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She did it

Rachel Alexandra pulls off historic Woodward win

Dave Harmon Photo

Golfcarting around with Sean

Sean Clancy . . . I guess you can call him my boss, but to me he is a great friend. During the meet Jack (my co-worker) and I have been carting around on the golf cart with Sean delivering papers on our morning route around the track.

We stop constantly, because Sean would have to talk to someone for the paper. Jack and I would be waiting impatiently for Sean to come back about 15-30 minutes later and Sean would come back and say, "Sorry gang but I have to work."

Sean would get into the golfcart and to cheer us up he would do something funny, for example he would start acting like he was Tom Durkin and pretend the cart was a horse: "And Bullsbay is goin' across the valley and Vamos A Ver is back in fourth and here comes Better Talk Now . . ." Jack and I would be pretending to whip the golfcart and Sean would have a weird expression on his face like a bird just pooped on him. Then Jack and I would wave the whip in the air like we just won the Travers! As Sean always says, "In 20 years you and Jack will be looking back and saying what good times they were."

Sometimes when we go to the Annex, Guy, the security guard, gives Sean and me treats, like peanut butter truffles (but Jack would always eat them).

Sean is a good teacher too, whenever I say something that has incorrect grammar, he would correct me. For instance, "Jack and me handed out papers," and Sean would say, "no Jack and I, because you wouldn't say, me went to the store."

Toward the end of the meet, Jack had to go back to school in Maryland and Sean and I were the "lone survivors" as he would say. So I was promoted to head of distribution and "was a great" assistant according to him. I also ate a lot of doughnuts!



Dave Harmon

Empty Nest. A quick look at what the winner's circle will look like Tuesday.

Since I met Sean, I have met a lot of people and I have made great friendships (in the paper business you talk to everyone!). Sometimes it is difficult to remember everyone's name. For instance, yesterday I was working on a survey for the paper and I asked Rusty Arnold if I could ask a question for my survey and I asked for his

name and he said, "You don't know my name? I know your name!" Now, I always ask people to spell their name!

This year, Sean and his wife, Annie had a beautiful baby boy named Miles. During the first couple of weeks of the meet, Annie and Miles were not in Saratoga and Sean missed them ev-

ery minute of the day. I know he will be a good father because, how much fun he is to be around and how much he misses his family when they're not with him.

Sean, thank you for a great summer!

— Jane Motion,
head of distribution, assistant, writer

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Knight Ridder chief executive, in 1974

Here & There at Saratoga

Correction

You're going to think of me as a New York Times nerd but just pretend you're William Safire. The correct usage of the headline of your Cup of Coffee should be "If I were, but I'm not." One of the few instances where the subjunctive tense occurs in English. I will attribute it to a massive lack of sleep (and, truth be told, not really knowing the rule).

— Maggie Sweet

Worth Repeating

"Wow, Mike Balfe sets a record for Worth Repeatings."

Sovereign Stable's Rich Cristiano, after reading another quote from Balfe in the Special (Toadie Taylor moves to second place)

"Man, I hope they stick around after Kodiak runs."

Trainer Larry Jones, who had Kodiak Kowboy in the race before the Woodward, as he watched fans roll in the gate

"I can't see why not, there are mutuel tellers over there."

Tom Voss assistant, Robert Cutler, when asked if we could bet Left Unsaid in today's fourth

"It's a love-hate relationship."

Assistant and Saratoga resident Trish McLaughlin, talking about the closing of the meet

"The harness track is much easier."

Ryan Clancy, after cashing tickets on the Standardbreds Friday night

"He raised the level of civility in the barn."

Trainer Rick Violette, about Kurt Rosenthal, who galloped for Violette years ago

"Gene Weymouth would be proud."

Nick Santagata about The Saratoga Special

"Like my dad would say, 'I don't want to be rich, I just want one more dollar than I could ever spend.'"

Nancy Robinson, the Paper Lady

"What are you yawning about?"

Trainer Jim Bond to a Saratoga Special writer Saturday morning

"Thanks to everyone for a job well done! Informative and entertaining — the lost art of journalism lives on."

A small trainer (written on a box of Dunkin' Donuts delivered to The Special office Friday night)

By the Numbers

1: Television on an outside grill by the Annex.

1: Horse hanging its head out — way out — a trailer window on Nelson Avenue Saturday morning.

1: Lawn jockey delivered to the jocks' room by The Special golfcart.

Weather

Today: Sunny. High 75. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Low 54.
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Tod Marks

Moonrise over Saratoga. The season has come to an end for the ninth year of The Special.

Name of the Day

Coronation Day, first race. The last paper, Coronation Day for The Special.
Summer Humor, second race. Hopefully we added a little humor to your summer.
Kind Words, second race. Hopefully we added a few of these as well.
Left Unsaid, fourth race. There is nothing The Special has left unsaid.
Silenced, sixth race. Amen.
Rosary Beads, last horse, last race. Pray for Saratoga 2010.

Quote of the Morning

"We wish the track never closed and Dave Matthews Band played every night."

Patty Novo, Crush and Cask wine store owner, on business in Saratoga Springs

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As Good as it Gets

Rachel Alexandra
rules Saratoga

BY SEAN CLANCY

She came, she conquered. She fought, she won.

"Calvin kept telling me, 'You wait until they look at her, there will be more.' He said that every time," Steve Asmussen said after Rachel Alexandra won the Woodward. "I'm like, 'How the hell would you know?' How would you know?"

Borel knew. Now we all know.

WOODWARD STAKES RECAP

Rachel Alexandra proved her mettle matched her talent in an epic renewal of the Grade I Woodward Stakes. The iconic filly rocked seven older horses and rocked Saratoga like it's never been rocked. Hooked early, harassed throughout and hanging tough at the end, Rachel Alexandra became the first filly to win the Woodward Stakes. In 56 runnings, only six had tried the 9-furlong \$750,000 race.

They gave her nothing. She dispatched Da' Tara from his attempt at setting the pace, then shook off Past The Point on the turn, stiff-armed Bullsbay at the eighth pole and finally held off Macho Again to win by head. Rachel Alexandra finished in 1:48.29.

Owned by Stonestreet Stable and Harold McCormick, Rachel Alexandra went off 3-10 in the field of eight and improved

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Tod Marks

Calvin Borel zeroes in on the finish line as Rachel Alexandra (right) holds off Macho Again by a head in the Woodward.

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Woodward —

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her 2009 mark to a perfect 8-for-8. She's won five consecutive Grade I stakes. They read long and tall — the Kentucky Oaks, Preakness, Mother Goose, Haskell and Woodward. Three-year-old fillies, 3-year-olds males and now older males. What else is there?

The talk all year has been about Rachel Alexandra and Zenyatta, the undefeated champion from California, squaring off in the Breeders' Cup, the Beldame, the Mattress Mac Cup. That looks anti-climactic after the Woodward.

Rachel Alexandra broke alertly from stall 3, Borel kept her well off the rail going into the first turn. Her cruising speed propelled her to tangle with Da' Tara who had the rail and the lead. Rachel Alexandra took over from last year's Belmont winner after a quarter-mile in 22.85 seconds. Past The Point tracked in third with Cool Coal Man fourth and It's A Bird grappling for a part of the front flight. Bullsbay relaxed in sixth, with Asiatic Boy and second choice Macho Again bidding their time after a half in 46.41.

"She broke a little sharper than I thought she would but Steve talked to me the day before and he said she might be sharper. He was right," Borel said. "She got a little aggressive and left running. Everything he said might happen did happen. He told me just to wait as long as I could before I really asked her. I rode her just like that, from there, that's all I can do."

Past The Point picked up the baton from Da' Tara as Rachel Alexandra rolled into the far turn. Last year's Woodward runner-up got to her saddle towel. That's all. Bullsbay ducked inside Past The Point, who carried It's A Bird and Asiatic Boy wide coming off the turn, and made

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To a packed house rocking the old rafters, Rachel Alexandra leads Macho Again and Bullsbay.

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third run at the filly. The Whitney winner ranged up to her flank and that's all. Borel slapped her on the right shoulder, then switched and hit her three times on the left side. Macho Again roared past Bullsby to take a fourth run at Rachel Alexandra who clung to the rail and the lead. Borel switched his whip back to his right and transformed into his Borel scrub, pumping and hitting like he's waving a blanket at a bull. Macho Again chased her all the way to the line but couldn't get past her, ultimately failing by a head. Macho Again tries hard every time. This time, he couldn't pin her shoulders to the floor.

"I always knew she'd have it. She's the best horse I've ever been on. She had to prove herself today, but I already knew she could run like that. Nobody else gets to ride her in a race so there's no way to describe it to them," Borel said. "It was an unbelievable performance. You wouldn't imagine the feeling. I don't know how good she really is. Nobody does. Every time they come up to her, she just goes again. She doesn't want to let anyone by her."

As Borel wagged and waved after the race, Asmussen hugged assistant Scott Blasi and owner Jess Jackson and then walked into the winner's circle to await the \$2.9 million earner. As she walked in, Asmussen raised his hands above his head and clapped like he was a fan on the apron at the quarter pole. After the photos, the only filly to ever win the Woodward headed for the test barn.

Asmussen grabbed his children, signed photos and programs, sat down at the press conference, signed photos and programs and then hopped the back fence of the jocks' room to go see the best in the world.

"I don't know what to say. I really don't," Asmussen said. "You can change everything about races but the outcome. You can want it but this isn't a movie, they don't go according to script. You've got to go and do it. People tell you, you can't lose, then, guess what, they open the betting window and let you bet on it. I'm just nervous, I can't help it. I wouldn't go downstairs until they put her number up, that's me."

Jackson balances Asmussen's nerves with audacious confidence. As the racing world ogled over Rachel Alexandra's 20-length romp in the Oaks and dreamed of what she would have done in the Kentucky Derby, Jackson stepped up to find out what she could do in the Preakness. He bought her from breeder Dolphus Morrison and transferred her from Hal Wiggins to Asmussen. Dominic Terry began getting on the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro.

She won the Preakness, 15 days after winning the Oaks. They skipped the Belmont, regrouped and won the Mother Goose with ease. Shipped to Monmouth Park, Rachel Alexandra swept the Haskell over eventual Travers winner Summer Bird. The Woodward made 11 for her career, eight this year. She's beaten males in three of her last four starts.

Pushing the envelope? This is pushing the mail truck.

"Honestly, no slight exaggeration, when the options are out there, 'what



Tod Marks

The Woodward field breaks from the gate.

could you run in?' He's taken the spot," Asmussen said of Jackson. "We all know how hard it is to be brilliant once in a row, eight in a row, oh my gosh. She was going in 59 at Oaklawn in February. I've never seen anything like her."

Borel, who fell off in the post parade when Rachel Alexandra reacted to the crowd noise, is in awe of his filly.

"It's emotional. It's a filly running against the boys, running that well, trying that hard," he said. "She won the Woodward, and she had to work at it. One after another she fought them off."

Back at the test barn, Asmussen watched Rachel Alexandra cool out. Leaning on a wooden rail, on his own, he was part racing fan, part caretaker of the best horse in the country.

"I'm proud of her, proud for her," Asmussen said. "She gets to keep that twinkle in her eye. Everybody says they can do it, but you've got to prove it. She proved it. I coulda, I woulda, I shoulda, she woulda, she coulda . . . she did it. She came through didn't she? I cried, I've never cried at a horse race. It moved me."

With that, Javier Espinoza led Rachel Alexandra from the test barn, across Union Avenue and back down to stall 1 of Asmussen's barn on the Oklahoma side.

"That is one of the fastest horses that ever lived. That's the only 3-year-old filly to win the Woodward," Asmussen said. "The other morning, Dominic said she could have actually left the ground if he asked."

On Saturday afternoon, she left the ground. And took Saratoga with her.

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Grade A Score

Pyro denies
Kodiak Kowboy
with inside move

BY JOE CLANCY

John Velazquez went back to the jocks' room and started to teach Race Riding 101. Saturday's lesson: How to Win a 7-furlong Grade I at Saratoga.

With hand-slapping, whistling, whew-ing enthusiasm, the jockey made his point.

FOREGO STAKES RECAP

"He's in front of me. I'm watching him. When he gets to the three-eighths pole, he's going to go out and when he goes out

I'm going to take his spot. If I get to the three-sixteenth pole before he gets there, I can win the race. Otherwise, he shuts me off and he wins the race."

He is Gabriel Saez aboard 6-5 favorite Kodiak Kowboy. Velazquez, riding 4-1 second choice Pyro, won the race to the spot and the race – the \$300,000 Forego – by a half-length in 1:21.48. Kodiak Kowboy settled for second with Ready's Echo (Calvin Borel) another half-length back in third. Owned by Godolphin Stable and trained by Saeed bin Suroor, the winner earned his first victory since June 2008 when owned by Winchell Thoroughbreds and trained by Steve Asmussen.



