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Criminologist (right) draws clear of the field in Wednesday's feature, the Perfect Sting Stakes.

Tod Marks

PERFECT STING STAKES RECAP

Guilty

Criminologist steps forward in turf stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

Shug McGaughey walked into the winner's circle after Wednesday's Perfect Sting and gawked at the toteboard clocking.

"Can that time be right?" McGaughey asked.

The time read 1:45.61, shattering Amarettitorun's 1 1/8-mile inner-turf record of 1:46.22 set in 1997.

Shug, it's right and you'll see Criminologist's name at the top of the program page starting today.

The 4-year-old daughter of Maria's Mon ran down Miss Belga Bound and Mo Cuishle to flit away with an easy 3 1/4-length score in the \$81,700 stakes. Edgar Prado never picked up his whip. Restricted to fillies and mares who had not won a sweepstakes on the turf in 2007, the Perfect Sting attracted six starters, four of which hovered between 9-5 and 9-2. Mo Cuishle went off as the favorite, after a decent fourth in the De La Rose. Amansara ranked second, after finishing second in the De La Rose. Hopes And Dreams, after a fifth in the Matchmaker at Monmouth, went off at 3-1. Criminologist came next, fresh off a three-other-than allowance score earlier at the meet. Miss Belga Bound and Travel Team carried double-digit odds.

Kent Desormeaux angled Miss Belga Bound from the 3-hole to the rail immediately after the start, tapering Mo Cuishle into Criminologist along the rail. Criminologist threw her head and was quickly tucked behind Mo Cuishle. Miss Belga Bound bounded to the lead with Eibar Coa placing Mo Cuishle to her outside, a pressing second. Those two began the course-record jaunt, blazing the first quarter mile in 23.11 seconds, the half-mile in 46.55 and three-quarters in a heated 1:09.73. Miss Belga Bound retreated, Mo Cuishle came next and Criminologist roared into the stretch with a comfortable grip over Amansara who closed from last to finish second. Mo Cuishle wound up third.

Prado knew they were going fast but didn't expect a course record.

A Different Sort

Favorite Mixed Up not your everyday steeplechaser

BY JOE CLANCY

Shopping for a steeplechase horse? Don't pick Mixed Up. He's not the right type. The favorite in today's Grade I New York Turf Writers Cup does not fit jump racing's typical mold.

"I wouldn't have picked him out," trainer Jonathan Sheppard said Monday at his Saratoga barn. "People think of steeplechasers as being big, long-striding, leggy, staying type of horses and he's not that type."

Not that it matters.

Mixed Up may not be built like a steeplechaser, but he's one of the best around and goes after his third Saratoga stakes victory in today's \$150,000 stakes. The only Saratoga jump race run as the day's feature, the Turf Writers attracted a likely field of nine to its 2 3/8 miles and 10 fences. Coupled with Divine Fortune (who only runs in



Mixed Up

NEW YORK TURF WRITERS PREVIEW

the absence of the stable star) Bill Pape's Mixed Up is the 5-2 favorite and will be ridden by Danielle Hodsdon.

"He is well-balanced and athletic and nicely put together, but he's fairly muscular," said Sheppard, again speaking like an equine anatomist. "He's got the body of a middle-distance horse rather than a long-distance horse. He's got the pedigree for that too. He's by a son of Northern Dancer (Carnivalay) and they are usually close-coupled like he is, but Northern Dancer horses have traditionally done well over jumps, too."

The 8-year-old exits a signature win in the Grade II A.P. Smithwick Memorial here three weeks ago, but must carry high weight of 162 pounds – four more than he carried that day and between 10 to 29 more than today's rivals. Still, Sheppard expects another good effort from the homebred.

"He's his usual self – training well, kind of bouncy and good," said the trainer, who has won the race 12 times. "It's three weeks and he's got to run a longer distance at a slightly higher weight so we've been concentrating on some nice long gallops."

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Where Are They Now?

With a win in today's New York Turf Writers Cup, Mixed Up will become the first horse to sweep Saratoga's two steeplechase stakes since Campanile turned two in 1999.

Owned by Greg Hawkins, Campanile began his career in Mike Freeman's barn, winning once on the flat. Switched to Janet Elliot's stable, the son of Lear Fan broke his maiden over hurdles in the fall of his 4-year-old year. The next season, he swept the Midsummer at Monmouth, the Smithwick and the Turf Writers. Retired after finishing fifth in the Nakayama Grand Jump in Japan, Campanile earned over \$400,000 in his career, good enough to finish in the top 30 of career steeplechase earners.

Campanile retired to the good life on Iris and Mike Freeman's Chime Bell Farm in Aiken, S.C., where he lived day and night with Freeman's turf star Hodges Bay.

Now 13, Campanile has begun a new career in the show ring with Aggie O'Brien. So far, he's taken to it just like he took to steeplechasing.

"He was reserve champion at his first show, it was just a small unrecognized show, he trotted all the jumps," O'Brien said. "Then we went to an A show where the jumps were considerably higher and wider, still some trotting but a fifth out of over 30 horses."

Tall and long like a hook and ladder, Campanile has been ridden by O'Brien, Joy Slater (the first woman to win the Maryland Hunt Cup) and Elizabeth Solter who rode Hall of Fame show hunter Rox Dene.

"Now, he's jumping level three, three foot six inch jumps with big spreads," O'Brien said. "He loves it."



Ex-racehorse Campanile soars over a show fence in his new career.

Worth Repeating

"I miss the good ones. That's all."

Valet Chuck McClendon, who used to gallop Thunder Rumble

"He doesn't do ducks, he does corn muffins."

Trainer Rick Schosberg about his Labrador Retriever

"Oh no, he's in the high-school days."

Will Phipps, while listening to an interview of steeplechase jockey Chip Miller

"Dad got his race Friday and will share it with With Anticipation. Hey, they were both gray/white-haired at an early age!"

Karen Johnson, whose dad, P.G. Johnson is honored with a race tomorrow

"It wasn't Plan A, but it worked."

Edgar Prado after winning (and setting a course record) aboard Criminologist in the Perfect Sting

"Not quite my style, is it?"

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard, on the Audi station wagon he's driving; it's a hand-me-down from his wife, Cathy, and replaces a long series of Chevrolet sedans.

"I'm watching the last race. Hey, I make him work."

Calvin Borel's agent, Jerry Hissam, watching Borel ride the last race on Travers Day

"We're not dead yet."

Mike Sellito, agent for Kent Desormeaux, to The Special's Sean Clancy, who backed Desormeaux in a bet for leading jockey

Name of the Day – Pop Culture Division

Cruisewear, fourth race. What Frank Costanza wears on vacation.

Veritaserum, seventh race. Harry Potter fans know this substance makes you tell the truth. We're not sure if it can be legally administered at NYRA tracks.

Take A Number

1: Giant-sized calculator in use at Spring Street Deli.

67: Cautious estimate of the number of Boston-area residents who stopped by the steeplechase jockey autograph tent to tell Matt McCarron (whose family lives in Dorchester) a story about his father and/or his uncle.

7: Current and former jump jockeys on the grounds at Saratoga that have won the New York Turf Writers. Danielle Hodsdon (2006), Matt McCarron (2005), *The Special's* Sean Clancy (1998), trainer Keith O'Brien (1996), trainer Ricky Hendriks (1982), sales consignor Kip Elser (1976), trainer Tommy Walsh (1964 and 1959).

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy in the morning followed by scattered thunderstorms later in the day. High 83. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms. Cloudy skies overnight. Low around 60. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Friday: Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High near 80.

Saturday: Mainly sunny. High in the mid 70s and low near 50s.

REMINDER: Horsemen's Meeting
Friday, August 31. 11-12:30 (twilight post). At the Rail Pavilion

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Thursday's Saratoga Entries

Thursday, Aug. 30. Post Time 1 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (1:00) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. CLAIMING 35,000. PURSE \$32,000.

1	1	Mt. Orient	Gomez G K	Weaver George	9-2
2	2	Easter Guardian	Gomez O	Candlin John	50-1
3	3	Morning's Image	Carter T	Corrao James	30-1
4	4	Good Looking Out	Rojas R I	Cedano Heriberto	12-1
5	5	Delta Park	Dominguez R A	Trombetta Michael	7-2
6	6	Love Lyndsey	Chavez J F	Lostritto Joseph	20-1
7	7	Skip Dattt	Velasquez C	Serpe Phil	3-1
8	8	P J Sully	Samyn J L	Quiles John	30-1
9	9	Kiss the Dice	Velasquez J R	O'Brien Colum	12-1
10	10	Any Minute Now	Desormeaux K J	Contessa Gary	5-1
11	11	Bright Illusion	Bracetty J A	Jerkens Allen	8-1
12	12	Pouf Positive	Coa E M	Levine Bruce	20-1
13	AE	Classic Impact	Velasquez C	Rice Linda	12-1
14	AE	Lear Heights	Arroyo Jr N	Voss Tom	12-1
15	MTO	Bronxdale	No rider	Gullo Gary	4-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

2ND (1:32) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MDN CLM 100,000. PURSE \$41,000.

