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Here & There at Saratoga



Tod Marks

On The Watch. A pidgeon looks for a quick bite on Thursday.

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy with a few showers later in the day. High 70. Chance of rain 30 percent. **Tonight**: Showers early, becoming a steady rain late. Low 59. Chance of rain 80 percent. **Saturday**: Showers. High in the upper 60s and

low in the upper 50s.

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

Monday: Mostly cloudy. High in the upper 60s and low in the upper 40s.

License Plate of the Day

TRIFECTA, Georgia (a state with no gambling).

By the Numbers

7: Quarter sheets on a set of Christophe Clement's Thursday morning.

Name of the Day

Ostensibly, second race. Roy Lerman's filly is out of Supposedly.

Friar, sixth race. Bred by Claiborne Farm, the 7-year-old is out of Preach.

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Here & There at Saratoga



Iron Horse. Kensei makes like a locomotive and lets off some steam early Thursday morning.

Tod Marks

Worth Repeating

"Can he make my ex-wife disappear?"

Trainer, when talking about the magician at the Anna House Benefit Wednesday

"Bed Head."

Name given to exercise rider Simon Harris Thursday morning

"Coldplay was the show of the meet."

Exercise rider reviewing SPAC's summer concert series

"... chestnuts roasting on an open fire ... "

Exercise rider on a brisk Thursday morning

"I'm just going to pick one and get on."

Steeplechase jockey Xavier Aizpuru, who had been named on three horses, as he walked into the paddock for the New York Turf Writers Cup Thursday

"These jump races are going to get us the split screen in New York."

Handicapper Pete Fornatale, watching Slip Away

open a long lead in the New York Turf Writers Cup Thursday

"First jock you get, I'll give you the call."

Trainer John Parisella to agent (without a rider) Winston Heslop

"You've got a Phone Call. You've got a Phone Call. You've got a Phone Call."

Ringtone of trainer Dominic Galluscio's cell phone

"Mike Maker and Wesley Ward should use the same barn logo – they could just turn it upside down."

Sixteen-year-old observer of alliterative trainers

"He's been in the water before, but not on purpose. When he goes swimming, it's an accident."

Tracy Attfield, about her (not water) dog

"Would you make sure you tell us these things ahead of time?"

Trainer's wife Tina Mott, after Doc Richardson informed her that he dreamed of Dynaforce's victory in the Beverly D

"I don't think McGyver could get into the paddock today."

The Special's Brian Nadeau, about an especially secure paddock Thursday

"There's a bit of a language barrier, even though we all speak English."

Jump jockey Willie Dowling (of Ireland)

regarding some confusion about whether Scotsman Liam McVicar wrecked or wanted to rent a sidecar motorcycle at the airport Thursday

"If I'm going to ride a bull, I'll ride a bull, but I'm not going to pay to ride a bull – even when you stay on for 8 seconds you've got to fall off."

Jump jockey Bernie Dalton, on the \$20 charge to ride a bull at the Double M Rodeo in Malta

Quote of the Morning

"All we need now is a fireplace and this would be a proper pub."

Usher at Bunbury's Pub/Tent in the backyard on a crisp Thursday morning



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More to do

Gleaves, Mambo Meister look for Grade II score on turf

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Phil Gleaves isn't ready to go home quite yet.

BERNARD BARUCH STAKES PREVIEW The Floridabased trainer came north to Saratoga with Mambo Meister for the Aug. 2 Fourstardave Handicap, looking to see

where the 4-year-old fit in the turf stakes division. Mambo Meister fit just fine, and will be among 10 runners in today's feature, the Grade II, \$200,000 Bernard Baruch Handicap.

"I really liked his race last time. We came up wanting to know how he fit against these type of horses and he showed everyone he belonged," Gleaves said. "We left him up here and he's been thriving in this cooler, less humid weather so we're excited to be back for one more run."

Mambo Meister, a 4-year-old gelded son of King Cugat owned by Quantum Racing Team, started as a bit of an unknown in the Fourstardave. He went off at 15-1 in a solid field but outran his odds with a strong second, 2 1/2 lengths behind winner and fellow Baruch entrant Justenuffhumor and ahead of favored

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Connie Bush

Mambo Meister goes up against nine others in today's Bernard Baruch.





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Bernard Baruch

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Cowboy Cal, also back today.

"We came up here thinking we had a nice horse; it was not a surprise to see him run the way he did, but of course they need to prove it on the track," Gleaves said. "We knew going in that both Cowboy Cal and Justenuffhumor would be tough, but those were the types we wanted to run against. Those were the types that would tell us where he's at. I thought he ran very well to beat Cowboy Cal and then run second to a very talented racehorse that might be one of the top three turf runners in America."

Mambo Meister, who will be ridden by Jose Lezcano in the 9-furlong Baruch, has come to hand this season. After winning three races on the dirt, Mambo Meister switched to the turf for his final start as a 3-year-old - and won an optional claimer by 3 1/2 lengths at Calder. So long main track.

"He's definitely raised his game since we got him on turf and we always felt that with his pedigree it would suit him," Gleaves said. "He broke his maiden in an off-the-turf race, and he looked good doing it so we kept at it for a while, thought briefly about the Triple Crown but we always had it in the back of our minds that he would be best on the grass.'

Mambo Meister won two of five in South Florida and headed north off a pair of stakes wins at Calder - the Big Bubble, which was washed off the turf and then the Blazing Sword on the grass.

With not much in terms of competition or turf stakes over the summer at Calder Gleaves headed to the Fourstardave. His confidence was rewarded when Mambo Meister settled in fifth and rallied strongly to finish second. He tries 9 furlongs for the first time, and gets a rematch with Justenuffhumor and Cowboy Cal today.

"My main concern, having been gone for the past two weeks, was to see how the horse was doing since the Fourstardave. When I got back here last Friday he just looked tremendous. It's going to be 26 days between races and that seems ample for him," Gleaves said. "There was no excuse not to get by (Justenuffhumor) last time but who knows, we might turn the tables. Neither of us have been 9 furlongs but we're bred for it so I'll go in thinking it won't be an issue for us.

Darley Stable's Justenuffhumor (Alan Garcia) goes from the hunter to the hunted. The 4-year-old son of Distorted Humor, trained by Kiaran McLaughlin, entered the Fourstardave perfect in four career turf starts but had never tested stakes company. He rated patiently under Garcia and accelerated in the stretch to score over Mambo Meister and Cowboy Cal in an effort that immediately stamped him as one of the better middle-distance turf horses in the country. McLaughlin took a patient approach with Justenuffhumor, running him through his allowance conditions before stepping up at the

Spa.
"We were fortunate that we were able to take our time with him and that the races we targeted filled. A lot of times those upper-level allowances don't go," McLaughlin said. "That was a big win and definitely a breakthrough. He just

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Tod Marks

Sette E Mezzo (left) steps into the Baruch off a win here earlier in the meet.



Custom Care graduate Fiddlers Afleet won the Albany Stakes on Wednesday. Congratulations Marc C. Ferrell and Mike Hushion.

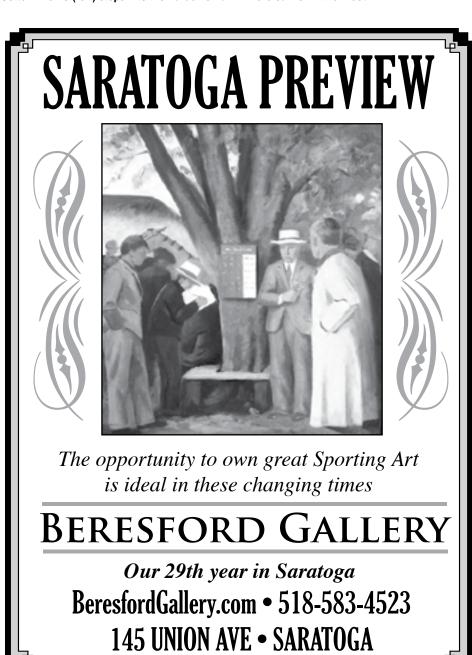
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keeps improving and doing everything we've asked of him. Friday is just another step up the ladder but we feel he'll be up to the task."

