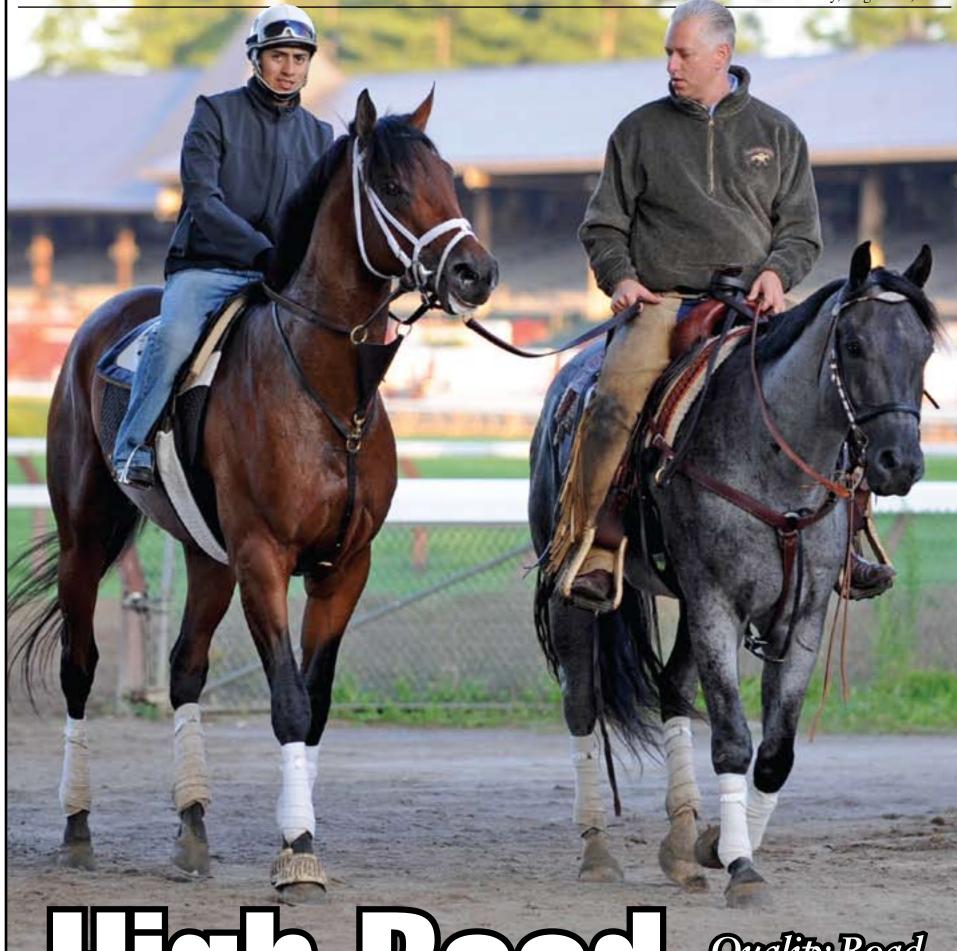


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## **Here & There at Saratoga**



Tod Marks

Gatekeepers. The loading team waits for a group of runners on Friday.

#### **Worth Repeating**

"That's all it'll take."

Trainer George Weaver, who tripled earlier in the meet, when told all he had to do was triple twice to be leading trainer

"I'm halfway through, I haven't started screaming or given you a dirty look, so far."

Edgar Prado, as he read The Special's article on himself

"From 1 to 10, I'll give it a 7."

Prado, after finishing the article

"No, they look like tourists."

Lerina Velazquez, deciding not to hand out The Special to a group on the backstretch Friday

"I traded Neil Howard for Merrill Scherer."

Jocks' agent Lenny Pike, who picked up another win for Scherer Thursday

"I jumped off."

Jockey Rajiv Maragh after parting company with a horse at the gap

"Is he serious?"

Jockey Robby Albarado after breezing a horse with Walter Blum Jr.

"It must be time for a haircut."

The Saratoga Sleigh's Don Nichols, after a guest told him he looked like Albert Einstein

"When he was training, he'd be sitting out in front of his barn watching some horse get hosed or something and the reporters would walk up. He'd say 'you (bleep-bleepers) don't need to come in this barn' and that's as far as they got. He was tough. He was sensitive to what they wrote, but he was tough on them."

Trainer Barclay Tagg, on the way Hall of Famer Frank Whiteley treated the press back in the day

## By the Numbers

- 1: Loose horse caught by jockey Kent Desormeaux Friday morning.
- ${\bf 1} :$  Hot rod golf cart won by jockey Alan Garcia at the Belmont Child Care Association dinner.
- **1**: Exercise rider making the sign of the cross while shedrowing a horse Friday morning.

#### Name of the Day

**Closeout, ninth race**. This Ballston Spa starter, owned and bred by Glen Hill Farm, is by Repriced out of Deep Discount.

Sea Biscuit. Name of the red and white NYRA Garage golf cart.

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## **Quote of the Morning**

"I'm not mad – I'm just tired."

Saratoga local, on getting near the end of the meet



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# Plot is still thick Plenty to watch in Travers even without two stars

#### **BY SEAN CLANCY**

The Travers always has storylines. This year's version of the Grade I stakes borders on fiction.

TRAVERS STAKES **PREVIEW** 

The Derby winner, Mine That Bird, trained all summer at Saratoga but won't run because he hasn't recovered from throat surgery. The Preakness winner, Rachel Alex-

andra, trained at Saratoga all summer, but won't run because she's bowing to her stablemate and has a date with older males in the Woodward.

So what's left of the story?

Todd Pletcher tries to win the Travers with a horse coming out of 6 1/2 furlong stakes. Steve Asmussen tries to win the Travers with the second best 3-year-old in his barn. Bill Mott tries to win the Travers with a horse who's never won a race on the dirt. Kiaran McLaughlin tries to win the Travers with a horse who failed as the favorite in the Jim Dandy and as co-second choice in the Belmont Stakes. Ian Wilkes tries to win the Travers with a horse eligible for two-other-than allowance conditions. Nick Zito tries to win the Travers with a horse who went to Delaware Park to break his maiden. Tim Ice tries to win the Travers with the

best horse he's ever trained.

Funny thing is, they all have a shot. Now you figure it out.

And, by the way, it's raining as this is being written Friday night.

Friday morning, Mott untacked his pony, checked a run-down patch on a horse who just breezed on the turf and scanned the 140th Travers' past performances, given to him by a reporter. With the co-longest shot on the board, Hold Me Back, Mott has the ability to be ob-

There in post position order read the seven horses for the Shadwell Travers. WinStar Farm's Hold Me Back (Julien Leparoux), William and Suzanne Warren's Charitable Man (Ramon Dominguez), Stevens Miles' Warrior's Reward (Calvin Borel), Edward Evans' Quality Road (John Velazquez), Robert LaPenta's Our Edge (Alan Garcia), Kalarikkal and Vilasini Jayaraman's Summer Bird (Kent Desormeaux). Stonestreet Stable and Gulf Coast Farm's Kensei (Edgar Prado).

Mott studied the pages.

"Charitable Man is a nice horse, has a little gas," Mott said. "Looks like Borel dropped Warrior's Reward back to last one time and sent him to the lead the next. Quality Road, he's going to show

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Tod Marks

The Man O' War Cup will be awarded to the 140th Travers winner this afternoon.





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speed going this distance. Our Edge has speed. Summer Bird won the Belmont. Kensei is probably the up-and-coming horse. I don't know, but we're going to find out."

At about 5:48 this evening.

Todd Pletcher has the most to find out. He took over the training of arguably the most talented colt – colt – of this 3-yearold crop when Evans decided to fire Jimmy Jerkens. Pletcher received the son of Elusive Quality June 15 and immediately set out for today. Quality Road fought hoof issues all spring and was playing catch up to get to the 10-furlong Travers. Pletcher knew he couldn't get him ready in time to go 9 furlongs in the Haskell or the Jim Dandy so he took aim at the 6 1/2-furlong Amsterdam. Quality Road dominated the stakes, setting a new track record in the process.

Asked if he could change one thing, Pletcher would lop off a furlong.

"I guess I'd make the race a mile and an eighth, we've had a good 26 days since the Amsterdam, the horse has responded well, he's training well," Pletcher said. "We wanted to win the Amsterdam but we also felt like it was a stepping stone to this, had he run well and finished second or third and galloped out good and came out of it good, we were still thinking this, but all that being said, we didn't lead him over there thinking he wasn't ready to run that day."

If it was a talent show, Quality Road would be a lock. He's won four of five starts, including the Fountain of Youth, Florida Derby and Amsterdam. He tries a mile and a quarter for the first time. Going from a 6 1/2-furlong stakes to a 10-furlong stakes wouldn't show up in any trainer's manual. Pletcher didn't have a choice and he thinks it can be done.

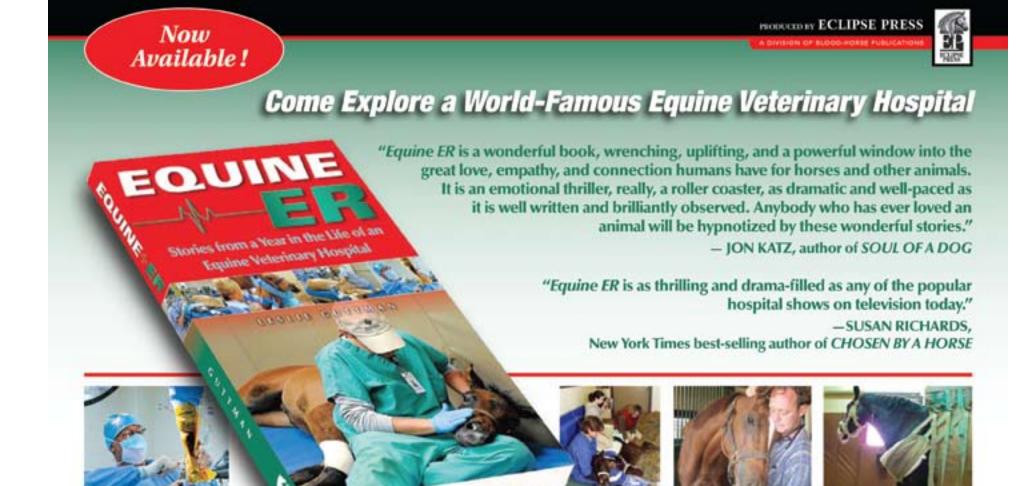
"When we got him in, we basically needed seven to 10 days to get ready for a breeze, he had one three-eighths breeze since he had the foot issues, looking at the calendar, it's like, 'how am I going to get to the Jim Dandy or the Haskell in this amount of time without doing something out of the box?" Pletcher said. "Looking at it, if I can breeze him two halves and three five-eighths, I thought I could have him ready for the Amsterdam. The only thing that didn't go exactly how we wanted it, we had to push the one work back 24 hours. Outside of that, everything has fallen into place the way we hoped it would, whether that's going to be good enough, we'll find out.'

Belmont winner Summer Bird arrived in Saratoga after finishing second to Rachel Alexandra in the Haskell. Tim Ice bedded him down in the stakes barn and put two breezes into the rangy son of Birdstone. Kent Desormeaux guided him through both breezes, 5 furlongs in 1:01 4/5 Aug. 15 and a 1:00 4/5 Aug. 22. Ice is new on this stage but on Thursday morning, the Louisiana Downs-based conditioner had a handle on running his first horse in the Travers.

"The horse is ready, I've been ready, looking forward to it, he's going very, very well. I feel the same way as I did leading to the Belmont. Friday morning, he came off the track bucking and playing," Ice said. "I was confident going See *TRAVERS* page 9 ▶

Kensei starts from the No. 7 spot in today's Travers Stakes.





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into the Haskell and I feel like he ran a winning race, we were overshadowed by the filly, obviously she's a very, very nice horse, we were second-best that day. The mile and a quarter is the biggest factor and the fact that we can get back to letting him run his race instead of sending him up close to the front."

Summer Bird tracked Rachel Alexandra and Munnings in the Haskell and held on well enough to be second, 6 lengths behind Rachel Alexandra and a length in front of Munnings. In his other races, Summer Bird relaxed and punched late, which will be the plan again in the Travers.

"We had to show speed at Monmouth, we knew what we were up against, he stepped up and ran a big race, I was very, very happy with how he ran," Ice said. "They went three quarters in 1:09 and change and we were right there. I don't think he's a plodder. To know the versatility is there, we can go in any race confident, if there's a fast pace or a slow pace, we can go either way."

Kensei will make his presence felt in the pace equation. Breaking from the outside, the Dwyer and Jim Dandy winner showed tactical speed to sit second in the Jim Dandy before rolling to an easy win over Warrior's Reward and Charitable Man. While those two suffered eventful trips, Prado was able to negotiate a perfect scenario for the Jim Dandy. Minutes after winning, Prado was already analyzing his chances in the Travers.

"I was where I wanted to be, second



## 140TH RUNNING

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Post	Horse	Trainer	Јоскеу	LINE
1	HOLD ME BACK	BILL MOTT	Julien Leparoux	15-1
2	Charitable Man	Kiaran McLaughlin	RAMON DOMINGUEZ	6-1
3	Warrior's Reward	Ian Wilkes	Calvin Borel	8-1
4	QUALITY ROAD	TODD PLETCHER	JOHN VELAZQUEZ	8-5
5	Our Edge	NICK ZITO	Alan Garcia	15-1
6	Summer Bird	TIM ICE	KENT DESORMEAUX	3-1
7	Kensei	Steve Asmussen	Edgar Prado	7-2

or third, nice and easy, in the clear. He passed the test. He'll be easier next time. He's the kind of horse that has the tools," Prado said. "He relaxed on the backside until I asked him so he had something left. Those are two things I like, I hope he carries over to the next one. I like the way he picked it up, he didn't level off. Horses need natural speed to be where I wanted to be. And comfortable, then you can play it from there. If you want to go, you can go, if you want to take back, you can take back."

Of all the horses, Kensei probably has the most tactical advantage. The fourtime winner breaks from the outside which should allow Prado the chance to see what's going on inside him before committing to a position.

Warrior's Reward earned some hype this spring when he won an allowance race at Churchill Downs over Munnings. In his next two starts, the \$180,000 yearling went off favored in the Northern Dancer and the Dwyer. The robust son of Medaglia d'Oro stumbled badly in the Dwyer and then ran second behind Kensei in the Jim Dandy. He looks to break through to the next level in the Travers.

"Great mind. Very classy," trainer Ian Wilkes said. "I liked him at the sale and I picked him out. He has a good leg to him; good bone. I liked the way he walked. I took a shot; Medaglia d'Oro, first season sire. He's out of a Seeking the Gold mare. He just fit, and we liked everything about him. The price, \$180,000, was a stretch for a first-season sire, but he is a good-looking horse and we really liked him."

Hold Me Back owns three wins and a second over synthetic surfaces; actually

the only three times the horse has hit the board. The \$400,000 yearling failed in the Kentucky Derby, after making an audacious middle move and flopped in the Remsen last fall, his only two attempts on the dirt. He won the Lane's End at Turfway Park and finished second in the Blue Grass at Keeneland in April.

