pedigree," McLaughlin said. "We're happy that we won a stakes with her and now we're trying to win another stakes here at Saratoga."

McLaughlin thinks highly of the pricey 4-year-old, who has made four starts for him since coming over from Bill Mott's barn. The highlight was a nose score in Monmouth Park's \$63,000 Klassy Briefcase Stakes July 1.

"She's training much better, she's been a little bit of a head case at times and training was difficult," McLaughlin said. "But she's training very well now; she's doing everything right. It's largely in part to Bernie Dalton, the exercise rider. He's just a great exercise rider and he's done well with her."

She makes her second start of the meet, having finished a game second in

the Hush Dear during Opening Week. John Velazquez picks up the mount.

McLaughlin doesn't have a course mapped out yet for Serena's Cat.

"I don't know because she's a 4-year-old. We're just hoping that she runs well (Wednesday)," he said.

Jazzy has done her running out of town and out of the country.

The Argentine-bred daughter of Mutakddim makes her second start in the United States, and looks to improve off her second (by a nose) in the \$60,000 Incredible Revenge at Monmouth Park July 21. Trained by Mark Hennig, the 5-year-old mare has traveled a long way to be here. Owned by Team Valor Stables and Robert Scott Muir, Jazzy brings her overseas experience to Saratoga.

"She was never in the country before; she'd been in Argentina and in South Africa," Hennig said. "This is her first venture in the U.S. and I think they just wanted to bring her here and give

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her a shot. There are more opportunities now for sprinters on the grass than there used to be. Team Valor purchased her with some partners and contacted me about taking her. She ran well in her debut. She came over and needed to get acclimated and ready to run. And hopefully now she'll keep running."

Smart And Fancy is talented and experienced, to boot.

Owned by Park Avenue Racing Stable, the daughter of Not For Love sports a career record of 10 wins from 15 starts. She has only missed the money twice in her career and won her last four starts for trainer Tony Dutrow following a third in the Gr. II Barbara Fritchie at Laurel Park Feb. 17.

Her recent success bodes well for today. Her two latest efforts (and her only turf starts) were stakes victories, as she took the \$100,000 Turf Amazon Handicap at Philadelphia May 28 and the \$101,000 Light Hearted at Delaware Park July 15. She's a perfect 2-for-2 over the lawn, with both attempts coming at 5 furlongs. Dutrow couldn't be more excited about his Maryland-bred charge.

"It's great when you're successful in this industry; she's a great filly," Dutrow said. "It's a good quality field and you would think she would run a good race. She never disappoints; she always runs well."

Bred in Maryland by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, the filly has spent most of her racing career in New York.

"She's always trained here; she's always been up in New York because the races are up here," he said. "I expect good things from her."

Jockey Ramon Dominguez, aboard for three of her last four wins, gets the call again in the Capades.

Trainer Scott Lake looks to get his

second victory of the meet with Truly Blushed, the same 4-year-old filly who earned him the first tally by winning the Hush Dear here July 26. She's well suited for this turf sprint as she goes for her third win in four trips with jockey Roberto Alvarado, who will be aboard again. Owned by Aces Full Racing Stable, she finished second (1 1/2 lengths behind Smart And Fancy) in the Light Hearted July 15 before coming back to set the pace and score in the Hush Dear.

The youngest of the entries is 3-year-old Taletobetold. Trained by Eddie Kenneally, she enters today after finishing third, beaten only a half-length in the Hush Dear after drawing the rail that day. Owned by Robert Dewitt, the daughter of Tale Of The Cat looks to improve on that game finish and pick up her second win on the year. Two starts back Taletobetold won her turf debut in the \$114,000 Open Mind Stakes at Churchill Downs.

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens enters Lemon Drop Gal, who finished a disappointing fourth as the favorite in the Hush Dear. She hopes to return to the form saw her win the Evil Bear Stakes at Belmont June 28 by 4 lengths. The 5-year-old Lemon Drop Kid mare would move up if there is a little give in the Spa turf. Leading jockey Kent Desormeaux has the return call.

Brazilian (Calvin Borel) for trainer Christophe Clement, Royal Regan (Rafael Bejarano) for Colonial Downs-based Cathy Rountree and 2006 Honorable Miss winner Stormy Kiss (Eibar Coa) for Barclay Tagg round out the Capades field.

Andrea's Pic (Javier Castellano) for Rodney Jenkins, Mohegan Sky (Cornelio Velasquez) for Linda Rice and Trouble Maker (Castellano) for Tom Albertrani are poised on the also-eligible list, while Pennyryle (Ramon Dominguez) will head to the gate for Rick Schosberg if the race washes off the lawn.

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The program is free with admission to the museum.

Santos, 46, notched 4,083 career wins over the course of a career that began in 1984. Some of the biggest came at Saratoga, including a 1999 Travers score aboard Lemon Drop Kid and last year's Personal Ensign aboard Eclipse award winner Fleet Indian. He was inducted into the Hall 16 days ago. A native of Concepcion, Chile, Santos suffered serious back injuries in a Feb. 1 spill in a race at Aqueduct. He officially retired a week before his induction.

Humberto Chavez, the RTCA chaplain for the Thoroughbred tracks at Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga, and Nick Caras, recreation director at the three tracks for 20 years, will talk about the work they do with track employees.

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5	4	Half a Note	Garcia Alan.....	Barbara Robert.....	7-2
6	5	Highly Spoken	Borel C H.....	Jacobson David.....	3-1
7	6	Eddie C.....	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	5-2
8	9	Klassy Tripp.....	Rojas R I	Parisella John.....	15-1
9	AE	Thunder Minister.....	Velazquez J R.....	O'Brien Keith	6-1
10	AE	A Wild Minute.....	Gomez O	Candlin John	20-1
11	AE	Titanium Menace.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Ciresa Martin.....	6-1

A-Coupled: Noble Duty and Secretfairways
Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

2ND (1:32) 5 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1	1	Armonk	Garcia Alan.....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	4-1
2	2	Shop Glack.....	Carter T	Jerkens Allen	6-1
3	3	Little Miss Julien	Gomez G K	Ward Wesley	8-1
4	4	Smokin' Stephanie	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd	7-2
5	5	Syriana's Song	Borel C H.....	Stewart Dallas	8-5
6	6	Tazarine.....	Velasquez C.....	Lukas Wayne.....	15-1
7	7	Stormy Blessing.....	Bejarano R	Harty Eoin	6-1

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

3RD (2:04) 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. ALLW/OPT CLM 50,000. PURSE \$70,000.

1	1	Chicago's Girl	Hill C	Cuadra Victor	30-1
2	2	Archstone.....	Luzzi M J.....	Horgan Roger	30-1
3	3	Tejida.....	Marquez C H Jr	Matz Michael	12-1
4	4	Sprightly.....	Coa E M	Levine Bruce	15-1
5	5	Wingspan	Gomez G K	Pletcher Todd	8-5
6	6	Argentina (IRE)	Prado E S	Frankel Bobby	1-1
7	7	Enter Stage Left.....	Dominguez R A	Robinson Catherine...	30-1
8	8	Omeya (CHI)	Velasquez C.....	Sheppard Jonathan...	8-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (3-5)

4TH (2:36) 7 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

1	1	Madam Commander..	Velasquez C.....	Hernandez Mike.....	5-2
2	2	Staid.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Asmussen Steve.....	2-1
3	3	Beam of Love	Coa E M	Contessa Gary	8-1
4	4	Sand and Song.....	Garcia Alan.....	Hills Tim	10-1
5	5	Valentina's Grace	Prado E S	Dutrow Richard	8-1
6	6	Gullible Gal.....	Desormeaux K J....	Mott Bill.....	5-1
7	7	Desafinado	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd	6-1
8	8	Wise Choice	Messina R	Iorio Jr Sal	30-1

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

5TH (3:08) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED.

ALW/OPT CLM 30,000. PURSE \$64,000.

1	3	Fiddlers Pleasure.....	Leparoux J R.....	Contessa Gary	9-2
1A	6	Higher Incentive	Dominguez R A	Contessa Gary	9-2
2	10	Nehantic Kat	Garcia Alan.....	Tagg Barclay	7-2
2B	AE	Kats Golden Ways	Castellano J J.....	Tagg Barclay	7-2
3	1	Shoot the Bugler	Bridgmohan S X....	Aquilino Joe	20-1
4	2	Follow My Dream	Desormeaux K J....	O'Brien Colum	5-1
5	4	Appealing Mystery	Hill C	Turner Billy	20-1
6	5	Visual Candy	Velasquez C.....	Galluscio Dominic...	10-1
7	7	Stag Dancer.....	Morales P	Toscano Jr John	6-1
8	8	Fairytale Story	Prado E S	Serpe Phil.....	3-1
9	9	Love Cove	Castellano J J.....	Albertrani Tom.....	8-1
10	AE	Keen Spirit.....	Desormeaux K J....	Jacobson David.....	15-1

A-Coupled: Fiddlers Pleasure and Higher Incentive
B-Coupled: Nehantic Kat and Kats Golden Ways
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (5-7), Grand Slam (5-8)

6TH (3:41) 6 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MDN CLM 50,000. PURSE \$32,000.

