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l'urning the Corner Meet reaches final week INSIDE Amansara headlines today's Perfect Sting Wednesday Entries & Handicapping Results from Sunday & Monday Florida shipper Maryfield gets up to win Sunday's Gr. I Ballerina Getting engaged on Travers Day

Get set for a big finish

Turn the corner, breathe, calm down, do your laundry, take that horse out for a graze, spend a little extra time at the picnic table, go ahead order the \$8 chips in the box, bet out (one last time), get to Congress Park and feed the ducks.

Saratoga 2007 bends into its final week today, so look around and soak it up.

As usual, it's been quite a ride. The meet opened with the 2-year-old fests that are the Schuylerville and the Sanford each season. From there, it careened into a four-stakes mega day with Diabolical proving devilish in the Vanderbilt, Lawyer Ron dazzling in the Whitney, My Typhoon blowing through the Diana, Ginger Punch clobbering them all in the Go For Wand. See you at the Breeders' Cup, everyone. Street Sense closed the first week with a simple score in the Jim Dandy – you could almost hear him say "check" when he crossed the finish.

Next came the Darley Test, which Dream Rush passed. Then the sales and millions flying around like quarters, but with a decidedly American flare – Team Valor outbid West Point for the topper. A full-time Saratogian for the first time, jockey Calvin Borel provided the first of his Saturday heroics when he guided Grand Couturier through on the rail to win the Sword Dancer. He backed that up by winning the Alabama with Lady Joanne in a thriller.

Travers Week built slowly, but found high gear on Thursday in the Ballston Spa. Laughing at those who counted out the Todd Pletcher barn, champion Wait A While stormed home with a victory over My Typhoon. Allen Jerkens turned back time (again) when he won Friday's Personal Ensign with Miss Shop. Give the man – and the rest of us – another Saratoga memory.

The Special went big on Travers Day, trotting out a 56-page paper that broke records (and backs). The horses didn't disappoint as Hard Spun and his everyman trainer Larry Jones mocked the detractors with a King's Bishop win, Shakis and Alan Garcia hugged the hedge to take the Bernard Baruch and Street Sense tossed another thriller on the pile by fighting past a game Grasshopper to win the big one.

Let's not forget the people. Bill Mott raced to a quick lead in the trainer standings and made it stand up with victories from all sorts of horses (peachfuzzed 2-year-olds to grizzled veterans). He's eight clear of Gary Contessa with six days to go, not quite home and hosed but get the wash buckets ready. The jockey race included new (relatively) names at the top as Cornelio Velasquez and Kent Desormeaux separated themselves from the rest. Velasquez, who tossed out the superb line "it says jockey on my license" has ridden 212 races (at least 31 more than any other Saratoga jockey) and leads Desormeaux 41-33.

Where do we go from here? It will all be over in a week – less, actually. Grade I horses last chances in the Turf Writers, the Forego, the Woodward, the Spinaway and the Hopeful. Velasquez, Desormeaux, Mott and the rest will sort it out.

And we get to go along for the ride.

- Joe Clancy



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Here & There at Saratoga



Ashkal finds his Way

Last year's Bernard Baruch winner, Ashkal Way, has found a home in retirement as the pet/future dressage horse/whatever he wants of Jeannine Edwards. Better known for her work on ESPN's coverage of Thoroughbred racing, Edwards is also a rider and keeps the former Godolphin horse on a farm in Cecil County, Md.

Bred in Ireland, Ashkal Way won seven of eight starts in the United States before being sidelined with a tendon injury in his right frong leg. At 4, Ashkal Way won the Baruch, the Kelso Breeders' Cup Handicap and the Citation Handicap at Hollywood Park. He opened 2007 with a win in the Lure Stakes at Gulfstream Park April 1 and was being pointed for the Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile at Hollywood Park before the injury.

At first, plans called for a rest and a potential comeback, but retirement and a happy home – became the best option for the chestnut gelding. The son of Ashkalani won nine of 17 career starts and earned just shy of \$800,000, most of it in the care of Godolphin assistant Rick Mettee in the

Worth Repeating

"That ought to sharpen his claws, as the old-timers used to say." Dr. David Richardson, after hearing of steeplechaser Mixed Up's 5-furlong turf workout of 59 4/5 seconds Monday morning

"I told her to just give me some numbers and I'd finish it for her."

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin about artist Terry Lindsey, who started a portrait during a morning visit to the barn last week

"Boy do we miss Ryan."

Trainer's wife, Mimi Voss, cooling out a horse Monday morning, the first day of school for Voss hotwalker Ryan Clancy

Bumper Sticker Slogan of the Week

"I haven't been the same since that house fell on my sister." Somebody call Glenda.



Retired Grade I winner Ashkal Way checks out his new digs in Maryland.

Weather

Today: Patchy fog in the morning. Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the lower 80s. Chance of rain 50 percent. Friday: Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Name of the Day

Nullify, fourth race. By Yes It's True out of Disclaimed. Hmmm, are we the only ones a bit confused here?

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Catching Up

Amansara making up for lost time with her second start of the meet

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Amansara could be the poster child of the Thoroughbred in the 21st century – supremely talented yet as fragile as mom's antique china.

Trained by George Weaver for R A Hill Stable, Amansara has raced only eight times in two years, so it puts a smile on Weaver's face to see her enter today's \$80,000 Perfect Sting Stakes – her second start of the meet, and the year.

Named after the Champion Turf Filly of 2000, the 9-furlong Perfect Sting is run on the inner turf and restricted to fillies and mares that have not won a stakes on the turf this year.

"We've gotten her back pretty quickly so obviously she is doing very well," Weaver said. "We have always felt that if we could get her on a steady diet of racing she might be able to jump up and improve."

So far, Amansara's meal plan would make a supermodel's look beefy. The daughter of War Chant began her career here in 2005, then didn't return until January 2006. A run the following month was followed by a six-

PERFECT STING STAKES PREVIEW

month layoff. She finished second in the Dynasty here last year, the first of three reasonably spaced starts last year. That string concluded with her biggest score to date; a victory in the Without Feathers Stakes at The Meadowlands in October. Another two-month layoff followed and Amansara returned to run third in the Grade III Frances A. Genter Stakes at Calder Dec. 30. And then she was gone – for a long time.

"She just had numerous small issues last year and obviously she has had a bunch of layoff lines," said Weaver. "She's 4 years old and has run only eight times, so she has had her fair share of problems to deal with – but when she's right she's a pretty talented filly."

Returning from an eight-month break here Aug. 1 in the \$83,000 De La Rose Stakes, Amansara rallied boldly from seventh, surged to the front inside the eighth-pole, and ultimately finished second, beaten a length by Fantastic Shirl – who needed the ride of the meet under John Velazquez to reach the winner's circle. Considering the circumstances and the depth of the field, it was



Tod Marke

Amansara aims for her second career stakes score in today's Perfect Sting.

an honorable effort – one that backed up Weaver's confidence.

"Well, we entered her in the Ballston Spa earlier in the meet," he said, "and to be honest with you we feel that one day, if we can keep her going, she can be that kind of filly – but now it's up to her"

With a decided lack of pace in the Perfect Sting, Amansara could be at a disadvantage. She likes to make a run down the lane, and often leaves herself at the mercy of the pace. Weaver is confident Amansara can make her own luck if none comes her way.

"It's a short field tomorrow but I don't really have any worry about the pace," he said. "There is a lack of pace in the race so the main thing is to not leave yourself too much to do. We're confident that Ramon Dominguez will have a good feel for the pace and be where we need to be"

Amansara is the 2-1 favorite in the Perfect Sting, the eighth race today.

Trainer Barclay Tagg's Mo Cuishle could prove the biggest threat to Amansara. In her last start, her first for Tagg,

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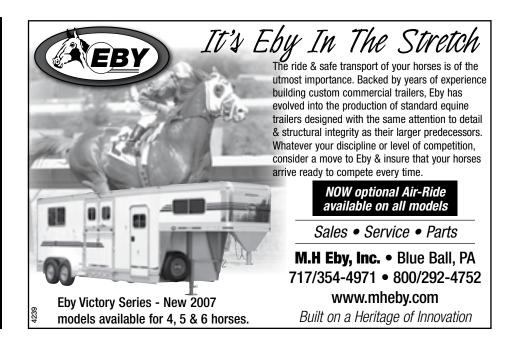


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Perfect Sting –

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she made her turf debut in the De La Rose and closed late to finish fourth, beaten only two necks for second. Todd Pletcher trained the 4-year-old daughter of Saint Ballado during her first six starts – which began with three wins including a 7-length tally in the Grade III Monmouth Oaks last summer. In the De La Rose, jockey Eibar Coa got Mo Cuishle to relax and make a run from well off the pace, something she had not previously done. That versatility could prove important in the Perfect Sting, which appears to lack a true front-runner. Coa takes the return call at 3-1.

Trainer Patrick Biancone entered Travel Team, who could go to the front if Julien Leparoux chooses. The 4-year-old daughter of Danzig comes off a win in a Monmouth allowance race where she was only 2 lengths from the early pace. In her seasonal debut this spring, she won over Keeneland's Polytrack after pressing a half-mile in a quick 46 2/5 seconds. Travel Team is 6-1 in the morning line.

Shug McGaughey sends out Criminologist, who breaks from the rail under Edgar Prado. The duo paired up to win a third-level allowance over the Mellon Turf Course Aug. 9. Criminologist stalked the pace in third and was all out to prevail by a head after a long stretch duel. In a race that could be a chess match, Prado may elect to use Criminologist's positional speed to keep Travel Team and Leparoux honest on the lead, or elect to send if Leparoux to takes back.



