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Tapitsfly captures P.G. Johnson

Tod Marks Photos



Silver Reunion scores in Riskaverse

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— Lee Hills, Pulitzer Prize winner,
Knight Ridder chief executive, in 1974

Here & There at Saratoga



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Director on Set. Alfred Hitchcock stopped by the Oklahoma clockers' stand Thursday morning.

Take A Number

0: Doughnuts Jane Motion will eat the rest of the meet (she said it; now hold her to it).

27: Feedtubs in the McLaughlin shedrow at 10:15 Thursday morning.

2: Black Labrador Retrievers lounging in the window of 511 Broadway Thursday morning.

Worth Repeating

"I've got a missed call from one of my trainers. I hope it's about lunch, not a horse."

Tom Gallo, who was buying lunch for the barns Thursday

Caroline Cardone, on the commotion as Rachel Alexandra schooled in the paddock Thursday: "You'd have thought the Queen was here."
Tracy Attfield: "Well, she is."

"Oh good, I can have a nice nap then."

Trainer Jonathan Sheppard, learning it was twilight post today

"If you haven't done it here, you haven't done it."

Trainer Billy Turner, on life at Saratoga

"Crazy good."

Jock's agent Richard DePass, when describing the Journey concert

"Foreigner was amazing and the girl for Heart, dude, she could sing."

DePass, who wasn't sure if it was Journey or Foreigner playing

"Tonight's Toby Keith. Well, I think it's Toby Keith."

DePass, who had two tickets to the Toby Keith concert Thursday night

License Plate of the Day

DRBY133, Arkansas (take a guess)

Names of the Day

Mother Ruth, first race. For Ruth Clancy, mother of The Special.

Musicsetsmefree, fourth race. The 2-year-old filly, bred and owned by Chester and Mary Broman, is by Dixieland Band out of Project Liberty.

Weather

Today: A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 82.

Tonight: A few clouds. Low near 55. Winds light and variable.

Saturday: Sun and clouds. High in the upper 70s and low in the mid 50s.

Sunday: Sun and clouds. High in the upper 70s and low in the upper 50s.

Monday: A few showers. High in the upper 70s and low in the upper 50s.

Tuesday: Whatever.

Quote of the Morning

"Her blaze looks like an upside down exclamation point."

Trainer Mark Hennig, auditioning for a writing job at The Special, while describing Rachel Alexandra's face



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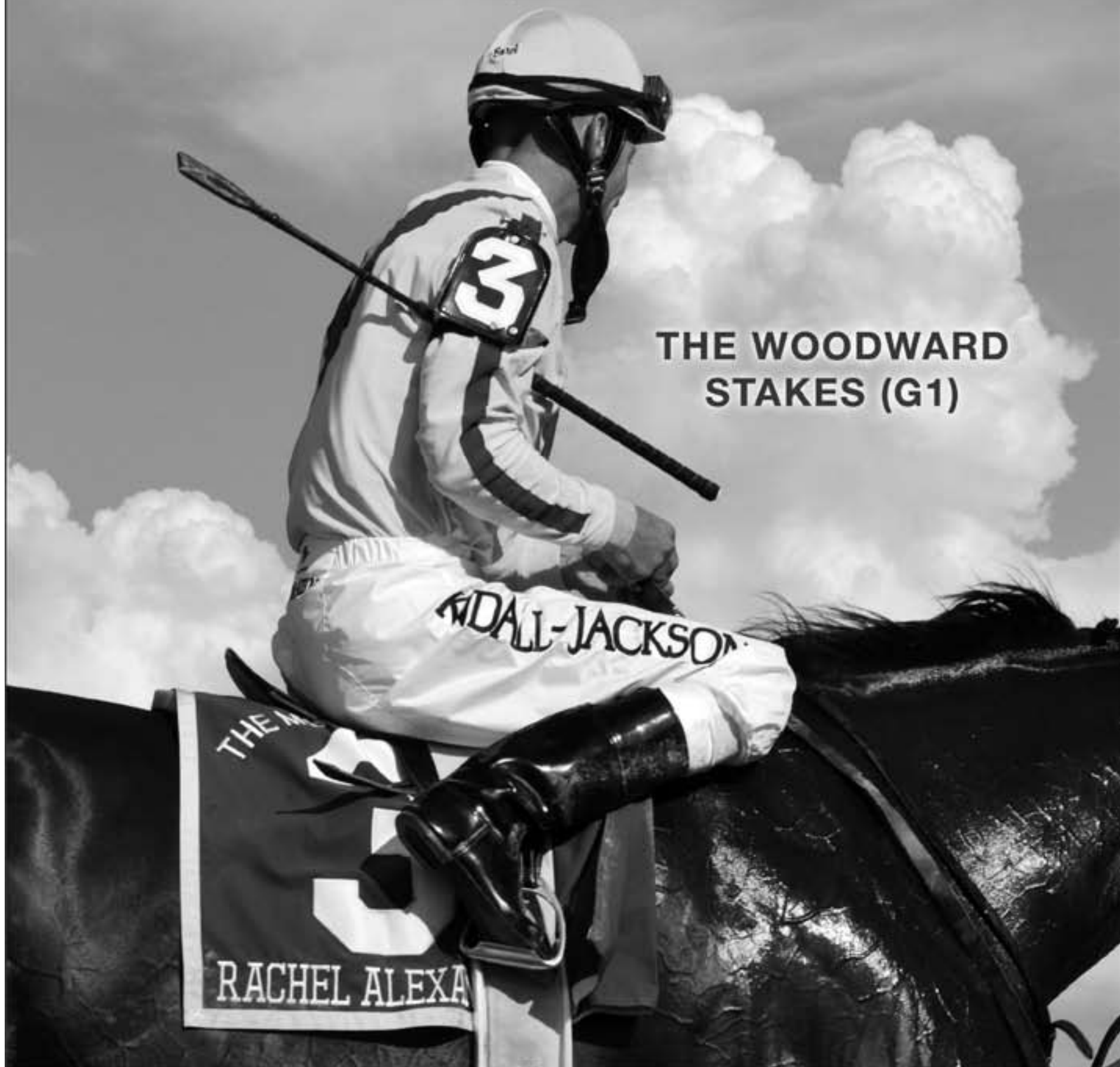
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Patience Pays

Romans gets Tapitsfly to turf, filly gallops off with a stakes victory

BY SEAN CLANCY

Dale Romans and Frank Jones had been waiting for the P.G. Johnson Stakes since February 2007. That's when Tapitsfly came out of Flying Marlin's womb.

"When she was born," Romans said when asked the first time he thought turf for the daughter of Tapit.

Frank Jones' homebred made her turf debut in Thursday's \$73,750 stakes.

And now you know why Romans and Jones were waiting.

Tapitsfly shot to the lead of the 1 1/16-mile stakes and controlled the race every step to score over favorite Smart Seattle and maiden Beautiful Song. Robby Albarado guided Tapitsfly who finished in 1:42.08.

As Romans waited for Jones to cash his tickets after the stakes, the trainer explained the process of why Tapitsfly made her first start on the grass in her fifth career start and first career stakes attempt.

"We raced her mother and she was a good, solid allowance horse on the grass," Romans said. "She got ready earlier than the races she wanted were available. We gave her a couple of races,

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she ran well, she's gotten better every time. She's a real efficient mover, when I breezed her over the turf, she worked so well, I tried to run her in a maiden race on the turf with this race in mind but they took it off."

Tapitsfly won that race, switched to 7 furlongs on the main track, August 3 and then chilled until the Johnson. She breezed twice on the turf, flying through a half mile in 47 2/5 seconds and five eighths in 59 4/5.

Sent off second choice in the field of seven, Tapitsfly wasted no time declaring her affinity for the turf. Albarado allowed the gray filly to clear Lucky To Be Me inside her and was quickly in control. Tapitsfly posted a quarter in 23.76 and a half in 48.75 while Smart Seattle rated in fourth. Tapitsfly repulsed a challenge by Smart Seattle before drawing off to score by 1 1/4-lengths.

"I knew she'd be quick, I didn't anticipate her being in front like that but she got some kind fractions in the early going and on the backside she was just in a gallop with her ears up. She was loving it out there," Albarado said.



Tod Marks

Tapitsfly draws off to win the P.G. Johnson on Thursday.

"She worked over the Oklahoma last week and she just floated over it so I figured she'd do well today. We knew she was going to be a nice filly."

Albarado rode Tapitsfly in her debut at Churchill Downs, when she finished fifth. In her next start, with Alan Garcia, she finished third to eventual Schuy-

lerville winner Hot Dixie Chick and Proud Zoe. Tapitsfly returned to finish second to Vivid Colors in the slop at Churchill. Albarado reunited with her for her maiden win at Saratoga and a month later picked up his 15th win of the meet.