Our Edge, a Florida-bred son of The Cliff's Edge, possesses dangerous early speed and will probably be on the lead under Alan Garcia. The \$130,000 yearling purchase won his last three by taking it to them early, accounting for a maiden, the Coronado's Quest at Monmouth and the Barbaro Stakes at Delaware Park.

Charitable Man disappointed in the Jim Dandy while suffering a disjointed trip for most of the way. Ramon Dominguez takes over for Garcia. A dynamic winner of the Peter Pan, Charitable Man didn't quite see it out in the Belmont and then failed as the favorite in the Jim Dandy.



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# Pressure **Packed**

## Informed Decision puts streak on the line

#### **BY SEAN CLANCY**

Jonathan Sheppard confessed.

The Hall of Fame trainer was asked if he worried more about Informed Decision because she's riding a five-race win streak.

"Well, you do a bit, yes," Sheppard said, walking back to his barn at the Annex Friday morning. "I'm trying to stop myself from reading about her, she's 8-for-10, won five in a row, unbeaten at seven-

There's plenty to read. Augustin Stable's Informed Decision takes on champion Indian Blessing in today's Grade I Ballerina, which drew a select field of six as the 10th race.

Sheppard admits she might be the fastest he's ever trained.

"I would probably say, just for pure, raw speed, yeah. Storm Cat was pretty speedy," Sheppard said. "It's just how God made her, she's a running machine, which is odd because she's bred to go a mile and a half, by a Derby winner out of a His Majesty



Informed Decision goes for a gallop at Oklahoma Friday morning.

mare, so you never know. She's just very up, forward, aggressive."

The gray daughter of Monarchos has lost two races in her life, both stakes, both last year. She finished 2008 with stakes wins at Belmont Park and Keeneland. Put away for the winter - a good jump trainer never forgets - Informed Decision has been flawless in 2009. She looked beaten strides before the wire in the Grade I Madison but nailed Breeders' Cup Filly

and Mare Sprint heroine, Ventura, on the wire. She produced the same finishing kick when she won the Humana Distaff at Churchill Downs and again in the Chicago Handicap at Arlington Park.

Friday morning, Sheppard directed the most eclectic shedrow of horses in Saratoga. Champion Forever Together, the Diana winner, was back at his Pennsyl-

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vania farm but the rest of his team consisted of veteran jumpers Mixed Up, Sermon Of Love, Lead Us Not and Three Carat as well as turf filly Sobee, 7-year-old one-eyed Dirge who finished sixth for a \$100,000 tag here last week and the gray filly looking out over a webbing and diving into her haynet. She's a freak, especially in Sheppard's typical turf brigade.

"Mine are usually two-turn types. She was about

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the third horse that Patti Miller (of EQB bloodstock consultants) had picked out for us. Forever Together was one, the other one was extremely fast but unsound, both of those had staying pedigrees but were very fast, so when this one came, I rather expected her to be quick, she was the highest price at Timonium, so I knew she was fast. You kind of have to throw the pedigree out the window."

Sheppard doesn't get many \$320,000 2-year-old purchases. He's more used to being the last stop than the first stop. For years, he's worked magic with homebreds for George Strawbridge, Bill Pape and ones of his own. He buys turf horses looking for new careers over jumps and imports some European steeplechase prospects. But, for Sheppard, to have his finger on something as high-octane as Informed Decision, well, that's new territory.

She breezed 5 furlongs over the main track in 58 seconds four days ago.

"She always works fast. She is fast. What do they say, 'A loaded gun will go off in anybody's hand,' "Sheppard joked. "Until we found out how fast she was, we didn't do anything different in her training, but it was fairly obvious fairly early on. We gallop her shorter distances and let her gallop a little bit faster, it doesn't take much doing to get her to gallop faster. We don't try to restrain her."

Informed Decision spent most of her summer stabled at Presque Isle Downs with Sheppard's assistant Barry Wiseman.

Sheppard has horses spread from Saratoga to the farm in Pennsylvania to Springdale Training Center in Camden, S.C.

Wednesday, the trainer was in Saratoga to oversee two schooling sessions and a routine gallop for Informed Decision, he drove to the farm to check on Forever Together, then flew back to Saratoga in time for Thursday's training and to saddle two in the New York Turf Writers Cup.

He's been known to have three rental cars in use at one time and go to BWI Airport and wonder why his flight isn't on the Departures board, only to realize he was meant to fly from Philadelphia. Already in the Hall of Fame, he's never had a better stable than right now. Mostly turf, except for God's creation who runs in the Ballerina.

"I've tried to keep some of them on the dirt but they always seem to end up on the turf, like With Anticipation," Sheppard said. "A lot of it is how they're bred and my background. I prefer seeing horses run on the grass, it's a little bit easier on them, but if you have a big stable, it's nice to have some balance."

Especially when she's 8-for-10 and 2-1 in a Grade I at Saratoga.



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	The Plot Thickens	Cops Fever	Pegasus Tommy D.	Pegasus Tommy D.	The Plot Thickens
2	Cautionary Tale Katy Now Vaporize	Katy Now Devil May Care Cast Call	Katy Now Devil May Care Vaporize	Vaporize Cast Call Much Rejoicing	Cast Call Vaporize Sheryl's Melody
3	Schneerson Eagle Strike Soda Jerk Presto Change O	Schneerson Recruit Eagle Strike Hamazing Destiny	Eagle Strike Schneerson Saratoga Lightning	Eagle Strike Schneerson Soda Jerk Florentino	Schneerson Eagle Strike Recruit Presto Change O
4	Golden Mexico Jack Spratt Auteur	Brother Keith Golden Mexico Grand Stage	Presto Change O Golden Mexico Strike Again Auteur	Brother Keith Golden Mexico Liscarroll	Golden Mexico Florentino Liscarroll
5	Stratos Liscarroll Rikman	Liscarroll Newport Rikman	Grand Stage Liscarroll Rikman	Live On The Edge Auteur Lease Of Life	Grand Stage Newport Rikman
6	Lease Of Life	Picou	Valtrus	Rikman	Hangingbyathread
	Hangingbyathread	Lease Of Life	Picou	Brown Entry	Picou
	Sara Louise	Bold Union	Selva	Sara Louise	Sara Louise
7	Selva	Sara Louise	Sara Louise	Sky Haven	Bold Union
	Bold Union	Selva	Trix in the City	Breen Entry	Sky Haven
	Kettle River	Kettle River	Kettle River	Alex Le Great	Bulldogger
8	No Truth Told	Alex Le Great	Kajiwara	Three Day Rush	Kajiwara
	Kajiwara	No Truth Told	Bulldogger	No Truth Told	Kettle River
	Rutherienne	Rutherienne	Rutherienne	Rutherienne	Rutherienne
9	Cocoa Beach	Dyna's Lassie	My Princess Jess	Cocoa Beach	Cocoa Beach
	Teamgeist	Cocoa Beach	Salve Germania	Teamgeist	Captain's Lover
	Informed Decision	Informed Decision	Informed Decision	Informed Decision	Indian Blessing
10	Indian Blessing	Music Note	Modification	P.S.U. Grad	Informed Decision
	Modification	Indian Blessing	Indian Blessing	Indian Blessing	Music Note
	Munnings	Flat Bold	Munnings	Munnings	Capt. Candyman Can
11	Big Drama	Big Drama	Big Drama	Capt. Candyman Can	Big Drama
	Capt. Candyman Can	Munnings	Capt. Candyman Can	Big Drama	Godolphin Entry
	Quality Road	Summer Bird	Warrior's Reward	Quality Road	Quality Road
12	Kensei	Quality Road	Summer Bird	Kensei	Kensei
	Our Edge	Kensei	Charitable Man	Summer Bird	Our Edge
	Whirlwind Poppy	Pernice	Ranger James	Ranger James	Whirlwind Poppy
13	Ranger James	Whirlwind Poppy	Whirlwind Poppy	Wishingonadream	Pernice
	Titletown Tiger	Ranger James	Kelly Entry	Kelly Entry	Wishingonadream
To Date:	67/230	49/230	42/230	65/230	68/230

## **SATURDAY'S** DETAILED ANALYSIS

## BY BRIAN NADEAU

RACE 1: THE PLOT THICKENS projects as lone speed and that's never a bad thing on the turf. Catch him to cash. COPS FEVER seems to get along nicely with Kent Desormeaux and enters off a big maiden win. Never been a fan of SEPARATIST. Thinking he's teasing once again today. If on dirt: Inherit The Gold. Heavenly Blaze. Her Latest Flame.

RACE 2: Stabbing with KATY NOW, who took money in her debut and just worked well over the slop last Sunday. DEVIL MAY CARE should come out running and has worked well. CAST CALL too, but the rail and 6 furlongs might pose a problem.

RACE 3: SCHNEERSON drew the perfect attack post and should move forward off an inspiring debut. RECRUIT could be the fresh new face that gets it done. Too many chances for EAGLE STRIKE, who almost had to win last time yet couldn't.

**RACE 4**: In a race where everyone seems the same on paper take the price horse, BROTHER KEITH, who tries turf for the first time since March. GOLDEN MEXICO had a tough trip last time and is dangerous with smooth sailing. JACK SPRATT is coming to hand at the right time and will offer value. If on dirt: Hamazing Destiny, Mike From Queens, Glittermans Cartel.

**RACE 5**: GRAND STAGE gets the call on the drop for a barn that's been hot with limited starters. LISCARROLL drew well and should save all the ground. Same with NEWPORT, who added the hood and ran a career best. If on dirt: Grand Stage, Stratos, Forest King.

RACE 6: PICOU ran huge to a nice prospect in his first start in seven months; looks imposing today. LEASE OF LIFE had a tough trip in his last and is a player with smooth sailing. READY'S CLYDE ran by far his best race when switched to the turf last out and will be a bomb that could spice up your trifecta. If on dirt: Rikman, The Roundhouse, Rip Rap.

RACE 7: Somehow there's no speed in the Victory Ride, and that bodes well for BOLD UNION, who might forget to stop. SARA LOUISE will go favored and deservedly so, but she won't offer value and will need longer to show her best. A name to remember down the line to be sure. SELVA could benefit from modest splits and hang around for a share.

RACE 8: I've heard good things about KETTLE RIVER and that's enough to give him the call in this head-scratcher. His last gate work is encouraging. ALEX LE GREAT has been working well at Fair Hill and might get overlooked on the board. NO TRUTH TOLD comes out of the Opening Day heat that already saw one next-out winner.

RACE 9: RUTHERIENNE could have won the Grade I Diana with a clean run and now drops back to a distance she loves (7-for-9 lifetime). DYNA'S LASSIE also cuts back and ran well at Del. Park. Not much speed so she might get first run. COCOA BEACH was just up in the De La Rose but the waters get deeper today.

RACE 10: INFORMED DECISION has won five straight at 7 furlongs at four tracks. Worked beautifully the other day, is comfortable both on or off the

pace and continues her path to a championship. MUSIC NOTE is interesting in that she cuts back to 7 furlongs after winning several Grade I routes. Eligible to split a chalky exacta because INDIAN BLESSING enters with a few question marks after running poorly over the synthetic at Hollywood Park and then having to scratch from the Rooney last month. At 4-5 it's worth trying to beat her.

RACE 11: FLAT BOLD looked great for the first mile of the Jim Dandy but just flattened out late so I'm thinking 9 furlongs and two turns was a bit too much. Well, he's back to sprinting, has plenty of furlongs under his belt and should have plenty of pace to run into. BIG DRAMA is admirable, as he runs his race every time, short or long, at home or on the road. Drew extremely well and Coa can rate the pace before making a move. MUNNINGS, on the other hand, drew horribly and now cuts back. It's fair to ask if that run took anything out of him and with this tricky rail post you can try to beat him at underlaid odds.

 $\mbox{\bf RACE 12}\!:$  SUMMER BIRD, QUALITY ROAD, KENSEI. See Travers handicapping on page 16.

RACE 13: Still awake? PERNICE scratched the other day but gets the call right back. Hoping to see him get a clear run this time. WHIRLWIND POP-PY drew well and is the one to deny. RANGER JAMES should improve off his first run in eight months. If on dirt: Titletown Tiger, Rizzi's Devil, Petey Bedoin.

## **SATURDAY'S** SARATOGA ENTRIES

**Saturday, August 29.** Post Time 11:35 a.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

## 1ST (11:35) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOWANCE NY BREDS PURSE: \$59,000

1	1	Carry the DayChavez J F	Contessa Gary C15-1
2	2	Gamblin FeverEspinoza J L	Ortiz Paulino 0 12-1
3	3	The Plot ThickensVelazquez J R	Martin Carlos F7-2
4	4	Cardiff RoadVelasquez C	
5	5	Brushed PrinceTheriot H J II	Allyn William F30-1
6	6	SeparatistDominguez R A	Tagg Barclay3-1
7	7	Cops FeverDesormeaux K J	
8	8	Her Latest FlameLuzzi M J	Carroll Del W II20-1
9	9	Pavlov's DogCastanon J L	Fisher Linda30-1
10	10	Knife and ForkCoa E M	Quick Patrick J 15-1
11	11	Pegasus Tommy DGarcia Alan	O'Brien Leo4-1
12	MTO	Heavenly BlazeSamyn J L	Ferraro James W 4-1
13	MTO	Inherit the Gold	Baker Charlton2-1
Exa	cta, <sup>-</sup>	Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (1-3), [	Daily Double

#### 2ND (12:05) 6 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$66,000

1	1	Cast Call	Prado E S	. Harty Eoin3-1
2	2	Golden Birdie	Velasquez C	. Lukas D Wayne12-1
3	3	Devil May Care	Velazquez J R	. Pletcher Todd A7-2
4	4	Rumpus Room	Maragh R	. Sciacca Gary20-1
5	5	The Mailet	Castellano J J	. Levine Bruce N20-1
6	6	Katy Now	Leparoux J R	. Wilkes Ian R12-1
7	7	Much Rejoicing	Garcia Alan	. Toner James J6-1
8	8	Vaporize	Dominguez R A	. Contessa Gary C4-1
9	9	Sheryl's Melody	Albarado R J	. Stewart Dallas 10-1
				. McPeek Ken8-1
Exa	ıcta,	Quinella, Trifecta, Sup	er (.10), Pick 3 Race	s (2-4) Pick 4 Races (2-5)
Dai	ly Do	ouble		, ,

#### 3RD (12:37) 7 FURLONGS 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$60,000

1	1`	Gréat Crusade	Theriot H J II	Lukas D Wayne 20-1
2	2	Eagle Strike	Garcia Alan	Frankel Robert5-2
3	3	Soda Jerk	Castanon J L	Arnold George R II4-1
4	4	Jove	Velasquez C	Brown Bruce R20-1
5	5	Saratoga Lightning.	Chavez J F	Jablow Michael5-1
6	6	Recruit	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A6-1
7	7	Clever Wish	Maragh R	Zito Nicholas P20-1
8	8	Schneerson	Prado E S	. Asmussen Steve2-1
Ex	acta,	Trifecta, Super (.10),	Pick 3 Races (3-5),	Daily Double