Tod Marks

Hopes And Dreams has chased several nice grass fillies in her last two stakes starts, following Dance Away Capote, Fantastic Shirl and Roshani at Belmont Park and Monmouth, beaten only 2 1/4 lengths each time. Trained by Stan Hough, Hopes And Dreams is the only entrant besides Amansara to win at 9 furlongs. Rafael Bejarano, aboard Hopes And Dreams when she won a Gulfstream Park allowance March 30, will be back aboard today.

Michael Matz has made the most of a limited amount of starters this meet – going 3-for-13 – and sends out Miss Belga Bound. He gives Kent Desormeaux, who has eyes on the jockey title, a leg up. The daughter of Boundary is 1-for-7 this season while racing primarily in stakes, and has lost to some classy runners, most notably subsequent Grade I winner Lady Of Venice.

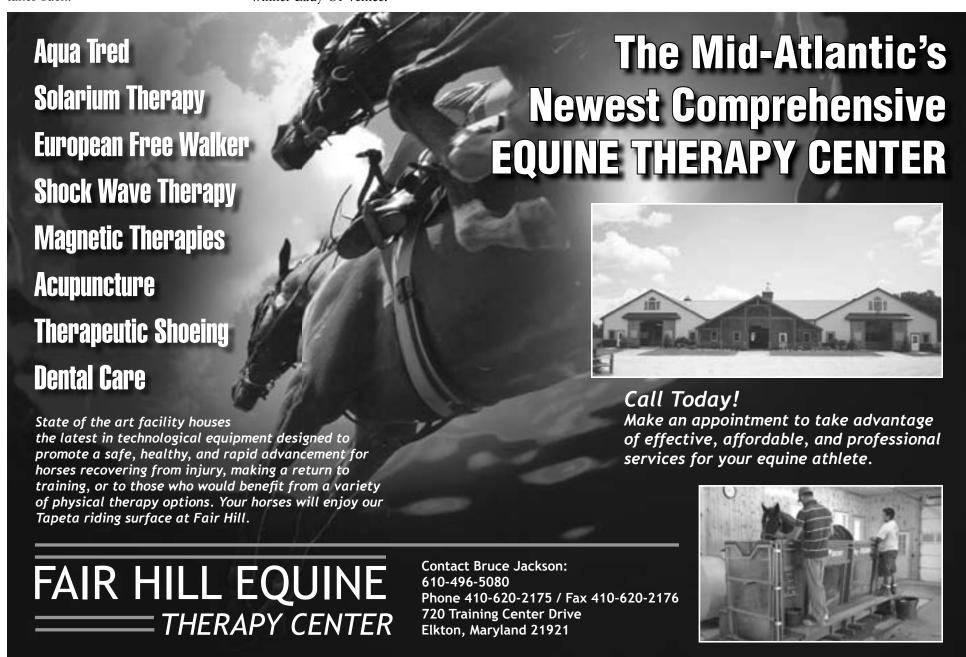
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Wednesday, Aug. 29. Post Time 1 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (1:00). 2 1/16 MILES. HURDLE. 4&UP. ALLOWANCE. PURSE \$68,000.

1	4	Lead Us Not	.Slater J	Sheppard Jonathan 3-1					
lΑ	9	Sparkled	.Hodsdon D	Sheppard Jonathan 3-1					
2	5	Dynaway	.Murphy Cyril	Voss Tom5-2					
2B	6	Gryffindor	.Massey R	Voss Tom5-2					
3	1	Meneef (AUS)	.Rafter C	McKenna Kathy20-1					
1	2	Dark Equation	.McCarron M O	Fout Doug8-5					
5	3	Irish Actor	Young P J	Hendriks Ricky20-1					
3	7	Pleasant Pick	.Petty J	Kingsle Arch12-1					
7	8	Irish Embassy	.Miller Chip	White Alexandra 6-1					
	A-Coupled: Lead Us Not and Sparkled								
3-C	oupl	ed: Dynaway and Gryf	findor						

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

2ND (1:35) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1	1	Tools for the JobCoa E MTagg Barclay3-1
2	2	Ten BaggerDominguez R A Hushion Mike 10-1
3	3	Saratoga SevenVelasquez C Lukas Wayne12-1
4	4	ArtytheonemanpartyBridgmohan S X Violette Rick12-1
5	5	I'm So Lucky
6	6	Fierce WindLeparoux J R Zito Nick6-1
7	7	Mr. ShortcakeVelazquez J R Pletcher Todd5-1
8	8	Born to GloryBorel C HScheff Olan30-1
9	9	Exotic StoryBejarano R Harty Eoin6-1
10	10	J Be KGomez G K Baffert Bob7-2
		Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 (2-4), Daily Double

3RD (2:07) 1 1/8 MILES. F&M. 3&UP. ALW/OPT CLM 50,000. PURSE \$70,000.

1	1	Crumbs of ComfortLeparoux J R Biancone Patrick4-1
2	2	Hot PropertyDominguez R A Tagg Barclay5-1
3	3	Daytime PromiseCoa E M Contessa Gary3-1
4	4	Smart BunnyBridgmohan S X Howard Neil2-1
5	5	Warrior GirlGomez G K Lukas Wayne7-2
6	6	Rinella StormArroyo Jr N DiPrima Gregory12-1
		Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (3-5), Pick 4 (3-6)

4TH (2:39) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.

ı	ı	Tre C001B	ejarano R	Kelly Pat	.3U-1
2	2	Celestial CometD	ésormeaux K J	Mott Bill	3-1
3	3	Jump CommanderB	ridgmohan S X	Lukas Wayne	15-1
4	4	NullifyV	elazquez J R	Pletcher Todd	8-1
5	5	Ship's PianoB	orel C H	Howard Neil	.12-1
6	6	Big AlH	ill C	Hills Tim	9-2
7	7	Yacout (ARG)C	astellano J J	Donk David	.30-1
8	8	AdrianoD	ominguez R A	Motion Graham	2-1
9	9	Honour Above Self P	rado Ě S	Jerkens Allen	8-1
10	10	Sensational ViewC	oa E M	Domino Carl	.15-1
11	ΑE	Trust N DustanC	astellano J J	Hough Stan	.10-1
	Ex	acta, Quinella, Trifecta, S	Superfecta, Pick 3	3 (4-6) Pick 6 (4-9)	

5TH (3:11) 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. CLAIMING 25,000. PURSE \$25,000.

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1	1	Charming Jill	Velazquez J R	. Contessa Gary	12-1
2	2	Find the Chestnut	Bejarano R	. Weaver George	4-1
3	3	Mulligatawny	Castellano J J	. Reynolds Pat	12-1
4	4	Go Michelle	Borel C H	. Ritvo Tim	20-1
5	5	Mary's Prayer	Leparoux J R	. Kenneally Eddie	5-1
6	6	Wishing Wishes	Velasquez C	. Rice Linda	9-2
7	7	Fast Read	Desormeaux K J	. Bush Tom	12-1
8	8	Raisin' Silver	Coa E M	. Domino Carl	20-1
9	9	Behrdine	Luzzi M J	. Bond James	3-1
10	10	Island Reversal	Dominguez R A	. Sciacca Gary	6-1
		Exacta Trifecta Supe	rfecta Pick 3 (5-7)	Grand Slam (5-8)	

Wednesday's Saratoga Entries

6TH	l (3:4	3) 1 3/16 MILES. TU	RF. F&M. 3&UP. ALL	OWANCE. PURSE \$68,000.
1	ġ.	Crystal Minuet	Velazquez J R	Mott Bill6-1
1A	MTO	Sweet Way	No rider	Mott Bill6-1
2	4	Jellyberry	Coa E M	Miller Bruce15-1
2B	6	Dynaskill	Garcia Alan	Miller Bruce15-1
3	1	Kin to the Wind	Leparoux J R	Arnold Rusty4-1
4	2	Moonlight Flite	Prado E S	Ward John12-1
5	5	Il Posto's Bambina	Velasquez C	Streicher Kenneth 12-1
6	7	Lisas Medal	Bridgmohan S X.	Sheppard Jonathan 20-1
7	8	Lady Carlock	Borel C H	Nafzger Carl5-1
8	9	Going Day	Dominguez R A	Motion Graham5-2
9	10	Prom Party	Gomez G K	Pletcher Todd9-2
10	MTO	Lost Etiquette	Desormeaux K J.	Reynolds Pat2-1
A-C	: Ounl	ed: Crystal Minuet a	and Sweet Way	

B-Coupled: Jellyberry and Dynaskill

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 4 (6-9), Daily Double

7TH	l (4:1	5) 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 4&UP. ALW/OPT CLM 75,000. PURSE \$71,000
1	9	Mr. UmphreyGomez G K Dutrow Richard 10-1
1A	10	Champ SafiGarcia Alan Zito Nick10-1
2	1	Court FollyBorel C HWilkes Ian6-1
3	2	Southern MissileHill C Gyarmati Leah 15-1
4	3	He's a PioneerVelasquez C Arroyo Enrique10-1
5	4	Moon's HaloVelazquez J R Violette Rick5-1
6	5	AristocratCastellano J J Frankel Bobby10-1
7	6	Bound NotebookCoa E M Hough Stan3-1
8	7	Dashboard Drummer.Desormeaux K J Contessa Gary7-2
9	8	Disco's SonPrado E SSerpe Phil6-1

A-Coupled: Mr. Umphrey and Champ Safi Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (7-9)

8TH (4:48) THE PERFECT STING. 1 1/8 MILES . TURF. F&M. 4&UP. PURSE \$80.000.

