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# **Here & There at Saratoga**



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# **Table for one**

A tired trackgoer repurposes a table to get a little shuteye. (We hear that wooden beds are great for the back.)

# **Worth Repeating**

"But we're not quitters."

Exercise rider Nuno Santos to trainer Tom Voss, about stopping their smoking habit

"It's not going to fill. It's not like they don't know who it's for."

Trainer Pat Kelly, on a potential 1 1/2-mile dirt race to suit Evening Attire

Trainer Rick Schosberg as a lead pony jigged off the track: "They having pony races today?" Bystander: "That one is even money."

Schosberg: "Mine would be 10-1 in a one-horse race."

"Well, she's a California-bred. What do you expect?"

Brook Ledge's John Dixon, about a bundled-up Aimee Dollase Tuesday morning (it was 50 degrees) "Not getting in anybody's way, that's for sure."

Allen Jerkens, when asked how his horses are running

"You kiddin'? I need longjohns too."

Another cold horseman, Rick Violette,

"So you want to go get it?"

Racing fan, upon hearing about the (seemingly past) tradition of stealing the Travers Canoe Sunday morning

dressed in what appeared to be a parka

**Doc Cheney:** "That golf course has a lot of blind spots."

Trainer Dave Carroll: "Not where I'm hitting it."

"I gave him *no* shot down the backstretch."

Owner Barry Irwin,
on his King's Bishop winner Visionaire, who
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"This is why most of us went to nylon."

Trainer David Donk, while
cleaning leather tack Monday morning

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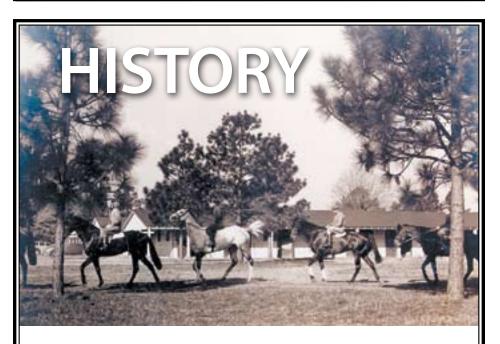
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# Whoa, Nelly!

A loose horse revels (momentarily) in its freedom.

# **Take A Number**

igcup Times Ryan Clancy has made the school bus in two days of 10th grade – must be a Saratoga

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## Names of the Day

Overuled, third race. Whenever you mix the words judge, below and seventeen, a red light should shine. This filly is by Judge T C out of Seventeen Below (though owner/breeder Coppertreee Farm should be penalized for leaving out an r).

Stream Of Gold, sixth race. This Irish bred is the "feeling lucky" hunch play of the day. The 7-yearold is by Rainbow Quest out of River Dancer.

Today: Mainly sunny. High 79. Winds light and variable. **Tonight:** A few clouds from time to time. Low 53F. Winds light and vari-

Thursday: More clouds than sun. High in the low 80s and low in the up-

Friday: Few showers. High in the mid 70s and low in the low 60s. Saturday: Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms. High in the mid 70s and low in the upper 50s.

Sunday: Sunshine. High in the upper 70s and low in the mid 50s.





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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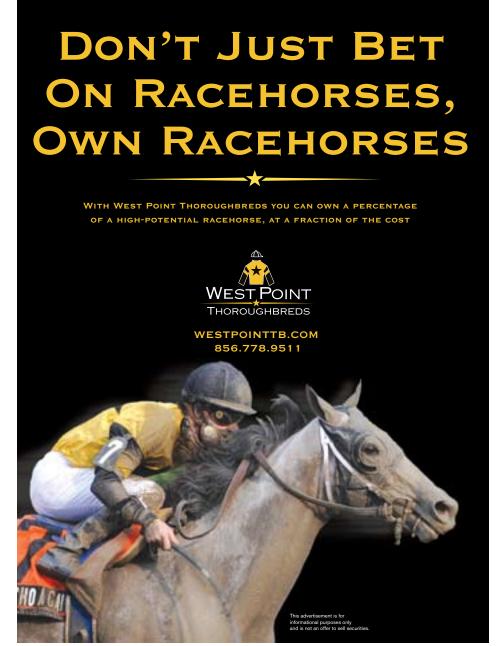
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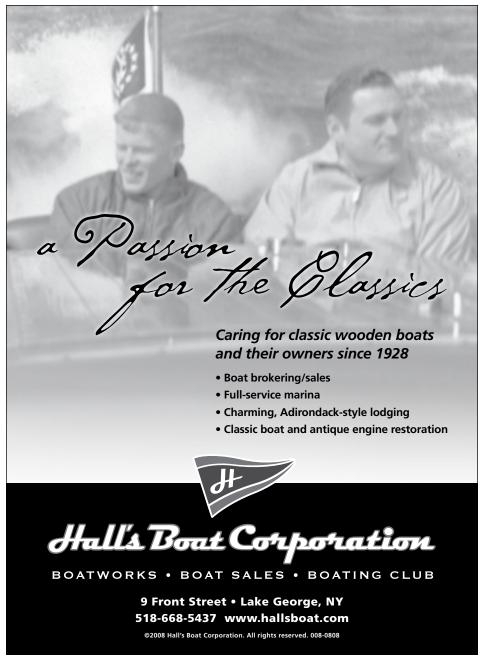
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# Turf Love

# Love Cove tests competitive feature

### **BY BRIAN NADEAU**

The gang may be all here, but two relative newcomers could spoil the party in today's \$80,000 Mollie Wilmot Stakes for New York-bred turf distaffers. While Latitude Forty and Rewrite will garner much of the public's attention, Love Cove and You Go West Girl enter the 1-mile test on the inner turf course with leading-lady aspirations of their own.

Owned by Laue Ranch, Love Cove has been much-improved since trainer Tom Albertrani switched her to turf in May 2007. With just one win from eight starts on the main track, her connections decided it was time to move to the grass, which had long been in the cards.

"We always felt like she'd want the grass and we got her on there as soon as it opened at Belmont and she won first time. She never showed much liking for the dirt so I don't think you'll see her back there anytime soon," owner Brant Laue said. "This is a great division, it always is. There are a lot of spots for some good money if you have the horse."

# **MOLLIE WILMOT STAKES PREVIEW**

The daughter of Not For Love made her turf debut in a 6-furlong state-bred allowance at Belmont, and rallied from sixth to win going away by 1 1/2 lengths. She followed with a pair of solid runner-up efforts at Belmont and won an optional claimer here over the inner turf last August before winning against open foes at Aqueduct in November.

Love Cove made her 2008 debut in an open optional claimer at Belmont May 15, running a strong second in a 10-horse field. She made a smooth transition from the state-bred allowance ranks to stakes in her last start when she was third behind Rewrite in the Dynamic Lisa Stakes at Belmont June 5. In eight starts over the turf she has finished in the exacta six times and looks to be sitting on a career run. Albertrani freshened the 4-year-old after the Dynamic Lisa and she looks to build on the Belmont momentum. Kent Desormeaux has the call.

"She's coming into it in good shape and she really runs well fresh too, which should work in our favor. We gave her



Tod Marks

Love Cove (right) posted a win at Saratoga last summer and goes after a stakes score today.

the winter off this year and she's come back and made the step up this year into stakes company," Albertrani said. "Her last race was a very promising effort and we're hoping she can maintain that level and compete with this group of horses. And she likes this course too – she won here last year – so that's always nice to have in your corner."

You Go West Girl's late rally fell a nose short in the Yaddo, when she rallied from 12 lengths back to just miss catching Latitude Forty. Trained by Tom Proctor for Craig Bernick, the daughter of Mr. Greeley made her first start against state-breds after a nine-race campaign in the Midwest (where she placed in the Grade III Regret at Arlington Park last summer). The 4-year-old filly made her first start in New York in the Yaddo and sat fourth in the five-horse field before launching a sustained move that carried past Wilmot rival Rewrite. Julien Leparoux, aboard for the

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# Wilmot Preview —

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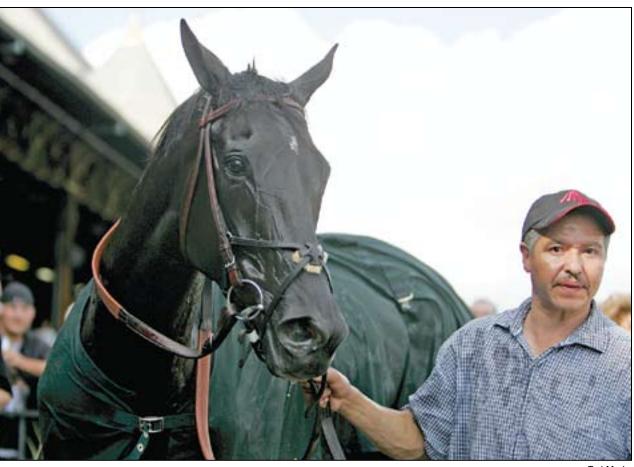
Yaddo as well as a pair of wins earlier in the year, has the return call on You Go West Girl, who sports two wins from three starts at a mile.

Latitude Forty (Javier Castellano) took the Yaddo for the second year in a row on August 10 and John Hertler wheels her back in the Wilmot. Owned by Dee Zee Stable, the 5-year-old Chester House mare rallied from 10 lengths off the pace in the Yaddo to hold off You Go West Girl by a neck. After beginning the year with a pair of off-the-board finishes at Belmont, Latitude Forty has stepped up in her last two starts. Prior to the Yaddo she was second, beaten a nose by Rewrite, in the Irish Actress Stakes at Belmont July 16.

"She's coming in good. She likes the track a lot and she has bounced back out of her last race in good shape, so we'll send her over there again," Hertler said. "She's the top weight and picks up six pounds but that's what you get from winning. I'm hoping she runs the same way she did the other day, if she does she'll be right there."

Rewrite finished third in the Yaddo but could go favored in the Wilmot off her 4-for-5 record at the distance. Trained by Christophe Clement, Amherst Stable's homebred has been as consistent as Old Faithful in her 16 starts on turf, which include nine wins, a second and four thirds. The last three times the daughter of Editor's Note has tasted defeat she has returned to win, and she looks to extend the streak to four today. Alan Garcia has the return call.

Nehantic Cat (Eibar Coa) looked good beating open-company allowance foes here Aug. 6 and she uses that effort as a springboard to her first stakes assignment for Barclay Tagg and Statehouse Stable. The 1 1/2-length win was a breakthrough for the 5-year-old, who finished third here twice last summer over the turf before claiming her first turf win two starts ago at Belmont.



Tod Marks
Nehantic Kat tries to win her second race of the Saratoga meet.

Jesse's Justice (John Velazquez) took the Irish Actress here last summer but has gone winless and failed to hit the board in seven starts since for Todd Pletcher.

Di (Rajiv Maragh), a two-time winner at Belmont for Tim Ritvo; Nedjma, third in the Irish Actress after bobbling at the break for Mike Hushion; and Sagamoon

to hit the board in seven starts since for Todd Pletcher. Lawrence Goichman's homebred is undefeated in two appearances over the Spa inner turf and looks to return to form in the Wilmot.