Tod Marks

See **FOREGO** page 11 ► Pyro (right) holds on to win over Kodiak Kowboy to win the Forego Saturday.

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Forego —

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Purchased by Godolphin after finishing sixth in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile last fall, Pyro did not run again until July 29 when he finished second to Forego rival Gold Trippi here. Velazquez learned a little from that race, another late-running try at 7 furlongs.

"Last time I tried to basically roughen him up between the horses and make him go somewhere and he didn't like it," the jockey said. "He threw his head all over and got all discombobulated. Today I was going to take my time and do it nice and easy and be gentle with him and manage him little by little instead of trying to manage him the whole way."

The new tactics worked.

From the rail, Pyro broke last of 12 and found some space as Multitude and Riley Tucker sparred on the lead through a first quarter-mile in 22.48 seconds. True Quality joined the fray through a half-mile in 45.24 as Kodiak Kowboy (eighth), Pyro (11th) and Ready's Echo (12th) rated in the back. Making up ground on the turn, the closers loomed after 6 furlongs in 1:09.02 — where Velazquez's strategy came into play.

Kodiak Kowboy went outside to get position on the turn. Pyro, just behind, advanced on the rail. After straightening for home, the decisions met again.

Kodiak Kowboy went around Driven By Success. Pyro squeezed past to the inside while emerging from behind the tiring front-runners in mid-stretch. Finally clear of other horses, Pyro and Kodiak



Tod Marks

Pyro (center) leads the big Forego field toward the wire on Saturday.

Kowboy surged together as Ready's Echo dove to the rail for one final lunge. Pyro held a slim lead, and kept it.

"He came out right before the quarter-pole and I went in where he was," said Velazquez. "My horse was quick and he had to be. I got there first. You have a plan and if it works, it's great. I had one shot and it worked out. If my horse doesn't quicken like he did, I'm dead."

Pyro earned his fifth career win, while validating the time and money Godolphin invested. The son of Pulpit underwent knee surgery late last year and did his early 2009 work with Darley's Johnny Burke in Kentucky. Godolphin's American assistant Rick Mettee took over at Belmont in the spring, and liked what he saw.

"He came back to us in really good shape and then he ran big in the comeback race to set us up for today," said Mettee. "When we got him we really circled two races that would be good fits for him — the Forego and the Cigar Mile."

Step one worked perfectly, thanks to Velazquez's decision-making and the colt's acceleration.

"It seemed that earlier in the day no one wanted to close on this track but I told Johnny in the paddock not to worry about it, just let him run his race," said Mettee. "He's got about a quarter-mile run in him. He's not a great work horse or an easy horse to get ready, but we felt confident that he would improve and run well here. We also knew we had

to pull a perfect trip to win a race like this with his style and with this many in the field. When you beat Kodiak Kowboy you know it's a real race."

Eighth in the Kentucky Derby and third in the Travers last year, Pyro may have found a home in one-turn races at a mile or less where he can use his acceleration more effectively.

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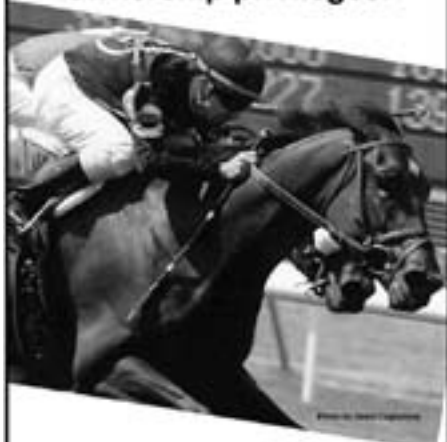
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Saturday, September 5.

1ST. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 3&UP. ST. HCP. PURSE. \$50,000.

7	Starforaday	Maragh R	10.00	4.20	3.20
3	Base Commander	Velazquez J R		3.70	3.20
5	Woodacre	Lezcano J			10.40

Finish Time: 1:15.26

Trainer: Gary Contessa.

Owner: Winning Move Stable, Harold Lerner and John Moirano.

B. h. 6. Five Star Day-Known Feminist, Known Fact.

Bred by Schelford Farm (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (7-3) Paid \$40.20; \$2 Trifecta (7-3-5) Paid \$638.00;

\$2 Superfecta (7-3-5-2) Paid \$1,710.00

2ND. 7 FURLONGS. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$55,000.

10	Callide Valley	Leparoux J R	13.00	7.30	3.80
1	Captain Stone	Bridgmohan S X		27.80	10.20
3	In Just We Trust	Velazquez J R			2.50

Finish Time: 1:23.76

Trainer: Eddie Kenneally. Owner: Gary and Mary West Stable.

B. c. 2. Indian Charlie-Cheri Chardoneigh, Hennessy.

Bred by Dan Issel (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (10-1) Paid \$354.50; \$2 Quinella (1-10) Paid \$212.50;

\$2 Trifecta (10-1-3) Paid \$1,238.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-10) Paid \$86.00;

\$2 Superfecta (10-1-3-11) Paid \$11,304.00

3RD. 1 1/8 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. MSW. \$51,000

7	Gold d'Oro	Desormeaux K J	4.60	3.10	2.30
4	Cruisin'nthebridle	Dominguez R A		8.90	5.20
2	Choice Play	Leparoux J R			4.50

Finish Time: 1:47.57

Trainer: Bill Mott. Owner: Don Adam.

B. f. 3. Medaglia d'Oro-Gold Canyon, Mr. Prospector.

Bred by Courtlandt Farm (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (7-4) Paid \$47.00; \$2 Trifecta (7-4-2) Paid \$237.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (7-10-7) 3 Correct Paid \$293.00;

\$2 Daily Double (10-7) Paid \$39.60;

\$2 Superfecta (7-4-2-9) Paid \$1,305.00

4TH. 1-MILE. TURF. THE PEERLESS SPRINGS. 3&UP. F&M. NY BREDS. PURSE \$74,000.

7	Mother Russia	Dominguez R A	10.00	4.90	4.10
2	Akilina	Maragh R		9.10	6.70
3	Exclusive Scheme	Castellano J J			5.60

Finish Time: 1:36.47

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: Obviously NY Stable.

Dk. B. or Br. f. 3. Mayakovsky-Still Secret, Hennessy.

Bred by Philip Birsh (NY).

\$2 Exacta (7-2) Paid \$101.50; \$2 Quinella (2-7) Paid \$51.50;

\$2 Trifecta (7-2-3) Paid \$689.00; \$2 Pick 3 (10-7-7) 3 Correct Paid \$226.50;

\$2 Daily Double (7-7) Paid \$27.40; \$2 Superfecta (7-2-3-4) Paid \$2,138.00

5TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$51,000

1	Stately Victor	Albarado R J	6.20	3.80	3.40
7	Extraextraordinary	Desormeaux K J		9.20	6.70
6	Bwana Brave	Dominguez R A			7.80

Finish Time: 1:42.78

Trainer: Mike Maker. Owner: Thomas Conway.

B. c. 2. Ghostzapper-Collect The Cash, Dynaformer.

Bred by Adena Springs (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (1-7) Paid \$70.50; \$2 Trifecta (1-7-6) Paid \$581.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (7-7-1) 3 Correct Paid \$100.00;

\$2 Pick 4 (10-7-7-1) 4 Correct Paid \$959.00; \$2 Daily Double (7-1) Paid \$44.40;

\$2 Superfecta (1-7-6-5) Paid \$2,643.00

6TH. 1 1/16 MILES. TURF. 3&UP. CLM. PURSE \$30,000.

3	Copper Cascade	Lezcano J	12.80	6.50	5.30
9	Smart Enuf	Velazquez J R		15.00	10.00
7	Sawtooth Mountain	Castellano J J			5.00

Finish Time: 1:41.81

Trainer: Mark Hennig. Owner: Mark Grier.

Ch. c. 3. Grand Slam-Topicount, Private Account.

Bred by Gaines-Gentry Thoroughbreds (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (3-9) Paid \$294.50; \$2 Trifecta (3-9-7) Paid \$1,879.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (7-1-3) 3 Correct Paid \$675.00; \$2 Daily Double (1-3) Paid \$51.50

7TH. 7 FURLONGS. 2YO. MSW. PURSE \$55,000.

10	Gun Rock	Dominguez R A	10.00	5.30	3.10
8	Rule	Velazquez J R		6.30	3.20
5	Hockley	Desormeaux K J			2.20

Finish Time: 1:23.81

Trainer: Barclay Tagg. Owner: Fox Hill Farm.

B. c. 2. Forest Danger-Brilliant Blaze, Seeking The Gold.

Bred by Dreamfields Inc., Don Brady and Porter Thompson (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (10-8) Paid \$55.00; \$2 Trifecta (10-8-5) Paid \$93.50;

\$2 Daily Double (3-10) Paid \$74.00; \$2 Pick 3 (1-3-10) 3 Correct Paid \$263.00;

\$2 Superfecta (10-8-5-3) Paid \$438.40

8TH. 6 1/2 FURLONGS. 3&UP ALLOWANCE PURSE: \$59,800

12	Mesa Sunrise	Desormeaux K J	21.00	9.80	6.70
14	Hamazing Destiny	Theriot H J II		12.60	8.40
3	Sean Avery	Dominguez R A			3.60

Finish Time: 1:15.03

Trainer: Bill Mott. Owner: Brushwood Stable.

B. c. 3. Sky Mesa-Bashful Charmer, Capote.

Bred by Peter Van Andel (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (12-14) Paid \$330.00; \$2 Trifecta (12-14-3) Paid \$2,070.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (3-10-12) 3 Correct Paid \$915.00;

\$2 Daily Double (10-12) Paid \$134.00

9TH. 7 FURLONGS. THE FOREGO. 3&UP. PURSE: \$300,000.

1	Pyro	Velazquez J R	10.20	4.60	3.60
2	Kodiak Cowboy	Saez G		3.20	2.50
3	Ready's Echo	Borel C H			5.30

Finish Time: 1:21.48

Trainer: Saeed bin Suroor. Owner: Godolphin Racing.

Dk. B. or Br. c. 4. Pulpit-Wild Vision, Wild Again.

Bred by Winchell Thoroughbreds (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (1-2) Paid \$25.40; \$2 Trifecta (1-2-3) Paid \$141.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (10-12-1) 3 Correct Paid \$700.00;

\$2 Daily Double (12-1) Paid \$165.50; \$2 Superfecta (1-2-3-10) Paid \$648.00

10TH. 1 1/8 MILES. THE WOODWARD. 3&UP. PURSE \$750,000.

3	Rachel Alexandra	Borel C H	2.60	2.40	2.10
4	Macho Again	Albarado R J		3.80	2.80
2	Bullsbay	Rose J			4.00

Finish Time: 1:48.29

Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: Stonestreet Stable&Harold McCormick.

B. f. 3. Medaglia d'Oro-Lotta Kim, Road.

Bred by Dolphus Morrison (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (3-4) Paid \$12.20; \$2 Trifecta (3-4-2) Paid \$36.80;

\$2 Pick 3 (12-1-3) 3 Correct Paid \$236.50; \$2 Daily Double (1-3) Paid \$14.40

11TH. 1-MILE. TURF. 3&UP. ALW. PURSE \$53,000.

11	Kinsella	Velazquez J R	10.20	7.10	4.70
6	Whitley	Coa E M		12.00	5.90
4	North Country	Maragh R			4.40

Finish Time: 1:35.53

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Owner: Team Valor International.

Ch. c. 3. Mr. Greeley-Win My Heart, King Of Kings (Ire).

Bred by Liberation Farm and Oratis (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (11-6) Paid \$155.50; \$2 Trifecta (11-6-4) Paid \$772.00;

\$2 Superfecta (11-6-4-10) Paid \$2,018.00;

\$2 Pick 3 (1-3-11) 3 Correct Paid \$84.00; \$2 Daily Double (3-11) Paid \$17.00;

\$2 Grand Slam (3/12/14-1/2/3-2/3/4-11) Paid \$32.40

12TH. 5 1/2 FURLONGS. TURF. 3&UP. F&M. CLM. PURSE \$29,000.

1	Gentle Ride	Velasquez C	6.70	4.20	3.10
5	Little Miss Julien	Velazquez J R		10.00	5.80
9	Ready Formycloseup	Maragh R			3.00

Finish Time: 1:03.60

Trainer: Linda Rice. Owner: Manuel Tobio.

Dk. B. or Br. f. 3. Mutakddim-Rhythm Of Dance, Pleasant Colony.

Bred by David Richardson and Amy Searfoss (Ky).

