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NAMES OF THE DAY

Piantagrane, second race. Mossarosa's 2-year-old colt's name means Troublemaker in Italian. He's out of Provocateur.

Blockade, second race. This one is for Maryland Hunt Cup fans. The original Blockade, a son of Man o' War, won America's oldest steeplechase three times (1938-40). This version, a Stuart Janney III homebred, is by War Front. Janney's father, Stuart Jr., won the Hunt Cup four times as a rider aboard Hotspur II in 1935 and Winton in 1942, 1946 and 1947.

Avery Island, fifth race. Godolphin's homebred 2-year-old colt out of Kinda Spicy is named for the home of Tabasco Sauce. A salt dome, Avery Island is in southern Louisiana and is home to a bird sanctuary and an exotic garden.

Lockdown, ninth race. The Alabama runner, a Juddmonte Farm homebred, is by First Defence out of Rising Tornado.

READER OF THE DAY

Ray Swift, who showed up Friday night with antipasto, chicken parmigiana and a blueberry pie. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

LICENSE PLATE OF THE DAY

I'd Rather Be Watching The Andy Griffith Show. Officially not a license plate but rather a license plate frame, submitted by reader Tory Kerns.

BY THE NUMBERS

15: Pigeons sharing a barn-area puddle Friday morning.



In These Shoes? A paddock-goer treads lightly while crossing the horsepath during Friday's races. Tod Marks

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"Time will tell. I've made more mistakes in my life than Carter's got little pills."

Owner Alex Lieblong, on selling Grade 1 winner Embellish The Lace (the second half of that statement is an expression, really, though we had to look it up)



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WORTH REPEATING

"Bruce said 'Kendrick, this horse is scared of everything' and I said, 'I know what you are telling me, Bruce Brown . . .'"

Jockey Kendrick Carmouche, on organizing a front-running win for trainer Bruce Brown Thursday

"I came for a reason, not the season."

Agent Ron Ebanks, on the possibility of his jockey Robby Albarado winning the Travers with Girvin

"Is that a Pokestop?"

Racegoer, and Pokemon Go fan, on the people gathered around the Big Red Spring

"Did you take one over to Riley?"

Erma Scott, making sure Riley Mott gets The Special

"Jockey on a horse."

George Bell, 2, when seeing a horse and rider (every horse and rider) Thursday morning

"It's funny this game, you'll have several good ones that can't do anything but do well and then, as my friend Jerry Ford (who owned Dixie Union among others) put it, you're in the penalty box. It goes in cycles."

Owner Alex Lieblong, on the ups and downs of owning horses

"If you're talking to me, it's on the record."

The Special's Tom Law about casual conversations at the track

"I took the summer off. I'm happy."

Agent Winston Heslop, on a vacation in Saratoga

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180 f. SCAT DADDY - Elusive One

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Hip 426 f. MALIBU MOON - Let's Get Married

2YO 1/2 brother 2nd in debut to undefeated G2 Best Pal S. winner Run Away; 2nd foal out of SP More Than Ready mare

443 c. BERNARDINI - Lochinvar's Gold

UPDATE: 1/2 brother to 2YO "TDN Rising Star" Medaglia Gold and to MEI LING (\$522,383)

503 c. VERRAZANO - Miss Inclined

3rd foal out of SP half-sister to RUSH BAY (\$742,847) and to the dam of GSW ITSAKNOCKOUT

Wednesday, 9/13 - Barn 35

514 f. SCAT DADDY - Misty Lady (ARG)

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564 c. WILL TAKE CHARGE - Oblige

UPDATE: 1/2 brother HUNTER O'RILEY wins G2 Bowling Green S. at Saratoga 7/29

650 c. PIONEEROF THE NILE - Ragtime Hope

1/2 brother to 2-time Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner SECRET CIRCLE (\$3,670,790)

755 f. SUPER SAVER - Sky America

1st foal out of 2YO SP Sky America who is a sister to SW/G1P THIRD DAWN

Thursday, 9/14 - Barn 35

893 c. SPEIGHTSTOWN - Ullapool

2nd foal out of MSW ULLAPOOL (\$361,911, 7 wins in 14 starts)

901 c. CANDY RIDE (ARG) - Union Waters

1/2 brother to 2YO Smash Williams, 2nd in Belmont MSW debut

922 f. LEMON DROP KID - War Relic

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"Two years ago we won the Hot Springs Handicap with a horse named Gentlemen's Bet and I had to quit going to this one breakfast spot because every time I went in there somebody would buy my breakfast and I felt bad. After a little bit you feel like they think you're going there just for the free breakfast."

Trainer Ron Moquett, on the charmed life of a trainer at Oaklawn Park

"You better block that cookie."

Trainer Brian Lynch to George Bell (age 2) as Sophie, Lynch's Labrador Retriever, eyed George's cookie

"Best publication on the track."

Earl, according to his nametag anyway, grabbing The Special Thursday morning

"Jason Servis' brother."

John Servis, as he answered his phone Thursday evening

"Doug is a great person to be with, there is zero drama in our stable."

Leandro Mora, assistant to California-based Doug O'Neill

"Now that's a picture."

Price Bell, seeing Hall of Famers D. Wayne Lukas and Bill Mott on their ponies, side by side, at the Oklahoma track Thursday morning

"You got enough to write a story? If not, come back."

Owner Jim Riccio, filling up a notebook, after winning the first race Friday with Jcs American Dream

WORTH REPEATING (EQUESTRICON EDITION)

"Racing Post has had silks in it since 1993, but in fairness, America has had sectional times since the late 19th century."

English racing commentator Nick Luck, on the vagaries of technology

"I thought Ascot was a test of stamina until I was in Saratoga for two days and realized I was going to be here for seven more."

Luck, on visiting America's version of Ascot

"Don't ask them if they know where the racecourse is. No Paris taxi driver has ever heard of Longchamp."

Luck, on traveling to France's version of Saratoga

"It's a four-movie flight, at least."

Hong Kong Jockey Club's Pat Cummings, about the flight to Hong Kong

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"Lasses. His real name was Ernest Wells. We had a new horse and he wouldn't stand still and he'd say, 'Might as well stand still me boy, if you're going to eat this man's oats, you're going to stand in this man's water.' The best one was when Mr. Dreyfus came to the barn the first time, he was walking down the line, and Lasses is saying, 'Every damn horse gotta go in this ice water, ain't a nothing a matter with him, still gotta go in this ice water. If you don't put him in this ice water, something will be a matter with him.' Mr. Dreyfus said, 'I don't know how you do so good, with this pirate ship you're running.' I was head and head with Buddy Jacobson for leading trainer. Mr. Dreyfus came with his farm manager and said he wanted me to take six horses for him, I trained for him for nearly 50 years."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens
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Friday morning, Jimmy Jerkens swished a saddle towel around the legs of Holy Helena as the Queen's Plate winner received four new shoes for today's Grade 1 Alabama. Jerkens swished his towel and imitated his dad, Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens.

