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### **Here & There at Saratoga**



Tod Marks

Racing Green. The stars of the show early on Travers Day used a different kind of horsepower to seal the track.

#### **Worth Repeating**

"Did you just ask yourself if it was today or yesterday? I'm pretty sure it's today.'

The Special's Brian Nadeau, to a muttering Joe Clancy in the next room Saturday morning

"It wouldn't be Saratoga without The Special."

Trainer Mitch Friedman, when picking up Saturday's edition

"You don't have a box of ball caps by any chance do you?" Owner with a crew of wet, hatless friends, to trainer Seth Benzel on a rainy Saturday morning

"Get you a red blazer."

Kiaran McLaughlin to The Special's Sean Clancy, who held the paddock rope for the trainer

"Good looking horse, now he just has to run up to those looks." WinStar Farm's Doug Cauthen, about Travers runner-up Hold Me Back

"Countdown to 8 o'clock."

Exercise rider Saturday morning; the track closed at 8

"Well done."

Allen Jerkens assistant, Fernando Abreu, when asked about the duck

"When I open."

A helpful bartender at the track when asked what time she opens Travers morning

"Too much time on my hands, I know."

Kate Dalton, e-mailing a Name of the Day suggestion. Toque, at 6:28 Saturday morning

#### Name of the Day

**Toque, first race.** Owned and bred by Happy Hill Farm, the 3-year-old is by Alphabet Soup, out of Self Rising. A toque is a tall white hat often worn by chefs.

Half A Note, fifth race. The 5-year-old is by Brahms, out of Fifty Percent.

#### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a shower. High 77.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Low 52.

Monday: Sun and clouds. High in the low 70s and low in the upper 40s. Tuesday: Sunny. High in the low 70s and low in the low 50s. Wednesday: A few clouds. High in the mid 70s and low in the mid 50s.

#### **Quote of the Morning**

"Sometimes you can pick up a book and say 'Man, they wrote this condition book for me.' Other times, you'll look at it say 'Man, what am I doing here?' "

> Trainer Barclay Tagg, on the ups and downs of running horses



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# Walking Tall, Looking Good

# Ice, Summer Bird deliver the big one

**BY SEAN CLANCY** 

Tim Ice walked out of the Trustees Room after the Travers and wanted to correct one thing.

TRAVERS STAKES "I wasn't over-confident, I don't think it was a cocky confidence," Ice said. "It's just that everything he's done coming up to this race

gave me confidence. I can't have confidence if he doesn't give it to me and he's given it to me. Watching him train, watching him come back, just the things he does at the barn, he just gives me a lot of confidence in him and he backs it up."

Like an army.

Summer Bird trounced six rivals including the much-heralded and once-beaten Quality Road in the 140th running of the \$1 million Travers Saturday. Summer Bird and Kent Desormeaux tracked the pace of Our Edge and Kensei before drawing off to win by 3 1/2 lengths over Hold Me Back who closed from last to pick up second with Quality Road third. The favorite ran well in his first attempt at 10 furlongs but ultimately couldn't match the stamina of Summer Bird and Hold Me Back, at least on this day.

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Summer Bird hits the wire with a victory in the Grade I Travers Stakes at Saratoga Saturday.





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Owned and bred by Kalarikkal and Vilasini Jayaraman, Summer Bird finished in 2:02.83 over the sloppy track.

The Grade I stakes collected the seven best 3-year-olds in the country, well the seven best colts. The filly Rachel Alexandra awaits the Woodward and the gelding, Mine That Bird, couldn't make the Grade I race after throat surgery.

Picking up his third victory (second Grade I stakes), Summer Bird put himself atop the division.

In a race that had plenty of speed on paper, plenty of speed showed up. Alan Garcia guided Our Edge, winner of his last three, to the lead while Edgar Prado angled Jim Dandy winner Kensei to a stalking spot in second. Desormeaux put the Belmont winner into a menacing spot in the next flight, outside Quality Road who showed speed coming off a 6 1/2-furlong stakes win in track record

He pulled himself into the maelstrom, fourth on the inside. Warrior's Reward, second in the Jim Dandy, adopted the next spot, outside in fifth with Charitable Man, third in the Jim Dandy just off of him. The only real closing duties would fall to Hold Me Back who lagged behind after a quarter mile in 23.19 and a half in 46.88. Our Edge retreated first, plummeting along the rail as Kensei took over leaving the backside. Summer Bird already had him measured.

"I didn't know for sure about Kensei, he was the horse on paper that I was going to have to challenge, I thought



Dave Harmon

Early in the Travers, Our Edge leads Kensei, Quality Road, Summer Bird and Warrior's Reward.

he was the horse to beat," Desormeaux said. "When I loomed up to him I had no idea but I let Summer Bird out and Kensei couldn't maintain that gap, I let him go from a half to a neck and Edgar pushed a button and didn't go anywhere, so I sat maybe another 100 yards. I was thinking, 'I got Kensei, now it's going to be closers. I don't want them to come sweeping by me, let's go, let's open it up.'

Summer Bird dispatched Kensei and rolled into the stretch, Desormeaux cued him for his right lead and he powered away. The last three sixteenths of a mile was formality as the son of Birdstone responded to Desormeaux's righthanded whip, then left-handed and back to right. Nearing the wire, Desormeaux checked the big screen in the infield and liked what he saw, pumping his fist and then slapping Summer Bird on the neck while galloping out strongly.

"It's the ultimate, at Saratoga and in front of God and everybody. It's dreamy," Desormeaux said. "Races like these still give me butterflies, I'm a little nervous, not nervous to ride, but butterflies of anxiety because I want to win, I want to do well, I want to notch it in the

belt, I want to show off in front of all these important people that are here. To accomplish it is total jubilation, success, glow, inward joy."

Ice isn't quite as eloquent as Desormeaux, but just as satisfied. After the race, the press conference, the toast in the Trustees Room, the 35-yearold trainer walked through the exiting crowd to go see his horse in the test barn. He pulled out his last Marlboro Light and took a sweet drag while trying to digest what had just happened. Ice

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had won his second Grade I stakes with Summer Bird. After finishing second in the Haskell, Ice spent nearly a month, training Summer Bird and three others out of the stakes barn. When asked, Ice tells it straight.

He loved his horse going into the Travers, just like he did going into the Belmont Stakes. Summer Bird breezed twice at Saratoga, going 5 furlongs in 1:01 4/5 the first time and 1:00 4/5 the second. Critics knocked the breezes, especially comparing them to Quality Road's sub-minute drills.

"His works came up slow, but that is intentional," Ice said. "I know everybody's used to seeing good horses work fast but I don't work my horses fast, there's no money in the morning. I'd rather have a happy horse at the end of the day and run the way he did."

Morris Nicks instilled that lesson



Tim Ice

into Ice. When Ice worked for Cole Norman, horses breezed fast, if they didn't something was wrong. When Ice went to work for Nicks, the horses slowed in the morning.

"Tim, if there's one thing you're going to see from me, my horses won't be working like the guy you just worked for," Nicks told Ice.

Nicks preached long gallops, work them easy, let them do it themselves, let them gallop out strong. You'll have a better horse in the end.

"That's the key," Ice said. "You have to have a happy horse, they have to be 100 percent for these races, you can't bring a horse in here at 90 percent... they're still animals, they're not machines."

Whether it's the breezes or simply class and ability, no horse has emerged in 2009 like Summer Bird. From making his debut March 1 in a 6-furlong maiden at Oaklawn Park to a Belmont/Travers winner.

Ice put Summer Bird in the express lane this spring, leaping from a maiden win in his second start to finishing a closing third in the Arkansas Derby (Ice wore the Arkansas Derby 2009 tie to the Travers), to passing 10 horses in the Kentucky Derby to finish sixth. Ice then made two critical decisions; he added blinkers and Desormeaux. The horse has laid closer since and would be undefeated, with a Haskell win, if it wasn't for Rachel Alexandra.

"I know a lot of people thought the Belmont was a fluke, calling him the next Da' Tara, I read a deal saying he was going to be in a claiming race next year," Ice said. "It's a mile and a half,

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Summer Bird, with a salute from Kent Desormeaux, heads to the winner's circle.

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Ryan Clancy, Administrator





Kent Desormeaux folds up on the Travers winner Summer Bird at the finish.

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and I understand there's only one mile and half on the dirt for 3-year-olds and there's not...look at him."

there's not . . . look at him."

Emerging from around the bend, there was Summer Bird; blue and white plaid cooler, jigging along the horse path between the grandstand and Union Avenue.

Leon Hernandez braced the leather shank taut under the big chestnut colt's gum. Simply along for the ride. Summer Bird bounced, neck bowed, head down, wagging his tongue and rocking each leg off the ground like he heard the music from Siro's. Not nervous, just powerful.

Ice handed his car keys to his hotwalker, tossed his cigarette on the ground and fell in line with his classic winner. A few fans along the fence recognized the Travers winner, others ignored the hero in their midst.

Summer Bird marched into the paddock for the second time. Less crowd, less questions.

Sergeant Matt DeGregory saw the Travers winner and immediately directed traffic from the parking lot access road that runs along the back of the saddling stalls.

DeGregory urged a Honda Accord to move forward, clearing a path from the paddock to the stakes barn. Fans stopped, a few horsemen cleared the way, Brown Sugar blared from Siro's.

Should have been playing Free Bird.

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# Capt. Crunch

### Vineyard Haven bump elevates Wilkes' horse

BY KAREN M. JOHNSON

Trainer Saeed bin Suroor shook his head slightly and politely said, "No, I will speak after," when asked if he thought the Godolphin-owned Vineyard Haven, the unofficial winner of the Grade I King's Bishop Stakes, would be disqualified.

Ian Wilkes, the trainer of runner-up Capt. Candyman Can who was hindered by Vineyard Haven, watched the winner's number blink on the board. "I thought we were going to get by," Wilkes said of the head decision. "We were rolling there. I don't know what will happen."

After several minutes of deliberation while the connections of the first two horses tensely waited for the verdict, the stewards disqualified Vineyard Haven and jockey Alan Garcia for interfering with Capt. Candyman Can and jockey Javier Castellano in deep stretch.

Wilkes, who scored his first Grade I victory in the \$300,000 stakes, grinned and said, "We'll take it anyway we can."



Capt. Candyman Can (center) and Vineyard Haven battle to the finish of the King's Bishop, which went to Capt. Candyman Can via disqualification. Munnings finished third.

Suroor stood alone on the sloppy track with his cell phone in hand; perhaps he was about to deliver the bad news to Sheik Mohammed. Suroor, however, did find the positive in Vineyard Haven's comeback race - his first since finishing a disappointing fourth in the UAE 2000 Guineas in February.

"I'm disappointed with the result," Suroor said. "But the important thing is that he is back."

David Zell, who bred Capt. Candyman Can with longtime friend Dr. Joe Rauch and Suzi Shoemaker of Lantern Hill Farm, said he felt pretty confident the 3-year-old he owns in partnership with Rauch would ultimately earn the victory in the 7-furlong race.
"When we saw the head-on," Zell said, "we made

our way down to the winner's circle."

Zell and Rauch met in the 1970s, on a tennis court in Florida. After their match, Rauch, a longtime racing fan, invited Zell to Calder for the afternoon.

We left there that day having bought a horse," said Rauch, who practices urgent medical care in central Florida. "That horse won four races for us. For

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Tod Marks Alan Garcia tries to correct Vineyard Haven after a bump with Capt. Candyman Can in Saturday's

### King's Bishop —

King's Bishop.

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about 15 to 20 years we didn't own a horse but it always remained a passion of mine. In the last several years, we got back into it. We've paid our dues; we lost four horses in freakish ways. We've poured our heart into this."

Zell, Rauch and Shoemaker, who recommended the purchase of Capt. Candyman Can's dam, Stormy Way, still own his mother who is in foal to Unbridled's Song.

Capt. Candyman Can, a gelded son of Candy Ride, is Stormy Way's second foal. He was going to be sold as a yearling at Keeneland in September 2007, but failed to make his reserve when he didn't scope cleanly. He was bought back by Zell and Rauch for \$25,000.

"Boy, aren't we happy we did that," Zell said as he thumped Rauch on the shoulder, not quite as hard as Vineyard Haven's bump with Capt. Candyman Can.

Vineyard Haven, who looked glorious in the post parade, sped to the lead. He rattled off fractions of 22.19 and 44.64 seconds while being hounded by entrymate Everyday Heroes.

Meanwhile, Capt. Candyman Can lingered in seventh for a half-mile. Castellano swung his mount five-wide into the lane and Capt. Candyman Can began to accelerate. In the final furlong, it appeared the gelding would roll past Vineyard Haven, but his progress was impeded when he took two solid bumps to the shoulder by the pacesetter who

was racing to his inside.

The final time was 1:22.35. Capt. Candyman Can returned \$9.80 as the third choice.

Munnings, the favorite of the ninehorse field, finished third. John Velazquez, Munning's rider, said his colt didn't relish the sloppy going.