\$2 Exacta (1-5) Paid \$62.50; \$2 Trifecta (1-5-9) Paid \$220.00;

\$2 Superfecta (1-5-9-2) Paid \$719.00; \$2 Daily Double (11-1) Paid \$38.20;

\$2 Pick 3 (3-11-1) 3 Correct Paid \$67.00;

\$2 Pick 6 (10-12-1-3-11-1/3/11/14) 5 Correct Paid \$149.50;

\$2 Pick 6 (10-12-1-3-11-1/3/11/14) 6 Correct Paid \$15,149.00;

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Mom's the best

Mother Russia takes overnight stakes for Dominguez, Rice

BY BRIAN NADEAU & COLIN BEAURY

As 25.19 flashed on the monitor in the clubhouse, Tom Bush took a deep breath and took a big step toward the screen.

SATURDAY'S RACING RECAP

He watched as the horses hit the backstretch in the 1-mile Peerless Springs Stakes for 3-year-old New York-bred fillies on the turf. The trainer of 8-5 favorite Our Golden Dream shook his head as the Linda Rice-trained Mother Russia eased through a 49.94 half-mile in the \$74,000 stakes. Bush knew the rest of the race was a formality.

Mother Russia (Ramon Dominguez) tucked around the far turn and galloped home a 1-length winner over Akilina (Rajiv Maragh) and Exclusive Scheme (Javier Castellano).

Rice walked through droves of fans into the clubhouse as someone yelled, "Rachel, who?" The trainer passed Todd Pletcher by one in the trainer standings with 19 at that point.

Mother Russia, a daughter of Mayakovsky, is 4-for-5 in her 3-year-old campaign with each win coming in New York-bred stakes. Obviously NY Stable's filly



Tod Marks

Mother Russia finishes off the Peerless Springs Stakes Saturday.

took the Park Avenue and Cupecoy's Joy Stakes earlier this year, as well as the Statue of Liberty in her last start here August 13. It was Rice's decision to stretch the filly out on the grass that set the stage for a big 2009.

"She was eligible for the Stallion Stakes. The Park Avenue was in March on the dirt, and I barely had her back ready for that race. It was a struggle but we got it done," Rice said. "Then I knew the races were coming up on the turf, so we went to the Stallion Stakes on the grass. Last year, I thought this filly would be better on the turf. I had the feeling before she ever raced, so we

didn't go to the grass by default, it was intentional; and she's really appreciated the two turns as well. She's a little strong and hot, and at Belmont the one-turn mile was not for her. The two turns really settle her, and she came into these last two races great. She's a little high strung; we've worked really hard to settle her down."

Dominguez, Saratoga's leading rider with 40 wins coming into the race, was aboard for the front-running score in the Statue of Liberty. He pulled the same trip Saturday. The soft fractions all but sealed the deal.

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“When they put up the quarter and the half, I thought, ‘wow, we’re in pretty good shape,’ ” Rice said. “The favorite was right on her heels, but my filly is a nice filly. I knew that it was going to be a horse race when they went 49 4/5. When you have Alan Garcia breathing down your neck on the favorite stalking you have something to worry about, but Alan has breezed (Mother Russia) a few times; he knows she is a quality filly.”

• The ebb and flow of the trainer’s title took another turn when Pletcher won the 11th with Kinsella (John Velazquez), who was up late to run down Whitley (Eibar Coa) and North Country (Maragh). Owned by Team Valor International, the 3-year-old son of Mr. Greeley was the sales topper in the 2007 Saratoga Selected Yearlings sale and his win in the entry-level allowance on the grass was his second in three lifetime starts.

The tie, as it turned out, lasted all of 26 minutes. Rice finished the day on top when Manuel Tobio’s Gentle Ride (Cornelio Velasquez) streaked to victory in the nightcap, a \$35,000 claimer sprinting on the turf. The 3-year-old daughter of Mutakddim blasted to the front immediately and was never challenged en route to a wire-to-wire score over Little Miss Julien (Velazquez) and Ready Formycloseup (Maragh). With two racing days left – and 22 races – Rice is looking forward to whatever the results may hold.

“This has been pretty fun; I win one, Todd wins one and then I come back and win one at the end. It’s going to be an interesting next two days. I don’t know if I can handle two more days of this but we’re going to try,” Rice said. “I’m optimistic with the horses I have entered. We’ve got four or five each day and hopefully we can win a few. At the same time there were a few races that didn’t go so we have no choice but to go with what we’ve got and hope it’s enough.”



Dave Harmon

Gentle Ride took home the final race on Saturday.

• Julien Leparoux leaned sharply as he watched the replay of Callide Valley drifting down the stretch in the second. Shaun Bridgmohan claimed foul when the Eddie Kenneally-trained colt made contact with Captain Stone near the sixteenth-pole in the 7-furlong maiden for 2-year-olds. Leparoux talked with the stewards as Kenneally awaited the verdict. Minutes later, Gary and Mary West’s son of Indian Charlie was confirmed the official winner by a neck over Captain Stone with In Just We Trust (Velazquez) third.

Callide Valley finished sixth here Aug. 15 and looked green in the process.

“He needed the first race – and I knew he would – and he was still a little green today. He just takes a little while. He’s going to figure everything out, and he’ll improve big time going into his third race,” Kenneally said. “He’s been a little bit of a handful, but he’s a good-feeling horse. In the paddock he was tough to manage. He’s been working super lately; he’s had a better, more focused attitude since he ran the first time. He still has a long way to go.”

• Mike Maker walked out of the winner’s circle after the fifth, and was met with the question: “Is that the Ghostzapper colt you’ve been talking about?” Maker turned, smiled and nodded. Owned by Thomas Conway, Stately Victor gave his trainer plenty to smile about when the colt won a 1 1/16-mile maiden on the turf.

Stately Victory (Robby Albarado) shot along the rail in the stretch to win by 4 1/2 lengths over Extraextraordinary (Kent Desormeaux) and Bwana Brave (Dominguez).

Out of the Dynaformer mare Collect The Cash, a Grade I winner on the grass, the colt finished second here Aug. 22 in a maiden race rained off the turf. He closed well in his 7-furlong debut, and confirmed to Maker that he had some serious young talent in his shedrow.

“We’ve been extremely high on him all along. We gave him the time he needed to mature until Saratoga, and so far everything has gone to plan,” Maker said. “We bought him at the Adena Springs sale in March. He’s a big scopey horse and very professional every day. He’s never missed a beat. You have to love when a plan comes together.”

• Mark Grier’s Copper Cascade (Jose Lezcano) was a resilient winner of the sixth for Mark Hennig. The son of Grand Slam broke cleanly and rated just off the pace in the 1 1/16-mile claimer before cruising to the wire for a 1 3/4-length victory over Smart Enuf (Velazquez) and Sawtooth Mountain (Castellano).

Copper Cascade bolstered his career mark to 2-for-9, but has really come to hand since moving to a more preferable surface.

“We got him on the grass and it’s helping his confidence more than anything else; he’s been a little timid on the dirt because he’s always trained better than he’s raced,” Hennig said. “Putting him on the grass makes

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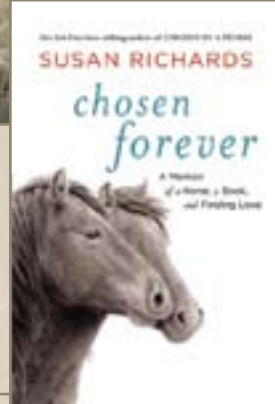
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Saturday —

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him focus more and not worry so much about the dirt in his face. He's always trained well, but he hasn't really shown his morning form in the afternoon until he got on the grass."

• Rick Porter's lime green bowtie stood out from the crowd in the winner's circle. His 2-year-old Gun Rock stood out from his nine rivals on the track.

Gun Rock (Dominguez), a \$500,000 2-year-old purchase, pressed a hot early pace and drew clear in midstretch before registering a 1-length win over Rule (Velazquez) and heavily favored Hockley (Desormeaux) in the seventh, a maiden

sprint for 2-year-olds. Gun Rock completed the 7 furlongs in a quick 1:23.81.

Trained by Barclay Tagg, Gun Rock was bought at the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale and made his debut here Aug 9. The son of Forest Danger rallied from sixth to finish a solid second in an 11-horse field. His progress from start one to start two impressed Porter.

"Obviously with a purchase price like that we held him in high regard from the start," Porter said. "He trained well leading up to his debut and I thought he ran a good race last month. Today he was able to build off that run and show why Barclay has had so much confidence in the horse. It's exciting to have a nice 2-year-old in the barn at this time of the year because you never know where they might take you."

Saratoga Leaders

Through September 5

Jockeys

Ramon Dominguez	42
Alan Garcia	37
Rajiv Maragh	30
Julien Leparoux	28
John Velazquez	26
Kent Desormeaux	23
Javier Castellano	22
Edgar Prado	21
Robby Albarado	17
Jose Lezcano	14
Cornelio Velasquez	11
Mike Luzzi	8
Jesus Castanon	7
Jorge Chavez	7
Shaun Bridgmohan	6
Eibar Coa	6
Jeremy Rose	5
Jamie Theriot	5

Trainers

Linda Rice	20
Todd Pletcher	19
Bill Mott	14
Steve Asmussen	12
Barclay Tagg	12
Gary Contessa	10
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Playing Catch-Up

Beautician narrows gap on Hot Dixie Chick

BY BRIAN NADEAU

How do you make up 6 1/4 lengths on the fastest 2-year-old filly on the planet?

SPINAWAY STAKES PREVIEW

Peter Callahan's Beautician will have 7 furlongs to figure it out in today's Grade I Spinaway when she once again tackles the freakishly fast Hot Dixie Chick in the Spa's \$300,000 centerpiece for juvenile fillies.

Beautician and Hot Dixie Chick met for the first time in the Grade III Schuylerville July 29 at 6 furlongs. The former broke in midpack, checked sharply while trying to advance on the backstretch and then re-rallied with a wide move to finish second. The latter was away cleanly from the rail, was deftly maneuvered outside to press the pace and drew off as much the best over the good main track.

Trainer Ken McPeck's assistant Jordan Blair is optimistic Beautician can bridge the gap on Sunday.

"It's a combination of a few different things on why we think she can make up the ground," Blair said. "She's grown up a lot from the Schuylerville and got a great deal of experience out of that race. She had to go six-wide around



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Hot Dixie Chick (left) will take some catching today. Beautician (right) tries to make up the ground.

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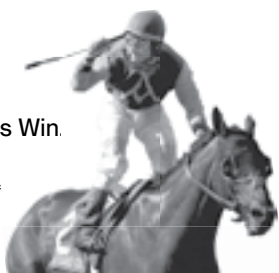


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there, and that might be 2 or 3 lengths right there. It looks like we're going to get a better track and you hope for a better trip than she got last time. And you hope that the pace scenario works out in that Hot Dixie Chick, on the rail, has to run hard every step of the way. Maybe she'll go too fast and we'll catch her. Seven furlongs at the end of the meet is a little different than 6 at the beginning of the meet."

Beautician entered the Schuylerville off a snappy 2-length win in her debut at Churchill Downs June 5. The daughter of Dehere stalked the pace in fourth before taking over and drawing clear. She's come a long way since Blair first saw her.

"She was a nervous filly and started out that way with us. She would dance around and back up in the morning, be a bit flighty," Blair said. "But then once you turned her around to gallop she would become a professional. She always showed talent, especially when we shipped her to Churchill a few weeks before her first run. She only won her debut by a couple of lengths but she did it in fast time and did it easy. She just galloped around out there."

Beautician was scheduled to start in the Aug. 19 Adirondack here but had to be scratched a few days before the race when she began to show signs of colic. With a talented and classy filly with a bright future, the decision to withdraw was as tough as it was easy.

"She got a little colicky and sweaty and we tried to walk her out but we decided to err on the side of caution and treat the filly and that meant we had to scratch," Blair said. "It was a no-brainer, you've got to do what's right by the filly. It was bad luck but everything seems to happen for a reason. The extra couple of weeks has really helped her out, she's worked well at 5 furlongs a few times and we go in with a lot of confidence."

Kent Desormeaux, aboard for the first time in the Schuylerville, has the return call.

Rick Violette was initially going to pass on the Spinaway with William Lawrence and Klaravich Stable's Worstcasescenario (Alan Garcia to ride), but admitted Saturday morning that the 4 1/4-length winner of the Grade II Adirondack has him rethinking the plan.

"We were only going to run if Steve (Asmussen) scratched Hot Dixie Chick,



Tod Marks

Worstcasescenario tries to crash the party in the Spinaway today.

but we're doing awfully good," Violette said with a knowing smile. "There's some temptation to run so it will be a game-time decision. It's a little bit quick off of such a big race but it's a Grade I and the horse has been doing great since the Adirondack."

