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Here & There at Saratoga



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In Formation

Horses make their way to the paddock in an orderly fashion for Wednesday's first race.

Worth Repeating

"Excuse me. Excuse me. Excuse me."
**Jockey John Velazquez while
watching Jean-Luc Samyn's winning – and
bumping – ride on Yield Bogey Wednesday**

"Blinking light."
**Jockey Mike Luzzi after
watching Yield Bogey's victory**

"Man, he rode that like he was 25, not 55."
**Jockey Richard Migliore,
about Samyn's ride (Samyn is 51)**

"A lot of races left."
**Kiaran McLaughlin, when
greeted with "Leading Trainer"
first thing Thursday morning**

"You need to pay attention to the real press."
**Mark Hennig, to The Special's Sean Clancy,
who said Obama was making a rally**

"R-Rod."
**Trainer Todd Ptletcher, greeting
jockey Rudy Rodriguez Thursday morning**

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies. Slight chance of a rain
shower. High 78. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Cloudy with occasional showers. Low
62. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40
percent.
Saturday: Showers possible. High in the upper
70s and low in the upper 50s.
Sunday: Abundant sunshine. High in the low 80s
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Barclay Tagg
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Nathan Wood
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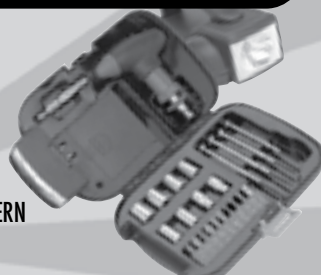
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Do The Math

Dark Equation grinds down early leaders

BY SEAN CLANCY

Matt McCarron and Willie Dowling looked at each other going into the first turn of the New York Turf Writers Cup; they still had over 2 miles to go in the Grade I steeplechase.

"We're going some gallop," said Dowling, aboard 29-1 shot Luongo.

"Ridiculous," said McCarron, aboard 8-1 Dark Equation.

Carl Rafter sent Four Schools from the drop of the flag, and Paul Carberry took Salford City along with him, stretching their seven rivals in a flash. They opened up 10 lengths, running and jumping like they robbed a bank while the rest of the runners, led by second choice Be Certain bided their time. Two circuits later, there was no talking, just a rapid retreat by the frontrunners and a wild finish between Dark Equation, Be Certain and High Action.

Be Certain (Padge Whelan) gained a slim lead turning for home but Dark Equation collared him from the outside; both had a jump on favorite High Action (Paddy Young), who got bottled behind a plummeting Salford City. McCarron gunned Dark Equation for

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Tod Marks

Dark Equation (2) keeps Be Certain (right) and High Action in his shadow as he hugs home to victory in Thursday's Grade I stakes.

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a long stride at the final fence and the 7-year-old responded with a leap that would have earned gold in the Olympic long jump. Owned by Peggy Steinman and trained by Doug Fout, Dark Equation wrested the Grade I stakes from a game Be Certain, the only 4-year-old in the race, and a hard-luck High Action, also trained by Fout.

Nineteen furlongs. Three horses on the line.

For Fout, it was nearly an exacta sweep of both graded Saratoga jump stakes. High Action spurred through on the inside to win the A.P. Smithwick over a circling Dark Equation. Three weeks later, Dark Equation stuck to his game, running and jumping like a copy machine, steadily producing the goods while High Action died by the sword which won him the Smithwick, getting bounced around and allowing Dark Equation first run. Be Certain prevented the Fout exacta by a hard-fought neck, and High Action missed the Smithwick-Turf Writers double by less than a length.

"I wanted High Action to be part of history, Campanile is the last horse to do it (in 1999). It's great for Ms. Steinman, it's great for Dark Equation — they both deserve it — but deep in my heart I wanted High Action," Fout said. "It's probably my fault. I told Paddy, 'Just relax it will all come together, just save the ground on the inside.' He got stopped twice and he probably should have gone



Tod Marks

Matt McCarron treats the crowd to a flying dismount after taking the \$150,000 Turf Writers Cup. (He stuck the landing and received high marks from the judges.)

out, but you don't know. I think that's just experience difference between Matt and Paddy."

McCarron has been plying his trade at Saratoga for 15 seasons while Young has just four summers at the Spa. McCarron needed all that experience to pull off this year's Turf Writers.

The race appeared to come down to three horses. High Action, who was

beaten 7 lengths by European superstar Yeats in the Ascot Gold Cup in his previous career; Be Certain, a dynamic 4-year-old trained by Tom Voss; and Irish import Salford City, who finished third to High Action and Dark Equation in the Smithwick after just stepping off the plane. Hall of Famer Jonathan Sheppard's entry of Look At Him and Free Admission went off fourth choice.

"I'll be honest with you — I didn't give this horse any shot of stepping up and running like this."

Matt McCarron

Dark Equation loomed on the fringe, fifth choice. An allowance winner over the course last season, Dark Equation rarely runs a bad race but has never won a stakes over hurdles.

The Pennsylvania-bred son of Polish Numbers won for the fourth time in his jump career, and sixth time overall. He won two races for trainer Christophe Clement on the flat. Jerry Bailey, John Velazquez and McCarron are the only jockeys to win on him.

Fout ordered a myectomy on the gelding this summer and he's been sharp ever since, winning the training flat race at the Open House and finishing second in the Smithwick. Still, McCarron hadn't quite pictured himself in the winner's circle.

"I'll be honest with you — I didn't give this horse any shot of stepping up and running like this — I thought he could be third, and I'd have been thrilled," McCarron said. "Jonathan Sheppard has

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this great saying, 'We're cautiously optimistic.' I was cautiously optimistic he'd run back to the way he ran in the Smithwick. I thought this was a better race. Did I think he could really win it? No, not really. Was I going to give the horse a ride that made it possible? Sure."

The gung-ho tactics of Rafter and Carberry made McCarron's task a lot easier. Their renegade moves handed it off to the closers. There were three. High Action stopped cold and Be Certain did the grunt work, running the relay leg between Salford City and the rest of the field. Dark Equation closed the strongest and found the least trouble.

"My tactics went out the window over the first — I wanted to be third and I'm sixth getting run off my feet. I just couldn't believe Salford City could keep going after that gallop. There's nothing you can do about it, especially with my horse," McCarron said. "He was perfect, he gave me a great trip. Every time he'd lose a little because of his deliberate jumping, he'd refill the bridle. Because we went so fast, they started to come to him going down the backside, without me having to do anything. That made him swell a little bit and when I called on him, I got some response."

Fout took opposite approaches with his two stakes horses after the Smithwick. He sent High Action home to the farm in Virginia, under the care of assistant James Piper. A son of Theatrical,



Owner Peggy Steinman greets Dark Equation in the Saratoga winner's circle, joined by McCarron and trainer Doug Fout.

Tod Marks

High Action worries and frets at the track and does better at the farm. Fout kept Dark Equation at Saratoga, doing the ground work himself and relying on McCarron to ride him every morning.

"Darky would have trained fine at the farm, he loves the farm, but he's just

so easy up here. High Action would fall apart up here. He gets too busy, he's like a little pony, sweating up; he wouldn't do anything stupid, but he's thinking too much, that's why I sent him home," Fout said. "I thought we were going to get the one-two again. I've been dis-

appointed with Darky in the past, he looked like he was going to be real good and I tried a bunch of things. I finally put the blinkers on him, I just never got his system down. He was always hit or miss."

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RACE ANALYSIS (In Program Number Order)