1	1	Cherokee Time	Velasquez C.....	Kenneally Eddie	9-5
1A	2	Wild Logic	Bridgmohan S X....	Asmussen Steve.....	9-5
2	3	Centerport Baby	Hill C	Pugh Peter	30-1
3	4	Vesper.....	Luzzi M J.....	Violette Rick	4-1
4	5	Panthera Tigre	Prado E S	Serpe Phil.....	10-1
5	6	Hot Gold.....	Castellano J J.....	Schwartz Scott	20-1
6	7	Lovely Isle	Coa E M	Contessa Gary	8-1
7	8	Stormy Miracle.....	Dominguez R A	Trombetta Michael...	6-1
8	9	Justoutofthebox	Carter T	Jerkens Allen	15-1
9	10	Reata's Rose	Garcia Alan.....	Orseno Joseph	15-1
10	11	Georgie's Lady.....	Borel C H.....	Romans Dale	5-1

A-Coupled: Cherokee Time and Wild Logic
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 4 (6-9), Daily Double

7TH (4:14) THE CAPEDES. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$80,000.

1	1	Brazilian	Borel C H.....	Clement Christophe..	12-1
2	2	Serena's Cat	Velasquez J R.....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	8-1
3	3	Royal Regan	Bejarano R	Rountree Cathy	20-1
4	4	Taletobetold.....	Leparoux J R.....	Kenneally Eddie	8-1
5	5	Jazzy (ARG).....	Gomez G K	Hennig Mark	5-1
6	6	Smart and Fancy	Dominguez R A	Dutrow Tony	3-1
7	7	Truly Blushed	Alvarado R Jr	Lake Scott	9-2
8	8	Stormy Kiss (ARG)....	Coa E M	Tagg Barclay	12-1
9	9	Lemon Drop Gal	Desormeaux K J....	Jerkens Jimmy	7-2
10	AE	Andrea's Pic	Castellano J J.....	Jenkins Rodney	20-1
11	AE	Mohegan Sky	Velasquez C.....	Rice Linda	6-1
12	AE	Trouble Maker	Castellano J J.....	Albertrani Tom.....	12-1
13	MTO	Pennyrile	Dominguez R A	Schosberg Rick	7-2

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (7-9)

8TH (4:47) THE ALBANY. 1 1/8 MILES. 3YO. NY BRED. PURSE \$150,000.

1	1	Bayou Timber	Bejarano R	Weaver George.....	8-1
2	2	Dr. V's Magic	Desormeaux K J....	Galluscio Dominic ..	4-1
3	3	Stunt Man	Dominguez R A	Contessa Gary	7-2
4	4	Doctor Freud	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd	6-1
5	5	Chief's Lake	Gomez G K	Asmussen Steve.....	8-5
6	6	Stopbluffing	Velasquez C.....	Carroll II Del	15-1
7	7	Good Prospect	Borel C H.....	Gyarmati Leah	8-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

9TH (5:20) 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$57,000.

1	1	Winter Prayer	Gomez O	Candlin John	50-1
2	2	My Girl Celina.....	Velasquez C.....	Polese Ralph	15-1
3	3	Mckenna Mae.....	Richards G G.....	Walsh Thomas	10-1
4	4	One in a Romp	Castellano J J.....	Jerkens Allen	5-2
5	5	The Ag	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd	2-1
6	6	La Gioia Dittuti	Dominguez R A	Sciacca Gary	8-1
7	7	Dance for Fashion	Arroyo N Jr	Lostritto Joseph	5-1
8	8	Nuclear Meltdown	Garcia Alan.....	Terranova II John ..	10-1
9	9	Parade of Beauty	Samyn J L	Oleanik Jacqueline ..	15-1
10	10	G T Gaitor.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Tesher Howie	30-1

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1	Eddie C. Gone Prospecting Half A Note	Eddie C. Noble Duty Highly Spoken	Eddie C. Half A Note Highly Spoken	Gone Prospecting Pleasant Fiction Lets Get Going
2	Shop Glack Little Miss Julien Syriana's Song	Little Miss Julien Armonk Syriana's Song	Smokin' Stephanie Syriana's Song Tazarine	Armonk Little Miss Julien Shop Glack
3	Argentina Wingspan Tejida	Argentina Tejida Wingspan	Argentina Wingspan Omeya	Wingspan Enter Stage Left Omeya
4	Staid Gullible Gal Valentina's Grace	Staid Madam Commander Valentina's Grace	Madam Commander Staid Valentina's Grace	Desafinado Gullible Gal Beam Of Love
5	Nehantic Kat Contessa entry Fairytale Story	Stag Dancer Follow My Dream Fairytale Story	Nehantic Kat Fairytale Story Follow My Dream	Appealing Mystery Contessa entry Tagg entry
6	Justoutofthebox Stormy Miracle Georgie's Lady	Vesper Stormy Miracle Cherokee Time	Stormy Miracle Reata's Rose Vinery Entry	Centerport Baby Justoutofthebox Georgie's Lady
7	Stormy Kiss Smart And Fancy Brazilian	Smart And Fancy Lemon Drop Gal Truly Blushed	Smart And Fancy Lemon Drop Gal Serena's Cat	Brazilian Lemon Drop Gal Jazzy
8	Stunt Man Dr. V's Magic Chief's Lake	Chief's Lake Stunt Man Dr. V's Magic	Chief's Lake Stunt Man Dr. V's Magic	Bayou Timber Good Prospect Chief's Lake
9	One In A Romp Dance For Fashion Mckenna Mae	One In A Romp The Ag La Gioia Ditutti	Mckenna Mae Dance For Fashion One In A Romp	Mckenna Mae Dance For Fashion My Girl Celina
To Date:	43/190	48/190	55/190	26/190

Detailed Analysis

RACE 1: EDDIE C. has enjoyed some success turf sprinting and goes out for an outfit with a couple of winners over the weekend that excels in bringing horses back from long layoffs. GONE PROSPECTING has never tried a dash on the lawn (or anything on the grass, for that matter) but the top half of the pedigree looks like turf and the bottom half looks like sprint so I might try. HALF A NOTE could get overbet based on irrelevant dirt speed figures but this looks like an intriguing turf-sprint pedigree.

RACE 2: Miss Shop's sister SHOP GLACK goes on top. This pedigree has speed and precocity written all over it. Wesley Ward is a firster specialist who still doesn't always get the full pari-mutuel respect he deserves; his trainee LITTLE MISS JULIEN rates a long look. SYRIANA'S SONG ran a race first out that's usually fast enough to win. Even better is that it was to the seemingly stakes bound Irish Smoke. Why isn't she on top? I don't particularly like to bet horses who were boxcar odds in the debut when they return at shades of odds-on. Use in the early Pick 4.

RACE 3: ARGENTINA has been running exclusively in graded-stakes company, and running very well. Figure pattern hints she could be sitting on a big effort. Been waiting to bet WINGSPAN the whole meet, but I have a couple of concerns — the distance could be too short and the barn is just ice cold. The latter concern may be irrelevant by post, but still think I'll single the top one. Someone must run third, why not TEJIDA? She'd look dangerous in a N2X where two tested stakes foes didn't show; regular rider comes up from Delaware Park.

RACE 4: STAID ran well after breaking poorly from the tough inside post last time. Granted, she's only one post over today but still figures with a better break. GULLIBLE GAL appears obvious for connections having a lights-out meet; the days of getting value on Bill Mott runners at this meet are probably gone, though. VALENTINA'S GRACE has the home-field advantage but might well need the race. Check all the usual places for signs of life.

RACE 5: NEHANTIC KAT might have been a little short last time and could improve a few lengths with that start under her belt. HIGHER INCENTIVE was just behind the top one last out with a little trouble. I also like that he finished ahead of the third pick in November's Perfect Arc; coupled with FIDDLER'S PLEASURE. FAIRYTALE STORY smashed a weak N1X state-bred field at Big Sandy and has run OK in a couple of stakes. Another with a shot.

RACE 6: Allen Jerkens enters JUSTOUTOFTHEBOX for a tag and adds blinkers, two factors that should mean she does more running today than in the debut. Michael Trombetta's numbers with both 2-year-olds and firsters are just too good to ignore, so you have to consider STORMY MIRACLE a real threat. GEORGIE'S LADY is another firster to check out; there are some things to like in her worktab and the outside draw should work for her.