1	1	Criminologist	.Prado E S	McGaughey Shug7-2
2	2	Mo Cuishle	.Coa E M	Tagg Barclay3-1
3	3	Miss Belga Bound	.Desormeaux K J	Matz Michael12-1
1	4	Amansara	.Dominguez R A	Weaver George2-1
5	5	Travel Team	Leparoux J R	Biancone Patrick6-1
3	6	Hopes and Dreams	.Bejarano R	Hough Stan4-1
7	MTO	Tap Gold	.Prado E S	Hennig Mark3-1
		Exacta,	Trifecta, Daily Doul	ble

9TH (5:20) 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1	1	DiscerningCha	vez J F	Jerkens Allen15	i- 1
2	2	Fashion QueenHill	C	Hushion Mike9)-2
3	3	What Time It IsDon	ninguez R A	Trombetta Michael7	-2
4	4	Dowell HouseVela	zquez J R	Dutrow Richard 10)-1
5	5	ClericoPrac	do E S	Matz Michae12	2-1
6	6	BatidasLuz	zi M J	Peitz Daniel15	j-1
7	7	EtroLep	aroux J R	Biancone Patrick5	j-1
8	8	Miss BarristerVela	squez C	Dollase Wally6	i- 1
9	9	Perfectly NaturalCas	tellano J J	Clement Christophe 6	i- 1
10	10	EmkelRoja	as R I	Russo Sal20)-1
11	11	DarjeelingGard	cia Alan	Toner Jimmy30)-1
12	12	Ladywell ParkArro	yo N Jr	Serpe Phil30)-1
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Wednesday's Detailed Analysis

RACE 1: DARK EQUATION is in a good place in his form cycle and may have a real edge over these on talent and form. Neither half of the Tom Voss entry of DYNAWAY and GRYFFINDOR would surprise; the former has been in the money in his last three and the latter ran OK on the flat earlier in the meet. Perhaps SPARKLED, who was 10 lengths behind the top one in the Flatterer, can round out the trifecta once again (coupled with LEAD US NOT.)

RACE 2: J BE K is another Bob Baffert Polytrack refugee who can be expected to run well in his first start. TOOLS FOR THE JOB ran OK in his debut; normal second-out improvement would make him a threat. ARTYTHEONEMANPARTY has a potentially precocious pedigree for a barn whose charges often outrun their odds first-time out.

RACE 3: I love how well SMART BUNNY improved on the stretchout and she could have a pace advantage. HOT PROPERTY ran her best race at nine panels and Barclay Tagg does well with runners returning from this type of layoff. CRUMBS OF COMFORT has never run on fast dirt, but perhaps she can improve enough on the new surface.

RACE 4: ADRIANO finished best of the group coming out of the Aug. 3 race; adds Lasix today and looks live, if obvious. CELESTIAL COMET has a really nice pedigree and ran well first out; I'd expect significant improvement with that race under his belt. Edgar Prado is attracted to ride Allen Jerkens' firster HONOUR ABOVE SELF, a colt with an intriguing pedigree.

RACE 5: MULLIGATAWNY had a little trouble at the start last time and could run better in her third race of the form cycle. BEHRDINE has tactical speed and runs for a tag for the first time. WISHING WISHES ran well in her debut, then got into trouble and hasn't been seen in the afternoon in ages; if you assume she's OK now and project the improvement you'd expect with maturity, she could be very dangerous.

RACE 6: GOING DAY didn't have the easiest of trips last time, travelling wide all around the course, but looks ready to make this condition. KIN TO THE WIND wasn't far behind the top pick and had trouble of her own. JELLYBERRY should have no problem with the distance and could spice up the exotics in the underneath slots.

RACE 7: BOUND NOTEBOOK is super-consistent and did well to hold second last time against an impressive winner. COURT FOLLY ran his best race ever here and wasn't far behind the top one last time; if they go too fast early, could be the beneficiary with a rail-skimming ride. HE'S A PIONEER flopped as the chalk earlier in the meet but that race two back would make him a threat. I like that Cornelio Velasquez is enticed for the new barn.

RACE 8: Those who bet AMANSARA last time were counting their money before John Velazquez came at her with Fantastic Shirl in one of the rides of the meet. I'll give the George Weaver trainee another chance here. MISS BELGA BOUND reunites with the win rider and has some bits of form that suggest she can compete with these. MO CUISHLE finished not far behind the top one in that same race, also making up ground late. Figure pattern suggests she she could improve.

RACE 9: They thought enough of WHAT TIME IT IS to try a stakes in both starts even though she's just a maiden; this barn has solid numbers in all the relevant categories. FASHION QUEEN has a precocious looking pedigree and goes out for a shrewd outfit that can win first out. Wally Dollase isn't known for winning with firsters but MISS BARRISTER cost \$350,000 and is another I'll consider.

- Pete Fornatale







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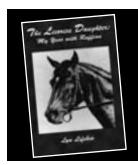
Jockey Cornelio Velasquez guides Huge City to the finish line with another victory Sunday. He broke open a tight race atop the jockey standings and leads by eight with six days to go.

Saratoga Leaders

Through August 27

Jockey	Sts	. 1st .	2nd .	3rd	Win%	Top3%	Earnings
Cornelio Velasquez							
Kent Desormeaux							
Edgar Prado	178	24	27	23	13.48	41.57	1,805,059
Ramon Dominguez							
Garrett Gomez	140	23	17	22	16.43	44.29	1,618,507
Javier Castellano							
John Velazquez	173	19	15	26	10.98	34.68	1,906,058
Rafael Bejarano							
Eibar Coa							
Alan Garcia	126	13	18	19	10.32	39.68	906,755
Shaun Bridgmohan	78	10	6	7	12.82	29.49	600,115
Julien Leparoux	113	9	9	13	7.96	27.43	770,635
Calvin Borel							
Channing Hill	106	5	5	9	4.72	17.92	322,951
Jean-Luc Samyn							
Mario Pino	8	3 .	0	1	37.50	50.00	332,223
Mike Luzzi	72	2 .	4	11	2.78	22.22	229,306
Danielle Hodsdon							
Raul Rojas	72	2 .	1	7	2.78	13.88	128,677
Jose Bracetty							

Trainer	Sts	. 1st .	2nd .	3rd	Win%	Top3%	Earnings
Bill Mott	76	19	7	14	25.00	52.63	\$1,394,792
Gary Contessa	122	11	13	17	9.02	33.61	762,923
Richard Dutrow	40	11	4	4	27.50	47.50	563,832
Todd Pletcher							
Kiaran McLaughlin	45	8	11	6	17.78	55.56	798,221
Tom Bush							
Steve Asmussen	45	8	4	7	17.78	42.22	516,335
Linda Rice	42	7	5	3	16.67	35.71	316,808
Rick Schosberg							
Barclay Tagg	35	6	7	8	17.14	60.00	492,054
Christophe Clement							
Stan Hough	31	6	5	3	19.35	45.16	347,731
Tony Dutrow							
Bobby Frankel	35	5	9	2	14.29	45.71	647,869
Nick Žito	51	5	8	5	9.80	35.29	764,407
Dominic Galluscio	31	5 .	4	5	16.12	45.16	270,906
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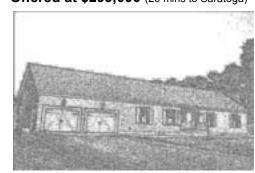
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Field of Dreams

Maryfield turns heads in paddock, on track

BY SEAN CLANCY

Kip Elser just happened to be walking down the horse path late Sunday morning when he stopped in his tracks. A big bay mare, dappled out like a Munnings' painting, strolled past on the way to the security barn. Elser did some quick math and figured she had to be in the Ballerina that afternoon.

About six hours later, Maryfield walked into the

paddock and Elser had his horse.

"That's her," he said.

About 20 minutes later, Baroness Thatcher and seven other fillies and mares felt what Elser had seen.

Jockey Elvis Trujillo settled Maryfield in fifth, behind a phalanx of Indian Flare, Baroness Thatcher and Pussycat Doll. Favorite Burmilla tracked from the outside in fourth. After the first quarter-mile in 22.27 seconds and a half in 44.57, Baroness Thatcher shook loose at the head of the stretch but Maryfield latched on to her immediately. The duo opened up from the others and battled all the way to the wire. The final time was 1:22.78. Maryfield would have been second if it was in 1:22.77, she used every inch of the 7-fur-

THE BALLERINA STAKES RECAP

Sunday, August 26

long Ballerina to win by a nose over Baroness Thatcher. Miraculous Miss finished 4 lengths adrift in third, a nose in front of Boca Grande.

"She felt great, super today, I found a nice spot in the middle of the pack, then I could wait, wait, wait for the stretch. They told me to wait," Trujillo said. "When I asked her, she really responded. But the other horse responded too. I couldn't get past her, my horse has a big head, and we just caught her on the line. I knew my horse had her head down and the other horse had her head up but I didn't know who won."

The previously undefeated Burmilla drifted out in the turn to wind up sixth. Third choice Indian Flare led the field through the first part before dropping back to last, she collapsed and died just past the finish

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Ballerina —

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line. She was reported to have broken her pelvis during the race.

It was a somber moment, well, at least to anyone but the connections of Maryfield who bounded down the steps as if they were part of a Terrell Owens touchdown dance in the winner's circle.

Bred in Canada by Mike Carroll and John Harvey, Maryfield races for the partnership of Jim Perry, Nick Mestrandrea and Mark Gorman. A daughter of Elusive Quality, Maryfield brought a 7-for-26 mark into the Ballerina for trainer Doug O'Neill. Freshened since a fourth in Calder's Princess Rooney July 7, Maryfield slipped by most bettors, going off at 16-1. Calder-based Trujillo rode Maryfield in the Princess Rooney. When the owners called about the Ballerina, the 23-year-old didn't hesitate.