#### 4TH (1:10) LURE S. 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3YO PURSE: \$80,000

1	1	MikoshiL	ezcano J	Matz Michael R6-1
2	2	Jack SprattN	laragh R	Maker Michael J8-1
3	3			Weaver George 12-1
4	4	Golden Mexico (IRE) .D	ominguez R A	Clement Christophe 3-1
5	5	El CrespoB	ridgmohan S X	Arnold George R II 8-1
6	6	Florentino (JPN)G	arcia Alan	McLaughlin Kiaran5-1
7	7	Brother KeithV	elazquez J R	Frankel Robert12-1
8	8	Get StormyC	astellano J J	Bush Thomas M12-1
9	9	Strike AgainL	eparoux J R	Mott William I4-1
10	10	Wicked RichA	Ibarado R J	McPeek Ken20-1
11	ΑE	Smarten DestinyD	esormeaux K J	McPeek Ken20-1
12	MTO	Mike From QueensV	elazquez J R	Levine Bruce N4-1
13	MTO	Glittermans CartelA	lbarado R J	McPeek Ken6-1
14	MTO	HoopoeL	eparoux J R	Zito Nicholas P10-1
		Hamazing DestinyT		
		Presto Change OG		
Exa	ıcta,	Quinella, Trifecta, Super	(.10), Pick 3 Rac	es (4-6), Daily Double

## 5TH (1:45) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 3&UP CLM (\$35,000) PURSE: \$40,000

- 1	- 1	LISCATTOII	Castellano J J	weaver George4-1		
2	2	Grand Stage	Albarado R J	Nicks Ralph E5-1		
3	3	White Holiday	Garcia Alan	Ryerson James T 12-1		
4	4	Actor's Groove	Bridgmohan S X	DiPrima Gregory 20-1		
5	5	New York Holiday	Luzzi M J	Schettino Dominick8-1		
6	6	Brad's My Hero	Dominguez R A	Hennig Mark15-1		
7	7	Auteur	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I7-2		
8	8	Live On the Edge	Maragh R	Tagg Barclay8-1		
9	9	Newport	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A12-1		
10	10	Stratos	Prado E S	Baker James E20-1		
11	11	Forest King	Lezcano J	Parisella John20-1		
12	12	Spartan King	Leparoux J R	Trombetta Mike J10-1		
13	ΑE	Good Question	Luzzi M J	Romans Dale20-1		
Exa	cta,	Trifecta, Super (.10)	, Pick 3 Races (5-7),	Pick 4 Races (5-8)		
Dail	Daily Double					

## 6TH (2:20) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOW OC (\$50,000) PURSE: \$65.000

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1	1	Picou	Castellano J J	Brown Chad C4-
1A	MTO	Richland Creek	Maragh R	Brown Chad C4-
2	2	Successful Mission.	Desormeaux K J	. Mott William I5-
3	3	The Roundhouse	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A 15-
4	4	Tiger Woodman	Luzzi M J	Arnold George R10-
5	5			Kenneally Eddie 10-
6	6	Rip Rap	Prado E S	Levine Bruce N30-
7	7	Ready's Clyde	Lezcano J	. Londono Odin Jr30-
8				. Hills Timothy A12-
9	9	R J's Brigade	Albarado R J	Preciado Lupe12-
10	10	Hangingbyathread	Velasquez C	Martin Carlos F7-2
11	11	Lease of Life	Dominguez R A	Frankel Robert9-2
12	12	Forever My Friend	Maragh R	Stoklosa Richard30-
13	MTO	Rikman	Dominguez R A	Brown Bruce R4-
14	MTO	Mr. Unstoppable	Maragh R	Dutrow, Jr. R E5-

15 мто Barcola	Maragh R	Hennig Mark	8-1
A-Coupled: Picou and Ric	chland Creek	•	
Evacta Trifocta Super / 1	IN Dick 2 Dagge (6	-8) Daily Double	

## 7TH (2:55) VICTORY RIDE S. (G3) 6 FURLONGS FILLIES 3YO PURSE: \$100,000

1 01	IUL.	φιυυ,υυυ		
1	2	Bold Union	.Velazquez J R	Breen Kelly J7-2
1A	5	All of Her Twist	.Desormeaux K J	Breen Kelly J7-2
2	1	Trix in the City	.Dominguez R A	Rice Linda10-1
3	3	Reforestation	.Coa E M	Turner, Jr. W H6-1
4	4	Sky Haven	.Bridgmohan S X	Asmussen Steve8-1
5	6	Juliet's Spirit	.Albarado R J	Asmussen Steve15-1
6	7	Step Out Smartly	.Castellano J J	Arnold George R II 10-1
7	8	Selva	.Garcia Alan	Carroll David4-1
8	9	Sara Louise	.Prado E S	bin Suroor Saeed2-1
A-C	oupl	ed: Bold Union and Al	l of Her Twist	
Exa	cta, ⊺	Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (	7-9), Grand Slam Ra	aces (7-10) Daily Double

#### 8TH (3:30) 6 FURI ONGS 2 YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$66,000

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1	ĺ.	Bulldogger	.Velazquez J R	Baffert Bob3-1
		Three Day Rush	.Bridgmohan S X	Werner Ronny 12-1
3	3	My Piano Man	.Velasquez C	Nicks Ralph E15-1
4	4	Kajiwara	.Albarado R J	Asmussen Steve4-1
5	5	Alex Le Great	.Rose J	Klesaris Steve8-1
6	6	Our Dark Knight	.Leparoux J R	Zito Nicholas P15-1
7	7	Buddy's Saint	.Dominguez R A	Levine Bruce N 20-1
8	8	Moonlark	.Theriot H J II	Lukas D Wayne 12-1
9	9	El Primero	.Desormeaux K J	Contessa Gary C12-1
10	10	Kettle River	.Prado E S	Harty Eoin5-1
11	11	No Truth Told	.Lezcano J	Cesare William6-1
Exa	cta,	Trifecta, Super (.10),	Pick 3 Races (8-1	10). Pick 6 Races (8-13)
Dail	y Do	ouble		

## 9TH (4:05)BALLSTON SPA H. (G2) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) F&M 3&UP PURSE: \$200.000

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1	1	Rutherienne	.Garcia Alan	Clement Christophe 5-2
2	2	My Princess Jess	.Velasquez C	Tagg Barclay5-1
3	3	Closeout	.Albarado R J	Proctor Thomas F8-1
4	4	Dyna's Lassie	.Marquez C H Jr	Fout P Douglas 15-1
5	5	Teamgeist (ARG)	.Prado E S	McPeek Ken15-1
6	6	Captain's Lover (SAF)	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A6-1
7	7	Cocoa Beach (CHI)	.Dominguez R A	bin Suroor Saeed 2-1
8	8	Salve Germania (IRE)	) Castellano J J	Hickst Waldemar10-1
Exa	acta,	Trifecta, Super (.10),	Pick 3 Races (9-1	11), Pick 4 Races (9-12
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## 10TH (4:38) BALLERINA S. (G1) 7 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP PURSE: \$300,000 1 1 Music Note........Maragh R ....... bin Suroor Saeed ....5-2 2 2 Informed Decision....Leparoux J R...... Sheppard Jonathan .2-1

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3	3	Tar Heel Mom	Garcia Alan Hough Stanley M10-1
4	. 4	Indian Blessing.	Velazquez J R Baffert Bob8-5
5	5	Modification	Dominguez R A O'Neill Doug12-1
			Desormeaux K J Baffert Bob15-1
Е	xacta	Trifecta, Pick 3 R	aces (10-12), Daily Double

## 11TH (5:10) NETJETS KING'S BISHOP S. (G1) 7 FURLONGS 3YO PURSE: \$300,000

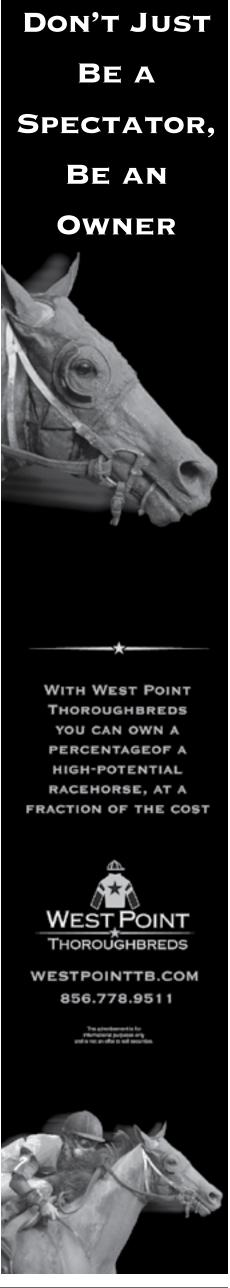
1	4	Vineyard Haven	.Garcia Alan	bin Suroor Saeed7-2
1A	5	Everyday Heroes	.Prado E S	McLaughlin Kiaran7-2
2	1	Munnings	.Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A2-1
3	2	Capt. Candyman Can	.Castellano J J	Wilkes Ian R4-1
4	3	Not for Silver	.Lezcano J	Trombetta Mike J15-1
5	6	Despite the Odds	.Rose J	Trombetta Mike J20-1
6	7	Prince Joshua	.Maragh R	Rose Barry R30-1
7	8	Flat Bold	.Dominguez R A	McLaughlin Kiaran10-1
8	9	Big Drama	.Coa E M	Fawkes David3-1
		ed: Vineyard Haven ar		
Exa	cta, <sup>-</sup>	Trifecta, Pick 3 Race (†	11-13), Daily Doubl	е
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## 12TH (5:46) SHADWELL TRAVERS S. (G1) 1 1/4 MILES 3YO PURSE: \$1,000,000

1	1	Hold Me Back	Leparoux J R	Mott William I15-1
2	2	Charitable Man	Dominguez R A	McLaughlin Kiaran6-1
3	3	Warrior's Reward	Borel C H	Wilkes Ian R8-1
4	4	Quality Road	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A8-5
5	5	Our Edge	Garcia Alan	Zito Nicholas P15-1
6	6	Summer Bird	Desormeaux K J	Ice Tim A3-1
7	7	Kensei	Prado E S	Asmussen Steve7-2
Exa	ıcta,	Trifecta, Super (.10),	Daily Double	

## 13TH (6:20) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 3&UP MAIDEN NY BRED PURSE: \$55,000

1	3	Pure CognacChavez J F Kelly Patrick J5-1
1A	9	Spa City Fever Chavez J F Kelly Patrick J5-1
2		Whirlwind PoppyLeparoux J R Maker Michael J7-2
3	2	Titletown TigerMorales S O'Brien Leo15-1
4	4	Don't You LingerLezcano J Feron Kathleen M 15-1
5	5	Ranger JamesCastellano J J Bush Thomas M9-2
6	6	Perspective LightCastanon J L Fisher Linda15-1
	7	SilverooPrine David50-1
8	8	PerniceSamyn J LTurner, Jr. W H4-1
9	10	Wishingonadream Velasquez C Disanto Glenn B 5-1
10	11	Rizzi's DevilMaragh R Schettino Dominick20-1
11	12	Jacob's DreamBorel C H O'Brien Colum20-1
12	13	UrbanoEspinoza J L Carroll Del W II30-1
13	MTO	Petey BedouinWilsey J A Miller Edward G 12-1
A-C	oupl	ed: Pure Cognac and Spa City Fever
Exa	cta,	Trifecta, Super (.10) Wagers



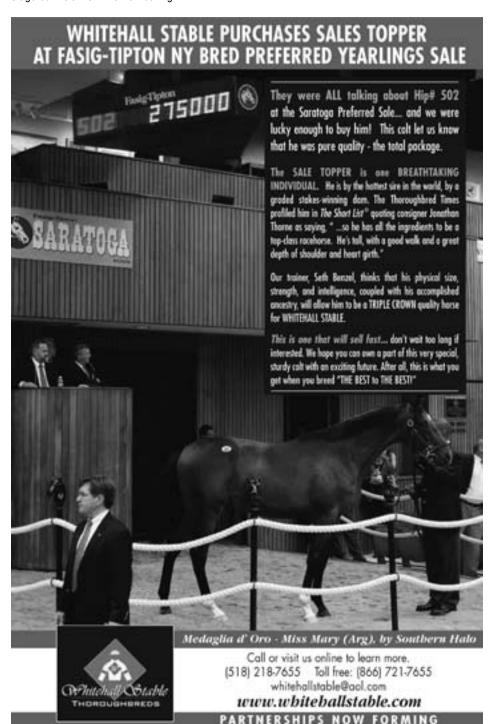
**Hold Me Back**: This year's version of Court Vision takes a shot at the big pot but you can't really blame the connections as there are some questions surrounding the big boys going this far. That being said, this guy has never run any type of dirt race that says he can do much more than pass a few stragglers in the lane. If they get a bit hot and bothered early then maybe he can spice up your superfecta, but anything more than that seems a bit out of reach.

**Charitable Man**: Seemed like he was coming up empty in the Jim Dandy but yet he also seemed to gain some interest late, so when you figure it out flag me down and let me know. Either way, it was an odd run that still leaves you wondering just where this classy colt sits with a group like this. Remember too, he's never won a two-turn race so that adds to the confusion, though today would be one heck of a time to get it done. Has enough tactical speed to stay in the mix and make a move on the far turn and then it's just a matter of if he's good enough or not. You might actually get a price if you're willing to find out.

Warrior's Reward: Shocked to see him take the point in the Jim Dandy but there's no worry about that happening here with Quality Road signed on. And that's a good thing for this colt too as he's much better accustomed to stalking early. He's essentially the Midwest's version of Charitable Man, meaning for all the attention he gets in these big races he's never really done too much to justify it. Actually, he's never even won a stakes so tread lightly. The good news is that he's bred for this trip and lan Wilkes can get a horse to peak for the big one. Again, like Charitable Man, he'll be the biggest price of his life if you're looking this way.

**Quality Road**: Let's be honest, this is clearly the most talented horse in the race and the best 3-year-old in the country. Well, male 3-year-old. His run in the Amsterdam, where he ran 6 1/2 furlongs in under 1:14 will be talked about until they tear this place down. However, he's being asked to win a 10-furlong race off just that one prep. That's not easy, especially when you consider this distance might be stretching his rubber band mighty thin. If they let him walk early it's improbable to think he'll come back to the field, but it's likely he'll have Our Edge draped to his flank for the first 4 furlongs and then Kensei for the next few. So at about 6-5, off just one 6 1/2-furlong prep, with the Jim Dandy winner eyeing him the entire way over a trip that might be a bit beyond his best I'll make him beat me and recognize the superstar if he pulls it off.

**Our Edge**: Though it's tough to see him winning this race you can argue that he's the most important entrant. Why? Because he's got the natural speed to keep Quality Road company early, which could allow the closers to come calling. His run in the Barbaro at Delaware was a true breakthrough, and don't forget Sumo, who finished fourth that day, just ran off with Wednesday's Pleasant Colony by 5 lengths. Nick Zito's not here just for the Travers party Friday night and he does bring a lightly raced and improving 3-year-old to the big party (Da' Tara anyone?). May not be good enough to win at this stage but he's worth remembering.





Tod Marks

The field for the 140th running of the Shadwell Travers Stakes went up on the board this week.