Justenuffhumor will be asked to go 9 furlongs for the first time in the Baruch. The distance is no concern to McLaughlin, but pace, or lack thereof, is.

"The distance doesn't have us worried; we know he'll go that far," McLaughlin said. "But what does have us worried is that it looks like there's no speed in the race and that could compromise our stretch run. He likes to make that big run at the end and if there's no pace the early leaders might not be softened up."

Todd Pletcher has a speed horse and he's worried about the same thing.

Magnolia Racing Stable's Cowboy Cal (John Velazquez) figures to be close to the moderate splits. He was favored in the Fourstardave but was forced to make the early running from his rail draw. The 4-year-old Giant's Causeway colt led to midstretch but weakened late and checked in third. He breaks from post 5 and needs to find a spot right off the lead, which would give him a tactical advantage over his main rivals.

"Johnny knows him real well and rides him well, he's a difficult horse to ride. He's really better suited to have some pace in the race and I don't see any pace," Pletcher said. "It's going to be one of those things that Johnny's going to have to work it out the best he can. He's a hard ride. He's headstrong, he'll actually relax better if you get him behind a horse, but it's hard to get him behind a horse. He pulls, he drifts a little. I kind of let him pick it up at the end of his gallop (Thursday), hopefully that will take a little edge off him."

Seaspeak (Robby Albarado) took the 9-furlong Dallas Turf Cup at Lone Star Park in May for Ralph Nicks. John Chandler's homebred son of Mizzen Mast has hit the board in eight of nine career starts and finished third to the accomplished Mr. Sidney in his last start, the Grade II Firecracker at Churchill Downs July 4. The Firecracker was run over a yielding





course that seemed to take some tactical speed out of Seaspeak and a return to firm turf should have him close to the early pace.

Yate's Black Cat (Ramon Dominguez) owns four wins at the Baruch distance and enters off two straight wins, including a minor stakes win at Mountaineer Park Aug. 1. The 6-year-old, trained by Dale Romans for Donegal Racing, Wachtel Stable and Brous Stable won just once last year from 10 starts and ran 10th in the Baruch, but has already scored twice in 2009 from just four outings. Romans knows the step up is a big one, but feels Yate's Black Cat has a few things in his favor.

"He's doing good; he hasn't run his best race with this type of company, but we figured he was ready for another chance," Romans said. "He's won his last two, so we'll take another step up and try again. He likes this distance and his best numbers were run over this racetrack."

Trainer Bobby Barbara added blinkers to Interpatation (Cornelio Velasquez) in the Fourstardave and the result was a seventh. Elliot Mavorah's 7-year-old has won five times in 47 career starts and earned \$780,830. Friday, Barbara removes the blinkers and with four of Interpatation's five career wins coming at today's distance he looks for a return to form.

"We tried the blinkers last time in a bit of an experiment and it didn't work so we'll go back over without them," Barbara said. "He's had some foot issues for a long time but right now he seems to be doing great so we're expecting a better run. He's getting older but he's been an old campaigner and a great horse to have in the barn. He's earned over \$700,000

the hard way; knocking on every door, running in all these Grade I's."

Godolphin Stable's Colony (Rajiv Maragh) is coupled with Justenuffhumor and adds formidability to the entry. The 4-year-old son of Statue Of Liberty struggled in Dubai this winter in two 12-furlong turf runs but came to life in his first start in the United States, running a close third to stablemate Tam Lin in the Double Feint Stakes at Belmont July 16.

Kutais (Eibar Coa), a state-bred who finished a close sixth in the restricted West Point here Aug. 16; Deal Making (Jeremy Rose), who won his first three starts but has gone winless in five since and Sette E Mezzo (Kent Desormeaux), who won an optional claimer here earlier in the meet for Bill Mott round out the field for the Bernard Baruch.

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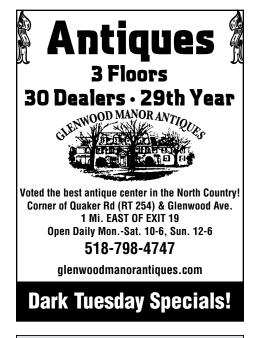
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_	Future Prospect	Stud Muffin	Dr. D.F.C.	Future Prospect	Future Prospect
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	Justenuffhumor	Cowboy Cal	Master Mambo Meister	Darley/Godolphin Entry	Interrogatory Darley/Godolphin Entry
9	Mambo Meister	Justenuffhumor	Deal Making	Mambo Meister	Cowboy Cal
7	Deal Making	Mambo Meister	Justenuffhumor	Sette E Mezzo	Mambo Meister
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10	Wild Conga Thorogood	Lone Cypress No Detour	Lone Cypress No Detour	Lone Cypress Wild Conga	Wild Conga Lone Cypress
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FRIDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

RACE 1: SOUTH FOURTH ST. caught slop and some tough NY-breds in a minor stakes here 28 days ago. He's back in with friends today and goes for a barn that's caught fire in the past two weeks. RUFFINO looks ultra-tough but it's a huge white flag that this 5-for-9 runner shows up for 25k. BILLY BEAR stretches out to two turns for the first time but dad won the BC Classic twice so you know the trip should agree with this 2-for-2 colt.

RACE 2: EVENING STAR ventures up from Colonial for a crafty Fair Hill-based trainer that excels with his turf runners. Miss doesn't meet a top-notch cast so she gets the call to post the upset. TOOCLEVERFORWORDS seems to be going the right way and minimal improvement puts her in the picture. SHINE SOFTLY hails from a championship family but hasn't been seen for 369 days, so do a tote and paddock check before wagering. If on dirt: Distinctively, Choice Play, Catnandu.

RACE 3: EAST BREAKS wheels right back on two weeks rest for new barn and might get a dream pace setup. Razor-sharp and won't even be the favorite. POWDER PRINCESS tackles winners for the first time and that's a tall order, but she's another with the right running style to be effective. UNDERGROUND freaked in her debut on the synthetic at HP and then got run off her feet in the Azalea. Not at all interested in the short price.

RACE 4: As long as the track is fast STUD MUFFIN has a big chance to get back on the beam. He's struggled over a wet course in two of his last four and should also enjoy a better pace setup today. DR. D. F.C. ran well to finish third against runaway winner Cool Coal Man in an open stakes 18 days ago; another that benefits from quick splits. R CLEAR VICTORY wired the High Rock Springs earlier in the meet but won't get a free pass up front today, so things could play out very differently.

RACE 5: REBELLIOUS CHIC stretches out and tries turf for the first time and rates as the lone speed. Down the road on the front end. ES MIA ran too good to lose here in a 150k stakes, when she just missed to Mother Russia by a neck. Looks tough to deny now that she's back with maidens but that dreaded bounce has me worried on short rest and at a short price. OUT NICE THEM exits a solid heat and has shown talent. If on dirt: Rebel-



lious Chic, Properlyintroduced, Out Nice Them.

RACE 6: Not crazy about the drop AROUND THE CAPE takes (he was claimed last year for 50k) but he just might be better than this weak group regardless and if he wins and gets claimed they probably get out anyway. GRASBERG tries the main for the first time for connections who scored with a drop-down state-bred on Wednesday. SPANKY FISCHBEIN might last longer on the front than most think.

RACE 7: PEARL OF VALOR stays on the turf and drops in price and both moves are key. LOXY LADY ran well earlier in the meet and a repeat would make her formidable against this soft crew. MUSICAL SPLENDOR drew well and starts for Contessa, who we know is on fire. If on dirt: Day Trippi, Pearl Of Valor, Crema d'Oro.