- 1 **SOUTHANDWEST**: Better than ever when winning a good handicap at Newcastle in May but he has gone backwards since and is beginning to look irresolute, sheepskin cheekpieces doing nothing to stop his slump on his penultimate start. There are questions to answer over the trip as well, so he's readily passed over. **Timeform Rating: 95**
- 2 **DANEHILLSUNDANCE**: Hasn't built on promise of first his two outings this year, a slow start doing him no favours last time. The stable is in poor form (Wednesday's winner at Catterick its first since July 23rd) and it's not hard to look elsewhere. **99**
- 3 **AYE AYE DIGBY**: Rarely runs a bad race and was gambled on when fourth to Underworld at Newbury last time. A similar market move would be significant here, but more is required from a mark of 90. **94**
- 4 **FERVENT PRINCE**: Fourth to Blue Sky Basin in handicap at Goodwood last time, a race that's working out really well. He has yet to prove his effectiveness over this far, but he is one of the more likeable types and could go well. **95**
- 5 **EASTERN GIFT**: Returns from a break of nearly four months after disappointing on both his starts in the spring, and has been gelded in the interim. The operation may have sharpened him up and the stable continues in excellent form, but there's a chance he'll need this run after the lay-off. **95**
- 6 **RATTAN**: Lost little in defeat in the face of stiff task behind Generous Thought in minor event at Goodwood last time and this looks much more his level. May need a well-run race to be seen to best effect but could have more to offer and he cannot be easily dismissed. **96**
- 7 **BILLY DANE**: Comes here on the back of a string of creditable efforts since being awarded a race at Redcar in June. His latest effort, when runner-up for second time to Maundy Money at Galway, is working out particularly well and he could prove hard to peg back if he's allowed to lead. His trainer and jockey have teamed up for 4 from 7 over the last week, and a big run is expected. **98**
- 8 **CARLITOS SPIRIT**: Back on the up this year and put up a career-best effort when winning at Newmarket on his latest start (two subsequent winners behind). His mark has been raised 4 lb after that and, though likely to be taken on for lead here, he is not without a chance. **96**
- 9 **PRINCE OF THEBES**: His losing run stretches back over two years but he has come close on several occasions this year, beaten just two lengths by the thriving Master of Arts at Great Leighs last month. Holds place prospects again, though likely to find one or two too good once more. **94**
- 10 **EBN MALK**: The least exposed in the field with just five starts to his name and he could have more to offer still for all he wasn't entirely convincing when winning at Sandown last time, hanging left having had everything play into his hands. There's no reason why he shouldn't go well again but he's possibly not one to be taking a short price about. **100+**
- 11 **ADMIRAL DUNDAS**: Has looked a reformed character since being gelded and now goes in search of a hat-trick off a mark 11 lb higher than the first of those successes. Had nothing to spare when beating Thumbs Up at Pontefract last time and another career-best would probably be required to take this, but the booking of Frankie Dettori catches the eye. **98+**
- 12 **ISPHAHAN**: Well backed prior to his course and distance success last time, his third win of the year. Has plenty to do here in a much tougher contest, but the stable continues in fine form and the jockey has a 21% strike rate for the yard this season. **96**

CONCLUSION

An open contest with several coming into the race thriving, none more so than **BILLY DANE** who has looked an entirely different proposition of late to the frustrating horse he was fast becoming earlier on in his career. Burgeoning apprentice Frederick Tylicki takes off a valuable 7 lbs and he looks sure to go well. The improving three-year-olds **Ebn Malk** and **Admiral Dundas** may have to settle for minor honors, while **Rattan** is dropped in class and could be a threat to all.

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Friday, August 29th, SALISBURY Race 5 (1:05 pm)
Listed Stakes (2yo) 1m; Purse \$60,000
RACE ANALYSIS (In Program Number Order)

- 1 **AYRUS**: An expensive purchase who was spared a hard time when fifth in a maiden at Newmarket won by Rileyskeepingfaith last month. Almost certain to step up on that effort for an in-form yard, but has plenty to find with most of these. **Timeform Rating: 88p**
- 2 **DERBAAS**: Equal-fourth in a maiden at Newmarket on his debut, and followed up by winning a similar event at Ascot with something in hand, travelling strongly before going clear with the runner-up. Has plenty of scope for improvement, given his build, and should have few problems stepping up to this trip. One for the short-list. **113p**
- 3 **DOCTOR CRANE**: Successful in a maiden and a minor event on his first two starts, showing marked improvement to win latter by length from Oratory, rallying gamely to get back in front close home. Shaped as if amiss in a listed race at Ascot a week later, but holds every chance if he can bounce back from that and he has shaped as if a mile is his trip. **113**
- 4 **MEASUREMENT**: Successful twice and placed twice from four starts. Second to subsequent July Stakes winner Classic Blade prior to justifying favoritism in another handicap at Newmarket. Didn't enjoy the clearest of runs through that day, but finished well on top and is another who should progress again. He's likely to stay a mile and is one of two Hannon runners with a realistic chance. **115p**
- 5 **ON OUR WAY**: The only runner with form at the trip, showing plenty of potential in two starts in maidens. Confirmed the promise of his debut when completing a comfortable success at Sandown last time, running on well once in front over two furlongs out. In very capable hands (his renowned trainer has a 30% strike rate with two year olds this year) and he should improve again here. **105p**
- 6 **SOHCAHTOA**: Shaped with plenty of encouragement when winning a maiden at Goodwood and duly showed marked progress to win at the same course on his handicap debut next time. He should go well at this trip, as he needed every yard of the seven furlongs to beat Northumberland by half a length for his latest success, and looks a solid proposition. **112p**
- 7 **MAID FOR MUSIC**: Showed a fairly useful level of form when winning a maiden at this track in July. Failed to go on from that effort when sixth in a listed event at Sandown next time and faces a stiffish task here. **107**
- 8 **SNOQUALMIE GIRL**: Third to 1000 Guineas ante-post favorite Rainbow View in a maiden at Newmarket on her penultimate outing and made full use of her experience to get off the mark at the same track next time, beating Bouvardia by one and a quarter lengths. She looks to have plenty of stamina and this sort of trip should pose few problems. **112p**

CONCLUSION

All bar **ON OUR WAY** are stepping up to a mile and Henry Cecil's colt is a tentative choice in his wide-open race. The form of his maiden success is yet to be franked but he was a ready winner at Sandown and has more improvement in him. **Doctor Crane** has every chance of resuming his progress over a trip that's likely to prove ideal, while **Sohcahtoa** and **Derbaas** shouldn't be discounted.

Smart Move

Longshot Lukas filly dazzles in her debut

BY BRIAN NADEAU & JOHN PANAGOT

Wayne Lukas entered racing's Hall of Fame in 1999 due in large part due to his success with 2-year-olds. He has trained 10 juvenile champions, many of which made their debuts at Saratoga with flashy wins at low odds. Tom VanMeter's Be Smart continued the trend in Thursday's ninth, albeit with one minor detail – she was 49-1 and paid an even \$100 to win.

Lukas purchased Be Smart at Keeneland September for \$325,000. Bred in Kentucky by Gulf Coast Farm, she is from dual classic winner Smarty Jones' first crop, and out of the Unbridled mare Eishin Bridle. Not that Lukas knew.

"I bought her strictly on conformation. When I saw her I didn't even know the pedigree," Lukas said. "I said 'This filly looks like a tremendous athlete,' and I sent her to Tom VanMeter's farm to let her down after the sale and he called me and said 'What did you do with her?' I said 'I haven't done anything with her.' Then he said 'I'll take her.'"

Thursday Be Smart (Mike Luzzi) showed the rest of



Tod Marks

Be Smart, a daughter of Smarty Jones, glides to the finish in Thursday's ninth race.

the racing world what Lukas saw just short of a year ago. She broke alertly from the inside and held her position on the rail while heavily favored Justwhistledixie (Alan Garcia) took a short lead from the outside. Luzzi urged his filly through along the rail and they assumed command through a quarter-mile in a blistering 21.50 seconds, with Justwhistledixie glued to their

outside and 2-1 second choice You Can Dream tracking intently in third.

Showing no signs of letting up, Be Smart blasted through the half in 44.77 and Justwhistledixie and You Can Dream were suddenly under a drive to keep

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up. The winner edged clear inside the eighth-pole and won by 1 3/4 lengths over Mia's First with Justwhistledixie third.

Though Lukas' first-out success has waned over the years — he entered Thursday 1-for-62 with first-timers over the past two years — a speedy juvenile is still one of the reasons Lukas comes to the barn in the morning. Be Smart fit the mold.

"She's trained well and done well but you never know that's going to happen. She seemed like a good filly all along but you don't know until you run them," Lukas said. "Those were some pretty snappy splits out there. I said to Mike 'it wasn't like we weren't being pressed early on.' It's nice to get one before they chased us out of town."

• Luzzi brings in longshots the way Linda Rice wins turf sprints. A day after the jockey rode Cagey Girl (\$47) to victory in the Mollie Wilmot, he brought in another nice payer with the maiden-breaking Scientist (\$30.60) in Thursday's third.

The 2-year-old son of Intidab stalked three-wide until the top of the stretch, and took the lead in midstretch to win going away for trainer Bruce Jackson and Trade Winds Farm.

"He has trained really well back at home after his one start at Delaware," Jackson said. "We wanted to get him in earlier in the meet but they got washed



Dave Harmon

Minister's Joy (3) flies home late to win Thursday's fifth.

out, that was the day the races got cancelled. It took awhile to get him back in, but we got in today."

Scientist's win was Jackson's third starter of the meet.

"We ship them here and we're based in Fair Hill, the trainer said. "We've been coming up here for sometime, we do the (Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center), and I train some also."

Saratoga Steve (Ramon Dominguez) closed belatedly to finish second, 1 1/2 lengths behind the winner with Coronation Day (Channing Hill) third.

• Silver Knockers took the day's supporting feature, the \$78,400 Halfmoon Stakes, by 3 3/4 lengths for trainer Nick Zito and Elk Manor Farm. Though she was 6-5 on the tote board and won with ease, it wasn't entirely free of anxious moments.