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"She hooked some really fast fillies — Proud Zoe and Hot Dixie Chick — so we knew stretching her out might be the best strategy," Albarado said. "She could be a quality filly too, later in the year. She can get better. You don't know until you do it with these 2-year-old fillies going longer. They can almost all go 5 1/2 as fast as you want, but these are different. To harness that speed, hold that stamina and go around those two turns like she just did, that's pretty impressive."

Tapitsfly dispatched Smart Seattle and finished as much the best. Trained by Graham Motion, Smart Seattle had upset a maiden turf sprint August 13. By Smart Strike, she looked like she would improve with the distance stretch. She ran well, just not well enough compared to the winner.

"The grass looks like it's going to help. Her breezes on the grass were real good, they were the right kind of breezes, not just fast," Romans said. "Hopefully, she'll make one more step somewhere, we'll figure out where, and then take her to California."

Tapitsfly is out of the Marlin mare, Flying Marlin. She won four races, including three on the turf for a total of \$146,051 in 18 starts. Tapitsfly is the second foal and first winner from the mare.

"She's got a lot more talent than her mother, she was a good, hard-trying horse but this filly has more talent to go to the next level," Romans said. "Her mother never got out of the allowance ranks, this filly has more natural talent. I was confident going in, but Graham's filly had run such a visually impressive race the last time that you had to worry about her, but I was pretty confident."

With additional reporting by Joe Clancy.



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Tapitsfly gets cooled off after winning the P.G. Johnson Thursday.

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Cashing In

Silver Reunion takes control early, stays in front late to spring upset

BY BRIAN NADEAU

"Is it safe to say this wasn't the one you expected?" a reporter asked Graham Motion after Silver Reunion wired Thursday's 1-mile Riskaverse Stakes on the turf.

Motion, who saddled heavily favored Smart Seattle to a second in the P.G. Johnson Stakes earlier on the card, was quick on the draw and answered before the question was even finished.

"I knew someone was going to ask me that," he said. "But I really liked this filly a lot today."

Silver Reunion (Ramon Dominguez) showed why when she turned for home in the \$72,500 Riskaverse for 3-year-old fillies. Brereton Jones' homebred set the pace for the first 6 furlongs, found a new gear when she straightened in the lane and then found overdrive in mid-stretch en route to a dominant 3 1/4-length win over Miss Catalyst (Javier Castellano) and Afternoon Stroll (Jamie Theriot).

Silver Reunion broke running and immediately took control as the field of 10 entered the clubhouse turn. Gemswick Park ranged up to her outside

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after a tardy beginning but Dominguez already had Silver Reunion in a comfortable stride and maintained a measured 2-length lead as the field hit the backstretch.

Silver Reunion clicked off a half-mile in 47.20 while clear of Gemswick Park and Miss Catalyst. The remainder of field began to sort themselves out for a stretch run that would prove futile. Silver Reunion shook Gemswick Park turning for home and soon Miss Catalyst loomed the only danger. For about two strides, Silver Reunion cut the corner and immediately spurted clear. Miss Catalyst tried to re-rally in deep stretch but Silver Reunion was long gone, stopping the clock in a speedy 1:34.17.

"We went pretty quick in the first quarter but then she relaxed for me and I was able to get her into a nice rhythm," Dominguez said. "I looked at it on paper and thought there was some speed in the race but she made the lead and was doing it comfortably so I was happy. I turned for home and she just took off on me and opened up in an instant. I could feel (Miss Catalyst) com-



Tod Marks

Silver Reunion heads for the finish of the Riskaverse.

ing to me in the stretch but I knew my filly had plenty left to hold on. That was a big, big performance."

Sent off at 14-1, Silver Reunion entered the Riskaverse with three wins from six career starts but had never tried the turf. The daughter of Harlan's Holiday out of the Silver Hawk mare Silver Comic broke her maiden in her second start here last August and then was given the rest of the year off. She resurfaced in

May, running a disappointing fifth in an optional claimer sprinting on the main track at Delaware Park. She won her next start, when stretched two turns at Delaware, then lost by 27 lengths in the Susan's Girl before winning a mile allowance at Presque Isle Downs. Silver Reunion proved a constant enigma for Motion. The trainer knew his filly had

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RACE # 7 Saratoga, September 4, 2009

The Voodoo Dancer comes up on the difficult side, so we hope to get a decent price and will hope for the best. **My Baby Baby** made her first start of the year in a restricted even here Aug 5, a race in which she made a big mid-race move to get the lead before being caught late by the classy Cocoa Beach. That rival returned to be beaten a little over a length when 4th in a Grade II on Saturday, and you can make a strong case that this filly had to have needed that Aug 5 return following eight months on the bench. The Grade II placed and open Stakes winner has more speed than shown last out, too, and that could come in handy in this paceless field. McPeck also hits with over 20% of his 2nd 90+ runners. It's enough to make her the HF 15a. There are many others with hopes in this field, though, including dropper **Indescribable**. That one's last pair haven't been too sharp, but she's out of the Graded ranks and fits these connections snugly since she won a Grade III on the dirt in April. Much better seems likely. **Colina Verde** should also improve being out of the Grade I Diana in which she outran **Indescribable**. Though she's been a disappointment of late, the mare figures to improve in this spot. **Leamington** and **Belle Allure** are in good form, as is **Final Refrain**, who captured a non-Graded Stakes at Ellis Park July 25. The mare tops the Charting and looks like a playable longshot (HF 20). *Today's Racing Digest*

Today's Free Fractional Charting by Today's Racing Digest (Projected times at each point of call for today's race)

NAME- BY ORDER OF FINISH	1/4	1/2	3/4	FINISH	LF	TRK, DATE & RCS BK
(Avg This Level)	:23.9	:48.1	01:12.4	01:42.0		
1 Final Refrain	25.9	49.9	01:12.5	<u>01:42.1</u>	29.6	ELP-07/25/09-1
2 My Baby Baby	25.1	<u>48.1</u>	<u>01:11.2</u>	01:42.6	31.4	SAR-08/05/09-1
3 Eissoai (Brz)	26.2	50.4	01:14.0	01:42.8	<u>28.8</u>	SA-01/01/09-1♦
4 Colina Verde (Brz)	<u>24.1</u>	48.8	01:13.2	01:42.8	29.6	SAR-08/01/09-1
5 Leamington	24.5	49	01:13.7	01:42.9	29.2	CD-06/07/09-1
6 Belle Allure (Ire)	25	49.7	01:14.0	01:43.0	29	BEL-07/22/09-1
7 Skylighter	25.4	48.6	01:11.5	01:43.3	31.8	SAR-08/05/09-1
8 Remarkable Remy	25.4	50.2	01:13.7	01:43.5	29.8	WO-05/30/09-3♦
9 Indescribable	24.9	49.7	01:14.3	01:43.7	29.4	SAR-08/01/09-1
10 Follow My Dream	27.4	51.7	01:15.5	01:45.2	29.7	SAR-08/03/09-1
11 Savoir Bien (Arg)	X	X	X	X	X	XXX

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a wealth of untapped talent but struggled to bring it out in the afternoon.

"She wants to get very wound up and it's been an issue throughout the time I've had her. If there's going to be a hole in her it's going to be her behavior. It's still a work in progress," Motion said. "Mr. Jones always said the Silver Hawks have a tendency to be a little hot-blooded, so it's obviously a trait. It wasn't so much that she didn't try, that's never been an issue, it's more the nerves."

In between the nerves and poor behavior Silver Reunion began to amass a competent, if unspectacular resume. She won her second start at 3, and first at two turns, in a Delaware allowance on the main track May 26 and then was a well-beaten fourth there in the sloppy Susan's Girl a month later.

Motion shipped Silver Reunion to Presque Isle Downs and

was an impressive winner of an allowance over the Tapeta surface. Her talent was beginning to reach the high level of expectations but Motion played it cautiously.

"After that race at Presque Isle I said to Mr. Jones that I wanted to back off and give her August to regroup and we would point to something at the beginning of September or maybe October. This race came up and we decided to go for it," Motion said. "Just in that month off she got bigger and stronger. We've always wanted to get her on the grass and we entered on a good note off of the Presque Isle race and today continued the progression. That was the effort we always felt she was capable of."

Motion has enjoyed a stellar Saratoga 2009. He won his first career Grade I on the dirt when Bullsbay upset the Whitney Handicap Aug. 8, took a minor stakes with Sumo on the main track and then won the Grade II Lake Placid for grassy 3-year-old fillies with Shared Account, who is looking up to Silver Reunion after Thursday's win.

"She beat some nice fillies in good time today," Motion said. "She's the best 3-year-old filly in the barn."

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Thursday, September 3.

1ST. 2 1/16 MILES. HURDLE STAKES. THE PAUL FOUT. 4&UP. PURSE \$70,000.

4	Terpsichorean	Hodsdon D	22.00	5.90	3.40
1	Dynaski	Buchanan P		2.70	2.20
3	Arcadius	Miller F B Jr			2.90

Finish Time: 3:57.90

Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard. Owner: Bright Brook Farm.