1	1	Huge Party	Coa E M	Rice Linda	10-1
2	2	Why Tomorrow.....	Leparoux J R.....	Biancone Patrick	4-1
3	3	Golden Leigh	Velasquez C.....	Kenneally Eddie	6-1
4	4	Best Tigress	Bejarano R	Gullo Gary	15-1
5	5	Come From Away	Hill C	Lerman Roy.....	20-1
6	6	Tinted Moon.....	Dominguez R A	Contessa Gary	6-1
7	7	Elle Society	Bridgmohan S X	Mott Bill.....	8-1
8	8	D J Lightning	Prado E S	Violette Rick	3-1
9	9	Nightime Appeal	Gomez G K	Dutrow Richard	7-2
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 (2-4), Pick 4 (2-5)					

3RD (2:04) 1 1/8 MILES. 4&UP. ALW/OPT CLM 100,000. PURSE \$79,000.

1	1	Crossword.....	Prado E S.....	Howard Neil.....	2-1
2	2	Nkosi Reigns.....	Gomez G K.....	McLaughlin Kieran ..	4-1
3	3	Hesanoldsalt.....	Bejarano R.....	Zito Nick.....	8-5
4	4	Sleek John.....	Coa E M.....	Gullo Gary.....	12-1
5	5	Evening Attire.....	Velasquez C.....	Kelly Pat.....	7-2

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (3-5)

4TH (2:36) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1	1	A Little Humor	Leparoux J R.....	Biancone Patrick.....	6-1
2	2	Restless Kitten	Bridgmohan S X...	Lukas Wayne	12-1
3	3	Shop Glack.....	Carter T	Jerkens Allen.....	5-1
4	4	Lunar Beach.....	Dominguez R A....	Toner Jimmy	8-1
5	5	Psycho D J.....	Velasquez C.....	Rice Linda	3-1
6	6	Tasley.....	Coa E M	Kenneally Eddie	8-1
7	7	Freakstein.....	Desormeaux K J...	Mott Bill.....	5-2
8	8	Magger Bags	Gomez G K	Stewart Dallas	8-1
Exacta. Quinella. Trifecta. Pick 3 (4-6). Pick 6 (4-9)					

5TH (3:08) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. NY BRED. MDN CLM 50,000. PURSE \$32,000.

1	1	Jawise	Velasquez C.....	Imperio Joseph	12-1
2	2	Windy Street	Castellano J J.....	Albertrani Tom.....	5-1
3	3	Snare.....	Bridgmohan S X.....	Asmussen Steve.....	6-1
4	4	Farri H.	Desormeaux K J.....	Kimmel John	3-1
5	5	Cruisewear	Prado E S	Serpe Phil.....	12-1
6	6	Ashiki	Coa E M	Contessa Gary	4-1
7	7	Flower Storm.....	Dominguez R A	Motion Graham	6-1
8	8	Frisky Rosie.....	Bejarano R	Sciacca Gary	20-1
9	9	Cape Cod Escape.....	Rojas R I	Schwartz Scott	12-1
10	10	Fiddlers Fever.....	Arroyo Jr N	Hennig Mark.....	10-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pick 3 (5-7), Grand Slam (5-8)

6TH (3:41) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. FILLIES. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

1	1	Indian Blessing.....	Bejarano R.....	Baffert Bob.....	3-1
2	2	Throbbin' Heart.....	Bridgmohan S X...	Asmussen Steve.....	5-1
3	3	False Pretense.....	Gomez G K.....	Violette Rick.....	10-1
4	4	Pathtothecrown.....	Castellano J J.....	Arnold Rusty.....	12-1
5	5	Ellie's Buddha.....	Leparoux J R.....	Biancone Patrick.....	8-1
6	6	Anachini.....	Prado E S.....	Miller Darrin.....	15-1
7	7	Carolyn's Cat.....	Garcia Alan.....	McLaughlin Kieran..	12-1
8	8	Constance.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd.....	7-2
9	9	Life Is Sweet.....	Velasquez C.....	Mott Bill.....	4-1
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 4 (6-9), Daily Double					

7TH (4:14) 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3YO. CLAIMING 60,000. PURSE \$45,000.

1	3	Brazenly Bold	Prado E S	Dutrow Richard	4-1
1A	MTO	Makeithapencaptain ..	Velasquez C	Dutrow Richard	4-1
2	1	La Neige (GB)	Dominguez R A	Motion Graham	3-1
3	2	Touchdown Peyton....	Desormeaux K J ...	McPeck Ken	12-1
4	4	Inside Info	Samyn J L	Aquilino Joe	15-1
5	5	Veritaserum	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd	6-1
6	6	Romp (ARG)	Bejarano R	Gyarmati Leah	8-1
7	7	Johnny Z.	Garcia Alan	Lake Scott	12-1
8	8	I Ain't No Saint	Velasquez C	Rice Linda	6-1
9	9	Quick Comeback	Coa E M	Contessa Gary	9-2
10	MTO	Proudly Pyrite	Coa E M	Bush Tom	6-1
11	MTO	Wonforthegoodguys..	No rider	DiSanto Glenn	12-1
12	MTO	Victory Blue	Velazquez J R	Romans Dale	10-1
13	MTO	Stopbluffing	No rider	Carroll II Del	10-1
14	MTO	Montauk	Arroyo Jr N	Jerkens Jimmy	8-1
A-Coupled: Brazenly Bold and Makeithapencaptain					
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 (7-9)					

**8TH (4:47) THE NEW YORK TURF WRITERS CUP STEEPLECHASE (GR. I).
2 3/8 MILES. HURDLE. 4&UP. PURSE \$150,000.**

1	1	Divine Fortune	Hodsdon D	Sheppard Jonathan ..	5-2
1A	4	Mixed Up	Hodsdon D	Sheppard Jonathan ..	5-2
2	2	Best Attack	Miller Chip	Miller Bruce	5-1
3	3	Gliding (NZ)	Dowling W	Fout Doug	10-1
4	5	Sweet Shani (NZ)	Slater J	Sheppard Jonathan ..	6-1
5	6	Class Vantage	Boucher R	Boucher Lilith	20-1
6	7	Preemptive Strike	Young P J	Hendriks Sanna	4-1
7	8	Underbidder	Petty J	Sheppard Jonathan ..	15-1
8	9	Footlights	Aizpuru X	Horgan Roger	15-1
9	10	The Looper	Murphy Cyril	Voss Tom	12-1
10	11	Orison	McCarron M O	Fout Doug	8-1
A-Coupled: Divine Fortune and Mixed Up					
Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double					

9TH (5:22) 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. FILLIES. 2YO. NY BRED. MSW. PURSE \$56,000.

1	2	Bar City	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	7-2
1A	MTD	Meriwether Jessica ..	Velasquez C	Rice Linda	7-2
2	1	Justinline	Rojas R I	Cedano Heriberto ..	20-1
3	3	Mesa Girl	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd	6-1
4	4	Heaven's Star	Arroyo Jr N	Bush Tom	10-1
5	5	La Ransom	Desormeaux K J	Dutrow Tony	3-1
6	6	Sew Slippery	Velasquez C	Badgett Billy	8-1
7	7	Laurens Go Go	Bejarano R	Ritvo Tim	8-1
8	8	Queens Deelites	Hill C	Lagorio William	20-1
9	9	Nicely Put	Coa E M	Contessa Gary	4-1
10	10	Loyal Opposition	Rivera Jr J L	Pregman Jr John	30-1
11	AE	Cherokovsky	Coa E M	Deville Carl	12-1
12	AE	Crimson Attire	Dominguez R A	Levine Bruce	8-1
13	AE	Last Boat Home	Castellano J J	Scace Lynne	15-1
14	AE	Desaloot	Dooley C D	Hartley James	30-1
15	AE	Sounds Tacky	Castellano J J	Schwartz Scott	10-1
A-Coupled: Bar City and Meriwether Jessica					
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Race

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2	Nighttime Appeal DJ Lightning Why Tomorrow	D J Lightning Nighttime Appeal Golden Leigh	Nighttime Appeal D J Lightning Golden Leigh	Tinted Moon Elle Society Golden Leigh
3	Crossword Nkosi Reigns Hesanoldsalt	Nkosi Reigns Crossword Hesandoldsalt	Hesanoldsalt Nkosi Reigns Crossword	Hesanoldsalt Nkosi Reigns Evening Attire
4	Freakstein Shop Glack Psycho DJ	Psycho D J Shop Glack Restless Kitten	Freakstein Restless Kitten Psycho D J	Tasley Magger Bags Shop Glack
5	Ashiki Flower Storm Farri H	Flower Storm Farri H. Snare	Snare Ashiki Flower Storm	Snare Cape Cod Escape Jawise
6	Constance Life Is Sweet Indian Blessing	Pathtothecrown Constance Indian Blessing	Constance Anachini Life Is Sweet	Constance Ellie's Buddha False Pretence
7	La Neige Brazenly Bold I Ain't No Saint	La Neige I Ain't No Saint Brazenly Bold	Romp La Neige Touchdown Peyton	Brazenly Bold Inside Info Veritaserum
8	Sheppard entry Preemptive Strike Footlights	Preemptive Strike Mixed Up Best Attack	Preemptive Strike Mixed Up Orison	Gliding Orison Class Vantage
9	Justinline La Ransom Bar City	Bar City La Ransom Sew Slippery	Bar City Mesa Girl La Ransom	Sew Slippery Justinline Laurens Go Go
To Date:	54/249	55/249	68/249	33/249

Thursday's Detailed Analysis

RACE 1: SKIP DATTT has shown a nice closing bursttt since adding blinkers; just missed here in his first race since May, and picks up leading rider Corny V. DELTA PARK has shown improvement since joining Michael Trombetta's barn and seems to have found his proper level. BRIGHT ILLUSION moves up in class; he has a bad post but fine form since switching surfaces for The Chief.