"When do you ever run?"

"Dad, I run when there are races for them and when they're ready."

"Ready, how can they not be ready? I'm sitting on the pony and all I see is a J fly by going 100 miles an hour. How can they not be ready? One after another, J, J, J...I look in the entries, nothing."

Jerkens laughed, the blacksmith laughed, the groom laughed, the writer laughed.

"That used to irk him to the day he died," Jerkens said. "About the last thing he said to me was, 'Don't be afraid to run your horses. They're not always going to win.'"

Jimmy Jerkens has been running ready horses all year, producing 29 wins from 124 starts, including scores in the Santa Anita Handicap, Pimlico Special, Woodbine Oaks, Queen's Plate, Woodhaven, Gulfstream Park Sprint and three wins at the meet.

Jerkens walked Sean Clancy through the barn Friday morning.

St. Augustine: Unraced 2-year-old son of Tapit has breezed four times at Saratoga. "He's just about ready to run, although, we've been having trouble getting his gate card, he's been a little stubborn. We were hoping to get him started before the meet but now I don't know. We like him a lot."

Air Vice Marshal: Bred by Claiborne, the son of War Front managed one win in five starts in Ireland for the Coolmore/Joe Allen team. The \$2.2 million yearling purchase is entered here on the turf Sunday. "He was a good third in an off-the-turf allowance, then he ran poorly on a super soft turf, then he ran a really good second on firm turf."

Securitized: Centennial's son of Tiznow has hit the board in both starts at the meet. "He's



been kind of stuck at the two-other-than for a while, but he usually runs his race. Thursday, he got shoved down on the fence behind a slow pace, he likes to be forwardly placed, he was making up ground at the end. He's a nice old boy."

A I Initiative: By Jerkens' Breeders' Cup Mile winner Artie Schiller, the 2-year-old colt has been training steadily in Saratoga. "He's just about ready to run, we'll probably get a run into him before we leave. I like him, he's a little delicate looking but with time, he'll fill out and be a nice colt."

Killala Bay: New York-bred arrived in Saratoga right before the Stable Tour. "Mineshaft 2-year-old owned by Bill Lynn. I haven't had him long but we like him. He looks like a Mineshaft to me."

Cloontia: Four-time winner won his most recent start at Belmont. "He's a nice New York-bred, he went through his New York-bred conditions and won an open a-other-than last time, we're looking to run him in the West Point or the open two-other-than, we're leaning towards the two-other-than. He's a half to Wicked Strong."

Can You Diggitt: Chester and Mary Broman's homebred has registered two wins this year. "We're looking to run him in the Albany, he finished fourth in the New York Derby, he was coming on nice. I think the mile and an eighth on a track that's not quite as sharp will be better for him. He's been training very well."

Delta Prince: Stronach Stable's son of Street Cry stormed to an easy win here August 5. "We're looking to maybe run him in the Bernard Baruch. He's had some setbacks, if you get him over there, he does the job, he's all race horse."

Candygram: Unraced son of Candy Ride attracted a \$300,000 bid from Centennial Farm this year. "He's a nice, big, good-looking colt, we're just taking our time, he's growing in all directions, he really acts like a nice horse."

The Presidency: Joe Allen's homebred son of War Front breezed 4 furlongs Aug. 13. "He's a full-brother to Declaration Of War, he's a roly-poly kind of horse, we're taking our time, we're breezing him, but he's so big, he's finally starting to get some muscle to him so we can start getting serious now."

Rocketry: Stunning-looking son of Hard Spun walloped allowance foes here. "Terrible biter, that's why he has a cone in front of him. He loves the distance, we're going to cut him back to a mile and an eighth in the Saranac (laughs), he's made great strides, it was very tough to get his head in the feed tub but he's improved dramatically, as a result, he's looking better and gotten stronger. If he continues like he's doing, we'll be in good shape."

Knarsdale: Daughter of Medaglia d'Oro is 1-for-2 in her promising career. "She won first time out, as a matter of fact, Helena was second to her. She disappointed a little the second time when she was third. She's main-track-only Saturday and she's in the body of a

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race on Monday. We don't know where she's going to run yet, we like her a lot, she's been a little bit of a problem at the gate, I don't know why, she was so laid back, she took everything in stride there for a long time, since she's run, she's gotten a lot more edgy at the gate, she gets a little better but I'd like to see her get over that. She's been working with Helena."

Three Perfections: Dark bay colt is on the sidelines. "This horse broke down the day before yesterday, we really like him, he would have been one of the favorites in the race Air Vice Marshall is in, he got a condylar fracture, just going an easy half. The prognosis is good, non displaced, two screws, no other damage."

Secretary At War: Another Allen homebred, disappointed in the Hall of Fame here. "He beat Frostmourne in the Woodhaven, then he disappointed in the Pennine Ridge, then he ran real good in the Manila. He got too rank in the Hall of Fame. We'll regroup. We still like him a lot, I'd like to teach him to rate better."

Team Colors: The son of Street Cry began his career in France, before winning twice here. He finished eighth earlier in the meet. "He was coming along really nice last year, he was a good second to Valid on the dirt, but he condylar fractured. He disappointed the other day, he came out with a little bit of an ankle, but that's subsided. We gave him a little breeze this morning, he's on the way back."

Holy Helena: The big filly rides a three race win streak into the Alabama. "This is Helena. She's always had a classy way about her, has a classy look in her face, she never did anything in the morning that would really get you excited, but there's always been something steady and professional about her. Ghostzappers are what they are and the dam has been good, she's the dam of Holy Boss, a sprinter, but a quality horse, so the pedigree is there."

Summer Reading. Owned by Jerry Shields, the daughter of Hard Spun finished eighth in the Caress at the meet. "She's a nice filly who's run out of conditions, she's not quite graded stakes quality, she's stakes placed but not a stakes winner. I'm in a spot with her, hopefully there will be something she can run in when we get back home. Maybe I'll have to ship her out of town."

Stable Tour —

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House Limit: A Shields homebred, the son of First Defence has breezed seven times. “He’s pretty close to the races. He had a little issue behind, he’s on the way back up, he’s not far off. He’s been a little stubborn at the gate, but that might have been due to that little thing he had in his right hind. He acts OK.”