Capt. Candyman Can was coming off a second in Quality Road's track-record performance in the Grade II Amsterdam here Aug. 3.

The King's Bishop was his fourth stakes win this year. He also won the Grade II Hutcheson Stakes at Gulfstream Park, the Grade III Bay Shore at Aqueduct, and the ungraded Matt Winn at Churchill Downs.

The King's Bishop was Capt. Candyman Can's sixth victory in 10 starts, and elevated his earnings to \$620,423.

In way of explaining his horse's name, Rauch said he was a having a spot of insomnia one night and was going over possibilities in his head. A fan of the late Sammy Davis Jr., Rauch leapt from his bed and signed on to the Internet to see if the crooner's tune, The Candy Man Can, was available on The Jockey Club's database of names. It wasn't.

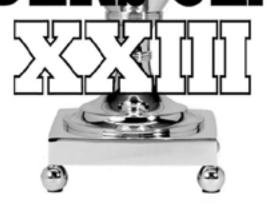
"So I figured we would just put the Capt. in front," Rauch said.

When Rauch was asked if the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Santa Anita was on the radar for Capt. Candyman Can, he gave an uncharacteristic answer for an owner.

"I'll have to talk to the trainer," Rauch said. "Next year the Breeders' Cup is at Churchill, so we want to be there for that. But for right now, we want to savor this."

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### Music Note, Maragh KO stars in Grade I

#### **BY BRIAN NADEAU**

Richard DePass pulled the golf cart to a stop on the Saratoga backstretch early Thursday morning. Passenger Rajiv Maragh peered to the right, spotted Godolphin's Henry Spiller and shouted exuberantly.

"Henry, we've got a big weekend coming up my friend. A big, big weekend."

The prophecy came true Saturday afternoon when Maragh – with an assist from agent DePass – guided Godolphin's Music Note to an upset win over all-star fillies Indian Blessing (John Velazquez) and Informed Decision (Julien Leparoux) in the Grade I , \$294,000 Ballerina Stakes at 7 furlongs.

Music Note broke running from her rail draw and settled into stride just off the 23.13 quarter-mile split that champion sprinter and \$2.8 million earner Indian Blessing put up on the board. Informed Decision, a winner of five consecutive at 7 furlongs, maintained her position on the inside and led a tight pack filled out by Tar Heel Mom, Music Note and P.S.U. Grad.

Maragh moved Music Note through on the rail and she poked a head in front of Indian Blessing as the half-mile of 45.76 was announced. Informed Decision struggled to keep up between the top pair and backed out of it as the leaders approached the far turn. Music



Dave Harmon

Music Note hits the finish with a Grade I score – over stars Indian Blessing and Informed Decision – in the Ballerina.

Note and Indian Blessing waged their battle to the top of the stretch when Music Note took charge. She barreled off the turn with a short lead, widened in midstretch and poured it on late to win by 5 1/4 lengths and become racing's newest millionaire.

Music Note entered with five wins from nine career starts, but was united with Maragh for the first time in the Ballerina. He got a trial run in a 5-furlong breeze over the main track Aug. 16 and knew he'd be riding a live runner.

"It was my first time on her in the afternoon but I had been on her once in the morning and she really fascinated me. She has a beautiful way of moving, so

when I got off her I was really encouraged," Maragh said. "She gave me a lot of hope and confidence that she would run a big race. She loved the mud out there on the track. Warming up she wanted to play in it, she was very happy, so I knew she would run a big race."

Trainer Saeed bin Suroor was on hand to saddle the Godolphin runners Saturday and left impressed with horse and rider.

"(Rajiv) gave her a brilliant ride and she handled the mud really well," bin Suroor said. "She's a tough filly that always tries hard. She's healthy and back in the same form she was last year."

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Hot and Bothered hasn't really being beating all that much, but the foes she conquered in the slop here July 31 are rated three levels tougher than these. The last two starts have been super, too, and she owns one of the better numbers in the field. She just missed to this kind in March at Aqueduct and seems sharp enough to take care of this kind. Make her the HF 15a. Kick the Cruiser absolutely cruised when facing straight Maidens at Finger Lakes in her Aug 9 racing bow. Winning by 22 lengths is impressive and these really aren't all that much, so the shipper from that minor track has a look. Anjorie, a barnmate of Hot and Bothered, won at first asking here last August before being overmatched vs. state-bred Stakes types in two straight. This is a much better spot and a competitive effort seems on tap. by 70day's Racing Digest

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1	Kick The Cruiser	22.5	45.5	<u>57.7</u>	<u>01:10.8</u>	<u>25.3</u>	FL-08/09/09-1
2	Hot And Bothered	<u>22</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>57.7</u>	01:11.6	26.6	SAR-07/31/09-1
3	Chernobyl Princess	22.8	46.4	58.7	01:12.7	26.3	SAR-08/05/09-1
4	Mercy's Delight	24.1	47.3	01:00.6	01:13.3	26	BEL-06/25/09-2
5	By The Sky	22.6	46.6	59.6	01:13.4	26.8	SAR-08/02/09-1
6	Anjorie	23.2	47.6	01:00.3	01:13.5	25.9	AQU-11/09/08-1
7	A Girl Named Maria	23	46.9	59.9	01:13.9	27	AQU-12/10/08-2 ◆

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### **Ballerina** —

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Which was far from how she entered the race.

Music Note took her spot in the starting gate looking to regain her stature among the best of the division. The 4-year-old daughter of A.P. Indy won a trio of Grade I races going long at Belmont Park last year and was a finalist for champion 3-year-old filly. But her lone start in 2009 was a major disappointment, a fifth, beaten 10 1/4 lengths as part of a 1-5 entry in the Grade I Phipps Handicap at Belmont June 13.

Instead of forging on, Godolphin opted to freshen Music Note, reassess and aim toward the second half of the season. The Ballerina went on the big board with today's Grade I Personal Ensign, until it was determined that 7 furlongs was a better jumping off point than a mile and a quarter. Music Note displayed a powerful closing run in her two-turn races, so Maragh was pleasantly surprised when he was just off the early leaders in the Ballerina.

"It worked out good that she didn't get outsprinted too much early. I didn't know how much speed she had, so cut-

ting back to 7 furlongs and facing those two top horses I didn't know if we would be 8 or 10 lengths out of it. They can go pretty quick going seven-eighths and I wasn't sure how she would respond," Maragh said. "But just a few strides out of the gate there I was with those horses and the fact that she was comfortable and I didn't have to rush her to get there was delightful. We hit the backside and she was still close and it didn't even feel like I was close to being to the bottom of her."

The Jamaican-born Maragh, 24, has come a long way since riding his first winner in the United States at Tampa Bay Downs in 2004. He sits firmly in the top five in wins at Saratoga and was the second leading rider in New York in 2008. Rides like Music Note (his seventh stakes win of the meet) only help him realize how far he's climbed the ladder.

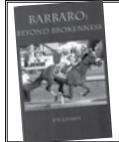
"It's amazing that I can get on a filly like this for the Godolphin operation, Maragh said. "For such a young and up-and-coming rider like myself it really gives me a big boost to know that I'm riding some of these top-class horses that they have in their barn. They are the pinnacle of the sport and have been very good to me."

Saturday, the jockey returned the fa-



Saeed bin Suroor leads Music Note to the winner's circle.

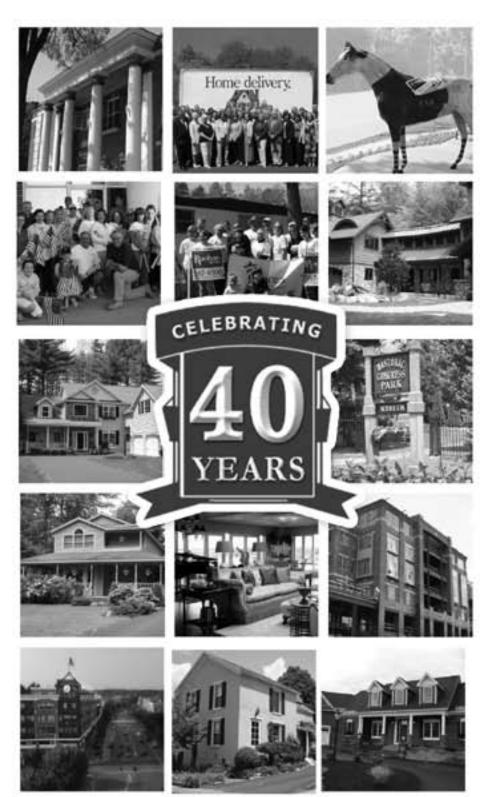
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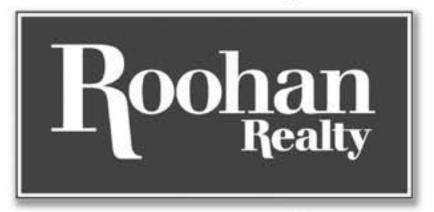
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# All Germany

Import shakes up paddock, dazzles on turf with Grade II stakes score

#### **BY JOE CLANCY**

As German filly Salve Germania lunged and plunged around the Saratoga paddock before Saturday's Ballston Spa Handicap, gasps came from all directions. And that was nothing compared to Maren Hennig and Olga Hickst. They were really surprised.

"She is never like that at home, she is like a pony," said Hennig, wife of groom Radik Hennig. "We don't know why she acted that way. We have rain at home in Germany, we have umbrellas at home in Germany, we have crowds at home in Germany. She was just wild."

Bred in Ireland and raced in Germany and France, the 4-year-old filly made up for the shocking behavior with a last-to-first rush to win the Grade II stakes. Salve Germania (Javier Castellano) came out from behind horses in deep stretch to get the last last run and catch Rutherienne in the final strides. The winner scored by a head after passing five horses in the final quartermile while covering the 1 1/16 miles in 1:47.25 over a soft turf course. Rutherienne finished second with My Princess Jess a half-length back in third.

#### **BALLSTON SPA HANDICAP**

Owner Manfred Hellwig will leave the daughter of Peintre Celebre with trainer Todd Pletcher for an American campaign and perhaps a date with a stallion in 2010.

Trained in Cologne, Germany by Waldemar Hickst, Salve Germania won her career debut last June at Dusseldorf, but lost her next seven starts including three in France. She finished fourth in her most recent start, a listed stakes at Hamburg, July 4 and came to the U.S. in search of firm ground and a fresh start.

"We did not expect very much, especially with this ground," said Hennig. "She hates soft ground. We especially came for hard ground, because in Germany it is so soft. All night, it rained and rained and rained. We were crying about it all night."

The emotions were quite different Saturday afternoon. Olga Hickst, wife of the trainer (who was running horses at Baden Baden) speaks very little English, but came up with "Super, just super!" in the winner's circle.

Their filly was just that. Sent off at 24-1, she dropped back to last in the



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Salve Germania (left) catches Rutherienne at the finish of the Ballston Spa.

field of seven but was never more than 5 lengths from the front. Captain's Lover set a slow early pace of 25.83 and 51.92 seconds, just ahead of Cocoa Beach and Teamgeist. Favorite Rutherienne bided her time in fifth and sixth.

Exiting the turn, all seven looked to be in with a shot – Teamgeist dove to the rail, Captain's Lover hung on, Rutherienne drafted, My Princess Jess motored into position outside. At the furlong pole, Rutherienne lowered her head and dove between Teamgeist and Captain's Lover to take a short lead as My Princess Jess made steady progress.

Meanwhile, Salve Germania kept pace. Fifth at the eighth pole, she eased out from behind My Princess Jess, accelerated and passed everyone in less than a sixteenth of a mile without feeling Castellano's whip.

"I had her behind horses and she loved that," said the jockey. "She was just galloping and keeping track of all the horses in the race. When I moved, I was going to come between Cocoa Beach and (Captain's Lover); I asked her and she hesitated a little bit so I de-

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Olga Hickst (right) and Maren Hennig join Javier Castellano and daughter Kayla Marie in the winner's circle.

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cided to switch and move outside and I think that was the key to winning the race. She took off very impressive. She was in gear."

Castellano and Salve Germania also found high gear warming up for the race. He let her open gallop a quartermile in hopes of settling her; she pulled up and walked calmly after that but acted up at the gate and sent the jockey to the ground for the third time. Once in the gate, she acted fine and she did everything right in the race – a long way from the paddock scene.

"Oh, she was a little crazy. The

key was to keep her moving," Castellano said. "As soon as you stopped, she wanted to flip. They had throw to me up twice before I stayed on. When we got to the track . . . she was very good and relaxed. As soon as we got to the gate, she acted up again and I came off."

In the box seats, Hennig and Hickst fretted. They came in with low expectations, but everything went wrong – until the filly made it right again.