RACE 2: This marks the first of five maiden races for 2-year olds, so you may want to set up by the paddock and keep your eyes toteboard. D J LIGHTNING, by the Seattle Slew sire Doneraille Court, has some very sharp works among her long series of local drills. NIGHTTIME APPEAL is by the crack first-out sire Successful Appeal, and also has been working steadily. GOLDEN LEIGH, by Woodward winner Formal Gold, has drilled a couple of fast half miles in preparation for her debut.

RACE 3: NKOSI REIGNS did not rule in Dubai, nor on a wet track here at the Spa. But he could wire this field on a fast track if he runs back to his stakes win at Calder. CROSSWORD easily solved lesser despite a wide trip, and gets the rail. HESANOLDSALT may not be the same colt he was in the spring, but Nick Zito has found a spot he can dominate with just a partial return to that form.

RACE 4: PSYCHO D J, by Indian Charlie, makes her first start off a dazzling string of works for an excellent first-out trainer who's having a fine overall meet. SHOP GLACK, a half sister to the Personal Ensign winner Miss Shop, had a troubled debut and comes right back for Allen Jerkens. D. Wayne Lukas has had some live runners at overlaid prices of late, so consider RESTLESS KITTEN. This daughter of Our Emblem, out of a full-sister to the late Hennessy, shows steady works going back to May.

RACE 5: Not much to go on in this Empire-bred maiden claimer, so do the tote-paddock check first. Let's try FLOWER STORM, for the sharp Graham Motion; this daughter of Stormy Atlantic has a pair of quick half mile works at Delaware Park. FARRI H. drops in for a tag after getting some tote action in her debut, and Kent Desormeaux sticks for the John Kimmel barn, 26 percent with second-time starters. SNARE was bet a bit as well in her debut for Steve Asmussen; daughter of Successful Appeal drops in for a tag and has to be better than that single-digit speed figure, right?

RACE 6: PATHTOTHECROWN, by Giant's Causeway, debuts off three local works for Rusty Arnold, who can strike with juvenile firsters at a price (such as Morakami here at 10-1 Aug. 5). CONSTANCE was well-bet for the Todd Pletcher barn when she ran up against the impressive Irish Smoke and subsequent winner Syrianna's Song. INDIAN BLESSING is one of several other first-timers from top outfits in this wide-open heat; this son of Indian Charlie worked a hole in the wind at Del Mar for Baffert, and could be winging it from the one post here.

RACE 7: I'll mine the Motion barn once again, this time for LA NEIGE, a sophomore who has come on strong of late on the grass. He couldn't quite match strides with the impressive Starvinsky in his last effort, but faces no such rival today. I AIN'T NO SAINT could be overlooked in the betting off some poor running lines, but he's been facing better and showed ability in Florida earlier this year. BRAZENLY BOLD comes off two good efforts in the slop, ran well against better in the spring and attracts Edgar Prado.

RACE 8: PREEMPTIVE STRIKE, has not been out of the money since 2003 (except for when he's fallen); he couldn't quite hold off MIXED UP in the Smithwick, but could be even tougher to catch in his second off a layoff, and at a longer distance at which he's excelled. Mixed Up, last year's Turf Writers winner, looms the obvious favorite, but is making his third start in five weeks. BEST ATTACK has been consistent against lesser and gets a severe class test, but has the kind of late kick that can get him a minor share.

RACE 9: Not a single blade of grass form to be found in the main body of this maiden turf sprint. BAR CITY has at least worked out on it for Linda Rice, and she's by an excellent grass sire in City Zip. LA RANSOM switches to the lawn after running second and third on dirt, and prepped on the surface with a bullet half mile. SEW SLIPPERY, by Freud, likewise has been sharp in the a.m. on turf.

— Alan Mann

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A half-hour after his trainer said that, the speedy Mixed Up blew out 5 furlongs on the Oklahoma turf in 59.84 seconds (seventh fastest of the day behind Nobiz Like Shobiz's 58.65). And that's what separates Mixed Up from other steeplechasers. He's faster. He can blaze through a workout, has won six flat races including a Pennsylvania-bred stakes and was beaten less than 5 lengths (with Hodsdon aboard) in the Da Hoss Stakes at Colonial Downs July 7.

"He's a quick horse, fairly fast when you need him to be," said Sheppard. "He has quality, he was quite a good flat horse. If you can teach a horse like him how to jump, teach him how to rate, how to conserve his energy and give a kick toward the end, you might have something."

Sheppard has something.

Since Mixed Up moved to jump racing in 2004, he's won eight times and earned more than \$430,000 (enough to put him in the top 20 all-time).

Ideally suited to racetrack jump races, Mixed Up has won at Philadelphia Park, Keeneland and Saratoga (twice) in 2006-07. He can stalk a slow pace or sit farther off a faster pace. Either way, he usually comes with a rush in the final 3 furlongs.

With success comes a reputation; Mixed Up is the horse to beat now. He carries top weight, gets watched by everyone else and affects decisions by trainers and jockeys. In his 2006 Turf Writers win, he carried 148 pounds and went off at 4-1. Today, Mixed Up shoulders 162 and will be 2-1 or shorter.

Three other horses return from the Smithwick, chief among them runner-up Preemptive Strike. A 9-year-old veteran of stakes wars, the front-runner has lost each of his last two races by a half-length after leading from the start. Trained by Sanna Hendriks for Polaris Stable, the Maryland-bred will go straight for the lead again today; he'll go to the paddock as the morning-line 4-1 second choice at 152 pounds. In receipt of



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The Looper goes out for trainer Tom Voss.

eight pounds from Mixed Up in the Smithwick, Preemptive Strike gets 10 today and could prove difficult to catch even at the longer distance.

"He had to improve from his race, that's what we're hoping," said jockey Paddy Young. "He hadn't run in three months and had a fair break because we were waiting for Saratoga. The A.P. was a prep as much as

still trying to win it."

Though trained on Hendriks' farm in Pennsylvania, Preemptive Strike went on the track at the Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland late last week. Young expects a better performance this time around.

"He just wasn't as sharp as he usually is (in the Smithwick)," Young said. "He worked well at Fair Hill and when he works now he works well without doing anything impressive. He's older and gets something out of it. Still, if Mixed Up was giving us 20 pounds he'd still be hard to beat. He runs his race every time."


Preemptive Strike usually does too, but his race — blazing away on the front and trying to make the lead stand up — is more risky. Not that he can't do it. In 2005 at The Meadowlands, he opened 30 lengths on the field and won going 2 1/2 miles. In 2004, he lasted until the final yards going 2 1/2 at Keeneland.

"There's no strategy — you go, sit still and try to save as much as you can," Young said. "You're always there to be shot at. He's easy to ride in a sense that you drop your hands and he's fine but you're always asking yourself, 'Am I going too fast?' Then you hear them coming behind you and you ask him to go a bit faster. When he's on, his main attribute is his jumping so I will just try to use that as much as I can and see if I can stretch them out. If he runs his race, I'll be disappointed if he's not in the first three."

Sheppard-trained Sweet Shani finished third in the Smithwick and, like Preemptive Strike, should improve off the effort. She also won't mind the added distance and looks like a grinder who ought to be there in the stretch. James Slater gets the ride as Xavier Aizpuru was committed to Footlights. The New Zealand import is an early 6-1 choice and carries 145 pounds.

Sally Radcliffe's Best Attack bypassed the Smithwick. The 6-year-old won a restricted novice stakes in May, owns a Saratoga victory and has never finished out of the top three in seven career jump starts for trainer Bruce Miller. Listed at 5-1, he sharpened for this in an allowance turf race at Monmouth Park Aug.