Silver Knockers (John Velazquez) cost herself several lengths by stumbling badly at the start as Are We Dreamin and Iron Butterfly set the early pace, getting a quarter-mile in 23.52 seconds. Velazquez quickly recovered and guided Silver Knockers to the three path

while sitting third behind the two leaders. Turning for home, Silver Knockers assumed command and drew off over Zito's other entrant, Debbie Got Even (Cornelio Velasquez), with Are We Dreamin (Rajiv Maragh) holding for third.

"It's always a worry when they stumble like that. You don't know what might happen-they could throw a shoe, pull a quarter, get hurt. But she got back out on her feet and got right back into

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the bridle, so from then on I just sat against her and gave her a chance the first part of the race,” Velazquez said. “I was trying to get her back behind the two horses in front of her and then when I gave her her head at the three-eighths pole she got really comfortable. Then when I let her go she went very nicely.”

- Shug McGaughey wasn’t overly excited when he saw fractions of 24.64 and 48.78 seconds on the tote board during the fifth race, a \$79,000 optional claimer at 1 1/16 miles over the Mellon turf course.

Luckily for the trainer, Minister’s Joy and jockey Javier Castellano didn’t seem to mind. Under a perfectly timed ride, Minister’s Joy went from last to first to score by 1 length over Formal Decree (Jean-Luc Samyn) and Nergal (Dominguez).

Minister’s Joy entered off a sixth at Keeneland April 5, when the son of Deputy Minister pulled a muscle racing over the yielding course. McGaughey took his time with Stuart Janney’s homebred and aimed for Saratoga – though not this late in the meet.

“I had to give him about 30 days off after the Keeneland race and I wanted to run him in the first part of the meet in an allowance race but it didn’t fill,” the trainer said. “He had been train



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Mona From Deltona (inside) scores over Irish Mama in the second.

Dave Harmon

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ing good and it was lucky that this race filled. I was a little bit worried about the early fractions but Javier knows him really well. If you go too soon or if you let him lay too close, then he doesn't finish. You have to time it just right."

Enter Castellano, who had ridden Minister's Joy in his last three starts. They sat patiently at the back of the eight-horse field before launching a wide, sweeping move on the far turn. Minister's Joy hit the lead at the eighth-pole and drew clear under hand urging.

- With two precocious 2-year-old fillies in his barn, trainer Dale Romans wasn't about to sit on them with five days to go in the meet. He started Megalicious and Glacken Queen in the sixth, then sat back and watched as they ran 1-2 in the split division on the ninth for freshmen fillies.

Zayat Stable's Megalicious (Edgar Prado) rated seventh early as stablemate Glacken Queen (Robby Albarado) dueled on the lead with Southern Oaks and Distant Storm.

Turning for home, Megalicious began a wide rally behind the leaders and joined the fray inside the eighth-pole. Southern Oaks (Alan Garcia) and Glacken Queen battled hard but relented to Megalicious, who scored by a head over her stablemate, with Southern Oaks 2 lengths back in third.

"That's how we drew it up at the barn," Romans laughed. "They had both been doing really good in the morning and training very well. I hated to run them together but they were both doing so good and we wanted to run them up here before the end of the meet. We were running out of time so I decided to put them in."

- In the second, Mona From Deltona (Eibar Coa) sprinted clear in the early going and set a pace of 22.52 and 46.40 seconds along the rail.

Irish Mama (Velasquez) collared the daughter of Good And Tough in mid-stretch, and the front-runner dug in as they flashed across the wire head-bobs apart.

The fans thought Irish Mama got there. Not so much. Mona From Del-

tona, trained by Rick Violette, pulled her best Colonel John impression.

Even the trainer was surprised.

"I still don't know how we won that bob," Violette said.

The trainer paid homage to owners/breeders John Greene and R Nortons Farms, and credited his filly.

"She's a homebred to the Greenes — they breed a few, buy a few," Violette said. "They're terrific owners. This one has shown some talent coming up to the race, it was the right spot for her and she was actually very green."

Mona From Deltona finished the 6-furlong, \$50,000 maiden claimer for New York-breds, in 1:13.80. Behind the photo finish came Just Another Story (Castellano) for third.



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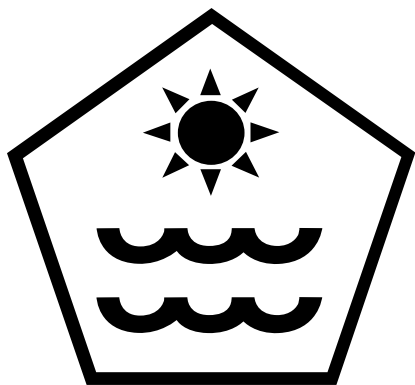
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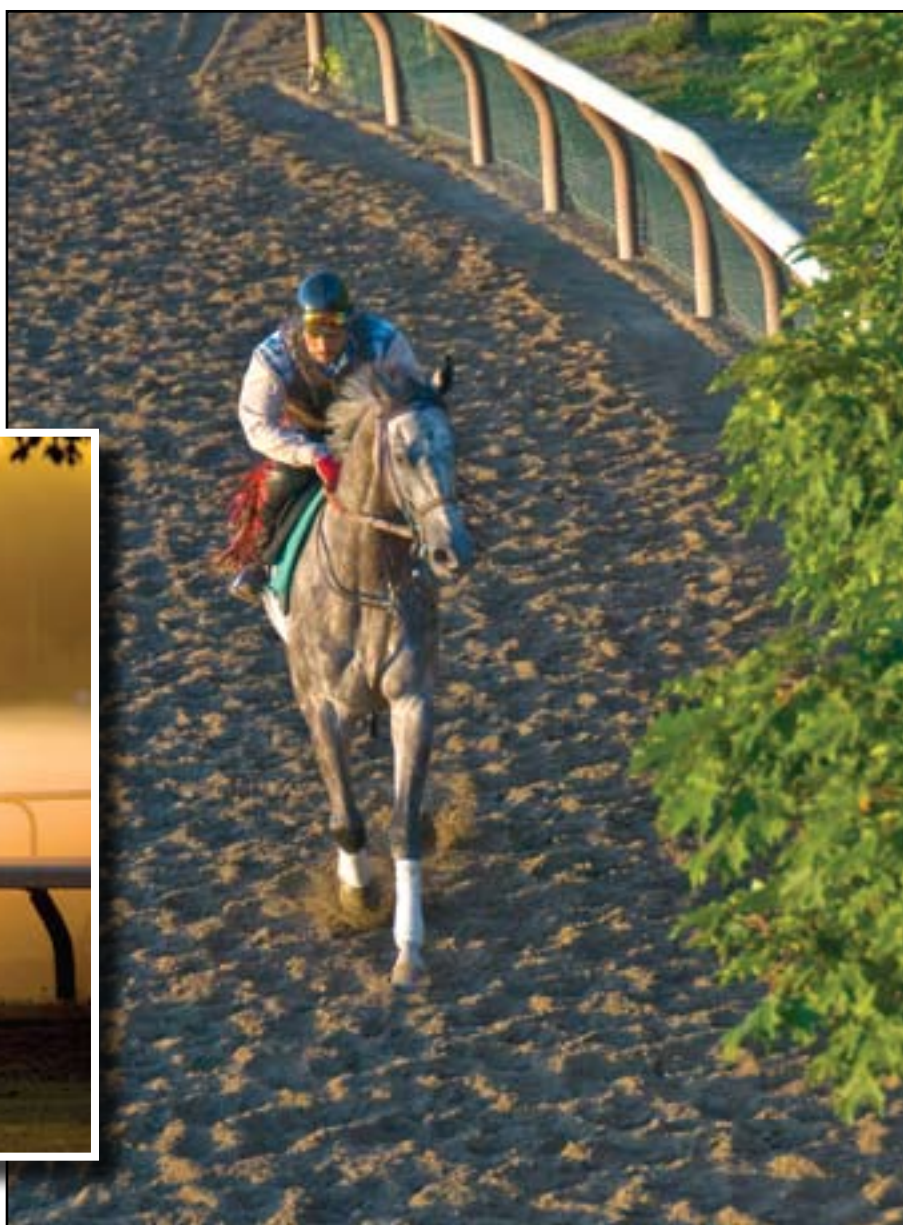
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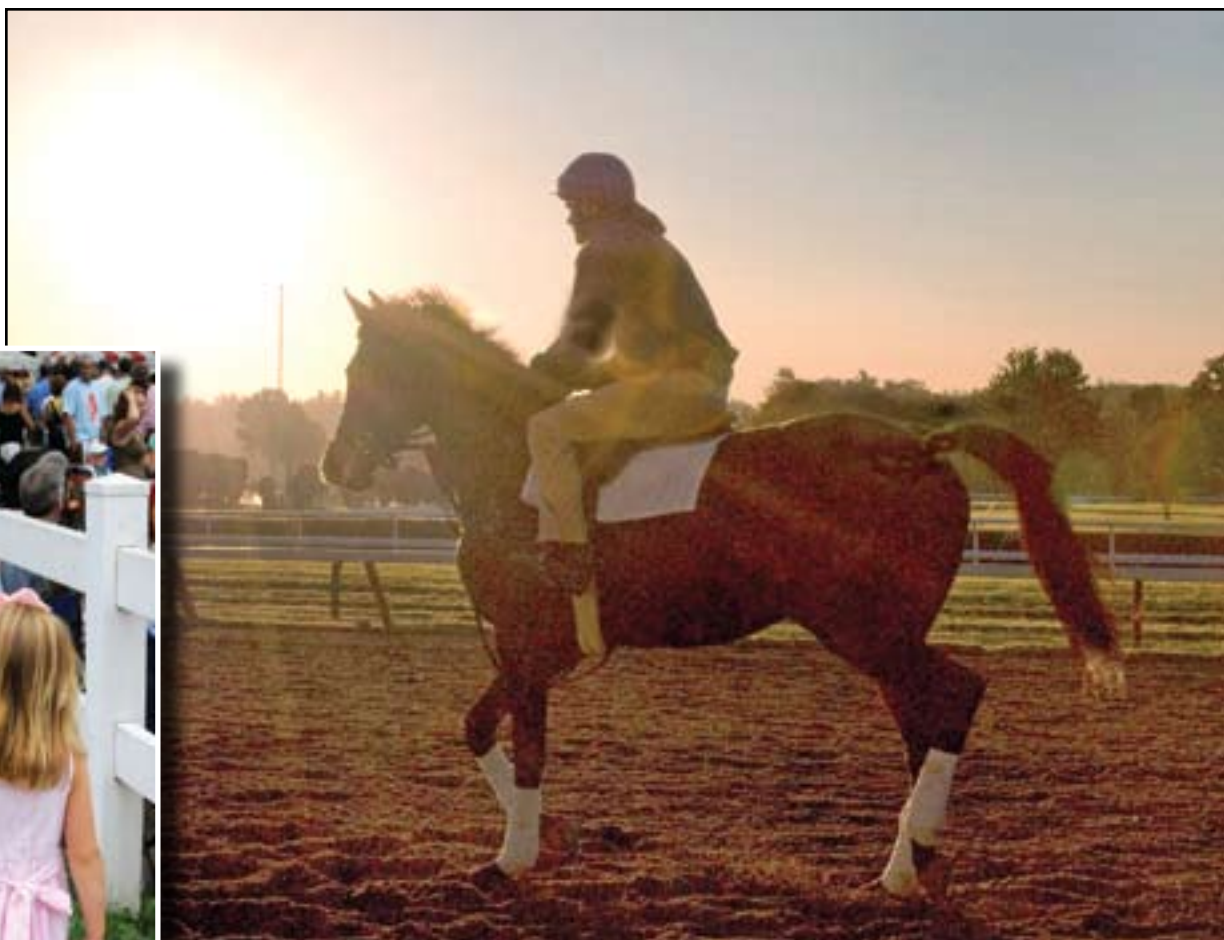
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1ST. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$45,000.