**Summer Bird**: Lost in all the Rachel Alexandra hoopla in the Haskell was the fact that the Belmont winner broke through with a career-best run after being completely taken out of his preferred running style and pressing that all-world filly from the inside. He held well to be second in a race he needed, over a speed-favoring track he might not have cared for all at a distance that was short of his best. Well, today everyone's lining up to play his 10-furlong game and you know darn well he's going to let them entertain themselves early before he makes that big run. Son of Birdstone gets the call to join dad and pull off the impressive Belmont-Travers double.

**Kensei**: Deserving winner of the Jim Dandy enters on the top of his game and he just keeps passing every test. Today's is the biggest to date, but his draw will allow Edgar Prado to keep an eye on Quality Road while potentially getting the jump on the closers. His talent is undeniable and don't forget that his connections passed with the big girl so he could have his chance to shine today — you can't get a better endorsement of how he's doing. However, the gut tells me that at some point he's going to regress off of all these big runs and 10 furlongs has a weird way of being the catalyst.

THE PICKS: SUMMER BIRD, QUALITY ROAD, KENSEI.

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Warrior's Reward (with Tracey Wilkes) is Ian Wilkes runner in today's Travers Stakes.

# Return Path

# Former Nafzger assistant Wilkes comes back to races on Travers Day

#### BY KAREN M. JOHNSON

Ian Wilkes has been down the Travers road before, but this time it is different because the journey is with a 3-year-old he has developed on his own.



Wilkes, a protégé of Hall of Fame trainer Carl Nafzger, will saddle Warrior's Reward in Saturday's

\$1 million Shadwell Travers. A native of Australia, Wilkes was in Nafzger's employ when Unshaded won the 2000 Travers and he also was on the scene for Nafzger's 2007 Travers victory with Street Sense.

When Nafzger went into semi-retirement in the fall of 2005, he aided Wilkes in his pursuit of opening his own stable. Many of Nafzger's clients, including Steve Miles Jr., the owner of Warrior's Reward, followed Wilkes. With Nafzger's assistance and some hard work of his own, Wilkes's stable has grown to 70 horses. Among his graded winners are Capt. Candyman Can (in today's Grade I King's Bishop), Miss Isella (Sunday's Grade I Personal Ensign), and his first stakes winner Court Folly, who took the Grade II Amsterdam at Saratoga in 2006.

The valuable education Wilkes obtained while in Nafzger's shed row is akin to obtaining a college degree at an Ivy League university. The crafty Nafzger, who won the Kentucky Derby with Unbridled in 1990 and again in 2007 with Street Sense, has long been



Wilkes

known for looking ahead to the main goal with his horses, and mapping out a series of races that he believes will best suit his runners in preparation for that ultimate target.

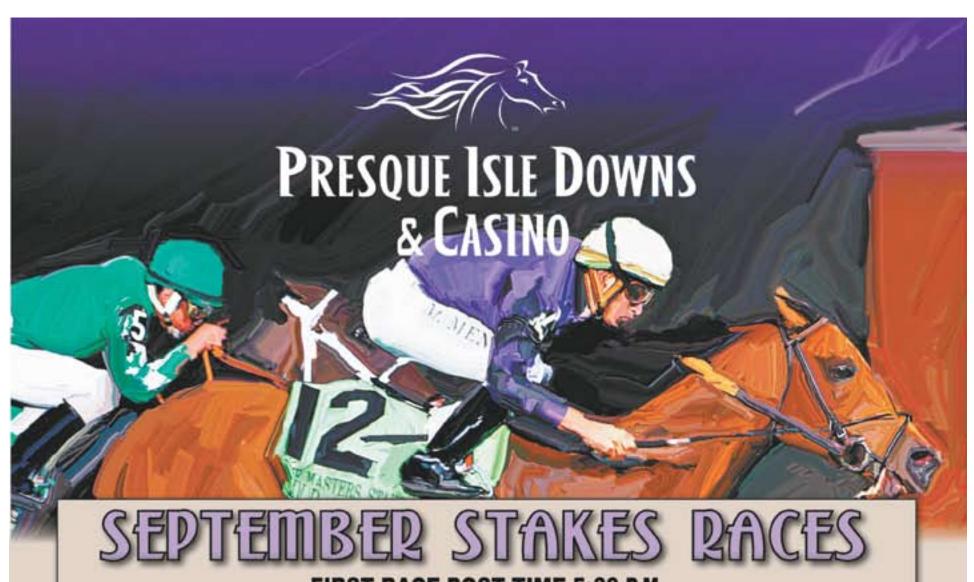
Wilkes, 44, has taken that approach with Warrior's Reward, who enters

the Travers with two wins from seven starts. The trainer regrouped with the colt, who was unraced as a 2-year-old, after he finished a disappointing eighth in the Tampa Bay Derby in March. Rather than forging forward to the Kentucky Derby, Wilkes took a step back, and plotted a campaign that would lead him to the Travers with the son of Medaglia d'Oro.

After a spectacular win in an allowance race over the talented Munnings at Churchill Downs in May, Warrior's Reward finished second in Churchill Downs' Grade III Northern Dancer, third in the Grade II Dwyer at Belmont Park, and then second in Saratoga's Grade II Jim Dandy.

"There are many things that Carl is very good at. One is pointing a horse to a certain race," Wilkes said. "The one thing Carl does is use a race to go to a race. I love that . . . instead of working, working, working to that race.

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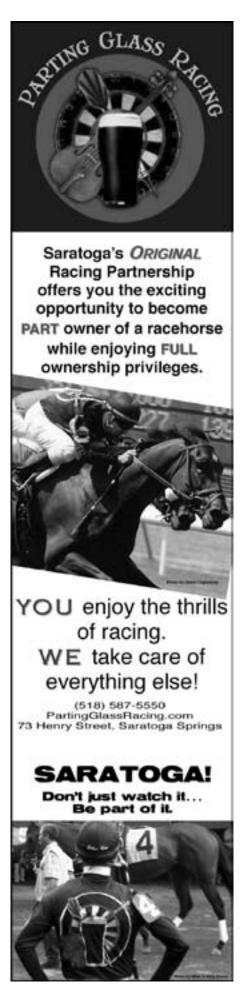
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## **Wilkes** —

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"That was my idea with Warrior's Reward. My long-range goal when we ran badly at Tampa was the Travers. I talked to Steve Miles, and we agreed we were too far behind for the [Kentucky] Derby, and I didn't want to use my horse by trying to make the Derby. I felt like we were behind the eight ball at that point. So from the Tampa Bay race, we tried to set every thing right to try to make the Travers."

Wilkes' story began in New South Wales, Australia where his family operated a dairy farm. Wilkes wasn't as interested in milking cows as he was in playing the ponies. Frequently he would accompany a buddy to the racetrack and

take the \$5 he made selling the track program to the betting windows, an endeavor he says that yielded few, if any, big-time scores.

With the blessing of his father, he left school at 16 to take a job galloping horses. In November 1988, Wilkes was working for renowned Australian trainer Colin Hayes when he heard about a position as an exercise rider with Nafzger at Keeneland.

Luckily for him – although he didn't know it at the time - Wilkes had to wait until April 1989 for his visa to come through to travel to the United States. During his six-month waiting period, Wilkes met his future wife, Tracey, who wished to come to America too. Tracey, who also worked for Nafzger as an exercise rider, and Ian have been married 19 years and have two teenage children,

Shelby and Brodie.

Wilkes initially galloped horses for Nafzger for 1 1/2 years. He returned to Australia for a few years, before rejoining Nafzger's barn in 1993. Wilkes remained there as an assistant trainer until early 2006, when he began managing his own string. He still, however, works closely with Nafzger, and assisted in the training of Street Sense, who was the champion 2-year-old colt of 2006 following his win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

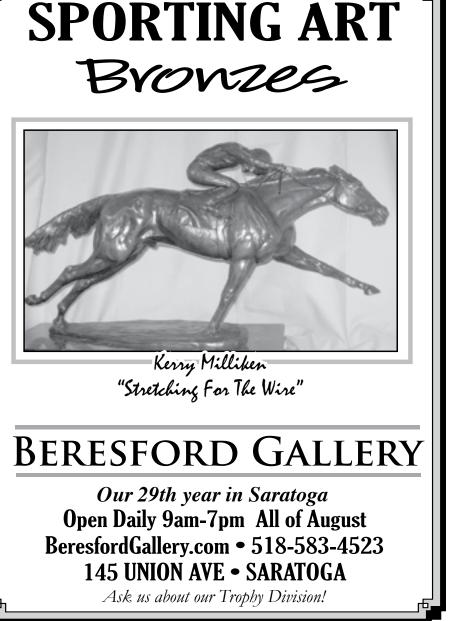
Wilkes couldn't have known all those years ago when Unshaded won the 2000 Travers, or even more recently when Street Sense won, that he would find himself in a position like Nafzger - preparing a horse to compete in one of the country's most prestigious races.

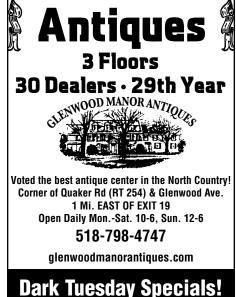
"If you asked me then, I couldn't imagine it," Wilkes said. "But it's something I always wanted to do - to train. I knew the [time] would come. If you have enough confidence in your own ability, and have owners that believe in you, I always thought I could make it."

Wilkes, in a way, is a study in contrasts. He is a fierce competitor, but he also wants to have fun.

When Kensei beat me in the Dwyer by 5 1/2 lengths, I stumbled at the start and I had an excuse. That's fine. I came back and ran a good race on the lead in the Jim Dandy and got beat 2 1/4 lengths. I'm getting closer. I love the challenge,"

"But this is fun, too. This is what it's all about. These big races, and having some fun. Enjoying it. You can't say that enough. Sometimes you're too caught up and worried about it, but in the end it's just a horse race. It's your livelihood, sure, but you have to enjoy it; have a good time with it. Life is short."





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# No Lady Here

## Dyna's Lassie barges into stakes picture

#### **BY BRIAN NADEAU**

Beth Fout braced for the inevitable while dragging a comb through Dyna's Lassie's mane. Standing inside her stall, Fout squared up her left shoulder to the 5-year-old, while wrapping her left arm around from underneath, tickling and bracing Dyna's Lassie's head. A human pretzel designed to keep the feisty mare

"She's actually being pretty well-

BALLSTON SPA **STAKES** 

behaved; she's usually not this kind," said Fout, whose husband Doug trains the Ballston Spa starter. "You've got to be careful because at any given time she might

reach out and try to give you a bite."

A visitor retracted his right hand while Fout continued the early morning grooming session on Dyna's Lassie, who rates an upset chance in a contentious renewal of Saturday's Grade II, \$200,000 turf stakes for fillies and mares.

Dyna's Lassie has been knocking at the graded stakes door for the past two seasons. Owned by Ken Luke's Eldon Farm, the daughter of Dynaformer took the Ms. Liberty at Monmouth Park in July 2008 and then finished second

in the Grade III Matchmaker there a

Fout gave Dyna's Lassie the rest of the season off and she returned to run seventh in Belmont Park's Grade III Beaugay in May behind Ballston Spa rival My Princess Jess. After a third in the Grade III All Along at Colonial Downs, Fout sent Dyna's Lassie to Delaware Park for the Grade III Robert Dick Memorial at 1 3/8 miles. She ran well to finish third but her "do it my way" personality came out in spades.

"She's an extremely tough horse to ride and even to train. She's got a mind of her own. That day at Delaware she was pretty rank and aggressive and that's not what we want her to do in her races" Doug Fout said. "So we came up here and I decided to run in this spot instead of the longer Glens Falls next week because there figures to be more speed and they might run off, which would allow her to settle."

For the 1 1/16-mile Ballston Spa Fout enlisted the services of Carlos Marquez Jr., who has a win a second in two starts aboard Dyna's Lassie.

"Carlos knows the horse, which helps a lot because she's not an easy horse to ride. He should be able to go out there

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Susan Carter/Eclipse Sportswire

Dyna's Lassie is a big part of the Ballston Spa field today.





## Dyna's Lassie —

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and settle her a bit which would give her the best chance. She's been here all month training for this race so we've got no complaints. All that's left is the race and we feel she's capable of getting it done."

With six of Dyna's Lassie's seven rivals owning graded or group stakes wins it won't be easy. East Coast turf veterans Rutherienne and My Princess Jess lead the way. They're joined by Midwesterner Closeout, Argentine import Teamgeist, South African-bred Captain's Lover and Irish-bred Salve Germania, plus multiple Grade I winner Cocoa Beach (a Chilean import).

"We know it's not going to be easy. When you run on these types of days it never is. But that's why we're here; you want to be involved on days like Saturday," Fout said. "She worked great the other day and we're coming in the right way. She's been standing on her hind end out here every afternoon when we graze her so when she acts like that we know she's doing good."





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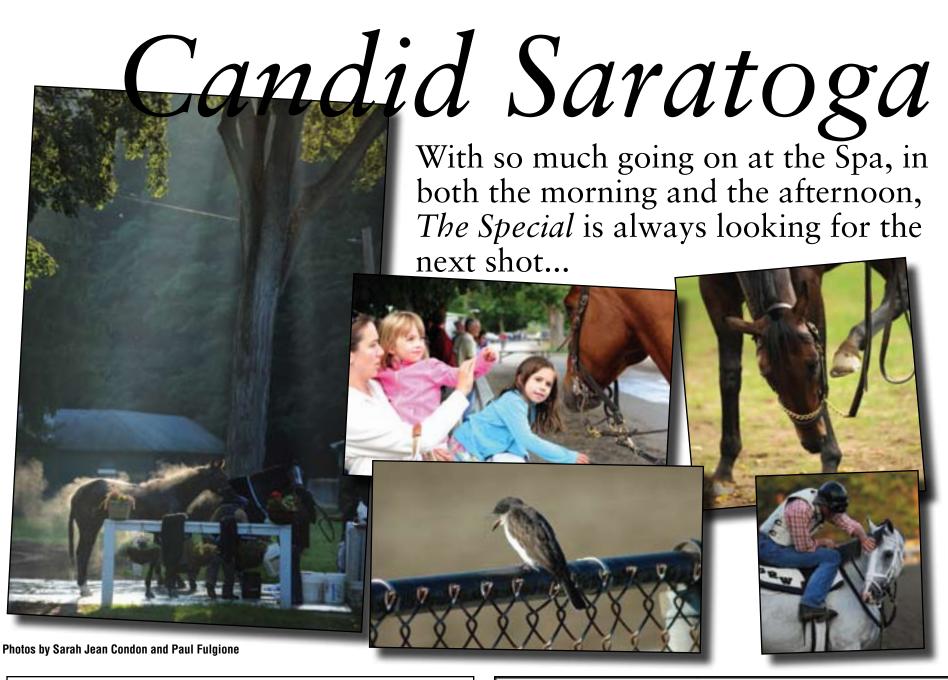
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# Selva-ersatile

## Slop, dirt, turf, Poly OK with Carroll's filly

#### **BY JOE CLANCY**

Dave Carroll ducked under the webbing and started talking about Selva in that typical Irish horseman dialect.

"She's small, but she's so well proportioned you don't mind," he said. "She's a great package, she's got a great shoulder and a great hip, plenty of bone to her..."