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Preemptive Strike will try to lead wire-to-wire in the Turf Writers.

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16 (where the winner broke the track record for 1 1/16 miles). Chip Miller rides at 146 pounds.

Brigadoon Stable's Gliding, also a novice-stakes winner this spring, joins Best Attack at 146 and is rated at 10-1. The 7-year-old has won three times over fences (twice in the United States and once in his native New Zealand). He runs better on turf that's less firm than today's will be, but might be sitting on a big race anyway off a turf sprint at Laurel Aug. 11 and a 5-furlong turf workout here in 59.66. In a late change, Matt McCarron rides for trainer Doug Fout.

Mede Cahaba Stable's Class Vantage upset a novice hurdle stakes last fall and chased home the freakish Moneytrain at Colonial Downs, but gets his stiffest test for trainer Lilith Boucher. The Virginia-bred has earned more than \$130,000 in his 22-race career (flat and jumps) with just two wins so he manages to pick up checks and could grab a share again

today. The trainer's husband, Richard, gets the ride at 142.

Timber Bay Farm's Underbidder, fourth in last year's Turf Writers at nearly 25-1, returns for Sheppard. Jody Petty rides at a feathery 136 pounds and 15-1.

Arcadia Stable's Footlights exits an upset win here the first week of the meet and aims for the moon, though she's a proven competitor and carries 133 including Aizpuru for trainer Roger Horgan. She was scheduled to run in a two-other-than allowance yesterday, but that race didn't fill; the daughter of Pleasant Tap is 15-1 today.

Mill House's The Looper finished fifth in the Smithwick beaten a little more than 6 lengths by Mixed Up. Trained by Tom Voss, the 7-year-old has won twice at Saratoga (back in 2005) and is 12-1; Cyril Murphy has the ride.

Orison, fourth in the Smithwick, will be scratched after being treated for colic this week. Divine Fortune easily won an allowance hurdle here Aug. 16, looking like a future star, but would be making his stakes debut.

NOTES: Campanile is the last horse to win three consecutive Saratoga steeplechase stakes — taking the Smithwick and Turf Writers in 1999 and repeating in the 2000 Smithwick. He is also the last horse to complete a single-season sweep of the two Saratoga jump stakes . . . The steeplechase season returns to New York Sept. 22 with the first running of the Lonesome Glory Stakes (Gr. I) at Belmont Park. The \$150,000-added stakes will serve as a prep for the \$300,000 Breeders' Cup Grand National, to be run Oct. 20 at Far Hills, N.J.

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Trainer's Dozen

Sheppard goes for 13th win in Gr. I

August 1979. Led Zeppelin played its first concert in two years at Knebworth Park in England; Monty Python's "Life of Brian" premiered; John McEnroe and Ilie Nastase nearly came to blows at the U.S. Open; trainer Dale Romans turned 13.

And Jonathan Sheppard won his first New York Turf Writers Cup steeplechase stakes. The Hall of Fame trainer counts 12 victories in NYRA's longest-running steeplechase among his career achievements, and goes to work on his second dozen today with favorite and defending race winner Mixed Up.

The victories have come with the legendary (Flatterer) and the unheralded (Bisbalense). They have come in the rain and the sun, on firm turf and soft, for purses large and small, with horses bred in the United States, Chile and England.

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"I'm not sure why I've won 12. The longer races suit my style of training a little bit better, maybe," Sheppard said after taking a moment to go through all of his previous winners. "At Saratoga, I've got a small group of horses and I'm with them on a daily basis – maybe paying more close attention to them. The rest of the year, I'm more overseeing a larger group in different places."

Sheppard didn't list his favorite victory, or one that stood out above the others, but knows the feeling when he wins one.

"Any time we can win the Turf Writers is pretty special," he said. "Every one was a combination of a little planning and a lot of anxiety."

— Joe Clancy



Tod Marks

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard went down Turf Writers memory lane.

Sheppard talked about his Turf Writers winners:

1979: Leaping Frog. Owned by Chadds Ford Stable. Ridden by Bruce Christison. 159 pounds. Winner's value \$12,855. "He was a nice, useful, hard-knocking horse that normally used to run third. He would sit out the back and come with a run and not quite get there – but he got there that day. He had his day. He was often part of an entry with a horse that was better than him from our barn, but still won a lot of races (17) and made a fair amount of money (\$233,118). Bruce used to ride him a lot and I ran into him a couple of years ago and we got to talking about Leaping Frog. Bruce said, 'You know, he could have been any kind of a horse as bad as I used to ride him – to tell you the truth, I was scared half to death.' I don't know, he got the job done that day."

1983: Double Reefed. Augustin Stable. John Cushman. 161. \$25,995. "He was a good horse, a quality horse. He was by Spring Double, one of my favorite sires and bred by Glade Valley Farm. He churned it out the hard way and won a lot of money (\$280,000). He won one of those races we had at Arlington Park (in 1981). He was a fairly classy horse. (English jump jockey) Bob Champion rode him when he came back from the cancer and won a flat race on him."

1984: Flatterer. Bill Pape. Jerry Fishback. 164. \$25,950. "That was the only year he won it. He should have won it the next year, but he scared everyone away and no one would run against him. They had the race on the flat down at Belmont and he was third (to Rokeby Stable's Bobby Burns). He was 5 (in 1984) and already on his way. He was a consummate weight carrier, particularly as he got older. He had a very smooth style, very professional, economical way of running and his stride was kind of low to the ground and fairly long. Mixed Up is a bouncy little horse and it takes more out of him. He's more aerobic, and Flatterer was anaerobic. Any time he ran it was a lot of pressure, but looking back now it seems like we were just enjoying his wins. At the time, I was always wondering if I was doing the right thing." Even by Sheppard's standards, Flatterer was a great one. He won 16 races, captured four Eclipse Awards, earned \$421,146, placed in the English and French Champion Hurdle races and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1994.

1989: Double Bill. Frank Loving. Ben Guessford. 142. \$69,240. 1990: Double Bill. Frank Loving. Ben Guessford. 146. \$52,380. "He was a little bit of a Leaping Frog type. He wasn't quite a really top horse but he was always in the shakeup and if somebody stubbed their toe or something he was there to pick up the pieces. He did it twice. He used to come with a late run and that works well here sometimes."

1991: Yaw. Timber Bay Farm. Jonathan Smart. 145. \$70,920. 1992: Yaw. Timber Bay Farm. Jonathan Smart. 146. \$69,840. "Wow, that's four in a row. He was a front-runner; not very fast, just galloped and galloped. He was by Seattle Slew and bred by the Seattle Slew people in partnership with Michael Caine, the actor. He actually named the horse, something to do with flying, and came to see him run once or twice. He ran a few really good races like that."

1994: Mistico. R.D. Hubbard. Craig Thornton. 168. \$65,460. "Did he only win it once? He had a big weight, I remember that (the 168 assignment was the same as other stalwarts in the race Lonesome Glory and Warm Spell). It rained and came up soft, I remember that too. He was a better horse than people remember him as having been. He was a really good horse – up there with some of the best I've had (Mistico never won a championship, but earned more than \$500,000). He and Highland Bud and Cafe Prince – don't know where you'd quite put Thrice Worthy – would be right there together after Flatterer."

1997: Bisbalense. Timber Bay Farm. Arch Kingsley. 142. \$64,620. "Light weight, soft ground, aggressively ridden, enterprising tactics. (Former jump jockey) Tom Skiffington put the idea into Arch's mind to go to the lead. Arch came to me and asked about it and I said OK. If everyone else sits back there and watches each other in the soft ground, and you've got a horse with a light weight that stays really well, he might be tough to catch. He really wasn't quite that good a horse. He was in the right place at the right time and got a good ride."

2000: Ninepins. Hudson River Farm. Arch Kingsley. 150. \$65,520. "We decided we'd try him one more time with the blinkers (which were first applied the previous year at age 12) and it worked. Who ever heard of putting blinkers on a horse that old? It was clear he wasn't doing his best and was taking care of himself. I hated to bully him, but what else was I going to do? We've still got him. He's in a proper stall, blankets in the winter, everything. He gets ridden now and again, in spells if we're not too busy. That was a thrill, like an unexpected win. His campaign those two years – he won the Breeders' Cup (1999), Colonial Cup (1999), went to Japan (2000) and won the Turf Writers (2000). That was something."

2001: It's A Giggle. Bill Pape. Blythe Miller. 142. \$64,620. "A very, very talented horse and had nothing but problems with his tendons. He won three races in a row up here that year – a claimer, a starter race and the Turf Writers. That's difficult to do. He hated soft ground or I think he could have won another Turf Writers the next year. We scratched him the morning of the race and the horse from New Zealand (Zabenz) won."