B. g. 5. Honor Glide-Verdent Hoofer, Green Dancer.

Bred by John Sullivan (Fla).

\$2 Exacta (4-1) Paid \$38.80; \$2 Trifecta (4-1-) Paid \$128.00;

\$2 Superfecta (4-1-3-5) Paid \$417.40

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2	Speckledbird	Desormeaux K J	4.30	3.40	2.90
7	Rock Star Royalty	Castanon J L		11.20	7.20
4	Roman Chestnut	Luzzi M J			10.20

Finish Time: 1:12.11

Trainer: Bill Mott. Owner: Carolyn Wilson.

Gr./Ro. f. 2. Macho Uno-Binnopoly, Fast Play.

Bred by Big C Farm (Fla).

\$2 Exacta (2-7) Paid \$64.00; \$2 Quinella (2-7) Paid \$43.20;

\$2 Trifecta (2-7-4) Paid \$593.00; \$2 Daily Double (4-2) Paid \$50.00;

\$2 Superfecta (2-7-4-1) Paid \$2,811.00

3RD. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. THE P.G. JOHNSON. 2YO. FILLIES. PURSE \$73,750.

3	Tapitsfly	Albarado R J	6.50	3.30	2.60
9	Smart Seattle	Rose J		2.90	2.30
8	Beautiful Song	Castellano J J			3.40

Finish Time: 1:42.08

Trainer: Dale Romans. Owner: Frank Jones, Jr.

Gr./Ro. f. 2. Tapit-Flying Marlin, Marlin.

Bred by Frank Jones (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (3-9) Paid \$17.40; \$2 Trifecta (3-9-8) Paid \$75.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (4-2-3) 3 Correct Paid \$240.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-3) Paid \$22.60;

\$2 Superfecta (3-9-8-2) Paid \$254.00

4TH. 1 1/8 MILES. 3&UP. AOC. PURSE \$68,000

1A	Etched	Garcia Alan	9.10	4.00	4.10
5	Dr. Pleasure	Leparoux J R		3.40	2.80
1	National Pride	Coa E M	9.10	4.00	4.10

Finish Time: 1:48.93

Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Owner: Darley Stable.

Ch. c. 4. Forestry-Unbridled Elaine, Unbridled's Song.

Bred by Darley (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (1-5) Paid \$29.20; \$2 Quinella (1-5) Paid \$12.40;

\$2 Trifecta (1-5-2) Paid \$125.00; \$2 Pick 3 (2-3-1) 3 Correct Paid \$105.00;

\$2 Daily Double (3-1) Paid \$30.60

5TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. 2YO. FILLIES. MSW. \$55,000.

5	Dattt Echo	Lezcano J	45.60	14.40	6.50
9	Stormandprayer	Castellano J J		4.30	2.80
6	Happy Week	Velazquez J R			3.10

Finish Time: 1:04.48

Trainer: Mark Hennig. Owner: DATTT Stable.

B. f. 2. Stormy Atlantic-Rehear, Coronado's Quest.

Bred by Hermitage Farm (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (5-9) Paid \$179.50; \$2 Trifecta (5-9-6) Paid \$748.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (3-1-5) 3 Correct Paid \$477.00; \$2 Pick 4 (2-3-1-5) 4 Correct

Paid \$2,654.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-5) Paid \$197.50;

\$2 Superfecta (5-9-6-3) Paid \$4,014.00

6TH. 1-MILE. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. AOC. PURSE \$55,000.

8	Kristi With a K	Dominguez R A	11.60	5.30	2.80
3	Meriwether Jessica	Velasquez C		5.10	2.90
6	Kiawah Cat	Maragh R			2.30

Finish Time: 1:35.27

Trainer: Barclay Tagg. Owner: Bonner Young and Gerald McManis.

B. f. 4. Petionville-Kristi B, El Prado (Ire).

Bred by Bonner Young and Joyce Rowand (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (8-3) Paid \$48.80; \$2 Trifecta (8-3-6) Paid \$123.50;

\$2 Pick 3 (1-5-8) 3 Correct Paid \$1,277.00; \$2 Daily Double (5-8) Paid

\$281.00; \$2 Superfecta (8-3-6-1) Paid \$662.00

7TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 2YO. FILLIES. MCL. PURSE \$35,000.

7	Crossfirehurricane	Albarado R J	86.00	32.20	14.00
2	Never Dream	Coa E M		18.40	9.70
3	Angel's Cove	Rose J			5.80

Finish Time: 1:04.21

Trainer: Ronny Werner. Owner: Werner, Ben and Robert Berger.

Dk. B. or Br. f. 2. Eurosilver-Wind In My Eyes, Mr. Greeley.

Bred by Ben and Robert Berger (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (7-2) Paid \$1,407.00; \$2 Trifecta (7-2-3) Paid \$8,152.00;

\$2 Daily Double (8-7) Paid \$521.00; \$2 Pick 3 (5-8-7) 3 Correct Paid

\$14,569.00; \$2 Superfecta (7-2-3-1) Paid \$111,310.00

8TH. 1-MILE. TURF. THE RISK AVERSE. 3YO. FILLIES. PURSE \$72,500.

9	Silver Reunion	Dominguez R A	30.20	12.00	8.80
1	Miss Catalyst	Castellano J J		6.50	4.50
6	Afternoon Stroll	Theriot H J II			6.30

Finish Time: 1:34.17

Trainer: Graham Motion. Owner: Brereton Jones.

Dk. B. or Br. f. 3. Harlan's Holiday-Silver Comic, Silver Hawk.

Bred by Brereton Jones (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (9-1) Paid \$168.50; \$2 Trifecta (9-1-6) Paid \$2,161.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (8-7-9) 3 Correct Paid \$5,804.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-9) Paid

\$1,581.00; \$2 Superfecta (9-1-6-10) Paid \$13,053.00

9TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. MSW. PURSE \$50,000.

2	West Ocean	Velazquez J R	4.80	3.40	2.40
5	Green Pond	Desormeaux K J		9.30	4.70
6	Out Post	Coa E M			3.00

Finish Time: 1:02.94

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Owner: Wertheimer and Frere.

Dk. B. or Br. f. 3. Elusive Quality-Ocean Drive, Belong To Me.

Bred by SyBon Racing Stable (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (2-5) Paid \$69.50; \$2 Trifecta (2-5-6) Paid \$207.00;

\$2 Grand Slam (3/6/8-2/3/7-1/6/9-2) Paid \$87.50;

\$2 Pick 3 (7-9-2) 3 Correct Paid \$7,393.00;

\$2 Daily Double (9-2) Paid \$101.50; \$2 Superfecta (2-5-6-7) Paid \$877.00

10TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. CLM. PURSE \$32,000.

4	McVictory	Velasquez C	20.40	10.20	5.90
9	Platinumpus	Dominguez R A		4.20	3.10
2	Kevazinga	Leparoux J R			4.40

Finish Time: 1:42.86

Trainer: Bobby Barbara. Owner: Joseph Bucci.

Ch. f. 3. Victory Gallop-Emma's Dilemma, Capote.

Bred by Sabine Stable (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (4-9) Paid \$83.50; \$2 Trifecta (4-9-2) Paid \$437.50;

\$2 Superfecta (4-9-2-5) Paid \$2,098.00; \$2 Daily Double (2-4) Paid \$70.50;

\$2 Pick 3 (9-2-4) 3 Correct Paid \$1,359.00;

\$2 Pick 4 (7-9-2/8/11-4) 4 Correct Paid \$75,840.00; \$2 Pick 6 (5-8-7-9-

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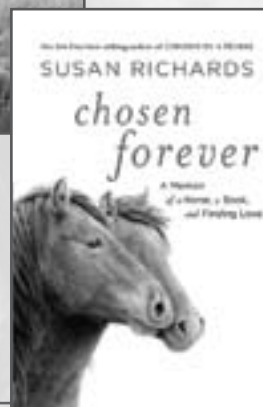


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Scratched in paddock in last, Terpsichorean upsets steeplechase

Your horse flips in the paddock and gets scratched – hits his head, wrenches his neck, scares himself. What do you do?

If you're Jonathan Sheppard and the horse is Terpsichorean, who was scratched from a jump race here July 30, you give the veterinarian a leg up.

"He was fairly stiff and sore and of course you can't see into a horse's head, but we think he may have had a bit of a concussion," Sheppard said. "When we started back riding him, he seemed like he was holding his neck a little rigid and we talked to Stowe Burke about it."

Going above and beyond the veterinarian code, Burke rode Terpsichorean around the jogging ring at the Oklahoma Annex. The doctor diagnosed some swelling, prescribed DMSO via IV and Butazolidin. A few days later, Terpsichorean was much better.