"I rode this horse the last time and she finished fourth, the owners called me and asked if I wanted to ride her in Saratoga. I said 'absolutely.' It's a beautiful opportunity for me," Trujillo said. "I rode here the other day but this is my first time to win. It feels, great, I like this track. I heard about Saratoga when I was a kid in Panama, this is the best group of jockeys in the world. The best horses, the best jockeys, the best trainers, if you're here you're at the top."

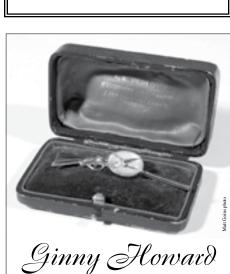
Asked if he was thinking about staying, Trujillo declined.

Not yet, maybe one day," Trujillo said. "I don't know if it's next year or two years, but, one day I'll stay here. I like this place."

So does Maryfield.



Maryfield gets a smooch on the nose after winning the Ballerina.



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City Guy

Owner Fuccillo gets 3rd Spa win with turf sprinter from Rice barn

BY DAVID KOSAK

Billy Fuccillo knows how to be a good salesman, but it seems he knows how to make a good purchase as well. Familiar to most upstate New Yorkers for his entertaining TV spots ("It's huuuuuujah!") as owner of several regional car dealerships, he's also enjoying a successful meet as an owner this year.

In Sunday's eighth, a first-level allowance for New York-breds, Huge City (\$11) crossed the wire with ease to give Fuccillo his third winner of the meet. Breaking out on top, the gelded son of City Zip expanded his lead to finish 4 1/2 lengths the best over the field. Trained by Linda Rice, the 3-year-old chestnut sprinted over the Mellon Turf Course to defeat Beneath The Crown and Thunder Minister in 1:03.27. Leading jockey Cornelio Velasquez picked up his second win of the day.

"I'm really pumped up – to win three times up here has been really special it's unbelievable," Fuccillo said. "Some people love to just win once, but I've won three times in the last three weeks. I know how to sell cars, but now I'm

SUNDAY RACING RECAP

learning a thing or two about winning horse races."

As for Huge City, it was a much better trip than in his prior start when he endured a wide trip and settled for fifth (beaten less than two lengths) in a similar spot Aug. 18.

"Last time out, he hadn't run in a couple months. He broke flat-footed, didn't have a good post position and when he broke flat-footed it caused him to be wide the whole trip," Rice said. "He really got bounced around. But Cornelio and I knew he would break sharper this time, so we just ran him right back and went after it."

• Sequoia Queen (\$7) proved experience wasn't a factor in the opener, an optional claimer for sprinters. Taking charge down the stretch, she held off Awsugahnow by 1 1/4 lengths. Breaking awkwardly, the 3-year-old filly stalked three back at the half before moving up in the stretch for Garrett Gomez. Trained by Steve Asmussen and owned by Stonestreet Stables, the daughter of



Owner Billy Fuccillo (left) and trainer Linda Rice greet Huge City in the winner's circle.

Forestry improved to a perfect 2-for-2 against a field of far more experienced

• War Pass (\$4.70) improved his career and Saratoga record to a perfect 2-for-2 for trainer Nick Zito in the third. Owned by Robert LaPenta, the Kentucky-bred is living up to his \$180,000 price tag at last year's Keeneland September sales. First time out, the 2-year-old son of Cherokee Run led at every stop to win a July 28 maiden by 2

Sunday was a different day, but much the same result in the optional claimer

at 6 furlongs. Rushing to the early lead after a tough break, he expanded the gap around the turn under Cornelio Velasquez to finish 5 1/2 lengths best over Fidelio with Pyro third in 1:10.61.

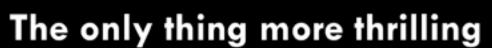
• The fourth was simply a one-horse race. Coming off two disappointing stakes starts in Canada, Daaher (\$7.30) romped over the field in this optional claimer. He took the 1 1/8-mile contest by 13 3/4 lengths after rushing out to the early lead. The Shadwell Stable colt continued to widen the gap, entering

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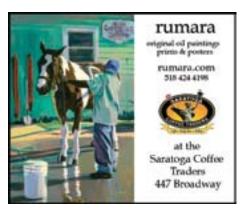
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Dr. Rico floats to the finish line in the sixth for trainer Tim Ritvo and jockey Julien Leparoux.



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Sunday —

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the stretch up 12 lengths on the field. Jockey Mike Luzzi looked back comfortably as his 3-year-old drew away at the wire.

Making his fifth career start, it was the first with blinkers for the son of Awesome Again.

"They were a big plus and he just ran a huge race with the blinkers on," said McLaughlin. "We ran him in two big stakes in Canada last time, so it's a big difference dropping him back to a non-winners-of-two-life. The blinkers definitely helped a lot; I wish we'd put them on before we went to Canada."

• Coming off the also-eligible list in the second for trainer Shug McGaughey and owner Stuart Janney, Impressionism (\$5.10) held off pesky first-timer, Loxy Lady, to win by a half-length in the maiden for 3-year-old fillies on the inner turf.

Making her sixth start, the 3-year-old daughter of Broad Brush stalked three back until making a bid at the quarter pole and winning by a half-length for John Velazquez. Bred in Kentucky by Janney, Impressionism had finished second in her prior two starts.

• It was a roller coaster ride for Carnival City (\$35.80) to break her maiden in the fifth. In her second career start, the daughter of Cape Canaveral battled on the rail to hold off Nightnightnight by a head in the maiden race for 2-year-old fillies.

"She ran pretty well. Every time the other horses ran up on her down the backside, she'd just spurt away," jockey Shaun Bridgmohan said. "I was just sitting on her, and when I asked her at the top of the stretch, she gave me a little spurt. She was very gutsy the whole way. Every time they ran up on her, she fought and found more. Today was her day; she just kept finding it and finding it."

Although never relinquishing her early lead, the daughter of Cape Canaveral had to battle the entire 6 furlongs to get to the winner's circle for trainer Wayne Lukas and owner Marylou Whitney. From start to finish, she never led by more than a half-length and battled stride for stride with Nightnightnight over the final furlong.

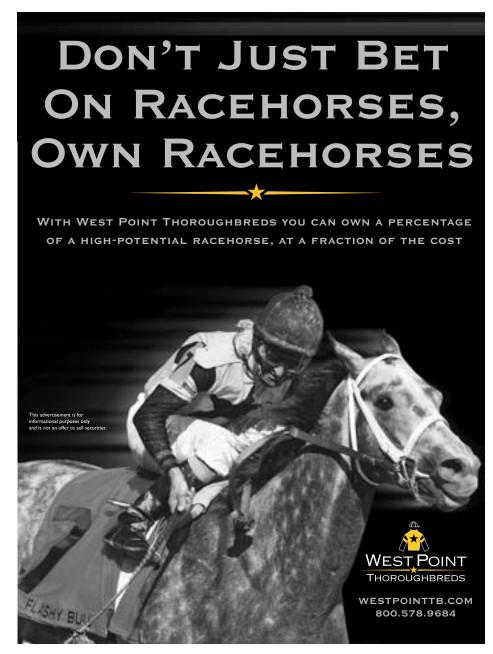
• After losing by a combined 35 lengths her first two times out, Pennylove didn't instill much confidence in trainer Rick Schosberg and jockey Kent Desormeaux heading into Sunday's seventh. And the race didn't start out very well as she was steadied going into the turn.

"I thought it was the dirt hitting her, but Kent said she got squeezed really hard going into the turn," Schosberg said. "She was lucky to stay on her feet, and he was lucky to stay on-board."

Fighting back, Pennylove (\$17.40) rallied down the stretch to win going away by 4 1/2 lengths over Hollywood Terrace and Worth A Shot in the 6 1/2-furlong test. The result was quite different from her first two starts – where she was beaten double digits this winter at

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Juror (right) leads the pack down the stretch in Sunday's finale.

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Aqueduct.

"Her first race she got behind a wall of horses and was completely green, so then we tired to send her to the lead going long because she's bred for it and we goofed," said Schosberg. "We goofed in both of those races; it wasn't her fault. I didn't know what to expect today. We call this filly, 'box of chocolates' because we don't know what we are going to get. She can win by 10, or she could get beat by 30 lengths. I don't have a clue; but she's got a great pedigree. So she's just taking her time I guess."

Owned by Sheila Sherry, the daughter of Not For Love and the Cure The Blues mare Pentatonic earned \$33,600 for the win and moves on to allowance company and another round of chocolates for her trainer.

• In the sixth, Dr Rico (\$65) was surgically positioned in mid-pack by jockey Julien Leparoux as the field approached the final turn in the \$35,000 claimer for non-winners of three at 1 1/16 miles on the inner turf.

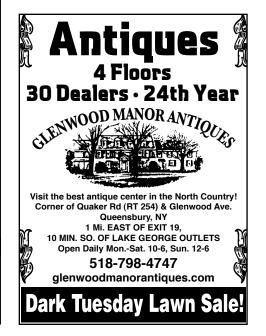
Coming from the far outside into the stretch, the 3-year-old son of Disco Rico lit the rockets to fly past the rest and get past Friar late to win by 1 1/4 lengths as the only 3-year-old in the field of nine.

Owned by Rosalie DiRico, the Maryland-bred improved to 2-for-2 on the turf – adding the Saratoga score to an allowance win at Suffolk Downs Aug. 4.

"Tom McCooey, who had the horse at Suffolk Downs, decided to run him on the grass and he ran a good race," trainer Tim Ritvo said. "Then he called me and we talked over whether we thought he could compete at this level up here. He seems like he really likes the grass and is going to improve and be a better horse. Being the only 3-year-old in the race we thought it was a disadvantage, but it turned out OK."

• Travers weekend closed with an allowance on the Mellon turf for New York-breds in the 10th and Godolphin Stable's Juror (\$5.10) justified his 8-5 starting price with a powerful run through the stretch to win by 3 lengths for Garrett Gomez.