RACE 8: CERTIFIABLY ROYAL hasn't been seen since last September, drops and cuts back in distance. Not great signs until you look at the competition. NATIVE MAMBO just-missed at Belmont in July and rates a long look right off the early pace. MASTER is in with a chance. If on dirt: Everybodywant-sone, Coach Fruscio, Interrogatory.

RACE 9: COWBOY CAL drew the rail in the Fourstardave and that forced him to make the lead; a spot he's not as comfortable in. Stretches out a tad to a more comfortable 9 furlongs and he's better drawn as well, and in this paceless affair that should allow him to get the jump on JUSTENUFFHUMOR, who pulled the minor upset in the Fourstardave to run his mark to a perfect 5-for-5 on turf. He's never been this far and now has the target on his back, so let's try to beat him. MAMBO MEISTER split the top pair and showed he belongs. He'll also be the best price of the trio and has every right to run big in his first start at 9 furlongs.

RACE 10: The well-bred CLOSE RANGE took a ton of money in his debut, when he showed high speed sprinting on the turf before tiring. Now in for a tag so let's pull the upset and get Jerkens his first. LONE CYPRESS goes first off the claim and rates a long look. Far too many chances for NO DETOUR, who shows five seconds from nine career starts.

FRIDAY'S SARATOGA ENTRIES

Friday, August 28. Post Time 1 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (1:00) 1 1/8 MILE 3&UP ALLOW OC (\$25,000) NY BRED PURSE: \$63,000

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3	3	Theartofcompromise.Le	ezcano J	Serpe Philip M5-1
4	4	South Fourth StLe	eparoux J R	Contessa Gary C4-1
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2ND (1:33) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) F&M 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$51,000

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2	1	Seeking Sunshine	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I7-2
3	2	Shine Softly	Dominguez R A	Toner James J3-1
4	4	Sealaunch	Luzzi M J	Horgan Roger A 20-1
5	5	Evening Star	Velazquez J R	Fisher John R S8-1
6	6	She's a Ketch	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C8-1
7	7	Catnandu	Theriot H J II	Werner Ronny 12-1
8	8	Ostensibly	Castellano J J	Lerman Roy S15-1
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5	5	Heavenly VisionBridgmohan S X Asmussen Steve6-1
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4TH (2:39) FUNNY CIDE S. 1 1/8 MILES 3&UP NY BRED PURSE: \$78,000

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7	7	Future Prospect	Maragh R	Maker Michael J2-1
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5TH (3:13) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP MDN NY BRED PURSE: \$45,000 1 3 Song for Pupcake.....Maragh R Schettino Dominick..8-1

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1A	5	Lovely PromiseMaragh R Schettino Dominick8-1				
2	1	DevilishameyeMorales S Hertler John O30-1				
3	2	ProperlyintroducedLeparoux J R Serpe Philip M6-1				
4	4	Rebellious ChicGarcia Alan Brown Chad C7-2				
5	6	Stormie GrayVelasquez C Sciacca Gary12-1				
6	7	Out Nice ThemVelazquez J R O'Brien Leo6-1				
7	8	Miss SaulPrado E S Carroll Del W II20-1				
8	9	Triple Tax ExemptDominguez R A Domino Carl J12-1				
9	10	Sweet Baby BlueChavez J F Quick Patrick J30-1				
10	11	Es MiaLezcano J Ubillo Rodrigo A8-5				
A-Coupled: Song for Pupcake and Lovely Promise						
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Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (5-7), Pick 6 Races (5-10) Daily Double

6TH (3:47) 7 FURLONGS 3&UP CLAIMING (\$16,000) PURSE: \$24,200

1	6	Around the Cape	.ivioraies S	Jacobson David2-1
1A	10	Arcata	.Morales S	Jacobson David2-1
2	1	Spanky Fischbein	.Lezcano J	Brown Chad C3-1
3	2	Smooth Wind	.Castellano J J	Quick Patrick J6-1
4	3	Regal Officer	.Bridgmohan S X	Reynolds Patrick 20-1
5	4	Vinnies Wild Tale	.Castanon J L	Barrera Oscar Jr20-1
6	5	Grasberg	.Dominguez R A	Hushion Michael4-1
7	7	Commissioner Chris.	.Studart M	Persaud Randi15-1
8	8	Friar	.Maragh R	Divitto Debra20-1
9	9	Lucky Dreamer	.Luzzi M J	Arroyo Enrique6-1
A-C	lauo	led: Around the Cane a	nd Arcata	

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (6-8), Grand Slam Races (6-9) Daily Double

7TH (4:21) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP CLAIMING (\$35,000) PURSE: \$30,000

1	1	iviusicai spieliuoiGliavez J r	Goillessa Gary G 0-1
1A	MTO	Kittys Wish	Contessa Gary C6-1
2	2	Tooralooracollora Velazquez J	R Hills Timothy A 15-1
3	3	A. P. LightCoa E M	Ribaudo Robert J4-1
4	4	Pearl of ValorTheriot H J	II Stewart Dallas7-2
5	5	Treat Her Right Garcia Alan.	Martin Carlos F12-1
6	6	Loxy LadyLezcano J	Hennig Mark3-1
7	•	Seattle GreyVelasquez C	Hough Stanley M15-1
8	8	Imthequeenofqueens Maragh R	Albertrani Thomas6-1
9	9	Who Is LadyLuzzi M J	Miceli Michael12-1
10	10	John's JeanSamyn J L	Sciacca Gary30-1
11	ΑE	Crema d'OroPrado E S	Bush Thomas M 12-1
12	MTO	Day TrippiBridgmohar	S X Scherer Merrill R5-2
13	MTO	Worth a Shot Maragh R	Corrao James 15-1
A-C	ouple	ed: Musical Splendor and Kittys W	ïsh
Exa	cta. 7	Frifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races	(7-9), Pick 4 Races (7-10)

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (7-9), Pick 4 Races (7-10) Daily Double

8TH (4:55) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3&UP MAIDEN CLM (\$35,000) PURSF: \$24,000

1 0	IIOL	. φ24,000		
1	1	Coach Fruscio	Velazquez J R	Levine Bruce N 15-1
2	2	Master	Maragh R	Terranova, II John 5-2
3	3	Vamel	Luzzi M J	Ribaudo Robert J20-1
4	4	Palace Boxer	Coa E M	Lerman Roy S 15-1
5	5	Native Mambo	Espinoza J L	Peitz Daniel C4-1
6	6	Kicky Tune	Leparoux J R	McPeek Ken10-1
7	7	Certifiably Royal	Prado E S	Iwinski Allen7-2
8	8	Everybodywantsone.	Castanon J L	Ritvo Timothy8-1
9	9	Interrogatory	Garcia Alan	Duggan David P6-1
Exa	icta,	Trifecta, Super (.10), I	Pick 3 Races (8-10)	, Daily Double
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9TH (5:30) BERNARD BARUCH H. (G2) 1 1/8 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP

PUI	KSE:	\$200,000		
1	4	Justenuffhumor	Garcia Alan	McLaughlin Kiaran 9-5
1A	6	Colony (IRE)	Maragh R	bin Suroor Saeed9-5
2	1	Yate's Black Cat	Dominguez R A	Romans Dale10-1
3	2	Mambo Meister	Lezcano J	Gleaves Philip A8-1
4	3	Kutais	Coa E M	Ubillo Rodrigo A15-1
5	5	Cowboy Cal	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A5-2
6	7	Interpatation	Velasquez C	Barbara Robert 20-1
7	8	Deal Making	Rose J	Motion H Graham12-1
8	9	Seaspeak	Albarado R J	Nicks Ralph E8-1
9	10	Sette E Mezzo	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I10-1
A-C	oupl	ed: Justenuffhumor a	ind Colony (IRE)	
Exa	cta,	Trifecta, Daily Double		
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10TH (6:04) 6 FURLONGS 3&UP MAIDEN CLAIMING (\$40,000-\$30,000)