Five weeks after his paddock accident, Terpsichorean was very much better – withstanding a challenge from favorite Dynaski to win Thursday's \$70,000 Paul Fout Handicap by a neck. Terpsichorean (Danielle Hodsdon) stalked pacemaker Tax Ruling through

THURSDAY'S RACING RECAP

a mild first mile, grabbed the lead leaving the backside, cut the final corner in front and denied Dynaski (Peter Buchanan) and Arcadius (Chip Miller) in deep stretch. The 5-year-old son of Honor Glide covered the 2 1/16 miles in 3:57.90 while winning for the second time in eight career jump starts.

Hodsdon credited her horse's ability to stay relaxed early in the race for the strong stretch run.

"He relaxed for me and let me take him back off Tax Ruling – he waited for me," she said. "Around the turn, I knew Dynaski was coming and I knew he had more turn of foot than I did and that I would just have to keep picking it up. I wanted to make him chase me."

Sent off at just short of 4-5, Dynaski reached the 10-1 Terpsichorean's shoulder but got no closer. Trained on the flat by Barclay Tagg, the John Sullivan homebred switched to steeplechasing last June and won his second start at the 2008 Open House. Sheppard did not get tempted by Saratoga last year,



Tod Marks

Terpsichorean (right) battles Dynaski at the last fence Thursday.

and ran the horse twice in the fall. This year, Terpsichorean progressed through three starts – a third and two seconds – and figured to be a major player in the first jump race of the meet.

"The horse has run at the track so he must know how to be in a paddock," Sheppard said. "Maybe something startled him that day, I'm not sure. For this race, we paddock-schooled him twice and we tacked him in the stall both times."

– Joe Clancy

Etched makes winning return

Etched has been a project for trainer Kiaran McLaughlin to say the least. The temperamental Darley homebred has been a handful, but McLaughlin credits his exercise rider for working out the kinks in the mornings.

"I want to give Pat Correa credit. He gets on him every day, and he's a real tricky horse. The first time he won, he didn't want to come back to the win-

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Thursday —

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ner's circle," McLaughlin said. "The last time he won he hit the outside rail after the race. He's real tricky, but we're lucky to be able to train back at Greentree with no traffic on the track; and Pat's done a great job on him."

Etched (Alan Garcia) chased pacesetter True Resurgence through the first 6 furlongs of the fourth, a 9-furlong optional claimer that drew several big names. As the leader faded, Etched picked up the pace as he turned for home and held on by 1 1/4 lengths over Dr. Pleasure (Julien Leparoux) and National Pride (Eibar Coa).

Etched, a 4-year-old son of Forestry, dazzled as a 2-year-old, winning his debut in September. A month later, the colt wired the 1-mile Grade III Nashua Stakes at Aqueduct.

He was shipped to Dubai in February 2008 to kick off his 3-year-old campaign, but finished fourth in the Grade III UAE 2000 Guineas. He didn't race again until last November when he won an optional claimer at Aqueduct. Another nine-month layoff followed that race, and on Thursday Etched made another comeback to improve to 4-for-5 in his career.

"He had a cracked cannon bone so he missed some time, but it looks like he's back and we can have a lot of fun with him," McLaughlin said. "We put screws in it and he's done real well. We were going to wait longer on him, but he was doing so well we decided to get him over here."

• Mark Hennig stopped smiling and offered a concerned look at the inquiry light flashing on the toteboard. The race was quickly made official, and the trainer went back to smiling when DATTT Stable's Dattt Echo (Jose Lezcano) was ruled the winner of the 5 1/2-furlong maiden for juvenile fillies. Dattt Echo surged around the far turn while being pushed wide by Stormandaprayer (Javier Castellano), but sustained



Tod Marks

Etched holds off Dr. Pleasure to win a tough optional claimer Thursday.

her bid to win by and 1 1/2 lengths. Stormandaprayer held well for second over Happy Week (John Velazquez).

Dattt Echo, at 22-1, broke through in her third start after finishing fourth here Aug. 13. Hennig figured a few racing adjustments would suit his filly nicely.

"She ran hard in her first two starts, but she was just kind of on the button in the first two," Hennig said. "We switched over to Jose Lezcano and I told him there was a lot of pace in here, and if he could just get her to settle a little bit I thought it would help her a lot; and he did a great job with her."

A daughter of Stormy Atlantic, Dattt Echo is a half-sister to Mani Bhavan, who won the Spinaway and Adirondack Stakes here last year. Dattt Echo was purchased for \$360,000 at Keeneland last September.

"She's a big, strapping, beautiful filly," Hennig said. "We thought a lot of her all along so I was a little disappointed in her first two starts. I just thought it was a matter of circumstance, and getting her a chance to catch her breath a little bit was better for her today."

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Thursday —

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• “We have one happy lady up there,” Bill Mott said to Kent Desormeaux as the jockey sat atop Speckledbird after Thursday’s second race.

Mott was referring to Carolyn Wilson, owner of the gray daughter of Macho Uno. Speckledbird rushed to the lead in the 6-furlong high-priced claimer for maiden fillies, and wired the field by 4 3/4 lengths in 1:12.11. Rock Star Royalty (Jesus Castanon) finished second with another 4 lengths back to Roman Chestnut (Mike Luzzi).

Running for a \$150,000 tag, Speckledbird won in just her second start after finishing fifth here Aug. 13, but it was last August when Mott first spotted the young filly.

“She’s a nice filly. We bought her at the Ocala Breeders’ Sale last August,” Mott said. “She’s very fast, very quick, and very willing; she likes her job. She went a little quick last time against some good fillies and got a little tired, but it looks like she progressed from that race. She looked very good walking off the track today.”

• Ronny Werner doubled up Thursday — winning the Barn of the Month Award along with John Kimmel earlier in the day and celebrating his first win of the meet after the seventh.

Crossfirehurricane (Robby Albarado) took the 5 1/2-furlong maiden claimer on the turf for 2-year-old fillies. By far the longest shot on the board at 42-1, she dueled on the lead with Flower Ex-



Tod Marks

Crossfirehurricane (right) turns back Never Dream in Thursday’s seventh.

change through 3 furlongs, shook loose and held stubbornly for a head win over Never Dream (Eibar Coa) and Angel’s Cove (Jeremy Rose).

Owned by Werner in partnership with Ben and Robert Berger, Crossfirehurricane is a daughter of Eurosilver purchased for just \$5,000 at Keeneland September.

“She’s been one of the one’s that loves to train,” Werner said. “I didn’t know about the grass, but the distance was what she was ready for, and she’s got a little grass in her. She’s always left the gate well, so I knew she would be in contention. My biggest thing was her not doing too much early and it worked out.”

— Colin Beaury

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Day Time?

Distance-loving 2-year-old eyes stakes tally for Dogwood, Weaver

BY BRIAN NADEAU

George Weaver leaned back in his chair Thursday morning and talked comfortably about Golly Day in today's With Anticipation Stakes. Run for 2-year-olds at 1 1/16 miles, the Grade III drew an eager and inexperienced cast looking to conquer two turns on the Mellon turf course as the third race.

Something Golly Day has already done.

Dogwood Stable's Golly Day, a New York-bred son of Lion Heart, won his debut rallying from 8 lengths back over the course and distance Aug. 20 and rates a stretch danger once again when the With Anticipation is run for the fifth time.

"I'm not sure of the caliber of horses he ran against last time, but with that being said, he did do it the right way and he was visually impressive," Weaver said. "Obviously we're running against better horses in here but there are a lot of them with speed, so I think the race flow, coupled with the fact they don't have the experience bodes well for us."

WITH ANTICIPATION PREVIEW

The With Anticipation drew an overflow field of 11 and stacks up like most Saratoga juvenile races: filled with speedy and precocious runners that might not be suited for a second turn. Golly Day fit the precocious mold, based on his win earlier in the meet, but his long-striding, come-from-behind style made Weaver pass on a turf sprint and aim for a 1 1/16-mile run in his debut.

"He was cut out to be a two-turn horse and we just felt it was going to be easier to do that with him than to sprint him. He had a lot of miles underneath him prior to his debut so I wasn't worried about it," Weaver said. "I told (Dogwood's Cot Campbell) that if we tried to sprint him he would just spin his wheels and they would go too fast for him, so if we ran him longer he would have a good chance. He was a bit green in the morning, so I wasn't sure if he would put it all together enough to win at first-asking, but he performed well."

Golly Day hit the gate at the start,



Tod Marks

Golly Day skips to the wire in his victory over the track Aug. 20.

settled in sixth and then made a powerful move on the far turn to draw off for Javier Castellano, who has the return call. With four runners entering the With Anticipation out of fast-paced sprints, Golly Day's stretch run looms large once again.

"If he runs the race he did last time it would put him in position to take advantage of some horses that might not want to go that far," Weaver said. "He just wants to break out of there and get into stride and make a run. It's comforting to see him run that kind of race instead of being headstrong early

because it seems like that's the type of run that wins turf races."