Others in the field are Cagey Girl (Mike Luzzi), who goes out for the red-hot Dave Duggan; Roll The

Tim Ritvo; Nedjma, third in the Irish Actress after bobbling at the break for Mike Hushion; and Sagamoon (Ramon Dominguez), who gets back on the lawn after running fifth in a main-track sprint for Mike Trombetta.

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3	3	Frosty Diamond	Chavez J F	Collazo Henry	6-1
4	4	Loch Dubh	Leparoux J R.	Kenneally Eddie	8-1
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3	3	•		. Baffert Bob	
4	4	Charlott Humor	Castellano J J	. Hough Stan	.6- <sup>-</sup>
	5			. McLăughlin Kiaran .	
6	6			. Maker Mike	
7	7	The Big Dunkin	Hiİİ C	. Zito Nick	.8-
		Exacta, Trifecta, Pick	3 (5-7), Pick 6 (5-7)	10), Daily Double	
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# 6TH (3:49) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. CLAIMING 60,000. PURSE \$52,000.

1	5	Stream of Gold (IRE)	.Garcia Alan	McLaughlin Kiaran2-1			
1A	9	Leo (GB)	.Dominguez R A	McLaughlin Kiaran 2-1			
2	MTO	Irish Majesty	.Luzzi M J	Contessa Gary5-2			
2B	MTO	Mr. Madison	.Leparoux J R	Contessa Gary5-2			
3	1	Rhythmn Master	.Castellano J J	Morrison John20-1			
				Dutrow Richard Jr9-2			
5	3	Moon Ala Mode	.Maragh R	Lewis Lisa20-1			
6	4	Richland Creek	.Chavez J F	LukasWayne12-1			
7	6	Moonshine Hall	.Bridgmohan S X	Casse Mark5-1			
8	7	Believeinmenow	.Luzzi M J	Bond James10-1			
9	8	Storming Off	.Velasquez C	Jacobson David12-1			
10	10	Bullara	.Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd4-1			
A-C	oupl	ed: Stream of Gold (IF	RE) and Leo (GB)				
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B-Coupled: Irish Majesty and Mr. Madison

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (6-8), Grand Slam (6-9), Daily Double

### 7TH (4:23) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. FILLIES. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. **PURSE \$57,000.**

		ψοι,σου.			
1	ΑE	Freedom Rings	Velasquez C	Donk David	2-1
1A	ΑE	Dancing Daisy	Castellano J J	Donk David	2-1
	1	Private Screening	Rodriguez R R	Terranova II John 20	0-1
3	2	Facetious	Maragh R	Bond James	8-1
4	3	Zipolina	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	7-2
5	4	Lilly of Paradise	Bermudez J E	Schettino Dom30	0-1
6	5	Today	Velasquez C	Hennig Mark1	5-1
7	6	Grace's Valentine	Coa E M	Albertrani Tom	4-1
8	7	Elegant Bess	Prado E S	Serpe Phil	5-1
9	8	Our Golden Dream	Desormeaux K J	Bush Tom	5-2
10	9	Judge Margaret	Dominguez R A	Ritvo Tim1	0-1
11	ΑE	Justify	Chavez J F	Campanella Sal20	0-1
12	ΑE	Saarlandisourland	Velazquez J R	O'Brien Keith1	2-1
13	ΑE	Scarlet Flame	Rodriguez R R	Ferraro Anthony3	0-1
14	MTO	Glory Gold	Dominguez R A	Trombetta Mike	9-5
A-C	lauo	led: Freedom Rings and	d Dancing Daisy		

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (7-9), Pick 4 (7-10), Daily Double

### 8TH (4:57) THE MOLLIE WILMOT. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. **PURŠE \$80,000.**

	1	Cagey Girl	.Luzzi M J	Duggan David15-1
<u> </u>	2			Ritvo Tim20-1
}	3			Hertler John4-1
ļ	4	Nedjma	.Hill C	Hushion Mike12-1
)	5	Nehantic Kat	.Coa E M	Tagg Barclay6-1
)	6	Sagamoon	.Dominguez R A	Trombetta Mike20-1
7	7	Rewrite	.Garcia Alan	Clement Christophe5-2
}	8	Love Cove	.Desormeaux K J	Albertrani Tom10-1
)	9	You Go West Girl	Leparoux J R	Proctor Tom3-1
0	10	Jesse's Justice	.Veİazquez J R	Pletcher Todd20-1
1	MTO	Ice Cool Kitty	.Prado E S	Dutrow Richard Jr8-5
2	MTO	Precise Lady	.Leparoux J R	Kelly Pat12-1
		Exacta, Trifecta, Sup-	erfecta. Pick 3 (8-1	0). Daily Double

# 9TH (5:31) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. MSW.. PURSE \$62,000.

1	5	Bayrod	.Maragh R	Serpe Phil	.15-1		
1A	MTO	Outoftheslammer	.Maragh R	Serpe Phil	.15-1		
2	1	Sognatore (FR)	.Rodriguez R R	Frankel Bobby	.15-1		
3	2	Distortedamusement	.Prado E S	Weaver George	6-1		
4	3	Excess Capital	.Castellano J J	Hennig Mark	5-2		
5	4	Yield Bogey	.Samyn J L	Kelly Pat	.10-1		
6	6	He Struck It Rich	.Coa E M	Kimmel John	3-1		
7	7	Bostoner	.Desormeaux K J	Romans Dale	.10-1		
8	8	Formidable	.Velasquez C	Jerkens Allen	7-2		
9	9	Lord and T	.Chavez J F	Lukas Wayne	.30-1		
10	ΑE	Whitley	.Luzzi M J	Arnold Rusty	8-1		
A-C	A-Coupled: Bayrod and Outoftheslammer						

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double Wagers

### 10TH (6:04) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALLOW. PURSE \$62,000.

- 1	- 1	GalagallorGarcia Alan Tesher Howle 8-1
2	2	Piazza Di SpagnaDominguez R A Sciacca Gary4-1
3	3	First of TenSamyn J L Gyarmati Lea30-1
4	4	HowdyamissthisoneLeparoux J R Dibona Robert10-1
5	5	Sammy's ToyMaragh RRitvo Tim3-1
6	6	AllaboutmackChavez J F Lostritto Joseph 15-1
7	7	UnflaggingHill CWeaver George9-2
8	8	Ode to RevolutionVelazquez J R Hills Tim6-1
9	9	He Aint EasyCastellano J J Donk David20-1
1	0 10	Criminal PowerVelasquez C Cannizzo David10-1
1	1 11	See More SpiritMigliore RHertler John30-1
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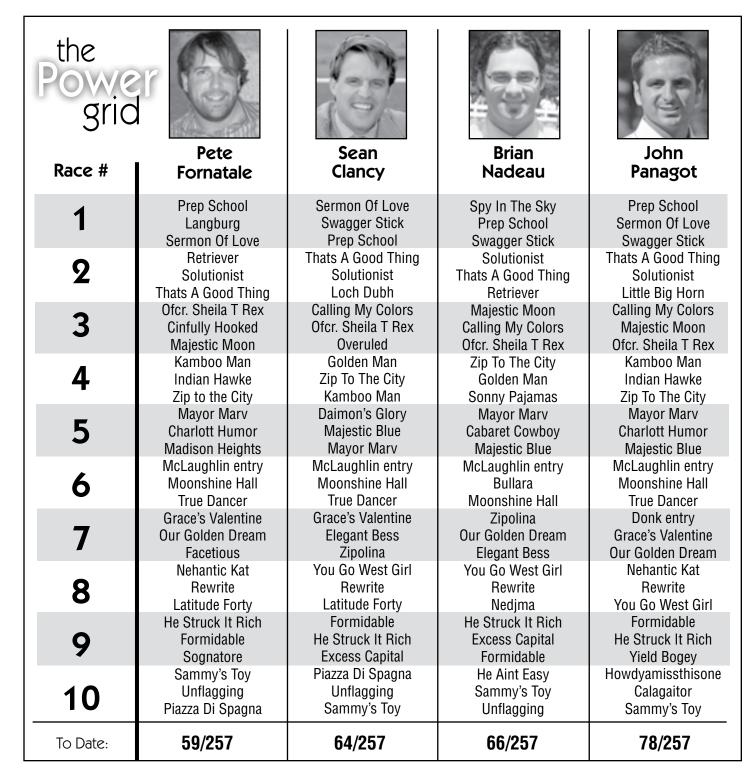
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# **WEDNESDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS**

# BY BRIAN NADEAU

**RACE 1:** SPY IN THE SKY hardly disgraced himself in the Grade II A.P. Smithwick when taking on three bound for tomorrow's Grade I Turf Writers. He gets in light and should enjoy the class relief. PREP SCHOOL had little chance in his last, which marked his first start in over a year; he should be much sharper today and Jonathan Sheppard has again flashed Hall of Fame form this summer. SWAGGER STICK has been getting the hang of things and would be no surprise.

**RACE 2:** SOLUTIONIST showed speed against maidens, including subsequent Grade II Saratoga Special runner-up Break Water Edison, and takes the biggest drop in the game. THATS A GOOD THING ran well in his local bow Aug. 6 and now adds blinkers, so look for him to show more early zip. RETRIEVER also exits the Aug. 6 race and he lost all chance at the start. Interesting to note he was 7-2 in that spot.

**RACE 3:** Is there anyone hotter than Dave Duggan? MAJESTIC MOON goes out for the Irishman, who is 3-for-7 with horses making their debut in maiden claimers. CALLING MY COLORS just missed at this level last time and rates a long look. OFCR. SHEILA T REX takes the plunge to claimers after a few spotty tries versus special weights.

RACE 4: Tons of speed signed on, so we need to look for someone to come from the clouds. ZIP TO THE CITY fits the bill and can be excused for his last, which was in the slop at 9 furlongs; Enrique Arroyo does great work with his claims. GOLDEN MAN is another who has some late kick and should be in front of the top choice turning for home. SONNY PAJAMAS rallied two-back and fits .

**RACE 5:** MAYOR MARV is out of Miss Wineshine, who was freakishly fast as a 2-year-old and finished on the board in both the Adirondack and Spinaway in 1999; plus, barn has won plenty of maiden dashes in the past two years. CABARET COWBOY has shown some zip in the morning but must break alertly from the rail. MAJESTIC BLUE is another Kiaran McLaughlin-Darley charge, and their sophomores have been lights-out this meet.

RACE 6: Not the best sign to see STREAM OF GOLD in for a tag, but the Grade II winner is a 7-year-old gelding and the barn might smell a training title. The same goes for entry-mate LEO, who has also done some good work on the lawn. I told you to make a place bet on Linda Rice, who ran 1-2 Sunday; logic applies here as well. BULLARA is another class-dropper who fits on his best day; woke up last time at Monmouth Park. MOONSHINE HALL swoops in for a crafty barn and rates a long look at an overlaid price.

RACE 7: Time for the old tote-and-paddock check; let me know what you find. I'll give you ZIPOLINA, who goes out for Rice and Obviously NY, who might own the track if they win anymore races together. OUR GOLDEN DREAM has a big-time Empire-bred pedigree and should have some run. Tab ELEGANT BESS, who goes out for a good turf barn.