"Before the race, she tried to make the jockey jump off, she was so bad," said Hennig. "We told the jockey not to be in last place, to make a good start, second or third place would be good. She was last, she is never last at home and then, oh my, she really ran a good

Salve Germania came into the race off a typical hurried international travel schedule. She did her last piece of serious work in Cologne a week earlier, left for America Sunday, spent two days in quarantine, arrived in Saratoga midweek and went to the track just twice prior to running. Bedded down in the Pletcher barn, Salve Germania liked her new surroundings – despite the raceday

"It was very nice," said Hennig. "We told the groom who takes care of the horses next to her that she would be his horse, so that he would take care of her and he did. Todd Pletcher we know is a top-10 trainer in America. He was very helpful and always asked us if we needed anything. This is all very exciting for us. I hope she can run good for

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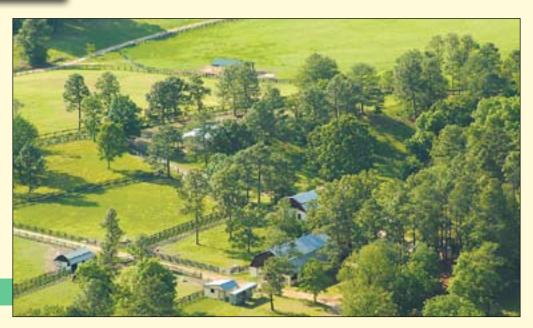


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# On Target

### Sara Louise gets back on track in first start for Godolphin team

#### **BY JOE CLANCY**

Sara Louise looked like another classy addition to the Godolphin stable late last year thanks to two wins in four starts, a \$550,000 yearling pricetag and boundless potential.

And then she arrived in Dubai this winter.

"She was bought late in the fall, so she didn't get over there with the others in the shedrow until late," said Rick Mettee, Godolphin's American assistant. "It was late January, something like that, and by the time she got there she was very light and just didn't look good. She had no color, she just didn't do well over the winter for some rea-

Trainer Saeed bin Suroor opted not to push the daughter of Malibu Moon and she accompanied the stable back to America this spring without running – without doing much of anything. Suroor called that decision a blessing, as Sara Louise overwhelmed eight rivals to win Saturday's \$110,000 Victory Ride (Gr. III) in her first start for the stable and first start in exactly nine months.

#### **VICTORY RIDE STAKES**

"She is a classy filly," bin Suroor said. "We thought she would prove herself in a big race someday, but when she was in Dubai, she wasn't doing as well. The break we gave her helped her."

Sara Louise started four times as a 2-year-old in 2008, for Eldon Farm and trainer Dale Romans. She won twice, including a victory over budding superstar Rachel Alexandra in the Grade III Pocahontas at Churchill Downs Nov. 1, and was sold to Godolphin after finishing second (to Rachel Alexandra) in the Golden Rod Nov. 29.

She didn't run again until Saturday, though she looked as polished as an older mare.

Sara Louise (Edgar Prado) broke quickly, but found a relaxed spot in fifth as Bold Union zipped the first quartermile in 21.95 seconds thanks to pressure from Juliet's Spirit. Fourth after a half-mile in 44.81, Sara Louise rallied four wide off the turn and won by 2 lengths in 1:09.66 over a sloppy track. Bold Union stayed for second with Juliet's Spirit third.



Sara Louise floats to the finish with a win in the Victory Ride for Godolphin.

"The plan was to break real good, then sit on her and see if she would settle and she did," said Prado. "They had her ready. She's been working real steady. I rode her last year (in a maiden win at Belmont in September) and she was nice, then she beat Rachel Alexandra so that should tell you something."

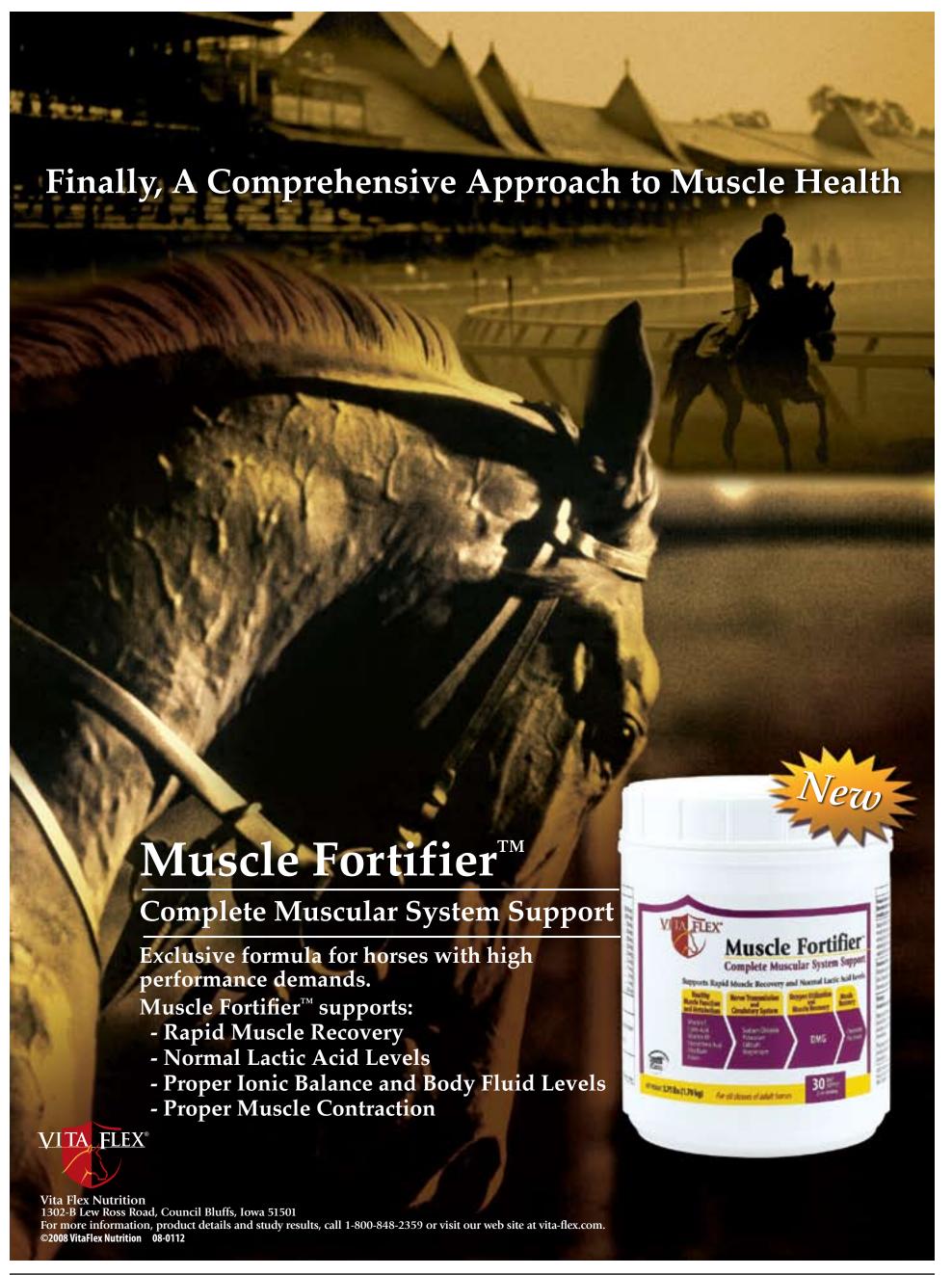
Sara Louise prepped for the Victory Ride with a solid string of works including a trio of 5-furlong moves over Saratoga's main track Aug. 6, 13 and 21.

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Rachel Alexandra in a race, Sara Louise trails far behind the Preakness and Haskell winner in terms of achievements but is at least back on the road to bigger things.

'She's only run five times so she's missed a lot of the races she could have run in - the Test might have been a spot for her - so we'll see what happens now," said Mettee. "She obviously appreciated the time, because as soon as she got back to Belmont, she really came around."





# **Get Him**

## 'Stormy' runs away with Lure Stakes

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

Christophe Clement and Kiaran McLaughlin stood five feet apart prior to the \$84,250 Lure Stakes.

Clement stared at the big screen in the clubhouse as McLaughlin chatted with friends and family. Five minutes until post, McLaughlin stepped toward Clement and joked with the fellow trainer.

As the horses reached the gate, McLaughlin turned his focus to the race and his horse, 3-1 favorite Florentino. Clement, arms folded, watched second choice Golden Mexico.

And then Tom Bush's Get Stormy ruined the day.

Sullimar Stable's son of Stormy Atlantic surged to an early lead as Florentino rated in fourth and Golden Mexico lagged in sixth through a quarter-mile. Bush joined the fray in the clubhouse when the real running began. The trainer stepped forward and yelled at the screen as the field rounded the far turn. "Come on, Stormy... Come on, Stormy... Come on, Stormy."

Get Stormy (Javier Castellano) dug down in deep stretch and held off hard-charging Mikoshi (Jose Lezcano) by three-quarters of a length with Golden Mexico (Ramon Dominguez) well back in third.

Bush raised his arms in celebration.

"That was dynamite," he said as he dashed through the clubhouse to the winner's circle, slapping high fives the entire way.



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Get Stormy (right) holds off Mikoshi in the Lure Stakes early on the Travers Day card.

Get Stormy, sixth choice on the board, wired a solid field of 3-year-olds in the 1-mile Lure over a soft Spa lawn. He won his second straight at Saratoga but Bush admitted he had mixed emotions when he entered Get Stormy in his first career stakes.

"I was worried that the turf would be too soft for all the horses because you never know, even though he had been on soft ground before," Bush said. "Sometimes the horses don't quicken as well when the turf is soft, so being on the lead is an advantage because the come-from-behind horses don't have that turn of foot that they do when the ground is firm. We knew we were going to be near the lead, it was just a question of what Alan Garcia was going to do on Florentino."

Get Stormy improved his record to 3-for-10, which includes an allowance win July 29 at Saratoga. The colt has hit the board in 5-of-7 starts in 2009, something that failed to surprise his trainer.

"He's cut out to be a nice one," Bush said. "He was just a big, gangly, very immature colt the first time we got him in the spring of his 2-year-old-year. We gave him the one start in August and he broke his maiden late in the year. Then we decided to give him the winter off to mature."

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Get Stormy broke his maiden in his third start for Bush at Aqueduct December 6. Following a winter vacation, he made two starts at Tampa Bay Downs in March for Caroline Webster before returning to the Northeast and Bush's care. Throw out a ninth place disappointment over yielding turf at Belmont June 6 and Get Stormy has finished no worse than second in his four other starts since rejoining Bush this spring. On Saturday, he added black type to his resume.

"He ran solid. He had to earn the lead going through the first two turns; he didn't give anything away," Bush said "They made him earn that lead and I think that shows a lot. The colt really had running on his mind today and he handled the going."

• Separatist (Dominguez) kicked off a soggy Travers Day in the first, a 9-furlong allowance forced off the turf. Trained by Barclay Tagg for The Three Colleens and Parting Glass Stable, Separatist left the grass for the first time and relished an off track en route to a 3 3/4-length run off over Inherit The Gold (Castellano) and Cops Fever (Kent Desormeaux).

Separatist impressed in his debut when he finished 1 1/2 lengths behind Friday's Bernard Baruch winner Justenuffhumor on January 14 at Gulfstream. He broke his maiden in his fifth start June 27, a 7-furlong sprint over soft turf at Belmont, but needed a disqualifi-

cation to do it. On Saturday, Separatist won for real.

"He's been a project but maybe we finally found something," said Parting Glass' Tom Gallo. "He always had it, but he would come to that one horse in front of him and sort of give up, but this time he looked very comfortable. Being a Fusaichi Pegasus out of a Deputy Minister mare, we thought we'd take a shot in the slop and it worked. We really thought we had something after his first start when he ran second to Justenuffhumor, but it's not always that automatic. For us, it's not just winning the first race on Travers Day, but about this horse getting across the wire first."

• Todd Pletcher has long been revered in 2-year-old races at the Spa. He took another when Glencrest Farm's Devil May Care (John Velazquez) won her debut in the second, a freshman dash at 6 furlongs for fillies.

The daughter of Malibu Moon broke last under Velazquez but quickly made her presence felt in the field of eight. Vaporize led by a 1 1/2 lengths through a half-mile while Devil May Care lurked in second. The winner gained a narrow advantage as they rounded the turn and it was smooth sailing to the finish as the Pletcher trainee eased off to a 4 3/4-length win over Katy Now (Julien Leparoux) and Vaporize (Dominguez).

Devil May Care, a \$110,000 yearling purchase in 2008 at the Keeneland September sale, made a strong first impression on Pletcher.

"I knew her from the sales and she had a brilliant work there with a super-

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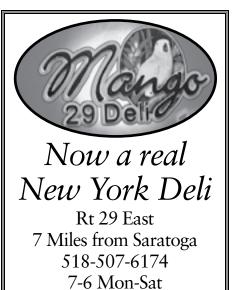


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strong gallop out," Pletcher said. "We were just happy to get her. We trained her accordingly. I felt like she would handle the surface today, but I was worried because you never know for sure until they do it; and you hate to run any horse that you like a lot on a wet track when you don't have to. Thankfully, she handled it very well."