Mike Maker sends out Ken and Sarah Ramsey's homebred Dean's Kitten (Julien Leparoux to ride), who broke his maiden here going 1 1/16 miles on the grass Aug. 5. The son of Kitten's Joy made all the running and looked an easy winner when he opened up a 4-length lead in midstretch but was all-out to score by a neck against Friday foe Paddy O'Prado. Maker expects a more focused performance.

"He got loose and opened up and

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Dave Harmon

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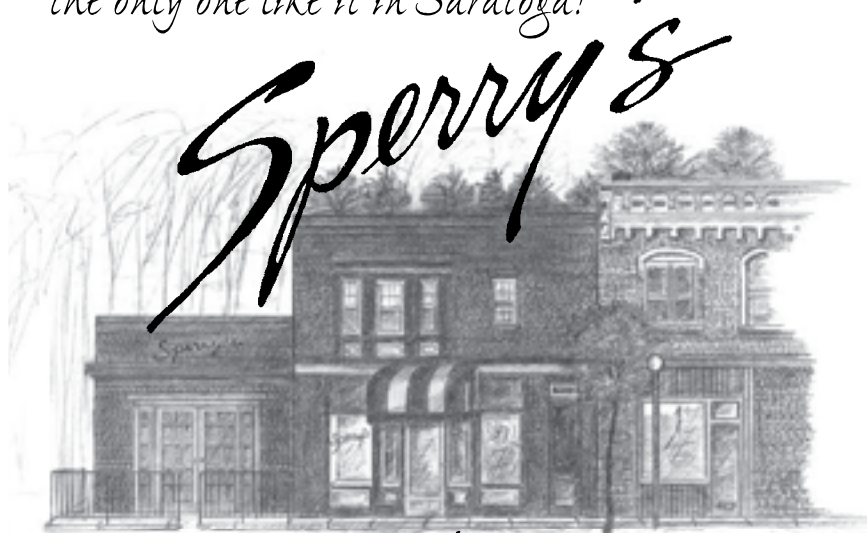
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With Anticipation —

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he looked like he was going to win by daylight but then he got to loping along in the lane when he got by himself," Maker said. "He got a lot of experience from that race and I think he'll move forward but there's also some stiffer competition in there. I was surprised to see him show as much speed as he did. I'll leave it up to Julien; if he's on the lead, so be it, if he's just off of it that will be fine too."

Dean's Kitten rates as one of just three horses in the field to own a two-turn win. Maker wasn't surprised his colt took to a longer trip and he knows it gives him a leg up on the competition.

"It's to our advantage that he's been two turns because some of the other horses haven't and that can be tough sometimes on young horses when they do it for the first time," Maker said. "He's the type that you look at and can tell he's bred for two turns. He's got the pedigree for it so we also expected that would be his best trip."

Paddy O'Prado (Robby Albarado) did everything but win when he was beaten by Dean's Kitten. The Dale Romans trainee steadied in traffic at the quarter pole and ultimately came up a neck short after making up more than 8 lengths. Donegal Racing's son of El Prado finished a distant seventh sprinting over a sloppy track at Churchill Downs in July but found his calling when switched to the grass last month.

"With his pedigree you would think he's in there to run long on the grass, and that certainly looked like the case last month," Romans said. "He's trained beautifully since that run and breezed well over the turf the other day. He had a troubled trip and still came running and galloped out strong so he'll move forward. He knows what to do out there now and with that experience behind him we're expecting a big run."

Two Notch Road shocked everyone when he won Monmouth Park's Continental Mile at 107-1 for owner/trainer Glenn Thompson. The son of Partner's Hero beat a total of four horses in three main track runs leading up to the Aug. 15 stakes but relished the surface switch and scored by 1 1/4 lengths over today's rival Mississippi Hippie. Two Notch Road made a strong run up the rail at Monmouth and is again drawn toward the inside (post 3), which should allow Shannon Uske to save ground going into the first turn.

Mississippi Hippie will look to make amends for owner/trainer Wesley Ward. The son of Dance Master was last of seven in his debut over a sloppy track there in June but has taken a calling to the turf in his last two. He broke his maiden going 6 furlongs at Belmont in July and then dueled on the lead before tiring in the lane behind Two Notch Road in the Continental Mile. Mississippi Hippie drew the rail and should offer jockey John Velazquez plenty of options early.

"He's in a good spot with that post. We can go or stalk, and I breezed him in behind horses at Keeneland so I'm

confident he can stalk if need be," Ward said. "The rail is where you want to be when you have 2-year-olds going two turns. We got that out of the way at Monmouth and that was a solid run. We might be back running a bit quick but he's got the experience going a mile and that's going to be worth a lot."

Ward also has Royal Ascot winner Strike The Tiger (Velazquez) entered but indicated he'll scratch and await Monday's Cradle Stakes at River Downs.

Jung Man Scott (Ramon Dominguez) projects as speed of the speed for Winter Park Partners. The Rick Dutrow trainee blitzed a state-bred maiden field on the turf here Aug. 6, setting a 45-second half-mile before running off to win the 5 1/2-furlong sprint. By Freud out of a Talkin Man mare, Jung Man Scott should find the added distance well within his pedigree and rates a formidable pace presence.

Though he's yet to race past 6 furlongs, Red Rally (Jesus Castanon) rates as one of the most accomplished horses in the field. Owned in a partnership led by trainer Merrill Scherer, the gelded son of Reformer Rally has won two of four starts, including a local score over the main track Aug. 21. Red Rally broke his maiden sprinting over Churchill's turf June 27 and finished second to Strike The Tiger in Colonial Downs' Chenery Stakes July 25.

Todd Pletcher will start two, led by Dogwood's Zapster (Edgar Prado), who will be coupled in the wagering

with Golly Day. The son of Ghost-zapper just missed by a half-length in a two-turn maiden on the grass here Aug. 6. Pletcher will also saddle Inter-actif (Kent Desormeaux), an Alain and Gerard Wertheimer homebred that won his debut sprinting on the main track at Monmouth Park before running eighth in the Grade II Sanford here July 30. The son of Broken Vow makes his turf and two-turn debut.

Quick Money (Alan Garcia) lands on the also eligible list while Aikenite (no rider listed) and Turf Melody (Jeremy Rose) are entered as main track only.



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1	Mother Ruth Pletcher Entry Lisa B	Life At Ten Acronym Mother Ruth	Pletcher Entry Mother Ruth A.P. Elegance	Mother Ruth Pletcher Entry Acronym	Mother Ruth Pletcher Entry A. P. Elegance
2	Futuristic Justin Spy Bruce	Dixie Frolic Justin Wanted Alive	Futuristic Wanted Alive Cherokee Bull	Futuristic Justin Shareholder Dues	Justin Dixie Frolic Futuristic
3	Paddy O'Prado Jung Man Scott Dean's Kitten	Turf Melody Paddy O'Prado Zapster	Paddy O'Prado Dean's Kitten Golly Day	Paddy O'Prado Strike The Tiger Jung Man Scott	Jung Man Scott Paddy O'Prado Ward Entry
4	Australis Princess Bernie's Pal Positive Pitch	On The Beat Lovely Lil Precious Penny	Bernie's Pal Australis Princess Positive Pitch	Australis Princess Positive Pitch Bernie's Pal	Australis Princess Lovely Lil Bernie's Pal
5	Valtrus Tiger Woodman Big Jerome	Starforaday Valtrus Storm Caller	Valtrus Classic Campaign Tiger Woodman	Tiger Woodman Big Jerome Ballast	Valtrus Tiger Woodman Big Jerome
6	Pearl River Bretton Woods Notably Made	Cuvee's Lady Gitchee Goomie Adriatic Magic	Pearl River Weaver Entry Rice Entry	Gitchee Goomie Pearl River Weaver Entry	Pearl River Rice Entry Nurse Dolce
7	Colina Verde Leamington My Baby Baby	Skylighter Colina Verde My Baby Baby	Final Refrain Leamington Belle Allure	Belle Allure Savoir Bien Leamington	My Baby Baby Belle Allure Indescribable
8	Sweet Madness For Free Linsalata	Linsalata Catty Madeline Thoroughly Holy	Bambolina Thoroughly Holy Linsalata	Rice Entry Catty Madeline Linsalata	Rice Entry Catty Madeline Linsalata
9	Relatively Ready Quiet On The Tee Gamblin Fever	Quiet On The Tee Oedipus O'Neal Here Comes Art	Quiet On The Tee Fairway Drive Gold Pageantry	Quiet On The Tee Tobruk Relatively Ready	Quiet On The Tee Tobruk Victory Assured
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FRIDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

BY BRIAN NADEAU

RACE 1: LIFE AT TEN got a trial run over the track when second at this distance earlier in the meet, her first start in seven months. Minimal improvement wins this. ACRONYM tries dirt for the first time and is the typical Juddmonte blueblood. MOTHER RUTH will take a ton of money but she's yet to run on a fast track, so be wary of a short price

RACE 2: With Todd Pletcher battling for the trainer's title I'm going to give DIXIE FROLIC the benefit of the doubt and assume he's good enough to win this, while at the same time looking past the fact he's a 400k yearling purchase with a ton of pedigree that's in for 50k after just one start. JUSTIN, on the other hand, is a 700k purchase that has run three times vs. maidens and two of the efforts were admirable. WANTED ALIVE completes the drop-down trio, though he doesn't have the fire sale tag in the window the top two have.