**RACE 8:** The usual gang's all here for the Mollie Wilmot, but it's the new gal on the block who goes as the day's best bet. YOU GO WEST GIRL made her first start versus state-breds in the Yaddo and just missed; could very well move up. REWRITE is tough as nails and usually bounces back from a loss with a vengeance. NEDJMA has been threatening and won't need a major move forward to get there.

**RACE 9:** HE STRUCK IT RICH added blinkers last time and ran the fastest race of his life; scary if he improves off that effort. EXCESS CAPITAL has been hanging around in a number of past tries and is a major player if he can take his game over to the sod. FORMIDABLE calls Medallist kin but might need the main track to shine.

RACE 10: Bear with me here. The last time HE AINT EASY had a true run on the lawn he was second to open foes in the Pilgrim last September. Since then he's caught yielding ground and run into more trouble than a Mets fan at Citizens Bank Park; I'm going down with the ship. SAMMY'S TOY stretched out and ran big at Belmont Park and has had plenty of time to get over that career-best run. Not sure what to make of UNFLAGGING, who was a bomb in his debut; I do know is that George Weaver is having one heck of a Saratoga.

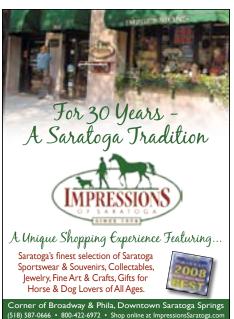


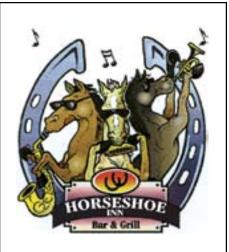
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Jeffrey Sanchez smiles after booting home True Resurgence in Sunday's fourth; his fourth victory of the meet. Born in Puerto Rico; the jock had; only two mounts at Saratoga all last year.

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# Saratoga Leaderboard

Leading Jockeys (through Aug. 26)

Name			2nd		Earnings
John Velazquez	168	30	24	24	\$2,446,407
Alan Garcia	152	30	17	20	\$2,227,555
Edgar Prado	167	26	40	20	\$1,945,597
Ramon Dominguez .	180	25	23	17	\$1,792,409
Cornelio Velasquez	169	23	25	22	\$1,369,755
Eibar Coa	160	22	19	21	\$1,408,384
Julien Leparoux					
Rajiv Maragh	133	15	17	19	\$887,539
Javier Castellano	148	14	28	23	\$1,397,301
Kent Desormeaux	115	12	14	20	\$1,111,594
Robby Albarado	97	11	8	15	\$1.052.018
Shaun Bridgmohan	85	10	9	10	\$933,272
Channing Hill	95	9	7	12	\$543,723
Mike Luzzi	87	6	9	7	\$328,526
Jose Espinoza	66	5	7	8	\$347,477
Sebastian Morales	62	5	6	6	\$262,973
Richard Migliore	32	5	0	2	\$232,176
Jeffrey Sanchez	51	4	4	9	\$261,870
Jorge Chavez	68	4	4	8	\$193,026
Elvis Trujillo	9	4	1	0	\$133,896

# Leading Trainers (through Aug. 26)

Name Todd Pletcher					
Kiaran McLaughlin					
Richard Dutrow, Jr	47	11	10	9	\$665,996
Gary Contessa					
Bobby Frankel	39	9	6	4	\$886.509
Steve Asmussen	44	8	7	5	\$836,902
Linda Rice	40	8	6	3	\$353,435
Tony Dutrow	23	8	4	5	\$399,196
Barclay Tagg	36	8	3	3	\$559,440
Bruce Levine					
Wesley Ward	19	7	1	3	\$222,032
George Weaver	26	6	5	4	\$367.125
Chad Brown	15	6	3	0	\$198.548
Michael Maker					
Shug McGaughey	28	5	5	4	\$368,764
Ken McPeek	19	5	2	2	\$265,211
David Duggan	13	5	1	1	\$239,711
Jonathan Sheppard.	20	5	0	3	\$482,144
Nick Zito					
Saeed bin Suroor	14	4	4	2	\$424,632

# Leading Owners (based on number of wins, through Aug. 26)

Name	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
Ken & Sarah Ramsey	39	9	5	1	. 23.08	.38.46	\$378,451
Winning Move Stable	53	5	9	3	9.43	.32.08	\$300,667
Repole Stable							
Darley Stable	16	5	1	3	. 31.25	.56.25	\$313,658
Wesley Ward							
Flying Zee Stables							
Godolphin Stable							
IEAH Stables							
Phipps Stable	21	4	2	4	. 19.05	.47.62	\$245,842
Sanford Robbins							

### Wednesday, August 27th, AYR Races Race 4 (10:40 am) Class 4 Handicap (3yo & Up) 1m; Purse \$20,000

### RACE ANALYSIS (In Program Number Order)

- SPINNING: Successful twice at Thirsk and Newcastle earlier this season but looks to have quickly lost his form, a slow start doing him no favours when well beaten at this track last time. His handicap mark possibly needs to come down a bit further before he can be of any interest. Timeform Rating: 91
- 2 ALEXANDER HURICANE: Has a steadily progressive profile and put up a career-best when landing a handicap at Newcastle last time by three quarters of a length from Charles Parnell, seeing out the step up in trip well. Races over further still here and the 4 lb rise in the weights is probably not enough to prevent him from being competitive once more. 90
- 3 WOVOKA: In the frame four times this year, but his losing run stretches back over a year. Races off a mark 6 lb lower than his last winning one, but has been beaten off this weight several times and not one to rely on for trainer whose winners have been few and far between this summer. 90§
- 4 HANDSOME FALCON: Added to his excellent record at Beverley when just a neck second to the unexposed Mr Toshiwonka there on Saturday, seeing things out well under testing conditions. Connections attempt to take advantage of same mark here and he has a leading chance under 7-lb claimer enjoying an excellent campaign. 90
- 5 ATABAAS PRIDE: Hasn't built on his encouraging third to Albaqaa at Beverley on his second start this year and was gelded after a particularly disappointing effort there last time. It's hard to know if that will bring about any improvement, but he has a bit to prove here. 87
- 6 SHY GLANCE: Successful twice at this track over 1½m this season, but shaped as if amiss when tailed off last time, folding quickly having made the running. Has gone up 11 lb since the first of those successes and should still be of interest off his current mark, although he has questions to answer over his well being. 91
- 7 MIDDLEMARCH: Has been given a chance by the handicapper after just respectable efforts at best this year but he has shown nothing of late to indicate he'll be taking advantage any time soon. His jockey has just four wins to his name all season. 85
- **ANCIENT CROSS:** Almost certainly has a race in him off this mark, having finished in the frame on his last five starts. Holds place claims at least if he stays this longer trip, but has been well beaten on his two previous starts over further than seven furlongs. **89**
- 9 NINEFINEIRISHMEN: Followed his first success with a good second to Boy Blue in a handicap at this track last month, but there has been little encouragement from his two starts since, again quickly looking spent force at Carlisle last time. Others are preferred. 89
- 10 MOHEEBB: Has quickly lost his way after a run of regular placed efforts earlier this season. A short break might have freshened him up, but it's not hard to look elsewhere for all his mark has tumbled. 88
- 11 CHAMPAIN SANDS: He probably should have ended a long losing run when third to Major Magpie at Pontefract last time, denied room until too late and finishing full of running. He was well backed that day and a similar market move here would speak volumes. Holds leading claims. 92
- 12 CHIN WAG: Has saved his very best for this track this year, winning a weak handicap over course and distance in June and twice finishing runner-up, most recently behind Sea Salt in a claimer. He has a bit to find to be competitive at this level. 90
- 13 GOVENOR ELLIOTT: Showed fair form in maidens last year but looks to have been allocated a stiff mark for handicaps, shaping as though needing the run on his belated reappearance at Newmarket last time. This looks a stiff task from out of the weights. 87+

### CONCLUSION

This race has gone the way of some big-priced winners in its three runnings, and again looks a trappy. **Ancient Cross** has been the model of consistency all season and deserves to find a winning opportunity but could be thwarted by **CHAMPAIN SANDS**, who was desperately unlucky at Pontefract last time and actually races here off a 1 lb lower mark. **Handsome Falcon** and **Alexander Huricane** could give him the most to do.

### Wednesday, August 27th, CATTERICK Race 7 (12:20 pm) Class 5 Handicap (3yo & Up) 6f; Purse \$8,000

## RACE ANALYSIS (In Program Number Order)

- STAMFORD BLUE: Has been rather hit-and-miss of late but is well handicapped even on the pick of this year's form. His front-running style is suited to this track and he has a favourable draw. Timeform Rating: 88
- 2 MEMPHIS MAN: Is remarkably tough, if not entirely straightforward, and had everything click into place when winning at Haydock earlier in the month. Latest second at Newbury showed his revised mark isn't beyond him, but his tendency to get behind might halt him around these sharp turns. 90
- 3 WESTPORT: Had his stamina stretched when well beaten in claimer last time and had previously been in good heart in similar company to this. The easy six furlongs is right up his street, but the wide draw is a concern. 88
- 4 MR WOLF: Not as good as he once was, having been a useful handicapper at his best, but his handicap mark now reflects that and he has run some solid races in defeat recently. Not out of it by any means. 86

- 5 H HARRISON: Yet to win this year, largely because of his own quirks, looking typically awkward at Lingfield most recently. Potentially well treated but whether he'll show his form is anyone's guess. 84
- 6 LETHAL: Has taken a while to find his feet for Richard Fahey this year but his win in a seller here last month seems to have boosted confidence, having finished a good second off today's mark over course and distance last time. Holds place claims. 89
- 7 TURN ME ON: A pretty reliable sort at this level but he is usually raced at 7f/1m and is likely to find things happening too fast for him. 89
- 8 GUEST CONNECTIONS: Winner of three of his last five starts, but all the successes came in plating company and he was well held in handicaps in between. Nevertheless, he has every chance from a good draw if showing his best. 92
- **APOLLO SHARK**: Showed fairly useful form when winning twice as a juvenile but he seems to have gone the wrong way and a watching brief is advised once more. ?

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- MANDELIEU: Was becoming slightly frustrating until getting off the mark over this trip at Brighton last time, improving to beat Magical Speedfit by half a length. Has only been raised 2 lb for that success, but it was a weak race and he has since left trainer William Haggas' very successful stable. 82
- 11 WINTHORPE: Has dropped back to the mark off which he won at Thirsk in May and came back to form when runner-up to one that's thriving at Beverley on Saturday. The return to 6f should help, as will his low draw, so he can't be ruled out. 90
- **BRUT**: Holds a good record at this track but he has been out of form since winning here in May. **76**

# CONCLUSION

A competitive race with most of the regular faces represented for a race of this nature. A low draw has been beneficial here of late and it may prove best to concentrate on those in post positions 1 - 4 and to take a chance on **WINTHORPE**. He has dropped to the handicap mark of which he was last successful, and returns to the trip he's done all his winning over in the last few years.

Sunday, August 24

# Step Dancer

# Sherlock plots perfect path for Intangaroo

## **BY SEAN CLANCY**

Gary Sherlock answered before the reporter finished the question.