RACE 7: STORMY KISS ran her best race sprinting at the Spa and has shown the ability to turf in her last few — an upset chance at a decent number. SMART AND FANCY brings a four-race win streak and .667 batting average to this; she'll be all over the tickets. If you've read this column before, you know I trust Christophe Clement implicitly and thus won't be surprised when I nominate BRAZILIAN as another way to go here.

RACE 8: STUNT MAN ought to be fit enough after that nine-panel turf try last time. He's dropped decisions to many of these but maybe he's a little more suited to the distance and can turn the tables based on that. DR. V's MAGIC takes the blinks off and reunites with the win rider; those angles might be enough for me to try him. Likely public choice CHIEF'S LAKE isn't one for me. That one is certainly logical but ran a tough race last time and needed some vacation afterwards; today's distance might be slightly out of reach.

RACE 9: ONE IN A ROMP has shown a little ability — not something you can say about many in this field. Javier Castellano sticks around and the filly could do the business stretching back out to two turns. DANCE FOR FASHION could improve in her second start of the meet; it wouldn't take much. MCKENNA MAE has a couple of angles, as she took some cash in her debut and adds Lasix today. Low-profile connections mean you may still get a price.

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Dueling jockeys Kent Desormeaux (left) and Cornelio Velasquez are separated by two wins at the start of the fifth week.

Tod Marks

Saratoga Top 15

Through August 21

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	Top3%	Earnings
Kent Desormeaux	143	31	14	16	21.68	42.66	\$1,735,189
Cornelio Velasquez	165	29	21	16	17.58	40.00	\$1,649,449
Edgar Prado	153	20	24	20	13.07	41.83	\$1,491,808
Javier Castellano	120	18	22	10	15.00	41.67	\$1,271,733
Garrett Gomez	109	18	11	18	16.51	43.12	\$1,164,391
John Velazquez	140	17	13	18	12.14	34.29	\$1,676,650
Ramon Dominguez	141	15	19	22	10.64	39.72	\$1,018,639
Eibar Coa	139	14	26	17	10.07	41.01	\$1,254,641
Rafael Bejarano	124	14	16	13	11.29	34.68	\$1,332,956
Alan Garcia	96	10	13	14	10.42	38.54	\$634,037
Shaun Bridgmohan	59	8	5	4	13.56	28.81	\$491,286
Calvin Borel	80	7	5	7	8.75	23.75	\$1,316,558
Julien Leparoux	87	6	7	11	6.90	27.59	\$487,341
Channing Hill	82	4	3	7	4.88	17.07	\$246,215
Jean-Luc Samyn	29	3	1	2	10.34	20.69	\$145,543

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	Top3%	Earnings
Bill Mott	58	18	6	10	31.03	58.62	\$1,288,462
Gary Contessa	102	9	9	15	8.82	32.35	\$572,615
Todd Pletcher	78	9	6	12	11.54	34.62	\$1,282,453
Richard Dutrow	33	9	3	3	27.27	45.45	\$447,977
Tom Bush	31	8	3	4	25.81	48.39	\$361,276
Kiaran McLaughlin	34	6	9	5	17.65	58.82	\$603,802
Stan Hough	27	6	4	3	22.22	48.15	\$330,504
Barclay Tagg	27	5	6	6	18.52	62.96	\$422,855
Christophe Clement	20	5	4	2	25.00	55.00	\$335,185
Linda Rice	34	5	4	2	14.71	32.35	\$230,340
Steve Asmussen	35	5	3	4	14.29	34.29	\$373,887
Dominic Galluscio	25	5	3	4	20.00	48.00	\$229,395
Nick Zito	43	4	8	4	9.30	37.21	\$572,772
Bobby Frankel	27	4	6	1	14.81	40.74	\$500,709
Rick Violette	27	4	6	1	14.81	40.74	\$308,134

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Shining Starlet

Filly zooms to victory in Union Ave. Stakes

BY DAVID KOSAK

Karakorum Starlet entered the starting gate in Monday's \$80,000 Union Avenue feature hidden in the shadows of her four competitors. But when the front doors opened, the 4-year-old daughter of Skip Away shot to the lead and never looked back.

There was no hesitation. She bolted to the early lead, taking Baby Gray and Scatkey along for the ride in what was a paceless start with the first quarter in 23.07 seconds and the half in 46.12. However, Karakorum Starlet was in complete control under jockey Kent Desormeaux, who was on his way to his fourth victory of the day.

Turning for home, it seemed the slow early pace would've left plenty of late charge from her counterparts. There proved to be little. Down the stretch, the chestnut filly didn't relinquish her half length lead as she dueled along the rail in the deep stretch. She'd expanded it to a full length as she crossed the wire in 1:10.95 in front of Scatkey, who made a late charge three-wide on the outside to finish second. Baby Gray lost the duel along the rail to settle for third.

Trained by Jeff Odintz, Karakorum Starlet returned to the Spa for her second trip this meet. Her first was a failed attempt to go a mile and an eighth in the \$81,000 Fleet Indian where she finished fifth. In that race, the filly went to the early lead as well but tired late. Owned by Karakorum Farm, it seemed the New York-bred found the right distance Monday.

"Well I shortened her up after that race," Odintz said. "I was a little disappointed; I thought maybe she could go that far, I wasn't really sure. And after watching that race, it convinced me to run her short again. I know she's got some gas and some staying power in between 6, 7 (furlongs) to even a mile. It looks like that was her best distance right there."

It was Karakorum Starlet's first trip to the Saratoga winner's circle, and it was also the first for Odintz this summer.

"It feels good," Odintz said. "I'm usually good for one or two wins a meet. I was getting a little worried there for a minute as we were getting closer to the tail-end of the meet."



Dave Harmon

Karakorum Starlet flashes across the line with a win in the Union Avenue Stakes.

- It was quite a scare in the fifth, a mile-claimer on the inner turf, when Savasana (\$5.50) appeared to take a bad step at the wire while finishing second to Victory For Sierra. However, after a lengthy steward's inquiry, Victory For Sierra was disqualified to second. It was ruled that jockey Eibar Coa veered into Desormeaux's lane near the rail and caused the fillies to clip heels.

Immediately after the incident, Desormeaux met trainer and co-owner John Kimmel on the track.

"She was giving everything she had, she tried to hold her off even when he put a shoulder into her," said Desormeaux. "But we have everything in our favor."

After the race, everything was still in their favor; not only did Savasana get the victory, but she was OK as well. Kimmel trained Savasana's sire Scatmandu and her mother Slewadacious.

"She jogged back pretty well, but she got bumped hard, she looks OK," said Kimmel, who owns the filly with his father, Caesar. "She had ankle surgeries and she's a filly you don't know how long she'll hold together. She needed to run against an easy group of horses for the first few races. And if she shows she can sustain at racing then maybe she can go back up the scale. I was trying to give her the easiest race I could. I thought she took a bad step, maybe she broke down. I was upset about it and then I saw that she continued to gallop out and when she came back to be unsaddled she was OK. It was more like a clipping of the heels and her tripping then it was her taking a bad step and hurting herself. That was a relief to see that she was going to be OK."

- Mine Or Who's (\$6.70) got things started for trainer Bill Mott and Kent Desormeaux when she broke her maiden in the second race, a turf affair for 2-year-old fillies. It would be the first of two wins on the day for the Saratoga leading duo. Owned by Zayat Stables, Mine Or Who's sat in good position as the field swallowed the pacesetter Sounds Tacky as they turned for home. Going four-wide, Mine Or Who's withstood a heady challenge by runner-up Stormy Catch to win by a head.

It was quite a different outcome and race altogether than her first time out, a dirt sprint here July 29.

"She was just full of speed in her first start and screamed home. She's a giraffe; she's built like a marathoner. And this just hit her right between the eyes," Desormeaux said. "So it was a great way to get her started and get her some experience. We turned a little girl into an adolescent and then today she's collegiately graduated."

- There was a big gust in the third when Windy (\$4.60) came from five wide as she turned for home to surge across the wire and draw clear by 3 1/2 lengths. Cindy's Mom closed strongly after being last at the half to take second-choice Partida by a neck, who tired in the deep stretch.

Trained by Bobby Frankel and owned by Gary and Mary West, Windy made her first start on the East Coast after two races at Hollywood Park this spring.

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It was also jockey Ramon Dominguez's first mount on the filly and he was impressed by her closing abilities.

"Lately she has been breaking a little slow. Today, she probably broke a little better. She just has that kind of style; she's a closer, a come-from-behind sprinter," her jockey said. "She was very settled early and when I was ready to go I angled her out to the middle of the track and away she went. I just had so much horse and I was already on the outside, so there was no point for me to angle in and save ground. I was really confident that I was on the best horse at the time."