7	Caesar Beware (IRE)	Garcia Alan	3.20	2.60	2.20
6	Hurricane Annie	Velasquez C		5.20	3.70
3	Rockhurst	Albarado R J			3.70

Finish Time: 1:02.40

Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Owner: Zabeel Racing International.

B. g. 6 Daggers Drawn-Red Shareef (GB), Marju (IRE).

Bred by Glending Bloodstock (IRE).

\$2 Exacta 7-6 Paid \$16.20; \$2 Trifecta 7-6-3 Paid \$55.00; \$2 Superfecta 7-6-3-4 Paid \$493.40

2ND. 6 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. NY BRED. MDN CLM 50,000. PURSE \$32,000.

9	Mona From Deltona	Coa E M	15.60	7.80	4.80
1A	Irish Mama	Velasquez C		6.90	3.80
2B	Just Another Story	Castellano J J			2.60

Finish Time: 1:13.80

Trainer: Rick Violette. Owner: R. Nortons Farms.

B. f. 2 Good and Tough-Toop, Forever Silver.

Bred by John Greene & R. Nortons Farms (NY).

\$2 Exacta 9-1 Paid \$90.00; \$2 Quinella 1-9 Paid \$44.60; \$2 Trifecta 9-1-2 Paid \$244.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-9) Paid \$39.00

3RD. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

8	Scientist	Luzzi M J	30.60	11.20	7.10
10	Saratoga Steve	Dominguez R A		3.90	2.80
4	Coronation Day	Hill C			5.70

Finish Time: 1:04.03

Trainer: Bruce Jackson. Owner: Trade Winds Farm.

Dk.B./Br. c. 2 Intidab-The Demon Chaser, Boundary.

Bred by John and Kate McMahon, Frank and Michele White & Courtney White (NY).

\$2 Exacta 8-10 Paid \$118.50; \$2 Trifecta 8-10-4 Paid \$713.00; \$2 Pick 3 (7-9-8) 3 Correct Paid \$514.00; \$2 Daily Double (9-8) Paid \$255.50; \$2 Superfecta 8-10-4-5 Paid \$5,855.00

4TH. THE HALFMOON. 7 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$78,400.

5	Silver Knockers	Velasquez J R	4.40	2.70	2.10
1A	Debbie Got Even	Velasquez C		3.50	2.40
3	Are We Dreamin	Maragh R			2.70

Finish Time: 1:23.79

Trainer: Nick Zito. Owner: Elk Manor Farm.

B. f. 4 Silver Deputy-Knock Twice, Two Punch.

Bred by James Moran Jr. (MD).

\$2 Exacta 5-1 Paid \$10.40; \$2 Quinella 1-5 Paid \$5.30; \$2 Trifecta 5-1-3 Paid \$17.40; \$2 Pick 3 (9-8-5) 3 Correct Paid; \$2 Daily Double (8-5) Paid \$79.00

5TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 4&UP. AOC 100,000. PURSE \$79,000.

3	Minister's Joy	Castellano J J	14.60	6.10	4.40
7	Formal Decree (GER)	Samyn J L		5.10	3.70
1	Nergal (FR)	Dominguez R A			3.90

Finish Time: 1:41.74

Trainer: Shug McGaughey. Owner: Stuart Janney III.

B. h. 6 Deputy Minister-Meghan's Joy, A.P. Indy.

Bred by Stuart Janney III (KY).

\$2 Exacta 3-7 Paid \$76.50; \$2 Trifecta 3-7-1 Paid \$335.50; \$2 Pick 3 (8-5-3) 3 Correct Paid \$648.00; \$2 Pick 4 (9-8-5-3) 4 Correct Paid \$3,461.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-3) Paid \$44.20; \$2 Superfecta 3-7-1-6 Paid \$1,973.00

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2nd: Irish Mama by Tony Dutrow for Michael Dubb.

10th: Spirit Line by Wesley Ward for Ken and Sarah Ramsey, Paint Me Red by Roy Lerman.

6TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1A	Megalicious	Prado E S	9.60	8.10	4.90
1	Glacken Queen	Albarado R J	9.60	8.10	4.90
2	Southern Oaks	Garcia Alan			5.90

Finish Time: 1:05.61

Trainer: Dale Romans. Owner: Zayat Stables.

Dk.B./Br. f. 2 Songandaprayer-Katie McLaury, Centrust.

Bred by Tony Bowling & Bobby Dodd (FL).

\$2 Exacta 1-2 Paid \$52.50; \$2 Trifecta 1-2-5 Paid \$429.00; \$2 Pick 3 (5-3-1) 3 Correct Paid \$173.00; \$2 Daily Double (3-1) Paid \$77.00

7TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 35,000. PURSE \$33,000.

8	Easy Ashley	Chavez J F	9.20	4.60	4.30
7	Flying Sappho	Velasquez J R		6.10	5.10
5	My Anna Rose	Dominguez R A			8.10

Finish Time: 1:03.26

Trainer: Wesley Ward. Owner: Wesley Ward.

Ch. f. 3 Bring the Heat-Easy Izzie, Fraser River.

Bred by Wesley Ward (CA).

\$2 Exacta 8-7 Paid \$50.50; \$2 Trifecta 8-7-5 Paid \$520.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-8) Paid \$42.00; \$2 Pick 3 (3-1-8) 3 Correct Paid \$517.00; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (3-1-6) Paid \$80.50; \$2 Consolation Double (1-6) Paid \$9.40

8TH. THE NEW YORK TURF WRITERS CUP STEEPLECHASE (GR. I). 2 3/8 MILES. HURDLE. 4&UP. PURSE \$159,300.

2	Dark Equation	McCarron M O	19.00	6.90	4.40
8	Be Certain	Whelan P		4.20	3.20
6	High Action	Young P J			2.40

Finish Time: 4:31.28

Trainer: Doug Fout. Owner: Peggy Steinman.