The son of Royal Academy circled six wide into the stretch after reserving far off the pace in the 1 1/16-mile test, his American debut for trainer Saeed bin Suroor and American assistant Rick Mettee.



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Sunday's Saratoga Results

 1ST. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. AOC 75,000. PURSE \$67,000.

 8
 Sequoia Queen
 Gomez G K
 7.00
 5.30
 3.00

 5
 Awsugahnow
 Borel C H
 11.00
 5.20

 4
 Meredith Bee
 Velazquez J R
 2.60

 Finish Time: 1:11.65

Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: Stonestreet Stables. Dk.B./Br.f.3 Forestry-Barefott Dyana, Dynaformer. Bred by Joselito Millan (KY).

\$2 Exacta 8-5 Paid \$114.00; \$2 Trifecta 8-5-4 Paid \$298.00

 2ND. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$63,000.

 11 Impressionism
 Velazquez J R
 5.10
 3.40
 2.60

 6 Loxy Lady
 Coa E M
 11.60
 7.00

 1 Scarlet Love
 Velasquez C
 3.20

 Finish Time: 1:44.34

Trainer: Shug McGaughey. Owner: Stuart Janney III. B.f.3 Broad Brush-Sky Blue Pink, Strawberry Road (AUS). Bred by Stuart Janney III (KY).

\$2 Exacta 11-6 Paid \$87.00; \$2 Quinella 6-11 Paid \$58.50; \$2 Trifecta 11-6-1 Paid \$267.00; \$2 Daily Double (8-11) Paid \$28.40

3RD. 6 FURLONGS. 2YO. AOC 75,000. PURSE \$67,000.

 1
 War Pass
 Velasquez C
 4.70
 3.00
 2.40

 6
 Fidelio
 Castellano J J
 4.00
 3.00

 5
 Pyro
 Bridgmohan S X
 2.70

 Finish Time: 1:10.61
 2.70
 2.70

Trainer: Nick Zito. Owner: Robert LaPenta. Dk.B./Br.c.2 Cherokee Run-Vue, Mr. Prospector. Bred by Cherry Valley Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-6 Paid \$17.20; \$2 Trifecta 1-6-5 Paid \$31.60 4TH. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. AOC 75,000. PURSE \$68,000.

6 Daaher Luzzi M J 7.30 4.00 3.10 7 Chekhov Gomez G K 9.20 5.50 1 Sacrifice Bunt Desormeaux K J 3.40 Finish Time: 1:49.56

Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Owner: Shadwell Stable. B.c.3 Awesome Again-Irish Cherry, Irish Open. Bred by Yvonne and Dagmar Schwabe (ONT).

\$2 Exacta 6-7 Paid \$80.00; \$2 Quinella 6-7 Paid \$52.50; \$2 Trifecta 6-7-1 Paid \$276.50; \$2 Pick 3 (11-1-6) 3 Correct Paid \$52.00

How We Did

RACE 1: Third choice finished first and second second selection finished third.

RACE 2: Second pick scratched.

RACE 3: War Pass passed muster, bringing home a \$4.70 win and Fidelio played a fine second fiddle to fill out a \$17.20 exacta. Pyro didn't exactly set the world on fire, but still helped us ignite a \$31.60 Trifecta.

RACE 4: Third choice won.

RACE 5: Nothing to see here.

RACE 6: Top pick finished second.

RACE 7: Third choice won.

RACE 8: Second choice won.

RACE 9: Surely you were watching the stakes, not our picks. **RACE 10:** Third choice won and second pick finished third.

SEASON TOTALS: 56 wins by top selection in 248 races. Average win payoff \$6.70.

How We Did summarizes the performance of *The Special's* handicappers in the "Detailed Analysis" section.

5TH. 6 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

2 Carnival City Bridgmohan S X 35.80 13.80 10.00 8 Nightnightnight Leparoux J R 9.50 7.00 9 Blowing Kisses Desormeaux K J 7.50 Finish Time: 1:11.96

Trainer: Wayne Lukas. Owner: Marylou Whitney Stables. B.f.2 Cape Canaveral-Fairway Meadow, Meadowlake. Bred by Marylou Whitney Stables (KY).

\$2 Exacta 2-8 Paid \$332.50; \$2 Trifecta 2-8-9 Paid \$4,183.00; \$2 Pick 3 (1-6-2) 3 Correct Paid \$346.00; \$2 Pick 4 (11-1-6-2) 4 Correct Paid \$986.00

6TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$34,000.

 9
 Dr Rico
 Leparoux J R
 65.00
 16.80
 6.70

 1
 Friar
 Gomez G K
 3.40
 2.60

 2
 Sweet Brush
 Velazquez J R
 3.00

 Finish Time: 1:42.65
 3.00

Trainer: Tim Ritvo. Owner: Rosalie DiRico. Ch.g.3 Disco Rico-Dr. Margaret, Dr. Blum.

Bred by Joseph DiRico (MD). \$2 Exacta 9-1 Paid \$255.50; \$2 Trifecta 9-1-2 Paid \$670.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-2-9) 3 Correct Paid \$4,018.00

7TH. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

 5
 Pennylove
 Desormeaux K J
 17.40
 7.80
 6.10

 2
 Hollywood Terrace
 Samyn J L
 13.40
 9.10

 4
 Worth a Shot
 Borel C H
 9.90

 Finish Time: 1:19.29
 9.90

Trainer: Rick Schosberg. Owner: Sheila Sherry. Ch.f.3 Not For Love-Pentatonic, Cure the Blues. Bred by David, Jason and Adam Sherry (NY).

\$2 Exacta 5-2 Paid \$218.50; \$2 Trifecta 5-2-4 Paid \$3,211.00; \$2 Daily Double (9-5) Paid \$1,172.00; \$2 Pick 3 (2-9-5) 3 Correct Paid \$16,248.00

8TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALW. PURSE \$61,000.

8 Huge City Velasquez C 11.00 5.90 4.90 9 Beneath the Crown Desormeaux K J 4.60 3.40 11 Thunder Minister Velazquez J R 7.00 Finish Time: 1:03.27

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: William Fuccillo. Ch.g.3 City Zip-Heather's Apparel, Buckaroo. Bred by Gus Schoenborn Jr (NY).

\$2 Exacta 8-9 Paid \$46.80; \$2 Trifecta 8-9-11 Paid \$410.00; \$2 Pick 3 (9-5-8) 3 Correct Paid \$4,229.00; \$2 Superfecta 8-9-11-4 Paid \$3,797.00

9TH. THE BALLERINA (GR. I). 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$250,000.

1 Maryfield Trujillo E 35.00 16.00 10.40 6 Baroness Thatcher Gomez G K 9.90 6.80 8 Miraculous Miss Dominguez R A 7.40 Finish Time: 1:22.78

Trainer: Doug O'Neill. Owner: Mark Gorman, Nick Mestrandrea & Jim Perry. B.m.6 Elusive Quality-Sly Maid, Desert Wine.

Bred by Mike Carroll & John Harvey Jr (ONT). \$2 Exacta 1-6 Paid \$276.50; \$2 Trifecta 1-6-8 Paid \$2,021.00; \$2 Grand Slam (1/2/9-2/4/5-8/9/11-1) Paid \$680.00; \$2 Superfecta 1-6-8-5 Paid \$12,587.00

10TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. NY BRED. ALW. PURSE \$62,000.

 2
 Juror
 Gomez G K
 5.10
 4.00
 3.20

 13
 Striking Rizzi
 Dominguez R A
 12.40
 6.60

 7
 Logic Way
 Velazquez J R
 3.40

 Finish Time: 1:41.94

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor. Owner: Godolphin Racing. Gr./Ro.c.4 Royal Academy-Paper Princess, Flying Paster. Bred by Waterville Lake Stable (NY).

\$2 Exacta 2-13 Paid \$109.50; \$2 Trifecta 2-13-7 Paid \$327.50; \$2 Superfecta 2-13-7-11 Paid \$1,035.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-2) Paid \$93.50; \$2 Pick 3 (8-1-2) 3 Correct Paid \$629.00; \$2 Pick 4 (5-8-1-2) 4 Correct Paid \$4,281.00; \$2 Pick 6 (2-9-5-8-1-2) 4 Correct Paid \$578.00

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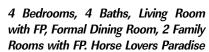


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Gem of a filly

Cherokee Jewel gets chance to run, captures Classy Mirage Stakes

BY JAMIE SANTO

To owner Robert Susi and trainer Tim Hills, it seemed the Classy Mirage Stakes might never materialize for Cherokee Jewel (\$8.70). Hills has had his filly ready to go numerous times this year, only to see her scheduled race fail to fill and her opportunity disappear. He even went so far as to enter her in Sunday's Ballerina, just to make sure she got her chance.

'She was ready to run at Gulfstream but the race didn't fill," Hills said. "We waited for another race, that didn't fill. And then she injured her ankle - not bad, but enough that I had to stop on her again. Very frustrating. She was ready to run. That's why we entered her yesterday, because we weren't going to miss another race. We wanted to run in this race, but we wanted to make sure."

The last time she was able to get a run, Aug. 5 in the \$100,000 Regret at Monmouth Park, the 4-year-old filly charged and broke through the gate after a horse next to her acted up.

When Monday's \$82,500, 6 1/2furlong stakes - the third stakes of the day - made the card, Hills was relieved;

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when his filly got out cleanly, the worst was over. Racing near the back under Cornelio Velasquez, the daughter of Cherokee Run sat off the heated pace as favorite Cuaba and second-choice Sugar Swirl set fractions of 21.79 and 44.59 seconds. As the field hit the turn, Velasquez hit the gas, swinging the filly five-wide. Cuaba fell back, and Cherokee Jewel outbattled Sugar Swirl through the stretch, crossing the wire nearly 2 lengths in front.