- Montauk (\$6.60) took home the opener with jockey Norberto Arroyo. It was the rider's first victory of the Saratoga meet after recently returning from an injury he endured at Belmont Park over two months ago. Montauk, a 3-year-old gelding, went to the early lead and survived a late jousting match from Gowden Mile, who rushed up along the rail after stumbling at the start, to win by a neck. Trained by Jimmy Jerkens and owned by Denise Walsh and Timber Bay Farm, Montauk proved much better Monday than his ninth place finish here over the grass Opening Day.

- Trainer George Weaver took a big sigh of relief after Truth Or Dare (\$13) finally had a good trip and broke his maiden after six starts. Owned by

R A Hill Stable, the Florida-bred colt circled five wide entering the stretch to win by 1 3/4 lengths over American Cruiser, who was bumped at the start. Although he put together a late charge, it wasn't enough to rundown Truth Or Dare and Edgar Prado.

"He's always acted like he was OK on the turf, he's better suited for turf sprints. But the truth is he's been very unlucky," said Weaver. "The very first start of his life he got annihilated after looking like he was going to either win or be second to a very good horse of Angel Penna's who's already a stakes winner (English Colony). And the next start he got into traffic. Then he lunged at the start. It's been one thing after another. We put some blinkers on him today, maybe that helped him a little bit. We thought he could win this type of race; we're hoping he will get a little better and keep moving forward."

- Same story, different horse. Just as the duo had done earlier in the day, Mott and Desormeaux met again in the winner's circle. This time it was with War Monger (\$3.50) in the seventh. After moving three-wide on the backstretch, the 3-year-old son of War Chant took the lead around the far turn and won under a hand ride by 4 1/2 lengths.

"He's strong for a big boy; he's got some power," said Desormeaux.

Owned by Peter Vegso, War Monger was in complete control for the mile allowance on the turf, even if the early pace was a little stronger than expected.

"We actually felt like we might be



Dave Harmon

Montauk (9) fights for the finish in Monday's first race.

laying a little closer to the lead," Mott said. "The race didn't look as though there was much speed. On paper it didn't look like there would be much early pace. And actually there turned out to be a little more pace than we thought."

It was all routine for the Mott and Desormeaux duo which has produced numerous scores at Saratoga this summer.

"It's been good at Saratoga," Mott said. "We've had the right spots available for the horses."

Claims: Fourth race, Stand Pat by Mitchell Friedman, trainer (\$50,000); Ectoplasm by Dominic Galluscio, trainer (\$50,000); sixth race, Brogue by Gary Contessa, trainer (\$45,000); ninth race, Party Jones by Joe Aquilino, trainer (\$35,000).

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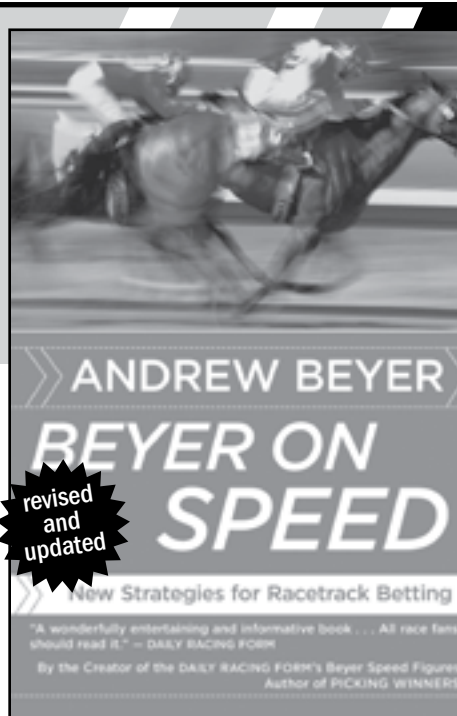


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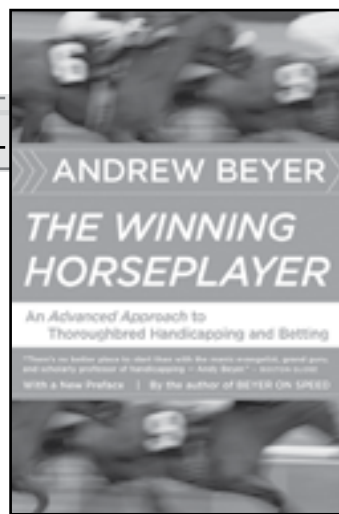
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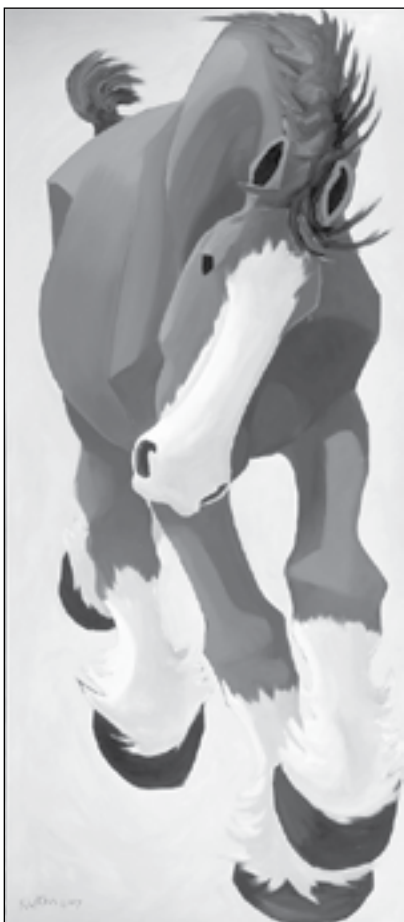


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MONDAY, AUGUST 20

1ST. 7 FURLONGS. 3&UP. MDN CLM 35,000. PURSE \$24,000.

9	Montauk	Arroyo Jr N	6.60	5.10	3.10
1A	Gowden Mile	Chavez J F	8.50	4.50	
5	Forza Bruta	Gomez G K		2.70	

Finish Time: 1:24.62

Trainer: Jimmy Jerkens. Owner: Timber Bay Farm & Mrs. Thomas Walsh.
Gr./Ro.g.3 Maria's Mon-Penny's Gold, Kingmambo.
Bred by Overbrook Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 9-1 Paid \$49.80; \$2 Trifecta 9-1-5 Paid \$169.50

2ND. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. FILLIES. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$57,000.

1	Mine Or Who's	Desormeaux K J	6.70	3.70	3.10
6	Stormy Catch	Velasquez C		4.10	2.60
7	Dose of Reality	Dominguez R A			3.10

Finish Time: 1:43.00

Trainer: Bill Mott. Owner: Zayat Stables.
Dk.B./Br.f.2 Mayakovsky-Stately Lady, Conquistador Cielo.
Bred by Rhapsody Farm (NY).

\$2 Exacta 1-6 Paid \$29.80; \$2 Quinella 1-6 Paid \$17.00; \$2 Trifecta 1-6-7 Paid \$94.00; \$2 Daily Double (9-1) Paid \$34.80

3RD. 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. AOC 50,000. PURSE \$69,000.

1A	Windy	Dominguez R A	4.60	3.00	2.10
3	Cindy's Mom	Gomez G K		8.50	4.10
5	Partida	Castellano J J			2.60

Finish Time: 1:23.50

Trainer: Bobby Frankel. Owner: Gary & Mary West.
B.f.4 Wild Rush-Native Wind Dancer, Incinderator.
Bred by Richard & Yvette Wira (CA).

\$2 Exacta 1-3 Paid \$41.20; \$2 Trifecta 1-3-5 Paid \$103.50

4TH. 6 FURLONGS. 2YO. MDN CLM 50,000. PURSE \$32,000.

5	Stand Pat	Gomez G K	7.20	5.00	3.20
6	Hackensack	Prado E S		7.50	4.70
9	Ectoplasm	Rojas R I			3.50

Finish Time: 1:11.90

Trainer: Rick Violette. Owner: Ralph Evans.
B.c.2 Doneraile Court-Bay Magic, Ack Ack.
Bred by Ralph Evans (KY).

\$2 Exacta 5-6 Paid \$53.50; \$2 Quinella 5-6 Paid \$31.20; \$2 Trifecta 5-6-9 Paid \$215.00; \$2 Pick 3 (1-1-5) 3 Correct Paid \$81.00

How We Did

RACE 1: Top pick finished third, second selection scratched.

RACE 2: Top pick ran second, third choice won.

RACE 3: Top pick finished third, second selection won.

RACE 4: Top pick finished second, second choice scratched.

RACE 5: Savasana (\$5.50) got a little help from the stewards.

RACE 6: Second selection finished, well, second.

RACE 7: War Monger (\$3.50) was ready for a fight. Second pick finished third while third pick was second.