2006: Mixed Up. Bill Pape. Danielle Hodsdon. 148. \$95,400. "At that time we were concerned with his possible stamina limitations and I still have some reservations. If ever he could beat this kind of field with this kind of weight it would be on a track like Saratoga with sharp turns, nice level course, faster course. The emphasis is more on the speed than stamina."



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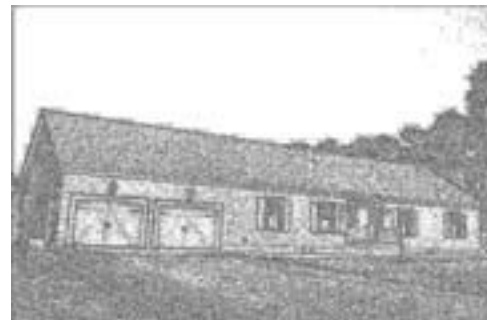
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Wednesday's Saratoga Results

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

1ST. 2 1/16 MILES. HURDLE. 4&UP. ALW. PURSE \$68,000.

4	Dark Equation	McCarron M O	4.10	2.80	2.10
2	Dynaway	Murphy Cyril		4.30	2.60
1	Lead Us Not	Slater J			2.30

Finish Time: 3:54.54

Trainer: Doug Fout. Owner: Peggy Steinman.

B.g.6 Polish Numbers-Night Risk, Wild Again.

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

\$2 Exacta 4-2 Paid \$15.00; \$2 Trifecta 4-2-1 Paid \$26.40

2ND. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

10	J Be K	Gomez G K	9.00	5.20	3.20
7	Mr. Shortcake	Velazquez J R		5.00	3.50
3	Saratoga Seven	Velasquez C			3.50

Finish Time: 1:03.13

Trainer: Bob Baffert. Owner: Zayat Stables.

Dk.B./Br.c.2 Silver Deputy-Major Wager, Valid Wager.

Bred by Glory Days Breeding (KY).

\$2 Exacta 10-7 Paid \$47.60; \$2 Quinella 7-10 Paid \$19.80; \$2 Trifecta

10-7-3 Paid \$138.00; \$2 Daily Double (4-10) Paid \$18.60

3RD. 1 1/8 MILES. F&M. 3&UP. AOC 50,000. PURSE \$68,600.

2	Hot Property	Dominguez R A	22.20	8.40	3.70
3	Daytime Promise	Coa E M		4.90	2.90
4	Smart Bunny	Bridgmohan S X			2.20

Finish Time: 1:52.43

Trainer: Barclay Tagg. Owner: Robert Evans.

Ch.f.4 Thunder Gulch-Sunyata, Proud Truth.

Bred by Robert Evans (KY).

\$2 Exacta 2-3 Paid \$103.50; \$2 Trifecta 2-3-4 Paid \$204.00; \$2 Daily

Double (10-2) Paid \$114.00

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

8	Adriano	Dominguez R A	4.90	2.80	2.20
6	Big Al	Hill C		4.20	2.60
2	Celestial Comet	Desormeaux K J			2.30

Finish Time: 1:43.16

Trainer: Graham Motion. Owner: Donald Adam.

Ch.c.2 A.P. Indy-Gold Canyon, Mr. Prospector.

Bred by Courtlandt Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 8-6 Paid \$19.80; \$2 Quinella 6-8 Paid \$12.60; \$2 Trifecta 8-6-2

Paid \$34.60; \$2 Pick 3 (10-2-8) 3 Correct Paid \$277.50; \$2 Superfecta

8-6-2-1 Paid \$449.00

5TH. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. CLM 25,000. PURSE \$25,000.

2	Find the Chestnut	Bejarano R	21.20	7.40	5.70
9	Behrdine	Luzzi M J		3.90	3.00
8	Raisin' Silver	Coa E M			5.40

Finish Time: 1:11.67

Trainer: George Weaver. Owner: R and H Stable.

Ch.f.4 Horse Chestnut (SAF)-Discover Silver, Valid Appeal.

Bred by Barry Ostranger (NY).

\$2 Exacta 2-9 Paid \$56.50; \$2 Trifecta 2-9-8 Paid \$497.00; \$2 Pick 3

(2-8-2) 3 Correct Paid \$486.00; \$2 Superfecta 2-9-8-10 Paid \$3,433.00

6TH. 1 3/16 MILES. TURF. F&M. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$68,000.

9	Prom Party	Gomez G K	8.40	4.70	3.30
8	Going Day	Dominguez R A		3.30	2.50
3	Kin to the Wind	Leparoux J R			3.20

Finish Time: 1:53.70

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Owner: Dogwood Stable.

B.f.3 Pulpit-Prom Knight, Sir Harry Lewis.

Bred by Beth Hipp Murphy, Mary Lester & Howard Lester (KY).

\$2 Exacta 9-8 Paid \$30.40; \$2 Trifecta 9-8-3 Paid \$95.50; \$2 Pick 3 (8-2-9)

3 Correct Paid \$208.00; \$2 Pick 4 (2-8-2-9) 4 Correct Paid \$2,565.00

7TH. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 4&UP. AOC 75,000. PURSE \$71,000.

3	Southern Missile	Hill C	24.00	10.80	5.80
1	Mr. Umphrey	Gomez G K		8.80	5.20
2	Court Folly	Borel C H			3.60

Finish Time: 1:16.03

Trainer: Leah Gyarmati. Owner: Castle Village Farm.

Ch.g.5 Devil His Due-Miss Mercedes, Mercedes Won.

Bred by Dr. J. David Richardson & D. Britton Richardson (KY).

\$2 Exacta 3-1 Paid \$171.50; \$2 Trifecta 3-1-2 Paid \$669.00; \$2 Daily

Double (9-3) Paid \$125.00; \$2 Pick 3 (2-9-3) 3 Correct Paid \$1,278.00

8TH. THE PERFECT STING. 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. F&M. 4&UP.

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1	Criminologist	Prado E S	11.00	4.90	3.20
4	Amansara	Dominguez R A		3.60	2.90
2	Mo Cuishle	Coa E M			3.00

Finish Time: 1:45.61

Trainer: Shug McGaughey. Owner: Stuart Janney III & Phipps Stable.

Gr./Ro.f.4 Maria's Mon-Search Party, Seeking the Gold.

Bred by Stuart Janney III & Phipps Stable (KY).

\$2 Exacta 1-4 Paid \$38.80; \$2 Trifecta 1-4-2 Paid \$87.50; \$2 Grand Slam

(2/8/9-3/8/9-1/2/3/1) Paid \$161.00

9TH. 6 FURLONGS. F&M. 3&UP. MSW. PURSE \$62,000.

11	Darjeeling	Garcia Alan	33.60	12.40	6.00
9	Perfectly Natural	Castellano J J		7.00	4.60
7	Etro	Leparoux J R			4.80

Finish Time: 1:11.02

Trainer: Jimmy Toner. Owner: Turtle Bird Stable.

B.f.3 Cat Thief-Boldly Extravagant, Bold Ruckus.

Bred by Amarpreet Bhargoo & Overbrook Farm (KY).

\$2 Exacta 11-9 Paid \$290.50; \$2 Trifecta 11-9-7 Paid \$1,986.00;

\$2 Superfecta 11-9-7-4 Paid \$12,315.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-11)

Paid \$203.50; \$2 Pick 3 (3-1-11) 3 Correct Paid \$2,408.00; \$2 Pick 4

(9-3-1-11) 4 Correct Paid \$9,387.00; \$2 Pick 6 (8-2-9-3-1-11)

5 Correct Paid \$2,821.00

Track: Fast; Turf: Firm

Attendance: 13,797; Handle: \$2,145,622

How We Did

RACE 1: Jump right in – the trifecta's cold. Dark Equation (\$4.10) was the key, with Dynaway and Lead Us Not filling out the \$15 exacta and \$26.40 trifecta, respectively.

RACE 2: J Be K is A-OK in our book, where he went down as a \$9.00 winner and topped the \$18.60 early double.

RACE 3: Top pick finished third, second choice won.

RACE 4: His \$4.90 victory was that rocky, but that didn't keep us from yelling "Adriano!" afterward. Second pick finished third and third choice scratched.

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“No, I didn’t know. I knew they were moving along good but I didn’t think it was that quick, 1:09 and change. It’s unbelievable,” Prado said. “At one point, I thought she was good but maybe not good enough to beat these horses, but she proved me wrong today, she ran great and broke the record. She tries hard and she’s always right there and she should get better.”

Owned and bred by Stuart Janney and Phipps Stable, Criminologist pushed her record to five wins from 13 starts while tallying her first stakes victory. McGaughey brought her to Saratoga thinking she could knock off one of the lucrative allowance purses. She did that, winning a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer Aug. 9, and then bagged the stakes win on good turf.

“I guess she’s gotten that good. The one thing I told Edgar was going an eighth of a mile farther, you might have to wait a little longer. I thought he might have moved too soon, but he never moved on her until the eighth-pole,” McGaughey said. “She made the lead and pricked her ears up and Edgar came back and said that, ‘every time we’ve run her, she throws something different at us.’ I’ve got to take a different look after today.”