Dream Mover: Won a turf sprint in his state-side debut for Team Valor earlier this meet. “I didn’t know about the five and a half, he blew out on the dirt three days before really good and looked great doing it. I thought he could handle it. He’s doing great.”

Fusaichi Red: Five-year-old mare finished third here Aug. 10. “Adena bought her last year, she’s a stake winner, not a graded stake winner. She was third here in a three-other-than, she’s probably seen her best days but her last two races have been pretty good. She’s a big, good-doing filly, she tries hard every time.”

Feeling Bossy: Emily Wygod’s homebred has won three of her last four. “This is a nice New York-bred filly, she’s going to run in the Yaddo. She’s been a nice surprise.”

Five Star Rampage. A graduate of the Fasig-Tipton select yearling sale in 2014, the daughter of Quality Road won a stakes at Finger Lakes Aug. 14. “She’s been a big, big disappointment up to the last couple of months, who knows, she might be finally getting to what we thought. We put Kelvin (Pahal) on her and he’s been breezing her long and real slow, she seems to do well off that. We shipped her up here this spring, thinking she would do well up here. Her last three starts have been at the Lakes, we wanted to keep her running, just to keep some kind of continuity.”

Camp Courage: Another Allen homebred by War Front, he won twice in France. “He started out like he was going to be a phenom over there, then he just went horribly off form. He hasn’t run well since I’ve had him. I shipped him up here, he saw another horse through the crack of the stall and he went absolutely berserk, he was going to go after the other horse. He’s been in exile and he’s been gelded since. I’ve never seen anything like it, I’ve seen horses get studdish, but he loses his mind, he gets insane.”

Shaman Ghost: The big horse left Friday morning for throat surgery at Cornell. “He just left, he’ll go to Dr. Ducharme on Monday. He trained well leading up to the Suburban but he got a little late that day, if you’re being realistic, he’s usually more tenacious than that. I took him over to the main track to give him something somewhat serious for the Woodward and he didn’t work good at all, that’s when we decided. Until now, he’s been incredible, we got a lot done with him. You never know, you never know.”

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Best 3-year-old fillies not named Abel Tasman line up for Grade 1

The Grade 1 Alabama Stakes – America's oldest stakes race for 3-year-old fillies with a star-studded history – delivers a deep and talented field for the 136th renewal today at Saratoga Race Course.

The nine fillies in the field are all stakes winners and create a unique mélange of contenders to test the 10-furlong trip on the main track, today's ninth race of 10.

The field includes a multiple Grade 1 winner on the turf trying the dirt for the first time, a Canadian classic winner returning to the dirt after winning back-to-back starts on synthetic, two shippers from Southern California and just about every important 3-year-old filly in the United States not named Abel Tasman.

ALABAMA STAKES PREVIEW

The Kentucky Oaks, Acorn and Coaching Club American Oaks winner is about the only thing missing from the Alabama, whose list of recent winners includes Songbird, Royal Delta, Blind Luck, Silverbulletday, Heavenly Prize and Sky Beauty to go with legends Go For Wand, Shuvee, Gamely, Busanda, Top Flight, Bel-dame and the first winner Woodbine in 1872.

Considering the race brought together so many top contenders – and truth be told it didn't seem fair to profile one over the other – staffers from The Saratoga Special caught up with

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California shipper It Tiz Well comes in for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

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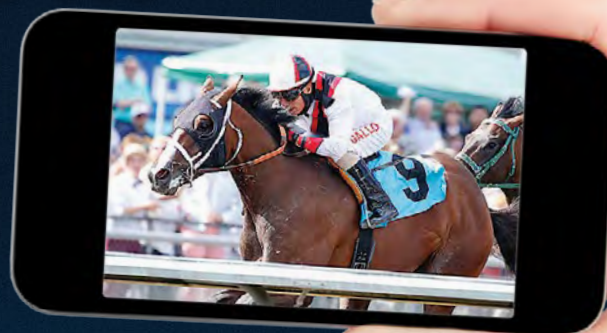


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a representative of each member of the field for some opinions.

1. New Money Honey

Two-time Grade 1 winner on turf — she won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last fall and Belmont Oaks Invitational last month — makes her first start on the main track for trainer Chad Brown and owner e Five Racing Thoroughbreds. Daughter of Medaglia d'Oro won at the 10-furlong trip in the Belmont Oaks and she's won two other graded stakes.

Trainer Chad Brown: "As a 2-year-old, she was cross-entered in the Breeders' Cup, both the dirt race and the turf race, so as far back as then I was thinking about running her on the dirt. I've been waiting for the right opportunity and now seems like the right time. We put this as a possible target in the middle of the summer if things were going well with her and they have. We don't see a lot to lose here. We'll give it a shot, she's been training really well. She's a big strong horse, she trains well over it, she's bred to handle it, she's fine-(boned), I'm optimistic she's going to be good on it. As a 3-year-old she's definitely gotten a lot bigger and stronger than she was at 2. Obviously had a great

2-year-old season winning the Breeders' Cup. She seems to be getting better week by week."

2. Holy Helena

The Alabama doesn't usually attract winners of the Queen's Plate, but it does this year, as the once-beaten daughter of Ghostzapper rolls into today's feature, fresh off winning Canada's first leg of the Triple Crown July 2, her third consecutive win for Stronach Stable. The dark bay filly broke her maiden on the dirt at Belmont Park in May before flourishing over Woobine's synthetic surface, taking the Woodbine Oaks and the Queen's Plate with ease.

Trainer Jimmy Jerkens: "She's doing good, hoping for the best. We're not looking for track records in the morning, but she's had four useful works since she's been here, she should be ready. I don't worry about the (surface switch) but you just wonder if she's going to be as good on the dirt, it's a different surface and better horses."

3. It Tiz Well

Jerry Hollendorfer hopes to continue his history of success in the Alabama Stakes with the California-based It Tiz Well, after winning with Songbird in 2016 and Blind Luck in 2010. An avid traveller, It

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New Money Honey tries the dirt for trainer Chad Brown.

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Lockdown is one of two in the Alabama for trainer Bill Mott.

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Tiz Well comes to Saratoga off a half-length win in the Grade 3 Delaware Oaks July 3. The Arch filly's other graded win came after shipping to Oaklawn for the Grade 3 Honeybee. She makes her second Grade 1 start, after finishing third in the Santa Anita Oaks. The consistent filly has finished worse than third once in eight starts for Tommy Town Thoroughbreds.