"The Breeders' Cup will be her next start," the trainer said

Intangaroo hadn't yet reached the test barn after winning the 30th running of the Ballerina and Sherlock announced her next race, the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, her final start for owner Carl Grether and Sherlock. She'll run in the second renewal of the distaff sprint and then be consigned by Three Chimneys Farm in Fasig-Tipton's Selected Mixed Sale Nov. 2.

Why so sure?

"I know my filly," Sherlock said. "She's dead sound and it's been the plan ever since forever."

It would take a brave man to doubt Sherlock after the choreography of Intangaroo's career. Owned by



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Intangaroo (left) stays clear of Miraculous Miss and Jibboom late in the Ballerina

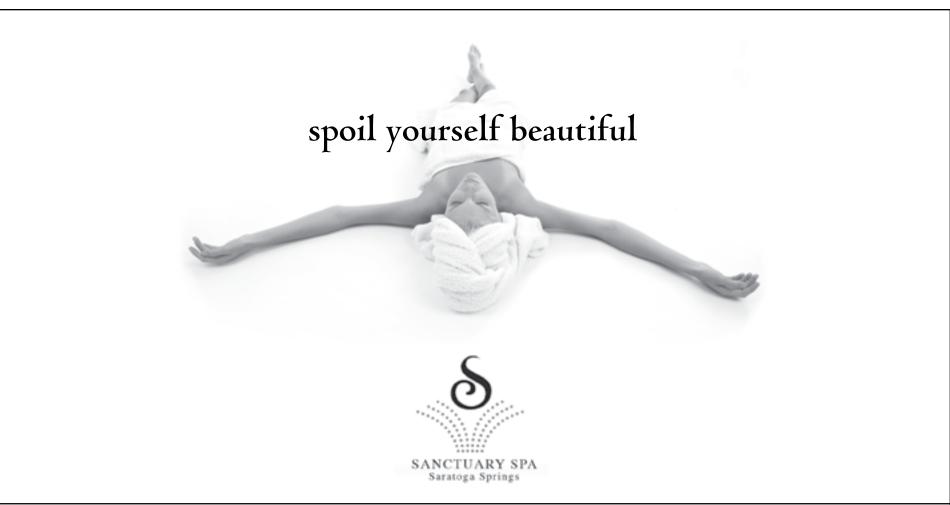
Tom Grether Farms, the 4-year-old daughter of Orientate won her third Grade I stakes in her last five starts. She took the Santa Monica at Santa Anita in February and the Humana Distaff at Churchill Downs on Derby Day. The Ballerina was her first race in two months, the same set-up she'll receive before the Breeders' Cup.

Intangaroo swept her first two Grade I wins in the same fashion, by running late. In the \$239,333 Ballerina, she lagged well off the pace set by second choice Mistical Plan who sprinted to an opening quarter-mile of 22.30 seconds. Favorite Sugar Swirl pressured her

into the turn, through a half in 44.88. Behind them, Leah's Secret tried to make a bid on the inside while Jibboom gained on the outside. All the while, Intangaroo rolled into the clear as the leaders battled in a cluster near the rail.

Under Alonso Quinonez, Intangaroo swept to a comfortable 2 3/4 length win over Ramon Dominguez and Miraculous Miss (the only foe to trail Intangaroo into the turn) and Sugar Swirl (Javier Castellano) who held third over Leah's Secret, Jibboom and Mis

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# **Ballerina** —

## **■** Continued from page 14

tical Plan who finished within a length of each other. Intangaroo completed the distance in 1:22.18.

Sherlock had his choice of stakes over the weekend. Del Mar hosted the Rancho Bernando, a 6 1/2-furlong Grade III where all she had to do was walk out of her barn. Or the Ballerina. To Sherlock, it was a no-brainer.

"I mapped out every possible race months ago. It was either the Rancho Bernando or the Ballerina the same day, so nothing changed other than shipping. After she won the Humana, ran so fast on the dirt, the Ballerina went in and the Rancho Bernando went out," Sherlock said. "People said to me, 'Why are you taking her to Saratoga, you've got a race right here?' It's the Ballerina. Think of the upside. Out there was a no-win situation, six and a half on the synthetic, no speed and if we win, so what?"

There was nothing "so what" about Intangaroo's 13th career start – she humbled her seven rivals that included Grade I winner Mistical Plan and the second- and third-place finishers in last year's Ballerina, Baroness Thatcher and Miraculous Miss. Purchased at Keeneland September in 2005 for \$37,000 by Carl Grether, who races under his late father's Tom Grether Farm, Intangaroo won her career debut last summer at Hollywood Park, rallying from 10th in a maiden special.

Sherlock believed then what he knows now.

"He told me, 'You might think I'm crazy but this filly could win the Breeders' Cup,' "Grether said. "He's been around horses his whole life. I'm a realist, so he can say that to me. I've been around the horses a while, too. For a small barn, we're doing all right. I'd love to be here again with a different horse. You never know. This is what you live for, baby."

The Ballerina produced the second last-to-first rally in a 7-furlong Grade I stakes of the weekend. Quinonez watched Visionaire win the King's Bishop the day before in the same style.

"I was very happy about that," Quinonez said. "My agent told me about it, I said, 'I saw it. I like it.' I was very comfortable, I know my filly, I wasn't worried about the speed. She's a machine."

Sherlock loaded his machine onto the same plane that carried Travers winner Colonel John. They arrived Wednesday and began to count down the days.

"I've been on the racetrack my whole life. To have a filly bring me here, to Saratoga, it's great. Like winning on Derby Day. These are the only two times I've ever shipped," Sherlock said. "She's just awesome, has the best mind, that was off eight weeks, that's pretty good off an eight-week layoff. I was hoping I was that good a trainer."

Sherlock let out a long belly laugh when he said it. Wiping sweat from his brow and dusting his gray suit free of Saratoga sand (he and Quinonez had hugged after the race), Sherlock still had a hard time believing what had just happened.

"Can you believe this? You take one filly and win on Derby Day and then



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Trainer Gary Sherlock embraces jockey Alonso Quinonez after the Grade I score.

Saratoga," Sherlock said. "I can't believe I pulled this off. I can't believe I pulled this off. It's all her mind. I could take her to the moon and run her, seriously."

With a Grade I win over the synthetic surface at Santa Anita, another one over Churchill Downs' Derby Day lightning strip and now one at Saratoga, nobody's doubting Intangaroo's moon walk. Especially not Quinonez. The 24-year-old Mexico native has ridden her seven times. He's won four of them, including

her only three stakes wins, by a neck, a nose and a head.

"When she wins, it's always a photo. This time, she was so comfortable and when I get her out, she took off. She kept going. Whhheew. When you push her, she gets lower," Quinonez said. "She knows, she knows. When she was warming up, she was really aggressive, I said, 'Hey, hey,' and I tapped her on the neck.' She was like, 'OK. OK.' She's very connected to me. Even the guy on the pony saw it."

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Sunday started where Saturday left off – with a photo finish. Abby Morgan (Cornelio Velasquez) shadowed Anita Rosita (John Velazquez) for the entire 6 furlongs, and the fillies channeled their best Colonel John/Mambo In Seattle impressions down the stretch.

The rail came out on top again when the photo declared Cascade Farm's Anita Rosita the winner in the opener, a \$61,000 New York-bred allowance.

"She showed some heart, she was even for the lead and fought back," said winning trainer Leah Gyarmati. The 3-year-old daughter of Tomorrows Cat has

The 3-year-old daughter of Tomorrows Cat has now won two of six career starts, with Sunday her first win for Gyarmati.

SUNDAY RACING RECAP "Barclay Tagg had her, and he recommended me to the owners when he went to Florida, because she's a New York-bred," Gyarmati said. "(Tagg's) been great about that, this is the second owner he's sent my way and I'm very

appreciative. The other one actually won up here two years ago. He's been a good promoter for me, and I'm thankful for it."

Farther back, Posey Park stayed on for third under seven-pound apprentice Joseph Berrios Cruz.

• Bob Baffert's horses have enjoyed their time at the Spa, collecting four wins from just eight starts for the California-based trainer (who leaves his horses with John and Tonja Terranova at Saratoga).

Heavenly Vision did her part, as the freshman filly made an impressive debut in Sunday's sixth. Handled patiently by Edgar Prado down the backstretch, the



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Anita Rosita (inside) nips Abby Morgan (4) in Sunday's opener.

daughter of Forestry moved up entering the turn to engage Proclaim (Rajiv Maragh), then shook free in the stretch and drew away to win by 4 1/4 lengths.

"We bought her right here as a yearling," said Alan Pesch, who owns the filly in partnership with George Bolton, Frank Bonsal Jr. and David Di Pietro. "George Bolton picked her out, and I just happened to be standing alongside George, and he asked if I wanted a leg. So we ended up with a great filly. She's been training well. She's always been good. I said, 'If she wins today

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by 2 or 3, then we're good."

Pesch (along with IEAH Stables) owned 2007 Schuylerville winner Subtle Aly and may know a thing or two about a winning filly.

"When you're looking for a filly, you need to look for attitude," he said. "Big, small – you need to look for one with attitude."

The group paid \$240,000 for Heavenly Vision (and her attitude) at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga last summer.

• One of John Terranova's most productive Saratoga horses wasn't even in his barn three months ago. True Resurgence came to Terranova in June and the 4-year old made his third start of the meet a winning one by taking Sunday's fourth, a \$70,000 optional claimer, under Jeffrey Sanchez.

Trained by Woodbine-based Josie Carroll for his first 13 career starts, True Resurgence compiled a 0-for-8 record over the Polytrack there. But with two wins on conventional dirt to his resume, owners Vernon and Donna Dubinsky decided to send the son of Yes It's True to Terranova. The horse responded with a pair of seconds, the latest Aug. 3, before Sunday's breakthrough, 2 1/2length win.

"He's certainly turning into a nice two-turn horse for us up here this summer. The owner had sent him to us and he thought he might fit here in New York, and Josie sent him down to us in great shape," Terranova said. "He ran



Heavenly Vision draws away late to win Sunday's fourth, a maiden for 2-year-old fillies.

Dave Harmon

really big last time, and I know bringing him back in three weeks had people thinking it was a bit soon, but he had been giving us all the signs and he just couldn't have been doing any better. There was no reason to keep him in the

True Resurgence sat on the inside in third for the first half-mile of the 9-furlong contest before gradually dragging Sanchez up to the early leader Marina Market. Making a sudden move up the rail turning for home, True Resurgence took charge and had plenty in reserve to stave off the late challenge by Solemn Promise (Prado) who took second, well clear of Smokeyjonessutton (Julien Leparoux).

• Less than a week after sweeping the top four spots in the Mechanicville Stakes, Linda Rice was at it again in the seventh, saddling the top two finishers in the \$63,000 optional claimer at 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf.

Lady Rizzi (Velasquez) streaked past stablemate Myakka (Javier Castellano) to score by 3 lengths in 1:00.66 to set a new course record in the process. Waytotheleft (Ramon Dominguez) was farther back in third.

"I would have started three but they wouldn't let me," Rice joked after the race. "This horse had run well up here before so we were hoping for a good effort, but I was a little shocked to see a new record."