Criminologist made her debut in 2005, finishing second to Swap Fliparoo (the 2006 Test winner) in a maiden sprint here. She didn’t make another start until the following May when she finished third at Belmont. She won her next, an off-the-turf maiden when en-

tered as main-track-only. A second in the Belmont slop and two dull efforts on Aqueduct’s inner dirt led McGaughey to send her to Gulfstream Park.

Switched to the turf, she has now produced four wins, a second and two sixths where she was beaten less than 2 1/2 lengths each time. She beat Makderah by 5 lengths on good turf at Keeneland, then couldn’t handle Meribel in the restricted Foresta at Belmont.

“She wanted to knock on the door a little bit,” McGaughey said. “I told Stuart when we ran in the three-other-than, if she wins this, she’s going to have to start stepping it up. This is the kind of filly he’ll keep in training because she’s just finally starting to grow into her frame. She never wanted to carry a lot of weight, she doesn’t eat real good. She had some back end problems along the way but, now, she’s getting it.”

Criminologist is the first foal out of stakes-placed Search Party, who McGaughey trained as well. Her second foal, Rescue Party (by Monarchos) won a race at Gulfstream Park before getting hurt. Her third foal, the filly Search And Seizure (by War Chant), is in training with McGaughey at Saratoga.

“Search Party was OK. If she isn’t (Janney’s) best broodmare prospect, she’d be one of his best. She’s got a chance to be a pretty good mare,” McGaughey said. “The 3-year-old by Monarchos was OK, he won and hurt himself. The War Chant 2-year-old over here is sway back. She acts like she’s OK, but when she goes in the gate and one of Todd (Pletcher’s) stands next to her, it’s not going to be sway back.”

McGaughey left the course Wednesday content that he had put some black type on Search Party’s pedigree page, something he hadn’t expected when he shipped Criminologist here.

“I was thinking about winning an allowance race with her. I had her in the Matchmaker (at Monmouth) because the allowance race didn’t go, then they said it would go later in the week, I wanted to win a race with her,” McGaughey said. “This race didn’t go for Sunday, then they put it back up for today. I was disappointed I didn’t get to run her on Sunday because they had rain the night before. Now, we’ve won a little stakes with her, I can take some chances, maybe Keeneland, or take her to the Meadowlands, they have the Violet over there.”

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Knowledge pays off for Gomez

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Having been aboard J Be K (\$9) for a pair of local breezes, jockey Garrett Gomez knew what he was getting onto when trainer Bob Baffert gave him a leg up for the second, a freshman sprint for maidens. Well, kind of.

"I was on him for two of his works so I knew he was a runner," Gomez said. "What we didn't know was how much speed he was going to show. He's a talented little horse but you never know what they are going to do when the gates open for the first time. Bob usually has them pretty well schooled, but we just didn't know how much early speed he would show."

Owned by Zayat Stable, J Be K showed speed that would make a Quarter Horse jealous. Rocketing to the front from his outside slot, J Be K set fractions of 21.87 and 44.88 seconds while 1 1/2 lengths clear of Saratoga Seven. The margin ballooned to 7 lengths after 5 furlongs, and the only question left was how much and how fast? The answers were 7 1/2 lengths and a final time of 1:03.13, which broke the track record set just 13 days ago by Secret Gypsy.

"The horse was really responsive to everything I



Dave Harmon

J Be K hits the wire with an easy win in Wednesday's second for Bob Baffert and jockey Garrett Gomez.

did. Any time in these baby races the main objective is to get away from there quick and get over as far as you can," the jockey said. "There's not much to look at on paper so you just have to play the break. The speed he showed shocked me a bit. I knew he had talent but when you work these horses in the morning you don't work them in 21 and change . . . He is a big, strong colt with a great mind, so it's logical to do whatever you want with him and he shouldn't have a problem stretching out."

For Baffert it marked his third win from six starts since he decided to ship some of his horses to Saratoga after not caring for Del Mar's newly installed Polytrack

surface. All three wins have been by 2-year-olds who have hinted – rather loudly – that they will be stars of tomorrow: Maimonides, a \$4.6 million yearling, won his debut by 11 1/2 lengths, More Happy scored in the Grade II Adirondack Stakes and J Be K completed a gaudy triple Wednesday.

- Hot Property (\$22.20) took advantage of a quick (and somewhat surprising) early pace in the third, an allowance/optional claimer for fillies and mares at 9 furlongs, and powered home to a decisive victory un-

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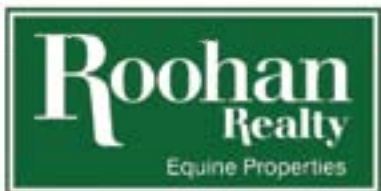
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Adriano powers over the turf on the way to an impressive maiden victory.

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der Ramon Dominguez. With heavily favored Smart Bunny facing pace pressure through a testing half-mile in 47.72 seconds, Dominguez had Hot Property lagging in fifth, roughly 5 lengths off the dueling leaders.

As Smart Bunny began to wilt, Dominguez followed the move of Daytime Promise around the far turn and took charge as the field straightened away in the lane, drawing off by 2 lengths. Unraced at 2 and 3, the 4-year-old Robert Evans homebred has now won three of seven for trainer by Barclay Tagg.

- Graham Motion tipped his hand when Adriano (\$4.90) made his debut here Aug. 3 with a second to the flashy Il Girasole. Adriano, a son of A.P. Indy, was beaten only three-quarters of a length while finishing strongly on the outside. Motion wheeled Don Adam's homebred back in Wednesday's fourth, a maiden turf affair. Adriano didn't disappoint, closing down the center of the course under Dominguez to win going away by 3 lengths.

"He really is a nice colt; he was very impressive today. Ramon really didn't have to ask him," Motion said. "I wouldn't say he set himself apart in

his training, but he's always acted like he was a nice colt. He's never been brilliant in the morning but he has been very workmanlike. We kind of new he was a two-turn horse and a grass horse. I thought he ran a big race last time, a race where they went significantly faster than the other division."

- George Weaver continued to redefine "red-hot" when Find The Chestnut (\$21.20) found the wire first in the fifth, a \$25,000 conditioned claimer for fillies and mares. In winning a desperate photo over Behrdine, Find The Chestnut gave Weaver his fifth winner from his last 17 starters, after going 0-for-19 to open the meet.

Find The Chestnut rated patiently for jockey Rafael Bejarano as Mulligatawny and Behrdine cut out a half-mile in 45.91 seconds. Behrdine dispatched Mulligatawny turning for home, but quickly found herself shadowed by Find The Chestnut.

The two fillies raced with their strides synchronized as they streaked down the lane, trading head bobs leading to the wire. The photo showed Find The Chestnut had scored by a Grindstone-like nose over Behrdine, with Raisin' Silver 4 lengths back in third.

Owned by R and H Stable, Find The Chestnut is a perfect 2-for-2 when dipping into the claiming ranks, but she

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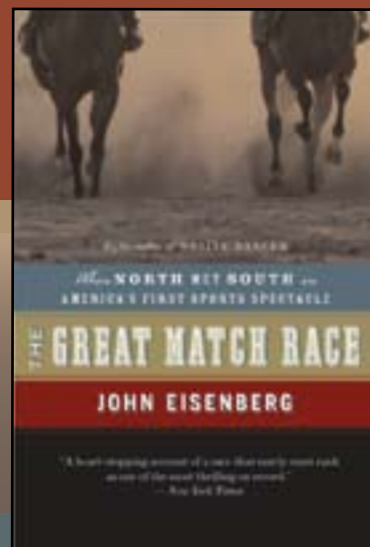
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Find The Chestnut (left) gets up to win the fifth race for George Weaver.

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heads for new surroundings, as she was claimed by Gary Contessa for Wolf Hollow Stables.

• Though it's been a somewhat disappointing meet for trainer Todd Pletcher — if you can call a double-digit victory total disappointing — the final week got off to a good start when Prom Party (\$8.40) won the sixth for Dogwood Stable and Gomez.

The entry-level allowance seemed devoid of pace on paper and Gomez sensed it from the start, positioning Prom Party a length off favored Going Day through the early fractions.

After 6 furlongs in 1:12.01 the two leaders began to distance themselves

from the rest, opening up almost 6 lengths as they hit the stretch. Going Day was stubborn and game under Dominguez but the last jump belonged to Prom Party, who prevailed by a neck.

• The seventh was the polar opposite of the sixth, loaded with high-octane speed. An allowance/optional claimer over 6 1/2 furlongs, the race figured to be fast early and leave the leaders vulnerable late. Channing Hill figured the velocity just right and Southern Missile (\$24) exploded to score a come-from-behind victory over Mr. Umphrey.