Worstcasescenario entered the 6 1/2-furlong Adirondack like most juveniles in the early season Saratoga stakes; long on talent and short on experience. The daughter of Forbidden Apple blitzed maidens by 5 3/4 lengths at Belmont Park July 24, her lone start, but backed that up in the Adirondack when she pressed a 44 1/5 half-mile, took over on the far turn and widened through the drive for a 4 1/4-length win. Violette was optimistic entering the Adirondack but was impressed by the run.

"I thought we had a shot because I knew we were talented and the race might shape up well for us, but I never thought she would run like she did. I didn't envision her being that superior, and that's what she was," Violette said. "We bought her as a 2-year-old in April (at OBS) and she was spectacular at the sales. She went fast, but she looked like she did it within herself and looked like there was more there. She looks like an old Munnings painting. She doesn't look like a fast 2-year-old; she looks like she wants to get a mile and an eighth or more, so 7 furlongs should be well within her."

Violette also has Opus A (Shaun Bridgmohan), a capable backup should he pass with Worstcasescenario. The New York-bred daughter of Read The Footnotes looked good beating maidens here by a half-length Aug. 12. Broadway Blue Stable's filly rallied from

eighth after steadying early and would be a stretch danger should the pace take its toll on the front runners.

"She was running like a machine down the middle of the racetrack and any time a 2-year-old passes eight horses in the stretch that's never a bad thing," Violette said. "If we can be third or better in a race like this it would be a home run. There's a lot to like about trying her in a spot like this. She's a big, imposing filly that has trained as good as a horse can train."

The deserving favorite is Grace Stable's Hot Dixie Chick (Robby Albarado). The daughter of Dixie Union finished second in her debut and has run off the screen in her last two starts. She set a track record when she broke her maiden at Churchill June 13 and then

doubled up in the Schuylerville with a powerful performance that sent her to the forefront in the juvenile filly ranks.

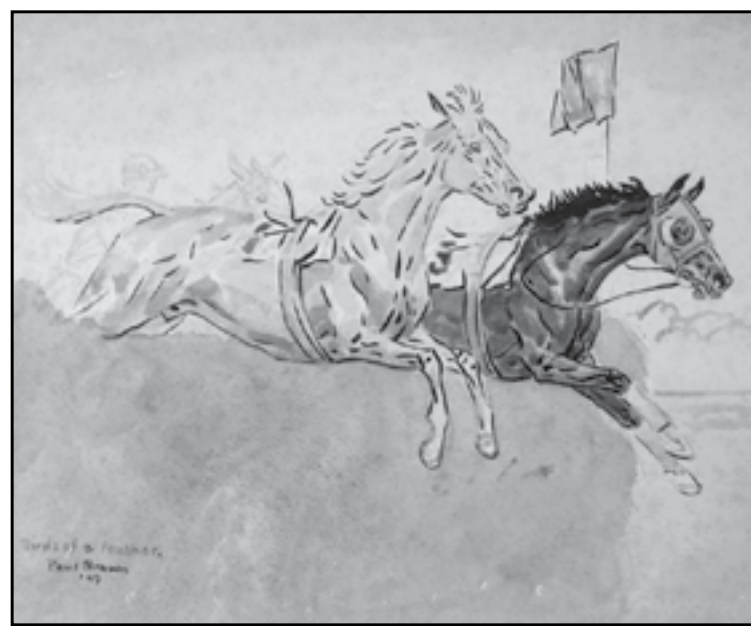
Hot Dixie Chick drew the rail in the Schuylerville and has the same post in the Spinaway. She'll have an additional furlong to deal with, in addition to several speedy types to her outside, but she once again rates as the horse to beat.

Sassy Image (Edgar Prado) chased home Worstcasescenario in the Adirondack and ran well to finish second in her first start against winners. Trained by Dale Romans for Jerry Romans, the daughter of Broken Vow has progressed nicely in her three races. Sassy Image ran third to Beautician in her debut at Churchill, then blasted maidens there in her next start 16 days later. Romans freshened her up for the Adirondack and Sassy Image showed she belongs in the graded stakes ranks. She tuned up for the Spinaway with a big 47 2/5 half-mile move Monday, the second fastest of 65 at the distance.

Magic Appeal followed the same career path as Sassy Image en route to her third in the Adirondack. The Stan Hough trainee finished second in a Belmont maiden in July, won her next start here Aug. 2 and then rallied from eighth while wide in the Adirondack. Owned by Hough and Cobra Farm, the daughter of Successful Appeal drew well in the Spinaway and should be rallying late.

Sky Fever (Jose Espinoza), a state-bred maiden winner here Aug. 17; Bickersons (John Velazquez), who is likely to scratch and run in Monmouth Park's Sorority Stakes and Snap Happy (Calvin Borel), a debut winner here Aug. 13, round out the field.

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Race #	John Panagot	Brian Nadeau	Pete Fornatale	Gaile Fitzgerald	John Shapazian
1	Coronation Day Right Of Way Gresham	Right Of Way Gresham Coronation Day	Right Of Way Gresham Dorian Will	Awesome Actor Xodo Frame Of Reference	Right Of Way Frame Of Reference Dorian Will
2	Kind Words Quiet Temper Ailalea	Kind Words Ailalea Quiet Temper	Protesting Kind Words Dynazaper	Romans Entry Protesting Evans Entry	Kind Words Evans Entry Protesting
3	Lowther Street Close Alliance Luv Gov	Luv Gov Lowther Street Close Alliance	Lowther Street Luv Gov African Diamond	Lowther Street Luv Gov Close Alliance	Lowther Street Fitzaslew Close Alliance
4	Left Unsaid En Fuego Chapin Beach	Left Unsaid Lieutenant Spell	Left Unsaid En Fuego Chapin Beach	En Fuego Seeking The Sluice Left Unsaid	Left Unsaid Chapin Beach Seeking The Sluice
5	Cannonball Dubb Entry Karakorum Elektra	Cannonball Redefined Karakorum Elektra	Cannonball Dubb Entry Ahvee's Destiny	Cannonball Dubb Entry Karakorum Elektra	Silver Timber Cannonball Redefined
6	Elsaroarin Make Note Sourceofthenile	Sourceofthenile Bishop Of Nola Mine Over Matter	Make Note Rice Entry Bishop Of Nola	Bishop Of Nola Rice Entry Elsaroarin	Bishop Of Nola Elsaroarin Swinging At Siro's
7	Intercoastal Echo In Eternity Pals First Lady	Winthrop House Echo In Eternity Intercoastal	Echo In Eternity Rice Entry Intercoastal	Pals First Lady Intercoastal Echo In Eternity	Echo In Eternity Pals First Lady Voodoouthinkur
8	Chorus Music Lemon Punch Ketubah	Freedom Rings Frivolous Buck Ketubah	Ketubah Bush Entry Mythical Yarn	Ketubah Bush Entry Chorus Music	Freedom Rings Ketubah High Cry
9	Lime Rickey Sal The Barber Armstrong Mill	Uncle T Seven Sal The Barber Lime Rickey	Reservoir Sal The Barber Al Khali	Al Khali Sal The Barber Armstrong Mill	Sal The Barber Al Khali Lime Rickey
10	Hot Dixie Chick Beautician Sassy Image	Sassy Image Hot Dixie Chick Worstcasescenario	Hot Dixie Chick Beautician Sassy Image	Hot Dixie Chick Worstcasescenario Beautician	Hot Dixie Chick Worstcasescenario Beautician
11	Awedacious Caren Better Than Swiss Runfromthestorm	Awedacious Caren Fox's Ally Cat Runfromthestorm	Better Than Swiss Runfromthestorm Awedacious Caren	Runfromthestorm Better Than Swiss Rice Entry	Better Than Swiss Roaring Ghost Rice Entry
To Date:	84/295	61/295	52/295	80/295	87/295

SUNDAY'S DETAILED ANALYSIS

BY BRIAN NADEAU

RACE 1: RIGHT OF WAY gets the call in an effort to get Allen Jerkens a win before the circuit heads to Belmont. Takes a slight drop and fits well at this level. GRESHAM didn't run poorly in a tough stakes here five weeks ago and is another who will like the company. CORONATION DAY has been freshened since taking a minor state-bred stakes at Belmont in July.

RACE 2: KIND WORDS is a full-sis to the great Bernardini and this Darley homebred has been rumored to be a good thing. Nice to see she starts out at 7 furlongs as well, which should be well within her scope. AILALEA broke slowly and made up some ground late in her debut; Pletcher's 2-year-olds often improve leaps and bounds in their second starts. QUIET TEMPER chased home a nice prospect Aug. 10 in a race that has already had a next-out winner.

RACE 3: One last try for LUV GUV, who was going well late in a spot like this 15 days ago. Should benefit from an honest pace. LOWTHER STREET ran a career best in his first start on dirt earlier in the meet and a repeat of that run would be plenty good enough. CLOSE ALLIANCE ran well in his U.S. debut and should move forward.

RACE 4: Hurdle star LEFT UNSAID will get every inch of the 1 3/8 miles, which might be more than some of his rivals can say. Drops a ton of weight, gets Prado and has some solid flat form to fall back on. Look out. LIEUTENANT seems to be cycling into a big run and should get enough speed up front to aid his late rally. SPELL was unimpressive in his local bow but can make amends.

RACE 5: CANNONBALL was beaten a neck at Royal Ascot in the Grade I Jubilee June 20, arguably the biggest turf sprint in the world. If that run didn't take too much out of him he should get the job done. REDEFINED is only 1-for-7 over the course but is in the mix every time. KARAKORUM ELEKTRA was scratched earlier in the week to presumably run here; one of four Linda Rice has entered.

RACE 6: Stabbing with SOURCEOFTHENILE, who outworked debut winner (by 7) Lovely Lil by a length in an Aug. 4 work. This doesn't seem to be the saltiest group of state-breds so it might be wise to look for a fresh new face. BISHOP OF NOLA ran well in his debut but must avoid a tardy beginning from the rail. MINE OVER MATTER has some serious pedigree power for a New York-bred.

RACE 7: WINTHROP HOUSE drops after a stakes route out of town and should relish the return to the turf sprint ranks. ECHO IN ETERNITY is another dropper but with Pletcher going for the trainer's title you can take these types a bit more seriously. Clearly the one to fear. INTERCOASTAL got back on the beam in his last; dangerous.

RACE 8: I'll be honking all the way back to Delaware after FREEDOM RINGS gets the job done for Dave Donk. Adds blinkers after just missing against better earlier in the meet. FRIVOLOUS BUCK had a wide trip in her local bow and might get overlooked because a few that beat her are back. Prior form says she can win this. KETUBAH is the obvious danger but didn't really kick in through the lane like we all expected last time. This wide draw is no bargain either.

RACE 9: Trying for the upset with UNCLE T SEVEN, who owns a stellar stretch run when ridden correctly. Hoping the last run is the best run for an underrated conditioner. SAL THE BARBER will be heavily favored – and deservedly so – but he's run two big races back-to-back so you have to wonder if there's a bit of regression forthcoming. LIME RICKEY deserves to win one of these graded stakes, just not sure today's the day.

RACE 10: SASSY IMAGE ran well to finish second over a speed-favoring track in the Adirondack and seems poised to take a major step forward. Enters on the heels of a monster 4-furlong move over the main track last week and will be a big overlay. HOT DIXIE CHICK is the best 2-year-old filly in training and a legit 3-5 in this race, but she's on the rail and stretches from 6 furlongs to 7 furlongs, so you're allowed to try and beat her. She also comes in off back-to-back lifetime best runs so you have to be a bit concerned she'll regress in this spot. WORSTCASESCENARIO ran off in the Adirondack over the top choice but could be a pace casualty if she hooks up with Hot Dixie Chick early.

RACE 11: AWEDACIOUS CAREN has a nice pedigree and figures to be forgotten on the tote with Pletcher and Rice taking money. Call at first-asking. FOX'S ALLY CAT is a Rice firster that you can assume is cranked for her best. Enters off a bevy of solid drills, the last a 47 1/5-second move over the turf just five days ago. All systems go. RUNFROMTHESTORM ran well against open company at Gulfstream Park this spring and those races were against much better than she meets here. A stretch threat if she's ready for her best off the bench.