Assistant trainer Dan Ward: "She's 2-for-2 shipping. It's either go out of town for a race on the dirt or stay at Del Mar on the turf, with the way she's run on the dirt, she keeps getting better. To me, looking at her, she's big and tall and long, maybe that [distance] is what she wants. She likes these softer tracks. She's a lot happier on the road. At home she's kind of laid back but on the road she's a lot brighter, she's pretty happy. There are a lot of question marks [in the race] you've got turf winners, synthetic winners, one-turn winners. She's won two graded stakes on the dirt at two turns, so . . . She's run against good horses — Abel Tasman beat her at Santa Anita and Unique Bella she ran second against. The only time she was off the board she had a really rough trip, she got stopped a couple times. She's going be up close. She has good tactical speed, so she usually gets a good trip."

4. Lockdown

Juddmonte Farm's homebred daughter of First Defence improved in each of her last three starts, all in graded stakes, and comes in off a second to Unchained Melody after a stumble at the start of the Grade 2 Mother Goose at Belmont July 1. Bill Mott looks to add third Alabama to wins with Sweet Symphony in 2005 and Royal Delta in 2011. Lockdown is one of two for the Hall of Famer, along with Elate.

Trainer Bill Mott: "We've been thinking Alabama with both fillies since the beginning of the year. It was a race we wanted to try to fit into their schedule and fortunately it's worked out. We've got to tee them up and see what they can do. The distance is kind of a new test for everybody. These fillies haven't been a mile-and-a-quarter yet but both of ours seem to have the ability to close really well."

"She had a good spring, won a little stake and came back third in the Kentucky Oaks. Ran well. She ran a good race (in the Mother Goose). She's got to move forward to win this race. It was good, it didn't look like we threatened the winner too much but we beat everybody else. She's trained well and her works have been good. She's a filly that wants to settle a little bit, generally she's not somebody that's up on top of the pace."

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Elate strolls the walking ring at trainer Bill Mott's barn.

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5. Unchained Melody

The daughter of Smart Strike was unraced at 2 and didn't make it to the races until mid-March at Gulfstream Park. She's won three of four for Hidden Brook Farm and breeder Hare Forest Farm and trainer Brian Lynch, including the Grade 2 Mother Goose on the lead last time at Belmont. She's expected to set the pace again today in her first start past 1 1/16 miles and around two turns.

Trainer Brian Lynch: "They always had a good opinion of her as a young horse and if you've seen her in the flesh she's a big stout filly. They gave her plenty of time and hoped she'd turn into what she's turned into. She never came in until Palm Meadows in the wintertime. They broke her and tried to go on with her, she had some puffy ankles and they gave her time.

"I'll give them something to chase anyway. The longer they leave her alone the better off I'll be. I've looked over it briefly, if I start studying at it too hard I get consumed by it and all of a sudden it looks like a high-rise building. It doesn't look like a lot of speed and she should be the speed of the race. Hollendorfer's filly obviously likes to lay close, but I don't think

he wants to get in a head-bobbing fight with me early.

"Only thing I did with her, I got her with another horse I ran in the Belmont Stakes (Meantime), who I consider a decent horse and he was second in the Peter Pan, he hadn't run in awhile so I gave them a gate work the other day. I wanted her to get in the habit where if somebody does try to go with her that she can take back and relax. They both broke good, she sat off him a little bit and just relaxed beautiful, beautiful, beautiful, then she (claps his hands) joined him and finished up with him. He's not a bad horse. It was good to see she didn't get brammy and try to go head-and-head with him, just sat off him. If something does want to go she can take back off of it. I do think she'll be in the first tier of horses. I can't see her having to weave through traffic. Certainly whoever comes out on top there is going to have a well-deserved Grade 1 winner on their hands."

6. Salty

Winner of the Grade 2 Gulfstream Park Oaks in April, the daughter of Quality Road finished third behind Abel Tasman and Elate in the Coaching Club here opening weekend. Fifth in the Kentucky Oaks and second in the Acorn — both won by Abel Tasman — Salty finally sheds that rival

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but still meets a deep field for trainer Mark Casse and owners Gary Barber, Baccari Racing Stable and Chester Prince.

Trainer Mark Casse: “This has always been the plan. (The distance) may even help her, she tends to get back a little far early, and the pace won’t be near as fast. Her last work was extremely good, finished up really strong. She seems to have held her form and looks well.

“Gary Barber and I have had many conversations about (changing jockeys to Tyler Gaffalione). We feel like he’s a rising star and it was kind of his idea to do it and he just felt like he’s a real strong rider, she would suit him well, I sure wasn’t opposed to it.”

7. Elate

Another from Mott’s shedrow, she just missed when second by a head to Abel Tasman in the Coaching Club. Bred and owned by Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider, the daughter of Medaglia d’Oro won a small stakes

at Delaware Park two back to get her sophomore season back on track after placing third as the favorite in the Grade 3 Honeybee at Oaklawn and easing in the Grade 1 Ashland at Keeneland.

Mott: “We’ve liked her ever since the spring of her 2-year-old year since we got her in. She’s a well-bred filly that looks good and trained well since the very beginning. It’s nice to kind of see her come into her own. We’re optimistic.”

8. Mopotism

Reddam Racing’s Uncle Mo filly is back East from Southern California after finishing second in the Grade 3 Indiana Oaks July 15 and working three times since at Del Mar for trainer Doug O’Neill. Third in the Grade 1 Starlet as a 2-year-old last fall, she chased the likes of Unique Bella, Paradise Woods, Abel Tasman and fellow Alabama entrants It Tiz Well and Lockdown this winter and spring.

Assistant trainer Leandro Mora: “We were in Kentucky for the Oaks with her. I didn’t get to go to Indiana, but she ran a huge race there, she got a little bit unlucky on the trip. She’s



Tod Marks

Salty gets a chance to run without nemesis Abel Tasman.

gotten more mature, wiser. Usually we’ll know when they’re babies, some of them they’re freaks. Some of them are medium, but they get better when they get more mature, when they turn 3 and 4, so let’s hope this one is going that way. She was OK. She had quite a few issues like any other baby.

“I will say yes (she will handle the distance). A lot of people are little a bit skeptical of Uncle Mos going a mile-and-a-quarter but we proved it with Nyquist, so I guess this one can do it.”

9. Actress

The answer to a trivia question, Actress broke her maiden in the Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan at Pimlico in May. Second twice before that, the daughter of Tapit rallied from 19 lengths back to win by a head. She returned to finish third in the Grade 3 Delaware Oaks, making up ground on It Tiz Well. Today, there is an extra three-sixteenths of a mile for that task. Irad Ortiz Jr. replaces Nik Juarez who’s been aboard for her four career starts.