RACE 3: PADDY O'PRADO gained seasoning when running a troubled second in a maiden Aug. 5. Draws inside, has two-turn experience and gets the call to post a mild upset. ZAPSTER is another maiden that just missed going two turns here and will be up close early. JUNG MAN SCOTT rates as the speed of the speed but I'm suspect of him at 1 1/16 miles off just a couple of sprint preps. If on dirt: Turf Melody, Aikenite, Interactif.

RACE 4: Not expecting anywhere near the 15-1 morning line of ON THE BEAT, but she gets the call nonetheless. Daughter of top debut sire Officer comes with bullets in the holster. LOVELY LIL is out of How About Now, who won the Schuylerville over this track in 1996. Not sure if this daughter of Tiznow can win going this short, but she won't be a maiden for long. PRECIOUS PENNY took some money for a low-profile barn in her debut and ran well when marooned out wide. Drew the same post again but expecting a much better effort.

RACE 5: VALTRUS got the perfect tightener earlier in the meet and looks set for his best at a reduced price. STORM CALLER ran huge when stretched on turf earlier in the meet and because he was 30-1 that day you still might get solid odds. Top two choices should get first run on the closers, includ-

ing TIGER WOODMAN, who will appreciate a return to firm ground. If on dirt: Starforaday, Storm Caller, Ballast.

RACE 6: CUVEE'S LADY worked in company with Weaver first-out winner Golly Day Aug. 14 and finished on even terms with that gelding. The call in a scrambler. GITCHEE GOOMIE figures to be cranked for a barn with eyes on the trainer's title. ADRIATIC MAGIC goes for a top turf outfit and drew a cozy post. If on dirt: Bretton Woods, Invasive, In Te Domine.

RACE 7: The words inscrutable and impossible come to mind when looking this one over so I'm hoping to get fair value on COLINA VERDE, who seems to be cycling into a good run. Was beaten less than 4 lengths by a few stars in the Grade I Diana and a repeat would probably get it done. MY BABY BABY ran huge to Cocoa Beach in the De La Rose over the course but she got a dream set up that day and might bounce, as that was her first run in eight months. Multiple Group I winner SAVOIR BIEN is probably the best horse but she makes her first start in the U.S. and first start since last December, so she might need a run and could be prepping for longer. If on dirt: Skylighter, Savoir Bien, Final Refrain.

RACE 8: LINSALATA is a bit unmanageable early but that might work here, as she's drawn outside her main pace rival Sweet Bama Breeze in a race that's not loaded with speed. CATTY MADELINE just missed in her last but might not get the hot splits she'll need from a tricky rail draw. THOROUGHLY HOLY will be involved early. If on dirt: Thoroughly Holy, For Free, No Shopping Maria.

RACE 9: One more try for QUIET ON THE TEE, who had a tough trip and struggled to find room in the stretch Aug. 15. Seems well suited for the stretch to this three-turn marathon. OEDIPUS O'NEAL has been known to get brave when he makes the lead and there looks to be little early pace. He'll be a big price and might lull them to sleep. HERE COMES ART has been away for 23 months but returns for a patient conditioner that has them ready to fire off the long rest. If he returns anything like he left he might lap this field. If on dirt: Pegasian, Oedipus O'Neal, Prince Raffie.

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1ST (2:30) 7 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP ALLOWANCE PURSE: \$59,800

1	1	Paracaidas.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	5-2
1A	3	Life At Ten.....	Dominguez R A.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	5-2
2	2	Acronym.....	Garcia Alan.....	Frankel Robert.....	6-1
3	4	Tweeter.....	Theriot H J II.....	Lukas D Wayne.....	12-1
4	5	A. P. Elegance.....	Bridgmohan S X.....	Asmussen Steve.....	8-1
5	6	How Far Is Heaven.....	Albarado R J.....	McPeek Ken.....	15-1
6	7	See the Forest.....	Castellano J J.....	Schwartz Scott M.....	20-1
7	8	Yes It's Barbara.....	Borel C H.....	Ward John T Jr.....	10-1
8	9	Mother Ruth.....	Maragh R.....	Baffert Bob.....	8-5
9	10	Lisa B.....	Prado E S.....	Kelly Patrick J.....	20-1

A-Coupled: Paracaidas and Life At Ten

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2ND (3:03) 6 1/2 FURLONGS 3&UP MAIDEN CLAIMING (\$50,000-\$40,000) PURSE: \$28,000

1	1	Spy Bruce.....	Castellano J J.....	Brown Bruce R.....	12-1
2	2	Shareholder Dues.....	Velazquez J R.....	Callejas Bernardo.....	8-1
3	3	Cherokee Bull.....	Maragh R.....	Alexander Frank A.....	6-1
4	4	Wanted Alive.....	Velasquez C.....	Hennig Mark.....	9-2
5	5	Justin.....	Bridgmohan S X.....	Asmussen Steve.....	3-1
6	6	Headline Hunter.....	Migliore R.....	Divitto Debra.....	20-1
7	7	Dixie Frolic.....	Garcia Alan.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	7-2
8	8	Futuristic.....	Dominguez R A.....	Maker Michael J.....	4-1

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3RD (3:36) WITH ANTICIPATION S. (G3) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2YO PURSE: \$100,000

1	1	Mississippi Hippie.....	Velazquez J R.....	Ward Wesley A.....	3-1
1A	10	Strike the Tiger.....	Velazquez J R.....	Ward Wesley A.....	3-1
2	4	Zapster.....	Prado E S.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	8-1
2B	9	Golly Day.....	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	8-1
2X	MTO	Aikenite.....		Pletcher Todd A.....	8-1
3	2	Paddy O'Prado.....	Albarado R J.....	Romans Dale.....	8-1
4	3	Two Notch Road.....	Uske S.....	Thompson Glenn R10-1	
5	5	Red Rally.....	Castanon J L.....	Scherer Merrill R.....	9-2
6	6	Dean's Kitten.....	Leparoux J R.....	Maker Michael J.....	8-1
7	7	Jung Man Scott.....	Dominguez R A.....	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	7-2
8	8	Interactif.....	Desormeaux K J.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	6-1
9	AE	Quick Money.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	12-1
10	MTO	Turf Melody.....	Rose J.....	Motion H Graham.....	5-1

A-Coupled: Mississippi Hippie and Strike the Tiger

B-Coupled: Zapster and Golly Day and Aikenite

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

4TH (4:09) 5 1/2 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN NEW YORK BRED PURSE: \$48,400

1	1	Musicsetsmefree.....	Velasquez C.....	Hernandez Ramon.....	5-1
1A	6	Dugout Deputy.....	Velasquez C.....	Hernandez Ramon.....	5-1
2	2	Bernie's Pal.....	Dominguez R A.....	Rice Linda.....	9-2
3	3	Too Critical.....	Prado E S.....	Schwartz Scott M.....	15-1
4	4	Iron Penny.....	Maragh R.....	Hough Stanley M.....	12-1
5	5	Lovely Lil.....	Garcia Alan.....	Hushion Michael E.....	10-1
6	7	By M K.....	Migliore R.....	Hennig Mark.....	12-1
7	8	Selenas So Mad.....	Rodriguez P A.....	Lecesse Michael.....	15-1
8	9	On the Beat.....	Lezcano J.....	Proctor Thomas.....	15-1
9	10	Positive Pitch.....	Bridgmohan S X.....	Brown Bruce R.....	6-1
10	11	Precious Penny.....	Castellano J J.....	Sciacca Gary.....	12-1
11	12	Australis Princess.....	Leparoux J R.....	Contessa Gary C.....	7-2
12	13	Playgirls Rhapsody.....	Luzzi M J.....	Levine Bruce N.....	20-1

A-Coupled: Musicsetsmefree and Dugout Deputy

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (4-6) Pick 6 Races (4-9), Daily Double

5TH (4:42) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3&UP CLAIMING (\$50,000 - \$40,000) PURSE: \$44,000