RACE 8: Second choice scratched.

RACE 9: Top pick ran second, second choice won.

SEASON TOTALS: 52 wins by top selection in 217 races.
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How We Did summarizes the performance of
The Special's handicappers in the "Detailed Analysis" section.

5TH. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$32,000.

8	Savasana	Desormeaux K J	5.50	4.20	3.20
3	DQ-Victory for Sierra	Coa E M		4.20	3.00
4	Are We Dreamin	Dominguez R A			6.20

Finish Time: 1:37.25

Trainer: John Kimmel. Owner: John and Caesar Kimmel.
B.f.3 Scatmandu-Slewdacious, Seattle Slew.

Bred by Dennis Drazin, John Kimmel & Caesar Kimmel (KY).

\$2 Exacta 8-3 Paid \$24.80; \$2 Trifecta 8-3-4 Paid \$146.50;

\$2 Pick 3 (1-5-8) 3 Correct Paid \$50.50;

\$2 Pick 4 (1-1-5-8) 4 Correct Paid \$253.50;

\$2 Superfecta 8-3-4-7 Paid \$1,415.00

6TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. MDN CLM 45,000. PURSE \$25,000.

7	Truth Or Dare	Prado E S	13.00	5.80	3.90
3	American Cruiser	Velasquez C		4.70	3.40
6	Giveityourbestshot	Desormeaux K J			6.20

Finish Time: 1:03.49

Trainer: George Weaver. Owner: R. A. Hill Stable.
Dk.B./Br.g.3 Ecton Park-Open Toe, Proud Truth.

Bred by Emerald Pastures Farm (FL).

\$2 Exacta 7-3 Paid \$67.50; \$2 Trifecta 7-3-6 Paid \$815.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (5-8-7) 3 Correct Paid \$305.50;

\$2 Superfecta 7-3-6-5 Paid \$5,352.00

7TH. 1 MILE. TURF. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$68,000.

5	War Monger	Desormeaux K J	3.50	2.70	2.20
6	Mister White Socks	Coa E M		5.70	3.70
4	Codeword (IRE)	Velasquez J R			2.90

Finish Time: 1:34.89

Trainer: Bill Mott. Owner: Peter Vegso.

B.c.3 War Chant-Carnival Delight, Half a Year.

Bred by Peter Vegso Racing Stable (FL).

\$2 Exacta 5-6 Paid \$14.60; \$2 Trifecta 5-6-4 Paid \$44.60;

\$2 Daily Double (7-5) Paid \$31.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (8-7-5) 3 Correct Paid \$138.50

8TH. THE UNION AVENUE. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. PURSE \$81,650.

2	Karakorum Starlet	Desormeaux K J	9.00	5.40	3.70
6	Scatkey	Luzzi M J		12.00	4.10
1	Precise Lady	Castellano J J			3.30

Finish Time: 1:10.95

Trainer: Jeff Odintz. Owner: Karakorum Farm.

Ch.f.4 Skip Away-Amaryllis, Cormorant.

Bred by Jim Jam Thoroughbreds & Marvin Little Jr. (NY).

\$2 Exacta 2-6 Paid \$92.50; \$2 Trifecta 2-6-1 Paid \$244.00;

\$2 Grand Slam (3/4-8-3/6-7-4/5/6-2) Paid \$69.50

9TH. 1 MILE. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$34,000.

2	Grosvenor Square (IRE)	Garcia Alan	11.20	5.40	3.80
6	Dancing Tin Man	Castellano J J		4.10	3.10
7	S. S. Crafty	Velasquez C			5.50

Finish Time: 1:37.15

Trainer: Gary Sciacca. Owner: Fertile Acres Farm.

Dk.B./Br.h.5 Dubai Millennium-Embassy (GB), Cadeaux Genereux (GB).

Bred by Darley (IRE).

\$2 Exacta 2-6 Paid \$37.60; \$2 Trifecta 2-6-7 Paid \$293.50;

\$2 Superfecta 2-6-7-1 Paid \$794.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-2) Paid \$52.50;

\$2 Pick 3 (5-2-2) 3 Correct Paid \$85.50;

\$2 Pick 4 (7-5-2-2) 4 Correct Paid \$971.00;

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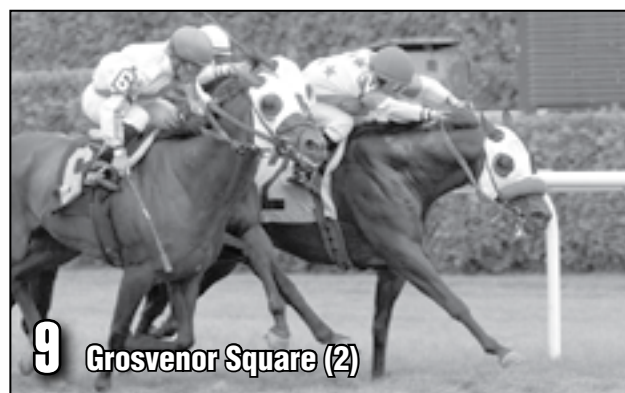
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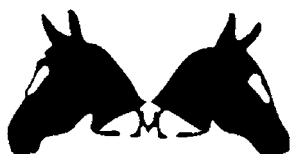


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Sunday, August 19

Full Throttle

At 9, Revved Up adds another stakes victory

BY JOE CLANCY

Four stalls from the end of Saratoga's Barn 81 stands the old gray man. Done up in all fours, wearing a blue-trimmed Baker blanket, he ignores a hay net and watches the young bucks get walked, ridden and bathed Monday morning. He worked yesterday. Today, he rests.

But doesn't retire.

Nine years old and still going strong, Live Oak Plantation's Revved Up decimated eight younger foes to win the \$82,450 John's Call Stakes at Saratoga Sunday. Trained by Christophe Clement, the gelding rated in a pocket as the 1 5/8-mile race unfolded and ran down Rousing Victory in the stretch to score by 1 1/2 lengths with jockey Kent Desormeaux slowing him down at the finish. General Jumbo was second with Bailador third in 2:42.67



Tod Marks

Revved Up floats to the finish line with a decisive victory in the John's Call Stakes.

Sent off as the even-money favorite, Revved Up didn't disappoint the bettors – but then again he's been delivering for years. He broke his maiden at Saratoga as a 2-year-old (in the slop) way back in 2000, has won 18 races and produced \$1.4 million in earnings.

"For any guys out there wondering what this guy is doing on the racetrack, well he just showed you," said Desormeaux afterward. "He wanted to go around again. It was just a matter of picking him a line; that was the only job I had. And when I did present him he

jumped into the bridle and he carried me home."

A homebred with a pedigree that oozes class – his year-younger half-brother Miesque's Approval won an Eclipse Award last year – Revved Up began his racing career as any other Thoroughbred does. He trained and raced at 2, moved to the turf at 3, rose up the ladder and won stakes. And then found a way to keep going. Clement credited careful management from Live Oak, which takes the horse back to Florida for a

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Revved Up —

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winter break most years. In eight racing seasons, he has started 39 times — about five per year.

“He’s pretty sound, otherwise he wouldn’t be able to do that and he has the will, the will to carry on,” said Clement. “Why? I don’t know why. (Jonathan) Sheppard had that good horse With Anticipation who kept going, Tom Voss had that good horse John’s Call who kept going. Just some of them are happy going on and some are not. They keep their form. You can’t tell if they are going to, there’s only one way to find out.”

Revved Up has been proving that for years, thanks in part to an extended break at Live Oak Stud in Ocala, Fla., every year. He usually shows up at the farm in December, does pretty much nothing for 30 days (sometimes more) then gradually goes back to work. In 2005, he made his first start in April; in 2006, it was May.

“He likes to come home to get his break,” said Johnny Collins, Live Oak’s farm trainer. “If you give him his vacation, he goes out and performs like

a superstar. If you don’t, he tells you he doesn’t want to perform.”

The connections tweaked things this year, pushing back the vacation for starts at Gulfstream in February and March, and a stakes at Tampa Bay Downs in May. Revved Up didn’t win any of the three races because, as Collins said, he missed his R&R.

“He performed terrible because we tried to save him a little bit and run him later,” said Collins.

So, the vacation came a little late — Revved Up didn’t run again until July 21, when he was a solid second in the Gr. III Arlington Turf Handicap.

“He needs to get dirty and just be a horse,” said Collins of the off-season schedule. “He’s white so he gets down and rolls all over, stays out all night and just has a good time. I know he’s ready to go back to work when he jumps around like a young horse. He’ll spin and kick and run up to the fence, that’s when I know he’s getting ready to go back.”

Restricted to horses that had not won a graded stakes in 2007, the John’s Call fit Revved Up like a piece of Under Armour — tight.