• Schneerson set the stage for the Saratoga crowd in the third, a 7-furlong maiden. Trained by Steve Asmussen for Zayat Stable, Schneerson (Edgar Prado) locked up with Soda Jerk (Jesus Castanon) in the early going and the



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two set fractions of 23.18 and 46.40. Soda Jerk enjoyed a head advantage as they crossed the eighth pole, but Schneerson rallied hard on the outside. The two traded jabs through the entire stretch run but Schneerson landed the final blow for a nose win at the wire. Saratoga Lightning (Jorge Chavez) finished third.

Schneerson finished third in his first start, a 7-furlong sprint here August 1 and used that experience as a springboard for his second outing.

"He ran really well for his first time on an off-track," Asmussen said. 'We've been waiting for this spot and the weather doesn't cooperate, but he had a great draw, and Edgar held him together well. First time out he ran well, but was beaten late on the line.

Schneerson, a 4-year-old Elusive Quality colt purchased for \$900,000 as a yearling in 2006, didn't join Asmussen's barn until earlier this year.

"He's obviously a beautiful colt," Asmussen said. "The first time we saw him was this spring. He came from Ocala, and he's been pretty straightforward. Hopefully he can get on with his

• Hal Earnhardt was home enjoying a relaxing morning in Phoenix this April when his phone rang. Bob Baffert didn't waste any words.

"Bobby was on the other end and said there was this super-nice horse that he really liked," Earnhardt said. "We got to talking about price and the number was right around my top end of what I like to pay, but he said that if there was one horse he could buy and put a halter



Tod Marks

Schneerson (8) battles to the wire to win a maiden race for Zayat Stable.

on it would be this one. And that was about all I needed to hear."

Bulldogger put that halter in the Saratoga winner's circle on Saturday when he ran off with the eighth, a maiden dash for juveniles, by 6 1/2 lengths.

The gavel dropped at \$300,000 for Bulldogger, a son of Dixie Union out of the Tricky Creek mare Silent Stream. Saturday he made it seem like a zero was missing on the price tag. Bulldogger (Velazquez) hit the front immediately and widened to score an impressive debut over Our Dark Knight (Leparoux) and No Truth Told (Lezcano).

The 2-year-old maiden dash for colts on Travers Day is often a showcase event where barns send out their best juveniles. Bulldogger certainly fits the bill. He showed several speedy drills from Baffert's California shedrow and shipped east for his debut on August 15. Baffert was forced to scratch the colt when he came up with a slight fever but his 1:00 1/5 drill from the gate on August 20 showed he was ready to roll.

'It was a pretty classy performance by a colt that we always liked. He had worked well out in California but Bobby thought he would do better over the dirt so we shipped him over here," Earnhardt said. "He got sick on us earlier in the meet when we had him entered, so we were forced to scratch but he bounced back well and we were lucky to be able to get him in this race and have him perform like we thought he could."

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

Tuesday, August 25 (Travers Week) - Golf Tournament at Country Club of Troy, Troy, NY

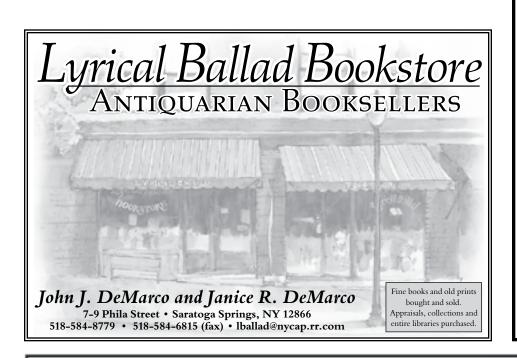
Saturday, August 29 - Handicapping Tournament at Saratoga Racecourse On the Travers Stakes Card

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The Roundhouse pulls away to win Saturday's sixth.







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#### **SATURDAY'S** SARATOGA RESULTS

Saturday, August 29.

#### 1ST. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. NY BREDS. ALW. PURSE \$99,420. Separatist Dominguez R 3.80 2.70 Inherit the Gold Castellano J J 3.00 2.50 Cops Fever Desormeaux K J 3.20

Finish Time: 1:51.82

Trainer: Barclay Tagg. Owner: Three Colleens Stable&Parting Glass Stable. Dk. B. or Br. g. 4. Fusaichi Pegasus-Adorable Minister, Deputy Minister. Bred by Mia Gallo and Debbie Petrisak (NY).

\$2 Exacta (6-13) Paid \$33.40; \$2 Superfecta (6-13-7-1) Paid \$1,307.00; \$2 Trifecta (6-13-7) Paid \$122.50

#### 2ND. 6 FURLONGS, 2YO, FILLIES, MSW, PURSE \$60,000.

Devil May Care Velazquez J R 2.80 Katy Now 6 Leparoux J R 2.90 Vaporize Dominguez R A 2.60 Finish Time: 1:11.65

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Owner: Glencrest Farm. B. f. 2. Malibu Moon-Kelli's Ransom, Red Ransom.

Bred by Diamond A Racing (Ky). \$2 Daily Double (6-3) Paid \$39.60; \$2 Exacta (3-6) Paid \$25.80; \$2 Quinella (3-6) Paid \$12.40; \$2 Superfecta (3-6-8-10) Paid \$278.40; \$2 Trifecta (3-6-8) Paid \$59.00

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8	Schneerson	Prado E S	4.40	2.80	2.20
3	Soda Jerk	Castanon J L		4.60	2.90
5	Saratoga Lightning	Chavez J F			2.90
Finish	Time: 1:24.14				

Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: Zayat Stable.

B. c. .4 Elusive Quality-Mermaid's Tale, Boston Harbor.

Bred by Fred Hertrich III (Ky).

\$2 Consolation Double (3-2) Paid \$6.60

\$2 Pick 3 (6-3-8) 3 Correct Paid \$74.50; \$2 Daily Double (3-8) Paid \$13.40; \$2 Exacta (8-3) Paid \$15.60; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (6-3-2) Paid \$33.40; \$2 Superfecta (8-3-5-1) Paid \$243.00; \$2 Trifecta (8-3-5) Paid \$34.40;

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8	Get Stormy	Castellano J J	17.00	9.00	5.40
1	Mikoshi	Lezcano J		7.60	4.70
4	Golden Mexico (IRE)	Dominguez R A			3.20
Finish	Time: 1:37.91				

Trainer: Tom Bush. Owner: Sullimar Stable. B. c. 3. Stormy Atlantic-Foolish Gal, Kiri's Clown. Bred by Mary Sullivan (Ky).

\$2 Pick 3 (3-8-8) 3 Correct Paid \$209.50; \$2 Daily Double (8-8) Paid \$40.80; \$2 Exacta (8-1) Paid \$127.00; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (3-2-8) Paid \$87.00; \$2 Quinella (1-8) Paid \$67.00; \$2 Superfecta (8-1-4-2) Paid \$2,630.00;

\$2 Trifecta (8-1-4) Paid \$694.00

#### 5TH. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$40,000.

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5	New York Holiday	Maragh R	18.20	6.70	4.40
2	Grand Stage	Albarado R J		4.20	3.30
4	Actor's Groove	Bridgmohan S X			6.80
Finish	Time: 1:52 93	_			

Trainer: Dominick Schettino. Owner: Brooklyn Boyz Stable, Robert Rosenthal and Claudia O'Connor.

Dk. B. or Br. g. 4. Harlan's Holiday-Sequins, Northern Fashion.

Bred by Keswick Stable (Va).

\$2 Pick 3 (8-8-5) 3 Correct Paid \$515.00;

\$2 Pick 4 (1/3/7-2/8-8-5) 4 Correct Paid \$1,744.00;

\$2 Daily Double (8-5) Paid \$241.50; \$2 Exacta (5-2) Paid \$66.00; \$2 Superfecta (5-2-4-9) Paid \$2,472.00; \$2 Trifecta (5-2-4) Paid \$504.00

#### 6TH, 1 1/8 MILES, 3&UP, AOC, PURSE \$90,000.

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3	The Roundhouse	Velazquez J R	7.00	3.80	2.80
13	Rikman	Dominguez R A		3.60	2.70
11	Lease of Life	Castellano J J			3.40
Finish	1 Time: 1:51 05				

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Owner: Michael Tabor.

Ch. c. 4. Fusaichi Pegasus-Circle Of Life, Belong To Me.

Bred by Chelston (Ky). \$2 Pick 3 (8-5-3) 3 Correct Paid \$1.170.00:

\$2 Daily Double (5-3) Paid \$142.00; \$2 Exacta (3-13) Paid \$22.00:

\$2 Superfecta (3-13-11-9) Paid \$455.40; \$2 Trifecta (3-13-11) Paid \$90.00

#### 7TH. 6 FURLONGS. THE VICTORY RIDE. 3YO. FILLIES.

PURSE \$110,000. Sara Louise Prado E S 3.70 Velazquez J R **Bold Union** 2.90 Albarado R J Juliet's Spirit 8.30 Finish Time: 1:09.66

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor. Owner: Godolphin Racing B. f. 3. Malibu Moon-Kings Lynn, Mt. Livermore.

Bred by Paul Gardner (Ky).

\$2 Pick 3 (5-3-8) 3 Correct Paid \$493.00; \$2 Daily Double (3-8) Paid \$22.00: \$2 Exacta (8-1) Paid \$25.80; \$2 Trifecta (8-1-5) Paid \$271.50

8TH. 6 FURLONGS. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$66,000.

Bulldogger Velazquez J R Our Dark Knight Leparoux J R 8.90 4.10 No Truth Told Lezcano J 2.80

Finish Time: 1:10.70 Trainer: Bob Baffert. Owner: Hal and Patti Earnhardt. Dk. B. or Br. c. 2. Dixie Union-Silent Stream, Tricky Creek.

Bred by White Fox Farm (Ky).

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\$2 Pick 3 (3-8-1) 3 Correct Paid \$78.00; \$2 Pick 4 (5-3-8-1/4/5/7) 4 Correct Paid \$1,573;

\$2 Daily Double (8-1) Paid \$20.20; \$2 Exacta (1-6) Paid \$65.50;

\$2 Superfecta (1-6-11-2) Paid \$736.00; \$2 Trifecta (1-6-11) Paid \$234.50

#### 9TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. THE BALLSTON SPA. 3&UP. F&M. PURSE \$200,000.

Salve Germania (IRE) Castellano J J 50.50 15.60 5.90 8 Rutherienne Garcia Alan 2.40 My Princess Jess Velasquez C 3.60 Finish Time: 1:47.25

Trainer: Waldemar Hickst. Owner: Manfred Hellwig.

Ch. f. 4. Peintre Celebre-Salve Regina (Ger), Monsun (Ger). Bred by Gestut Hony Hof (Ire).

\$2 Pick 3 (8-1-8) 3 Correct Paid \$575.00;

\$2 Daily Double (1-8) Paid \$198.50; \$2 Exacta (8-1) Paid \$204.50;

\$2 Superfecta (8-1-2-7) Paid \$1,823.00; \$2 Trifecta (8-1-2) Paid \$760.00

#### 10TH 7 FURLONGS THE RALLERING 3&UP F&M PURSE \$204 000

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1	Music Note	Maragh R	13.60	5.10	2.80
4	Indian Blessing	Velazquez J R		3.20	2.10
2	Informed Decision	Leparoux J R			2.10
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Finight Time: 1:22.10 Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor. Owner: Godolphin Racing.

B. f. 4. A.P. Indy-Note Musicale (GB), Sadler's Wells.

Bred by Gainsborough Farm (Ky).

\$2 Pick 3 (1-8-1) 3 Correct Paid \$1,349.00;

\$2 Daily Double (8-1) Paid \$288.50; \$2 Exacta (1-4) Paid \$35.40; \$2 Consolation Pick 3 (1-8-5) Paid \$206.50;

\$2 Trifecta (1-4-2) Paid \$54.00;

\$2 Grand Slam (1/5/8-1/6/11-1/2/8-1) Paid \$44.40:

\$2 Consolation Double (8-5) Paid \$55.00

#### 11TH, 7 FURLONGS, THE KING'S BISHOP, 3YO, PURSE \$300,000.

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3	Capt. Candyman Can	Castellano J J	9.80	4.50	3.30
1	DQ-Vineyard Haven	Garcia Alan		5.80	3.40
2	Munnings	Velazquez J R			2.60
Einich	Time: 1:00 25				

Trainer: Ian Wilkes. Owner: Joseph Rauch and David Zell.

B. g. 3. Candy Ride (Arg)-Stormy Way, Storm Creek.
Bred by Lanterns Hill Farm, Joseph Rauch and David Zell (Ky).

\$2 Pick 3 (8-1-3) 3 Correct Paid \$1,764.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-3) Paid \$71.00; \$2 Exacta (3-1) Paid \$52.00;

\$2 Consolation Pick 3 (8-5-3) Paid \$285.50;

\$2 Trifecta (3-1-2) Paid \$121.50

#### 12TH. 1 1/4 MILES. THE TRAVERS. 3YO. PURSE \$1,000,000.

Summer Bird Desormeaux K J 7.80 4.30 2.70 Hold Me Back Leparoux J R 12.40 5.30 **Quality Road** Velazquez J R 2.50 Finish Time: 2:02.83

Trainer: Tim Ice. Owner: Kalarikkal Jayaraman and Vilasini Jayaraman. Ch. c. 3. Birdstone-Hong Kong Squall, Summer Squall.