Eight of her nine previous starts had come at 6 furlongs or less, and her connections had been looking for a spot that would take advantage of Cherokee Jewel's closing kick.

"She's kind of a nice filly. Timmy Hills has done a great job with her, said Susi. "He's been very patient with her, and I'm very happy with what he's done for me . . . We've been waiting to run her in a six-and-a-half or a sevenfurlong race. This was a nice opportu-

The victory marked the filly's fifth win from 10 career starts, and raised her bankroll to \$190,685.



Dave Harmon

Cherokee Jewel zeroes in on the wire in Monday's Classy Mirage Stakes.

• The Saratoga Dew wasn't the Delaware Handicap - everyone seemed to know that. At 9 furlongs, Monday's \$81,500 state-bred distaff stakes was a different breed of cat than the \$1 million Grade II at Delaware Park. So folks felt quite comfortable throwing out Ice Cool Kitty's 24-length loss in that July 15 race and concentrating on the present. Trained by Richard Dutrow, the daughter of Tommorows Cat was sent off at the odds-on favorite and Edgar Prado (who missed the Del Park outing) rode her that way.

"That other race was one and a quarter (miles); she wanted the lead and pressed every step of the way," the jockey said. "Today, we were going to get a little more break, rate and hopefully

she'd finish the way she did before. That worked very well.'

Indeed. Sitting chilly aboard his filly, Prado kept her comfortably in fourth through the early going. Coming for home, however, Ice Cool Kitty (\$3.90) began heating up, swatting away rivals like balls of string as she rolled home to win by 3 1/2 lengths.

"I didn't really ask," Prado said. "I kind of encouraged my horse around the turn and she just took off. There was plenty left in the tank."

Owned by Lansdon Robbins III and Kevin Callahan, the 4-year-old notched her seventh victory from 12 starts, boosting her career take to just shy of a quarter-million dollars.

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Monday —

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• Expect The End (\$6.70) was named as much for her prospects as her as parents. The filly by Precise End out of Expect Awhile sold as a yearling for \$1,200 and made her debut at Churchill for a tag. Perhaps the only one who expected better things was Michael Dubb.

"Precise End is a very good stallion, the mare was a Valid Appeal line, so we saw the nick," Dubb said. "In fact, I own another sire by End Sweep (Alysweep) that I always try to breed to Valid Appeal mares, so I saw the nick, I loved the nick; I bred that nick myself. When I saw that horse in a claimer, I called up my trainer at Churchill and said 'you have to check this horse out.' I said 'I love the breeding here - please check it out and see if the horse looks OK.' It's a New York-bred, it's such a great program, that we've gotta take a shot."

The filly checked out and her new owners (Dubb, Sanford Goldfarb and Cast Of Characters) put her name in the box. She's rewarded her connections Monday by taking the \$82,500 Jena Jena Stakes, a 6-furlong state-bred affair for freshman fillies. Trained by Richard Dutrow, Expect The End finished in 1:11.52.

"We claimed the horse for \$30,000 today we earned about \$45,000 in this race alone," Dubb said. "She won nicely the day we claimed her, but Rick had been saying she's been getting better and better. So we took her down to Monmouth and raced her. The winner of that race (New York City Girl) was a good Todd Pletcher horse, so we knew then that she had real potential."

Expect The End displayed more than potential Monday, dismissing her five foes with ease on the way to a 13 1/2length score, Prado's third victory of the young card and Dutrow's second.

• Hammock's maiden-breaking performance could have been rated PG; his premier at the Big A was a XXX affair. Monday's second race involved a little bumping; his April debut involved bumping-and-grinding.

"He was training great, we actually really liked him that day at Aqueduct,' said trainer Rick Schosberg. "He was a big strong horse but he never acted up, he was always a good-feeling horse, never mean or nasty, never acted studdish. We got him in the paddock there and he just wanted to have intercourse with everything: the potted plants, the gazebo, Jan Rushton . . . Everyone was laughing. I said, 'Get your children out of here! There's nothing I can do about this.' So anyway he ran and ranged up and he got tired in that race, and came back with an ankle problem that we had to address, also. We didn't remove his ankle but we removed his other two problems. And he's still rambunctious and feeling good, but he's manageable now."

Gelded since his first outing, the 3-year-old son of Intidab put on a more wholesome and successful performance Monday, streaking home under Edgar Prado to score a 1 1/4-length victory for owner Triple Diamond Stables. It wasn't picture-perfect, as Hammock (\$5.00) drifted in and bumped eventual runner-up Saratoga Kaz in the stretch.

"He's still very green," said Schosberg. "He did some things right and some things wrong today, his pedigree says grass, but my feeling is that he just wasn't schooled mentally enough to run on the turf. Tight turns, he's a big horse, if it was on the inner I was worried about him making the turn altogether. So I said let's run him on the dirt – win, lose or draw - then let's gradually get him over to the grass, which is really what his pedigree says. Out of a Cozzene mare, it's all turf and distance. The fact is we got it done, we're having a good meet, so this is going right."

• Though she sold for \$425,000 across the street last August, Jet Setting didn't head postward as the favorite in Monday's fifth. She sure ran like an elite equine, however, wiring seven other state-breds to score by an easy 4 3/4 lengths for trainer Steve Asmussen and owners George and Lindsay Bolton, giving Prado a sweep of the early Pick 4. (The all-Edgar exotic paid \$80.50.)

While Jet Setting cruised to graduation, favored Like A Rose picked up an education running second.

"My filly got an experience," said trainer Gary Contessa. "She's fast, she's three-wide, then she goes to the inside, she eats dirt, I'd much rather have the race that I ran today and finish second than just go to the lead and win. This filly's always struck me as a real classy horse who has a big future, and in order to have a really big future you need to be able to come from behind; you can't just be one-dimensional. I'm as happy as you could be finishing second."

• Rizzi's Twist (\$6.80) doesn't do things straight. The 3-year-old filly started Monday's sixth, a state-bred allowance, as unusually as her other recent races, finding trouble before finding the winner's circle for jockey Cornelio Velasquez, trainer Bruce Levine and Gumpster Stable.

"She actually stumbled," said Levine. "She has a tendency to - she just wants to break and the ground seems to go out. She's stumbled two or three times prior to this. One time he almost came off her, and another time she actually went down to the ground."

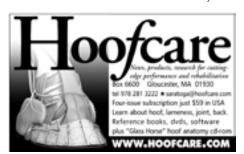
Rizzi's Twist always dusts herself off, though; Monday she closed out of a cloud of it, going last-to-first to win by 3 3/4 lengths.

Levine left the riding to the meet's leading jockey, as Velasquez left the paddock with the trainer's confidence but without instructions.

"I didn't give him any, I just gave him a leg up," Levine said. "I don't complicate it. When the gates open they're on their own. They've gotta ride how it comes up."

 Monday's nightcap, a second-level allowance on the inner turf, covered a distance of ground, which apparently was just what Chief Running Bear (\$16.00) was waiting for. Owned by Earle Mack and trained by Graham Motion, the 4-year-old son of Fusaichi Pegasus had disappointed going 1 1/16 miles earlier in the meet.

"Aaron Cohen found the horse, he's





Dave Harmon

Hammock charges to the finish in Monday's second race.

Mr. Mack's stable manager," said Motion. "He was working with some nice horses over at Aiden O'Brien's. When he came over, he was very difficult as a colt, and they made the decision to geld him, which was a very good decision. He's a typical Fu Peg; my assistant at home has done a great job with him, because he's not easy. When I ran him the first time, I was very surprised he wasn't more competitive. I thought he belonged out here, and we just felt like he got outrun that day and needed more distance."

Under Ramon Dominguez, the 4-year-old went right to the front of the 10-horse field and kept on going through 11 grassy furlongs to score by 1 1/2 lengths over Banrock.

After his disappointing initial outing, Motion didn't change his training. He stayed the course in the morning, and made sure there was plenty of course in the afternoon.

"I just got him in a longer race," he said. "I felt after the last race that's what he needed. He was just kind of outfooted the whole way last time. It panned out – I didn't necessarily expect him to be on the lead, but it worked out fine."

Monday's claims: First race: What's Your Point (\$25,000) by Winning Move Stable, Gary Contessa trainer; Mutakaway (\$25,000) Joseph Bucci, Robert Barbara trainer; Tax Considerations (\$25,000) by Charlton Baker, Charlton



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Monday's Saratoga Results

 1ST. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 25,000. PURSE \$39,000.

 7
 What's Your Point
 Dominguez R A
 5.90
 3.50
 2.50

 8
 Mutakaway
 Gomez G K
 5.90
 3.80

 4
 In Command
 Prado E S
 3.20

 Finish Time: 1:11.97

Trainer: Tony Dutrow. Owner: Michael Dubb, Sanford Goldfarb & Cast of Characters. B.m.5 Wheaton-Herrenchiemsee, Sheikh Albadou (GB). Bred by Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY). \$2 Exacta 7-8 Paid \$34.00; \$2 Trifecta 7-8-4 Paid \$121.50

 2ND. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 3&UP. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

 9
 Hammock
 Prado E S
 5.00
 3.50
 2.70

 5
 Saratoga Kaz
 Coa E M
 3.80
 2.60

 8
 Biohazzard
 Castellano J J
 3.10

 Finish Time: 1:19.25

Trainer: Rick Schosberg. Owner: Triple Diamond Stables. Gr./Ro.g.3 Intidab-Monina, Cozzene. Bred by Gallagher's Stud (NY). \$2 Exacta 9-5 Paid \$19.80; \$2 Quinella 5-9 Paid \$15.20; \$2 Trifecta 9-5-8 Paid

3RD. THE SARATOGA DEW. 1 1/8 MILES. F&M. 3&UP. NY BRED. PURSE \$81,500.