He won a graded stakes in 2006 and this year lost twice to multiple Grade I winner Jambalaya. In the John’s Call, Desormeaux let the horse find a spot in the middle of the crowded field before going after Rousing Victory and General Jumbo coming off the turn. He won with Desormeaux looking around (over and under) for competition.

“You could see all the jocks crowding him,” said Clement. “They knew he was the horse to beat too. Rousing



Tod Marks

Revved Up exits the winner’s circle with career win number 18.



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**Hey Johnny Collins, what’s it like
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“He’s like my brother and my friend.
He talks to me, and I talk to him.
He’s everything to me.”

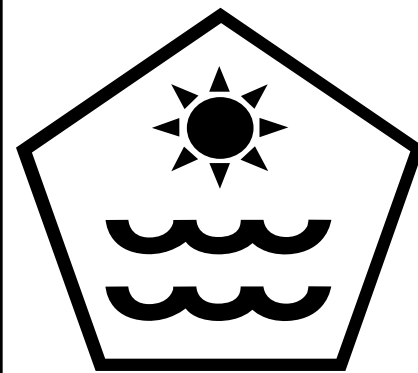
Victory went on and I wasn’t sure he could catch him or not, but he did.”

Revved Up has been a part of Clement’s racing stable all along, aging gracefully from quick 2-year-old to laid-back, distance turf horse — but he hasn’t changed all that much.

“He still gets anxious and nervous when you run him,” said the trainer. “It was difficult to put the tack on him actually, but he’s a very easy horse to train. We work him once every 10 days, he trains and he just keeps going.”

Collins laughed at the thought of retiring Revved Up someday.

“The horse is healthy, he’s happy and he’s still doing well — as long as we give him that break,” he said. “The old man has been telling me he’ll run his heart out as long as we treat him the way he wants to be treated. Someday, he might be my pony to ride to the track here at the farm, but I’ll have to let him tell me that.”



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Brushing Up

Homebred delivers win for Shaw

BY BRIAN NADEAU

SUNDAY RACING RECAP

Shirley Shaw didn't get to celebrate until almost 6 o'clock Sunday evening, but as they say, good things come to those who wait. Shaw's Brushed Prince (\$35.20) took the nightcap, a state-bred maiden on the turf, and Shaw had all she could do to hold back the tears.

"My deceased husband (Raymond Shaw) bred this horse, so this one is for him. It's a pretty special moment; bittersweet, I would say," Shaw said. "We have four horses and when my husband died I got rid of two of them. So we have him and a 2-year-old, and he is the only one racing."

A 4-year-old gelded son of Brushed On, out of the Forever Silver mare Missilverprincess, Brushed Prince has long help a special place in Shaw's heart.

"This is a big-time moment for me. The horse is a home-bred. He is our first grandchild," Shaw said. "I went to see his mom yesterday in Berne, New York. Oh my, he's my man. I'm out of Connecticut but the horses have been up here for years in Fort Edward and the last two winters they have gone to South Carolina. We don't know what we are going to do this winter, but right now he is here and that's all that matters."

Under Eibar Coa, Brushed Prince sat second, flanking the leader Chief Tashmo for the first mile of the 9-furlong contest. Coa gave Brushed Prince his cue turning for home and he pulled away from Chief Tashmo for a 1 1/4 length score. For Shaw and trainer William Allyn, the victory was a long time coming.

"He's been close before but he has never broken through, but he broke his maiden today," Shaw said. "He came in second last year at 77-1, so we have been saying 'he's due, he's due, he's due.' Today he finally got there."

- Trainer Stan Hough and owner Joyce Robsham had a tough start to week four. Sargent Seattle, the morning-line favorite for Wednesday's Saratoga Special, had to scratch with a temperature. But the duo rebounded nicely over the weekend, Saturday with Holiday Trip and Sunday with Star Dixie (\$7.90), who took the opener, a maiden for turf, by a desperate neck under Javier Castellano.

Castellano had the daughter of Dixie Union in third early, tracking the pace of heavily favored Stage Dream down the backstretch. Moving five wide turning



Dave Harmon

Brushed Prince pulls away from Chief Tashmo to win Sunday's finale.

for home, Star Dixie surged late to nip Universe by a neck, while Stage Dream backed out to finish fourth.

"It's nice to get a couple to make up for the tough scratch earlier in the week," Hough said. "It seems like both horses are coming into their own a little bit. They have run hard every time but these are tough spots; maidens on the grass. It just seems you always need some luck and the right trip."

- Trainer George Weaver got to the winner's circle in the third, when Pulla Fast One (\$44) scored in a maiden for

2-year-olds on the turf. After a frustrating 0-for-18 start, where he had five seconds, Weaver broke through with the son of the hot young sire More Than Ready. Channing Hill rode the winner, who closed late and held off Manitowish Waters by a half-length. Owned by Dogwood Stable, Pulla Fast One made his debut at Belmont July 22, running fifth to the classy El Sultry Sun at a mile.

"It's nice to break through. This horse worked well the other day. I can't say I

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Sunday —

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went to the windows double-fisted, but he didn't surprise me that he won. He worked well the other day and he deserved a shot in here," Weaver said. "A lot of these More Than Readys seem to be running really well on the turf. This horse is a night and day difference with how he works on the dirt and how he works on the turf, so it was obvious we needed to try the turf with him. We did first time out and he probably needed the race, but today second-time out Channing did a good job riding him and we are happy."

• Sometimes you just have to let the toteboard be your guide. With Unity at even money in the fifth, the split division of the third, it was somewhat surprising to see Grasberg (\$10) standing firm at 4-1 throughout the betting. He didn't disappoint, and scored an easy 2-length victory for trainer Mike Hushion and jockey Cornelio Velasquez.

Sitting toward the back of the pack, Grasberg was helped when Unity came extremely wide turning for home, opening up the inside lanes. Velasquez slipped Grasberg, a son of Kentucky Derby hero Thunder Gulch, between horses turning for home and they scampered clear in deep stretch to score over Gentleman Scholar. A homebred for Barry Schwartz, Grasberg looks to have a bright future, whichever surface Hushion chooses.

"He had his ups and downs but we always thought long would be his thing. We're not convinced yet that grass is his surface. It's a little hard to tell right now. His better works have been on the grass but that was when he had company," Hushion said. "Maybe somewhere along the way we will see if he likes the dirt. With a 2-year-old that wants to run long and is by a Derby winner, you would hate to rule that out."

• Trainer Leah Gyarmati joined Weaver in jumping on to the winners' board, snapping an 0-for-17 start after several close calls, when Again And Again (\$23.60) wired fellow \$35,000 claimers in the seventh. Claimed by Gyarmati for \$20,000 after his last start from trainer David Jacobson, the winner refused to yield in deep stretch and edged 6-5 favorite Tactical Gold by a nose.

Hill put Again And Again, owned by Zamarola Racing Stables, on the



Tod Marks

Pulla Fast One (7) rolls to the finish line of Sunday's third race.

engine immediately and was able to get a relatively slow half-mile in 47.44 seconds. Never more than a half-length ahead throughout the entire 7 furlongs, Again And Again would not let Tactical Gold past, though that rival had over an eighth of a mile to do so.

"I thought it was a little salty, the race, so I didn't know how that was going to work," Gyarmati said. "He came into it really well since I claimed him. We had a lot of close calls and some bad luck, so finally it's good to get one. At first I thought maybe dead heat. Coming down the stretch I thought 'not again!' at first, I thought he (Tactical Gold) was going to roll right by him but he really fought back."

• Kieran McLaughlin's runners score at an impressive 34 percent in their second starts, and Shadwell Stable's Saboooh added to the statistics when she dusted a field of 2-year-old fillies in the second.

Alan Garcia had Saboooh (\$16.80) stalking in second as Sentebale scooted clear at the end of the turn. Garcia called upon the daughter of A.P. Indy inside the eighth pole and Saboooh responded with a powerful burst to run away from the field to score by 2 1/4 lengths. Out of a Danzig mare, Saboooh could be a major player this fall. Forest Trail started at 4-5 off a promising debut for Shug McGaughey, but offered no stretch punch and checked in sixth.

• Velasquez was back at in the sixth, taking the state-bred allowance with False I.D. (\$10.20) for trainer Barclay Tagg. Owned by Charles Engel, False I.D. had the misfortune of chasing fleet state-breds Thunderestimate and Spurred in his last two starts. He found no one of that quality on Sunday, and ran away from the field late to score by a 1 3/4 lengths over My Man Lars to cap a \$55.50 exacta.