Bred by Kalarikkal and Vilasini Jayaraman (Ky).

\$2 Pick 3 (1-3-6) 3 Correct Paid \$276.00; \$2 Pick 4 (8-1-3-6) 4 Correct Paid \$8,546.00;

\$2 Daily Double (3-6) Paid \$39.20;

\$2 Exacta (6-1) Paid \$115.50; \$2 Superfecta (6-1-4-2) Paid \$1,139.00;

\$2 Trifecta (6-1-4) Paid \$343.50

#### 13TH. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. NY BREDS. MSW. PURSE \$88,600. Whirlwind Poppy Leparoux J R 6.20

3.20 Titletown Tiger Morales S 3.70 Spa City Fever Chavez J F 3.20 Finish Time: 1:53.65

Trainer: Mike Maker. Owner: Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

B. c. 3. Millennium Wind-Poppy's Baby Girl (GB), Yankee Victor. Bred by Ken and Sarah Ramsey (Ky).

\$2 Pick 3 (3-6-2) 3 Correct Paid \$128.50;

\$2 Pick 6 (1/4/5/7-8-1-3-6-2/5/9/12) 5 Correct Paid \$523.00; \$2 Pick 6 (1/4/5/7-8-1-3-6-2/5/9/12) 6 Correct Paid \$45,153.00;

\$2 Daily Double (6-2) Paid \$28.80; \$2 Exacta (2-3) Paid \$36.00; \$2 Superfecta (2-3-1-4) Paid \$757.00; \$2 Trifecta (2-3-1) Paid \$87.00

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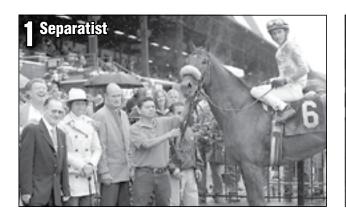
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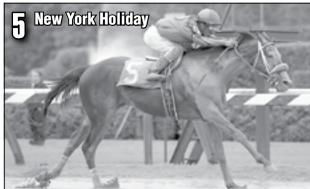
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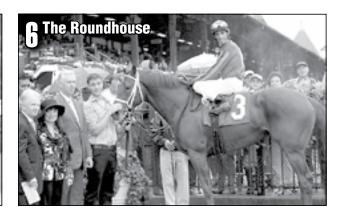
























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Swift Temper (right), Morena (second from right), Unbridled Belle (left) and Icon Project (second from left) meet again in the Personal Ensign after racing in the Delaware Handicap last month.

# Delaware North

Swift Temper, Icon Project, Unbridled Belle, Morena renew rivalry in Saratoga Grade I filly/mare test

#### **BY BRIAN NADEAU**

Last fall Marty Wolfson welcomed a lanky, long-striding daughter of Empire Maker into his Calder shedrow.

Filled with promise, overflowing with pedigree and expensive enough to trade for a house on Union Avenue, Icon Project came to Wolfson with nothing more than a cheap maiden win from five career starts in Europe. Less than a year later she starts as the horse to beat in Sunday's Grade I, \$400,000 Personal Ensign at 10 furlongs.

Icon Project cost Andrew Rosen \$775,000 as a yearling in the 2006 Keeneland September sale and was sent to European trainer Brian Meehan shortly thereafter. She broke her maiden at 1 1/2 miles in her second career start at 3 but then failed to break through in a trio of stakes assignments during the summer of 2008. With a pedigree slanted toward dirt Rosen decided to send Icon Project to Wolfson.

"Mr. Rosen has been a client of mine for a long time and he's got some horses overseas and decided he wanted to bring her over here and have her in the States," Wolfson said. "She had been running long on turf in Europe and just wasn't coming around so being that she has a dirt pedigree to begin with

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he felt she would run better over here."

Wolfson took his time with Icon Project and didn't get her started until this February, when she finished fifth under Personal Ensign jockey Julien Leparoux after a troubled trip in an entry-level allowance on the turf at Gulfstream. She won her next start on the grass there in April, finished third in the Grade II La Prevoyante on the turf at Calder and finally got her chance to test the main track when Wolfson shipped to Belmont Park for the Grade III New York Handicap, which was rained off the turf. Icon Project laughed at the five-horse field and drew off by 13 1/4 lengths in the mud.

"We sent her to Belmont hoping the race would be washed off the turf. We always knew she would be a dirt filly and it was the perfect time to try her out," Wolfson said. "It was great to see her run the way she did because that's what we always thought she was capable of doing. She really moved up on dirt and her pedigree says she should."

Wolfson aimed big for Icon Project's next start, the \$1 million Delaware Handicap at 1 1/4 miles. Sent off at 5-2, she

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### Personal Ensign —

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chased Personal Ensign rival Swift Temper for the majority of the running, could not catch the loose leader and checked in second, beaten 2 1/4 lengths. Needless to say, things didn't go according to plan.

"If I would have known that Swift Temper was going to get loose like that then I would have said to put my filly on the lead," Wolfson said. "Nothing really worked out that day. We checked going into the first turn and then had to chase all the way around. I don't think we'll have too much to worry about (today) as there are a few that should be close. We have enough speed to be running in the top three early and we know she'll like the 10 furlongs."

Wolfson shipped Icon Project back to Calder after the Del. Cap and worked her twice over the main track there. She left South Florida earlier in the week and arrived in Saratoga Tuesday to enjoy a little relaxation before the biggest test of her 10-race career.

"She's trained well and we got her up to Saratoga about five days ago and that's been a big plus," Wolfson said. "She was able to get out of the humidity down here at Calder and relax a little bit and I've got no reason to think she won't run another big race on Sunday."

Ask Dale Romans, and he'll tell you the same about Mark Stanley's Swift Temper. The 5-year-old daughter of Giant's Causeway has come into her own this year after threatening in some tough spots in 2008. Swift Temper took the Grade III Sixty Sails at Hawthorne in April and then chased home Personal Ensign rival Miss Isella in a pair of Grade II's at Churchill Downs, running third in the Louisville Distaff in May and then just-missing in a second-place run in the Fleur de Lis in June.

Romans took a shot at the big purse of the Del. Cap and Swift Temper turned a contentious race on paper into a romp on the track. Under Alan Garcia, who has the call again on Sunday, Swift Temper loped on the lead through a half-mile in 49 4/5 and had plenty

in reserve through the stretch to post the comfortable win. The ascension was complete.

"It took her awhile to get going but she's come into her own this year, we always had high hopes for her but some horses just take a bit longer to mature and grow into themselves," Romans said. "She's grown up this year and gotten stronger and that's what has helped her get to that next level. Over the course of the past year she's started to figure it out and turn into the horse we thought she could be."

While Swift Temper made the running in the Del. Cap things could be more complex in the Personal Ensign. With a few others looking to be involved early, not to mention Icon Project being more attentive this time around, Swift Temper may have to revert to rating tactics. Romans isn't worried.

"She's not a one-dimensional horse in that she needs to be on the lead. It happened like that at Delaware, and if they give it to us again on Sunday we'll be happy to take it, but she's versatile enough in that you can place her anywhere you want and it won't take it out of her comfort zone," Romans said. "She'll do pretty much anything you want so we'll play it off the break and go from there. She sure seemed to strive at that 10-furlong distance so it's nice to know she can handle it because it's not a distance you see very often. So to be going into a big Grade I race like this it sure is nice to know she strives at the trip."

Miss Isella (Calvin Borel to ride) tries 10 furlongs for the first time after finishing second in the Grade I Go For Wand here on August 2. Elaine Jones' daughter of Silver Charm took both the Louisville Distaff and Fleur de Lis, and just-missed behind a resurgent Seventh Street in the 9-furlong Go For Wand. Trained by Ian Wilkes, Miss Isella has won 6-of-16 career starts but all five of her main track wins have come at Churchill.

The Louisville, along with the Go For Wand, were run over wet tracks and should the rains continue Miss Isella does sport a win and two seconds from three career off-track runs. Though 10 furlongs is unchartered territory her stalking style should have her as a stretch

threat on Sunday.

Todd Pletcher starts three in the Personal Ensign, led by Team Valor's Unbridled Belle, who ran third in last year's renewal and second in 2007. Now 6, the daughter of Broken Vow took the Grade I Beldame at Belmont in 2007 but has struggled to find the winner's circle away from Delaware Park since. Unbridled Belle has won the Grade III Obeah there the past two years but has not finished better than third in her other five starts. She chased Swift Temper and Icon Project home in a third-place finish in the Del. Cap and has been one of the more consistent 10-furlong distaffers in training over the past several seasons.

Sea Chanter (Javier Castellano) returns from a brief freshening for Darley Stable and Pletcher. The daughter of War Chant took the minor Pearl Necklace Stakes in her last start at Belmont on July 12 and prior to that chased then divisional leader Seattle Smooth to a pair of third-place runs there in the Grade II Shuvee and Grade I Ogden Phipps.

Pletcher also sends out Besilu Stable's With Flying Colors (Edgar Prado) for the first time in the Personal Ensign. The Phipps Stable homebred made the first nine starts of her career in Shug McGaughey's barn and while she might not own the credentials to win this (she's never started in a graded stakes) it's worth noting today's race is named after her granddam.

Weathered (Mike Luzzi) wheels back after finishing fourth in the Go For Wand for Chevalier Stable and Karl Grusmark. The 4-year-old Key Contender filly was all the rage over Aqueduct's inner dirt this winter, winning three of four starts, including the Grade III Next Move, but has struggled in her past three starts. She tries 10 furlongs for the first time on Sunday and should be in the mix early.

Morena (Jose Lezcano) forges on for El Catorce Stable and Michael Matz after running second in the Obeah and fourth in the Del. Cap. Bred in Peru, the daughter of Privately Held was a Group II winner in her homeland but looks to close the gap after finishing 11 lengths behind Unbridled Belle in the Obeah and 7 1/4 lengths behind Swift Temper in the Del. Cap.



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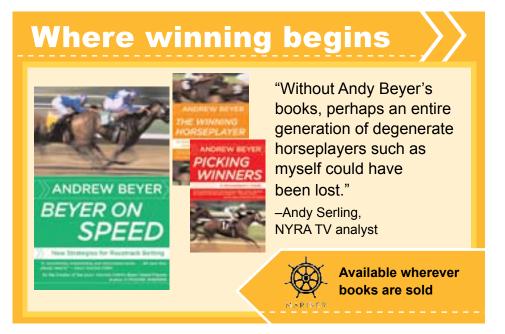
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1	Al's Deputy William Thomas Heavenly Blaze	William Thomas Al's Deputy Heavenly Blaze	William Thomas Al's Deputy Afrikaner	Al's Deputy Afrikaner William Thomas	Al's Deputy William Thomas Afrikaner
2	Freud's Notebook Rice Entry Backcountry Boy Hot And Bothered	Thunder Chief Rice Entry Freud's Notebook	Magic Tiger Rice Entry Backcountry Boy	Rice Entry Freud's Notebook Thunder Chief	Magic Tiger Rice Entry Freud's Notebook
3	By The Sky Anjorie	Hot And Bothered Anjorie Kick The Cruiser	Hot And Bothered By The Sky Anjorie	Hot And Bothered Chernobyl Princess Anjorie	Hot And Bothered Anjorie Kick The Cruiser
4	Oedipus O'Neal Bestowed Unflagging	Ziptronic Unflagging Bestowed	Ziptronic Bestowed Admiral Bird	Unflagging Rice Entry Beneath The Crown	Unflagging Rice Entry Bestowed
5	Soda Pop Kid Emma's Posse Dancing Digits Frame Of Reference	Soda Pop Kid Emma's Posse Dancing Digits Frame Of Reference	Emma's Posse Half A Note Soda Pop Kid	Emma's Posse Soda Pop Kid Dancing Digits Dr. Nick	Soda Pop Kid Dancing Digits Missile Frame Of Reference
6	Perfect Vow Estimator St. Augustine	Dr. Nick Wanda's Double St. Augustine	May Day Now Dr. Nick Wanda's Double St. Augustine	Frame Of Reference Estimator Smart Selection	Dr. Nick Estimator Smart Selection
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8	High Style Far Isle Malibu Moonshine	High Style Pletcher Entry Malibu Moonshine	Key Quality Afleet Maggi	Pletcher Entry Granny Broughton	Pletcher Entry Key Quality
9	Clement Entry  Ballast Icon Project	Tactical Weapon Clement Entry Icon Project	Clement Entry Jacobson Entry Gaelic Storm Miss Isella	Clement Entry Rice Entry Gaelic Storm Icon Project	Ruff And Ready Clement Entry Optimer Miss Isella
10	Miss Isella Swift Temper Rice Entry	Swift Temper Miss Isella	Morena With Flying Colors	Miss Isella Swift Temper	Unbridled Belle Swift Temper
11	Nice And Naughty Rosalie's Dance	Porkchop Sandra Nice And Naughty Gitchee Goomie	Rice Entry Nice And Naughty Poppy Day	Rice Entry Khancord Kid Nice And Naughty	Rice Entry Nice And Naughty Simmy
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#### SUNDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### BY BRIAN NADEAU

RACE 1: WILLIAM THOMAS has the benefit of two races against winners and it's likely that he bounced earlier in the meet so we'll tab him to get back on the beam. Drew well and should be able to press the likely favorite AL'S DEPUTY, who tackles winners for the first time after a quick maiden win at the meet. No major knocks, and he could be a potential stakes runner, but this move up in class often gets underestimated and he'll be under pressure the entire way at short odds. HEAVENLY BLAZE has put it together of late and while he's not as fast as the top pair he'll be the one to pick up the pieces if there's a pace meltdown.