### VICTORY RIDE STAKES

The man could apply for a job with Fasig-Tipton – Goff's or Tatts Ireland would be a better fit for the accent – if he gets tired of training. Carroll brings Selva into today's

Victory Ride, one of six stakes on the 13-race Travers card, for owners/breeders Helen Alexander and Helen Groves. The daughter of Forest Wildcat shipped into Saratoga from Carroll's Churchill Downs base and made herself at home in trainer Eddie Kenneally's barn on the Oklahoma side. She is one of nine in the \$100,000 Grade III, a 6-furlong test on the main track

Her trainer expects a solid effort.

"She breezed Sunday before she shipped (a half-mile in 46 2/5 seconds) and went very well," Carroll said. "She fits in there beautifully, we're happy to be drawn outside (post 8) and she's got the natural speed to be up close or lay off the pace."

Selva might be the 2009 version of a "throwback" racehorse with victories on all surfaces and starts on six individual tracks in her short career.



Carroll

She won her debut as a 2-year-old here last summer on a sloppy track.

She went to Monmouth in her next start and won a stakes on a fast track.

She went to Woodbine in Canada and won a stakes on Polytrack to close 2008.

This year, she opened with a second going a mile on the dirt at Fair Grounds and backed that up with a score sprinting 5 1/2 furlongs – on the turf – in

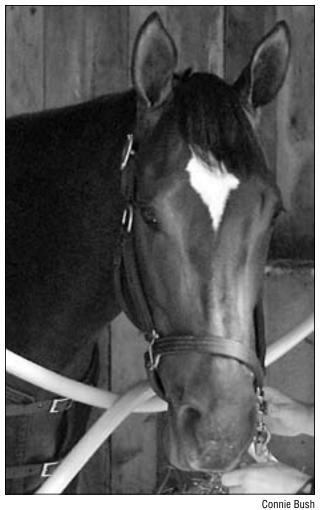
the Mardi Gras Stakes at Fair Grounds.

She went back to Polytrack and lost a half-length slugfest when second to War Kill in the Grade II Beaumont Stakes at Keeneland in April.

"She's just a racehorse, she loves to run – on turf and dirt and the Poly," he said. "A good horse can run on anything."

Sent back to the dirt and a try at some Grade I form in the Prioress at Belmont Park July 4, Selva finished fourth (beaten less than a length for third) to end her streak of 1-2 finishes at six. Carroll excused the performance, and also cautioned that it wasn't as bad as it looked.

"The Beaumont at Keeneland was a hard race on her and just knocked her out," he said. "It took us awhile to get her back and then we went to the Prioress. It was a good race; she's tightened up from that



Selva checks out Saratoga Friday morning.

and she should have a bigger kick this time – plus it's not as tough a race. If she can move up a couple lengths, she'll be right there and I think she will."

With a stable of 30-35 horses, Carroll follows the calendar between Kentucky and New Orleans with oc-

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## **Selva** —

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casional forays to New York and other states. Once part of Shug McGaughey's team, Carroll won a race from five starts here last year. Selva will be his second starter at the 2009 meet.

Like any racing fan, he enjoys a big day like today with a stakes-laden card, quality runners, a big crowd. Like other fans, Carroll sweats the weather forecast - not that his horse will mind.

"What a great program, it's a great day," he said. "This is what we're in the game for, to participate in these big days. We want to be involved in big days, but I had a look at the weather



and I'm not so sure it's going to be as good. You want a good, fast racetrack, you want the turf racing, you want to get the biggest crowd you can and you want to showcase our game."

Selva came to Carroll with expectations of racing on such days thanks to some quality flashed at Payson Park before she ever raced. John Hennig did the early work for the Kentucky-bred and sent her to Carroll with confidence.

'John told me when she came to me that I was going to like her," Carroll said. "You don't know that they're going to do what she's done, but she came in with high regard. Any horse you get for (Alexander and Groves) you think can be good."

• Last year, Carroll's Denis Of Cork finished third in the Kentucky Derby and second in the Belmont Stakes before going to the sidelines with a minor injury. He still hasn't returned, due to a subsequent suspensory injury in what was supposed to be some light exercise before heading back to the racetrack.

"He needed 45-60 days at the farm after the Belmont and he was going to be fine," Carroll said. "He had just started back when that happened. I saw him a few weeks ago in Ocala and he looks great. I hope to get him back, but it's going to be close to two years away from the races. It's a shame. That division is not great this year and we may have had some fun."

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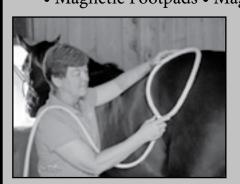
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## 1. BOLD UNION

The true speed, was a precocious 2-year-old that got back on the beam in her last start with a stakes win in the Femme Fatale at Penn National.

Trainer Kelly Breen: "It looks like we'll have a good 1-2 punch. Bold Union ran one of her worst races at Philadelphia Park in June but she came back and we found she had close to a 103-degree fever. We ran her back in July and she broke the track record (going 6 furlongs) at Penn National so we feel she's back to her best. If she doesn't bounce off that run she can win."

## 1A. ALL OF HER TWIST

She finished a close sixth in the Grade I Test here. Her closing kick complements her entrymate's speed and gives the New Jersey-based Breen a formidable duo.

Breen: "She's no slouch either. She got a race over the track so that should help. We've got a speedball and a closer and I'll take whichever one is in front at the wire. Both horses have been kicking down the barn since they got up here in this cool air. It's a lot cooler than the Shore. Down there you wake up and it's already 70 degrees; I woke up this morning here and it was 50. So it's great to have both horses feeling good."

## 2. TRIX IN THE CITY

Makes her graded stakes debut after swinging wide and closing for fourth in the Geyser Spring Stakes earlier in the meet.

Trainer Linda Rice: "She ended up getting shuffled back to last and was running on at the end, so if we lay a little closer in this race she might be effective. She's been developing well; she was kind of a high-strung little filly. She had sore shins as a 2-year-old but she's really improved over the course of time. She's gained some weight and filled out, so I'd like to give her a shot."

For each of today's graded stakes The Special's reporters scoured The Spa's backstretch to gather a little bit of information on every single starter.

### 3. REFORESTATION

Took a step back in the Test when she finished seventh, but her prior runs, including a big third at this distance in the Grade I Prioress make her a player.

Jockey Eibar Coa: "She's got a lot of versatility and that allows me to place here wherever she's comfortable. The last time in the Test it might have been a bit too far for her, but when she went 6 furlongs in the Prioress she ran really big."

### 4. SKY HAVEN

Enters off a career run in the Caught In The Rain Stakes at Philadelphia Park, where she pressed the pace before drawing off for her third career victory. Pennsylvania-bred is one of two for trainer Steve Asmussen.

Assistant trainer Scott Blasi: "Sky Haven has been down there [at Belmont] because we ran her at Philly. Belmont is where we ship those horses who run at Philly. No reason to change that, She likes to lay off the pace, so I don't think they will get in each other's way. It's just a matter of whether they are fast enough."

## 5. JULIET'S SPIRIT

Florida-bred won her only dirt start, a 4 1/2-furlong stakes at Charles Town. Daughter of Exchange Rate won her first three starts, all on Woodbine's synthetic surface.

Blast: "I don't think she really likes the synthetic. In the past, we've had horses run really well off synthetic back to dirt. This will be the third race she's had off her layoff,"



## 6. STEP OUT SMARTLY

Homebred sports a 4-for-8 career record and looks to nab her first graded stakes win. Freshened after a facile score in a Churchill Downs allowance in July and is perfect (4-for-4) at the distance.

Trainer Rusty Arnold: "We are limited to where we can run her. She's a 3-year-old filly who is a four-other than, so really there are no allowance options for her. She was obviously not good enough for the Test but hopefully this is a little better spot for her. Even [finishing] on the board in a graded race is very good for a homebred. We still own the mare. She's got to step up; she's already a stakes winner so a graded race is the next step."

## 7. SELVA

Talented and versatile; broke her maiden here at first-asking last summer over a sloppy track so she deserves extra consideration should the rains come. She's won and placed in stakes on turf, dirt and Polytrack. Exits her first off-the-board finish when fourth in the Grade I Prioress at

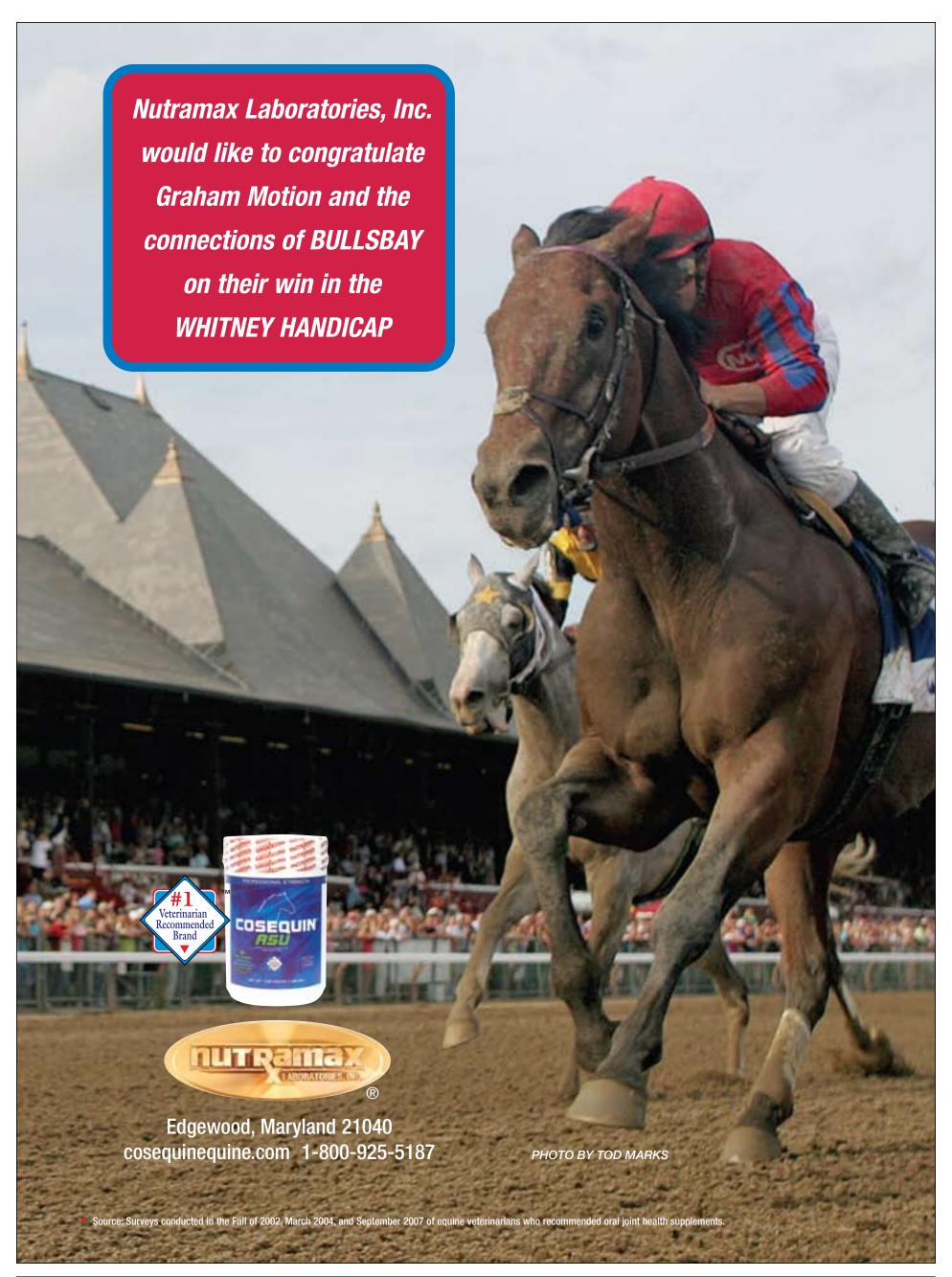
Trainer David Carroll: "She belongs. The Prioress was an amibtious spot but we were trying to get some Grade I black type and we almost pulled it off. Her preparation was not ideal for that race but since then we haven't missed a beat. She's trained beautifully, she looks a lot better, we're looking forward to a big race."

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## 8. SARA LOUISE

Bust this one out at your next dinner party: "Who was the last horse to defeat Rachel Alexandra?" You guessed it. Took down that monster in the Grade III Pocahontas at Churchill last fall before running second to Rachel in her next start, the Grade III Golden Rod in November.

Assistant Rick Mettee: "She's trained very well the last couple of months. She had a couple really nice pieces of work over this track especially, the 59 4/5 August 21. The 6 furlongs, on paper, might be a little short for her especially if it's on a muddy track. We're in the end of August; she has to start somewhere, and we think we're going to get a pretty good race out of her. She went over to Dubai in late January, which is kind of late to get there, and she just wasn't ready to run. We never even breezed her over there, we just kept her in light training. We she came back here she was ready to go, so it's been pretty straightforward with her for the last 60 days. Of all the ones racing Saturday, we would probably have to be most confident with her."



## BALLSTON SPA HANDICAP

Post: 4:05 p.m. (Race 9) Grade II. Purse: \$200,000 For Fillies And Mares Three Years Old And Up. One And One Sixteenth Miles. (Turf)

## 1. RUTHERIENNE

Rock-solid mare has won half of her 20 starts and has missed the board only twice in an illustrious career. Owns 7-for-9 record at the distance and enters off a troubled third here in the Grade I Diana, where she was beaten less than a length by champion Forever Together.

Trainer Christophe Clement: "She's a very nice filly – consistent. She's training very well. I just hope that the weather isn't too bad because she should give a very good account of herself. The inside post is great; it's a wonderful draw. We've slightly overfaced her running in a lot of Grade I's but I think she will be very competitive."

## 2. MY PRINCESS JESS

Another who excels at the distance (5-for-7); steps back after running in the Diana and Just A Game, both Grade I stakes

Trainer Barclay Tagg: "It's a tough spot for her, but it's the right distance. I want to keep her at a mile or mile-and-a-sixteenth because she's got that great late kick and the speed can set up for her at this distance. I want to get the best black type I can get with her – this could be a Grade I very easily."

## 3. CLOSEOUT

Shown she can run a big one now and again, especially over a course with some give to it. Midwest filly is 5-for-10 lifetime and packs a strong stretch punch.

Assistant Ryan Van Tilburg: "We're never happy about rain and turf. We had her entered at Monmouth in the Matchmaker and she was primed to run a very big race and the rain came and it was off the turf. She can run on firm ground or a little cut in the ground. We would prefer for the rain to stay away so there is no chance of the race coming off. We ran her eight times as a 3-year-old so we gave her the winter off. Tom (Proctor) likes to give a lot of our turf horses the winter off, so we didn't crank really too hard on her early this year. Knock on wood, she's been training very well and she looks great — dappled out from ear to tail."

## 4. DYNA'S LASSIE

Just missed in the longer 1 3/8-mile Robert Dick Memorial at Delaware Park and steps up in search of her first graded stakes win. Passed on the longer Glens Falls next weekend to run in this spot.

Trainer Doug Fout: "We're going here to see if she's good enough. She ran a big one at Delaware. Park and we feel like she deserves the chance. She was pretty rank that day so I'm hoping with a little extra speed in there it will help her turn off a little bit."