3 Ice Cool Kitty Prado E S 3.90 3.00 2.50
1 Borrowing Base Castellano J J 8.10 4.40
2 Stolen Star Velasquez C 4.00
Finish Time: 1:51.10

\$65.50; \$2 Daily Double (7-9) Paid \$24.00; \$2 Superfecta 9-5-8-3 Paid \$225.00

Trainer: Richard Dutrow. Owner: Lansdon Robbins III and Kevin Callahan. Ch.f.4 Tomorrows Cat-lcy Chris, Dispersal. Bred by William Garbarini (NY).

\$2 Exacta 3-1 Paid \$38.00; \$2 Trifecta 3-1-2 Paid \$135.00

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

3 Expect the End Prado E S 6.70 2.80 2.90 4 Myakka Velasquez C 2.80 2.60 6 Crazy Catlady Garcia Alan 3.70 Finish Time: 1:11.52

Trainer: Richard Dutrow. Owner: Michael Dubb, Sanford Goldfarb & Cast of Characters. Dk.B./Br.f.2 Precise End-Expect Awhile, Valid Expectations. Bred by Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY).

\$2 Exacta 3-4 Paid \$11.20; \$2 Quinella 3-4 Paid \$5.90; \$2 Trifecta 3-4-6 Paid \$125.00; \$2 Pick 3 (9-3-3) 3 Correct Paid \$34.60

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

2 Jet Setting Prado E S 7.60 4.60 3.20 9 Like a Rose Dominguez R A 3.00 2.70 8 Nicole Cat Hill C 7.10 Finish Time: 1:04.89

Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: George and Lindsay Bolton.
B.f.2 Forestry-Gone Musical, Gone West.
Bred by Chester and Mary Broman (NY).

\$2 Exacta 2-9 Paid \$19.00; \$2 Trifecta 2-9-8 Paid \$332.50; \$2 Pick 3 (3-3-2) 3 Correct Paid \$30.20; \$2 Pick 4 (9-3-3-2) 4 Correct Paid \$80.50; \$2 Superfecta 2-9-8-4 Paid \$959.00

6TH. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. ALW. NY BRED. PURSE \$61,000.

6 Rizzi's Twist Velasquez C 6.80 2.70 2.50 5 Sort of Tricky Garcia Alan 2.50 2.20 2B Charming Jill Desormeaux K J 4.10 Finish Time: 1:11.34

Trainer: Bruce Levine. Owner: Gumpster Stable. B.f.3 Rizzi-Tweak N Twist, Mystery Storm. Bred by Sez Who Thoroughbreds (NY).

\$2 Exacta 6-5 Paid \$13.60; \$2 Trifecta 6-5-2 Paid \$69.50; \$2 Pick 3 (3-2-6) 3 Correct Paid \$74.00

 7TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$31,000.

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 Message of a Myth
 Dominguez R A
 10.20
 6.00
 4.20

 4
 Top Royelle (GB)
 Leparoux J R
 12.40
 7.40

 1A
 Off Sweets
 Velasquez C
 3.30

1A Off Sweets Velasquez C
Finish Time: 1:02.94
Trainer: Jane Cibelli. Owner: Laurence Foggle.

Bred by Laurence Foggle (FL). \$2 Exacta 10-4 Paid \$123.00; \$2 Trifecta 10-4-1 Paid \$570.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-10) Paid \$46.20; \$2 Pick 3 (2-6-10) 3 Correct Paid \$140.00

Gr./Ro.m.5 Concorde's Tune-Buck n Cavalry, Cavalry.

8TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 4&UP. AOC 100,000. PURSE \$79,000.

5 Karelian Bejarano R 7.30 3.50 2.60 3 Heat of the Night (SAF) Velazquez J R 4.90 2.90 4 Classic Campaign Prado E S 2.60 Finish Time: 1:41.45

Trainer: Rusty Arnold. Owner: Richard Masson. B.g.5 Bertrando-Leaning Tower, Theatrical (IRE). Bred by Green Lantern Stables (KY).

\$2 Exacta 5-3 Paid \$32.40; \$2 Trifecta 5-3-4 Paid \$68.00; \$2 Pick 3 (6-10-5) 3 Correct Paid \$172.00

9TH. THE CLASSY MIRAGE. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$82,500.

1 Cherokee Jewel Velasquez C 8.70 3.90 3.10 6 Sugar Swirl Gomez G K 4.40 3.20 7 Rich Fantasy Bridgmohan S X 3.80 Finish Time: 1:16.10

Trainer: Tim Hills. Owner: Robert Susi. B.f.4 Cherokee Run-Betty's Star, Pentelicus. Bred by Two Sisters Stable (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-6 Paid \$36.80; \$2 Trifecta 1-6-7 Paid \$225.00; \$2 Grand Slam (2/5/6-1/4/10-3/4/5-1) Paid \$32.80

10TH. 1 3/8 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$68,000.

3 Chief Running Bear Dominguez R A 16.00 9.20 6.40 9 Banrock Velasquez C 11.40 7.20 4 Bold Hawk Samyn J L 3.90 Finish Time: 2:15.43

Trainer: Graham Motion. Owner: Earle Mack.
Ch.g.4 Fusaichi Pegasus-Regent's Walk, Vice Regent.
Bred by Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds & Pacelco (KY).
\$2 Exacta 3-9 Paid \$203.00; \$2 Trifecta 3-9-4 Paid \$1,033.00; \$2 Superfecta 3-9-4-5 Paid \$3,233.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-3) Paid \$58.00; \$2 Pick 3 (5-1-3) 3 Correct Paid \$369.00; \$2 Pick 4 (10-5-1-3) 4 Correct Paid \$3,190.00; \$2 Pick 6 (2-6-10-5-1-3) 6 Correct Paid \$34,562.00, 5 Correct Paid \$347.00

Track: Fast; Turf: Firm Attendance: 13,522; Handle: \$2,367,431

How We Did

RACE 1: What's Your Point? A \$5.90 win. Third pick ran third.

RACE 2: Third choice won and second pick ran second.

RACE 3: Second choice won and third pick ran third.

RACE 4: Expect The End (\$6.70) did as expected, while Myakka filled out a \$11.20 exacta. Third pick scratched.

RACE 5: Jet Setting made the scene with a \$7.60 score. Third choice ran second and second pick scratched.

RACE 6: Second pick won, top pick ran second, third pick scratched.

RACE 7: Top pick ran second. Second choice scratched.

RACE 8: Karelian rang up a \$7.30 win. Second pick scratched.

RACE 9: Third choice ran second.

RACE 10: Chief Running Bear clawed to a \$16.00 win. That's five wins on top for those playing at home. Third pick ran second.

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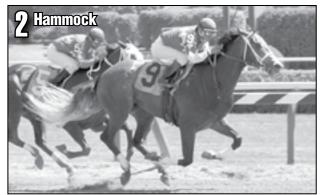
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The Big Day

On track and off, Travers Day '07 a treasure for Deet family

BY DAVID KOSAK

Travers Day is more than just a Saturday at the races – it's a holiday, one to mark on the calender. Circle it in big, black marker. Whether it's for a family reunion, a celebration or just out of tradition, the track is packed with eager onlookers for the Mid-summer Derby.

And this year's Travers was all that and more for Robin and Jeff Deet.

To start, their son proposed to his girl-friend between the first and second races. She said yes. Then their horse, Executive Search, finished second in the 11th.

First, the engagement.

Sitting under a tent on the backstretch, the Deets gathered around picnic tables full of food, champagne and family. It was three hours until their 4-year-old colt would take to the track, but a celebration was already in full swing. Jeff Deet had a lot to be proud of as he stood outside the tent and looked back at his family.

"I'm extremely excited and really joyous under the conditions. This day is a special day to me for so many reasons," the 53-year-old father said. His mother Dorothy died earlier in the week

at 81 and his father Edward passed away in May.

"Today would've been their 64th anniversary," said Deet, who lives in Malta. "Now it's the day my son, Chris, proposed to his girlfriend at a track where I'm running a horse. I never ever thought I'd be here. I'm very joyous, but I go with a very heavy heart."

He couldn't hold back a smile, however, when his son's fiancee, Natasha Tracy, walked up next to him. She couldn't have been more excited.

"It's amazing. I love coming up here for Travers. I actually just got into it two years ago when Chris asked me to come up here and I was hooked right away," she said. "To have (our engagement) here was amazing because we know we're going to eventually end up here when we start having kids. It was perfect. It will always be here, and we'll always be here."

She was pretty surprised – she thought she was just coming for a couple of races Saturday. Instead, she got a morning trip to the backside and then a public proposal while gazing out across the track from a clockers' stand.

"I was shocked," she said. "I didn't



Alysse Jacobs

Chris Deet and his future wife, Natasha Tracy, at the races on Travers Day.

think it would happen for another year or two. He got down on his knee and asked me to marry him. It was hard to answer at first, even though I knew 'yes' right away, because I was in shock. I wouldn't change one thing, especially that it was a surprise."

For Chris, it was the perfect place to create this memory with his family and with Natasha's family joining for the day as well.

"We've always come to the track, and now my parents own a horse. Last year, my fiancee's family came down, so we're trying to make this a tradition. It was a perfect time to propose," the 27-year-old Navy SEAL said. "I was actually working in Key West when Hurricane Dean kind of messed up our plans. I got a week off, so I bought a plane ticket and flew up here. At first she thought I was joking, but then it all hit her at once. I wouldn't want to do it anywhere else."

If Jeff Deet could be anywhere, it'd be right where he was Saturday; at the track.