RACE 2: It's not often that you see a NY-bred son of Thunder Gulch go for 90k, but that's what THUNDER CHIEF fetched as a 2YO in training earlier this year. Nice to see John Velazquez named for a low profile barn that usually lights up the tote a few times each summer. Tab the board for the final answer. SPIRIT OF ROSE and ABILIO form a potent Linda Rice entry and neither would surprise. The former took some money in his debut, broke slow and was steadied; should gain a wealth of experience from that run. The latter makes debut and would be no surprise. FREUD'S NOTEBOOK just missed 18 days ago and rates a stretch danger.

RACE 3: HOT AND BOTHERED found a good spot and looks long gone on the front end. ANJORIE hasn't been seen since last November but looks fit enough on paper to be a player. KICK THE CRUISER ran off by 22 1/4 lengths in her debut at Finger Lakes and can get a piece.

**RACE 4:** UNFLAGGING won twice here last summer and returns off an almost 11-month break for a hot trainer who excels with this type of layoff. BESTOWED ran too good to lose earlier in the meet and is a major player from right off the pace. IMPERIAL RIVER

gets blinkers again after finishing a bit behind Bestowed. If on dirt: Ziptronic, Katskill Bay, Oedipus O'Neal.

**RACE 5:** SODA POP KID cuts back after just missing at 7 furlongs and might be able to give Bruce Levine a long-awaited win. EMMA'S POSSE drew well and can sit a nice stalking trip just behind the speed. DANCING DIGITS steps up but is a dangerous front-runner. Freaked here in the slop earlier in the meet and would move up if the rains continue to soak the main track.

RACE 6: FRAME OF REFERENCE takes a big drop but I'm assuming he's a good thing instead of a shaky proposition at short odds. DR. NICK wheels back on seven days rest after catching mud in a close fourth. Might not get the pace he needs to close. Speaking of pace, WANDA'S DOUBLE rates as the lone speed and could get mighty brave up front if no one goes with him.

**RACE 7:** SMART SELECTION drops in for a tag after running some competitive races against open maidens for a hot barn. Just be leery if the turf comes up soft. SAO SEBAH is another dropper that might not want to see a soft course but rates a long look on good-to-firm. NEW YORK BOBBY fits well at this level and adds Dominguez. If on dirt: St. Augustine, All West, Mendelssohn.

RACE 8: Light worktab for HIGH STYLE but she makes up for it in pedigree power, as she's out of a multiple Grade I-winning dam (Tout Charmant). The call in a real scramble. WHYDAH hits the turf and that's usually a good angle for descendants of More Than Ready. Homebred RED BARCHETTA is out of Indy Five Hundred, who took the Grade I Garden City a few years back. Might want more ground. If on dirt: Thatsallshewrote, High Style, Afleet Maggi.

RACE 9: Wide open affair so I'll stab with TACTICAL WEAPON, who projects as the lone speed. Hoping he forgets to stop. SKAGER-RAK drops after running fifth against better earlier in the meet; would be no surprise. OPTIMER fits nicely at this level and is in raging form. If on dirt: Malibu Moonshine, Ballast, Bold Abbott.

RACE 10: ICON PROJECT fell victim to Swift Temper's front-running romp in the Delaware Handicap but there should be a more realistic pace today and that would aid this runner who should love every inch of 10 furlongs. With rain in forecast all weekend it's also worth noting her romp in the muddy New York Handicap at Belmont. The aforementioned SWIFT TEMPER had things all her own way in the Del. Cap and proved plenty fresh and strong through the stretch. She might not get free up front today, but she's also shown she can stalk and run well. MISS ISELLA disappointed in the Go For Wand earlier in the meet when the race set up perfectly for her and she still couldn't muster much of a rally against a resurgent Seventh Street. The one to fear late if things get heated up front.

RACE 11: Looks a bit like NICE AND NAUGHTY bled in her debut at Belmont as she was on the pace for a half before tiring badly and now shows up with Lasix. Looking her way if she draws in. GITCHEE GOOMIE goes for turf sprint ace Linda Rice, who can do little wrong of late. Shows a few snappy works to suggest she can win her debut. INVASIVE is slowly putting it together and might like the switch to turf. If on dirt: Porkchop Sandra, Stellaluce, Nice And Naughty.

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#### **SUNDAY'S** SARATOGA ENTRIES

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

18	T (1:	00) 6 FURLONGS 3&UP ALLOWANCE NY BRED PURSE: \$58,000
1	1	Heavenly BlazeSamyn J L Ferraro James W 15-1
2	2	Al's DeputyGarcia Alan Schosberg Rick9-5
3	3	AfrikanerCastellano J J Brown Chad C7-2
4	4	Temore Studart M Ubillo Rodrigo A12-1
5	5	Goodbyeandgoodluck Leparoux J R Hertler John 0 15-1
6	6	William ThomasDominguez R A Klesaris Steve2-1
7	7	Toque Pugh Peter D10-1
Exa	acta,	Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (1-3), Daily Double

#### 2ND (1:32) 6 FURLONGS 2YO MAIDEN NY BRED PURSE: \$44,000

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1	4	Spirit of Rose	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda7-2
1A	7	Abilio	Dominguez R A	Rice Linda7-2
2		Thunder Chief	Velazquez J R	Gyarmati Leah 10-1
3	2	Junaluska	Morales S	Contessa Gary C6-1
4	3	Freud's Notebook	Luzzi M J	Carroll Del W II3-1
5	5	Shotgun Bandit	Migliore R	Hennig Mark20-1
6	6	Turnpike Token	Maragh R	Benzel Seth12-1
7	8	Backcountry Boy	Velasquez C	Hernandez Ramon8-1
8	9	Magic Tiger	Bridgmohan S X	Asmussen Steve5-2
A-C	oupl	ed: Spirit of Rose and	Abilio	
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Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (2-4), Pick 4 Races (2-5) Daily Double

3R	D (2	:04) 6 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP ALLOW NY BRED PURSE: \$48,000
1	1	A Girl Named MariaMigliore R Duggan David P 15-1
2	2	Hot and BotheredMaragh R Dutrow Anthony W9-5
3	3	Kick the CruiserSuarez G Buckley Jonathan B.8-1
4	4	By the SkyCastellano J J Tagg Barclay4-1
5	5	AnjoriePrado E S Dutrow, Jr. R E3-1
6	6	Chernobyl Princess Desormeaux K J Odintz Jeff5-1
7	7	Mercy's DelightMedina JPrine David15-1
Fy	arta	Trifecta Super (10) Pick 3 Baces (3-5) Daily Double

#### 4TH (2:36) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOW OC (\$30,000) NY BRED PURSE: \$61,000

1	2	Laurie's Lion	Migliore R	Contessa Gary C20-1
1A	MTO	Oedipus O'Neal	Maragh R	Contessa Gary C20-1
2	8	Karakorum Legend	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda7-2
2B	MTO	Ziptronic	Velasquez C	Rice Linda7-2
3	1	Bestowed	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C3-1
4		Admiral Bird	Desormeaux K J	Alexander Frank10-1
5	4	Piazza Di Spagna	Maragh R	Sciacca Gary12-1
6	5	Missinglisalewis	Castellano J J	Domino Carl J9-2
7	6	Imperial River	Velasquez C	Bush Thomas M20-1
8	7	Beneath the Crown	Leparoux J R	Hills Timothy A8-1
9	9	Unflagging	Dominguez R A	Weaver George4-1
10	MTO	Katskill Bay	Studart M	Ubillo Rodrigo A4-1
A-C	oupl	ed: Laurie's Lion and	Oedipus O'Neal	·
B-C	lauo	ed: Karakorum Legen	d and Ziptronic	

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (4-6), Daily Double

5T	H (3	:08) 6 FURLONGS 3	<b>&amp;UP STARTER ALL</b> (	<b>DWANCE PURSE: \$51,000</b>
1	1	Emma's Posse	Leparoux J R	Mott William I5-2
2	2	Half a Note	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda4-1
3	3	Dancing Digits	Lezcano J	Zito Nicholas P5-1
4	4	Soda Pop Kid	Velazquez J R	Levine Bruce N2-1
5	5	Trigger's Missile	Castanon J L	Lotruglio Edward15-1
6	6	Missile	Coa E M	Galluscio Dominic .12-1
7	7	Immortal Eyes	Velasquez C	Penna Angel Jr8-1
Fχ	acta	Trifecta Suner ( 10)	Pick 3 Baces (5-7)	Naily Double

#### 6TH (3:41) 6 FURLONGS 3&UP CLAIMING (\$20,000) PURSE: \$29,000

1	1	Dr. Nick	Dominguez R A	Romans Dale4-1
2	2	Estimator	Velasquez C	Hernandez Ramon.12-1
3	3	Mitchell Park	Castellano J J	Ronen Assaf20-1
4	4	Wanda's Double	Albarado R J	DiPrima Gregory5-1
5	5	Perfect Vow	Maragh R	Peitz Daniel C7-2
6	6	May Day Now	Luzzi M J	Hushion Michael9-2
7	7	Distant Point	Chavez J F	Contessa Gary C15-1
8	8	Frame of Reference.	Velazquez J R	Pletcher Todd A5-2
Exa	cta,	Trifecta, Super (.10),	Pick 3 Races (6-8),	Pick 6 Races (6-11)
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#### 7TH (4:14) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP MDN CLM (\$35,000)

PUI	HOE:	E: \$25,000	
1	1	MendelssohnLezcano JZito Nichol	as P4-1
1A	MTO	o St. AugustineLezcano JZito Nichol	as P4-1
2	4	Smart SelectionLeparoux J R Weaver Ge	orge2-1
2B	6	Chief TomokaCastellano J J Weaver Ge	orge2-1
3			iam15-1
4			vid P15-1
5	5	New York BobbyDominguez R A Jacobson [	)avid8-1
6			p M20-1
7		Royal LordCoa E MQuick Patri	ck J6-1
8	9	ItchDesormeaux K J Lerman Ro	y S12-1
9	10	) Sao SebahMaragh RLobo Paulo	H7-2
A-C	oupl	pled: Mendelssohn and St. Augustine	

B-Coupled: Smart Selection and Chief Tomoka

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (7-9), Grand Slam Races (7-10) Daily Double

8TH	I (4:4	18) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) FILLIES 2YO MDN PURSE: \$55,000
1	4	WhydahVelazquez J R Pletcher Todd A7-2
1A	8	FlyinglouyCastellano J J Pletcher Todd A7-2
1X	MTO	Thatsallshewrote Pletcher Todd A7-2
2	1	Key QualityDesormeaux K J Mott William I4-1
3	2	Granny BroughtonLeparoux J R Maker Michael J12-1
4	3	Afleet MaggiAlbarado R J McPeek Ken5-2
5	5	Red BarchettaVelasquez C Barbara Robert10-1
6	6	Martita SangritaLezcano J Matz Michael R8-1
7	7	Far IsleDominguez R A Contessa Gary C8-1
8	9	High StyleMaragh R Harty Eoin5-1
A-C	oupl	ed: Whydah and Flyinglouy and Thatsallshewrote
Exa	cta, <sup>-</sup>	Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (8-10), Pick 4 Races (8-11) Daily Double

#### 9TH (5:22) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP CLAIMING (\$25,000)

PURSE: \$34,000
1 1 Flying DismountGarcia Alan Clement Christophe 3-1
1A 3 SkagerrakDominguez R A Clement Christophe3-1
2 6 Ballast (IRE)Velasquez C Jacobson David4-1
2В мто Malibu MoonshineMaragh R Jacobson David4-1
3 AE Tahoe WarriorDominguez R A Rice Linda6-1
3X AE Willsboro PointGarcia Alan Rice Linda6-1
4 2 Bold AbbottLeparoux J R Maker Michael J8-1
5 4 Optimer (ARG)Albarado R J Dutrow, Jr. R E9-2
6 5 Mr. Dr. ProfessorEspinoza J L Alvarez Luis C50-1
7 7 Fire WoodLezcano JLevine Bruce N10-1
8 8 Gaelic StormCastanon J L Romans Dale6-1
9 9 Riptide (ARG)Maragh RImperio Joseph10-1
10 10 Tactical WeaponTheriot H J II Werner Ronny12-1
11 11 Eltish StarSamyn J LOrtiz Paulino 030-1
12 12 CobradorPrado E S Hushion Michael E 12-1
13 AE Ruff and ReadyVelazquez J R Pletcher Todd A5-1
A-Coupled: Flying Dismount and Skagerrak
B-Coupled: Ballast (IRE) and Malibu Moonshine
C-Coupled: Tahoe Warrior and Willsboro Point
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (9-11), Daily Double