B. g. 7 Polish Numbers-Night Risk, Wild Again.

Bred by Derry Meeting Farm & London Thoroughbred Services (PA).

\$2 Exacta 2-8 Paid \$79.00; \$2 Trifecta 2-8-6 Paid \$246.00; \$2 Pick 3 (1-8-2) 3 Correct Paid \$534.00; \$2 Daily Double (8-2) Paid \$96.00; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (1-6-2) Paid \$96.00

9TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

3	Be Smart	Luzzi M J	100.00	39.00	12.00
9	Mia's First	Velasquez C		19.60	6.80
6	Justwhistledixie	Garcia Alan			2.70

Finish Time: 1:04.42

Trainer: Wayne Lukas. Owner: Thomas Van Meter II.

Ch. f. 2 Smarty Jones-Eishin Bridle, Unbridled.

Bred by Gulf Coast Farms (KY).

\$2 Exacta 3-9 Paid \$1,241.00; \$2 Trifecta 3-9-6 Paid \$4,127.00; \$2 Grand Slam (1/2-5/7/8-2/6/8-3) Paid \$2,369.00; \$2 Pick 3 (8-2-3) 3 Correct Paid \$3,993.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-3) Paid \$627.00; \$2 Superfecta 3-9-6-2 Paid \$21,656.00

10TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 40,000. PURSE \$36,000.

9	Seeing Clearly	Castellano J J	9.50	5.00	3.80
6	Spirit Line	Leparoux J R		12.20	6.80
7	Frozen Prospect	Garcia Alan			5.00

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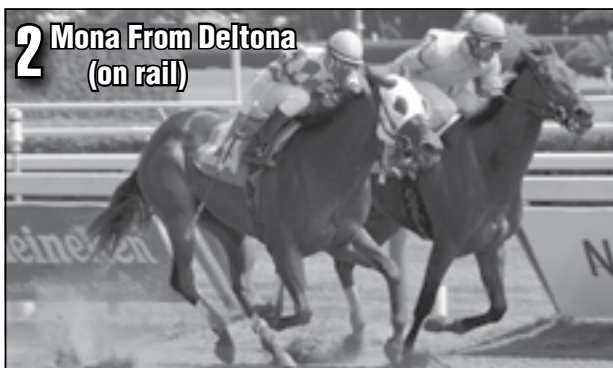
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From Chile to Clifton Park, by way of Dubai

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Cocoa Beach travelled some 17,000 miles to be here for today's Clifton Park. But while the Chilean-bred filly certainly has some free flights coming, she's paid her way so far, earning more than \$500,000 in a journey that's taken her from the Hippodrome to Nad Al Sheba to Keeneland to the Spa.

Cocoa Beach left her native land after rattling off four victories – including three Grade III stakes – from January to June 2007 to start her career. Godolphin Stable purchased her shortly after her fourth win and shipped her to the United Arab Emirates. She made her first start under new silks Jan. 17, finishing second in an allowance at Nad Al Sheba. Easy victories in the UAE 1,000 Guineas and UAE Oaks in February earned Cocoa Beach a shot at the UAE Derby against males this March. She finished third and left for the States shortly thereafter. Rick Mettee, the U.S. assistant to Godolphin's trainer Saeed bin Suroor, looks forward to seeing the filly perform in the afternoon.

"It seems like a good spot to start her back so we're excited," he said. "We got her about three weeks after the Emirates Derby. She had run four times over there and Saeed just wanted to give her a bit of a break, so we sent her down to Keeneland for some rest. Toward the end of June they started breezing her a bit at Keeneland and we've had her here for about a month and a half."

Cocoa Beach has shown class on two continents, and that form should translate well to the Clifton Park, a 9-furlong stakes restricted to distaffers that haven't won a graded stakes beyond a mile this year. Cocoa Beach shows several strong works including a 4-furlong

breeze over the Polytrack at Godolphin's Greentree Training Center, and is a 4-5 favorite on the morning line.

"Saeed seemed to feel that she was a graded type of horse, so you would think a race like this is a good starting point," Mettee said. "She's got a lot more experience; she's been to South America, Dubai and now here."



Rick Mettee

Second choice Highest Class returns for Briarwood Stable following a fifth in a sloppy allowance at Churchill Downs July 4. Trained by Neil Howard, the 3-year-old knocked heads with some of the best sophomore fillies in training earlier this year, running third to Indian Blessing and Proud Spell in the Silverbulletday at Fair Grounds and third to She's All Eltish in the Bonnie Miss at Gulfstream Park.

"She's been a filly we liked all along and she was keeping some upper-level company. She ran well over the winter but chasing Proud Spell and Indian Blessing tired her out, a little bit so we decided give her a little time," Howard said. "She's been training right and I felt like I didn't want to take a chance of her going over the top. She's gotten a little stronger with the time off – she's grown up a little bit physically. She seems to like this track, which is always a good thing."

Peach Flambe ran well in a trio of 9-furlong Gulfstream stakes earlier this year but has struggled some since leaving Florida. The 5-year-old finished a surprising second (at 42-1) to champion Ginger Punch in the

CLIFTON PARK STAKES PREVIEW

Sunshine Millions Distaff Jan. 26, ran a solid fifth to Spring Waltz in the Grade II Rampart March 9, took Gulfstream's version of the Cicada (a state-bred affair) in her next start April 19 then headed north.

Things haven't been as sunny since, as she missed the board in Grade II stakes at Pimlico and Churchill Downs and finished seventh in the \$100,000 Lady's Secret at Monmouth Park Aug. 3. The daughter of Flying Chevron enters off a super-sharp work at Monmouth Aug. 17 and has banked nearly \$400,000 for Paul Reddam and Beryl Buley over her career and trainer Mark Hennig gives the call to meet-leading jockey Alan Garcia.

Runway Rosie (Rajiv Maragh) finished sixth in the Grade I Go For Wand behind Ginger Punch here last month, but brings a strong track record. Trained by Gary Contessa for a partnership that includes Winning Move Stable, she scored convincingly in the 9-furlong Proud Delta Stakes at Belmont Park July 2 and has two wins and two seconds from five starts at the distance.

Over Under (Robby Albarado) finished fifth in the Go For Wand, her longest route to date. Though winless in five starts in 2007, the 4-year-old daughter of Seeking The Gold has raised her game this year. After breaking her maiden at Fair Grounds in January, she hit the board in her next four races, including a victory in the Wild Rose Stakes at Prairie Meadows May 31. Trained by Dallas Stewart for WinStar Farm, Over Under was perfect in her last three starts at two turns over a fast track prior to the Go For Wand.

Rounding out the field are Striking Tomisue (Channing Hill), who took an optional claimer at Aqueduct for Nick Zito, and Inside Passage (Eibar Coa), who won a pair of one-turn allowances this year for Barclay Tagg.

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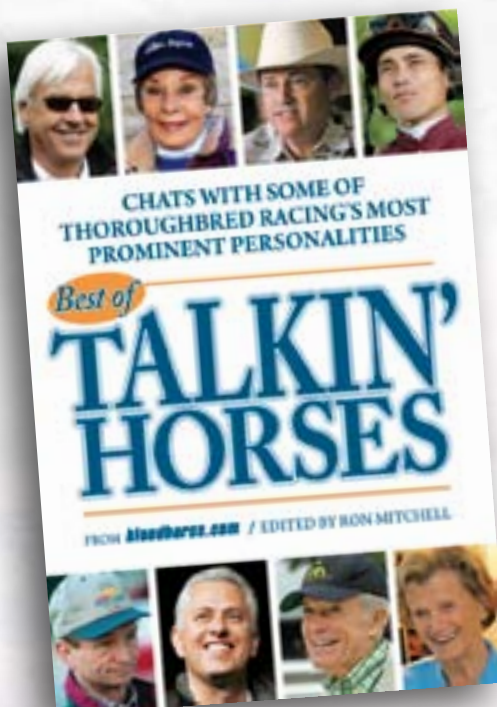
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LARRY JONES

What do you like to do for fun when you are not working with the horses? Do you have other hobbies? — Newark, Delaware

I have two [other] things: I eat and I sleep. But horses are it. If I had an opportunity I would love to go watch the rodeos, see things, and be around things [like] I used to do, to see how it has changed. But basically, it is all horses all the time. It would be great to spend time with old friends.



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DR. LARRY BRAMLAGE

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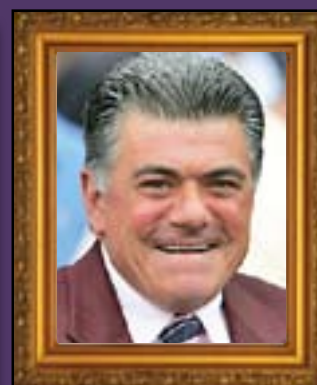
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1ST (2:45) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3YO. CLAIMING 60,000. PURSE \$52,000.