Trainer Jason Servis: “She’s been at Monmouth, got here Thursday morning, I didn’t want to take her out of her routine, old guy who rubs her is great, she’s happy there. She looks good, acts good since she’s been here.”

Reporting by Sean Clancy, Tom Law, Ben Gowans, Shayna Tiller and Linzay Marks.

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Embellish The Lace

Alabama 2015

BY JOE CLANCY

Alex Lieblong remembers going “up the hill” at Keeneland’s September Sale in 2013 to look at a bay filly with Taylor Made Sales Agency. He liked her catalog page, thanks to half-brothers Afleet Express and Reporting For Duty, and wanted to see more.

When the Thoroughbred owner and buyer arrived, the daughter of Super Saver’s hind end was pointed at the screen, her head to the back of the stall.

“Holy mackerel,” Lieblong said to himself. “If the rest of her looks that good . . .”

A Taylor Made staffer led the filly out of the stall, and Lieblong was hooked.

“Wow, she was beautiful,” the Arkansas resident said Wednesday morning while telling stories in trainer Ron Moquett’s shedrow at the stakes barn behind the paddock. “Somebody with me had a note on the catalog about a knee. She was offset or something, but neither one of us could see it. Still can’t. Maybe it was one of those things that put some people off of her.”

Lieblong was not put off, and went to the back ring to bid. He bid \$300,000 and thought he was finished until a new bidder jumped in just over his shoulder. The interloper went to \$310,000. Lieblong raised once more and walked away with his filly for \$320,000.

The daughter of Super Saver and the Distant View mare Expanse turned out to be Embellish The Lace, who knocked off I’m A Chatterbox and Curalina for Lieblong and his wife JoAnn in the 2015 Alabama at Saratoga.

Before that, she was a hotshot 2-year-old with Robbie Harris in Ocala, Fla. Harris called Lieblong one day and said, “You’ve got something special.” Later, trainer Tony Dutrow told Lieblong the same thing. The filly finished fifth in her



Tod Marks
Embellish The Lace wins
the 2015 Alabama.

debut at Aqueduct in November 2014 and won next time out at Parx Racing on Dec. 13. Lieblong said the Kentucky Oaks was on the agenda early in 2015, but Embellish The Lace took the slow route – winning her first 3-year-old start at Pimlico in June. Dutrow blamed himself for a dull loss in the Mother Goose three weeks later, but regrouped for the Alabama.

Lieblong called it a moment to remember.

“It was quite something,” said Lieblong. “My wife turns her back completely, she will not watch a race. I had a friend of mine, Dave Stack, with me and he was doing all the hollerin’. I don’t holler until it’s over with because I’ve lost too many that I thought I won.”

In deep stretch of the 1 1/4-mile race, with Embellish The Lace hanging on to a lead she took at the start, Stack hollered “You’re going to win the Alabama.” Lieblong countered with, “Don’t say it yet, she has not crossed the finish line.”

She did, 1 1/2 lengths clear of I’m A Chatterbox with Curalina third. Those two had slugged it out a month earlier in the Coaching Club American Oaks. The winner made her first start in almost two months. She broke on top for Javier Castellano, was a length in front after a quarter-mile and stayed there.

“They let me go the first quarter nice and slow,” Castellano said then. “The key was the first quarter. When they let me gallop along on the lead nice and easy, she’s the kind of filly that will go all day. Past the wire she was still galloping, a strong gallop.”

Bred by WinStar Farm, Embellish The Lace raced just once more, a fifth behind I’m A Chatterbox in the Cotillion, and was retired after just six starts. She won three and earned \$441,540. Bred to Uncle Mo, she sold as a broodmare last

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year.

“I’m not happy I sold her, but I’m not unhappy that I sold her. You know?” he said. “I’m anxious to see what the baby is like. Anxious and dreading. But I’ve got enough horses coming on right now.”

Lieblong doesn’t own her anymore, but gives Embellish The Lace credit for a big thrill.

“If she had been a tick sounder we would have had a lot more fun, but that’s the way it goes sometimes,” he said. “Everybody knew she was a good one – from Robbie Harris right on through to Tony. And we just loved her.”

Somewhere along the line, Lieblong even found out the identity of that mystery bidder at Keeneland – bloodstock agent Doug Cauthen.

“I gave him a ride back to Lexington from somewhere one time and he said, ‘You broke my heart,’ ” Lieblong said. “That’s when he told me he was the one who snuck up there and bid before I did the last time.”

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Bounce Back

Connections hope Saratoga return helps Coasted find top form again

BY SHAYNA TILLER

As 6:30 rolled around Friday morning, the light sprinkle falling from the sky turned into a roaring downpour, and made Saratoga Race Course a flood zone. As Coasted departed from Leah Gyarmati's barn, the rain let up but left the track disheveled.

The bay filly brought her knees to her nose as she jogged around the wet track, unimpressed by its change in state. She met her trainer at the gap near the Morning Line Kitchen as she finished, strolling back to her barn in preparation for today's \$300,000 Grade 2 Lake Placid, a 1 1/8-mile test for 3-year-old fillies on the Mellon turf course.

"We're certainly asking a lot of her

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every time we run her," Gyarmati said Thursday morning. "Things were a little bit easier as a 2-year-old, at that time of year some horses, whether it's fillies or colts, show what they have right away and sometimes you can take advantage of the ones showing that, so she got to shine last year."

"This year there have been some really nice 3-year-old fillies that have stepped up and she's had to mix up with. She runs well, but she's definitely in a bit deeper than she was last year."

Purchased for \$210,000 by Jeff Treadway at the 2015 Keeneland September yearling sale, the daughter of



Tod Marks

Twice a winner at Saratoga last summer, Coasted tackles the Grade 2 Lake Placid today.

Tizway enjoyed a promising start to her career.

After breaking her maiden in her second start, Coasted won the P. G. Johnson at Saratoga, followed by a third in the Grade 3 Miss Grillo at Belmont Park and a close second to

New Money Honey in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita Park.

"It was a huge race," said Gyarmati of the Breeders' Cup. "She came

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flying through traffic, through trouble and just got beat. One more jump and we were there, but you couldn't fault her effort there. She really ran big.

"After that, we just turned her out for 30 days. The winter was coming and we had a nice filly and we figured we'd give her a break and bring her back for her 3-year-old year."