Argentine miss won a Group II stakes in her homeland and ran a troubled sixth in her U.S. debut in the De La Rose here Aug. 5.

Trainer Ken McPeek: "She's been flawless since she's been training with us; she does everything right so we think she can play at this level. She's one of the classiest South American fillies I've ever had. She had kind of a troubled trip in her last race so it can be looked at as a bit of a throw out. She came to us in the spring and she's trained like the good horse that she was in South America, where she won a couple of Group II's. She's still learning two turns because down in Argentina, she did mostly one turn so she's still on a bit of a learning curve. She's figuring it out though; she's very intelligent and very classy."

## 6. CAPTAIN'S LOVER

South African runner won a Group I there as a juvenile and owns one win from three starts since coming to the U.S. Enters off a 7-length romp in the off-the-turf Matchmaker at Monmouth Park.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "She's doing well, the last race was a little experiment when it came off the turf, she handled that well. I would be a little concerned about the pace scenario, I don't think there's a whole lot of pace in there. We were asking a lot of her in her first run, I was a little bit disappointed. The second race, I thought we made a tactical error, we wanted to cover her up and they crawled, we got her covered up but it was behind ridiculous fractions. She won't mind it if it comes off and (Team Valor's) Barry Irwin said she likes soft ground."

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## 7. COCOA BEACH

Took Grade I races on turf and dirt last year and missed to Zenyatta on synthetic. Godolphin unveiled her in the De La Rose for her 2009 debut and she was up late to win by a neck. She sports a gaudy 10-for-14 career mark.

Assistant Rick Mettee: "The Ballston Spa is going to be a much tougher race for her than the De La Rose. We just felt we had to run her more before the Breeders' Cup, and that she was just too fresh to sit on until the Belmont Fall meet. She'll run here and then possibly come back on the dirt in the Beldame, and if she improves between starts like she did last year we'll be able to assess going back to the Breeders' Cup."

## 8. SALVE GERMANIA

Irish-bred is just 1-for-8 lifetime and has been racing at distances much farther than she today's. Trained in Germany by Waldemar Hickst, the 4-year-old filly shipped into Todd Pletcher's barn and will remain in his care after the race.

Pletcher: "She's in our barn and we're going to get her after her race, but we don't really have anything to do with her. She got out of quarantine on Tuesday. They're training her. She seems to have shipped in well."

# BALLERINA STAKES

Post: 4:38 p.m. (Race 10) Grade I. Purse: \$300,000 FOR FILLIES AND MARES THREE YEARS OLD AND UP. SEVEN FURLONGS

## 1. MUSIC NOTE

A real hotshot as a 3-year-old when she won three Grade I stakes with ease. Fifth in the Grade I Ogden Phipps at Belmont, her lone start at 4. Cuts back in an effort to get things going again.

Assistant Rick Mettee: "We're still not sure if we have the same filly we had last year, but there weren't too many options. We either ran here in the Ballerina, or in the Personal Ensign at 10 furlongs. We just felt 7 furlongs was a little bit better comeback spot. She's going to lag back and come with a run for the last 30 seconds, which she should be able to do; and this should help us assess where she is, and what to do with her for the rest of the fall."

## 2. INFORMED DECISION

The "now" horse enters off five straight wins - all at 7 furlongs. Runs over anything and has already defeated Ventura, who beat Indian Blessing by 4 lengths in last year's Breeders' Cup Filly/ Mare Sprint.

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard: "Well, you do feel a bit more pressure, yes. I'm trying to stop myself from reading about her - she's eight for 10, won five in a row, unbeaten at seven-eighths. It's just how God made her, she's a running machine, which is odd because she's bred to go a mile and a half, by a Derby winner out of a His Majesty mare, so you never know. She's just very

## 3. TAR HEEL MOM

Ran off to a convincing and fast allowance score earlier in the meet and steps up to run in her first Grade I stakes.

Trainer Stan Hough: "Some of those tougher fillies have run here before, but they haven't run here this year so she deserves a shot. It's a little quick coming out of her last race, but it's a Grade I and a six-horse field, so it's time to take a chance. I had her last year and when I went to Florida I ran her one time and she bled. So we sent her back to the farm in Kentucky to give her a couple of months. Coming back, it took a little time when I first got her and then she came back to her old self."



## 4. INDIAN BLESSING

Last year's filly/mare sprint champion is winless in two starts this year but is 2-for-2 at the Spa. Ran well against colts in the Dubai Golden Shaheen and then struggled with Hollywood Park's synthetic surface in June, when she ran fourth, the only time she's missed the exacta from 14 career starts. Scratched out of the Rooney at Calder due to a minor infection but has been working great guns here.

Assistant Tonja Terranova: "She's always just been a dream to be around. She's just so professional; a sweetheart. She loves Saratoga. Simon [Harris] has been on her - this is his third year on her - and he said she feels great. Bob [Baffert] has always said she never really liked synthet-

Trainer Doug O'Neill ships daughter of Vindication for her first try on dirt since finishing third to Informed Decision in the Humana Distaff at Churchill Downs in May. Struggled over synthetic tracks in her last two starts, will stay with trainer Mark Hennig after the race.

Hennig: "She's looks good and trains well. She ate everything in her tub the other day and we don't think she's a Polytrack horse, so the move back to the dirt should be good for her."

### 6. P. S. U. GRAD

Finished a closing third in the Honorable Miss at 6 furlongs here Aug. 9 when making her first start for Baffert. Daughter of Harlan's Holiday owns four wins from 16 starts.

Terranova: We were really happy with the way she ran in the Honorable Miss. We had only had her about three weeks. She breezed really well here the other day. She's coming into the race in really good shape. There's Informed Decision and Indian Blessing, they are two great fillies. It's a step up, but she deserves a chance. She was definitely coming on in the last race and didn't get beat far."

## KING'S BISHOP STAKES

Post: 5:10 p.m. (Race 11) Grade I. Purse: \$300,000 For Three Year Olds. Seven Furlongs

## 1. VINEYARD HAVEN

Looked great winning two Grade I stakes as a juvenile for trainer Bobby Frankel; the Hopeful here and the Champagne at Belmont, but then didn't adapt to his new surrounding after he was purchased by Godolphin and sent to Dubai. Enters after six months on the sidelines.

Assistant Rick Mettee: "We would have liked an easier race for him first time out, but he wasn't ready to run in the Amsterdam. He's trained much better for this than he did for the race in Dubai. Clearly he's much happier on the dirt than he was training on that Tapeta in Dubai. He's worked well at Belmont and here, and he acts like he's going to come out and run a good race off a layoff. It's tough to win a Grade I like this off a layoff, but we're left without a lot of options. We're already at the end of August, so we have to get him back going somewhere."

## 1A. EVERYDAY HEROES

Another Darley/Godolphin private purchase after he won the Grade III Hirsch Jacobs at Pimlico for Tim Ritchey. Finished fifth, beaten 9 lengths in Quality Road's Amsterdam but did finish second to Munnings in the 7-furlong Woody Stephens at Belmont.

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin: "It's a tough race with a lot of good speed but we're going to give it a shot. He's a nice horse but we know going in how difficult a spot it is; there's some real quality in there. With that being said, you don't get too many chances to run 7 furlongs in a Grade I with just 3-year-olds."

## 2. MUNNINGS

Tried to get his first career Grade I in the Haskell but found Rachel Alexandra and 9 furlongs a bit too much. Back to doing what he does best today and is a deserving favorite.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "This is his game. I wish we didn't draw the rail, but outside of that I'm pleased. This is what he naturally does best so coming off a mile and an eighth race we just gave him a couple of easy half-mile breezes and kept him happy. He's a fit horse, it's just a matter of fine-tuning a little bit. We're not looking to get too creative. Any time you run against Rachel Alexandra, you're not necessarily projecting that you're going to win, but we felt like he needed a race in between, it was worth taking a shot, he got a little bit unlucky that the track came up wet. I don't know if he was at his best over that surface but he still ran well."

## 3. CAPT. CANDYMAN CAN

Chased Quality Road home in the Amsterdam, a breakthrough run for this gelding. Owns a 3-for-3 record at the distance and the one they'll have to fear in the lane.

Trainer Ian Wilkes: "You got to love him, don't you? He's just a racehorse. Anytime you have a Grade I at Saratoga, it's not easy, but I'm very pleased with the way he is coming into the race."



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Maryland-bred won the Grade III Carry Back at Calder by 4 lengths in his last start, his hirst graded stakes win. Another with a potent stretch kick.

Trainer Michael Trombetta: "He's the neatest kind of horse to have in that he doesn't have to have things his own way. He just adapts. I'm not so sure about an off track with him. We'll just have to wait and see. There are about three of those [horses to fear]. One of the things that I hope can play in our favor is that some of those horses are coming off very, very hard races. You know, maybe we'll have a good day if some of those horses are not having their best."

## 5. DESPITE THE ODDS

Rangy son of Speightstown won the off-the-turf Hill Prince in a laugher at Belmont and cuts back after running in three races at a mile or over.

Trombetta: "He's backing up in distance and that always can be interesting. I think he will do fine. He's been in the mud a few times now and he won a graded stakes at Belmont in the slop. It certainly shouldn't hurt him any."

## 6. PRINCE JOSHUA

Calder-based gelding took the minor Select at Monmouth in his last and the road show continues at the Spa. Looks for his first graded stakes win.

Trainer Barry Rose: "He's been really sharp and he likes the weather up here. His last race was slightly different for him because in the past he's been pushing really hard on the front end, and this time he was kept a little bit off the lead and made a big move down the stretch. He wasn't in front looking to hold on; he was able to finish strong. With all the speed in the King's Bishop, hopefully he can do the same thing."

## 7. FLAT BOLD

Two-time winner tried the big boys in the 9-furlong Jim Dandy and looked good for a mile before flattening out slightly. Cuts back and does have some one-turn success at Belmont Park.

McLaughlin: "I like this spot. We're hoping all the speed goes and he can make a late run. We don't want to be fighting him early, we want him running at the end. One turn is a better trip for him. We tried him in the Jim Dandy and he looked good but this will be better because he can come from off of it and make that one late run."

## 8. BIG DRAMA

Runs his race at any track and any distance and 7 furlongs may be his real strength. Drew well and has the speed to be on or just off the pace, which gives him a lot of options as he seeks his first Grade I victory. Just missed in the 9-furlong West Virginia Derby, where he defeated Derby winner Mine That Bird, in his most recent start.

Trainer David Fawkes: "All is well. He came out of the West Virginia Derby fine, it was just a little bit too far for him. This is his distance. He's been training well, and I like the post position on the outside; (Eibar Coa) can do whatever he wants out there. He shipped from Monmouth good; he's been training and breezing great there."

## TRAVERS STAKES

POST: 5:46 P.M. (RACE 12) GRADE I. PURSE: \$1,000,000 FOR THREE YEAR OLDS. ONE AND ONE FOURTH MILES.



## 1. HOLD ME BACK

Turf/synthetic specialist aims high on the dirt for top connections. Exhibits a strong closing kick but he's been far back in his two dirt tries, including a 12th in the Kentucky Derby and a fifth in the Remsen last year.

Trainer Bill Mott: "I don't know, you've got to run to find out. His synthetic form is very good, he works good on the dirt, we'll have to see. The Remsen is a little bit confusing, the end of the year and his speed figures were the same as his first two races. I'm waiting to see just like everybody else, all I know is he's training well. They were worried about the slop, but if comes up muddy, hell, I don't know, I don't see it as a big negative. He didn't run good in the Derby but it wasn't like he wasn't handling it in the Derby, he handled it from the three-quarter pole to the three-eighths pole when he asked him. He went, it wasn't like he spun his wheels the whole way. He made his run up to the leaders; when he was finished the horse that won it hadn't even started his run yet."

## 2. CHARITABLE MAN

Peter Pan winner ran decently to finish third in the Jim Dandy and wheels back for a top barn. Still looking for his initial two-turn win but has shown talent in his six-race career.

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin: "We know it's a really tough spot but he's a very talented horse that we think deserves a shot. He ran pretty well in the Jim Dandy over the track and it's a lot of money, it's a Grade I, so we'll be in there trying."

## 3. WARRIOR'S REWARD

Another talented 3-year-old found himself on the lead in the Jim Dandy but should revert to stalking tactics. Still looking for his first two-turn win but dad Medaglia d'Oro won this race a few years back so distance shouldn't be a problem.

Trainer lan Wilkes: "You try to manage him by finding where he belongs, and he belongs with these horses. It has taken a couple races for him to really come into his own. He has a tremendous mind. He played with horses; he doesn't want to put them away. He's quite happy to run with them. If he catches on, and puts them away... I think he's catching on. You can't take anything away from the horses that have beaten him. There aren't any excuses there. I just watched how he trains, and it's the little things, how he has done it, that I'm pleased with."

## 4. OUALITY ROAD

Made a legendary return in the Amsterdam when he set a track record. Grade I Florida Derby winner gives the race some true star power.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "I don't know if I would change anything. I feel good about where we have him, it is a mile and a quarter and he's never been that far. He won the Florida Derby at a mile and an eighth and looked like he was finding more that day, so you've got to think it's within his scope. It looked like he was ready to go around again."



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## 5. OUR EDGE

Late developing 3-year-old looked good wiring the Barbaro Stakes at Delaware Park and has the speed to keep Quality Road entertained early. Steps up a ton in here but Zito's got a plaque in the Hall of Fame partly because of moves like this.

Trainer Nick Zito: "I'll tell you after the race [if it's a step worth taking]. I hope so. I spoke to (owner) Bob LaPenta and this is what he likes to do. He's won three in a row and the Barbaro was his break-out performance. Very, very tough, obviously. Going up against the Belmont winner, Jim Dandy winner, Peter Pan winner, it's not an easy race. I'm sure I'm leaving a few out. The Florida Derby winner. It's a very big step. It's because he's been doing so well that we have the inclination to do it. As you can see, we've been working him on the training track to make sure he's a legitimate worker. He has the talent. Patience is a virtue, like they say. We gave him all the time, and it certainly paid off."



## 6. SUMMER BIRD

Belmont Stakes winner not getting much publicity because of Quality Road, but he ran big in the Haskell against Rachel Alexandra over a speed-favoring track. He should appreciate the return to closing tactics, which he used to annex the Belmont.

Trainer Tim Ice: "He's doing good and he looks good, he's ready to run so we'll take our shot. It means a lot to have Summer Bird, not only for business, but to have a horse like this in my barn. It's incredible. There are trainers that have been in the business for years that don't get to run in these races. For me to be out on my own for just over a year it's an honor to run in these races. When I drove through getting here, I just thought, 'wow'. You hear everything about it, but to actually be here and see it is just great. He ran a winning race in the Haskell. We were just overshadowed by Rachel Alexandra – and rightfully so; she's a superstar. If you go back and look at the race he ran, it was very good. I don't know if it was his best race because this colt is still improving. I think that with each race he's going to get better."

## 7. KENSEI

Jim Dandy winner keeps progressing and is perfect in two starts over the track. Second string to Rachel Alexandra has been plenty good enough and gets another chance to prove it.