Lady Rizzi eclipsed Second In Command's old record of 1:01.11, set in August 2006 for Rick Dutrow Jr. Rice trained Second In Command earlier in

Like many of Rice's horses, Lady Rizzi has excelled at turf sprints. Owned by John Donato, the daughter of Rizzi wired eight others to score by 1 1/2 lengths here last summer to break her maiden in her first shot sprinting on the sod.

• Kapanga (Maragh) continued her progression for Angel Penna when she took the ninth, an \$84,000 entry-level allowance, over Sentimental Union

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Kapanga streaks to the finish with a win in Sunday's ninth.

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(Prado) and Belle's Home (Castellano), notching her second of the meet, following a maiden win July 30.

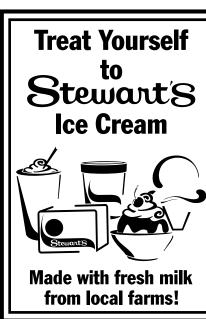
The daughter of Hussonet saved ground early, sitting 10th as the 11-horse field hit the 6-furlong mark. Maragh deftly kept his charge on the hedge and was able to get a clear run through the lane to pull clear late by a half-length. Sunday's trip was nothing like her outing two back, when Kapanga found heavy traffic in the upper stretch, couldn't get clear until it was too late and wound up second. Earlier in the meet she steadied at the break, but put in a powerful late surge to win going away for Sumaya US Stable.

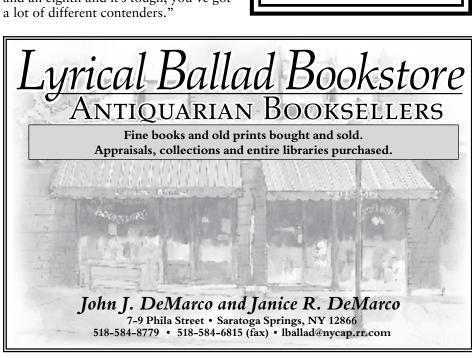
"She's a nice late-developing filly. To be honest she's never run a bad race. She had a bad, bad trip last time but still came running. She's got a big stretch run in her. She stepped up facing winners today, but she did it well. She couldn't find a hole, and finally when it opened up she went right through it," Penna said. "I'd like to think the longer the better with her too, and that's a good thing because usually the longer you go the easier they get. You get a mile, or a mile and an eighth and it's tough, you've got

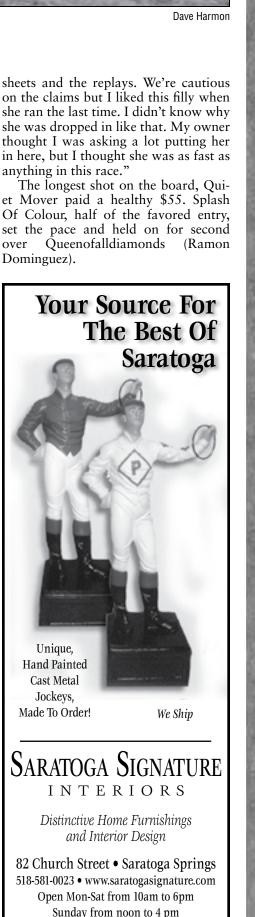
 Quiet Mover (Sebastian Morales) took advantage of hot early fractions of 22.09 and 44.98 seconds to come from behind and wear down Splash Of Colour (Prado) in Sunday's second. Last time out, Quiet Mover set the pace and faded to second at 7 furlongs. That day, trainer Ed Barker liked what he saw and claimed the 3-year-old Quiet American filly. Barker stepped her up and profited.

"I claimed her off the sheets, from her numbers off the sheets," Barker said. "Usually claiming horses, I use the sheets and the replays. We're cautious on the claims but I liked this filly when she ran the last time. I didn't know why she was dropped in like that. My owner thought I was asking a lot putting her in here, but I thought she was as fast as anything in this race."

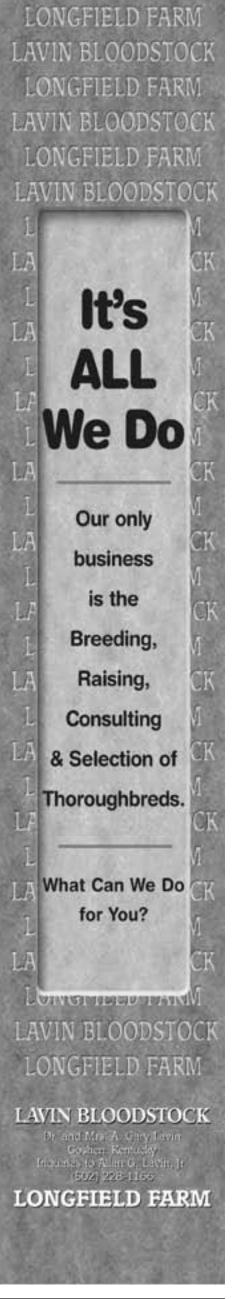
et Mover paid a healthy \$55. Splash Of Colour, half of the favored entry, set the pace and held on for second over Queenofalldiamonds (Ramon

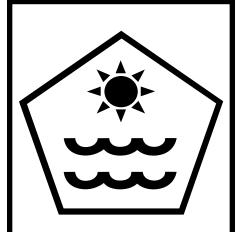






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### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

1ST.	. 6 FURLONGS. F&M	. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALV	V. PURSE	\$61,000	
2	Anita Rosita	Velazquez J R	11.00	4.70	4.00
4	Abby Morgan	Velasquez C		2.80	2.30
1	Posey Park	Berrios Cruz J			7.50
Finis	sh Time: 1:11 71				

Trainer: Leah Gyarmati. Owner: Cascade Farm.
B. f. 3 Tomorrows Cat-Silver Jam, Silver Ghost.
Bred by Cascade Farm (NY).

\$2 Exacta 2-4 Paid \$28.20; \$2 Trifecta 2-4-1 Paid \$289.00; \$2 Superfecta 2-4-1-9 Paid \$972.00

### 2ND 6 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP MSW PURSE \$62 000

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6	Quiet Mover	Morales S	55.00	14.40	6.00				
1	Splash of Colour	Prado E S		3.00	2.10				
2	Queenofalldiamonds	Dominguez R A			4.00				
Finish	1:10.51								

Trainer: Edward Barker. Owner: Maltese Cross Stables. B. f. 3 Quiet American-She's Expensive, Silver Hawk. Bred by Catherine Parke & Darley (KY).

\$2 Exacta 6-1 Paid \$155.50; \$2 Quinella 1-6 Paid \$5\hat{1}.50; \$2 Trifecta 6-1-2 Paid \$502.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-6) Paid \$336.00

### 3RD. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. AOC 50,000. PURSE \$67,620.

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6	Hatta Fort (GB)	Castellano J J	7.40	3.30	2.50
7	Lord Robyn	Velazquez J R		3.30	2.70
4	Straight Romance	Sanchez J			3.10
Finish	Time: 1:01.58				

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor. Owner: Godolphin Racing. B. c. 3 Cape Cross (IRE)-Oshiponga (GB), Barathea (IRE). Bred by Wellsummers Farm (GB).

\$2 Exacta 6-7 Paid \$17.00; \$2 Trifecta 6-7-4 Paid \$107.50; \$2 Pick 3 (2-6-6) 3 Correct Paid \$2,041.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-6) Paid \$222.50

### 4TH. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. AOC 50.000. PURSE \$70.000

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1	True Resurgence	Sanchez J	6.70	3.60	3.20				
3	Solemn Promise	Prado E S		5.50	3.90				
6	Smokeyjonessutton	Leparoux J R			3.30				
Finish	Time: 1:49.45								

Trainer: John Terranova II. Owner: Vernon and Donna Dubinsky. B. g. 4 Yes It's True-Our Resurgence, Polish Pro.

Bred by Ray Adam (FL). \$2 Exacta 1-3 Paid \$44.00; \$2 Quinella 1-3 Paid \$24.80; \$2 Trifecta 1-3-6 Paid \$118.50; \$2 Pick 3 (6-6-1) 3 Correct Paid \$841.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-1) Paid \$30.40

### 5TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$63.000

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5	It's Not for Love	Castellano J J	7.60	4.40	3.20
12	Upper Gulch	Samyn J L		9.40	6.30
11	Adventurous Spirit	Desormeaux K J			10.60
Finish	Time: 1:43.17				

Trainer: Tim Hills. Owner: Robert Susi. B. f. 3 Not For Love-Noddy's Halo, Halo. Bred by Roland Farm (MD).

\$2 Exacta 5-12 Paid \$82.00; \$2 Trifecta 5-12-11 Paid \$1,725.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-1-5) 3 Correct Paid \$99.00; \$2 Pick 4 (6-6-1-5) 4 Correct Paid \$4,370.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-5) Paid \$31.00; \$2 Superfecta 5-12-11-6 Paid \$11.706.00

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

9	Heavenly Vision	Prado E S	9.40	5.60	4.90
5	Proclaim	Maragh R		18.00	12.20
10	Shine Softly	Dominguez R A			16.20
Finis	h Time: 1:10.82	_			

Trainer: Bob Baffert. Owner: George Bolton, Frank Bonsal Jr.,
David Di Pietro & Alan Pesch.

Gr./Ro. f. 2 Forestry-Holy Bubbette, Holy Bull. Bred by Richard and Katherine Elam (KY). \$2 Exacta 9-5 Paid \$221.00; \$2 Trifecta 9-5-10 Paid \$3,225.00; \$2 Pick 3

(1-5-9) 3 Correct Paid \$133.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-9) Paid \$33.80; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (1-5-6) Paid \$23.80; \$2 Superfecta 9-5-10-1 Paid \$28,227.00; \$2 Consolation Double (5-6) Paid \$7.80

# 7TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. AOC 50,000.

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1	Lady Rizzi	Velasquez C	9.30	8.70	4.70
1A	Myakka	Castellano J J	9.30	8.70	4.70
8	Waytotheleft	Dominguez R A			4.00
Finis	h Time: 1:00.66				

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: John Donato.
B. m. 5 Rizzi-What'salltheruckas, Bold Ruckus.
Bred by Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY).

\$2 Exacta 1-8 Paid \$48.40; \$2 Trifecta 1-8-5 Paid \$302.50; \$2 Daily Double (9-1) Paid \$51.00; \$2 Pick 3 (5-9-1) 3 Correct Paid \$242.00; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (5-6-1) Paid \$45.40

### 8TH. 1 1/16 MILES. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.

4	Sandstorm Cat	Desormeaux K J	15.20	6.20	4.10
11	Paracaidas	Velazquez J R		5.90	4.80
12	Lunar Beach	Leparoux J R			9.30
Finish	n Time: 1:42.66				

Trainer: Ken McPeek. Owner: Alliance Racing II. B. f. 3 Tale of the Cat-Sand Pebbles (IRE), Sadler's Wells. Bred by Joseph LaCombe Stables (KY).