1	1	Formal King.....	Velasquez J R.....	Dutrow Jr Richard...9-2
2	2	Crimson Comic.....	Prado E S.....	Pletcher Todd.....8-1
3	3	Personal Good.....	Bridgmohan S X...	Brown Bruce.....20-1
4	4	Shekinah.....	Albarado R J.....	Stewart Dallas.....12-1
5	5	Exchanging Kisses.....	Maragh R.....	Reynolds Pat.....8-1
6	6	Deputyville.....	Coa E M.....	Galluscio Dominic...6-1
7	7	Titan of Industry.....	Leparoux J R.....	Maker Mike.....2-1
8	8	No More Green.....	Velasquez C.....	Dutrow Tony.....5-1
9	9	Galaxy Tax.....	Dominguez R A....	Cibelli Jane.....15-1
10	MTO	Easy to Say No.....	Dominguez R A....	Motion Graham.....8-1
11	MTO	Handsome Reward.....	Leparoux J R.....	Contessa Gary.....5-1
12	MTO	High Brass.....	Castellano J J.....	Jerkens Allen.....7-2

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (1-3), Daily Double

2ND (3:17) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1	2	Sugar Forest.....	Velasquez C.....	Benzel Seth.....5-1
1A	4	Wicked Rich.....	Coa E M.....	Benzel Seth.....5-1
2	3	Forest Tango.....	Dominguez R A....	Pletcher Todd.....3-1
2B	7	Vsop.....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd.....3-1
3	1	Wanda's Double.....	Rodriguez R R.....	O'Brien Keith.....30-1
4	5	Master.....	Prado E S.....	Terranova II John...4-1
5	6	Maloof Magic.....	Luzzi M J.....	Lukas Wayne.....12-1
6	8	Summit Creek.....	Maragh R.....	Levine Bruce.....10-1
7	9	Jess Not Jesse.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....6-1
8	10	Mesa Sunrise.....	Desormeaux K J...	Mott Bill.....5-2

A-Coupled: Sugar Forest and Wicked Rich
B-Coupled: Forest Tango and Vsop
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 (2-4), Pick 4 (2-5), Daily Double

3RD (3:49) THE CLIFTON PARK. 1 1/8 MILES. F&M. 3&UP. PURSE \$90,000.

1	1	Peach Flambe.....	Garcia Alan.....	Hennig Mark.....12-1
2	2	Highest Class.....	Prado E S.....	Howard Neil.....5-1
3	3	Runway Rosie.....	Maragh R.....	Contessa Gary.....6-1
4	4	Striking Tomisue.....	Hill C.....	Zito Nick.....12-1
5	5	Inside Passage.....	Coa E M.....	Tagg Barclay.....12-1
6	6	Over Under.....	Albarado R J.....	Stewart Dallas.....8-1
7	7	Cocoa Beach (CHI)....	Dominguez R A....	bin Suroor Saeed....4-5

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (3-5), Daily Double

4TH (4:27) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1	5	Just Livin a Dream....	Maragh R.....	Ritvo Tim.....6-1
1A	AE	O Sabina.....	Dominguez R A....	Ritvo Tim.....6-1
2	1	Kays and Jays.....	Desormeaux K J...	Mott Bill.....5-2
3	2	Trix in the City.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....3-1
4	3	Striking Dancer.....	Albarado R J.....	McPeck Ken.....8-1
5	4	Pari.....	Leparoux J R.....	Proctor Tom.....10-1
6	6	Cherokee Gem.....	Cardoso D.....	O'Brien Keith.....20-1
7	7	Eleni's Hope.....	Rodriguez R R.....	Aquilino Joe.....15-1
8	8	Amber's Edge.....	Luzzi M J.....	Contessa Gary.....20-1
9	9	Subprime.....	Velasquez J R.....	Jerkens Jimmy.....4-1
10	AE	It's My Day.....	Espinoza J L.....	Reinacher Jr Rob...12-1
11	AE	Scintillation.....	Coa E M.....	Werner Ronny.....2-1
12	AE	Bambolina.....	Velasquez C.....	Kenneally Eddie.....4-1
13	AE	Got That Money.....	Garcia Alan.....	Ryerson James.....15-1
14	AE	There Are Rainbows....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd.....7-2
15	AE	Sugarandice.....	Leparoux J R.....	Wilkes Ian.....20-1

A-Coupled: Just Livin a Dream and O Sabina
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 (4-6), Pick 6 (4-9), Daily Double

5TH (4:59) 6 FURLONGS. 2YO. NY BRED. MDN CLM 50,000. PURSE \$32,000.

1	4	Paramedic.....	Desormeaux K J...	Bush Tom.....5-2
1A	7	Doughdaddy.....	Coa E M.....	Kimmel John.....5-2
2	1	Natty Meboy.....	Prado E S.....	Schwartz Scott.....4-1
3	2	Navaho Warrior.....	Forrest C W.....	Rolon Ezequiel.....15-1
4	3	Sweet Groom.....	Espinoza J L.....	Arroyo Enrique.....12-1
5	5	Suddenly Silent.....	Leparoux J R.....	Proctor Tom.....8-1
6	6	Mr. Petersson.....	Chavez J F.....	Badgett Billy.....12-1
7	8	Four Peaks.....	Hill C.....	Sanders Jamie.....30-1
8	9	Shifty Guy.....	Davis J A.....	Jerkens Allen.....12-1
9	10	Purple Eagle.....	Maragh R.....	Contessa Gary.....12-1
10	11	Karakorum Pirate.....	Rodriguez R R.....	Odintz Jeff.....20-1
11	12	Early Response.....	Luzzi M J.....	Galluscio Dominic...7-2

A-Coupled: Paramedic and Doughdaddy
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (5-7), Grand Slam (5-8), Daily Double

6TH (5:31) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

1	1	Wise Guy Kelly.....	Velasquez C.....	Schosberg Rick.....6-1
2	2	Clever Martini.....	Dominguez R A....	Tagg Barclay.....5-1
3	3	Money Well Spent.....	Chavez J F.....	O'Brien Colum.....20-1
4	4	Haynesfield.....	Bridgmohan S X...	Asmussen Steve.....8-1
5	5	Pegasus Tommy D....	Desormeaux K J...	O'Brien Leo.....12-1
6	6	Karakorum Bound.....	Luzzi M J.....	Odintz Jeff.....20-1
7	7	Freudian Storm.....	Maragh R.....	Contessa Gary.....8-1
8	8	Smokin Hero.....	Velasquez J R.....	Iwinski Allen.....9-5
9	9	Close Encounter.....	Prado E S.....	Kimmel John.....9-2

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (6-8), Pick 4 (6-9), Daily Double

7TH (6:03) THE WITH ANTICIPATION. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. PURSE \$80,000.

1	1	Ninth Client.....	Leparoux J R.....	Lukas Wayne.....6-1
2	2	Bittel Road.....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd.....2-1
3	3	Uncle T Seven.....	Rodriguez R R.....	Morrison John.....12-1
4	4	Double Domino.....	Prado E S.....	Pletcher Todd.....6-1
5	5	Herr Mozart.....	Maragh R.....	Mott Bill.....4-1
6	6	Remarkable Storm.....	Hill C.....	Sanders Jamie.....12-1
7	7	High Cry.....	Dominguez R A....	Pletcher Todd.....10-1
8	8	Skipadate.....	Bridgmohan S X...	Casse Mark.....5-1

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

8TH (6:36) 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. ALW/OPT CLM 75,000. PURSE \$80,000.

1	1	Sinners N Saints.....	Prado E S.....	Dutrow Jr Richard...6-1
2	2	Sam P.....	Velasquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd.....5-1
3	3	Extreme Supreme.....	Velasquez C.....	Ward John.....5-2
4	4	Shone.....	Albarado R J.....	Zito Nick.....6-1
5	5	Greeley's Legacy.....	Maragh R.....	Schosberg Rick.....12-1
6	6	Giant Chieftan.....	Dominguez R A....	Hough Stan.....6-1
7	7	Timber Reserve.....	Desormeaux K J...	Kimmel John.....3-1


Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

9TH (7:09) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. STR ALW. PURSE \$66,000.