Jockey Edgar Prado: "I know they thought he was a nice colt all along. He put himself together the last couple of races. I think [Asmussen] is just doing a super job training the horse here; he seems to like it even better than Belmont. So I'm really very excited with all the reports I've been receiving. We're looking forward to having him go an extra eighth of a mile. I think he will be able to do it. He has a great post. Hopefully, he can relax good and we can go from there. It's a very competitive field — Summer Bird, Quality Road and that horse from Zito. But my horse is moving forward."



# Deep 6

## Justenuffhumor flies home to extend turf streak to half-dozen

#### **BY SEAN CLANCY**

Kiaran McLaughlin stared at the big screen television in the clubhouse. Family behind him, he stood nearly under the screen, watching and chomping a piece of gum, hands behind his back.

BERNARD BARUCH STAKES **RECAP** 

The Bernard Baruch was nearly halfway over and McLaughlin's Justenuffhumor lagged just off the screen. When Tom Durkin said the favorite was 12 lengths off second choice Cowboy Cal, McLaughlin groaned, barely audible to the world, but indigestion to the trainer.

It didn't last long.

McLaughlin snapped his fingers as Darley's Justenuffhumor swept past six opponents in the span of about a half-mile, the 12 lengths went fast. Cowboy Cal held tough but couldn't withstand the storm of Justenuffhumor. With Alan Garcia smacking him left-handed, the son of Distorted Humor finished a half-length to the good of Cowboy Cal with another 2 3/4 lengths to 12-1 shot Sette E Mezzo.

And that makes six in a row.

Cowboy Cal shot to the lead but was quickly joined by Seaspeak; the duo posted fractions of 23.23 and 46.94 seconds while Justenuffhumor relaxed, outside in seventh. After three quarters in 1:11.35, Seaspeak began to falter and Cowboy Cal stretched a 2-length lead, but Justenuffhumor hit his gear and wore him down to win by a comfortable half-length.

"We knew going in that there wasn't too much speed in the race but it seemed like they went along at a pretty fast pace so I was happy to be where I was," Garcia said. "He has a big turn of foot and even though we were going 9 furlongs for the first time I knew he would be there for me when I asked. I just wanted to wait and ask him for that big quarter-mile run that he always gives me. He's a special horse and just keeps stepping up every time we ask him."

Justenuffhumor continued his dominance of the milers (or a furlong above) in New York.

McLaughlin has gotten used to it.

"What a neat horse," McLaughlin said as he walked to the winner's circle. "He just gets there. There aren't too many of them I've trained that I feel like, just get him in the gate and break him out of there and he'll get there first. Invasor and this horse. Six in a row."

McLaughlin met his brother, Neal, in the winner's



Tod Marks

Justenuffhumor, the third straight Bernard Baruch winner for Kiaran McLaughlin and Alan Garcia, rallies to win on Friday.

circle and slapped hands. The family followed. Neal McLaughlin enjoyed the show and then remembered the one man who made it all happen.

Robert "Spec" Alexander, the starter at Keeneland. Faced with a horse who would sit down, attack the handler, throw a fit every time he went in the gate, Alexander worked with the tough-minded colt every day. He used pads, a blanket, even gave McLaughlin equipment orders.

The two-tone figure-eight noseband isn't to help Justenuffhumor's breathing.

"Spec said put a figure-eight as tight as you can so he can't bite you. That's why he wears it, it doesn't do anything for his breathing, it's for the gate, just to protect the guys," Neal McLaughlin said. "He was bad, we were struggling with him and that was his problem of why we couldn't get him started; the gate, the gate, the gate. He sits down, as soon as the rider grabs a hold of the reins to get ready to break, he sits down. We tell Alan, get your hold before you go in there, when you're in there, don't move.' He's a character, he did it a little bit today."

Justenuffhumor picked up the third consecutive Baruch for McLaughlin and Garcia (Shakis won in 2007 and 2008). And first for breeder, Greg Goodman of Mt. Brilliant Farm. Goodman purchased the dam, Justenuffheart before her offspring, future champion Dreaming Of Anna and stakes winner Lewis Michael had started. Nice move.

"It's awesome, it's so exciting it's almost hard to talk about it right now," Goodman said. "This is the first foal we sold out of the mare. We always knew he had all the muscle and the talent. He had the makings of doing this, even as a little boy. He was the toughest guy on the farm.'

Justenuffheart is carrying a full-sister and has a Storm Cat yearling in the Keeneland September Sale. If they're anything like Justenuffhumor, everybody will win. Purchased by Darley for \$550,000 at Keeneland September 2006, Justenuffhumor made his debut on the Keeneland Polytrack last fall, mostly because of the gate crew.

Shipped to Florida, he broke his maiden in January, won an allowance in March at Gulfstream, another allowance at Aqueduct at the end of April and continued through his conditions to win a three-other-than allowance at Belmont Park in June. In his stakes debut, he dominated the Fourstardave here Aug. 2. The Baruch

"I'm not surprised in the horse. Neal has had the horse from day one, he's done a real good job with this horse," McLaughlin said. "You don't get many horses like this, you just get him in the gate and, with him, out of the gate and feel like you're going to win, whether it's 7 furlongs or 10 furlongs, probably 12 furlongs. He's a real professional racehorse. Pat Correa gets on him and he makes every horse look like no problem, but he's pretty straightforward, well, other than at the gate. He just finds a way."



## Future is now

Future Prospect reunites with Maragh in stakes

#### **BY BRIAN NADEAU & COLIN BEAURY**

Rajiv Maragh and Future Prospect have come a long way together.

Paired for the first time in an Aqueduct allowance in February, Future Prospect tried to rear at the start and never left the gate. They fared a bit better in their next start, a third at Aqueduct two weeks later.

FRIDAY'S RACING RECAP

They haven't lost since. Friday Maragh and Future Prospect made it four in a row together with an improbable neck win in the \$79,750 Funny Cide Stakes for New

York breds at 9 furlongs.

Lucille Davis' Future Prospect broke from the outside stall in the Funny Cide and immediately ranged up to duel with R Clear Victory, who was motoring to the lead from his inside. To two front runners threw down the gauntlet early and ripped through a 46.12 half-mile while well ahead of the remaining five runners.

Maragh kept Future Prospect, trained by Mike Maker, well off the rail and continued to hammer at a wilting R Clear

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Tod Marks

Future Prospect (right) hangs on to win the Funny Cide stakes in a three-way photo finish.



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#### **Friday** —

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Victory as the leaders approached the far turn. The latter waved the white flag and Future Prospect turned for home with a dwindling lead as the closers began to draw into contention. Naughty New Yorker, Dr. D.F.C. and Stud Muffin filled out a pecking order that looked destined to run past a tiring Future Prospect as he led to the eighth-pole. Stud Muffin dove to the inside, Dr. D.F.C. to the outside and Naughty New Yorker was widest of all as Future Prospect battled on in the middle of the track. Showing the tenacity of the race's namesake, Future Prospect fended off everyone to score by a neck over Naughty New Yorker (Jean-Luc Samyn) and Dr. D.F.C. (Jose Lezcano).

"He fought hard the whole way," Maragh said. "I know my horse and we get along pretty well together and I knew he wouldn't give up even if we were going at it through fast fractions. He wanted to be close to the pace so I didn't fight him or take it away from him. He's a gutsy horse and when he saw those other horse coming in midstretch he dug in and re-broke for me and came again. He responded well when they all came and kind of ganged up on him."

The race was a rematch of sorts between Future Prospect and R Clear Victory, the 1-2 finishers, in reverse order, of the High Rock Spring here on July 31. The latter got the jump on Future Prospect that day and went on to a wire-towire score. Maragh wasn't aboard in the High Rock but was intent on a different outcome.

"I didn't want the other horse to get loose on the lead because I saw what happened last time," Maragh said. "Today I wanted to make sure we were up close and on the pace because I know that's where he likes to now."

Maragh figured that out in his third try on Future Prospect in an Aqueduct allowance in March. He put the 5-yearold gelded son of Freud on the lead and they held by a diminishing margin. The same tactics worked twice in April and Maragh knew he had found the key.

"He's a funny horse that has a few quirks about him but once you get to know him he'll be there for you," Maragh said. "The first time I rode him he reared up at the break and he didn't even get to start. The next time I tried to keep him back a bit and I realized that you don't want to fight him, you just want to keep him mellow and let him run his race. He's got a high cruising speed and loves to get into a fight."

• A troubled start left Ruffino at the rear of the field in the opener on Friday, but a textbook ride by Maragh brought the 6-year-old gelding home a winner for trainer Jim Bond. Owned and bred by the trainer's wife Tina, Ruffino spotted the others several lengths as he stumbled out of the gate, but Maragh found a seam on the rail and brought the son of Raffie's Majesty into contention as the field rounded the first turn. Ruffino grabbed a narrow lead after 6 furlongs and ran off by 3 lengths to win the 9-furlong optional claimer for state-breds. Billy Bear (Edgar Prado) nosed Stopbluffing (Mike Luzzi) for second at the wire.

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Tod Marks

Ruffino goes to the wire on Friday.





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Ruffino drew his career record to 6-for-10, and won his third straight optional claimer. He made Friday's win look easy after such a tumultuous beginning.

"I just wanted to get him to recuperate and get himself back together. I didn't want to rush him because you don't want to panic," Maragh said. "He grabbed his quarter leaving the gate pretty bad, so I just had to let him get himself back in the groove before I made any decisions out there. You never want that to happen, but it was better than if it happened in a shorter race. At 1 1/8 miles, even though you give up lengths and position, you might be able to get back into it when you have more distance to work with. He doesn't have to have the lead to win, so I just tried not to panic."

 Jimmy Toner walked to the center of the track and shared a celebratory hug with fellow trainer Roy Lerman after the second. Toner just saddled his first winner of the meet, Shine Softly, a year and four days removed from her first and only start.

Owned and bred by Phillips Racing Partnership, Shine Softly (Ramon Dominguez) finished third in her debut at the Spa last summer. Toner decided to stretch his filly to 1 1/16 miles and try her on the grass, and the result was a three-quarter-length win on Friday.

Shine Softly, by sprint champion Aldebaran and out of the Toner-trained grass champion Soaring Softly, moved along the rail as she rounded the turn and cruised home to win in 1:42.85 over Adjacent (Alan Garcia) and Ostensibly (Javier Castellano). Shine Softly began her 2009 campaign with a bang after a series of issues left her on the shelf.

'She's been a project to say the least. She's difficult to train," Toner said. "I was going to start with her on the dirt because I had trouble with her going around the turns, but then we finally got her around two turns on the grass. I'm finally comfortable enough with her. She has had some minor problems along the way – it's

#### Saratoga Leaders Through August 28

Jockeys		Trainers			
Ramon Dominguez	35	Linda Rice	14		
Alan Garcia	30	Todd Pletcher	12		
Julien Leparoux	22	Bill Mott	10		
Rajiv Maragh	22	George Weaver	9		
Kent Desormeaux		Gary Contessa	8		
John Velazquez	17	Kiaran McLaughlin			
Edgar Prado	17	Barclay Tagg			
Javier Castellano	16	Steve Asmussen			
Robby Albarado	12	Tony Dutrow			
Jose Lezcano	12	Mike Hushion			
Cornelio Velasquez	8	D. Wayne Lukas			
Mike Luzzi		Nick Zito			
Jorge Chavez	6				
Fihar Coa	6				

been 369 days since her last start. She's been difficult, but thank God we have an owner like John Phillips who let us deal with her. Most people would have had enough.'

Toner won his first race of the meet after some tough luck. Cherokee Speed finished second to Grassy in the infamous 6-horse photo finish on the Alabama undercard August 22, but Toner was upbeat about his hard

"We've been knocking on the door," he said. "They say, 'you hate to get beat by a nose in a race like that,' but I said 'I'd hate to be fifth and beaten by a few nos-

• "How does Ramon Dominguez go off at 15-1 on any horse?

The question echoed in the winner's circle after the fifth, a 1-mile maiden for state-bred fillies/mares. It was another Dominguez clinic on the turf.

Dominguez tucked Triple Tax Exempt, an August Hoerrner homebred trained by Carl Domino, behind horses after a troubled break left her in ninth. Saratoga's leading rider urged the daughter of Devil His Due into contention from sixth down the backstretch before making a five-wide move coming out of the turn.

Dominguez angled Triple Tax Exempt for home, Stormie Gray (Cornelio Velasquez) tried to hold her ground on the inside but fell short by a head with Song For Pupcake (Maragh) up for the show. Triple Tax Exempt was switched to grass two starts back, a move Domino felt was necessary given her pedigree.

"We tried her on the dirt in her first two starts, but she didn't do anything and her mother (Run N Gun) was a good turf horse. She ran well her first time on the turf, but she needed the race," Domino said. "Then she got in a little trouble the last time out. I told Dominguez to just do his own thing today, and he thought she could make one big run and it worked. She was always impressive because she trains hard. When you get one that works in a minute, you know you have some kind of racehorse."

• Allen Iwinski knew it was getting late. He also knew that's when he's at his most dangerous. He took it one step further than 2008 when he saddled Certifiably Royal to score in the eighth, a maiden-claimer sprinting on the turf.

"Last year I got my first win with the second to last

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RACE # 12 Travers Stakes Saratoga, August 29, 2009

Quality Road was one of the favorites to win the Kentucky Derby before he was injured after winning the Grade I Florida Derby March 28. He returned to the races in the Grade II Amersterdam at 6 1/2 furlongs and won impressively despite stumbling at the break Aug 3. He looks like he's back and is clearly the one to beat, HF 15 style. Our Edge has rattled off three straight wins and earned a big rating when dominating the Grade III Barbaro at Delaware Park July 19. He may be this good and will likely try to take these wire-to-wire. Summer Bird, the upset winner of the Belmont Stakes, finished a distant 2nd to the filly Rachel Alexandra in the Grade I Haskell Aug 2 at Monmouth. He didn't get the pace to run at that day, but could get it in this spot and can't be counted out. Kensei has rattled off two straight Grade II victories and all appears sharp enough to be considered. by 7oday's Racing Digest

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	NAME- BY ORDER OF FINISH	1/4	<u>1/2</u>	<u>3/4</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>LF</u>	TRK, DATE & RCS BK
	(Avg This Level)	:23.7	:48.0	01:11.9	02:03.2		(Avg This Level)
1	Our Edge	23.8	48.2	01:12.7	02:03.5	<u>25.5</u>	DEL-07/19/09-1
2	Quality Road	23.9	47.4	01:11.9	02:04.1	26.9	GP-03/28/09-2◆
3	Kensei	23.6	48.1	01:12.5	02:04.2	26.4	SAR-08/01/09-1
4	Hold Me Back	24.9	50	01:12.7	02:04.6	26.6	KEE-04/11/09-3◆
5	Charitable Man	24.1	48.4	01:12.8	02:04.7	26.6	SAR-08/01/09-1
6	Warrior's Reward	23.4	47.9	01:12.5	02:04.7	26.9	SAR-08/01/09-1
7	Summer Bird	<u>23.2</u>	<u>46.9</u>	<u>01:11.3</u>	02:04.7	28.1	MTH-08/02/09-1

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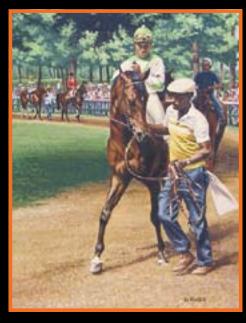
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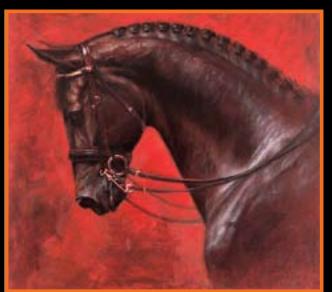












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horse I saddled up here," Iwinski said. "This year I waited until the end. This was the last horse I'm running before heading home to Philadelphia Park."