\$2 Exacta 4-11 Paid \$133.50; \$2 Trifecta 4-11-12 Paid \$2,798.00; \$2 Pick 3 (9-1-4) 3 Correct Paid \$489.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-4) Paid \$110.50; \$2 Superfecta 4-11-12-2 Paid \$21,342.00

### 9TH. 1 3/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$84,000.

2	Kapanga	Maragh R	9.80	5.40	3.30
1	Sentimental Union	Prado E S		4.00	2.70
4	Belle's Home	Castellano J J			3.60
Finish	Time: 1:53.50				

Trainer: Angel Penna. Owner: Sumaya Us Stables.
Dk.B./Br. f. 3 Hussonet-Wild About Bridget, Wild Again.

Bred by Int'l Equities Holdings (KY). \$2 Exacta 2-1 Paid \$39.20; \$2 Trifecta 2-1-4 Paid \$87.50; \$2 Pick 3 (1-4-2) 3 Correct Paid \$491.50; \$2 Daily Double (4-2) Paid \$102.50

# 10TH. THE BALLERINA (GR. I). 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$230, 333

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1	Intangaroo	Quinonez A	12.20	7.00	3.90
7	Miraculous Miss	Dominguez R A		7.00	3.50
2	Sugar Swirl	Castellano J J			2.90
Finich	Time: 1:22 18				

Trainer: Gary Sherlock. Owner: Tom Grether Farms. Dk.B./Br. f. 4 Orientate-Tasso's Magic Roo, Tasso. Bred by Pollock Farms & Taylor Made Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-7 Paid \$81.50; \$2 Trifecta 1-7-2 Paid \$283.50; \$2 Superfecta 1-7-2-3 Paid \$1,645.00; \$2 Pick 3 (4-2-1) 3 Correct Paid \$627.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-1) Paid \$64.50; \$2 Grand Slam (1/8-4/11/12-1/2/4-1) Paid \$176.00

## 11TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALW. PURSE \$62.000.

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3	Exonerated	Prado E S	7.00	4.20	3.30
2	Can She Dance	Castellano J J		5.90	4.10
9	Sax in the City	Maragh R			3.80
Finisl	h Time: 1:41.70				

Trainer: Graham Motion. Owner: Earle Mack. B. f. 3 Johannesburg-Ladies Night In, Peteski. Bred by Joe Bruno (NY).

\$2 Exacta 3-2 Paid \$29.20; \$2 Trifecta 3-2-9 Paid \$136.50; \$2 Superfecta 3-2-9-6 Paid \$383.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-3) Paid \$45.20; \$2 Pick 3 (2-1-3) 3 Correct Paid \$237.50; \$2 Pick 4 (4-2-1-3) 4 Correct Paid \$237.50; \$2 Pick 4 (4-2-1-3) 4 Correct Paid \$2,558.00; \$2 Pick 6 (9-1-4-2-1-3) 6 Correct Paid \$119,477.00, 5 Correct Paid \$689.00

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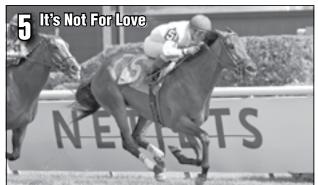
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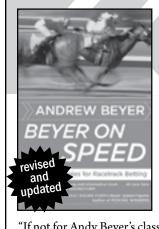












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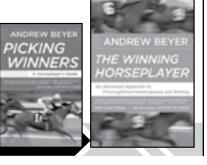
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**MONDAY, AUGUST 25** 

1ST. 6 1/2 FURLONGS	. 3&UP. NY BRED	. ALW. PURSE \$61,000.
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2	Driven by Success	Dominguez R A	3.10	2.30	2.10
8	Bazzoom	Velasquez C		3.30	2.80
6	Grand Treasure	Morales S			6.90
Finish	1.14 97				

Trainer: Bruce Levine. Owner: Repole Stable. Ch. g. 3 Precise End-Afleet Closer, Afleet. Bred by New Dawn Stud (NY).

\$2 Exacta 2-8 Paid \$8.40; \$2 Trifecta 2-8-6 Paid \$100.00

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

8	Five Star Chowdair	Coa E M	6.00	3.60	2.50
2	Soave	Desormeaux K J		6.30	3.60
3	Brockly Rob	Hill C			3.80
Finish	Time: 1:04.38				

Trainer: Bruce Levine. Owner: Our Blue Streaks Stable, Anthony McCarthy, John McCarthy & Kevin Kuhn. B. f. 2 Five Star Day-Whataboutus, Clever Trick. Bred by Sequel 2003/Lere Visagie (NY).

\$2 Exacta 8-2 Paid \$26.00; \$2 Quinella 2-8 Paid \$16.00; \$2 Trifecta 8-2-3 Paid \$82.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-8) Paid \$9.90; \$2 Superfecta 8-2-3-7 Paid \$934.00

### 3RD. 7 FURLONGS. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

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3	Regal Ransom	Garcia Alan	4.10	3.00	2.30	
1A	Brave Victory	Prado E S		Purse money of		
4	Royal Vindication	Castellano J J		2.70	2.30	
5	Keeping the Honor	Chavez J F			3.00	
Finish Time: 1:22.42						

Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Owner: Darley Stable.
Dk.B./Br. c. 2 Distorted Humor-Kelli's Ransom, Red Ransom.
Bred by Diamond A Racing (KY).

\$2 Exacta 3-4 Paid \$8.70; \$2 Pick 3 (2-8-3) 3 Correct Paid \$25.40; \$2 Daily Double (8-3) Paid \$19.00; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (2-8-1) Paid \$10.00; \$2 Consolation Double (8-1) Paid \$6.60

### 4TH, THE VICHY, 6 FURLONGS, FILLIES 2YO, NY BRED, PURSE \$82,500.

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7	Goodday	Prado E S	4.30	3.10	2.60			
4	Akilina	Maragh R		5.10	3.80			
1	Ouchy Night	Desormeaux K J			4.10			
Finish	n Time: 1:11.34							

Trainer: Richard Dutrow Jr. Owner: Vincent Scuderi, Michael Dubb, Sanford Goldfarb & Peter Randazzo.

B. f. 2 Good and Tough-Delta Daylight, Sovereign Dancer. Bred by Thomas & Lakin (NY).

\$2 Exacta 7-4 Paid \$19.40; \$2 Quinella 4-7 Paid \$14.80; \$2 Trifecta 7-4-1 Paid \$77.00; \$2 Pick 3 (8-3-7) 3 Correct Paid \$42.20; \$2 Daily Double (3-7) Paid \$8.80; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (8-1-5) Paid \$6.00; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (8-1-7) Paid \$18.20; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (8-3-5) Paid \$17.40

### 5TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. FILLIES. 2YO. MDN CLM 75.000. PURSE \$41.000.

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5	Maram	Leparoux J R	17.00	10.40	4.90
1A	Outstanding Henny	Maragh R		12.20	4.10
2	Lovamor	Albarado R J			2.20
Finish	n Time: 1:42 49				

Trainer: Chad Brown. Owner: Karen Woods.

Dk.B./Br. f. 2 Sahm-American Dreamer, Quest for Fame.

Bred by Palides Investments & Hair 'Em Corp. (KY).

\$2 Exacta 5-1 Paid \$138.00; \$2 Trifecta 5-1-2 Paid \$410.00; \$2 Pick 3 (3-7-5) 3 Correct Paid \$87.50; \$2 Pick 4 (8-1/3-5/7-5) 4 Correct Paid \$177.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-5) Paid \$33.00

### **MONDAY'S CLAIM BOX**

5th: Miss Seduction by Pat Reynolds for Paul Pompa Paul Jr. 6th: High Draw by Mike Maker for Ken and Sarah Ramsey. 10th: Misty Daylight by Chad Brown for John Eaton

### 6TH. 1 MILE, TURF, F&M. 3&UP, CLM 35,000, PURSE \$34,000.

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10	Princess Westly	Albarado R J	7.40	3.70	2.80
3	High Draw	Castellano J J		3.20	2.60
6	Adorable You	Berrios Cruz J			8.40
Finish	Time: 1:36.48				

Trainer: Dale Romans. Owner: Frank Jones Jr.
B. f. 4 Royal Academy-My Sweet Westly, West by West.
Bred by Margaux Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 10-3 Paid \$21.20; \$2 Trifecta 10-3-6 Paid \$310.00; \$2 Pick 3 (7-5-10) 3 Correct Paid \$141.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-10) Paid \$84.00; \$2 Superfecta 10-3-6-4 Paid \$4.440.00

## 7TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.

2	Pioneerof the Nile	Desormeaux K J	8.40	4.20	3.10
_ 5	Lime Rickey	Coa E M		4.60	3.10
	Hype	Velazquez J R			5.40
Finish	Time: 1:41.59	'			

Trainer: Bill Mott. Owner: Zayat Stables.

Dk.B./Br. c. 2 Empire Maker-Star of Goshen, Lord At War (ARG).

Bred by Zayat Stables (KY).

\$2 Exacta 2-5 Paid \$30.60; \$2 Trifecta 2-5-1 Paid \$170.50; \$2 Daily Double (10-2) Paid \$30.40; \$2 Pick 3 (5-10-2) 3 Correct Paid \$326.00

### 8TH. 1 MILE. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$34,000.

;	Osceola Prince	Chavez J F	14.80	7.80	6.20
}	Conduct of Honour	Samyn J L		8.40	6.60
ļ	E Z Dollar	Berrios Cruz J			7.50
inish	Time: 1:36 46				

Trainer: Wesley Ward. Owner: Wesley Ward.
Dk.B./Br. g. 3 Aldebaran-Esprit d'Escalier, Diesis (GB).
Bred by CHO LLC (KY).

\$2 Exacta 5-8 Paid \$128.50; \$2 Trifecta 5-8-4 Paid \$1,053.00; \$2 Pick 3 (10-2-5) 3 Correct Paid \$256.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-5) Paid \$93.50; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (10-2-3) Paid \$29.20; \$2 Superfecta 5-8-4-7 Paid \$4,867.00; \$2 Consolation Double (2-3) Paid \$8.50

# 9TH. THE SARATOGA DEW. 1 1/8 MILES. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. PURSE \$82,750.

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1A	Talking Treasure	Velazquez J R	4.00	3.20	2.50
4	Aristo	Dominguez R A		10.40	5.70
2	Ice Cool Kitty	Prado É S			3.00
Finish	n Time: 1:51 52				

Trainer: Charlton Baker. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey. Dk.B./Br. f. 4 Catienus-Annual Dues, Devil His Due. Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey (NY).

\$2 Exacta 1-4 Paid \$66.00;\$2 Trifecta 1-4-2 Paid \$195.50; \$2 Grand Slam (3,6,10-1,2,5-4,5,8-1) Paid \$139.00; \$2 Pick 3 (2-5-1) 3 Correct Paid \$229.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-1) Paid \$41.60; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (2-3-1) Paid \$15.40

## 10TH. 1 MILE. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. MDN CLM 45,000. PURSE \$31,000.

8	Ultimate Event	Leparoux J R	13.60	7.20	5.50
10	Seven in a Row	Morales S		28.00	12.40
9	Misty Daylight	Luzzi M J			4.70
Finish	h Time: 1:37.38				

Trainer: Chad Brown. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey. Ch. f. 4 Sky Classic-Ticket to Shine, Majestic Light. Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey (KY).