The pace was quicker than the greens at Augusta National, with Moon's Halo and Mr. Umphrey setting a half-mile (44.57) that wouldn't even register on the Stimpometer.

Hill had Southern Missile tracking in fifth, a little more than 3 lengths off the pace. Mr. Umphrey dueled Moon's Halo into submission turning for home and it looked for a split-second like Gomez would have his third win of the day. At that point Southern Missile was in desperation mode, making up ground with each stride. At the end he got up by a neck over Mr. Umphrey, with fellow late runner Court Folly a nose behind in third.

"My horse parked himself right in behind and I was able to let him get a little breather down the backstretch and he ran a heck of a race," Hill said. "He was a bit lucky to get out when he did and he should have won by a little more, but he kind of waited on them a bit."

Leah Gyarmati claimed Southern Missile for \$35,000 in January, and the 5-year-old has picked up a check in every start — including two victories — while racing for Castle Village Farm. The victory was Hill's sixth of the meet, and the 20-year-old looks to be establishing himself as he continues with his best meet yet.

"Leah has done such a great job with this horse ever since she claimed him," Hill said. "It just gets better and better up here. How can you not love to win at Saratoga?"

• By the time the ninth rolled around fans were no longer shaking their heads over the quick splits on the infield tote-board. Speed, after all, is the most potent attribute in the game and rain, remarkably, has been rather rare.

Darjeeling (\$33.60) did a good job of convincing the non-believers after she blistered a 44.75 half-mile in company

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Dark Equation flies a fence on the way to a steeplechase win Wednesday.

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with Perfectly Natural. She then left that rival behind on her way to an impressive 5 3/4-length score under Alan Garcia. Racing with blinkers, Darjeeling came off two bullet works for trainer Jimmy Toner, who won for the first time at the meet.

"She was training really well. Her last two works were really good," Toner said. "Naturally, it was a tough field, so we didn't expect this. I thought she would run good but I didn't know how much quality she had."

- Amid the handshakes Matt McCarron received and doled out in the paddock prior to the opener, the jump jockey took a breather and assessed his chances.

"I need some luck," he dead-panned.

As it turned out, the other six jumpers in the allowance needed the luck, and a head start to boot.

Dark Equation (\$4.10) dragged McCarron around the Spa's inner turf course for much of the 2 1/16-mile race, while the others were left to actually think they were in with a chance.

"It was a steering job today. The farther we went the more he was running off on the lead," McCarron said. "I've never been on a horse at Saratoga who was doing that. I never did so much as slap him on the shoulder, and that never happens at Saratoga."

Finally, as the field hit the final turn, McCarron could hold Dark Equation no more. Given his cue, Dark Equation opened up in an instant, widening as the field turned for home.

"There was no point in holding him up anymore; I'd fought with him the whole way down the back the last time," McCarron said. "He just took me there and at that point, the last thing I wanted to do was to get caught napping. So all I did was put my hands down. I went from trying to slow him down to just putting my hands down."

Dark Equation, a 6-year-old son of Polish Numbers trained by Doug Fout, did the rest; drawing off to win by 5 lengths over early pacesetter Dynaway. McCarron, aboard for all seven of Dark Equation's previous jump races, liked the manner of victory, which was a bit different from past outings.

"He's never actually jumped a fence in front the two times he won before. He's been either just down or right there and then blown by them after the fence. Today, he just took care of himself, patted the ground and a nice little show jump (at the last). He was perfect," McCarron said. "Doug brought him up here about 10 days ago and it's made a huge difference. He's been training well. If he runs the way he's been training he's going to be really tough. I didn't expect him to be that tough. Unfortunately now he's out of conditions and he's stuck going against the bigger boys, but this should definitely help set him up for it."

Dark Equation has never missed a check for owner Peggy Steinman since being introduced to Fout's barn in 2006. Wednesday's win was his third over the jumps and second this season, following an allowance/optional claiming score in July at Colonial Downs.

"I bought him from Christophe Clement. We had a hard time with his confidence when we first started. He could always run, but he was a little unsure about his jumping and staying up in there. So he's gotten stronger; he's gotten more confidence," Fout said. "We had to do a wind operation on him last fall and that was impeding us the whole time. It was choking him up. Now he's pretty honest and you can put him anywhere you want. With a little more education, he can be a stakes horse. All we're doing is getting better. We are going to try one of the bigger ones this fall."

Wednesday's claims: Fifth Race: Find The Chestnut (\$25,000) by Wolf Hollow Stables, Gary Contessa trainer; Mulligatawny (\$25,000) by Maggi Moss, Steve Asmussen trainer.

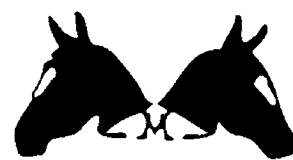


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Horse Man

Gallagher dives into new role as NYTHA executive director

BY DAVID KOSAK

A new sheriff's in town and he doesn't plan on keeping his guns holstered. In a time where image is everything and action is demanded, Jim Gallagher is in the saddle as the new executive director for the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association – but don't worry, he's not going to shoot anyone. Arriving in town after the Belmont Stakes, he's already rebuilding and improving the organization's voice; he's making NYTHA's presence felt.

Gallagher isn't a stranger to New York racing. A veteran in the industry for 30 years, he's spent most of his time in the Big Apple. Prior to his two-year tenure as the executive director for the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, where he recently resigned to return to the Empire State, he worked here in the game's regulatory sectors.

His tours for the New York Racing Association have provided him with the experience and exposure to square off against the current issues his new organization faces. Well-versed in leadership and administering the law, Gallagher served as vice president of regulatory

compliance, chief of racing operation for the Licensing and Wagering Board and 22 years as a member of the State Racing Commission.

Sitting in NYTHA's clubhouse box Wednesday afternoon, Gallagher spoke with deep concern for the horsemen in New York as well as his commitment to strengthening the organization altogether.

"I want to round out my career as an advocate for the horsemen with all of the skills I've developed on the regulatory side of the fence," he said. "I wouldn't take the job if I didn't think I could make a difference. Pretty much anywhere I've been in my career, I've worked very hard to succeed and have people get behind me. You're only as strong as the people behind you. To me, there's a tremendous amount of upside for the horsemen in New York. We just want to make sure as an organization that horse racing is the primary focus of what we're all about here. We want racing to succeed and we don't want to be playing second fiddle to another operation. We want something that is actually going to enhance the game and make it as good as we possibly can make it. That's what we are trying to capitalize on."



David Kosak

The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association has a new executive director.

Introduced to the chairman of the Racing and Wagering Board for New York by his uncle when he first entered the work force, Gallagher has never left the track or its people. He's simply changed titles a few times.

"I started in the licensing department and then slowly but surely I got to know owners, trainers, riders as a result of licensing people," he said. "There are about 5,000 owners and trainers who are members of NYTHA. Anybody that races a horse in New York within a two-year period is part of our organization. So we have members from all over the

country that have shipped in horses to run here."

In a game where the owners and trainers are constantly busy, Gallagher has to be visible and available; on the backside and during the races.

"I'm basically here to be an advocate for them and be a liaison with track management and state government to advance their issues," Gallagher said. "This job runs the gamut. It includes a myriad of topics that would be of interest to the horsemen. Anything from re-

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Gallagher —

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sponding to rules that might be proposed by the Racing and Waging Board to issues that are of concern to the horsemen; whether it be race track surfaces, starting gate issues, detention barn issues or stall applications.”

Although he's only worn his badge a little over two months, Gallagher has already faced some big issues.

“The immigration issue as it relates to migrant workers that come in from either Mexico or South America that would be employed by trainers is a really big issue” he said. “And it's become, obviously, a very contentious issue on Capitol Hill. It's impacted horse racing not only in New York, but nationally. We're trying to work with different attorneys and different human resource companies to make sure we have a more consistent workforce on the backstretch. We've

been working with trainers and these law firms to try and come up with a better game plan to know people will get through customs and through consulates in foreign governments in a more timely basis.”

Gallagher doesn't want to be alone in his efforts. He wants to get as many people involved in NYTHA as possible. And he wants these people to be active.

“Well, with anything in life, the more visible you are, the more interest you show, the more concern you have for what people say, the greater the likelihood that people are going to come up to you and tell you things that are probably of importance to them,” he said with confidence about his leadership strategy. “Listening is the key at this point. I'm learning a lot; I want to know I'm representing a majority of the people that I interact with. Right now, I'm just trying to get people to build faith and trust into the kind of person that I am, into what I'm doing; the organization.”

To help transition into this new proactive agenda, Gallagher will hold his first general membership meet-

ing Friday at 11 a.m. at the At The Rail Pavilion.

“We decided to have it at 11 because it fits in nicely after training hours and then we don't start racing until 2:45 because of twilight racing,” Gallagher said. “So we have a nice window where we can sit down and tell the membership issues that are happening right now and what's on the horizon for this organization. We have a very nice captive audience here; a lot of people come to Saratoga to race, so we have the ability to draw on that.”