	IUL.	ψ00,200		
1	1	Tokonoma	Migliore R	Kielty Joyce30-1
2	2	Orrsville	Morales S	Contessa Gary C15-1
3	3	True Crusader	Prado E S	Kimmel John C9-2
4	4	Close Range	Leparoux J R	Jerkens H Allen 10-1
5	5	Catch the Bottom	Castellano J J	Brown Chad C8-1
6	6	Wild Conga	Maragh R	Badgett William Jr6-1
7	7	No Detour	Dominguez R A	Maker Michael J3-1
8	8	Thorogood	Lezcano J	Martin Carlos F12-1
9	9	Lone Cypress	Bridgmohan S X	Asmussen Steve7-2
10	10	Adventurous Plan	Chavez J F	Mott William I10-1
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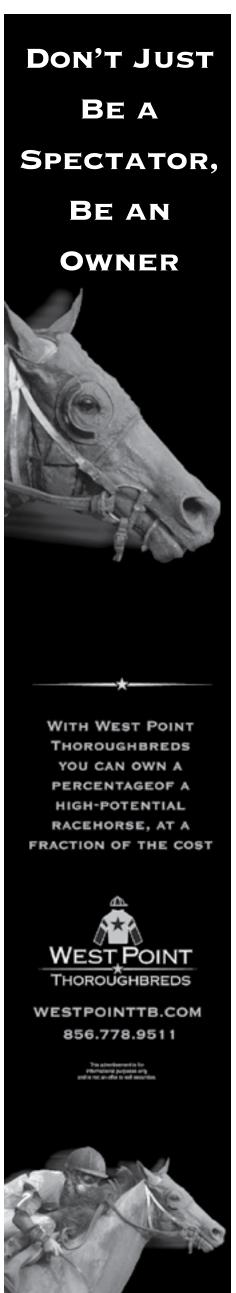
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Super 'Spy' lights up sky

Longshot scores in jump stakes

BY JOE CLANCY

As Dalucci took over from tired pacemaker Slip Away on the final turn of Thursday's New York Turf Writers Cup steeplechase, jockey Bernie Dalton looked over and saw Liam McVicar aboard Spy In The Sky.

"What, did you just jump in line?" Dalton asked. "You're cruising."

N.Y. TURF WRITERS CUP RECAP The 20-1 shot had gone 2 miles like the other horses, it just didn't look like it.

McVicar smiled at Dalton, waited another half-furlong and gal-

loped off to win by 10 1/4 lengths for Randleston Farm and trainer Jimmy Day. Sermon Of Love (Danielle Hodsdon) finished second with Dalucci third in 4:34.16 for the 2 3/8 miles. The Grade I turned into a laugher as the longest shot on the board scored easily, 9-5 favorite Slip Away was pulled up and highweight Mixed Up struggled home last of five finishers.

McVicar, a Scottish-born apprentice

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Tod Marks

Spy In The Sky clears the final hurdle on his way to winning the New York Turf Writers Cup on Thursday.



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Today's Free Race Analysis

RACE #3 Saratoga, August 28, 2009

Heavenly Vision finished 9th in her comebacker at this level July 31. She was thought well enough of to race against Graded Stakes foes last year and maybe she didn't care for the slop last time out. 'Vision has worked twice since raced and we'll give her the HF 15a. Underground was a big winner in her debut vs. straight Maidens at Hollywood Park May 16, then finished 8th in a Grade III at Calder July 11. She has worked fast over this strip, though, and tops the charting. Bounce back candidate? Powder Princess pressed the pace and drew off for the win vs. straight Maidens in her bow at Monmouth Park July 4. Dominguez is in the boot today and another win would be no surprise. East Breaks just missed vs. this kind July 24, then beat softer Starter Allowance foes Aug 14. Her numbers are sliding a bit and she is in a new barn, but she still seems to rate contender status. Diamond Song and Dulcet Tone finished 2-3, respectively, in that July 31 affair and may make an impact once again. by 7oday's Racing Digest

Today's Free Fractional Charting by 70day's Racing Digest (Projected times at each point of call for today's race)

NAME- BY ORDER OF FINISH	<u>1/4</u>	<u>1/2</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>LF</u>	TRK, DATE & RCS BK
(Avg This Level)	:22.5	:45.7	:58.0	01:11.1		(Avg This Level)
Underground	22.6	46.1	<u>58.1</u>	<u>01:10.6</u>	<u>24.5</u>	HOL-05/16/09-2◆
Powder Princess	22.6	46.1	58.5	01:11.3	25.2	MTH-07/04/09-1
Diamond Song	23.2	46.8	59	01:11.8	25	SAR-07/31/09-1
East Breaks	23.4	46	58.6	01:11.8	25.8	MTH-07/24/09-2
Dulcet Tone	22.4	<u>45.7</u>	58.2	01:12.0	26.3	SAR-07/31/09-1
Moontune Missy	22.3	46.3	58.7	01:12.5	26.2	OSA-10/23/08-2◆
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Turf Writers —

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who works for the Day stable in Virginia, enjoyed the view when he pulled alongside Dalton.

"I didn't want to hit the front too early because I had a ton of horse all the way around," he said. "I was trying to bring him back, hold him for 10 or 12 strides on the turn. Then it was time to kick on and win the race."

Spy In The Sky – whose last win came at Saratoga a year (to the day) earlier – lit up the tote board at \$43 but did not surprise his jockey and chief exercise rider. The 5-year-old son of Thunder Gulch had an excuse in all four jump starts this year, despite finishing no better than fifth.

"This season has been hard but I don't think it's been any fault of the horse," McVicar said. "Each time he ran, there was a problem. At Aiken, he got rank in front. At Atlanta, I fell off him. At Radnor, the ground was against him. Here the last time (Aug. 13) he jumped the first fence badly and sat last going 2 1/16 miles."

Things didn't start out much better this time around. First, his owners Jim and Melinda Carter and trainer stayed home (Day had a runner at Charles Town Thursday night); second, he survived a hairy trip north. The journey included a ship by commercial carrier from Virginia to Maryland, where Spy In The Sky joined Turf Writers rival Swagger Stick on trainer Jack Fisher's rig for a 2 a.m. departure Wednesday.

A few miles into the trip, Fisher slammed on the brakes to avoid a deer

on Falls Road in suburban Baltimore. Spy In The Sky hit his head – hard – on the metal post dividing the stalls in the trailer. The post is dented. The horse is fine.

And none of it mattered.

At entry time, the Turf Writers looked like a showdown between Mixed Up and Planets Aligned, first and third in the A.P. Smithwick Aug. 6. Then trainer Jonathan Sheppard hesitated about running Mixed Up. Then Tom Voss scratched Planets Aligned. Then Mixed Up came back in. The moves caused a series of jockey changes, a conversation with the stewards and confusion among pretty much anyone paying attention. At the first tote flash, Sheppard-trained lightweight Sermon Of Love opened at 4-5. Coming off a flat win here Aug. 3, he drifted some to 2-1 while the far more accomplished Mixed Up went off at nearly 3-1. Spy In The Sky, fifth in a restricted stakes two weeks prior, stayed the outsider – until the race started.

"You always know what he can do at home so I'm always disappointed with him when he doesn't run the way



he can," said McVicar, who was headed back to Virginia Thursday night to ride morning work Friday. "Today, that's who he is. I know he can run like that, he sure picked a good day to do it – a win for the little guys."

Spy In The Sky didn't start life as an underdog. Bred by Gainsborough Farm, he hails from a rich family. His dam Monaassabaat is a half-sister to the dams of Grade I winner Storming Home and 2009 Ballerina starter Music Note. Spy In The Sky's granddam It's In The Air was a champion for Harbor View Farm and trainer Laz Barrera.