SUNDAY'S SARATOGA ENTRIES

Sunday, September 6. Post Time 1 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (1:00) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3YO CLAIMING (\$60,000 - \$50,000) PURSE: \$46,000

1	2	Frame of Reference	Velazquez J R	Rice Linda	5-1
1A	6	Frazil	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	5-1
2	1	Xodo	Maragh R	Ribaudo Robert	12-1
3	3	Dorian Will	Prado E S	Pletcher Todd A	6-1
4	4	Coronation Day	Castellano J J	Weaver George	9-2
5	5	Bad Action	Luzzi M J	Contessa Gary C	10-1
6	7	Attractive Ride	Desormeaux K J	Scherer Merrill R	15-1
7	8	Right of Way	Velasquez C	Jerkens H Allen	3-1
8	9	Awesome Actor	Dominguez R A	Klesaris Steve	12-1
9	10	Gresham	Albarado R J	Baker James E	7-2

A-Coupled: Frame of Reference and Frazil
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (1-3), Daily Double

2ND (1:32) 7 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$50,000

1	1	Summer Humor	Albarado R J	McLaughlin Kiaran	6-1
1A	7	Mambo Fever	Maragh R	Dutrow Anthony	6-1
2	2	Omi's Vindication	Castellano J J	Romans Dale	4-1
2B	3	Quiet Temper	Garcia Alan	Romans Dale	4-1
3	4	Dynazaper	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I	8-1
4	5	Hidden Value	Theriot H J II	Lukas D Wayne	15-1
5	6	Kind Words	Dominguez R A	Albertrani Thomas	3-1
6	8	Ailalea	Prado E S	Pletcher Todd A	5-1
7	9	Starsilhouette	Velasquez C	Penna Angel Jr	10-1
8	10	Protesting	Velasquez J R	McGaughy III C R	7-2

A-Coupled: Summer Humor and Mambo Fever
B-Coupled: Omi's Vindication and Quiet Temper
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (2-4), Pick 4 Races (2-5) Daily Double

3RD (2:04) 1 1/8 MILES 3&UP ALLOW PURSE: \$65,000

1	1	Lowther Street	Prado E S	Harty Eoin	2-1
2	2	Mr. Again	Maragh R	Benzel Seth	15-1
3	3	African Diamond	Castellano J J	Brown Chad C	8-1
4	4	Close Alliance	Dominguez R A	Frankel Robert	5-1
5	5	Birdrun	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I	10-1
6	6	Luv Gov	Velasquez C	Lukas D Wayne	3-1
7	7	Fitzaslew	Albarado R J	McPeck Ken	6-1
8	8	Hoopoe	Velasquez J R	Zito Nicholas P	8-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (3-5), Daily Double

4TH (2:36) 1 3/8 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$59,000

1	4	Canardly	Samyn J L	Kelly Patrick J	30-1
1A	AE	Pynaformer	Samyn J L	Kelly Patrick J	30-1
2	1	Spell	Albarado R J	Stall Albert M Jr	10-1
3	2	Chapin Beach	Maragh R	Hennig Mark	5-1
4	3	Boyhood Dream	Garcia Alan	Ward Wesley A	20-1
5	5	Lieutenant (GER)	Castellano J J	Jerkens H Allen	8-1
6	6	Seeking the Sluice	Dominguez R A	Tagg Barclay	7-2
7	7	Left Unsaid	Prado E S	Voss Thomas H	3-1
8	8	En Fuego	Desormeaux K J	Clement Christophe	4-1
9	9	Cape Doctor	Theriot H J II	Nicks Ralph E	15-1
10	10	Parker's Project	Hodsdon D	Sheppard Jonathan	15-1
11	AE	Armania	Castellano J J	Capuano Dale	12-1

A-Coupled: Canardly and Pynaformer
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (4-6), Daily Double

5TH (3:08) COMMENTATOR S. 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3&UP NY BRED PURSE: \$70,000

1	4	Silver Timber	Coa E M	Brown Chad C	2-1
1A	6	Redefined	Maragh R	Dutrow Anthony	2-1
2	1	Extinguish	Luzzi M J	Duggan David P	30-1
3	2	Mohegan Sky	Velasquez C	Rice Linda	15-1
4	3	Ahvee's Destiny	Velasquez J R	Rice Linda	5-1
5	5	Karakorum Elektra	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	8-1
6	7	Meriwether Jessica	Lezcano J	Rice Linda	12-1
7	8	Motor Patrol	Castellano J J	Horgan Roger A	30-1
8	9	Cannonball	Dominguez R A	Ward Wesley A	8-5
9	10	Citifest	Morales S	Hertler John O	15-1

A-Coupled: Silver Timber and Redefined
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (5-7), Daily Double

6TH (3:41) 6 FURLONGS 2YO MAIDEN NEW YORK BRED PURSE: \$48,400

1	2	Mine Over Matter	Velasquez C	Hernandez Ramon	20-1
1A	7	Treasure Trunk	Velasquez C	Hernandez Ramon	20-1
2	8	Swinging At Siro's	Castanon J L	Rice Linda	3-1
2B	9	Stellaluce	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	3-1
3	1	Bishop of Nola	Albarado R J	McPeck Ken	7-2
4	3	Cathy's Rascal	Morales S	Hertler John O	30-1
5	4	Mineswept	Prado E S	Serpe Philip M	6-1
6	5	Sourceofthenile	Desormeaux K J	Hushion Michael E	8-1
7	6	Elsaroarin	Dominguez R A	Werner Ronny	5-1
8	10	Make Note	Castellano J J	Weaver George	5-1
9	11	Saver Dude	Theriot H J II	Romans Dale	15-1
10	12	Silenced	Maragh R	Lukas D Wayne	15-1

A-Coupled: Mine Over Matter and Treasure Trunk
B-Coupled: Swinging At Siro's and Stellaluce
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (6-8), Pick 6 Races (6-11), Daily Double

7TH (4:14) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3&UP CLAIMING (\$35,000)

PURSE: \$29,000

1	3	Pals First Lady	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	9-2
1A	7	Fort McCoy	Velasquez C	Rice Linda	9-2
2	1	Winning Grievance	Bridgmohan S X	Stoklosa Richard	30-1
3	2	Khan of Khans	Maragh R	Imperio Joseph	5-1
4	4	Rapid Mon	Castellano J J	Kimmel John C	15-1
5	5	Echo in Eternity	Velasquez J R	Pletcher Todd A	3-1
6	6	Voodooouthinkur	Borel C H	Reiff Eugene	8-1
7	8	Winthrop House	Albarado R J	McLaughlin Kiaran	7-2
8	9	Rizty Aly	Lezcano J	Disanto Glenn B	30-1
9	10	Natty Meboy	Prado E S	Schwartz Scott M	20-1
10	11	Intercoastal	Dominguez R A	Ward Wesley A	5-1

A-Coupled: Pals First Lady and Fort McCoy
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (7-9), Grand Slam Races (7-10) Daily Double

8TH (4:48) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP ALLOW NY BRED PURSE: \$49,000

1	7	High Cry	Velasquez C.....	Bush Thomas M.....	9-2
1A	12	Lemon Punch	Desormeaux K J.....	Bush Thomas M.....	9-2
2	1	Musical Splendor	Espinoza J L.....	Contessa Gary C.....	20-1
3	2	Banker's Buy	Bridgmohan S X.....	Zito Nicholas P.....	20-1
4	3	Mythical Yarn	Prado E S.....	Serpe Philip M.....	12-1
5	4	Chorus Music.....	Maragh R.....	Terranova, II John P.....	6-1
6	5	Staten Island Gal	Lezcano J.....	Hills Timothy A.....	20-1
7	6	Freedom Rings.....	Velazquez J R.....	Donk David.....	7-2
8	8	Frivolous Buck.....	Garcia Alan.....	Weaver George.....	5-1
9	9	Hooked On Hope	Castellano J J.....	Tagg Barclay.....	10-1
10	10	Ketubah.....	Dominguez R A.....	Clement Christophe.....	4-1
11	11	Defarge.....	Luzzi M J.....	Benzel Seth.....	20-1
12	AE	Pink Tights	Morales S.....	Hertler John O.....	30-1
13	AE	Wise Choice	Maragh R.....	Sciaccia Gary.....	30-1
14	MTO	Vicarious.....	Maragh R.....	Jerkens H Allen.....	4-1
15	MTO	Carlyn Darlyn.....	Callejas Bernardo.....	8-1	

A-Coupled: High Cry and Lemon Punch
Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (8-10), Pick 4 Races (8-11), Daily Double

9TH (5:22) SARANAC S. (G3) 1 3/16 MILES (TURF) 3YO PURSE: \$100,000

1	1	Uncle T Seven	Velasquez J R	Morrison John	15-1
2	2	El Crespo	Bridgmohan S X	Arnold George R	12-1
3	3	Reservoir	Garcia Alan	Carey Julia	10-1
4	4	Armstrong Mill	Maragh R	Clement Christophe	8-1
5	5	Sal the Barber	Dominguez R A	Clement Christophe	2-1
6	6	Al Khali	Desormeaux K J	Mott William I	5-2
7	7	Lime Rickey	Castellano J J	Alexander Frank A	4-1
8	8	Blank Check	Prado E S	Pompay Terri	15-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (9-11), Daily Double

10TH (5:56) SPINAWAY S. (G1) 7 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO PURSE: \$300,000

1	1	Hot Dixie Chick	Albarado R J	Asmussen Steve	4-5
2	2	Sky Fever	Espinoza J L	Ortiz Juan	50-1
3	3	Opus A	Bridgmohan S X	Violette, Jr. R A	15-1
4	4	Bickersons	Velasquez J R	Breen Kelly J	15-1
5	5	Sassy Image	Prado E S	Romans Dale	10-1
6	6	Beautician	Desormeaux K J	McPeck Ken	5-1
7	7	Worstcasescenario	Garcia Alan	Violette, Jr. R A	4-1
8	8	Magic Appeal	Velasquez C	Hough Stanley M	15-1
9	9	Snap Happy	Borel C H	Stewart Dallas	30-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Daily Double

11TH (6:30) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) F&M 3&UP MAIDEN NY BRED PURSE: \$44,000

1	5	Ten Carrot Nikki	Velasquez C	Rice Linda	5-1
1A	6	Fox's Ally Cat	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	5-1
2	12	Rosary Beads	Morales S	Shevy Michael J	30-1
2B	AE	Being Queen	Tamburello A T	Shevy Michael J	30-1
3	1	Cat On a Quest	Prado E S	Dutrow, Jr. R E	8-1
4	2	Better Than Swiss	Maragh R	Dutrow Anthony W	3-1
5	3	Idle Gossip	Espinoza J L	Martin Carlos F	8-1
6	4	Runfromthestorm	Castellano J J	Weaver George	4-1
7	7	Red Kettle	Dominguez R A	Pletcher Todd A	10-1
8	8	Niki All	Studart M	Sciaccia Gary	50-1
9	9	Awedacious Caren	Bridgmohan S X	Bush Thomas M	12-1
10	10	Roaring Ghost	Velasquez J R	Benzel Seth	6-1
11	11	Lovable McGriff	Gutierrez J A	Raposa Joseph J	20-1

A-Coupled: Ten Carrot Nikki and Fox's Ally Cat

B-Coupled: Rosary Beads and Being Queen

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10) Wagers



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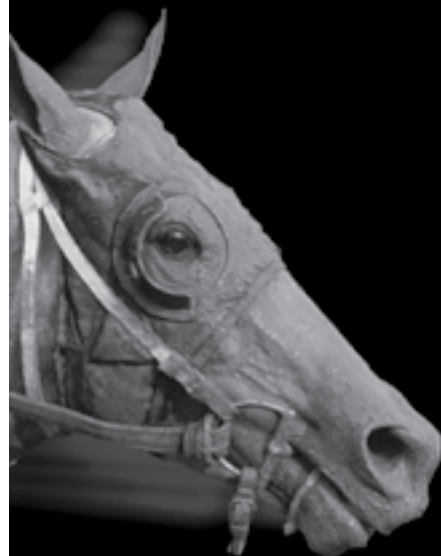
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Reservoir, eh?

Shipper tries to add to Canadian success

BY COLIN BEAURY

"When I first got him I was like, 'ugh,'" said trainer Julia Carey of Reservoir.

SARANAC STAKES PREVIEW

Nervous, slight and unassuming, Reservoir earned the nickname Tony the Pony in his early days with Carey.

Saturday morning, the shining chestnut ate hay, watched Forego favorite Kodiak Kowboy and Travers winner Summer Bird walk the Stakes Barn, and pricked his ears every time he heard, "Biscuit."

Reservoir earned the new nickname when he started to blossom as a racehorse.

Today he looks to become the fourth Canadian horse in seven years to claim the Grade III, \$100,000 Saranac Stakes. It's been quite the transformation.

"He's been a pleasant surprise. When I first got him, I was like, 'wow,' he didn't look like much at all," Carey said. "Then he gradually got better. I think his better days are ahead of him. When he's 4 and 5, he'll mature into a real nice horse."