\$2 Exacta 8-10 Paid \$497.50; \$2 Trifecta 8-10-9 Paid \$3,305.00; \$2 Superfecta 8-10-9-5 Paid \$28,606.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-8) Paid \$26.40; \$2 Pick 3 (5-1-8) 3 Correct Paid \$223.00; \$2 Pick 4 (2-5-1-8) 4 Correct Paid \$1,095.00; \$2 Pick 6 (5-10-2-5-1-8) 5 Correct Paid \$345.50

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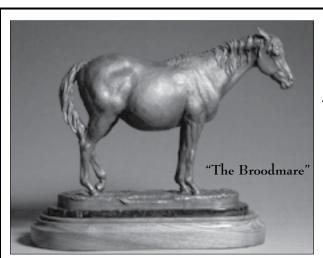












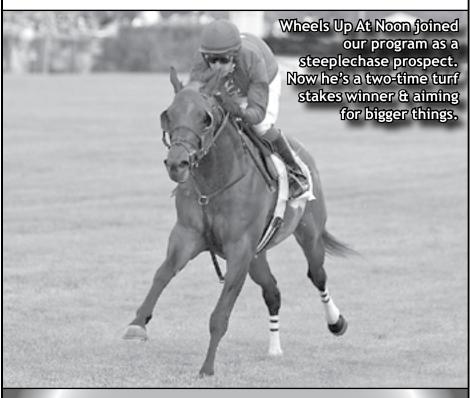
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# Ireasure Times Two

# Ramsey/Baker filly wins second stakes of meet

## **BY SEAN CLANCY**

Charlton Baker and John Velazquez weren't worried about the distance of the Saratoga Dew and they weren't worried about their filly, favorite Talking Treasure tackling that distance for the first time. They were only worried about

The 9-furlong New York-bred stakes attracted three starters who could make the lead. Inside, Edgar Prado had the controls of Ice Cool Kitty. Outside, Kent Desormeaux revved the gas pedal on Raffie's Treasure. Just inside her came Talking Treasure, who could make the lead as well.

That left Baker in a quandary with the four-time stakes winner.

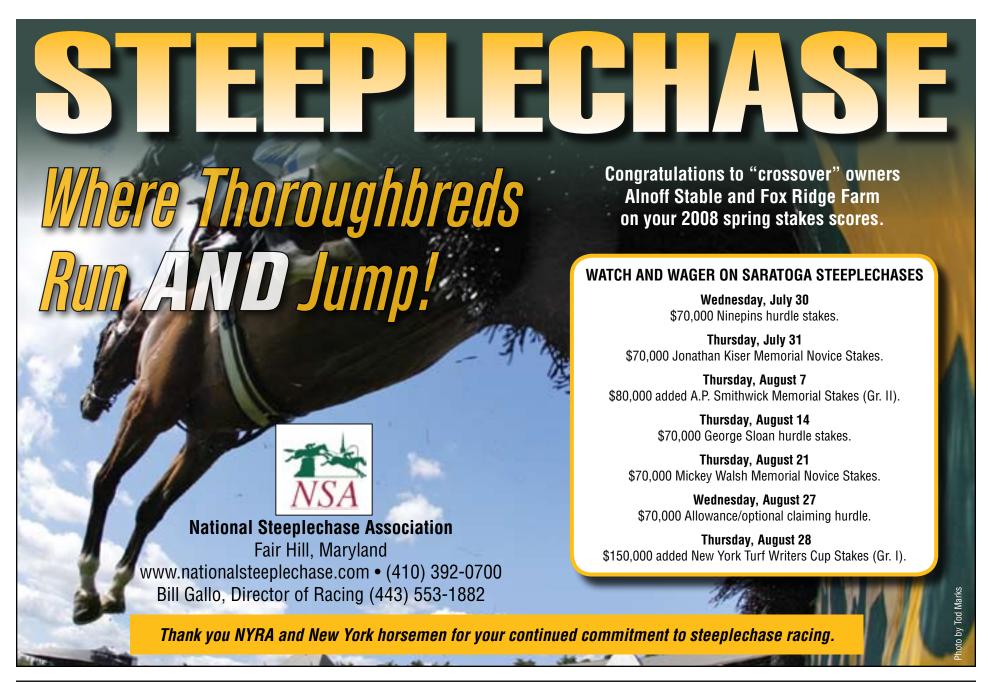
"You know what, the strategy was the biggest worry, the inside horse could go,

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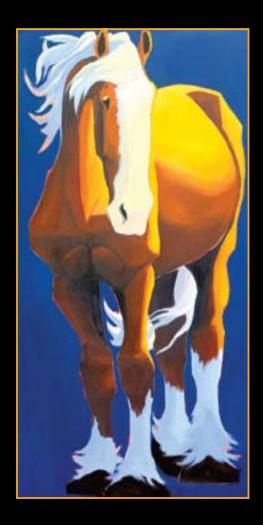
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Talking Treasure (second from left) breaks with Raffie's Treasure (left) in the Saratoga Dew.



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# Saratoga Dew-

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the outside could go, we could go if we wanted to," Baker said. "It was a hard race to develop because I was concerned about who was going to go and who was not going to go and where we were going to be positioned."

As they say in Baker's homeland of Jamaica, "Don't worry, be happy."

Talking Treasure made sure of that, winning her second stakes of the meet - and fifth in her career - by tracking the pace of Raffie's Treasure (outside) and holding off 19-1 Aristo to win the \$82,750 restricted stakes for New Yorkbred fillies and mares. Owned and bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey, Talking Treasure scored by by 1 3/4 lengths over Aristo with second choice Ice Cool Kitty (inside), who elected to take back, third. Sent off as the even-money favorite, the daughter of Catienus finished the 9 furlongs in 1:51.52.

"I wasn't worried about the distance," Baker said. "I drilled her for this race, she worked extremely great, she worked seven-eighths then came back and went five-eighths. I wasn't worried, I thought she was fit to go a mile-andan-eighth. It wasn't a big deal because we prepared her for it. She's super, she's game as they come, she's got a big heart, she's consistent, whenever she's not there, she's got a problem. She's always there in the hunt.'

Talking Treasure swept the Fleet Indian, a 7-furlong stakes for New York-bred fillies and mares, earlier in the meet. That task fell right in her wheelhouse, stalk-



Dave Harmon

Talking Treasure pulls away from the field in the stretch.

ing the pace and then trouncing six rivals, including three she'd eventually face in the Saratoga Dew. Velazquez partnered Talking Treasure in the Fleet Indian, their fourth win together from six tries.

"I was worried about the same thing as Charlton," Velazquez said. "I didn't want to get in a speed duel with Prado or the horse on my outside. He thought Prado would go and I thought Desormeaux would go. I worried more about Prado, I didn't think he was going to send."

Velazquez knew he was right as soon as the gates opened. Coming off a frontrunning victory in the Statue of Liberty, Raffie's Treasure scooted to the lead under Desormeaux and Prado sat chilly on Ice Cool Kitty. That was fine for Velazquez.

"Once I saw Desormeaux go, I took her back and fought her a little. She got a little bit strong because I broke in front of the other horse, now she wants to go and I'm trying to get her back without choking her down," Velazquez said. "Normally they'll come over and shave you, but he kept going in the middle of the track and then I followed right behind him. She relaxed, from then on, I was hoping I hadn't overdone it."

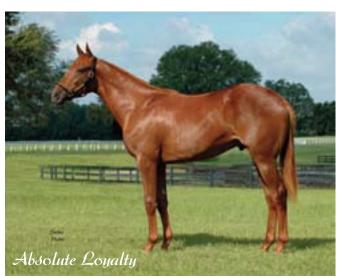
Turning for home, Talking Treasure took over from Raffie's Treasure and then Velazquez began to swivel. He looked to the left, then to the right, but couldn't find Prado.

"I was just worried about where Prado was. He was the only horse that could come off the pace and beat us,"

Velazquez said. "She was really comfortable. I was looking, 'Where is he, where is he?' because that was the only horse I was worried about."

Aristo, making her first start on dirt since March 2007, made a mild run and Ice Cool Kitty finally got underway but they were always running for second money as Talking Treasure gutted it out for the 9 furlongs.

"The last 70 yards, buddy, believe me we were looking for the wire," Velazquez said. "I didn't want to hit her because she was running as hard as she could, 'come on baby, just get there, I'm not going to hit you,' she got pretty tired. She switched back to her left lead, she was staggering but she had enough to hold on. She's got a big heart."



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# **Bruce Rocks** Saratoga

# Trainer Levine takes early double

## BY JAMIE SANTO AND BRIAN NADEAU

While Saratoga struggled with a post-Travers hangover, Driven By Success stormed into town like an early rising teetotaler, running rings around his fellow New York-breds in Monday's 6 1/2-furlong opener and popping a few eyes open in the process.

Driven By Success (Ramon Dominguez) powered to victory with intensity, scoring by 15 3/4 lengths for trainer Bruce Levine and missing Topsider's 29-year-old mark by just twofifths of a second.

Owned by Repole Stable, the 3-yearold son of Precise End broke his maiden here under a hand ride Aug. 6. Still, the ease of that victory didn't prepare his trainer for Monday's performance.

"This I was not expecting. This was an open-horse performance." Levine said. "But in training, he trained more than OK. I told the owner, 'This horse trains like a stake horse.' He's never had

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a stake horse - I said, "This'll probably be your first stake horse.' That's the way he trained."

Not that Driven By Success entered Levine's barn at Belmont Park looking like one.

"When I got him he wasn't 100 percent . . . I had to give him five or six months off, take care of some problems," he said. "Knock wood, right now he's sound - that's probably the biggest thing that's helped him."

• Neal Galvin spent plenty of happy summers at the track, but this may just be one of the best. A "Saratoga guy" whose Our Blue Streaks Stable honors the Spa's high-school mascot, Galvin grew up at the old race course before becoming an owner.

"I lived two blocks away. When I was a kid, I used to come by as people



Driven By Success roars to the finish line with an easy victory in Monday's opener.

were coming out and say, 'Excuse me, sir, could I have your program?,' I'd get it and I'd wheel it around to sell it to people coming in," he recalled. "I'd get a couple bucks, hop the fence, make my way toward the window and then . . . 'Excuse me, mister, could you put this on the 5?'

Galvin backed the 8 horse Monday, and Five Star Chowdair (Eibar Coa) didn't disappoint, cruising to a maiden victory by 7 3/4 lengths for Levine, who

wrapped up the early double. Galvin's stable owns the Five Star Day filly in partnership with Anthony and John McCarthy and Kevin Kuhn.

Things didn't exactly start smoothly for Our Blue Streaks, however.

"Two years ago the Schenectady Gazette did an article on us - we were 0-for-42," Galvin said. "Our next start, we won. Now, this is our third win this year."

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Dave Harmon Owner Neal Galvin picked up a Saratoga win with Five Star Chowdair.

# **Monday Recap -**

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 With a stable of live horses and a new daughter just shy of three weeks old, things are great for Mechanicville native Chad Brown. His wife, Terrill, and daughter Ava (born Aug. 5) joined Brown in the winner's circle Monday after first-time starter Maram (Julien Leparoux) took the fifth, a \$75,000 maiden

Owned by Karen Woods, Maram settled in sixth early as Puttingonthemist set a solid pace of 47.59 seconds for the 1 1/16-mile turf route.