Part of the Kiaran McLaughlin barn as a 2-year-old in 2006 (and galloped by Dalton), Spy In The Sky broke his maiden at Gulfstream Park in 2007 but didn't quite live up to his breeding on the flat

and was sold to Day as a jump prospect. Since then, he's won three times and earned \$146,480 over jumps while just missing several times on the flat.

McLaughlin checked on his former pupil in the paddock, and smiled afterward

"It's fun to see – Grade I, Saratoga," he said. "We had him as a 2-year-old, they sent him to Gainsborough and they moved him on. It's great to see that they have other lives."

Trainer of Horse of the Year Invasor and a stable full of stars, McLaughlin missed the steeplechase potential – though he did recognize one trait.

"He was slow – he wanted 2 miles and you could tell that early," he said. "I wish I knew which ones wanted to do that. They don't tell you."



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Cheap Speed JZ's Revenge knocks off big pricetags



J Z's Revenge pulls away from the rest of the (more high-priced) field on Thursday.

BY BRIAN NADEAU & COLIN BEAURY

Money isn't everything.

J Z's Revenge, a minuscule \$6,000 yearling purchase, defeated a field of several high-priced, well-bred 2-year-olds in Thursday's fourth, a 5-furlong

THURSDAY'S RACING RECAP sprint for maiden fillies. Trained by Steve Asmussen for Zayat Stables, J Z's Revenge (Shaun Bridg-

mohan) rated off reasonable fractions of 22.20 and 46 seconds set by Anne Margaret, showed another gear coming out of the turn and rallied past the yielding leader for a 1 1/4-length win. Sure As Gold (John Velazquez) closed late for second over Anne Margaret (Kent Desormeaux).

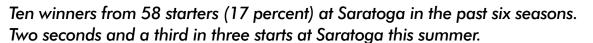
J Z's Revenge lost by 13 1/4 lengths in her 6-furlong debut here Aug. 2 but Asmussen assistant Scott Blasi felt there were several reasons to look past that run.

"The track played really heavy opening week for her first race and she got really tired; plus it always helps to have a race under your belt over the track," Blasi said. "She lost a shoe at some point during her first race, she

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was right there until the eighth pole and then got a little leg weary. Running lopsided probably didn't help

Thursday the daughter of Act Of Duty defeated a group that included four fillies who cost more than \$100,000 at the sales, including Cableknit, a \$1.7 million daughter Unbridled's Song and a half-sister to sprint champion Speightstown. Hope Hill Farm spent \$6,000 for J Z's Revenge at the Ocala Breeders Sales winter mixed sale. Zayat added her to its arsenal via a \$15,000 private purchase on the recommendation of EQB bloodstock consultants.

"We always liked her. The one thing about the babies we bring up here is that they are definitely the best we have," Blasi said. "She worked well and we thought a lot of her."

• John Hertler was a popular winner of the second when he upset the state-bred maiden claimer with Mel's Gold (Sebastian Morales). Jay Rosenfeld's 3-year-old son of Gold Token benefitted from snappy fractions that cooked heavy favorite Ten Carrot Nikki and drew off as much the best, scoring by 3 1/4 lengths over S. Z. Madison (Richard Migliore) and Spencerific (Jean-Luc Samyn).

Mel's Gold finished second over the inner dirt at Aqueduct in March but was soundly beaten in his next three starts, including a fifth against

runaway winner Afrikaner here Aug. 8. Hertler came back on 19 days rest Thursday and had a few reasons for the reversal.

"It was his second time racing since we gelded him a few months back and I think that helped a lot," Hertler said. "He ran a few good races earlier in the year and then struggled on the turf so we decided to freshen him up a bit. He was up close but wide last time and today he just improved off that run."

• "How sweet it is," Jimmy Ferraro said after he broke a personal record Thursday.



The trainer saddled his third winner of the meet when Straight Romance took the fifth, a 5 1/2furlong claimer on the grass. Owned by Li-Stables, anna Straight Romance (Rajiv Maragh) angled

four wide and held resolutely for a half-length score over Prince Woodman (Ramon Dominguez) and Nacascolo (Jose Espinoza). The son of Straight Man improved to 6-for-32 and won for the second time since coming to Ferraro's barn after the trainer claimed him from Pat Quick for \$25,000 in June 2008.

"He's an honest horse. We claimed

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Straight Romance wins the fifth on Thursday. He was Jimmy Ferraro's third winner on the day.



Thursday

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him last year and after the turf season last fall we tried him on the dirt," Ferraro said. "He didn't like it at all so we gave him seven months off. In his last race he kind of got left flat-footed and squeezed back, but he was very game today.'

The 5-year-old continued a solid meet for Ferraro, who finished second in Thursday's second race with S. Z. Madison.

"Three wins up here on the year; breaks my personal record," Ferraro said. "A lot of owners come up here focused on Saratoga, so it's good for business to do well here. It feels really good."

• Julien Leparoux rode his third winner on the card in the seventh when City Sneakers wired the field in a state-bred allowance on the turf. Trained by Linda Rice for her father Clyde, City Sneakers grabbed the early lead and held strong for the neck win over late mover Joey's Chance (Edgar Prado) and Tobruk (Dominguez). The bay gelding by City Zip ran the mile in 1:37.65 for his second win from eight

Leparoux, who also scored with He's Long Gone in the opener and Becky's Kitten in the sixth, looks to continue the roll into Saturday's Travers card, when he will ride in two prestigious Grade I stakes. He'll have Informed Decision in the Ballerina and Hold Me Back in the Travers. Momentum is on

his side.

"The last couple of days I've been winning one or two each day, and today was good, but I take it mount by mount," Leparoux said. "When you do good, you want to keep it going. Hopefully it doesn't stop before the weekend because I have a few nice horses to ride in some big stakes rac-

• It's probably safe to say you don't run the risk of Dominic Galluscio snagging the sports coat you were looking for at Men's Wearhouse. Clad in a bright tangerine blazer, one of the many daring ensembles in his vast wardrobe, Galluscio celebrated in the winner's circle after Acquired Cat won the eighth, an optional claimer for state-breds sprinting on the turf.

Peter and Eloise Canzone's Acquired Cat (Eibar Coa) led the way at every call to capture the 5 1/2-furlong affair. Absoulute Heaven (Velazquez) beat Southside Babe (Leparoux) by a neck for second.

A 5-year-old Tactical Cat mare, Acquired Cat is 2-for-3 since being claimed by Galluscio May 13. She grabbed an optional claimer May 31 at Belmont and finished second in a similar spot July 23 before heading to Saratoga.

"She was in the right kind of race today," Galluscio said. "She was in good shape when she came to my barn and I just think I got lucky with the right races coming up for her. I thought the horse to beat today was Absoulute Heaven but everything worked out

Saratoga Leaders Through August 27

Jockeys	Trainers
Ramon Dominguez 31	Linda Rice14
Alan Garcia29	Todd Pletcher
Julien Leparoux21	
Rajiv Maragh20	Bill Mott 10
Kent Desormeaux 18	George Weaver9
John Velazquez17	Barclay Tagg8
Edgar Prado 16	Gary Contessa 8
Javier Castellano 16	Steve Asmussen 7
Robby Albarado 12	Kiaran McLaughlin7
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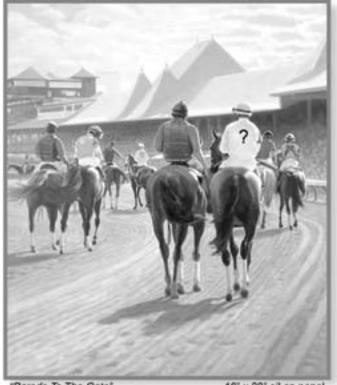
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1ST. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE. \$30,000.