• My Dear Annie (\$12.40) gave David Donk his third winner of the meet when she won the eighth, a state-bred allowance over the inner turf. Ridden by Castellano, My Dear Annie had been a fringe player in her four prior starts this season. Favored Glamour Star stumbled badly at the outset, giving her nine rivals a head start. Castellano bided his time in fourth while a tepid half in 49.05 seconds was put on the board before putting My Dear Annie in full flight as the leaders hit the eighth-pole. The duo was up by three-quarters of a length over Quick Humor, with Bella Attrice a nose back in third. Owned and bred by Michael and Patricia Palenscar, My Dear Annie was winning for the second time in 11 lifetime starts.

NOTES: Hough reported Sargent Settle is doing better after Wednesday's scratch, and the son of Vindication could make his next start in the September 15 Grade II Futurity at Belmont Park . . . Sunday's Claims: Seventh race, Great Point (\$35,000), Lawrence Roman, Rick Dutrow trainer; Kenta Kun (\$35,000), Sal Kupferberg, John Parrisella trainer.

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Sunday's Saratoga Results

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1ST. 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.					
3	Star Dixie	Castellano J J	7.90	4.20	2.90
8	Universe	Prado E S		7.80	5.80
6	Day Bird	Velasquez C			4.40
Finish Time: 1:48.92					
Trainer: Stan Hough. Owner: E. Paul Robsham Stable					
Dk.B./Br.f.3 Dixie Union-Mer de Glace, Unbridled.					
Bred by John & Martha Jane Mulholland (KY).					
\$2 Exacta 3-8 Paid \$67.00; \$2 Trifecta 3-8-6 Paid \$362.50					
2ND. 7 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.					
6	Saboooh	Garcia Alan	16.80	8.90	5.80
4	Alachua	Velazquez J R		8.60	5.80
7	Sentebale	Borel C H			4.20
Finish Time: 1:24.81					
Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Owner: Shadwell Stable.					
B.f.2 A.P. Indy-Smolensk, Danzig.					
Bred by B. Wayne Hughes (KY).					
\$2 Exacta 6-4 Paid \$108.50; \$2 Quinella 4-6 Paid \$51.00; \$2 Trifecta 6-4-7 Paid \$467.00; \$2 Daily Double (3-6) Paid \$102.00					
3RD. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.					
7	Pulla Fast One	Hill C	44.00	17.60	8.50
2	Manitowish Waters	Velasquez C		6.60	4.30
8	Cosmic	Prado E S			4.10
Finish Time: 1:43.61					
Trainer: Weaver George. Owner: Dogwood Stable.					
Ch.c.2 More Than Ready-Pulla Surprise, A.P. Indy.					
Bred by English Range Farm (KY).					
\$2 Exacta 7-2 Paid \$237.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-2-8 Paid \$1,516.00					
4TH. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$69,000.					
7	Grand Champion	Coa E M	3.80	2.90	2.20
6	Bribon (FR)	Garcia Alan		7.80	4.20
5	Doc Cheney	Castellano J J			3.60
Finish Time: 1:16.24					
Trainer: Jimmy Jerkens. Owner: John & Susan Moore.					
B.g.4 Two Punch-Wise Baroness, Wise Times.					
Bred by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Dr. Jason Layfield (MD).					
\$2 Exacta 7-6 Paid \$43.40; \$2 Quinella 6-7 Paid \$33.40; \$2 Trifecta 7-6-5 Paid \$154.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-7-7) 3 Correct Paid \$714.00					
5TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$57,000.					
7	Grasberg	Velasquez C	10.00	5.80	4.40
1	Gentleman Scholar	Coa E M		23.20	11.00
5	Wonderous Day	Desormeaux K J			8.30
Finish Time: 1:43.65					
Trainer: Mike Hushion. Owner: Barry Schwartz.					
B.c.2 Thunder Gulch-India Divina (CHI), Roy.					
Bred by Stonewall Farm (NY).					
\$2 Exacta 7-1 Paid \$276.50; \$2 Trifecta 7-1-5 Paid \$2,913.00; \$2 Pick 3 (7-7-7) 3 Correct Paid \$751.00; \$2 Pick 4 (6-7-7-7) 4 Correct Paid \$5,291.00; \$2 Superfecta 7-1-5-8 Paid \$24,268.00					
6TH. 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALW. PURSE \$62,000.					
7	False I. D.	Velasquez C	10.20	5.60	4.00
6	My Man Lars	Bejarano R		6.20	5.00
9	Really Rollicking	Borel C H			9.40
Finish Time: 1:51.12					
Trainer: Barclay Tagg. Owner: Charles Engel.					
Dk.B./Br.g.3 Judge T C-Charley's Alada, Becker.					
Bred by Charles Engel (NY).					
\$2 Exacta 7-6 Paid \$55.50; \$2 Trifecta 7-6-9 Paid \$1,183.00; \$2 Pick 3 (7-7-7) 3 Correct Paid \$100.50					

7TH. 7 FURLONGS. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$45,000.					
3	Again and Again	Hill C	23.60	9.20	5.70
9	Tactical Gold	Prado E S		3.30	2.60
8	Little Cliff	Bejarano R			6.50
Finish Time: 1:24.00					
Trainer: Leah Gyarmati. Owner: Zamarota Racing Stables.					
Dk.B./Br.c.4 Honour and Glory-Continuity Counts, M. Double M.					
Bred by J & J Mamakos Corp. (KY).					
\$2 Exacta 3-9 Paid \$69.00; \$2 Trifecta 3-9-8 Paid \$745.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-3) Paid \$148.50; \$2 Pick 3 (7-7-3) 3 Correct Paid \$673.00					
8TH. 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALW. PURSE \$62,000.					
8	My Dear Annie	Castellano J J	12.40	6.20	4.50
11	Quick Humor	Dominguez R A		7.00	4.60
4	Bella Attrice	Coa E M			3.60
Finish Time: 1:50.19					
Trainer: David Donk. Owner: Michael & Patricia Palenscar.					
Dk.B./Br.f.3 Smart Strike-Fancy Landing, Formal Gold.					
Bred by Michael & Patricia Palenscar (NY).					
\$2 Exacta 8-11 Paid \$79.50; \$2 Trifecta 8-11-4 Paid \$399.50; \$2 Pick 3 (7-3-8) 3 Correct Paid \$790.00; \$2 Superfecta 8-11-4-2 Paid \$1,279.00					
9TH. THE JOHN'S CALL. 1 5/8 MILES. TURF. 4&UP. PURSE \$82,450.					
5	Revved Up	Desormeaux K J	4.00	3.10	2.70
3	General Jumbo (GB)	Velasquez J R		7.70	5.60
9	Bailador (IRE)	Luzzi M J			9.80
Finish Time: 2:42.67					
Trainer: Christophe Clement. Owner: Live Oak Plantation.					
Gr./Ro.g.9 Sultry Song-Win Approval, With Approval.					
Bred by Live Oak Stud (FL).					
\$2 Exacta 5-3 Paid \$29.60; \$2 Trifecta 5-3-9 Paid \$376.00; \$2 Grand Slam (6/7/9-3/8/9-4/8/11-5) Paid \$67.00					
10TH. 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$57,000.					
9	Brushed Prince	Coa E M	35.20	14.20	6.20
8	Chief Tashmo	Dominguez R A		9.00	5.30
10	Dubliner	Prado E S			2.50
Finish Time: 1:51.12					
Trainer: William Allyn. Owner: Shirley Shaw.					
Gr./Ro.g.4 Brushed On-Missilverprincess, Forever Silver.					
Bred by Raymond Shaw (NY)					
\$2 Exacta 9-8 Paid \$296.00; \$2 Trifecta 9-8-10 Paid \$899.00; \$2 Superfecta 9-8-10-4 Paid \$9,654.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-9) Paid \$95.50; \$2 Pick 3 (8-5-9) 3 Correct Paid \$475.50; \$2 Pick 4 (3-8-5-9) 4 Correct Paid \$5,965.00; \$2 Pick 6 (7-7-3-8-5-9) 6 Correct Paid \$388,514.00, 5 Correct Paid \$1,371.00					
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Tiz Himself

Breeders' Cup winner Tiznow coming into his own as a sire

BY FRANCES KARON

PEDIGREE ANALYSIS

Add Tiznow to Joe LaCombe's Christmas gift list under "carrots."

Racing in silks popularized by Favorite Trick are a pair of dark bay, nearly identically named homebred colts – Slew's Tizzy and Slew's Tiznow – and their owner must be hoping there is likewise not much to distinguish between the two sons of Tiznow in terms of racing ability.

Three-year-old Slew's Tizzy, winner of the Gr. II Coolmore Lexington Stakes and the Gr. III Lone Star Derby for trainer Greg Fox, is the more accomplished. But 2-year-old Slew's Tiznow looked awfully nice when he broke his maiden by 4 1/4 lengths at Saratoga Saturday in his second attempt for Patrick Biancone.