Sahm four-wide approaching the top of the stretch and they were up late to col-

Leparoux guided the daughter of lar Outstanding Henny (Maragh) by 1



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1/2 lengths with Lovamor (Robby Albarado) third.

Brown started his season with a win – in the first race of the meet – with Star Player. The former assistant to Hall Of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel has hardly slowed down from there.

"Coming in I really didn't have a number in mind as far as wins. If you come in here and just win a race you're doing well. This has far exceeded my expectations," Brown said. "We knew we were going to run a half-dozen horses if not more that we thought had great chances. But at Saratoga you run them, and you think you're going to be 2-1 and you're 8-1. Instead of one other horse to beat there's four every race. But all we can do is bring them over here doing well, and run the best race they can run, and if someone else is better in the race then they're going to get beat."

Brown doubled his pleasure Monday by taking the finale with the aptly named Ultimate Event. Brown had spent time with the Sky Classic filly before she entered his barn, and felt blinkers and a cage bit would suit her well.

"Bobby had her when I was with him, so I was around the filly a lot." Brown said. "She's been sort of slow to come around. She's had some different types of equipment on her, but now with the blinkers and a different bit, she's steering better. She's getting her act together

After taking Monday's nightcap, Brown had six wins from just 15 starters. The victory gave owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey nine for the meeting, and a four-win lead over their nearest

• With fast 2-year-olds come hard decisions. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin has a bushel of both. The trainer sent out his third flashy open-company sophomore winner of the meet when Regal Ransom (Alan Garcia) took the third over Brave Victory (Prado) and Royal Vindication

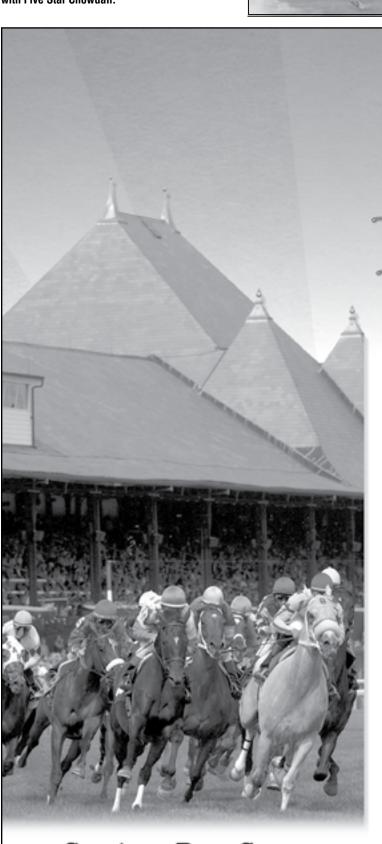
Brave Victory ran for purse money only after the late scratch of his entry-

Owned by Darley Stable, Regal Ransom broke running from his inside post and set early fractions of 22.74 and 45.44 seconds while being pressured by Brave Victory.

Garcia opened things up a bit turning for home and the son of Distorted Humor opened up 2 lengths before holding sway by three-quarters of a length under the line.

McLaughlin will have to juggle condition books to find a spot for the good-looking Regal Ransom, what with William Warren's Charitable Man (who won here Aug. 10) and Darley's Girolamo (who scored Aug. 16) already heading to the Grade II Futurity at Belmont Sept. 13.

'We expected him to run well, you could see it on paper with the works at the Greentree Training Center, 47 and 59. He also worked out of the gate the other day real well. He showed a lot of speed in the morning. I was a little worried with him breaking from the rail because he has a tendency to break out but he's a really serious horse,' McLaughlin said. "The 2-year-olds are running well this year. The difference is that we have a really nice group. We started in 2003 and 2004 and it took a few years to build it up. Now, we have some nice 2-year-olds that are ready to win now."



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# Rewriting a racetrack career

## BY KAREN JOHNSON

While on a yoga retreat in Mexico in January, our instructor urged her students to "let go of 2007, and look ahead to 2008." It was part of the retreat's theme of renewing yourself for the New Year, but I was having none of that.

For me, 2007 was a year of renewal, and one that marked a pivotal point in my life: my return to racing as a journalist after a nearly three-year hiatus.

I grew up as a daughter of a horse trainer, and spent 19 years working in racing as a publicist, copy editor, and reporter, before seeking something new in 2005.

The career change was spurred when I lost my parents within 11 weeks of each other in May and August of 2004. The racetrack, which had been my home since I was old enough to walk, no longer gave me joy, because at every turn, I looked for my father, trainer P.G. Johnson, and couldn't find him.

So armed with a curiosity about law, I headed to paralegal school, earned a certificate, and landed a job in a boutique firm, which specialized in appellate law, in Great Neck, N.Y.

Challenging at first, because of the newness of it, I was content in my new environment – but not for long. The racetrack kept calling me back. Little by little, I would venture to the New York tracks on the weekends, but I couldn't help but feel like an outsider and a traitor who betrayed her first love.

Early in 2007, I had the great fortune to travel to London to visit a friend, who was working as a host on Racing World, a cable show that televised American racing in England. I was invited one evening to be my friend's co-host, and we spent several hours on air analyzing the races from Santa Anita Park, Gulfstream Park, Fair Grounds, Turfway Park, and Bay Meadows.



Owned by the Johnson family's Amherst Stable, Rewrite runs in today's feature.

Who would have thought, handicapping and discussing a bottom-level claiming race - which was run in a snowstorm at Turfway, at nearly midnight London time - would be so awesome?

On the plane ride back to New York, I was already plotting my escape from the law firm.

Not long after witnessing Rags To Riches' breathtaking Belmont Stakes win, I was in the Nassau County Law Library, shoving quarters into a cranky microfiche machine to copy a voluminous appellate brief. I thought, 'Would I rather be doing this, or writing about Rags To Riches?' Within minutes, in a hushed voice (I was in a library, after all), I called Sean Clancy to see if I could write for the *The Special* at Saratoga.

Saratoga 2007 will be a meet that I will never forget. Back on the beat, thanks to Sean and his brother Joe, I felt like I had never left the racetrack. I found myself immediately laughing at Todd Pletcher's dry sense of humor; hungrily absorbing the words of the legendary Allen Jerkens, as he sat on his stable pony, Circus, and reminisced about the good old days; and playing with Bobby Frankel's beloved dog, Happy, who sadly died

Frankel, bless him, didn't say I told you so. When I left the track, Frankel told me, "You'll be back." I asked why he would say that, and he responded, "Because, you will miss the horses."

Frankel was right.

Perhaps my happiest day at Saratoga last year was an unexpected one. I ventured to trainer Bill Mott's barn for an interview, and I did so with some trepidation, because Mott's barn was my father's barn for more than 20 years. I expected to feel awkward, standing in the shedrow, where I spent countless hours conversing with my father.

I, however, was surprised to find that I was totally at ease, talking to Mott, a Hall of Fame trainer like my father, and someone for whom my father had the utmost respect. I left there feeling that I could come home again, even if my father wasn't there to welcome

Don't get me wrong. I enjoyed my two-year stint at the law firm. I was introduced to another world. Yes, there is a world outside of racing. And I was able to observe dedicated and passionate people, like us racetrackers, who live for their profession.

But I know now why I left the track; so I could come back. After all, once a racetracker, always a racetracker.



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# The **Intangibles**

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C.T. Grether never bet his son's horses.

"Across the board, Dad?"

"No, bet it all to win."

The next day, Carl and his wife drove to Las Vegas for the weekend, \$400 in his pocket to bet on Intangaroo in the 11th, still wondering why his dad wanted to put that kind of money on a first-time filly.

"Friday, we were driving to Vegas and he collapses, goes into a coma," Grether said. "We were blown away. I bet \$400 to win on her, she won going away."

Intangaroo broke from the 10 hole, rallied from last to nail Look Deep and Screen Giant. She won by a length.

C.T. Grether died a day later.
They buried him with the tickets.
She was 11-1.

Grether probably parlayed the money because Intangaroo has climbed the ranks to become the leading distaff sprinter in the country. Trained by Gary Sherlock, Intangaroo owns three Grade I victories and takes aim at the second running of the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint Oct. 24. Somebody's doing something right.

"I think sometimes things are driven by divine things we have no control over. This was the plan, it's unbelievable," Grether said. "My dad's ranch was always Tom Grether Farm, I always worked for him. I bought the company and ran it under Tom Grether Farm. I bought it before he passed away."

Intangaroo runs for Tom Grether Farm.

Grether calls himself a lemon-and-avocado farmer based in Somis, Cal., with horses designated to 30 acres of the farm. They breed some horses, break yearlings, buy yearlings at the sales and run a niche stable of homebreds and sales purchases.

"We're not like the big owners," Grether said. "We've always been below the



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radar screen, I like being the underdogs. Maybe we still will be."

Hardly. Grether has about 30 race-horses of all ages, Sherlock has around 15. Sherlock decided to make a comeback to training after an illness had forced him to shut down his stable about 10 years earlier. He sold equine insurance in the interim, focusing on workman's compensation for the California-based trainers, and sold a few horses on the side. But he missed the horses.

"I got real sick about 10 years ago and had to quit training. I came to the track every day, it didn't change much, I just didn't have a barn. But that's what I started missing, the barn," Sherlock said. "Two years ago, I bought a couple of yearlings and she's one of them. She just made my list, I liked her. She wasn't the one. I bought one for myself, I paid more money for that one, you know how it goes."

Grether would call it divine intervention. Sherlock's not so sure.

"The next time I'm buying her for me," Sherlock joked after the race.

"Did you meet my ex-trainer Gary," Grether said in return.

Yeah, they were getting punchy after their first Saratoga starter won their first Saratoga stakes. Intangaroo increased her earnings to \$623,231.

"Pretty awesome," Sherlock said. "She's got the best mind of any horse I've ever trained. She's bomb-proof."

Carl Grether made a business decision earlier this year and will sell Intangaroo this fall. His dad worked for UBS PaineWebber and taught him about investments

"It's a business," Grether said. "I'm a realist, when it's time to sell, it's time to sell. When your stock's on the rise, that's when you sell."

Funny game. A man buries his father with a \$400 win ticket – crediting di-

vine intervention – and then decides to sell the winning filly – relying on business savvy.

C.T. Grether campaigned the stakeswinner Crafty C.T., who finished third in the Breeders' Cup Sprint behind Orientate (sire of Intangaroo) in 2002.

"Oh, my dad would be . . . he'd be competitive because we were really competitive, me and my dad," Grether said. "But he'd be happy. He'd be right here next to us."



Tod Marks Carl Grether, left, and Gary Sherlock, right, lead in Intangaroo.



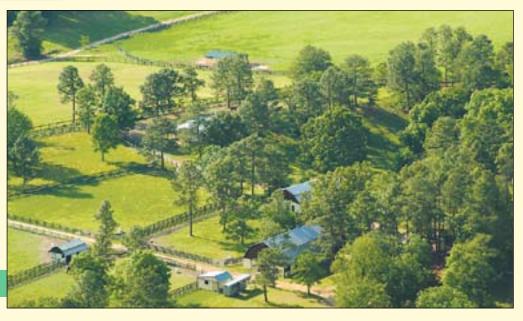


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