4 He's Long Gone Leparoux J R 8.20 3.70 3.00
1A Twisted Dream Castellano J J 3.10 2.30
5 Longing for Malibu Maragh R 4.10
Finish Time: 1:52.52
Trainer: Mike Maker, Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

Trainer: Mike Maker. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey. Ch. c. 3. Catienus-Belongs To Mony, Belong To Me. Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (4-1) Paid \$24.40; \$2 Trifecta (4-1-5) Paid \$130.50

2ND. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 3&UP. NY BREDS. MCL. PURSE \$22,000.

6 Mel's Gold Morales S 21.40 9.70 6.80 2 S. Z. Madison Migliore R 14.00 9.70 5 Spencerific Samyn J L 5.00 Finish Time: 1:19.40 Trainer: John Hertler. Owner: Jay Rosenfeld.

B. g. 3. Gold Token-Sheer Perfection, Devil's Bag. Bred by Steve Simon (NY). \$2 Exacta 6-2) Paid \$381.00; \$2 Quinella (2-6) Paid \$233.00; \$2 Trifecta (6-2-5) Paid \$2,906.00; \$2 Daily Double (4-6) Paid \$135.50; \$2 Super-

3RD. 2 3/8 MILES. HURDLES. NEW YORK TURF WRITERS CUP. 4&UP. PURSE \$103,887.

6 Spy in the Sky McVicar L 43.00 13.00 5.30 2 Sermon of Love Hodsdon D 3.70 3.20 3 Dalucci (IRE) Dalton B 4.00 Finish Time: 4:34.16

Trainer: Jimmy Day. Owner: Randleston Farm. Ch. g. 5. Thunder Gulch-Monaassabaat, Zilzal. Bred by Gainsborough Farm (Ky).

fecta (6-2-5-4) Paid \$15,038.00

\$2 Exacta (6-2) Paid \$127.50; \$2 Trifecta (6-2-3) Paid \$727.00; \$2 Pick 3 (4-6-6) 3 Correct Paid \$3,571.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-6) Paid \$483.50

4TH. 5 FURLONGS. 2YO. FILLIES. MSW. PURSE \$50,000.

7 J Z's Revenge Bridgmohan S X 17.40 8.20 4.50 8 Sure as Gold Velazquez J R 4.80 3.50 4 Anne Margaret Desormeaux K J 4.60 Finish Time :59.07

Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: Zayat Stable.

Dk. B. or Br. f. 2. Act Of Duty-Star Mountain, Mountain Cat. Bred by Lau-Mor Farm (Fla).

\$2 Exacta (7-8) Paid \$69.00; \$2 Quinella (7-8) Paid \$38.40; \$2 Trifecta (7-8-4) Paid \$499.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-6-7) 3 Correct Paid \$7,241.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-7) Paid \$357.00; \$2 Superfecta (7-8-4-2) Paid \$1,860.00

5TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$24,000.

Paid \$78,316.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-7) Paid \$199.50

 7
 Straight Romance
 Maragh R
 32.40
 12.00
 9.80

 5
 Prince Woodman
 Dominguez R A
 4.70
 4.30

 1
 Nacascolo
 Espinoza J L
 12.40

 Finish Time: 1:03.56
 12.40

Trainer: Jimmy Ferraro. Owner: Lianna Stable. B. g. 5. Straight Man-Rhodesian Romance, Buckaroo. Bred by Ken Davis, Sherry Mansfield and Mary Ann Hockensmith (Fla). \$2 Exacta (7-5) Paid \$150.00; \$2 Trifecta (7-5-1) Paid \$2,481.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-7-7) 3 Correct Paid \$12,289.00; \$2 Pick 4 (6-6-7-7) 4 Correct 6TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$51,000.

9 Becky's Kitten Leparoux J R 10.80 6.40 4.20 7 Bigshot Albarado R J 12.00 5.90 6 Vamos a Ver Dominguez R A 3.40 Finish Time: 1:44.63

Trainer: Wesley Ward. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey. Dk. B. or Br. c. 2. Kitten's Joy-Caterette, Cozzene.

Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (9-7) Paid \$132.50; \$2 Trifecta (9-7-6) Paid \$541.00; \$2 Pick 3 (7-7-9) 3 Correct Paid \$2,409.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-9) Paid \$289.50; \$2 Superfecta (9-7-6-4) Paid \$2,392.00

7TH. 1-MILE. TURF. 3&UP. NY BREDS ALW. PURSE \$49,000.

 10
 City Sneakers
 Leparoux J R
 12.40
 7.00
 5.20

 9
 Joey's Chance
 Prado E S
 11.80
 7.20

 3
 Tobruk
 Dominguez R A
 3.60

Finish Time: 1:37.65

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: Clyde Rice.

B. g. 4. City Zip-Here Comes Nikki, The Prime Minister.

Bred by Gus Schoenborn (NY).

\$2 Exacta (10-9) Paid \$130.50; \$2 Trifecta (10-9-3) Paid \$813.00; \$2 Daily Double (9-10) Paid \$65.50; \$2 Pick 3 (7-9-10) 3 Correct Paid \$1,352.00; \$2 Superfecta (10-9-3-4 Paid \$1,479.00

8TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. NY BREDS. AOC. PURSE \$50,000.

8 Acquired Cat Coa E M 10.40 4.50 3.30 5 Absoulute Heaven Velazquez J R 2.80 2.50 4 Southside Babe Leparoux J R 3.60 Finish Time: 1:02.96

Trainer: Dominic Galluscio. Owner: Peter and Eloise Canzone.

Gr./Ro. m. 5. Tactical Cat-Acquired Taste, Scarlet Ibis.

Bred by Patricia Staskowski Purdy (NY).

\$2 Exacta (8-5) Paid \$27.60; \$2 Tritecta (8-5-4) Paid \$103.00; \$2 Grand Slam (1/5/7-6/7/9-3/9/10-8) Paid \$271.50; \$2 Pick 3 (9-10-8) 3 Correct Paid \$308.50; \$2 Daily Double (10-8) Paid \$88.00; \$2 Superfecta (8-5-4-3) Paid \$773.00

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

10Manitowish WatersAlbarado R J18.8010.605.103Lil O's ExpressionMorales S35.6011.207William TVelasquez C3.50Finish Time: 1:38.37

Trainer: Merrill Scherer. Owner: Scherer, Dan Lynch and Ken Sentel. Dk. B. or Br. c. 4. Doneraile Court-Playing Games, Phone Trick. Bred by Hill 'n' Dale Farm (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (10-3) Paid \$849.00; \$2 Trifecta (10-3-7) Paid \$4,120.00; \$2 Superfecta (10-3-7-2) Paid \$24,220.00; \$2 Daily Double (8-10) Paid \$125.50; \$2 Pick 3 (10-8-10) 3 Correct Paid \$774.00; \$2 Pick 4 (9-10-8-10) 4 Correct Paid \$4,418.00; \$2 Pick 6 (7-7-9-10-8-10) 5 Correct Paid \$6,264.00; Carryover Pool \$37,587

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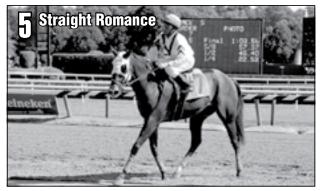
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You steal the Travers Canoe. Where are you hiding it? Oh, in Ms. Steinman's pool, like I did last time, when all the cops came!

Who's the one (horse) that got away? Good Night Shirt.

What was your first job? Hotwalker for my dad in Middleburg.

What is your worst habit? Chocolate chip cookies after dinner

What is your earliest racing memory? First ride I had at Fair Hill on the flat. I got left at the start, and all I could think about was how bad my old man was gonna kill me if I got beat. And I won by a dirty nose. But I held my breath

the last three quarters of a mile because I was so worried about getting the horse up in the race to win it. After I went across the wire I was gasping for air and almost fell off because I couldn't breathe!