Some might argue that if Tiznow had a shorter nose, Giant's Causeway and Sakhee would have been Breeders' Cup Classic winners. But it was more than his nose that got him across the wire ahead. A list of horses he vanquished reads like the society pages: Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus, Belmont winners Commendable and Lemon Drop Kid, European classic winners Black Min-

naloushe and Galileo, champion juvenile Macho Uno, Classic winner Cat Thief.

Tiznow was unraced at 2, winning a 1 1/16-mile maiden by 8 1/2 lengths at Hollywood Park before going on to record seven stakes victories up to 10 furlongs, four of them Grade I scores: two Breeders' Cup Classics (having been supplemented each time), a Santa Anita Handicap and a Super Derby (setting a track record of 1:59.84). In 15 starts he won eight times, was second four times and third twice, overtaking Best Pal as the leading California-bred money earner with a bankroll of \$6,427,830. He was Horse of the Year at 3 and champion older horse at 4, and his 2001 Classic provided an emotional moment as his owner-breeder Cecilia Straub-Rubens had died three days after the 2000 Classic.

Tiznow was the star of a family honed by Straub-Rubens. His sire and dam, Cee's Tizzy and Cee's Song (by Seattle Song), were named for Straub-Rubens; his full brothers Budroyale (second in the 1999 BC Classic to Cat Thief) and



Tod Marks

Slew's Tiznow breezes home with a maiden win at Saratoga Saturday.

Tizbud were named for her first husband, Bud, who had died in 1981.

Tiznow was retired to WinStar Farm for \$30,000, a modest fee reflective of his pedigree. Relaunch, the sire of Cee's Tizzy, had good sire sons in Skywalker and Waquoit but neither stamped Relaunch as a sire of sires. Yet stakes-placed Cee's Tizzy had been able to compete against the world's best from his California base: the stallion had two champions (Gourmet Girl was the other), three millionaires and seven graded winners.

Tiznow bred an average of 125 mares in each of his first three seasons and got champion 2-year-old Folklore in his first foals. She was a nice surprise, because her sire, at 16.3 hands, hadn't even raced at 2 (nor were his parents winners at that age) and was at his best over 1 1/4 miles; hardly anyone could have expected him to sire outstanding juveniles, particularly from an unraced mare with a non-winning 2-year-old second dam.

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Pedigree —

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Tiznow had another good juvenile in Grade II winner Tiz Wonderful in his second crop. (Tis A Man dead-heated for first in a 2-year-old stakes but was DQ'd to third.) But by the end of 2006, when he was represented by two stakes winners from 190 foals, his fee was lowered to \$25,000.

Things are finally falling into place for Tiznow. He has five stakes winners — all sophomores — among 10 stakes horses this year. Graded winners Slew's Tizzy, Bear Now and Tough Tiz's Sis are joined by graded placed Tenfold and Liquidity. The Tiznows promise to only get better with age, and breeders who supported the stallion through his leaner times (his smallest crop of 52 is yearlings) can hope to reap rewards.

Inbreeding has featured in some of Tiznow's stakes horses. Slew's Tizzy is inbred to Seattle Slew, as is stakes-placed Tiz Nik; Folklore and Tough Tiz's Sis have duplications of In Reality (as does, again, Tiz Nik) It should also be noted that both of Tiznow's 2-year-old stakes winners have dams bred on the Storm Cat/Mr. Prospector cross.

Hepatica, dam of Slew's Tiznow/Tizzy, is a daughter of Slewpy, a multiple Grade I winner from Seattle Slew's first crop. She raced three times, winning once at 2. The Beach Boys could have written "California Girls" for her family; her dam Summer Dress was bred almost exclusively to California stallions (Wild Again being the exception), and her half-sisters Best Dress, Francie and

Ginseng earned their black-type wins in the state.

Summer Dress was by Summer Time Guy, a late-maturing sprinter by Gummo (best known as the sire of Flying Paster, Alydar to Spectacular Bid's Affirmed). While not a household name outside California, or even in California, Summer Time Guy's pedigree is recognizable through his half-sister Lovlier Linda, dam of graded winners Old Trieste and Perigee Moon.

Hepatica's granddam General Store made the family internationally famous through her daughter Chain Store, the source of Sheikh Hamdan's first classic winner, Al Bahathri in 1985 (subsequently dam of 2,000 Guineas winner Haafhd). Chain Store was eventually acquired by Juddmonte Farms, for whom she bred the dam of ill-fated Gr. I Yellow Ribbon winner Spanish Fern.

Hepatica has a yearling filly by Hennessy, a weanling filly by Deputy Commander and was covered by Stormy Atlantic this year. If Slew's Tiznow turns out to be as good as Slew's Tizzy, it's odds-on that LaCombe will send Tiznow more than a carrot next year.

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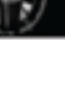
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Film deserves winner's circle

The First Saturday in May, a documentary on last year's Kentucky Derby, premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in April. It premiered at the Hall of Fame yesterday.

The film needs to be in Hollywood.

John and Brad Hennegan set out on the road to the Kentucky Derby. With cameras rolling and feet moving, the brothers followed 12 trainers and their horses on a path that began last fall right around the Breeders' Cup. After 500 hours of filming, the Hennegans winnowed the story down to 97 minutes – six trainers and horses.

You couldn't guess the six with a program.

Of course, Michael Matz and Barbaro demand the main story line, but the good news is the Hennegans don't mention the plane crash and they don't romanticize the trainer or the horse. That's already been done. By the time it's over, you know as much about five other trainers and horses as you do about Matz and Barbaro.

That's the beauty of the film.

Sharp Humor and Dale Romans. Jazil and Kiaran McLaughlin. Brother Derek and Dan Hendricks. Lawyer Ron and Bob Holthus. Achilles Of Troy and Frank Amonte Jr. Yeah, it's the last one that sums up the film.

Amonte comes right out of Hollywood casting – get me a rough and ready racetracker, New Yorker at heart, a little bit shifty but likable at the same time. Amonte starts out as the assistant trainer in the wild and wooly Paraneck Stable. He is a true original, so unpredictable that you watch and cringe over what he's going to say next. You meet his son, who doesn't want to get his new sneakers dirty while at the barn and you go to a horse show at the riding academy off of the Belt Parkway with his daughter. It's classic

CUP OF COFFEE

By Sean Clancy



racetrack, especially when you see Amonte wearing a "Gary Contessa Racing" jacket while training on his own. Amonte takes over as head trainer for Achilles Of Troy, the horse wins the Whirlaway and gets one step closer to the Derby. In his next start, the Gotham, he doesn't fire, and you see the despair on Amonte's face, we've all been there before, watching the inexplicable losses that befuddle and betray you. The horse hurts his tendon and goes home in the horse ambulance. You know it's the last you'll see of Amonte and you kind of miss him.

Dale Romans puts on a good show but nothing like his friend, "Cousin" Paul Parrish and his son, Jake. Parrish plays the class clown, Jake plays the future sharpie at one point rolling out a wad of cash like a bookie. While watching last year's Triple Crown, many discounted Sharp Humor as just another speedball; when you see Romans slump off after the Derby, you realize what it all meant to him. Again, that's the film's true weight.

Kiaran McLaughlin and his family surge through the film, at one point, McLaughlin kneels down in the stall with Jazil, showing a rare moment between horse and trainer. Another moment, Jazil holds a mint between his front teeth, just holds it there without letting

go. Along with the character of the people, it's the moments with the horses that make the film.

Instead of languishing over Dan Hendricks' motorcycle accident when he was paralyzed from his chest down, the film focuses on a trainer and a horse. It's Hendricks being a trainer and a father. Brother Derek's exercise rider Cisco Alvarado spars with the stable goat, vintage stuff.

Bob Holthus and Lawyer Ron's groom Chuck Chambers provide the poignancy of the Triple Crown. Obviously in the twilights of their careers, Holthus and Chambers talk straight and true about their horse, their life, their families. When Chambers' family buys Derby outfits and watches the Derby, nearly alone, in the caverns of Churchill Downs, you see the touch of the racetrack. After Lawyer Ron finishes 12th, you see Chambers hug his family and turn to get his horse and you see Holthus walk out of the Churchill paddock, you see it all.

The film shows the real racetrack; constant hopes, race-by-race theater, dirty backsides, broken horses, shattered dreams, hangers on, sharp kids, a dash of drinking, cursing and smoking. But none of those are over-done.

If you've lived the racetrack, you'll love this film. There is no sensationalism, there is no graphic footage of a Ruffian breakdown. No Sam Shepard playing an old racetracker; Bob Holthus plays himself.

As the Hennegan Brothers said, when you put a microphone on somebody, they forget about it in five minutes. Thankfully.

When the film was over, an 11-year-old viewer turned to Brad Hennegan.

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