1	1	Senor Enrico.....	Maragh R.....	Persaud Randi.....12-1
2	2	Dockmaster.....	Velasquez C.....	Romans Dale.....15-1
3	3	Chalook.....	Espinoza J L.....	McManus Thomas..20-1
4	4	Stormy Mirage.....	Garcia Alan.....	Iwinski Allen.....8-1
5	5	Mastermind.....	Bermudez J E.....	Chin Peter.....50-1
6	6	Big Jerome.....	Prado E S.....	Hills Tim.....5-2
7	7	Fijonnes.....	Velasquez J R.....	Hennig Mark.....8-1
8	8	Hint.....	Rodriguez R R.....	Morrison John.....15-1
9	9	Evade.....	Albarado R J.....	Stall Jr Al.....6-1
10	10	Into the Wind.....	Dominguez R A....	Trombetta Mike.....7-2
11	11	Romp (ARG).....	Cardoso D.....	O'Brien Keith.....20-1
12	12	Herald Square.....	Luzzi M J.....	Domino Carl.....12-1
13	AE	Austin Laviva Baby....	Coa E M.....	Reynolds Pat.....6-1
14	AE	Dancing Tin Man.....	Velasquez C.....	Donk David.....6-1
15	AE	Forever My Friend.....	Desormeaux K J...	Stoklosa Richard.....15-1
16	MTO	Jump It.....	Hill C.....	Contessa Gary.....7-2

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1	No More Green Titan Of Industry Formal King	Titan Of Industry Formal King No More Green	Titan Of Industry No More Green Deputyville	Personal Good Titan Of Industry Exchanging Kisses
2	Mesa Sunrise Pletcher entry Master	Jess Not Jesse Mesa Sunrise Master	Jess Not Jesse Pletcher entry Mesa Sunrise	Pletcher entry Jess Not Jesse Mesa Sunrise
3	Cocoa Beach Runway Rosie Over Under	Cocoa Beach Over Under Inside Passage	Peach Flambe Cocoa Beach Runway Rosie	Cocoa Beach Runway Rosie Peach Flambe
4	Trix In The City Kays And Jays Scintillation	Trix In The City Just Livin A Dream Kays And Jays	Trix In The City Kays And Jays Subprime	Scintillation Trix In The City Subprime
5	Broman entry Natty Meboy Mr. Petersson	Early Response Natty Meboy Suddenly Silent	Paramedic Natty Meboy Suddenly Silent	Broman entry Natty Meboy Navaho Warrior
6	Haynesfield Clever Martini Smokin Hero	Freudian Storm Haynesfield Close Encounter	Clever Martini Smokin Hero Freudian Storm	Close Encounter Smokin Hero Haynesfield
7	Skipadate Bittel Road Ninth Client	Bittel Road Skipadate Uncle T Seven	Uncle T Seven Skipadate Bittel Road	Skipadate Bittel Road High Cry
8	Extreme Supreme Sam P. Timber Reserve	Extreme Supreme Giant Chieftan Sinners N Saints	Extreme Supreme Timber Reserve Sam P.	Extreme Supreme Shone Sam P.
9	Big Jerome Dockmaster Dancing Tin Man	Big Jerome Into The Wind Evade	Into The Wind Big Jerome Hint	Big Jerome Stormy Mirage Hint
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FRIDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

BY BRIAN NADEAU

RACE 1: Mike Maker seems to have found a comfy spot to test out TITAN OF INDUSTRY, picked up for a \$35,000 tag just 11 days ago; his last would be good enough and there's a good chance he moves forward today. NO MORE GREEN ran huge in his turf debut and a better beginning gives him a huge shot. Dominic Galluscio moves DEPUTYVILLE up after dropping a claim slip for him earlier this meet; rates a look off his strong showing that day.

RACE 2: JESS NOT JESSE goes out for a dominant turf-sprint barn and though this colt's works are light I'll side with Linda Rice. Both halves of Todd Pletcher's entry (FOREST TANGO and VSOP) have a chance but the value probably won't be there. MESA SUNRISE caught a good one in his debut; if he can turf he has a right to be tough.

RACE 3: PEACH FLAMBE drew the cozy rail post and 9 furlongs seems to be her game based on a big second to Ginger Punch at Gulfstream Park in January and a small stakes win there in April. If you can excuse her last she has a big shot to upset. COCOA BEACH drew horribly but tremendous talent should help to overcome the bad post. Working up a storm for a streaking barn that knows how to get one ready off the pine. If the drubbing in the Go For Wand didn't throw her for a loop RUNWAY ROSIE has the back form to contend.

RACE 4: TRIX IN THE CITY sold for 20 times her sire's stud fee and her works are a sign that this filly can fly. Plus, her trainer rules the sod-sprint set. KAYS AND JAYS ran well in her debut; her pedigree doesn't scream turf, but it doesn't always matter in these dashes. SUBPRIME is another without pedigree power, but she did attract John Velazquez, which is always a good sign.

RACE 5: PARAMEDIC showed speed versus winners and now takes the biggest drop in the game against a beatable bunch – the day's **best bet** looks down the road on the front end. NATTY MEBOY tried maiden specials off the claim and got walloped but meets friends again today. SUDDENLY SILENT has yet to run, which is a good thing in this spot, and Julien Lep-aroux and Tom Proctor have hit at a 31-percent clip the past two years.

RACE 6: CLEVER MARTINI goes out for a good debut barn and draws a top jockey, so if he takes some early money you should be OK. SMOKIN HERO will go favored but he's disappointed three times before; worth trying to

beat at odds-on again. FREUDIAN STORM sold for eight times his sire's stud fee and that's always a good sign.

RACE 7: UNCLE T SEVEN goes out for an underrated turf barn and brings a nice grassy pedigree to the table; he might even be forgotten in the wagering with a trio from Pletcher signed on. SKIPADATE dead-heated for the win in his debut and should get set up by the anticipated hot splits in front of him; the barn is having a very good meet and this guy looks to have a big shot. BITTEL ROAD is the preferred Pletcher pick, but don't take too short of a price on a colt who hasn't tried two turns yet.

RACE 8: EXTREME SUPREME loves this track and should be tough to deny at short odds; a simple repeat of his last would get the job done. TIMBER RESERVE was thrown to the wolves in the Whitney earlier in the meet and should relish the class drop if he's got his confidence back. SAM P. adds blinkers after a disappointing run in a minor stakes here Aug. 9; he's capable from close range.

RACE 9: INTO THE WIND took a big leap forward last time when the blinkers came off and he seems to like the local course; could post a minor upset. BIG JEROME fits snugly into today's conditions and his last three stamp him as the one to beat, but he might be a better one-turn horse. HINT surprised the Spa in his unveiling at 54-1; the fact that he's 1-for-1 lifetime says he still has an upside.

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Second date

Dead-heat duo meet again

BY JOHN PANAGOT

WITH ANTICIPATION STAKES PREVIEW

Don Morehouse gave the photo to the placing judges after fifth race Aug. 5, but the image he handed over didn't give them any wiggle room. Skipadate and Ninth Client hit the wire nostril-to-nostril with nothing in between – a dead heat.

The 2-year-olds can break the tie in today's \$80,000 With Anticipation, a 1 1/16-mile affair over the Mellon turf.

Skipadate came down from Woodbine with assistant trainer Norm Casse, who's overseeing the Saratoga shedrow for his father, Mark, and earned the barn their second win of the Spa season.

"I don't think it would have mattered whether I was in charge or not, just winning in Saratoga is something else," Norm Casse said. "We're having a good meet, we're hoping for one more. It's our last race of the meet; we don't have anything left, we've just been waiting around on him. I hope to end it with a bang."

Skipadate certainly started with a bang – notching the dead-heat victory in his career debut and collecting a check more than three times greater than his \$7,000 purchase price. Owned

by Mark Casse and Peter Rosbeck, the son of Skip Away swung five-wide that day, coming from off the pace under Shaun Bridgmohan to finish on even terms with front-runner Ninth Client.

"For him to win his first start, going two turns against horses that have already had starts, is pretty impressive," Norm Casse said. "He's done really well and I feel that it would be a big disappointment if he didn't win. That's the way I feel about it and I don't usually get that confident. He probably had the toughest trip of anybody in the maiden race, and he still won. He's done nothing but move forward since that start. You've got to think after that first effort that he's going to improve. He's doing as well as you could hope."

Casse, who's travelled with Skipadate since the colt entered training, and has had high hopes from the start.

"At Churchill, he was with me and I told Dad, 'This horse is a pretty special horse'," he said. "He never got outworked at Churchill. He then went up to Canada and worked really good there, so we decided we were going to



Connie Bush

Skip A Date and assistant trainer Norm Casse.

run him here – you've got to think highly of your 2-year-olds if you're going to run them here."

His win and his works have kept fueled Casse's optimism.

"We breezed him on the turf the other day and you should have seen this breeze," he said. "Super impressive. He needs a little encouragement, so Shaun Bridgmohan reached back and popped him once. You could see this horse really explode down the lane, and that was pretty exciting."

Photo-finish mate Ninth Client breaks from the rail in the rematch, with Julien Leparoux aboard for the return call.

Owned and bred by Marylou Whitney Stables, the son of Malibu Moon colt fought gamely last time, rallying to share the honors after briefly losing the lead in the stretch. Seventh in his debut on dirt at Belmont Park in July, the Wayne Lukas trainee responded to the sod at Saratoga with aplomb.