Coke or Pepsi? Coke.

Who is your favorite horse? Cigar.

What did your mom want you to be? Race rider. She drove me pretty good. Actually, I wanted to be a ski racer instead of a race rider. My grandmother wanted me to do that, but my mother wouldn't let me go be a ski bum.

Yankees, Mets, or Red Sox? Red Sox.

If you could have any other job, what would it be? Skiing.

You're a contestant on American Idol. What song would you sing? I can't sing anything! The only place I can sing is in church because nobody will say anything!



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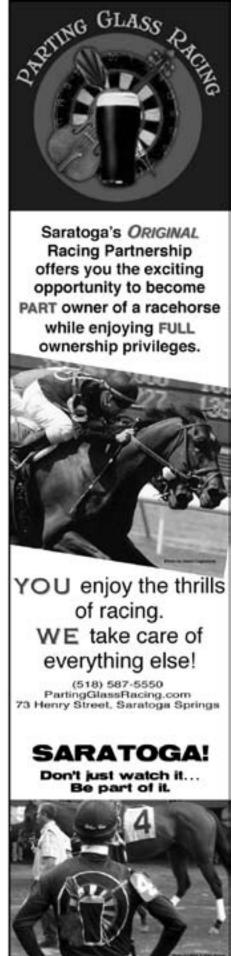
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Running to Class

Racing's children begin move from Saratoga to school

BY CHARLOTTE CLEMENT

Editor's Note: the daughter of trainer Christophe Clement, Charlotte Clement submitted the following to The Special.

It is now time for many kids involved with the track to pack up and say goodbye to our fantasy.

Saratoga, during the racing season, for most children in horse racing, is like a dream. This meet is a time when we get to see the horses train every morning and be more involved. Everyone knows everyone, and all the kids get to see the friends they haven't seen since last summer. However with every fantasy there comes a drawback.

With us, the disadvantage would have to be choosing which school to attend in a couple of days knowing that some horses (and horsemen) change states throughout the year. There are four common options for families to usually choose from: staying in one state, boarding school, home school, or switching between two schools.

Staying in one school appears to be the most normal option. The problem is that it usually involves the temporary separation of the family for half the year since many trainers switch between two to three states. For example, Christophe Lorieul, assistant trainer for Christophe Clement, leaves his wife and daughter, Elsa, in New York when he follows the stable to Payson Park from January to the middle of April. Elsa, who is entering second grade, visits Florida during her vacation. Also, Joe Migliore (son of jockey Richard Migliore) does the same.

"It's always tough having someone you love living away from you, but you have to remember it's for the right reason," Migliore said about his father.

As for me, I also go to one school and stay with an exceptionally welcoming host family for three months until my

parents come to Florida.

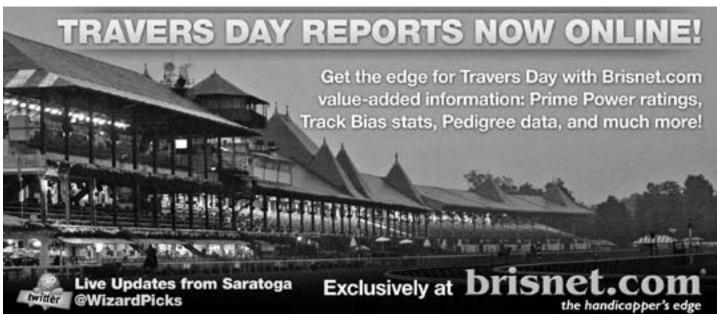
At times I find it long without my parents, but I realize that Dad has to stay and work, but luckily my mother comes to visit every two weeks. I understand that if it weren't for his work, I wouldn't know half the people I know and I wouldn't have been able to go to Dubai or Saratoga Springs.

There is also the home-schooling choice, which is what I did until I reached high school. However, what I did as well as Lucy and Alex Matz are going to do, is to attend a school for most of the year, and then to be home-schooled to carry out the curriculum. Although most kids would do anything to have shorter days, this method requires a lot of discipline to stay focused. Also, home-schooling takes out the socialization, art, physical education and lunch, and it only encompasses the most dreaded part . . . learning! However, I consider home-schooling half the year as the best way to go until high school. It allows you to keep the interaction with friends at one school, closeness with family and only one curriculum.

Switching between two schools also seems like a popular option for kids below middle school, which is what the Motts, Matzes and my brother and I used to do. According to Alex Matz being in two schools is "good but hard." It's a bit more difficult because semesters end at different times in each state and it's tricky to jump into a new curriculum half way through the year. Lucy Matz said, "It's fine but I prefer being in Pennsylvania." However switching between two schools allows the kids to stay all together as a family and follow the horses.

"This option certainly improves socialization, encouraging the children to make new groups of friends," said Valerie Clement.

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It also allows the students to start out fresh with their grades when they switch, one thing that is dearly missed by some kids!

The most popular option for those entering high school would certainly be boarding school. Some of the bestranked schools in America are boarding schools according to most rankings.

"Boarding school is great from an educational standpoint and allows you to grow as a person," said Riley Mott, who is going to be a senior this year. "But it also prevents me from being around the horses as much as I want to.'

Boarding school allows students to

attend one school all year without living with some other family, or separating between two parents and creating a bigger chance of acceptance into any top college. However, it's a decision that is usually not taken until high school.

Although it's difficult to choose which schooling method, the life at the race track is a life I think most people would die to have. I'm able to switch between three homes and avoid the dying summer temperature of Florida and the freezing climate of New York! The racetrack gives us opportunities that would have never been available without the hard work of our parents. We are also able to meet extraordinary people, and have a great time at Saratoga. Good luck to all kids leaving for school this week, and especially those leaving for college.



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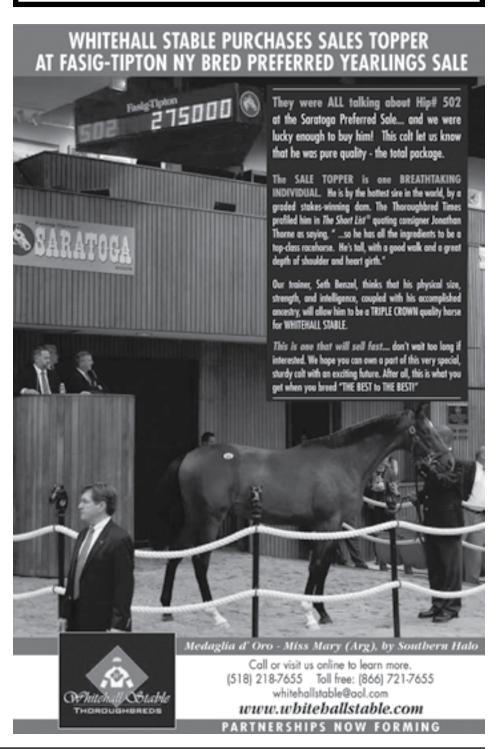


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Jockeys watch list, future

Steve Rushing and Ramon Dominguez stopped their golf cart on the Bill Mott turn of the Oklahoma backside and asked for Wednesday's paper.

"Do you have the standings in

"Yeah," the paperboy said. "Where's it stand now?"

"We're down by two," Rushing

"Down two," Dominguez said at the

Opening the paper, Rushing turned to the standings page, just to make sure. There was Alan Garcia, two wins in front of Ramon Dominguez. Just like they thought.

"Man, you even put the photos of the leaders in here," Rushing said, joking.

There was Alan Garcia and Linda Rice. Leading jockey and trainer.

Dominguez and Rushing only worry about Garcia.

That afternoon, Dominguez tilted the board by winning four races, including the Albany. Dominguez vaulted past Garcia who went winless.