"I'm here every day I can. My wife and I really enjoy our time here. We re-

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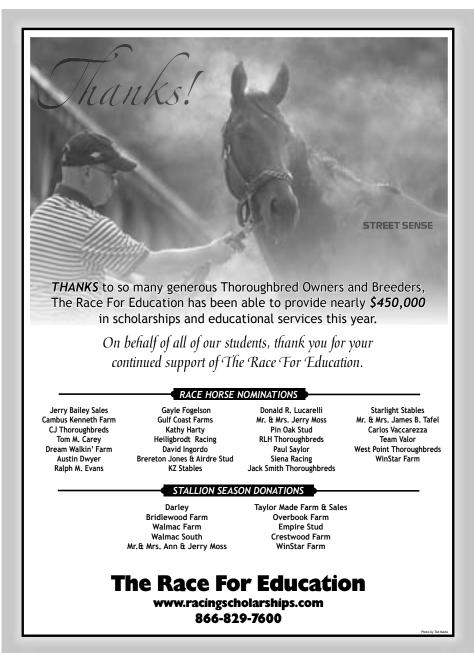
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ally love the horses," Deet said. "I'm a heavy-machine operator by trade, but I've been actively involved as a horse owner now for a few years. I've been a horse lover for over 30 years. This is something my wife and I found that we enjoy collectively. To come to the track and see your horse step on the track wearing your colors, it's like watching your son playing his first tee-ball game. In a word, it's awesome."

Three hours later, Deet stood in the paddock with his family as they watched Executive Search get saddled and head to the track. He talked up the son of Regal Classic as much as he bragged about his future daughter-in-law.

Leaving the paddock, the 11-person entourage followed Jeff into the first floor of the clubhouse. Each was wideeyed and ready to watch Executive Search – one of two horses Deet owns in partnerships. He also owns a mare in foal to Wheelaway.

"We have a few guys in two different stables that actually own horses, Lake Star Stable and Big Horse Stable," he said. "We got together and followed the advice of our bloodstock agent, Mike McMahon. We got this horse as a yearling; he's come up through the ranks."

Trained by Rodrigo Ubillo, the bay colt made his 33rd start and fifth at Saratoga Saturday in the 6-furlong optional claimer on the main track. He'd finished second here twice before.

"He's bred for the turf on both sides, however he runs exactly opposite," Deet said. "He's supposed to run on



Jeff Deet, a proud father and horse owner.

turf, but he runs on dirt. He's supposed to run routes, but he runs sprints. We can't complain, he cost around \$10,000 and now he's won over \$190,000."

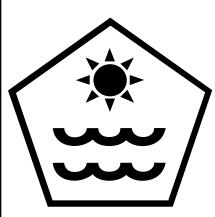
With only a minute until post time, Deet and his family rushed out to the clubhouse apron to watch the race.

Executive Search finished second. He closed willingly, a strong finish that meant everything on this day for his owners - even if it wasn't a win.

"Not in my wildest dreams did I expect to have a horse running. It's really quite special to be running on Travers Day. Even more so because I'm a local," Deet said. "I've been coming to the track since I was in high school. To me it eclipses just about any other place. For me, winning any race at Saratoga is the quintessential race. It's the top.'

The mother of the future groom felt much the same outside the winner's circle after watching Executive Search finish second.

"Oh, it's just wonderful," she said. "He's such a great horse. We can't say enough, we love him. How wonderful; the engagement, and a second place at Saratoga. It's all just wonderful.'



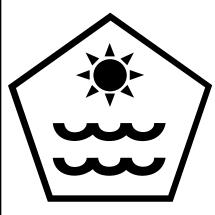
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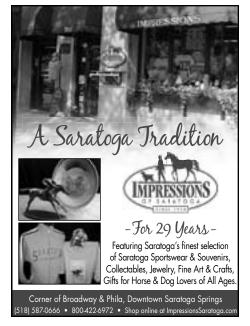


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Wayne's New World

D. Wayne Lukas stood on his own outside his shedrow late Friday morning, the day before the Travers. It was quiet. Only *The Saratoga Special* – in search of a quote from every trainer running a stakes horse on Travers Day – needed to see Lukas.

Lukas jokingly jabbed at another reporter who was driving past his barn on the way to Nick Zito's barn. Made sense, Zito entered four – including two in the Travers – in the card's four stakes; Lukas had one longshot taking part in the Victory Ride.

Times have changed.

"I'm a little bit a victim of my own success, with my young assistants," Lukas said. "I've got 12 of them out there now, every one of them with my blessing has taken a little piece of the pie when they left. But now, looking back, I'd like to have those (owners) back."

As Todd Pletcher, Kiaran McLaughlin, Dallas Stewart, Mark Hennig and the other eight have prospered, Lukas has gradually slipped from being the eye of every stakes storm to a fringe player. The Hall of Famer, with six Saratoga titles to his name, has won three races from 45 starters at Saratoga this summer.

Lukas, who turns 72 this Sunday, doesn't like it, but he's grudgingly accepting it. For now.

"I've got slow horses, I'm getting the most out of them, but they're playing as well as they can," Lukas said. "I'm at the point of my career, I don't wake up trying to prove I can train a horse, as you get older and if you've had good horses, you get more realistic and you handle it better. When you're younger, you keep searching for that good one, but you don't know if you can get him or if you have him; you're in the gray area. As you get older, hell I've had 24 world champions, I count my blessings and think maybe

CUP OF COFFEE

By Sean Clancy



there's one coming. If there isn't, I'll do the best job I can with what I have in front of me."

Those 24 champions are in the past. A former basketball coach, Lukas put on a full-court press this summer at the Fasig-Tipton Select Sales, putting up his own money for three expensive yearlings. He bought an Awesome Again colt for \$750,000, a Tale Of The Cat colt for \$300,000 and a Storm Cat filly for \$875,000. He signed the ticket Lukas Enterprises. The name sums up Lukas' position in today's sport. It's time to get enterprising.

As soon as Lukas signed the Fasig-Tipton slips, he made sure he let the press know that the shingle was hung and anybody who wanted to be part of it could call him up and get in on the ground floor.

"I've put two together and I'm working on the third. I've got some new people in and built some new interest," Lukas said. "I felt like if I sit around and wait for the second coming of Bob Lewis to pick up the phone and say, 'I'm going to do it with you,' then I'm in trouble. The industry's not going that direction either. I decided to help myself and it's worked so far, and I plan on doing some more at the fall sale. As soon as I signed the tickets and made it public that I was going to do something with them, then – boom, boom, boom – it fell into place. But it was kind of ballsy to sign those tickets."

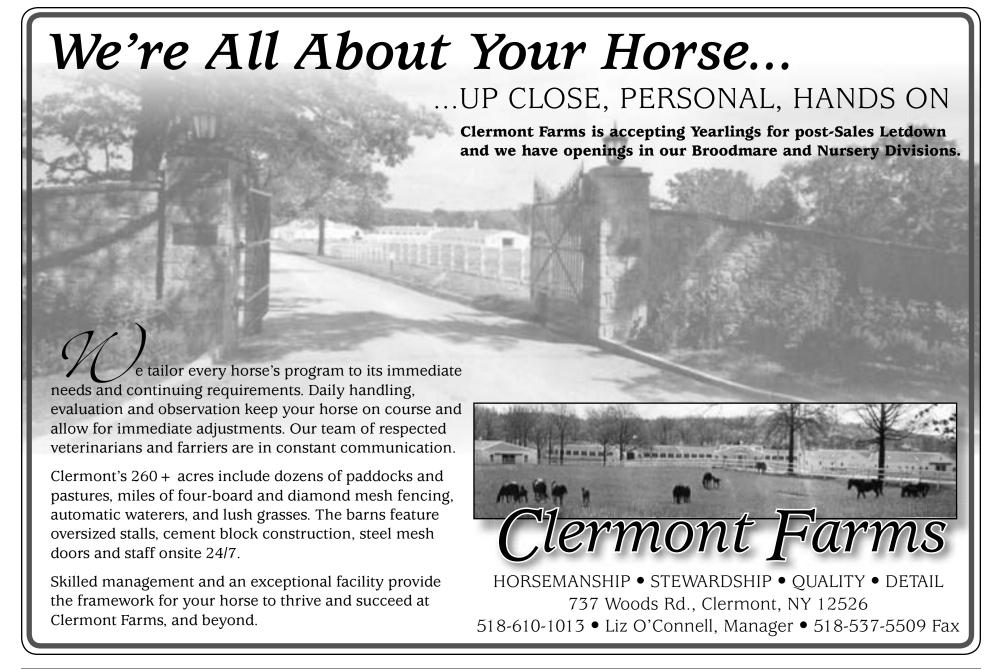
Lukas has never lacked nerve (or . . .). Love him or hate him, he's changed the game. And still plans on changing it.

For the first time in 30 or 40 years Lukas took a three-day vacation recently. He and his girlfriend went to Kiawah Island, S.C., and stayed at the Sanctuary (a place recommended to Lukas by golfer Fuzzy Zoeller). Lukas just started to learn to play golf. You can imagine the fear in the ball when it lands in the sand trap.

"I've never taken a vacation and all it did was heighten the fact that I couldn't step back," Lukas said. "I enjoyed it, I blocked out the barn, I shut off the cell phone but it also made me realize that I can't one day wake up and say, 'You know, I think I'll just play a little more golf, hang out with friends.' I'm not wired that way. At least not yet."

Lukas believes there's something to be said for experience.

"My health is real good, the game is a game of experience. There's no how-to book, there's nowhere to look it up in the library how to win the Derby," he said. "If your health is good and your energy is good, you should get better. Bill Young told me, 'When I go in those board meetings, I never worry about those young guys in the three-piece suits, I worry about the old, quiet ones with gray hair at the end of the table.'







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