1	1	Ballast (IRE).....	Migliore R.....	Contessa Gary C.....	6-1
1A	MTO	Starforaday.....	Migliore R.....	Contessa Gary C.....	6-1
2	4	I'm Only Laughing.....	Lezcano J.....	Hills Timothy A.....	6-1
2B	5	Big Jerome.....	Coa E M.....	Hills Timothy A.....	6-1
3	2	Tahoe Warrior.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	10-1
4	3	Valtrus.....	Leparoux J R.....	Kenneally Eddie.....	3-1
5	6	Classic Campaign.....	Prado E S.....	Mott William I.....	9-2
6	7	Storm Caller.....	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	8-1
7	8	Biggerbadderbetter.....	Albarado R J.....	McPeek Ken.....	12-1
8	9	Forever My Friend.....	Maragh R.....	Stoklosa Richard.....	20-1
9	10	Tiger Woodman.....	Dominguez R A.....	Arnold George R II.....	7-2
10	AE	Optimer (ARG).....	Albarado R J.....	Dutrow Jr. R E.....	5-1

A-Coupled: Ballast (IRE) and Starforaday

B-Coupled: I'm Only Laughing and Big Jerome

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (5-7), Grand Slam Races (5-8) Daily Double

6TH (5:15) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN NY BRED PURSE: \$45,000

1	2	Cuvee's Lady.....	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	5-1
1A	5	Bretton Woods.....	Castellano J J.....	Weaver George.....	5-1
2	6	Nurse Dolce.....	Prado E S.....	Serpe Philip M.....	10-1
2B	AE	Hear Her Roar.....	Chavez J F.....	Martin Frank.....	10-1
3	9	Gitchee Goomie.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	5-2
3X	AE	In Te Domine.....	Dominguez R A.....	Rice Linda.....	5-2
4	1	Adriatic Magic.....	Velazquez J R.....	Donk David.....	10-1
5	3	Loyal Shadow.....	Velasquez C.....	Sciacca Gary.....	20-1
6	4	Pearl River.....	Dominguez R A.....	Clement Christophe.....	3-1
7	7	Poppy Day.....	Desormeaux K J.....	Mott William I.....	6-1
8	8	Notably Made.....	Morales S.....	Aquilino Joseph.....	30-1
9	10	Invasive.....	Bridgmohan S X.....	Terranova John.....	12-1
10	11	I Do That.....	Studart M.....	Ubillo Rodrigo A.....	12-1

A-Coupled: Cuvee's Lady and Bretton Woods

B-Coupled: Nurse Dolce and Hear Her Roar

C-Coupled: Gitchee Goomie and In Te Domine

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

7TH (5:48) VODOO DANCER S. 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP PURSE: \$80,000

1	1	Remarkable Remy.....	Castellano J J.....	Kimmel John C.....	12-1
2	2	Final Refrain.....	Leparoux J R.....	Stall Albert M Jr.....	15-1
3	3	Follow My Dream.....	Theriot H J II.....	O'Brien Colum.....	30-1
4	4	Eissoai (BRZ).....	Almeida G F.....	Frankel Robert.....	8-1
5	5	Leamington.....	Rose J.....	Motion H Graham.....	6-1
6	6	Belle Allure (IRE).....	Dominguez R A.....	Clement Christophe.....	4-1
7	7	My Baby Baby.....	Velazquez J R.....	McPeek Ken.....	5-1
8	8	Indescribable.....	Desormeaux K J.....	Mott William I.....	6-1
9	9	Savoir Bien (ARG).....	Garcia Alan.....	Frankel Robert.....	9-2
10	10	Colina Verde (BRZ).....	Albarado R J.....	McLaughlin Kiaran.....	6-1
11	MTO	Skylighter.....	Rose J.....	Motion H Graham.....	3-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (7-9), Daily Double

8TH (6:22) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) F&M 3&UP CLAIMING (\$35,000) PURSE: \$31,000

1	6	Thoroughly Holy.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	3-1
1A	AE	Beso Del Sur.....	Velasquez C.....	Rice Linda.....	3-1
2	1	Catty Madeline.....	Leparoux J R.....	Levine Bruce N.....	5-1
3	2	My Anna Rose.....	Bridgmohan S X.....	Sciacca Gary.....	30-1
4	3	For Free.....	Prado E S.....	Jacobson David.....	8-1
5	4	Bambolina.....	Albarado R J.....	Kenneally Eddie.....	8-1
6	5	Sweet Bama Breeze.....	Castellano J J.....	Brown Bruce R.....	12-1
7	7	Linsalata (IRE).....	Dominguez R A.....	Motion H Graham.....	9-2
8	8	Iberian Gate.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	4-1
9	9	Hangingonaprayer.....	Maragh R.....	Serpe Philip M.....	15-1
10	10	No Shopping Maria.....	Luzzi M J.....	Lake Scott A.....	20-1
11	AE	Sweet Madness.....	Velasquez C.....	Bush Thomas M.....	6-1
12	AE	Positive Charge.....	Prado E S.....	Pregman John S Jr.....	15-1
13	AE	Treacherette.....	Suarez G.....	Progn Christopher.....	30-1

A-Coupled: Thoroughly Holy and Beso Del Sur

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

9TH (6:56) 1 3/8 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOW OC (\$25,000) NY BRED PURSE: \$56,350

1	2	Pegasian.....	Garcia Alan.....	Serpe Philip M.....	8-1
1A	AE	Fairway Drive.....	Dominguez R A.....	Martin Carlos F.....	8-1
2	8	Oedipus O'Neal.....	Luzzi M J.....	Contessa Gary C.....	20-1
2B	AE	May Day Now.....	Morales S.....	Contessa Gary C.....	20-1
3	1	Gamblin Fever.....	Espinoza J L.....	Ortiz Paulino O.....	20-1
4	3	Relatively Ready.....	Velazquez J R.....	Donk David.....	6-1
5	4	Here Comes Art.....	Castellano J J.....	Phipps William.....	10-1
6	5	Quiet On the Tee.....	Dominguez R A.....	Clement Christophe.....	3-1
7	6	Tobruk.....	Maragh R.....	Sciacca Gary.....	7-2
8	7	Gold Pageantry.....	Leparoux J R.....	Rice Linda.....	12-1
9	9	Cardiff Road.....	Velasquez C.....	Disanto Glenn B.....	10-1
10	10	Victory Assured.....	Desormeaux K J.....	Hennig Mark.....	9-2
11	AE	Elder Skatesman.....	Theriot H J II.....	Allyn William F.....	30-1
12	AE	Prince Raffie.....	Castellano J J.....	Kettell James G.....	20-1

A-Coupled: Pegasian and Fairway Drive

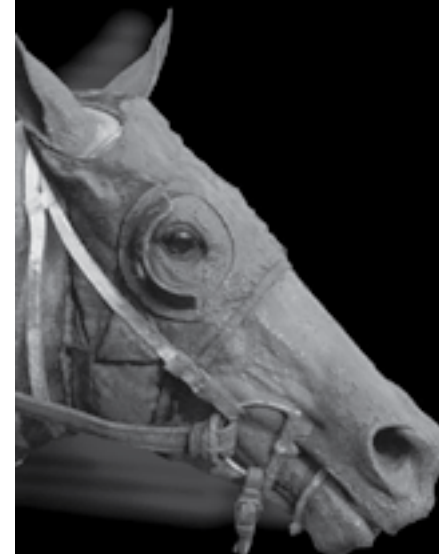
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Crowded House

Rachel Alexandra packs them in for schooling

BY KAREN M. JOHNSON

A poised Rachel Alexandra graced fans, horsemen and the media with her presence Thursday during a paddock schooling session before the fifth race. The reaction from the crowd was not unlike a celebrity sighting. There was a lot of jockeying for position by the paparazzi.

At 2:55 p.m., a throng of photographers stood at the mouth of the paddock, lenses aimed at Rachel Alexandra and her posse, a scene that could be likened to a heavyweight champ entering the ring with his entourage. The only thing missing was the theme from "Rocky."

As Rachel Alexandra, who will run in Saturday's \$750,000 Woodward (Gr. I), entered the paddock, a young woman demanded of her pal: "Is that her? Is that her?" The reply: "Yes, that's the rock star."

Kerry Singer, a sometime racing fan from nearby Wilton, didn't know that Rachel Alexandra was going to be in the paddock Thursday. So it was a bonus for Singer, who hung over the rail with her iPhone snapping photos because she won't be at the track Saturday to watch the filly run.

"I didn't even know until someone next to me said



Tod Marks

Woodward favorite Rachel Alexandra is in there somewhere.

what was going on," Singer said. "I'm thrilled because I've been reading about her but had no idea I would see her today. This was my only trip to the track this year."

The appearance was a treat for everyone, but it had its purpose. Steve Asmussen, Rachel Alexandra's trainer, typically schools his horses in the paddock two days before they run. He did it last year with Curlin, before the colt captured the Woodward.

P. J. Campo, New York Racing Association's director of racing, worried the crowd in the paddock, which numbered about 100, would be a bother. But the filly, whose mane was immaculately braided and whose bay coat glistened, placidly stood in stall number 12 gaz-

ing at the onlookers. Asmussen assured Campo that it was just what he wanted. "That's what this is for. We are trying to simulate what will happen."