#### 10TH (5:56) PERSONAL ENSIGN S. (G1) 1 1/4 MILES F&M 3&UP

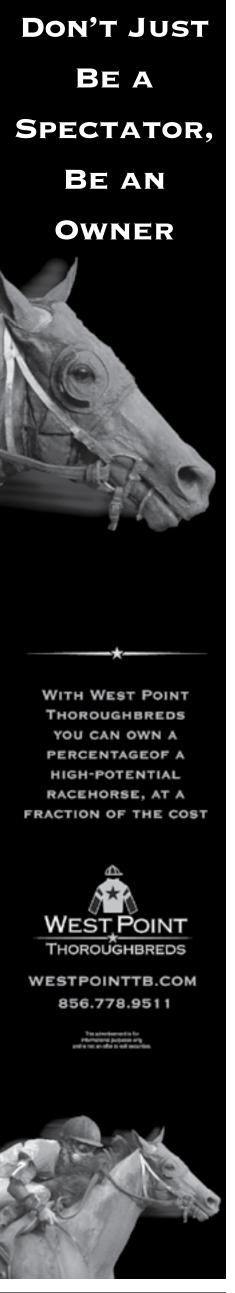
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1	1	Sea Chanter	Castellano J J	Pletcher Todd A8-1
2	2	Unbridled Belle	Velazquez J R	. Pletcher Todd A5-2
3	3	Morena (PER)	Lezcano J	. Matz Michael R15-1
4	4	Miss Isella	Borel C H	. Wilkes Ian R3-1
5	5	Weathered	Luzzi M J	. Grusmark Karl M20-1
6	6	Icon Project	Leparoux J R	. Wolfson Martin D7-2
7	7	Swift Temper	Garcia Alan	. Romans Dale4-1
8	8	With Flying Colors	Prado E S	Pletcher Todd A20-1
Exa	acta,	Trifecta, Super (.10),	Daily Double	

#### 11TH (6:30) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN NY BRED PURSE: \$44,000

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1	1	Cover Issue	Castellano J J	Martin Carlos F8-1
1A	MTO	Five Star Maria	Maragh R	Martin Carlos F8-1
2	2	Gitchee Goomie	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda5-2
2B	MTO	Stellaluce	Dominguez R A	Rice Linda5-2
3	3	Simmy	Bridgmohan S X	Violette, Jr. R A6-1
4	4	Poppy Day	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I9-2
5	5	Angioletta	Castanon J L	Multari, Jr. Frank 30-1
6	6	Khancord Kid	Migliore R	Kimmel John C5-1
7	7	Invasive	Veľazquez J R	Terranova, John10-1
8	8	Valuable Lady	Luzzi M J	Contessa Gary C15-1
9	9	Rosalie's Dance	Maragh R	Ritvo Timothy8-1
10	10	Healthy Debate	Lezcano J	Levine Bruce N15-1
11	ΑE	Nice and Naughty	Dominguez R A	Clement Christophe 3-1
12	MTO	Porkchop Sandra	Migliore R	Galluscio Dominic7-2
A-C	oupl	ed: Cover Issue and F	ive Star Maria	
B-C	lauo	ed: Gitchee Goomie a	nd Stellaluce	

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**Monday, August 31.** Post Time 1 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

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2N	D (1	:33) 6 FURLONGS	F&M 3&UP MAIDEN NY	BRED PURSE: \$44.000
1			Samyn J L I	
2	2	Laylaben	Velazquez J R S	Schosberg Rick4-1
3	3	Won Token	Castellano J J	Tagg Barclay3-1
4	4	Bird in Hand	Theriot H J II l	LeBlanc Kirsten20-1
5	5	A. G.'s Princess.	Medina J	Allyn William F50-1
			Lezcano J E	
7	7	Louisa Mae	Migliore R F	Reinacher Jr. R J6-1
8	8	Easy Erin	Luzzi M J ľ	Nihei Michelle10-1
Exa	icta,	Quinella, Trifecta,	Super (.10), Pick 3 Rad	ces (2-4) Pick 4 Races
(2-	5), [	Daily Double		

3RI	D (2:	:06) 7 FURLONGS	F&M 3&UP MAIDEN P	URSE: \$50,000
1	1	Sister Dyer	Borel C H	Wilkes Ian R10-1
2	2	Hidden Face	Garcia Alan	Frankel Robert8-1
				McGaughey III C R 2-1
4	4	Pleasant Sister	Velasquez C	Barbara Robert15-1
5	5	Patience Drive	Maragh R	Benzel Seth3-1
6	6	Film Charm	Leparoux J R	Mott William I8-5
Exa	cta,	Trifecta, Pick 3 Ra	ces (3-5), Daily Double	

4TI	H (2:	39) MOLLIE WILMO	S. 1 1/8 MILES F&M 3&UP PURSE: \$70,000
1	1	Lawless Falls	Borel C H Proctor Thomas F7-2
2	2	Striking Tomisue	Leparoux J R Zito Nicholas P12-1
3	3	Platinum	Dominguez R A Jerkens James A2-1
4	4	Distorted Love	Prado E S Harty Eoin
5	5	Sea Chanter	Velazquez J R Pletcher Todd A8-5
6	6	Stone Legacy	Velasquez C Lukas D Wayne6-1
Exa	icta,	Quinella, Trifecta, Pi	ck 3 Races (4-6), Daily Double

5TH	(3:1	3) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (	TURF) 2YO MAIDEN	NY BRED PURSE: \$44,000
	2			. Hushion Michael E6-1
1A	7	Solutionfinders	Maragh R	. Hushion Michael E6-1
2	6			. Contessa Gary C7-2
2B	9	Wana Play	Luzzi M J	. Contessa Gary C7-2
3	8	Quick Money	Garcia Alan	. Rice Linda5-2
3X	ΑE	Abilio	Dominguez R A	. Rice Linda5-2
4	1	Thundering Roar	Castellano J J	. Hennig Mark4-1
5	3	Conga King	Theriot H J II	. Werner Ronny 15-1
6	4	Joe D	Lezcano J	. Brown Chad C8-1
7	5	Leatherhead	Studart M	. Ubillo Rodrigo A15-1
8	10	Shrimp Dancer	Velazquez J R	. Donk David5-1
9	ΑE	All Zipped Up	Maragh R	. Serpe Philip M6-1
10	MTO	Cathy's Rascal	Morales S	. Hertler John O8-1
A-C	oupl	ed: Mr. Vegas and Sc	olutionfinders	
B-C	oupl	ed: Holy Ego and Wa	na Play	
		ed: Quick Money and		
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	6TH	I (3:4	17) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3&UP STARTER ALLOW PURSE: \$52,000			
	1	2	SigmondoVelasquez C Rice Linda3-1			
	1A	3	Precision FarmingGarcia Alan Rice Linda3-1			
		1	Baton RougePrado E S Badgett William Jr 5-1			
	3	4	Berning BlazeCastellano J J Hills Timothy A10-1			
	4	5	Dorian WillVelazquez J R Pletcher Todd A4-1			
	5	6	Whirling ThunderLeparoux J R Kenneally Eddie6-1			
	6	7	Sydney RoadLezcano J Tannuzzo Michael 12-1			
	7	8	Moon Ala ModeDominguez R A Domino Carl J4-1			
	8	9	Bohemia StreetMaragh R Hushion Michael E 12-1			
	9	10	Ninth ClientTheriot H J II Lukas D Wayne15-1			
	10	MTO	El TamberitoDominguez R A Dutrow Anthony8-5			
A-Coupled: Sigmondo and Precision Farming						
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#### 7TH (4:21) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 2YO MDN CLM (\$75,000) PURSE: \$35,000 .Chavez J F...... Ward Wesley A......4-1 Great Attack...... Petecarol ......Albarado R J ...... McPeek Ken .........7-2 Non Compete ..........Castellano J J...... Kimmel John C.......6-1 Peteloveshisboots ..... Desormeaux K J... Bizelia Anthony J... 15-1 Loyal Leader......Garcia Alan...... Rice Linda ......3-1 Tiger Willie ......Borel C H...... Miceli Michael ......20-1 Always Mine.....Leparoux J R......Jerkens H Allen .....12-1 Pakula ......Bridgmohan S X... Asmussen Steve.....8-1 Unique Tune .......Castanon J L ...... Ritvo Timothy .......15-1 10 10 Hudson Landing......Maragh R ...... Hough Stanley .....10-1 Pendulum......Prado E S..... Motion H Graham....5-1 12 AE Fortunate Run .....Luzzi M J......Contessa Gary C....15-1 13 мто Shamroge......Castellano J J...... Weaver George......8-1 14 мто Implied Odds......Dominguez R A .... Trombetta Mike J.....4-1 Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (7-9), Pick 4 Races (7-10) Daily Double

	8TH (4:55) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP CLAIMING (\$35,000)					
PURSE: \$32,000						
	1	1	Big Al	Castanon J L	Brown Bruce R9-2	
	2	2	Unaccountable	Lezcano J	Brown Chad C5-	
	3	3	Blazing Dynamo	Desormeaux K J	Toner James J7-2	
	4	4	Masterofthehouse	Morales S	Ortiz Juan15-	
	5	5	Darboy	Borel C H	Baker James E20-	
	6	6	Exton	Coa E M	Disanto Glenn B30-	
	7	7	Blue Lion	Leparoux J R	Arnold George R10-	
	8	8	Victory Assured	Dominguez R A	Hennig Mark10-	
	9	9	Chalook	Chavez J F	McManus Thos50-	
	10	10	Find the Wire	Castellano J J	Weaver George6-	
	11	11	Holiday Trip	Espinoza J L	Hough Stanley M8-	
	12	12	Urban Flight	Garcia Alan	Violette, Jr. R A12-	
					Schettino Dom20-	
	Fxa	cta.	Trifecta, Super (.10).	Pick 3 Races (8-10)	Daily Double	

9TH (5:30) SARATOGA DEW S. 1 1/8 MILES F&M 3&UP NY BRED							
PURSE: \$112,500							
1	1	Yet AgainB	ocachica O	Grusmark Karl M6-1			
2	2	Dean HenryN	laragh R	Albertrani Tom12-1			
3	3	Top LassA	lbarado R J	Ferraro James W20-1			
4	4	Clery's MagicN	lorales S	Barrera Oscar Jr30-1			
5	5	What a PearV	elasquez C	Parker Joseph5-1			
	6			Feron Kathleen M 5-2			
7	7	DoodlinL	ezcano J	Baker Charlton10-1			
8	8	Afleet AlexandraV	elazquez J R	Ferraro Michael S6-1			
9	9	Borrowing BaseC	oa E <sup>˙</sup> M	Quick Patrick J4-1			
10	10	Raffie's TreasureC	astellano J J	Galluscio Dominic . 12-1			
Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Daily Double							

10TH (6:04) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP CLAIMING (\$20,000)					
PU	RSE:	\$25,000			
1	1	Midwatch	Prado E S	. Jacobson David6-	
1A	ΑE	Ballast (IRE)	Velasquez C	. Jacobson David6-	
2				. Brown Chad C6-	
2B				. Maker Michael J6-	
	2			. Donk David6-	
4	3			. Violette, Jr. R A20-	
5	4	Skagerrak	Dominguez R A	. Clement Christophe 3-	
6	5			. Pletcher Todd A5-2	
7	6	Jogja	Samyn J L	. Phipps William30-	
8	7	Big Motor	Bermudez J E	. Mena, II Pastor50-	
9	8			. Martin Frank50-	
10	9			. Sciacca Gary30-	
11	10			. Morrison John12-	
				. Nicks Ralph E15-	
A-C	A-Coupled: Midwatch and Ballast (IRE)				
	B-Coupled: Quick to Charm and Jamaludin				
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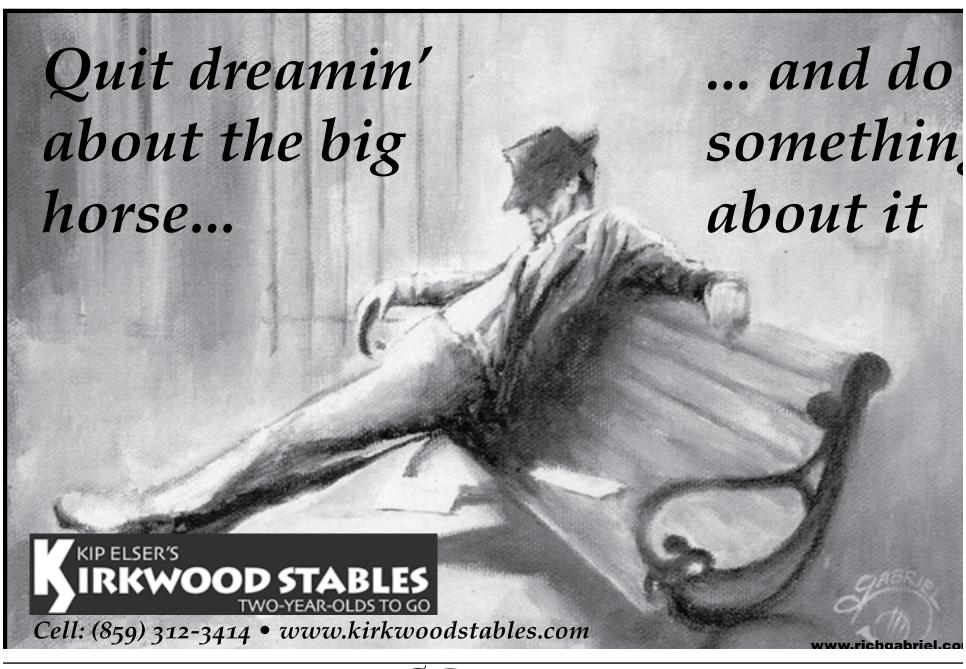