Coasted encouraged her connections to start her 3-year-old campaign, finishing a close second in the Grade 3 Herecomesthebride at Gulfstream Park in March. Her next three starts were more troubling — 10th in the Grade 3 Appalachian at Keeneland in April, fourth in the Grade 3 Wonder Again at Belmont in June and seventh in the Grade 1 Belmont Oaks July 8.

"She's had some things that didn't go her way," said Gyarmati. "Two starts back, which looks like a similar scenario setting up here, we drew the 1 hole. Both times, both races don't look like they have a lot of speed.

"Last time she didn't break well, she was sitting down a little bit and broke last. In a race with no pace it was not an ideal scenario, hopefully this time that will not be the case."

Belmont Oaks winner New Money Honey, who has finished ahead of Coasted five times, is not in the Lake Placid field with her connections opting to try the dirt in today's Alabama. Coasted will take on one of her rivals from the Oaks in Uni, the 3-1 third choice for trainer Chad Brown.

"Her last race in the Oaks was a really nice field of horses," said Gyarmati. "I have to give kudos to New Money Honey because it was a pretty quick pace and Coasted and New



Tod Marks

Proctor's Ledge tries to win her second graded stakes of the meet for trainer Brendan Walsh.

Money Honey were about head-and-head the whole way. That filly had it to go on and win and we kind of just flattened out a little bit. She still ran good, distance and pace setup probably didn't help us.

"The Oaks was a big race, so I don't think going from there to this there was much to do but maintain. She's a light-framed filly; she tends to lose weight if you push too much on her so I just kind of let her do her thing between there and now. She didn't need anything fitness wise, it was more maintaining and keeping her happy."

Friday's rain doused the turf courses, and the prospect of less than firm ground might contribute to Coasted's performance. Listed at 8-1 on the

morning line with Jose Ortiz, Coasted only raced on such ground in the Miss Grillo.

"We'll see how the rain plays out," said Gyarmati. "She's run once on soft turf and once when it was labeled firm but might have been softer than they said and they were not her best performances. I'd rather it not be soft, I'd rather it come off and see how she likes the dirt because she works well on the dirt so that might be more fun. There is a dirt horse in there (Berned).

The Casse barn sends out 8-5 favorite La Coronel in her first start since finishing fifth in the Grade 1 Coronation at Royal Ascot in late June. Florent Geroux gets the return call on the daughter of Colonel John.

"She hasn't missed a beat," said

Norm Casse, assistant to his father Mark. "She's worked well, three in particular here. She worked just as well as ever, it gives you a lot of confidence that she's going to run her race on Saturday."

John Oxley's filly broke her maiden on the Saratoga turf last summer and followed up with a victory in the Grade 3 Jessamine at Keeneland and a sixth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

After a brief freshening this winter, she came back to be second by a neck in the Grade 3 Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay Downs in March, followed by consecutive wins in the Grade 3 Appalachian and Grade 3 Edgewood at Churchill Downs this spring. Then came Ascot.

"The Oxleys really wanted to have that experience, and we were confident doing it," Casse said. "She had a wide trip, ran against some really tough fillies from Europe and I don't think anyone should take anything away from the way she performed.

"With all of that being said what gives us the most confidence is how much she likes the Saratoga turf course. Sometimes you don't anticipate how a horse will run on this particular turf course, but with her we know she likes it."

Another in the field with a victory on the course is Patricia Moseley's Proctor's Ledge, winner of the Grade 3 Lake George Opening Day for Brendan Walsh. The 5-2 second choice in the field of six is 3-for-7 lifetime and gets Javier Castellano in a return call.

Party Boat, the 4-1 fourth choice and runner-up in the Lake George; Berned, fourth in the Grade 1 Coaching Club American Oaks; and Uni, third and 2 lengths behind New Money Honey in the Belmont Oaks, complete the field.

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1	1	Mills	A. Arroyo	R. Rodriguez	8-1
2	2	Turbo Street (AUS)	I. Ortiz, Jr.	B. Lynch	9-5
3	3	Tashreeh	J. Ortiz	M. Maker	5-1
4	4	King of New York	J. Rosario	A. Adsit	20-1
5	5	Docs Legacy (IRE)	J. Lezcano	D. Jacobson	8-1
6	6	River Date	L. Saez	B. Cox	3-1
7	7	Rum Tum Tugger	M. Franco	J. Sheppard	12-1
8	8	Southside Warrior	J. Castellano	M. Casse	6-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	AE	Escarapela	T. Gaffalione	J. Mejia	30-1
1a	AE	The Best Candy	A. Lezcano	J. Mejia	30-1
2	1	Piantagrane	M. Franco	N. Zito	20-1
3	2	Hyndford	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	7-2
4	3	Congruity	J. Castellano	C. Brown	3-1
5	4	Make It Work	D. Davis	K. McPeck	15-1
6	5	Cullum Road	R. Santana, Jr.	G. Weaver	12-1
7	6	Blockade	J. Ortiz	C. McGaughey III	5-1
8	7	Ezmosh	L. Saez	B. Cox	9-2
9	8	Discovered	J. Lezcano	M. Casse	6-1
10	9	Witch Doctor	K. Carmouche	M. Maker	10-1
11	10	Kentucky Club	F. Geroux	D. Lukas	20-1
12	AE	Honorable Treasure	R. Albarado	K. McPeck	10-1
13	AE	Another	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	5-1
14	MTO	Hoard	M. Franco	R. Ribaldo	8-1

3RD (2:07PM). \$55,000, STR \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Asian's Way	D. Davis	J. Toscano, Jr.	6-1
2	2	Pico Chick	A. Arroyo	R. Diodoro	4-1
3	3	Paluxy Princess	E. Cancel	C. Martin	8-1
4	4	Wildcat Belle	J. Ortiz	D. Cannizzo	5-2
5	5	Hexameter	R. Santana, Jr.	J. Terranova, II	9-5
6	6	Murrell's Belle	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Domino	12-1
7	7	Kentucky Dancer	R. Maragh	B. Hone	8-1

4TH (2:41PM). \$93,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Hello Don Julio	J. Velazquez	M. Dilger	3-1
2	2	Black Sea (FR)	J. Rosario	C. Brown	4-1
3	3	Scholar Athlete	R. Maragh	H. Motion	6-1
4	4	Chiropractor	D. Van Dyke	T. Proctor	12-1
5	5	Doctor Mouny	J. Ortiz	C. McGaughey III	15-1
6	6	Manitoulin	F. Geroux	J. Toner	2-1
7	7	Aquaphobia	K. Carmouche	A. Delacour	10-1
8	8	Marengo Road	I. Ortiz, Jr.	M. Trombetta	6-1
9	MTO	Flashy Jewel	J. Bravo	E. Kenneally	8-5