Carey, who keeps a 14-horse stable at Woodbine in Toronto, shipped Res-

ervoir for a try at the 1 3/16-mile grass stakes for 3-year-olds. Owned by Elliot Kohn and Weila Ye, Reservoir enters the Saranac off two tough races in Canada. In June, he jumped into stakes company for the first time in the \$1 million Queens Plate, a tall order.

"He was too sharp; it was only the third race of his life. We break at the quarter-pole there – right in front of the crowd – and the crowd roared and he just got so rank on the front end," Carey said. "The rider couldn't control him for the rest of the race. He can be a little nervous; when something scares him, that's it."

Reservoir finished 19 lengths back in 11th in the first leg of the Canadian Triple Crown, so Carey made some adjustments and aimed for the final leg Aug. 2.

"We took the blinkers off and trained him differently for the Breeders' Stakes up there going a mile and a half and it worked, except he got in so much traffic trouble that he was wide the whole way," Carey said. "We weren't too pleased, but he still ran better."

Reservoir finished a close third in the Breeders', a vast improvement from the June 21 debacle.



Connie Bush

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Reservoir tries to add to the Candian's haul for the meet in the Saranac.



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3 rd Post Time 2:00		:23.9	:47.9	01:12.8	01:51.5		(Avg This Level)
1	African Diamond	<u>23.5</u>	<u>47.4</u>	<u>01:12.3</u>	<u>01:52.1</u>	39.8	SAR-08/06/09-1
2	Birdrun	24.6	48.2	01:12.8	01:52.2	39.4	SAR-07/31/09-1
3	Hoopoe	24	48.1	01:13.4	01:52.5	39.1	SAR-08/01/09-1
4	Lowther Street	25.5	49.5	01:15.1	01:52.7	<u>37.6</u>	SAR-08/01/09-1
5	Luv Gov	25.4	49.6	01:13.9	01:53.0	39.1	SAR-08/21/09-1
6	Mr. Again	24.6	48.5	01:13.9	01:53.0	39.1	DEL-06/30/09-2
7	Fitzaslew	23.9	47.8	01:12.4	01:53.7	41.3	TP-03/21/09-2♦
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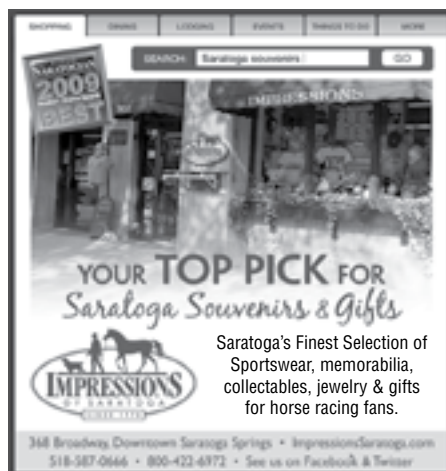
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Life at the track has been one transformation after another for the gelding. He flipped over in the gate and was scratched the first time he was entered to race; and then there's the Queen's Plate blemish on his resume. However,



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since arriving at Saratoga Friday, Reservoir has acted like a composed veteran. He went to the track Saturday morning, acclimated to his new surroundings and handled himself like a true professional as Carey's assistant, Larissa Zagorsky, ran a brush through his mane.

"One of the hotwalkers calls him Tom Cruise," Zagorsky said, "because he's short and handsome."

After today, Carey's crew might be calling him "Saranac" as Reservoir looks to continue the Canadian tradition — after Marlang (2008), Jambalaya (2005) and Shoal Water (2003) — against seven rivals. Alan Garcia gets the call.

Dogwood Stable's Lime Rickey (Javier Castellano to ride) makes his second start in a graded stakes here this summer. The Frank Alexander-trained son of Lemon Drop Kid finished sixth in the Grade II Hall of Fame Stakes Aug. 14, but rallied late to lose by just 3 3/4 lengths.

"We thought he was a little knocked out after the race because he had the two races in Virginia (The Colonial Turf Cup and the Virginia Derby). We didn't plan on running him in here, but he was doing so well," Alexander said. "He worked so good the other day and I was just going to sit on him, but it was probably one of his better works because he usually isn't that good of a work horse; so we decided to run him."

Lime Rickey has competed in a series of tough races this year. He ran into I Want Revenge and West Side Bernie in the Grade I Wood Memorial at Aqueduct in April, and lost to Battle

Of Hastings in two Grade II stakes in Virginia. This afternoon, the 3-year-old colt tries to defeat stakes foes for the first time.

"He was in the back and made a nice run in the Virginia Derby, but the turf was kind of soft and he struggled, but we wanted to take a shot at the Hall of Fame," Alexander said. "He never really kicked, he was a little off his game, but he'll do well in this race."

Sal The Barber (Ramon Dominguez) goes for Lewis Schaffel and trainer Christophe Clement. The son of Alphabet Soup finished second in the Hall of Fame and has hit the board in all five career starts. Clement will also saddle Armstrong Mill (Rajiv Maragh). The Dynaformer colt takes a shot today with just two races behind him — a maiden win and a third against allowance company.

Bill Mott, who won the Hall of Fame with Courageous Cat, will send out Al Khali (Kent Desormeaux), who finished third in that race. The son of Medaglia d'Oro looks to bolster a 3-for-9 record in the Saranac in his second start for Mott.

John Morrison wheels Uncle T Seven (John Velazquez) back after winning the Cab Calloway Stakes for New York-breds on the Saratoga turf Aug. 12. The son of Freud has finished in the top three in nine of 11 career starts and will break from the rail in the Saranac.

Rusty Arnold sends out El Crespo (Shaun Bridgmohan) on the heels of a disappointing 10th in the Hall of Fame. The Terri Pompay-trained Blank Check (Edgar Prado) makes his turf debut in the Saranac.

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Backtalk schools in the paddock in preparation for his run in the Hopeful.

Tod Marks

Go with Plan A

Amoss, Backtalk aim for a double

BY BRIAN NADEAU

Tom Amoss isn't about to change what's worked so well thus far.

The Kentucky-based trainer shipped Backtalk to Saratoga a week before the July 30 Sanford Stakes, schooled him in the paddock two days prior to the 6-furlong Grade II and then watched the son of Smarty Jones run his record to a perfect 3-for-3. Amoss and Backtalk will try for a juvenile bookend at the Spa when they start from the far outside in Monday's Grade I Hopeful Stakes at 7 furlongs.

Backtalk took the Sanford July 30 in determined fashion for Goldmark Farm. He made a wide move and closed from sixth in deep stretch to just get up over today's rival Enumerate. Amoss passed on the Aug. 20 Saratoga Special, shipped Backtalk to Churchill, worked him four times and will walk into the Hopeful on the same path as he did in the Sanford.

"We're coming in on the identical pattern that we did leading up to the Sanford so that has me excited," Amoss said. "We shipped up on Monday, schooled him in the paddock on Saturday and will just gallop him up to the race. Now it's just up to the horse."

That might spell trouble for the rest of the field. Backtalk not only enters as the most accomplished member of the field, he rates as the most battle-tested as well. He won his debut with a five-wide move at Churchill Downs June 11, then returned to take the Grade III Bashford Manor there July 3 after stumbling at the start. In the Sanford, Backtalk was forced to make a six-wide move and looked beaten in midstretch only to find more and score by a neck. Amoss was disheartened when Backtalk drew the far outside post, but knows he's got a few things in his favor as well.

"I've been in this game long enough to know that you've got to take what they give you," Amoss said. "Obviously I'm not happy with the post but we know he likes this surface and at Saratoga there's something to be said for that. He has enough speed to secure

HOPEFUL STAKES PREVIEW

Monday, September 7

position early and I'm just hoping not to be too wide entering the turn."

Richard Migliore replaces the troubled Miguel Mena, who had ridden Backtalk in his three career starts. There might be concerns going into the Hopeful, but a new jockey isn't one of them.

"I'm extremely lucky that there's a rider of his caliber available," Amoss said. "I know he's going to do his homework going into the race and give us the best possible chance. I'm not one to give too many instructions so I'll just let Richard ride his race and we'll go from there."

Eddie Kenneally starts Gary and Mary West's homebred Aspire (Julien Leparoux), who looked good winning his debut after a troubled trip here Aug. 12. The son of Tale Of The Cat also looked green winning the 5 1/2-furlong sprint and Kenneally knows he'll need a more focused effort in the Hopeful. He's also expecting it.

"He got bumped leaving the gate and then he was in behind some horses and handled that pretty good. Then when it came time to make his run he was looking up at the grandstand and lugging in on another horse but he still had enough talent to win in spite of all that," Kenneally said. "It says a lot about a horse when he can be behind in his first start and still come around and win. It's better than going out front and winning easy and not learning anything. He got a lot of experience from that win which was good, because he needed it. He was a green horse that should continue to improve with some races under him."

Aspire came to Kenneally in April and the trainer took his time. He prepped Aspire over Keeneland's Polytrack and entered the Aug. 12 race confident, while at the same time respectful of his five rivals.

"He's been a talented horse all along but here at Saratoga you never really know if they're going to win their first start because you don't know who they're going to run in to," Kenneally said. "We knew he was going to run a good race and benefit from it, but thankfully he was able to run greenly and still

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Hopeful —

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get the job done. You could almost say he got a couple of races out of it. Looking ahead to Monday, it's a big field and there looks to be a lot of speed so hopefully that experience will come in handy at a trip he should like."

Robert Baker and William Mack's Dublin (Jamie Theriot) was arguably the most impressive maiden winner of the meet when he drew off by 3 1/4 lengths Aug. 1 for D. Wayne Lukas. The son of Afleet Alex was fourth in Backtalk's maiden win but settled nicely in his local bow and drew off willingly in the stretch. Lukas knows Dublin faces an uphill battle coming straight from the maiden ranks but he's still looking to add a sixth Hopeful trophy to his mantle.

"It's a big step from where he was to a Grade I, but we think he's a very talented colt," Lukas said. "The first start was a complete throwout. He got absolutely smashed coming out of the gate. The 7 furlongs is a plus. I don't think we'll see the real talent in him until he goes two turns. He's a long-striding, finishing horse. I think he'll look better the further they go but he's ready for Monday and we're looking forward to the event."

Overlap (Javier Castellano) took his debut here Aug. 3 for North Shore Racing and Barclay Tagg. The son of Chapel Royal was dismissed at 10-1 in the 5 1/2-furlong off the turf affair but looked good rallying from fourth en route to a 1 1/2-length win.

Darley Stable's Liston (Rajiv Maragh) wins the pedigree contest. The homebred half-brother to multiple Grade I winner Country Star is by Storm Cat out of Ashland winner Rings A Chime. The Kiaran McLaughlin trainee ran to his catalogue page when he scored in his debut here Aug. 15. He rates a pace player and more on Monday.

Steve Asmussen sends out a trio in the Hopeful, led by Padua Stable's Enumerate (Edgar Prado), who just missed to Backtalk in the Sanford. The son of Proud Accolade broke his maiden by 5 lengths at Churchill June 28 before enduring a nightmare trip in the Sanford. Enumerate broke sixth of nine from the rail, steadied and then got blocked late only to rally through the stretch to miss by a neck.

Asmussen will also start Kirk Robinson's well-traveled Grand Slam Andre (Jesus Castanon), who has won two minor stakes at Lone Star Park and Rem-

ington Park. The son of Grand Slam was fourth, beaten 3 1/2 lengths by Backtalk in the Bashford Manor.

Prince Rooney (Shaun Bridgmohan) completes the Asmussen triumvirate. The Tale Of The Cat colt is unbeaten and untested in two career starts and enters off a 15-length romp in the Mountaineer Juvenile Aug. 1. He steps up, but should be involved early and often.

Todd Pletcher starts Dogwood Stable's Aikenite (Calvin Borel) and Anstu Stable's One Note Samba (Jose Lezcano), maiden winners earlier in the meet. The former won at first-asking Aug. 9 by 2 1/2 lengths while the latter defeated state-breds in a 7 3/4-length romp Aug. 16.

Samuel Bayard's Westover Wildcat broke his maiden Opening Day for Tony Dutrow but was unfortunate to

draw the rail. The son of Forest Wildcat will need to be hustled early by Ramon Dominguez or risk losing position down the backstretch.

Flatter Than Me (Jorge Chavez), who was second in the Bashford Manor but was beaten almost 20 lengths in the Saratoga Special and Not Macho Any More (Kent Desormeaux), who Rick Violette indicated will run in Saturday's Sapling at Monmouth Park, round out the field for the 105th Hopeful Stakes.