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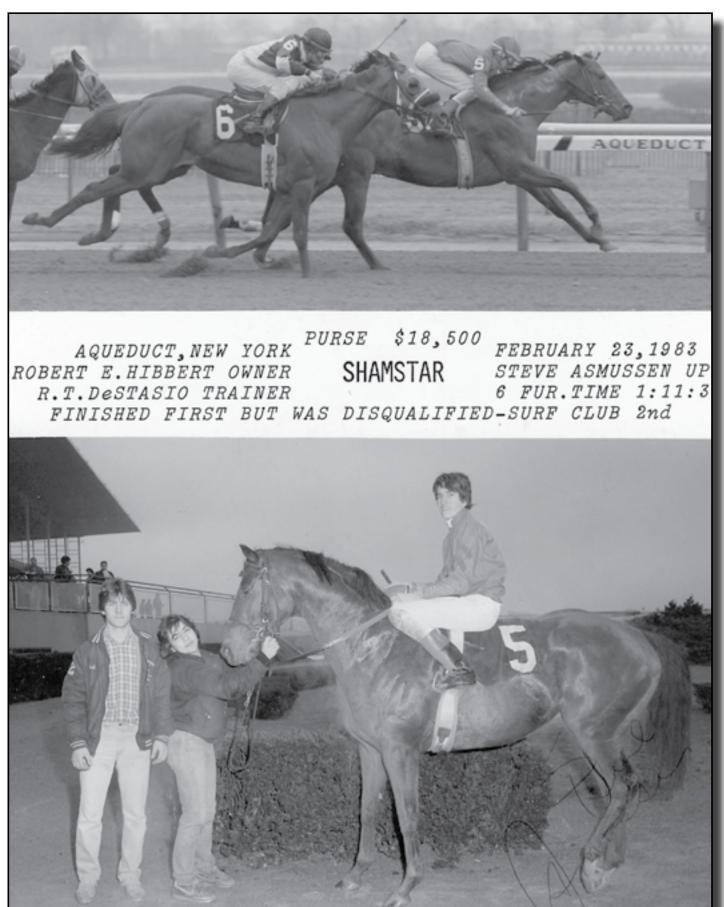
Connie BUs Saratoga looked like a campground during a rainy Travers Day – no spending the night people.





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### Who is that?



# Recognize a horse? A jockey? A trainer? A groom? The Special goes down memory lane.

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#### **FLIP FOR THE ANSWER**

The Jockey can be found in the winner's circle often nowadays – on the ground – as a trainer, but Steve Asmussen used to win races aboard horses as well. Here, he booted Shamstar home first, only to be disqualified (but that's beside the point) at Aqueduct in February 1983. The grooms are jockey's agent Richard DeStasio and trainer Jacqueline Oleanik.

# Head to the Windows

To bettors, racing is gambling. To horsemen, it will always be horses – the day-in, day-out mystery of dealing with animals

Horses have minds, moods, aches, pains, likes, dislikes, owners, allergies, brains, lungs, eyes, ears, teeth, hooves, stomachs, hearts. Every day, horsemen deal with variables while trying to produce winning efforts. If you're a gambler, you'd be happier if you understood that – or at least tried to – before you griped about a bad training job, a bad ride, a bad trip, a bad decision, a result that knocked you out of the Pick Something.

That doesn't mean you can't gamble. Have at it. Wagering keeps horse racing viable by pumping revenue into the sport and helping lure new fans to a game that can use all it can get, and we all do it. You can bet, you can win, you can lose, you can have a good time, you can kick the trash can, you can look smart, you can look dumb.

Regardless, you'll be happier if you remember these are horses. As the old racetrack saying goes, "There's a reason they let you bet on it." If horses were robots who did everything they were supposed to, when they were supposed to, we would all know the results ahead of time and there would be no reason to bet.

So, embrace the variables, the vagaries, the nuances but don't act like some human *wanted* his or her horse to be unsettled early and blow the turn (as an example) instead of tucking in and saving ground. Maybe the horse wants to run too free. Maybe he flips his head if the jockey takes too much hold. Maybe the tongue tie slipped. Maybe . . . maybe . . . maybe . . .

The window between success and failure only opens a little bit.

Consider budding turf star Justenuffhumor, who won Saturday's Bernard Baruch.

He's won six in a row including two stakes at Saratoga, but he's not that far from being a flop thanks to his attitude

He was so full of himself this spring that he was more interested in biting assistant starters than going in the gate. Kiaran and Neal McLaughlin changed the horse's bridle to a figure eight and tightened the lower strap to keep Justenuffhumor's mouth closed. A figure eight is supposed to help a horse breathe. In this case, it helps the assistant starters breathe as Justenuffhumor isn't trying to bite them. Jockey Alan Garcia can't grab the reins in the gate like he does on a normal horse, or Justenuffhumor



#### THE OUTSIDE RAIL



By Joe Clancy

will try to sit down in the gate. Garcia takes his hold outside the gate, then just sits there as still as can be until the race starts. The plans work, for now, and Justenuffhumor is on a roll. Of course, it could all change tomorrow.

Cowboy Cal finished second in the Baruch after charging to the front and blazing away on the lead. The tactics - not that they were tactics - almost worked, but Cowboy Cal weakened slightly in the stretch as Justenuffhumor swept past by a half-length. Trainer Todd Pletcher runs Cowboy Cal in a bit that looks like it would stop a runaway Clydesdale. The barn calls it the "Rambling Road." Find a photo and take a look - zoom way in. The thing ought to work, but does little to dissuade Cowboy Cal. Jockey John Velazquez tries to make the horse relax, but won't win a fight - even with the bit - so he walks the tightrope.

Imagine that feeling. You're in a race. You know you're going too fast. You know you can't do anything about it.

"Here's your ticket to the rollercoaster sir – there are no brakes."

Trainers get labeled "hot" or "cold" by handicappers all the time, and often laugh because – again – the difference between hot and cold is thinner than Gore-Tex.

"It's frustrating," said trainer Barclay Tagg. "People over-emphasize doing well here or at any individual meet. You can win 20 races at a meet and maybe a half-dozen of them or more are maiden races. Then your horse has to go from beating non-winners ever to all winners; people don't realize how big that second jump is and it's not like you can turn your horses in all at once and get new ones."

Tagg won 10 races at Saratoga last year and kept the streak rolling into early September at Belmont.

"And I don't think we won another race the rest of the year other than by disqualification in the Cigar Mile (with Tale Of Ekati)," Tagg said. "It can go like that sometimes."

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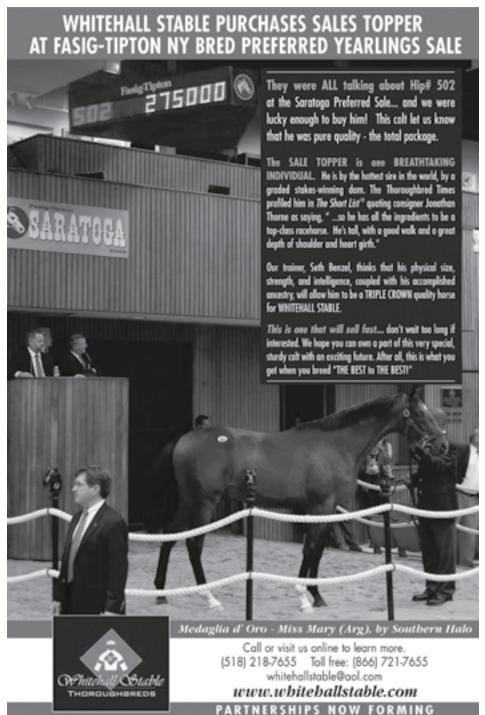
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# Travers Day All Covered

The tone blares like it always does from my Verizon BlackBerry World Edition – Alarm\_Antelope, medium, two beeps, 10 minute snooze. Time to make the doughnuts.

The Travers edition seems like it just went to the printer, it was raining then. It's raining now, 5:10 a.m. There she is on the porch, Quality Road on the cover, stacked and ready for Travers Day.

The crowd lingers at the front gate on Union Avenue, smaller – and wetter – than usual.

Somebody turn on the lights, the place lies in wait; dark, rain pelting down on the sealed main track. My Pinkerton friend announces that the main track is closed. Lucy and the Morning Line Kitchen girls make my tea without asking.

It's Travers Morning. But it feels like Tuesday morning after the meet. There are no tourists, no jockeys, no agents, no buzz. Rain is a powerful thing.

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Throwback trainer Harvey Vanier believes, "This is the day we get fitter than everybody else." Vanier then breezes everything in his barn on a sloppy racetrack while the rest of the world walks the shedrow. Not sure it works or not, but that's his theory and he's been around a long time.

Saturday morning feels like a Harvey Vanier morning. I'm expecting Play Fellow to come around the bend at any moment

Rain lashed down all night. Turf racing is long gone, except for a couple of stakes. Travers handicappers switch to trying to find who will like the slop rather than who's the best horse.

Bill Mott sees The Saratoga Special golf cart, one of the few on the roads on a dark, dank morning at the track.

"Out here, getting some scoop?" Mott said, tying his pony to the wall of an open-air stall near his barn.

Scoop or the flu, one or the other.

Bruce Levine hides under the tree at the seven-eighths pole gap, trying to stay dry, unreliable shelter.

"Where's are all your help? Scratches. I didn't think we'd get scratches until tomorrow morning," Levine says.

All the tourists sleep in on Saturday morning, half the exercise riders will sleep in Sunday morning.

Doc Danner stands guard outside Mott's barn. Cold, rain falling in intermittent blankets, a condition book without any new ink. Asked what he's doing out there, Danner tells the truth



#### **CUP OF COFFEE**

By Sean Clancy



(see, agents can tell the truth).

"Just a way of life, wouldn't know what else to do," Danner said. "And you know, I don't want them to say they don't ride me because they don't see me."

Not sure Danner hustled any new business, but at least he tried.

Rolling past the far corner of the stable area near East Avenue, the whiff of marijuana from outside the gate reminds me of my first concert; Crosby, Stills and Nash at the Spectrum, early 80s. They were old then.

Indian Charlie gets out of his car with a new box of sheets and pops open a Gulfstream Park umbrella. Then decides he's not an umbrella kind of guy. Puts it back in the car and braces for the rain. Good thing he didn't see a Blood-Horse reporter park his car in the middle of the horse path five minutes later.

Horse Racing Radio Network sets up outside the racing office, the \$9 awning comes in handy.

Joe and I butler 2,000 newspapers into the racetrack. A fan wanders through the grandstand and asks if they're serving coffee anywhere. We're not sure, if we knew, we'd have cups in our hands.

We deliver the paper and debate on a pint of Guinness, that's what we did last year on Travers Morning. Was it raining last year? We wait, get knocked around trying to figure out if they're going to open. So much for a tradition, we didn't like the vibe.

Back on the main track side, Brian Ange stands outside the holding barn, rain coming down and trying to arrange

"We've got a million-dollar filly here," Ange said.

They scratch her.

Mark Hennig waits out the turf decisions; he'll leave Barcola in the holding barn and bring another one home.

Kiaran McLaughlin asks for help writing a letter to an owner.

The OTB show is cut to a half-hour. I get asked to handicap the card – that's funny. I hope I don't affect anybody's opinions.

I deliver the paper to the Horse Shoe, there's half the exercise riders who won't show up tomorrow.

My last stop is the Stakes Barn where I deliver papers; hand one to Tim Ice, David Fawkes and Murray Johnson. Ice looks at the cover, the one with Quality Road on it.

I beat him to the punch.

"It's tomorrow's cover that mat-





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