5TH (3:15PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double

1	1	Want	J. Ortiz	R. Moquett	30-1
2	2	Super Sermon	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	3-1
3	3	Tweeter in Chief	F. Geroux	I. Wilkes	15-1
4	4	First Warrior	J. Lezcano	K. McLaughlin	8-1
5	5	Bow Ready	L. Saez	D. Lukas	30-1
6	6	Variant Perception	J. Castellano	C. Brown	5-2
7	7	Allured	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	4-1
8	8	Avery Island	J. Bravo	K. McLaughlin	9-2
9	9	Bourbon Currency	R. Maragh	J. Kimmel	10-1
10	10	Pure Shot	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asmussen	20-1
11	AE	Belle Tapisserie	T. Gaffalione	J. Mejia	20-1

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6TH (3:49PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double

1	5	Blame Us All	R. Maragh	B. Levine	8-1
1a	7	Monaco	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	8-1
2	1	Caviar Czar (IRE)	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	3-1
3	2	Wine Not	E. Cancel	G. Weaver	8-1
4	3	Battle Midway	I. Ortiz, Jr.	D. Cannizzo	6-1
5	4	Hookup	M. Franco	D. Cannizzo	12-1
6	6	Curlins Vow	R. Albarado	M. Tomlinson	6-1
7	8	Race Me Home (IRE)	L. Saez	D. Romans	15-1
8	9	Meantime	J. Ortiz	B. Lynch	2-1
9	10	Starship Zeus	J. Rosario	W. Mott	15-1

7TH (4:25PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	3	La Sola Ranger	J. Alvarado	M. Casse	8-1
1a	8	Giada Vegas	F. Geroux	M. Casse	8-1
2	1	Miss Kentucky	J. Lezcano	G. Arnold, II	8-1
3	2	Great Import	J. Rosario	K. McLaughlin	6-1
4	4	Mom's On Strike	K. Carmouche	J. Sharp	3-1
5	5	Chastise	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	12-1
6	6	Ellery Lane (IRE)	J. Castellano	C. Brown	4-1
7	7	Bonita Springs	E. Cancel	T. Bush	15-1
8	9	Glory to Kitten	M. Franco	D. Gargan	9-2
9	10	Vagabond	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. McGaughey III	6-1
10	MTO	Knarsdale	R. Maragh	J. Jerkens	9-2
11	MTO	Just Got Out	J. Ortiz	L. Rice	5-1
12	MTO	Bow Town Cat	D. Davis	P. Reynolds	6-1

8TH (5:02PM). \$300,000, STK - THE LAKE PLACID, 3 YO, F, 1 1/8M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Coasted	J. Ortiz	L. Gyarmati	8-1
2	2	Party Boat	J. Rosario	H. Motion	4-1
3	3	La Coronel	F. Geroux	M. Casse	8-5
4	4	Proctor's Ledge	J. Castellano	B. Walsh	5-2
5	5	Berned	R. Maragh	H. Motion	15-1
6	6	Uni (GB)	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	3-1

9TH (5:40PM). \$600,000, STK - THE ALABAMA, 3 YO, F, 1 1/4M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

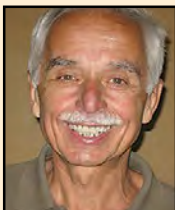
1	1	New Money Honey	J. Castellano	C. Brown	6-1
2	2	Holy Helena	J. Velazquez	J. Jerkens	4-1
3	3	It Tiz Well	D. Van Dyke	J. Hollendorfer	12-1
4	4	Lockdown	M. Franco	W. Mott	5-1
5	5	Unchained Melody	J. Rosario	B. Lynch	3-1
6	6	Salty	T. Gaffalione	M. Casse	9-2
7	7	Elate	J. Ortiz	W. Mott	6-1
8	8	Mopotism	F. Geroux	D. O'Neill	20-1
9	9	Actress	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Servis	15-1

10TH (6:18PM). \$83,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	6	Assertive	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-2
1a	AE	Wake Island	J. Castellano	C. Brown	5-2
2	1	Aoife	M. Franco	T. Albertrani	15-1
3	2	Misericordia (GB)	J. Lezcano	A. Goldberg	15-1
4	3	Speighgal	A. Arroyo	B. Tagg	8-1
5	4	Time to Flirt	L. Saez	B. Cox	7-2
6	5	Star Maven (IRE)	R. Maragh	L. Gyarmati	30-1
7	7	Remarqed	E. Cancel	R. Ribaldo	9-2
8	8	No Cats Allowed	D. Van Dyke	T. Proctor	8-1
9	9	A Change of Heart	J. Rosario	C. Clement	10-1
10	10	Sweet Avery	J. Alvarado	M. Hennig	8-1
11	AE	Fashion Week	J. Ortiz	C. McGaughey III	6-1
12	AE	Length	M. Franco	W. Mott	8-1
13	MTO	Boule	Rider TBA	W. Mott	5-2
14	MTO	Economies of Scale	R. Santana, Jr.	A. Stall, Jr.	4-1
15	MTO	Tapella	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	8-5

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John Shapazian



Gaile Fitzgerald



Tom Law



Charles Bedard



Richard Migliore

Race #	John Shapazian	Gaile Fitzgerald	Tom Law	Charles Bedard	Richard Migliore
1	Turbo Street River Date Tashreeh	Southside Warrior Mills Turbo Street	Turbo Street River Date Southside Warrior	Turbo Street Southside Warrior River Date	River Date Southside Warrior Mills
2	Congruity Ezmosh Blockade	Another Discovered Congruity	Ezmosh Blockade Congruity	Another Blockcade Congruity	Honorable Treasure Ezmosh Congruity
3	Hexameter Murrell's Belle Pico Chick	Hexamaker Pico Chick Wildcat Belle	Hexameter Wildcat Belle Paluxy Princess	Hexameter Wildcat Belle Pico Chick	Pico Chick Murrell's Belle Hexameter
4	Flashy Jewel Hello Don Julio Manitoulin	Manitoulin Hello Don Julio Black Sea	Manitoulin Hello Don Julio Scholar Athlete	Flashy Jewel Manitoulin Chiropractor	Manitoulin Hello Don Julio Black Sea
5	Super Sermon Allured Variant Perception	Super Sermon Variant Perception Avery Island	Super Sermon Variant Perception Avery Island	Super Sermon Avery Island Variant Perception	Avery Island Tweeter In Chief Bourbon Currency
6	Meantime Battle Midway Repole entry	Repole entry Meantime Wine Not	Meantime Battle Midway Repole entry	Meantime Battle Midway Repole entry	Meantime Battle Midway Curlins Vow
7	Just Got Out Ellery Lane Mom's On Strike	Mom's On Strike Casse entry Vagabond	Knarsdale Glory To Kitten Ellery Lane	Knarsdale Glory To Kitten Casse entry	Mom's On Strike Miss Kentucky Glory To Kitten
8	La Coronel Proctor's Ledge Uni	Uni La Coronel Proctor's Ledge	La Coronel Proctor's Ledge Uni	La Coronel Proctor's Ledge Party Boat	Uni Proctor's Ledge Party Boat
9	New Money Honey Lockdown Salty	New Money Honey Unchained Melody Elate	Holy Helena Unchained Melody Salty	Holy Helena Unchained Melody New Money Honey	Holy Helena Salty Unchained Melody
10	Tapella Time To Flirt Bass entry	Bass entry Time To Flirt Speighgal	Bass entry Tapella Time To Flirt	Boule Bass entry Time To Flirt	Misericordia Remarqued Time To Flirt
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GUEST HANDICAPPER UPDATE