• Monday's supporting feature is the Grade III Glens Falls Handicap at 1 3/8 miles for filly/mares. The \$100,000 turf stakes drew a wide-open, overflow field of 12, including Caprice, who took the Grade III Robert Dick at Delaware Park July 18.

The Graham Motion-trained 6-year-

old could go favored but will meet stiff competition from Tejida, for trainer Michael Matz. The 6-year-old enters off a big fourth in the Grade I Diana here Aug. 1, when she finished just 2 1/4 lengths behind champion Forever Together.

Forever Together's stablemate Winter View also merits consideration for Jonathan Sheppard. The Augustin Stable homebred won Keeneland's Grade III Bewitch and Colonial Downs' Grade III All Along before running a close sixth in the Dick.

Astrologie, Mushka, Bubbly Jane, Communique and Lemonette are also entered and can win the Glens Falls on their best days. Queen Of Hearts and Avie's Tale round out the field, while Zaskar and Shake The Moon are on the also-eligible list.

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1A	9	Debbie's Fast Girl	Chavez J F.	Contessa Gary C.	4-1
1X	MTO	Dressmaker	Luzzi M J.	Contessa Gary C.	4-1
2	10	My Nina Rose	Studart M.	Sciacca Gary	30-1
2B	AE	John's Jean	Bridgmohan S X.	Sciacca Gary	30-1
3	1	Delta Weekend	Maragh R.	Alexander Frank	15-1
4	2	De Star Xpress	Desormeaux K J.	McPeek Ken	5-2
5	3	Blue Hill Bay	Lezcano J.	Everett Scott	10-1
6	5	Princess Westly	Luzzi M J.	Romans Dale	15-1
7	6	Cat Hop	Castanon J L.	Scherer Merrill R.	8-1
8	7	Go Go Pink	Dominguez R A.	Pletcher Todd A.	7-2
9	8	Hurricane Annie	Garcia Alan	Rice Linda	9-2

A-Coupled: Point Me to It and Debbie's Fast Girl and Dressmaker

B-Coupled: My Nina Rose and John's Jean

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

2ND (1:32) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$51,000

1	8	Caminadora	Prado E S.	Pletcher Todd A.	5-1
1A	10	Dad's Crazy	Dominguez R A.	Pletcher Todd A.	5-1
2	1	Hatheer	Garcia Alan	McLaughlin Kiaran	5-2
3	2	Mettled	Bridgmohan S X.	Hennig Mark	15-1
4	3	It'smyburtday	Nakatani C S.	Harty Eoin	15-1
5	4	Coquina Day	Lezcano J.	Donk David	15-1
6	5	Fugitive Angel	Leparoux J R.	Motion H Graham	10-1
7	6	Pearly Blue	Desormeaux K J.	Mott William I.	6-1
8	7	La Cloche	Castellano J J.	Toner James J.	8-1
9	9	The West Rim	Maragh R.	Clement Christophe	3-1
10	AE	Kittylicious	Castellano J J.	Sciacca Gary	15-1
11	AE	Sin Bin	Samyn J L.	Kielty Joyce	30-1

A-Coupled: Caminadora and Dad's Crazy

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (2-4), Pick 4 Races (2-5) Daily Double

3RD (2:04) 7 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP STARTER ALLOW PURSE: \$51,000

1	1	Credit Limit	Desormeaux K J.	Violette, Jr. R A.	3-1
2	2	Spina	Dominguez R A.	Friedman Mitchell	7-2
3	3	City Spirit	Castellano J J.	Galluscio Dominic	8-1
4	4	Sophisticated Lass	Prado E S.	Dutrow, Jr. R E.	6-1
5	5	Uno Peso	Leparoux J R.	Kenneally Eddie	5-2
6	6	Day Trippi	Bridgmohan S X.	Scherer Merrill R.	5-1
7	7	Sorority Sister	Castanon J L.	Ritvo Timothy	15-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (3-5), Daily Double

4TH (2:36) 7 FURLONGS F&M 3&UP STARTER HCP PURSE: \$50,000

1	1	Are We Dreamin	Maragh R.	Persaud Randi	10-1
2	2	Quiet Mover	Morales S.	Barker Edward R.	12-1
3	3	Kissa Melissa	Lezcano J.	Friedman Mitchell	5-2
4	4	Boss Tiffany	Dominguez R A.	Galluscio Dominic	5-1
5	5	Fort Carillon	Samyn J L.	Ortiz Paulino O.	15-1
6	6	Super Slash	Garcia Alan	Klesaris Steve	7-2
7	7	D'wild Ride	Castellano J J.	Orseno Joseph	2-1

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

5TH (3:08) 5 FURLONGS 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$50,000

1	1	Sparkle of Light	Leparoux J R.	Ward Wesley A.	5-1
1A	2	Pleasant Prince	Leparoux J R.	Ward Wesley A.	5-1
2	3	Punta Nizuc	Theriot H J II	Cesare William	20-1
3	4	Economic Swoon	Garcia Alan	Violette, Jr. R A.	5-2
4	5	Sabatino	Samyn J L.	Hertler John O.	20-1
5	6	Make It Special	Maragh R.	Zito Nicholas P.	6-1
6	7	Henry's Time	Bridgmohan S X.	Lukas D Wayne	15-1
7	8	Pow Wow	Espinoza J L.	Jerkens James A.	8-1
8	9	Good to Be Seen	Dominguez R A.	Pletcher Todd A.	8-5

A-Coupled: Sparkle of Light and Pleasant Prince

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (5-7), Daily Double

6TH (3:41) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$51,000

1	1	Trippo	Leparoux J R.	Alexander Frank A.	7-2
2	2	Billions Boy	Maragh R.	Kimmel John C.	9-2
3	3	Mint Maker	Luzzi M J.	Contessa Gary C.	20-1
4	4	Psychic Income	Borel C H.	McPeek Ken	15-1
5	5	Crystal Moment	Desormeaux K J.	Mott William I.	5-1
6	6	Chairman Now	Garcia Alan	Violette, Jr. R A.	4-1
7	7	Eskendereya	Prado E S.	Pletcher Todd A.	6-1
8	8	Tee Em Arr	Lezcano J.	Jolley Leroy	20-1
9	9	Grand Piano Man	Castellano J J.	Weaver George	8-1
10	10	Power Blast	Dominguez R A.	Rice Linda	10-1
11	AE	Right to Burn	Bridgmohan S X.	Secor Jake	12-1
12	AE	Unique Tune	Castanon J L.	Ritvo Timothy	20-1
13	AE	Tiger Willie	Borel C H.	Miceli Michael	20-1
14	AE	Northern Giant	Maragh R.	Lukas D Wayne	20-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (6-8), Pick 6 Races (6-11)

Daily Double

7TH (4:14) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP MAIDEN NY BRED PURSE: \$45,000

1	1	Winning Punch	Garcia Alan	Violette, Jr. R A.	3-1
2	2	Patronus Charm	Castellano J J.	Payne Curtis	6-1
3	3	Being Queen	Morales S.	Shevy Michael J.	30-1
4	4	Pretty Victory	Espinoza J L.	Rossi Bobbi	20-1
5	5	Viva La Gata	Chavez J F.	Hushion Michael E.	8-1
6	6	Refinery Fire	Maragh R.	Schettino Dominick	8-1
7	7	Lateday Edition	Prado E S.	Weaver George	5-2
8	8	Justify	Dominguez R A.	Campanella S.	5-1
9	9	Bird in Hand	Medina J.	LeBlanc Kirsten	30-1
10	10	Driven by Royalty	Lezcano J.	Levine Bruce N.	10-1

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

8TH (4:48) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) F&M 3&UP ALLOWANCE NY BRED PURSE: \$48,000

1	4	Shot Gun Gal	Castanon J L.	Rice Linda	9-2
1A	AE	Pals First Lady	Dominguez R A.	Rice Linda	9-2
2	1	Le Chesnay	Bridgmohan S X.	Baker Charlton	15-1
3	2	Kitty Nip	Migliore R.	Imperio Joseph	15-1
4	3	Meese Rocks	Chavez J F.	Barker Edward R.	5-1
5	5	Two Moons	Dominguez R A.	Hennig Mark	8-1
6	6	Rapid Beat	Castellano J J.	Galluscio Dominic	15-1
7	7	Corey's Coming	Desormeaux K J.	Mott William I.	4-1
8	8	Hold the Cruiser	Garcia Alan	Duggan David P.	7-2
9	9	Leader of the Lite	Espinoza J L.	Streicher Kenneth	30-1
10	10	Z Cats Meow	Luzzi M J.	Morrison John	15-1
11	11	Red Hot Baby	Maragh R.	Terranova John	12-1
12	12	Cugatcha	Studart M.	Jablow Michael	30-1
13	AE	Miss Dolan's Rose	Lezcano J.	Disanto Glenn B.	10-1
14	AE	Fiona Freud	Leparoux J R.	Ritvo Timothy	10-1
15	AE	Carmen Camacho	Lezcano J.	Englehart Chris	15-1

A-Coupled: Shot Gun Gal and Pals First Lady

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (8-10), Pick 4 Races (8-11) Daily Double

9TH (5:22) GLENS FALLS H. (G3) 1 3/8 MILES (INNER TURF) F&M 3&UP PURSE: \$100,000

1	2	Astrologie (FR)	Dominguez R A.	Clement Christophe	9-2
1A	AE	Shake the Moon (GER)	Bridgmohan S X.	Clement Christophe	9-2
2	1	Queen of Hearts	Espinoza J L.	Jerkens James A.	20-1
3	3	Mushka	Desormeaux K J.	Mott William I.	7-2
4	4	Bubbly Jane (BRZ)	Maragh R.	Lobo Paulo H.	10-1
5	5	Caprice (GER)	Prado E S.	Motion H Graham	4-1
6	6	Winter View	Leparoux J R.	Sheppard Jonathan	5-1
7	7	Tejida	Nakatani C S.	Matz Michael R.	6-1
8	8	Avie's Tale	Lezcano J.	Clement Christophe	12-1
9	9	Communique	Migliore R.	Arnold George R.	15-1
10	10	Lemonette	Borel C H.	Reed Eric R.	15-1
11	AE	Zaskar (GB)	Castellano J J.	Terranova John	20-1

A-Coupled: Astrologie (FR) and Shake the Moon (GER)

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (9-11), Daily Double

10TH (5:56) THREE CHIMNEYS HOPEFUL S. (G1) 7 FURLONGS 2YO PURSE: \$300,000

1	1	Westover Wildcat	Dominguez R A.	Dutrow Anthony W	12-1
2	2	One Note Samba	Lezcano J.	Pletcher Todd A.	15-1
3	3	Aspire	Leparoux J R.	Kenneally Eddie	10-1
4	4	Grand Slam Andre	Castanon J L.	Asmussen Steve	12-1
5	5	Aikenite	Borel C H.	Pletcher Todd A.	20-1
6	6	Overlap	Castellano J J.	Tagg Barclay	15-1
7	7	Not Macho Any More	Desormeaux K J.	Violette, Jr. R A.	6-1
8	8	Enumerate	Prado E S.	Asmussen Steve	6-1
9	9	Liston	Maragh R.	McLaughlin Kiaran	15-1
10	10	Prince Rooney	Bridgmohan S X.	Asmussen Steve	9-2
11	11	Flatter Than Me	Chavez J F.	Scherer Merrill R.	30-1
12	12	Dublin	Theriot H J II	Lukas D Wayne	8-1
13	13	Backtalk	Migliore R.	Amoss Thomas	5-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Daily Double

11TH (6:30) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) 3&UP MDN NY BRED PURSE: \$44,000

1	4	Conseated Lady	Leparoux J R.	Rice Linda	8-1
1A	8	Ten Carrot Nikki	Castanon J L.	Rice Linda	8-1
2	1	The Other Buddy	Chavez J F.	Galluscio Dominic	15-1
3	2	Johannesbull	Garcia Alan	Toner James J.	3-1
4	3	Raging Meese	Lezcano J.	Barker Edward R.	30-1
5	5	Todo K.	Dominguez R A.	Ritvo Timothy	7-2
6	6	Roma Di Notte	Samyn J L.	Sciacca Gary	20-1
7	7	Senegal	Maragh R.	Bond H James	6-1
8	9	Mr. Devil May Care	Espinoza J L.	Carroll Del W II	30-1
9	10	Western Connection	Luzzi M J.	Morrison John	5-1
10	11	Jelly Roll Kid	Medina J.	Ferraro James W.	30-1
11	12	Cash'n in Dixie	Castellano J J.	Benzel Seth	6-1
12	13	Kid Doc	Theriot H J II	O'Brien Colum	30-1

A-Coupled: Conseated Lady and Ten Carrot Nikki

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Thank You Saratoga

Editor's Note: Ryan and Jack Clancy take over their father's space today.