"That last race is a pretty good story line for this one. But we'll try it, and see what happens," Lukas said. "He ran a nice race and we don't have many opportunities to run a stake this early on the grass. He's going to have to improve but most of them are other-thans also."

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With Anticipation —

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Morning-line favorite Bittel Road (John Velazquez) made the most of his lone start, wiring a 6-furlong turf sprint at Belmont to win going away. Owned by James Scatuorchio and John Iracane, the son of Stormy Atlantic headlines a trio Todd Pletcher juveniles in the With Anticipation.

Double Domino (Edgar Prado named to ride), an impressive debutante here July 30, stretches out after taking down a turf sprint. In his first start, Anstu Stable's colt was forced to steady and travel three-wide yet still won with room to spare.

Completing the Pletcher triple is race's lone filly, High Cry (Ramon Dominguez). The daughter of Street Cry took the field wire-to-wire traveling today's distance, and takes on the boys for the first time in Friday's stakes.

With four races under his girth, Uncle T Seven (Rudy Rodriguez) has an experience edge on most of the field and will try the lawn today in his first start since entering John Morrison's barn. The son of Freud finished second by a nose going a mile in an off-the-turf affair Aug. 16 at Monmouth Park.

Herr Mozart (Rajiv Maragh) has been tuning up at Saratoga since May and makes his career debut for Bill Mott and Zayat Stables. The son of Mr. Greeley, purchased for \$260,000 at Keeneland September, is out the Metfield mare Clincher.

Remarkable Storm (Channing Hill), the third Stormy Atlantic colt entered in the With Anticipation, comes off of a maiden-breaking score in the mud here Aug. 11. Trained by Jamie Sanders and owned by her husband, Donnie Kelly, he stretches out and takes to the turf for his fifth career start.



Double Domino looks to stretch out after rolling to a maiden-breaking sprint score here July 30.

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Shaun Bridgmohan.....	11	Matt McCarron.....	1
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Notes from the field

We're at paper 30 of 32. Time to empty the notebook of all the extras that have jumped in over the past few weeks.

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For six weeks I called Matt McCarron for steeplechase handicapping insight before I wrote my *New York Post* column on how to bet the jumpers. Not inside information, mind you, just a little advice from a jockey out there in the trenches dealing with pace, turf course, tactics.

I forgot to call him about Thursday's Turf Writers, so he called me. He's like that. He thinks, he talks, he studies, he knows racing, he talks, he talks, he talks.

Ask him one question and you'll get nine answers or at least nine paragraphs.

Matt doped out the whole thing – "I'm going to sit third and use my horse's gallop . . . he's better when he's

toting me the whole way and running along . . . we'll see if he's good enough . . . There are some serious horses in there . . . Be Certain will be tough . . . High Action will be tough . . . Salford City should run better . . ."

So about halfway through the race, McCarron and Dark Equation were eighth of nine runners, 18 lengths off the lead.

Saving his energy well off the pace, Dark Equation roared around the final turn, forced his nearest challengers into a little traffic and won by a half-length.

So what about the plan?

"I had to throw everything out the window – the only scenario where I had any shot was to do what I did. If it worked it worked, if it didn't it didn't," he said. "They were going so fast the first part of it my horse couldn't keep up and it really helped him."

OK, got it. Thanks for the advice. Glad I asked.

THE OUTSIDE RAIL



By
Joe Clancy

• • •

I asked Barclay Tagg a few questions about his Travers Day stakes runners, and wound up in a conversation about the world's most famous lead pony.

Tagg rides Funny Cide pretty much every day now, but the trainer wouldn't have wanted to be the 2003 Kentucky Derby winner's exercise rider.

Tagg rode jump races, fell on his head, probably broke his collarbone a few times. He's a tough guy and could ride any Thoroughbred alive.

Except Funny Cide, at least not until he became a lead pony. Strong and sharp, he made his riders work and his trainer sweat.

"I don't think I've ever ridden a horse I couldn't gallop, but I couldn't gallop him," said Tagg. "I couldn't have done it in my prime and I could gallop anything in my prime."

Tagg and assistant Robin Smullen spent much of their time trying to work around Funny Cide's sharp edge.

"He spent most of his life jogging backward and you had to run him like that," Tagg said. "You could get him fit that way and make all his workouts and stuff like that, but you made him sharper and sharper and sharper when you were trying to make him good and fit to settle him. If you could go out and give him a good 2-mile gallop every day, you'd be fine but you couldn't because he'd run off. He was a good horse, but he was a lot of work."

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I hand out papers all morning, fill racks at the track, stop by houses, visit a bed-and-breakfast, meet repeat customers who stop by my car or the clubhouse paper rack.

Chico Dumois, one of the most enthusiastic recipients out there, usually hollers at me in Spanish before I walk over with the paper. At some point, he handed me a copy of an in-house NYRA newsletter recognizing him as an Unsung Hero of the Day.

Dumois operates the shoeshine stand outside the racing office and was cited for his knack for treating "guests and employees like they are part of his family."

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Duggan keeps big meet going

David Duggan nodded and smiled and did everything but kiss babies after winning the Mollie Wilmot Wednesday. The Irishman might as well have been Macho Again in the Travers, stopping, starting and turning with every step. Toss in Joe Biden at the Democratic convention (and a leprechaun for good measure) and you have Duggan. That's what happens when you win six races – and you only brought eight horses – at Saratoga.

Small barn gone big.

Duggan joined fellow Saratoga newcomers Chad Brown and Mike Maker with a half-dozen wins each.

Duggan's prowess is out of the bag.

"I usually hide out in the corner, now people are recognizing me," Duggan said. "It's a great feeling. It's Saratoga. No complaints."

No kidding.

Duggan won two stakes during the meet, upsetting the Victory Ride with Porte Bonheur and really upsetting the Mollie Wilmot with Cagey Girl, who went off the longest shot on the board in the New York-bred filly and mare stakes. After the race, valets, gate crew, exercise riders, fans . . . all walks of racetrack people applauded Duggan.

Owner Alan Quartucci and jockey Mike Luzzi have seen Duggan-mania first hand.

"It's his coming-out party," said Quartucci, who owns Cagey Girl. "David's on a roll, he's got this filly real good right now and he deserves it."

"David was a secret," Luzzi said. "He's a real good horse trainer, nice guy, having a lot of fun, it's fun to watch him. They say he's amazing to watch during the race because he rides as hard as you do. They say he's snapping his fingers and riding every step with you."

In that case, he's Eddie Arcaro and Laz Barrera wrapped into one, because it's working.

Duggan and his wife, Lara, galloped horses and assisted with top-shelf outfits Godolphin, John Kimmel, Neil Drysdale, among others. Eventually, they designed their own emblem and

CUP OF COFFEE

**By
Sean Clancy**



began a public stable. Duggan admits that public would be a liberal term.

"We've been training about five years, but the first three were a shambles," Duggan said. "We had no connections. We were with Godolphin but we had no connections."

Duggan trained his first winner, Malaysia, in a maiden race at Delaware Park in September 2005. His first winner on the New York circuit came when Heavenly Psalm won in January 2006.

Duggan had a connection with Quartucci and adopted Cagey Girl when Lisa Lewis traveled and Duggan stayed put. Cagey Girl is blind in her left eye and quickly backed up her reputation.

"I knew Alan when I was with Kimmel, 'Crazy filly, give it to Duggan, he's in New York.' My grooms still have bruises from her and it was all I could do to ride her, but believe me, I was happy to have her," Duggan said. "That's how it's developed, eventually people know you have runners, you did OK, take a chance. I prefer it that way, you can gradually edge in, this is beyond what normally happens, and I know that."

Duggan bedded down eight horses in the old Sanford barn at Saratoga. Lara trains the rest of the string – 12 horses – at Belmont. Duggan trains Cagey Girl on Clare Court most days and that's helped.

He gets on all his horses enough to get to know them and likes it that way too. He's not Todd Pletcher, Rick Dutrow, Steve Asmussen, nor does he pretend to be.

"I never want to be Todd, I never want to be Dutrow, I never want to be any of these guys," Duggan said. "If you have 10 good owners, two or three good horses, that's more fun to me. I don't want to spread myself too thin, if the good horse is meant to come, it's meant to come, that's my mentality. If we got too big, I wouldn't enjoy it."

Duggan's enjoying his breakout Saratoga meet while keeping an eye securely on where it goes when the horse vans start heading south on the Thruway.

"It puts you on the map, proves you can do something. Is it going to happen every year, no, I'm a realist," Duggan said. "It goes back to the same old thing, good help, good owners, good everything, it's taken a while. They trained well up here, that Clare Court is one of the best training tracks in the country. You tend to not overtrain up here, because you want to run, owners want to run, the purse money is good, so you're more inclined to run here."

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