Certifiably Royal made all the running and held sway by a neck over Native Mambo (Jose Espinoza), with Master (Maragh) back in third.

Certifiably Royal was making his first start since last September at Belmont when he finished sixth in a two-turn maiden-claimer. The son of Mutakddim, owned in a partnership by Preferred Pals Stable and James Sweedler, ran seven times on the turf last year as a sophomore but never under 1 mile. Iwinski took a gamble Friday.

"It was a big effort for a horse that's been away for such a long time at a distance he's never tried before," Iwinski said. "The horse got injured after his last start last year and we just had to give him some time to get him back. We were excited about the way he was training but you never know after a layoff and with the uncertainty of the distance. We

entered today as a nice starting off point but after seeing how he ran I might have to look into keeping him sprinting."

• Dominguez continued his torrid pace in the 10th when Ken Ramsey's No Detour caught Lone Cypress (Shaun Bridgmohan) by a nose in a 6-furlong maiden claimer.

Trained by Maker, No Detour hooked up with Lone Cypress coming out of the turn and the two matched strides for the duration of the stretch before No Detour won on a final, desperate head bob. Wild Conga (Maragh) joined late for third.

No Detour was Dominguez's fourth winner of the card and 35th of the meet. It was also one of the most thrilling.

"It was exciting at the end. I thought for a brief moment it was over, but my horse dug in and the head bob went our way," Dominguez said "Things are falling into place, I'm not doing anything different. I'm just happy I'm getting horses that are good. I hope to continue through the end of the meet."

Dominguez looks to continue the hot pace today when he has mounts in 11 of the 13 races, including the \$1 million Travers aboard Charitable Man.



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Friday, August 28.

#### 1ST. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. CLM. AOC. PURSE \$63,000.

Ruffino Maragh R 4.90 3.40 Billy Bear Prado E S 5.60 4.30 Stopbluffing Luzzi M J 8.30

Finish Time: 1:51.35

Trainer: Jim Bond. Owner: Tina Bond.

B. g. 6. Raffie's Majesty-Joanne W., Well Decorated.

Bred by Tina Bond (NY).

\$2 Exacta (8-2) Paid \$49.00; \$2 Trifecta (8-2-7) Paid \$619.00; \$2 Superfecta (8-2-7-4) Paid \$2,694.00

#### 2ND. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. MSW. PURSE \$51,000.

Dominguez R A 10.00 4.00 Shine Softly Adjacent Garcia Alan 9.70 7.20 Ostensibly Castellano J J 9.60 Finish Time: 1:42.85

Trainer: Jimmy Toner. Owner: Phillips Racing Partnership.

Ch. f. 3. Aldebaran-Soaring Softly, Kris S. Bred by Phillips Racing Partnership (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (3-1) Paid \$69.50; \$2 Quinella (1-3) Paid \$32.00; \$2 Trifecta (3-1-8) Paid \$1,066.00; \$2 Daily Double (8-3) Paid \$41.20

#### 3RD. 6 FURLONGS. 3&UP. F&M. ALW. PURSE \$52,000.

Moontune Missy Leparoux J R 12.60 4.40 East Breaks Lezcano J 2.70 Underground Maragh R 3.00

Finish Time: 1:10.14

Trainer: Eoin Harty. Owner: Gold Mark Farm. B. f. 3. Forest Wildcat-Moonsong, Deputy Minister.

Bred by Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds and S&H Thoroughbreds (Ky). \$2 Exacta (4-3) Paid \$198.00; \$2 Trifecta (4-3-7) Paid \$589.00; \$2 Pick 3 (8-3-4) 3 Correct Paid \$1,109.00; \$2 Daily Double (3-4) Paid \$231.00; \$2 Superfecta (4-3-7-1) Paid \$1,949.00

#### 4TH. 1 1/8 MILES. THE FUNNY CIDE. 3&UP. NY BREDS. PURSE \$79,750.

**Future Prospect** Maragh R 3.40 2.70 11.80 Naughty New Yorker 5.70 Samyn J L Dr. D. F. C. Lezcano J

Finish Time: 1:50.12

Trainer: Mike Maker. Owner: Lucille Davis.

Dk. B. or Br. g. 5. Freud-Devil's Waltz, Marshua's Dancer.

Bred by Thomas/Lakin (NY).

\$2 Exacta (7-6) Paid \$75.00; \$2 Quinella (6-7) Paid \$48.00; \$2 Trifecta (7-6-5) Paid \$330.50; \$2 Pick 3 (3-4-7) 3 Correct Paid \$927.00; \$2 Daily Double (4-7) Paid \$145.50; \$2 Superfecta (7-6-5-2) Paid \$1,082.00

#### 5TH. 1-MILE. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. NY BREDS. MSW. PURSE \$45,000.

Triple Tax Exempt Dominguez R A 33.00 13.80 6.90 Velasquez C Stormie Gray 9.90 Song for Pupcake Maragh R 5.30 Finish Time: 1:38.04

Trainer: Carl Domino. Owner: August Hoerrner. Dk. B. or Br. f. 3. Devil His Due-Run N Gun, Thirty Six Red. Bred by August Hoerrner and Chesapeake Farm (NY).

\$2 Exacta (8-5) Paid \$591.00; \$2 Trifecta (8-5-1) Paid \$3,392.00; \$2 Pick 3 (4-7-8) 3 Correct Paid \$2,681.00; \$2 Pick 4 (3-4-7-8) 4 Correct Paid \$24,955.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-8) Paid \$122.00; \$2 Superfecta (8-5-1-4) Paid \$21,718.00

#### 6TH. 7 FURLONGS. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$24,200.

Dominguez R A 9.00 4.50 3.50 Grasberg Spanky Fischbein Lezcano J 3.10 2.60 Smooth Wind Castellano J J 2.90 Finish Time: 1:24.43

Trainer: Mike Hushion. Owner: Barry Schwartz. B. g. 4. Thunder Gulch-India Divina (Chi), Roy. Bred by Stonewall Farm (NY).

\$2 Exacta (6-2) Paid \$25.40; \$2 Trifecta (6-2-3) Paid \$82.50; \$2 Pick 3 (7-8-6) 3 Correct Paid \$633.00; \$2 Daily Double (8-6) Paid \$139.50; \$2 Superfecta (6-2-3-1) Paid \$292.00

#### 7TH. 1-MILE. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. CLM. PURSE \$30,000.

Loxy Lady Lezcano J 4.20 2.90 Who Is Lady Luzzi M J 17.40 10.20 Pearl of Valor Theriot H J II 5.00

Finish Time: 1:38.01

Trainer: Mark Hennig. Owner: DATTT Stable.

B. m. 5. Dynaformer-Palette Knife, Broad Brush.

Bred by Burning Daylight Farm (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (6-9) Paid \$88.00; \$2 Trifecta (6-9-4) Paid \$540.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-6) Paid \$36.20; \$2 Pick 3 (8-6-6) 3 Correct Paid \$842.00; \$2 Superfecta (6-9-4-8) Paid \$4,197.00

#### 8TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. MCL. PURSE \$24,000.

Certifiably Royal Prado E S 3.20 10.80 6.30 Native Mambo Espinoza J L 5.30 3.00 Maragh R Master 2.30 Finish Time: 1:03.90

Trainer: Allen Iwinski. Owner: Preferred Pals Stable, Joseph Sweedler, Bethlehem Stable and Wachtel Stable.

Ch. g. 4. Mutakddim-Royal Trips, Summer Squall.

Bred by Duane and Roger Kilbride (Ky). \$2 Exacta (7-5) Paid \$50.50; \$2 Trifecta (7-5-2) Paid \$109.50; \$2 Pick 3 (6-6-7) 3 Correct Paid \$160.00; \$2 Daily Double (6-7) Paid \$38.00; \$2

Superfecta (7-5-2-8) Paid \$642.00

#### 9TH. 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. THE BERNARD BARUCH. 3&UP. PURSE \$200,000.

1	Justenuffhumor	Garcia Alan	3.80	2.50	2.10
5	Cowboy Cal	Velazquez J R		4.00	3.00
9	Sette E Mezzo	Desormeaux K J			4.30
Finich	Time: 1://7 38				

Finish Time: 1:47.38

Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Owner: Darley Stable.

B. c. 4. Distorted Humor-Justenuffheart, Broad Brush.

Bred by Mt Brilliant Farm (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (1-5) Paid \$13.00; \$2 Trifecta (1-5-9) Paid \$70.00; \$2 Grand Slam (2/3/6-4/6/9/10/12/13-1/2/5/7-1) Paid \$8.90; \$2 Pick 3 (6-7-1) 3 Correct Paid \$84.50; \$2 Daily Double (7-1) Paid \$28.00

#### 10TH. 6 FURLONGS. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$32,000.

Dominguez R A No Detour 3.20 2.40 Lone Cypress Bridgmohan S X 3.20 Wild Conga Maragh R 3.50 Finish Time: 1:10.78

Trainer: Maker Michael J - Owner: Ramsev, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.

Dk. B. or Br. c. 3. Catienus-Single Goer, Easy Goer.

Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (7-9) Paid \$24.20; \$2 Trifecta (7-9-6) Paid \$77.50; \$2 Superfecta (7-9-6-3) Paid \$162.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-7) Paid \$14.40; \$2 Pick 3 (7-1-7) 3 Correct Paid \$86.50; \$2 Pick 4 (6/10/12/13-7-1-2/4/7) 4 Correct Paid \$295.50; \$2 Pick 6 (8-6-6/10/12/13-7-1-2/4/7) 5 Correct Paid \$138.00; \$2 Pick 6 (8-6-6/10/12/13-7-1-2/4/7) 6 Correct Paid \$27,844.00

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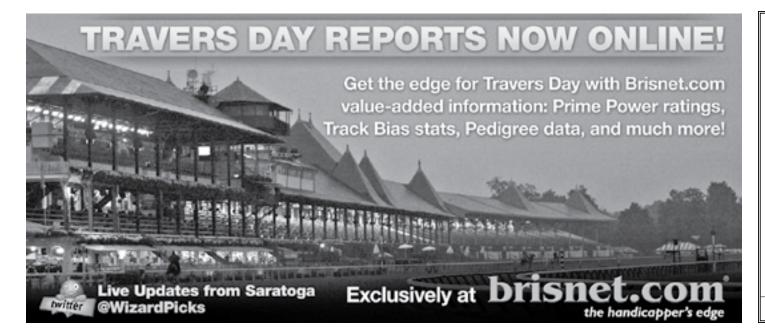
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1ST RACE: South Fourth St. by Steve Klesaris; 6TH RACE: Spanky Fischbein by Charlton Baker; 10TH RACE: No Detour by Chip Dutrow for Bruce Golden.

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Tuesday, August 4 – Golf Tournament at McGregor Links CC, Saratoga Springs

Thursday-Sunday, August 13-16, PGA Golf Championship Pool

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## Cool Summer

Tim Ice leaned on the wooden rail of the stakes barn and simply admired. There was Summer Bird, his best horse, jumping like a grasshopper and spinning like a pinwheel as his groom tried to put the finishing touches on the pre-Travers polish.

No chance. Summer Bird fluttered in the air, winning a one-sided game.

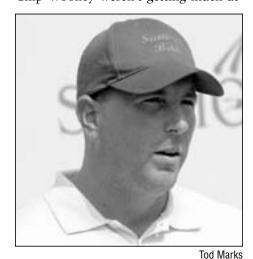
Ice liked what he saw, finally calling his groom out of the stall – quit poking the lion.

Summer Bird might not win the Travers, but it won't be because he's not fresh and he's not happy. Thursday morning, the big chestnut colt played like he knew the game was afoot.

Part cat, part bear, Summer Bird was

"They love what they do, that's what makes a good horse. He'll do anything you ask of him," Ice said. "A good horse makes you look good. Me, I don't get these kind of horses, if he wasn't a homebred, I wouldn't have him. There's a reason I got him, there's a reason we didn't sell him. I look forward to as big a race Saturday as I did before the Belmont. Just stay out of his way, keep him happy and give him everything he needs."

Summer Bird walked into Ice's life this year, a big raw-looking chestnut colt. He made his debut March 1, finishing fourth in an Oaklawn Park maiden, before winning a two-turn maiden 18 days later. Wasting no time, Ice started Summer Bird in the Arkansas Derby. He finished third, beaten less than 2 lengths. That was a thrill, finishing third in a Grade II stakes. Next stop, Kentucky Derby. Guys like Ice, 35, and Chip Woolley weren't getting much at



Tou Mark



Tim Ice

#### CUP OF COFFEE

By Sean Clancy



tention but the Derby's relative. For a guy like Ice, new to the training game and spending most of his time at Louisiana Downs, the spotlight felt good.

"You want to take slow steps, we threw him into those races early; the Arkansas Derby in his third lifetime start, the Kentucky Derby in his fourth, the Belmont in his fifth," Ice said. "He's answered the call every time. I was proud of how he ran in the Kentucky Derby, he showed he had no quit then, he never gave up, that's the one thing I love about this horse."

Three weeks later, Ice marched confidently toward the Belmont Stakes. If you asked, he told you he thought his horse was ready for a breakout race. Ice replaced Chris Rosier with Hall of Famer Kent Desormeaux and added blinkers to the long-striding colt. He won it. Now, that's big.

"To wake up every morning and come in the barn and be able to look at him, to think I have a Belmont winner in the barn . . . talk about getting a chill," Ice said. "It's all about the horse, without them, we wouldn't be here. I wouldn't be in Saratoga if it wasn't for Summer Bird. He's taken me places I wouldn't have gone, at least this early in my career."

Ice doesn't boast, he doesn't swear, he doesn't waver from a question. He's quietly confident in his horse, that's what trainers are supposed to be when tackling races like the Travers. The media attention? He handles it like a running back on third and short. Straight ahead, no emotion, no fuss.

"I'm still trying to get him ready to run, probably next year I'll be able to sit back and look at everything he's done this year because right now you go from one race to the next," Ice said. "I do think about the fact that he's won a classic race and ran second in the Haskell. It's not about all the hype, it's about getting Summer Bird ready to run. He shows up in the afternoon; he can't read; he doesn't know who they're talking about; he just goes out there and runs, and gives 110 percent."

The horse hasn't changed, neither has the trainer.

"There's no secret to training a good horse, you make them happy and they're going to do most of the work," Ice said. "It's my job to have him 100 percent ready, with Summer Bird, he makes it so easy, he's very easy on himself. It's been a lot of fun and I've been able to enjoy it."

With that, Summer Bird hopped in the air, a reporter walked away and a trainer stood in awe of a horse.



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