Dear Saratoga,

We came back. Can you believe it? We didn't even need a horse van as our grandfather Joe Clancy drove us in his truck.

Boy did we miss Saratoga. Down in Maryland, it was all school all the time. You can't seem to get anyone to talk about horse racing – other than up the street at Prizzio's Market in Fair Hill.

We're here to see Rachel Alexandra, help Dad and Sean with the papers, see all of our friends again and usher out the year in style hopefully. Of course, it's not all perfect – we've got to leave town Monday (so no races on Closing Day) to get back to school Tuesday but that's the breaks. And we left Nolan home. Maybe next year he comes for the month. Before we go, we've got some people to thank:

Sharon and Mike Balfe, surrogate grandparents at the track. You always had a refreshment, a hot tip, a seat, an encouraging word, an answer to a question, a home base. Saratoga really should name that corner after you.

Cindy and Don Nichols and The Saratoga Sleigh, surrogate grandparents outside the track. Thanks for the breakfast, the funny stories, the snug feeling of a home (rather than a summer rental).

Anita, Graham, Jane, Chappy and everyone at the Motion barn (especially "El Rey"). The victory celebrations were fun (and you made the leaderboard), the banter even better. We will see you at home soon.

Chip Woolley. Sorry Mine That Bird didn't get to run in the Travers, but thanks for the daily conversations about racing, horses, life. Have a great trip back and go get them in California. If you ever get to Maryland again, look us up. Hopefully, you and your horse will be back next year.

Mom. You let us come to Saratoga with dad and didn't get too upset with our lack of supervision. Life gets back to normal tomorrow.

The NYRA ushers, especially Joe and Billy. We know The Special and its delivery system can add some work to your day so thanks for putting up with us. Also, thanks for the directions, the seats, the knowledge, the information – and for saving Ryan's sport coat.

Kip Elser. Thanks for the chance to drive a Lexus – backward.

Tom Voss. Ditto – only it was a Jaguar and you didn't know about it. Actually, thanks for including us in the cocktail party, and introducing Ryan to sushi, after You The Man won the Kiser.

Janine Cope. The hospitality and the daily program was greatly appreciated. And the occasional visit to the Trustees Room was always better than cereal at home.

West Point Thoroughbreds. Nobody cheers their horses the way you do. Thanks for including us. We felt like partners.

THE OUTSIDE RAIL



By Joe Clancy

Chico. Ryan never had a real shoe-shine before. He felt like a bigshot, and his shoes never looked better.

Seth Gregory. We never made it to the harness track with you (our grandfather took us). Save a couch and a blanket – and a snow shovel – for us this winter.

Sacandaga Outdoor Center. We had a great run down the river in the raft – though the water fight could have lasted longer. There is no better way to beat the heat.

Sovereign Stable. Rich made us feel like part of the team.

Eddie Brown. It pays to know somebody and there's nobody better to know than Eddie. The assistant clerk of scales took care of the Clancy boys – thanks for everything.

Stowe and Caroline Burke. We appreciated your company the whole time. Thanks for the stories and the opportunity to see a little bit of what a veterinarian actually does.

The Grants and the Kellys. Now that's a party. A few years ago, our parents went to the lobster party without us. Never again. The pool, the food, the hospitality are second to none. Can Evening Attire come next year?

Ryan And Jack the horse. He gave it three tries at the meet and showed a glimmer or two – maybe Belmont will be his thing. Though we had nothing to do with naming him, Nolan summed it up best by saying "he's got long legs like Ryan and a big head like Jack."

Brandon and Brian Badgett. Thanks for going to the OAR concert with us and for hanging out at the track and teaching us the Gino song. Next time you're watching TVG, we've got the 2 horse.

Doc Richardson. The daily conversation, and the logic.

Dan Pride. Thanks for giving us a all-access pass to Fasig-Tipton (we hope you're reading this in Kentucky) and for the hats. Someday, we'll be buyers.

Rachel Alexandra. For the thrill, and the We Were There moment. Thanks.

The list could go on for pages, but Dad says we've got to wrap this thing up. We'll always remember Saratoga 2009 for Shiner the bartender, Indian Charlie, Lizzy Beer, Oliver the puppy, Ralph Theroux and the placing judges, the Donk shedrow for the daily refreshments, Tranquilo Vitamin Water (only available at the Morning Line), midnight runs, straight 10-cent Superfectas, cashing tickets at the harness track, Rodney's 5K, laser tag, the sirens on the road in front of our house, a great summer and all the great people.

See you next year.

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A Really Good Day

Been here before. Blank page. The last page for the next 10 1/2 months. So much pressure on 800 words, hard to get started.

Saratoga 2009 is over. I feel a year older. The great passage of time.

Birthdays don't mean anything. Christmas is a one-off. Then Saratoga winds to a close and a year of your life has suddenly come and gone. Wistful and a little depressing, surreal and hard to process. Time to pack the clothes you never wore (remind me to leave my tuxedo, my pink dress shirt and the extra T-shirts at home next summer), do a once-over of the rental to see if you can expect your security deposit returned, stop at Uncommon Grounds for an iced coffee and a scone and hit the Northway. Fill up the tank, check the phone and take a good long look in the rearview mirror, it's all behind us now.

The circus has left town.

Saratogians, we return your town. Thanks for letting us borrow it. Another six weeks of madness, pressure and achievement. Another six weeks to celebrate the horse. On one hand, it's flown past. On the other, it seems like a long, long time ago when Hot Dixie Chick dominated the Schuylerville.

My grandmother used to say, "When I was a child, the days seemed so short and the years seemed so long. As I've gotten older, the days seem so long and the years seem so short."

At Saratoga, the days seem so long and the meet seems so short. Or is it the other way around?

I used to get on the Northway after six weeks of being a jump jockey and the depression would envelop me; no money, no job, no future. I had hit the ground a couple of times, hit the bar way too many times and hit the ATM machine far too often. I had nothing to show for it.

Now, I'm more tired. But, way more satisfied. The Saratoga Special, nine years complete. Imagine, next year we'll celebrate (look out, town) our 10th anniversary. I knew we'd make it, but I will admit when we produced eight-page newspapers the first year it wasn't looking too positive.

We're proud of our product and we're glad you've accepted us as part of the Saratoga scene. Life isn't that complicated – you want to be remembered, instead of recalled.

As I walked into the races Saturday, I passed a group of fans in the corner of the picnic area, a man read The Special with Rachel Alexandra rearing on the cover. His friend asked to see the paper and he hesitated.

"It's the only one I've got," he said.

I wanted to tell him, "I've got 50 in my car, just around the bend near the

CUP OF COFFEE

By
Sean Clancy



Reading Room. And if you want yesterday's, it's there too, and the day before . . . and the Point Given Travers Issue from 2001."

My brother Joe is the glue to this operation, and probably the only one that's a journalist first, racing fan second (he's a rabid racing fan, that's how serious he takes the journalism). The rest of us have tried to find a way to make a living doing something we love. We're probably fans first and journalists second, but they've gotten closer and closer as the years have passed. I don't ask where Rachel Alexandra's going next, because I don't care, I just watched excellence and I think I'll bathe in it for a day or two. When I show the cup of dirt I scooped up from the finish line after the Woodward, The Special's Ben Meyers shows me his press pass with a handful of dirt at the bottom of the plastic slip.

I like the stories. Standing around the Morning Line; talking old school, talking shop, talking smack, talking about old friends and talking about new hopes. Knowing you have so much to do and there's nowhere you'd rather be.

The individual performances – collectively – this year were better than any year I've seen. Backtalk rallying to win the Sanford. Forever Together defending her crown in the Diana. Fabulous Strike laying it down again. Justenuffhumor doing his Rachel impersonation by winning two stakes. Careless Jewel tossing Robert Landry – twice – then making up for it with an effortless Alabama. Summer Bird flying free in the Travers. Pyro, Music Note, Flashing, Better Talk Now, Bullsby, Icon Project . . . the stars of the show.

When the Woodward field took a full turn of the paddock; it felt like the old days. The crowd noticed it and appreciated it. Tell the grandkids we lived in the Rachel Alexandra era. You were there when the filly beat older horses at Saratoga, when the grandstand rocked. Someday, they'll change the name from Graveyard of Favorites.

Now, it's time to shut the book. I've gone through three bottles of Tums, a pair of loafers, ovens of pizzas and as much brain wracking as I can do to come up with new words to describe an old place.

Like I tell Jane Motion every morning, "These are the good old days."



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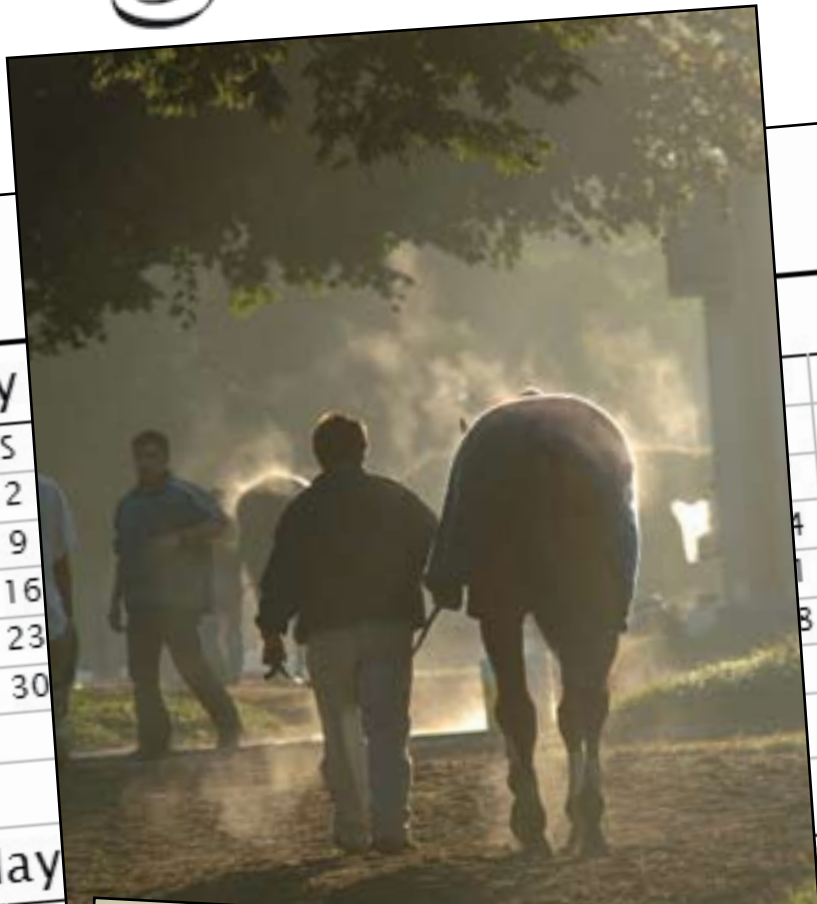
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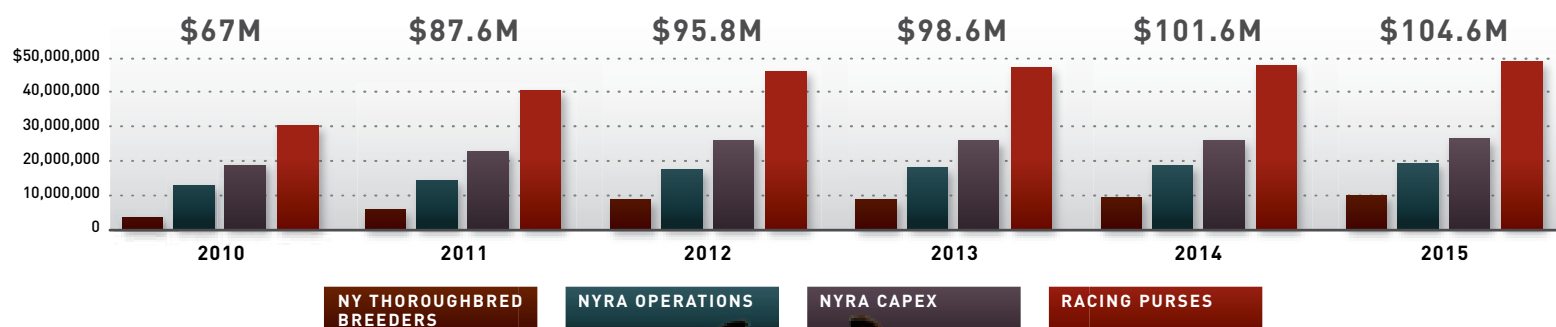
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Racing Support Payments: 2010 – 2023

\$1,514,244,223*

*Projections are based on 4,500 VLTs and will be greater should the State approve additional VLTs for Aqueduct



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