There's no hesitation when it comes to Gallagher's commitment for his new job. He believes in the organization; he believes in the industry.

“It's critical to have this organization,” Gallagher said. “We certainly want to have a voice in this process and we want people to be aware of issues that are of concern to horsemen. That's my job. We need to be transparent; our agenda needs to be the same as the membership. Once people realize that, we'll have a much stronger organization.”

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Dave Harmon

Miss Shop powers home with a victory in the Personal Ensign Friday.

Shopping Together

Personal Ensign winner tied to race's namesake

BY FRANCES KARON

Storm Flag Flying executed a flawless coup in the 2004 Personal Ensign Handicap, raising the banner for her illustrious granddam. Miss Shop, the winner of Friday's renewal of that race, has a connection to Personal Ensign as well, albeit a subtler one.

Miss Shop is one of 87 stakes winners by Deputy Minister, and her dam Shopping is a daughter of Private Account, whose best offspring was Ogden Phipps' unbeatable champion Personal Ensign. While Private Account is the only equine blood relation, Miss Shop and Personal Ensign's ancestors share human blood relatives.

Wheatley Stable, the racing entity of Gladys Mills Phipps, bred and raced the stakes-winning mare Lady Be Good. Lady Be Good was – good, that is – with four stakes winners (six stakes horses) among 13 foals, including Test winner Discipline and Fashion winner In Hot Pursuit. Dinny Phipps inherited the Lady Be Good brood when his grandmother passed away, and some Grade I Phipps colorbearers descending from

PEDIGREE ANALYSIS

Lady Be Good are Posse (the 1977 model, who was impeded by Nureyev in the 2,000 Guineas and promoted to second in the English classic), Awe Inspiring, Squander, and Saturday's Travers runner Sightseeing.

Phipps was in the enviable position of having so many good mares that he had to weed them out periodically. Over the years, astute breeders such as Arthur Hancock, the Glencrest Farm of John Greathouse (now owned by his sons) and Bruce Hundley's Saxony Farm swooped in for Lady Be Good's descendants.

Saxony put together a partnership and bred European champion Zilzal. Glencrest bred, raced and stood Grade I winner Wavering Monarch. Hancock owned and bred seven-time Grade I winner Goodbye Halo, who would have been champion 3-year-old filly if not for Winning Colors. Goodbye Halo was sold to Japan as a broodmare after finishing third in the 1988 Breeders' Cup Distaff to Personal Ensign and Winning Colors.

Hancock was the initial beneficiary of the "Shopping" spree when he purchased the 15-year-old Majestic Prince mare Impish from Dinny Phipps.

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Phipps had bred nine foals out of her, and when she left Claiborne for Stone — quite literally the other side of the fence — she hadn't contributed any black type to the illustrious family. Yet.

In 1988, when Impish had her first foal for Hancock, the mare's 4-year-old Spectacular Bid gelding Lay Down won a Grade III (over the course of the next two years he would win four more graded stakes), and her 5-year-old Roberto horse Boyish Charm placed in three stakes. Phipps had also retained Impish's daughter I Pass, whose son Mining won the Grade I Vosburgh in 1988.

The in-utero sale of the 1988 filly by Private Account didn't leave Phipps with any regrets, although Shopping did win three races for Hobeau Farm, to whom Hancock had sold her, and trainer Allen Jerkens, the same team responsible for Miss Shop. Hancock bred stakes winner Karly's Harley (by his stallion Harlan) from five foals out of Impish.

Shopping has stocked Hobeau's shelves with a steady supply of good horses. Her foals include stakes winners Bought In Dixie (by Dixieland Band); Shop Again (Wild Again); and Miss Shop, the Hobeau millionaire who proved she's no bag lady when lifting her first Grade I in the Personal Ensign.



Tod Marks

Miss Shop heads back to the barn after adding a Grade I score to her pedigree.

Shopping is also granddam of Fifth Avenue, who is linebred 5x4 to Lady Be Good (Fifth Avenue's sire Monarchos is a grandson of Wavering Monarch).

Shopping's 2-year-old Smoke Glacken filly, Shop Glack, was fourth at Saratoga in her debut Wednesday. The mare has a weanling colt and was bred to Bernardini.

If you spotted Saturday's "Where

Are They Now?" feature on last year's Travers conqueror Bernardini, you'd know that Hobeau's mare was no bum to get into his first book of mates, and that was even before she became the dam of a Grade I winner.

With a last-to-first drive that swept her into uncontested victory in the Personal Ensign, the second-hand Phipps filly Miss Shop showed more determination than a bride gunning for a one-of-a-kind Vera Wang gown at the Filene's Basement sale.

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miles and a sixteenth,” Jerkens says. “He was a sprinter most of his life, he was one of those kind of horses if you trained him to go long, he would go long. If you lightened up on him, ponied him and jogged him for a while, then jar him an eighth of a mile, he’d sprint. I had a couple of horses like that. All you had to do was let them know.”

Jerkens let War Command know about the marathon distance over Jamaica’s main track.


“He worked a mile and a half and galloped three miles two days in a row. I didn’t know anything more about it, I just thought to go two miles he ought

to do something special. He took it,” Jerkens said. “When he was coming home, he looked like a walking cloud, steam all over him. We’d wash him and take the blankets out of the office and put them on, they’d get wet and we’d put another one on him. He had a real good guy rubbing him, Wilbur.”


Jerkens pries himself from the picnic table and grabs a shank and a saddle towel for One In A Romp. He grazes her every afternoon. She pulls him around one tree, down to another, over to the edge of the old Greentree estate.

“Three heads on the wire after two miles and a sixteenth,” Jerkens said. “Pete Anderson told his trainer, ‘One more jump and I would have had him.’ The guy said, ‘If two miles and a sixteenth wasn’t enough . . .’ ”

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Allen Jerkens strolls across his courtyard. It's about 2:30 in the afternoon. The Hall of Famer wears shorts, no shirt, a straw hat, Kroops' leather paddock boots with white tube socks coming out the top.

Jerkens says hello, then starts walking down his shedrow.

"Big Momma," Jerkens says to Grade I winner Miss Shop.

"Skinny Mini," Jerkens says to Saratoga winner One In A Romp.

"Hey, old gal," Jerkens says to Any Limit.

Then he turns to me.

"How's the paper going?"

"Not bad, Chief."

"What's your next book?"

I point to him.

He laughs, deflecting the thought like he's playing a game of Pong.

"I've got to win one of those big ones first," Jerkens says.

I laugh.

We've been doing this dance for years. I want to write a book on the last of the great ones. The man who remembers the distance and the workouts leading up to his first stakes winner. The man who has earned and kept more respect than any horseman on the grounds.

And he scoffs at the notion.

About five years ago, I brought it up for the first time as we were walking out of the grandstand after one of his stakes heists.

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"Who wouldn't read it?" I countered.

He kept walking.

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Come on, Chief.

He picked up a pill bottle and a block of wood and started walking down his shedrow, crushing pills into different feedtubs and eying up each of his horses.

"I had him, but I just thought the mile and sixteenth might be too much for him," he says half to the horse and half to his audience.

"He's a half to Devil His Due, hasn't show a damn thing."

"He's French. They say don't even bother trying him on the dirt, but he's by an American horse, the horse Woody had, pretty good horse."

"He's a half to Medallist. Good looking horse."

"She's by Deputy Minister, well-bred filly."

The book never came up again.

Jerkens walked over to a picnic table under a tree and pointed to Clare Court.

"In the early '70s, I was in those two barns. One 24-day meet, we won 19 races," Jerkens says. "We run a lot of horses, probably 50 horses. Blessing Angelica, she went down and won the Delaware Handicap two years in a row. I don't think they graded it then but it sure would have been Grade I."

Jerkens kicks his foot through the dirt and taps the block of wood against the pill bottle. His help starts leading out horses to graze and Jerkens drifts back 34 years.

"Onion was in that barn," Jerkens says, pointing to Carl Nafzger's and Ian Wilkes' barn inside Clare Court. "I think there were six horses in (the Whitney), they weren't bad horses, West Coast Scout was in there. Onion only ran four days before that, six and a half. He was a big, strong gelding, he was coming off a couple of months rest. The funny part of it was, a couple of months before that, a guy named Fats had (Jacinto) Vasquez's book. Fats said, 'Where you gonna run Onion back?' I said, 'The Whitney.' He laughed. He didn't ride him on Tuesday, he was on a horse of Sidney Watters'. (Eddie) Maple rode Onion. I think he set or broke the track record if I'm not mistaken. He had been working good up to then."

Fifty years ago, Jerkens was stabled on the Oklahoma side, in the same barn his son Jimmy has horses in now.

"The first stakes winner was a horse called War Command for a man named Meser. We claimed him for \$8,000 from Preston Burch. He won going two

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