Thursday, Dominguez failed to win a race in six tries, Garcia failed in two attempts. Garcia had tripled on Monday, went winless over the next two, an eternity in Saratoga.

Ten cards to go.

"It changes so fast, you don't want to get too excited, I feel better being in front than chasing," Dominguez said from outside the jocks' room Wednesday. "I know everything in this business cycles, especially with jockeys."

"I'm happy, things are going good," Garcia said last week. "I just try to ride as good as I can on every horse I get on and don't think about leading jockey. That worked last year."

Dominguez, 32, searches for his first Saratoga riding title while Garcia, 23, earned his first crown last year when accounting for 39 wins. Then there's Edgar Prado, 42. The Hall of Fame jockey and three-time champion jockey at Saratoga has won 16 races so far, still solidly in the top 10 but not threatening the young guns at the top. John Velazquez, 37, who won two titles in between Prado's three from 2002 to 2006, ranks sixth with 17 victories.

Is it the changing of the guard?

The top four jockeys in the Saratoga standings were born after 1976. Garcia, Julien Leparoux and Rajiv Maragh are barely legal to drink alcohol. Kent Desormeaux, born in 1970, has put up a solid stand, winning 18 races. Velazquez and Prado follow. Javier Castellano, Robby Albarado and Jose Lezcano (at his first full Saratoga meet) round out the first 10.

Fresh from winning the Belmont Spring meet, Dominguez, like most successful jockeys, doesn't worry about the guard, the standings (although he knows the count at any moment) or his role in the New York colony. To win a Saratoga riding title – any title at a major meet – a jockey balances desire with opportunity, victory with defeat,

CUP OF COFFEE

By Sean Clancy



frustration with satisfaction. You better learn it, or you won't make it.

"On one hand, I'm used to riding with these guys, I see them every day so I don't think about it too much," Dominguez said. "Then sometimes I'm like, 'Wow, these are the guys I've idolized since I've been coming here.' You're not star-shocked – is that the right term? – any more, but you respect them."

Prado recognizes that his days dominating the top of the table have waned. He won back-to-back stakes last week when taking the Saratoga Special with D' Funnybone for Rick Dutrow and the Lake Placid with Shared Account for Graham Motion. He was flawless in both. He won the Dwyer and the Jim Dandy with Kensei for Steve Asmussen and rides the colt back in the Travers. It's been a good meet thus far, not stellar, but solid.

"Compared to seven years ago, yeah, it's different," Prado said. "No complaints, I'm still riding for my customers. It's tougher for everybody, it's who gets hot at the moment. If your customers get hot, you get hot. I have no complaints, I ride for people I've been riding for for many years, on and off. I've got my share of winners, I'd love to do better than that, I have the will to do better, but I'm grateful for what I have."

Dominguez has basically followed Prado's career model while picking up parts of his demeanor. Both shined in Maryland (Rushing represented Prado when in Maryland) before taking the leap to New York. Both chipped their own foothold in the New York rider colony. Prado and Dominguez walk the line; they don't get in trouble with their mouth, they work hard, they finish like machines, you could place them at any seat at a formal dinner party and not worry.

Dominguez respects his place, Prado's place and everybody's place in the Saratoga jocks' room.

"I don't want any of them to be seen like they're slacking off, because I know for sure, they're as good as they've ever been," Dominguez said. "Whatever you do out there, your performances are just a reflection, 99 percent of the time, on the horses you get on. It would be foolish for someone to say you're doing better than so and so because you're a better rider, that's not the case. It's Saratoga, right now you have Hall of Famers and I heard someone say, future Hall of Famers. There are no easy pickings."

There are 31 jockeys to win at least one race at the meet. Dominguez peers



Edgar Prado

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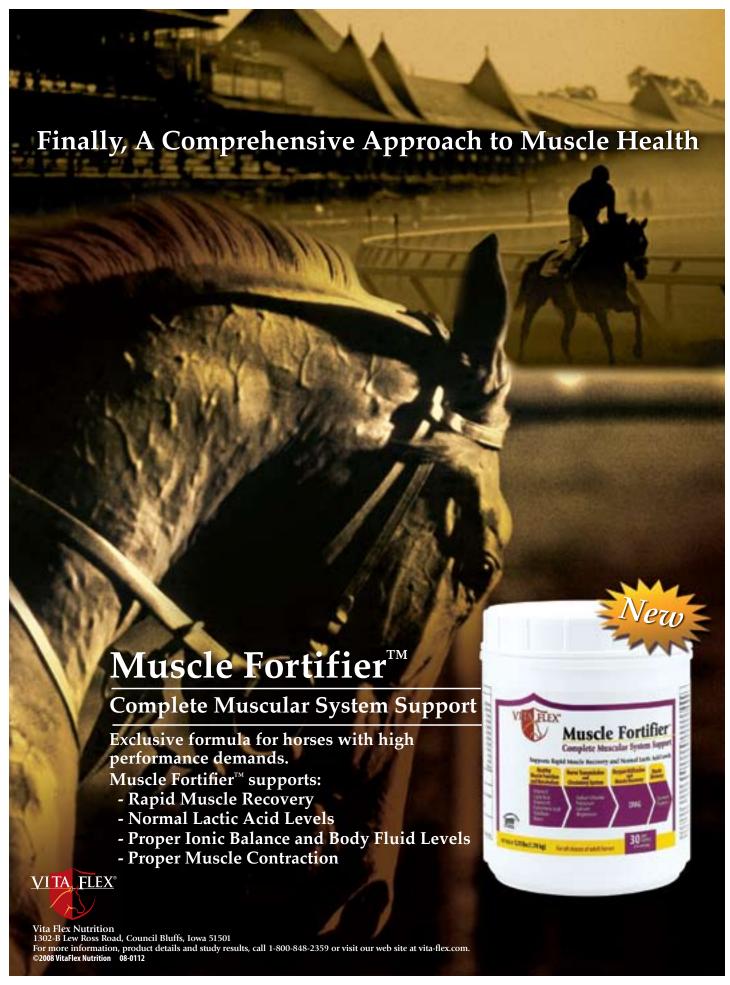
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down on all of them. Garcia looks down at all but one. Velazquez and Prado on most of them. Others fumble away their opportunity. Miguel Mena won the Sanford on opening week, missed the West Virginia Derby two days later when he overslept and now fights through alcohol addiction while trying to ride at Ellis Park. Norberto Arroyo had a book full of live rides and got arrested, again, for drug possession.

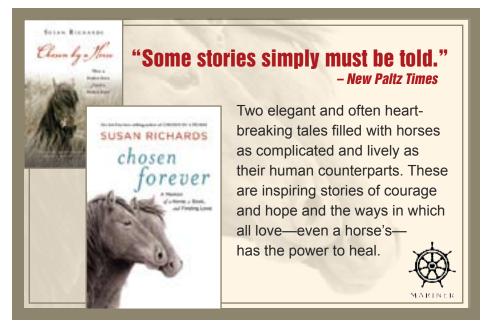
"They think they're going to be 23 forever," Prado said. "You see a lot of jockeys with a lot of talent that climb high, but can't maintain it. To maintain vourself and ride for a long time, that's a different achievement."

Prado still achieves. Dominguez too. Velazquez for sure. Garcia has years to prove he can last, but all signs point to yes at the moment. The rest of the members of Saratoga jocks' room will probably make it too. Some might drift away, but most are here to stay.

"Go out every day, be responsible," Prado said. "A lot of jockeys come back from different things, come back and get opportunity. How many jockeys maintain it every day? Get up and go to work every day, get on six, seven horses, for years. Everybody judges you, that's OK. Keep turning the pages and move forward. If you don't do that, you'll be home crying. I've cried before, it doesn't do you any good. Turn the page, keep working, move forward."









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\$1,514,244,223*

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