Asmussen, who trains Rachel Alexandra for Jess Jackson and Harold McCormick, is by now familiar with the large crowds that flock to see the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro race, school and breeze.

"It's how it is, man, wherever she goes, people follow," Asmussen said. "It's like her Monday morning work shows."

NYRA officials hope Thursday's turnout is a harbinger of things to come.

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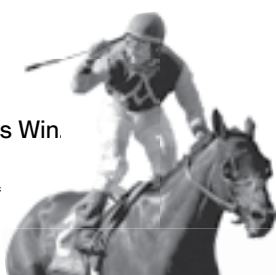


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"This is the most people I have ever seen come to watch a horse school in the paddock," said Dan Silver, NYRA's director of communications and media relations. "And I hope it bodes well for Saturday. I remember last year when Curlin was schooling in the paddock, we had about a fifth of the people we have today. It's great to see so many people just coming to see Rachel school in the paddock. It's really fantastic. She has really captivated racing fans from all over."

While the "Rachel Show" was going on, nine 2-year-old maiden fillies were being saddled. Trainer Barclay Tagg, who didn't have a runner in the race but was there schooling horses, took a gander at Rachel Alexandra. It brought back memories of Funny Cide, the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Tagg trained. Funny Cide schooled in the Saratoga paddock as a 3-year-old before an enthusiastic crowd.

"Oh, yeah, (Funny Cide) does go through your mind when you see this," Tagg said. "This is all good for the sport."

Before going back to her barn, Rachel Alexandra was saddled and made two loops around the paddock, where photographers zigzagged each other for prime shots. The filly was jiggling a bit, but otherwise composed.

Campo put his hands to his head and said to a NYRA security person: "We need to make sure they aren't running around like that Saturday."



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Via an interview with Tania Luzzi (wife of jockey Mike Luzzi), *The Special* checks in with Kimber Albarado, wife of jockey Robby Albarado.

1. How did you and Robby meet? And did you like each other right away? "Robby and I first met when I was 16 years old at Louisiana Downs in Bossier City, La. My best friend's dad was an agent and she introduced me to horse racing. Robby's best friend worked for my girlfriend's brother who is a trainer and we casually met and didn't see one another until the next year's meet. There was no connection between us the first time we met."

2. Do you ever critique the way your husband rides? If yes, does he take it in stride? "I can honestly say I have never criticized my husband's riding. I have the utmost respect for him and tend to keep my distance when it comes to his business. He has been riding professionally for 19 years and is probably his own worst critic. I'm here as his supporter. Horse racing is his profession, aside from that he's a husband and a father so I focus more on that aspect of our lives."

3. What is the most difficult part of being a jockey's wife and what is the easiest? "The most difficult part of being a jockey's wife for me is moving from place to place with the family and the amount of time he spends at the racetrack and away from home. The easiest part is realizing how fortunate I am to be married to such an amazing man and not taking that for granted."

4. If I saw your coffee table in your home, which books would I see? "We don't keep any books on our coffee table but we do keep magazines. You would find *The*



Kimber Albarado, wife of jockey Robby Albarado

Dave Harmon

Blood-Horse, *Daily Racing Form*, *MotoSports*, and a cooking magazine or two! I do enjoy reading but tend to eagerly start a book and never finish it!"

Editor's note: Where's *The Special*?

5. Do you have any talents you can tell me about? "I always say I wish God would have just given me an obvious talent. I don't know if this qualifies as a talent

but I can tie a cherry stem in a knot with my tongue. I also can whistle pretty loud and stand on my head."

6. If you were hosting a dinner party this evening in Saratoga for eight people, who would be on the guest list? "Dinner for eight, Lenny Pike and his girlfriend, Neil and Sue Howard, Gary and Angie Stevens, Mike and Tania Luzzi."

7. Have you ever run down to the winner's circle, to find your husband did not win the race? "Actually I experienced this for the first time last summer in Saratoga for the Travers. Robby was riding Mambo In Seattle and I'm still pretty sure he won. I think anyone who was at the track that day would agree with me."

8. Does Robby have any superstitions or rituals, when it comes to horse racing? "No superstition that I know of but he has been known to have a "lucky" suit. He definitely has raceday rituals. He has to work out and get in the hot box to loosen up. He always does his homework and studies the Form."

9. Are you involved in any type of charity work? "Absolutely, first and foremost Robby started his own Foundation in 2008 aiding the homeless and less fortunate people in the Louisville community. In November his foundation was honored to present \$18,000 to the homeless Shelter in downtown Louisville. Robby and I are also very involved in Liberation Through Education which is a non-profit organization in the New Orleans community founded by Robby's sister."

10. In three words, describe your husband. "Humble, generous and forgiving."

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If I was Ramon Dominguez, I'd freeze this moment in time; you've never ridden better.

If I was Jeremy Rose, I'd be heading to Belmont Park for the fall meet, as long as Graham Motion said it was OK.

If I was Calvin Borel and Rachel Alexandra runs like she's expected to Saturday, I'd put my whip away and I'd keep two hands on the reins.

If I was riding against Rachel Alexandra, I'd stalk her in the post parade, let my big colt glare at her like she did something wrong. It's about the only chance you'd have.

If I was a jockey, I'd hire Richard DePass as my agent.

If I was Hal Handel, I'd design signs for each parking lot, "You have parked in the Union Avenue East Parking Lot," so fans would remember where they parked when they left the track.

If I was P.J. Campo, I'd offer less extras and more distance races.

If I was NYRA, I'd close the holding barn and hire all-day surveillance for runners in their own stalls.

If I was Tim Kelly, I'd make new velcro letters for the saddle towels and teach the trainers to quarter-fold the towels so the full names are readable.

If I was Neal Cutrone, I'd go back to the old days of taking a full turn with the stakes horses. Imagine the people here to see Rachel Alexandra Saturday and they'll get to see her for half a turn of the paddock. Racing preaches that we need fans to come see the horses. They were lined up five deep to see her school in the paddock Thursday – show them the horses.

If I was the Chief, I'd ask Jimmy if he'd run Platinum in my name Monday.

If I was a director of any of the handicapping shows, I'd beg handicappers to give their opinions and select horses without dissing others. The owners pay the bills, they don't need a handicapper telling the world that their horse is a bum. Handicappers and horsemen will never see eye to eye, but the game doesn't need dejected gamblers taking out their frustrations on television or in print.

If I was Jimmy Toner, I'd wonder when I was going to get a break.

If I worked for the Environmental Protection Agency, I'd ban hosing the roads on the backside (anybody have a broom?) and I'd create a recycling plan. Think about those plastic buckets, bottles and containers that go in the landfill.

If I was Seth Benzel, I'd ask for royalties every time the Whitehall Stable ad runs on the OTB show.

CUP OF COFFEE

By
Sean Clancy



If I was Bill Gallo, I'd try to schedule another week between the A.P. Smithwick and the New York Turf Writers Cup.

If I was Dennis Zoitos, I'd leave the grill on for egg sandwiches until after 10 o'clock in the morning.

If I was Alan Garcia, I'd put my whip away when in front.

If I was Peter Buchanan, I'd come back every summer.

If I was a daily paper, I'd want more from my writers than an article rehashing the chart of the race and using nothing but the press box notes provided by NYRA.

If I was Bruce Johnstone, I'd design a traffic circle at the Nelson Avenue gate; one path for the horses heading up or down Gridley and another for the cars coming in and out of the gate.

If I was Rusty Arnold, I'd be forced to leave my two-turn, distance horses at home when I came to Saratoga.

If I was Kiaran McLaughlin, I'd try to convince Darley that Justenuffhumor needs to stay put.

If I was Jonathan Sheppard, I'd pat myself on the back for the training jobs with Terpsichorean, a mammoth jumper who flipped in the paddock earlier in the meet and returned to win Thursday's jump stakes, and Forever Together, who once wouldn't train and now runs like she loves it.

If I was Neema Ghazi, I'd keep thinking young.

If I was Tim Ice, I'd start looking for more stalls.

If I was Chip Woolley, I'd think about what might have been.

If I was Richard Migliore, I'd market myself as a travel jockey; have tack will travel, been there done that.

If I was a trainer, I'd want stalls at Fair Hill or somewhere else the horse could be a horse and walk up a hill every once in a while.

If I was Godolphin, I'd give Rick Mettee a raise.

If I was Jess Jackson, I'd book Rachel Alexandra's ticket to the Breeders' Cup. Of course, if I was Jerry Moss, I'd book Zenyatta's ticket to the Beldame.

Wow, being somebody else is easy.



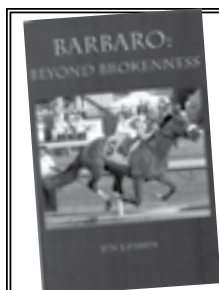
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