Today's guest handicapper is Richard Migliore, who won 4,450 races and the Eclipse Award as outstanding apprentice jockey in 1981. Migliore recently joined The Stronach Group's XBTV as a racing analyst and was named New York field representative for Fasig-Tipton Co. Friday, Skidmore University men's basketball coach Joe Burke picked 2 winners.

* The guest win total does not include Monday or Wednesday, when only The Special's regular handicappers picks appear at thisishorseracing.com.

Hot Stuff

Two-year-old Flameaway fires in off-turf stakes for Oxley, Casse

BY BRANDON VALVO

"You've got four wins now," owner John Oxley said as he placed a hand on Mark Casse's shoulder and descended the stairs from the clubhouse.

Oxley, his wife Debby, and Casse made their way to the winner's circle to meet their promising 2-year-old Flameaway after Friday's Skidmore Stakes.

Oxley was no doubt referencing the slow start to Casse's Saratoga season, which has since been broken by maiden winners Sly Roxy and Machtree and World Approval in the Grade 1 Fourstardave. Flameaway added to the list with a win in the \$100,000 feature.

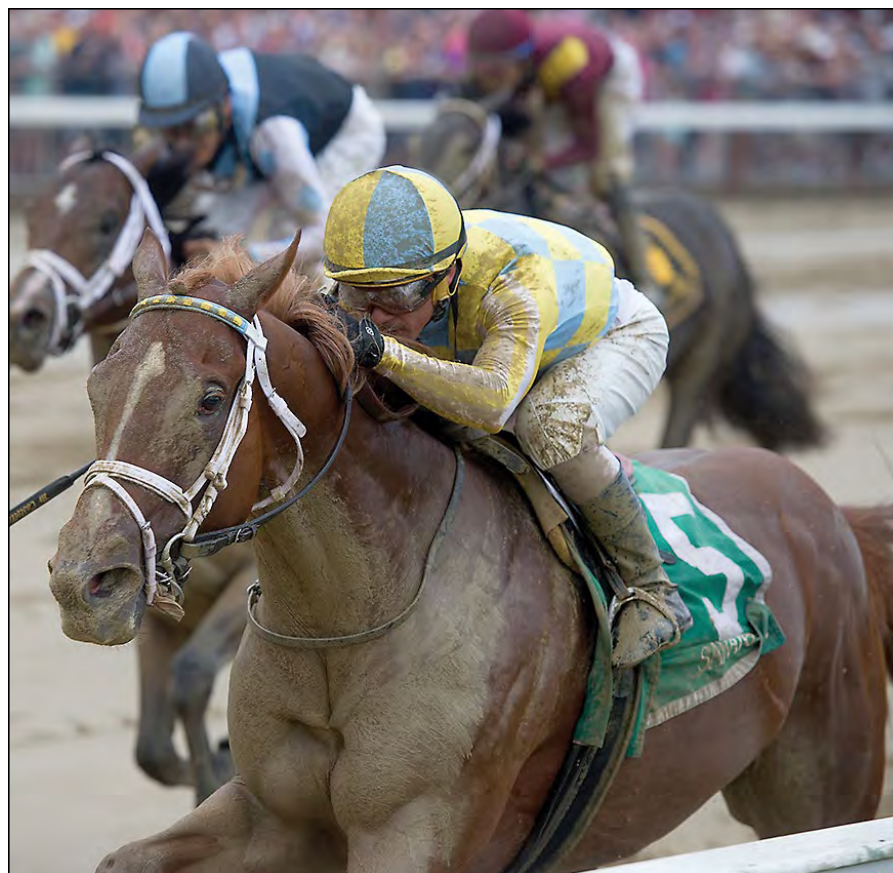
SKIDMORE STAKES RECAP

"We wouldn't be here without Mark Casse," Oxley said in the winner's circle as he embraced the trainer.

"Oh no, we wouldn't be here without these two," Casse replied, gesturing to Oxley and his wife.

The celebration followed Flameaway's 1 1/2-length victory in the Skidmore, which improved the colt's record to 2-for-2. Rained off the Mellon course, the second running of the juvenile stakes went 5 1/2 furlongs on the sealed, muddy main track. It was the only race of the day run over a sealed surface as a light drizzle became an afternoon shower just before

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Tod Marks

Flameaway sprints to the finish in Friday's Skidmore Stakes.

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Skidmore —

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the horses entered the paddock.

After throwing his head around and balking at the prospects of entering the gate, Flameaway came out last of six from post three. Javier Castellano reminded the freshman of his job, tapping the chestnut on his right shoulder as he guided him to the inside. Up front, Nuclear Option sped to the lead from his inside post. Pressured by Joopster and My Chinumado, Nuclear Option recorded an opening quarter of :21.86.

Around the turn, Flameaway advanced along the rail. He passed Dial One and El Dulce and closed within 3 lengths of the frontrunners. However, Castellano took up soon after as Nuclear Option and Joopster began to tire in front of him.

“I had to check because unfortunately when I ended up in that spot, the two horses, the pacemakers that went to the lead, they backed up quick and I had no room to go,” Castellano said. “I had to wait a little bit with my momentum. I just had to check a little bit.”

Racing into the lane past a :46.42 half, Castellano saw an opening between Nuclear Option and Joopster. Flameaway saw it too. He cocked his head to the right and accelerated. Castellano went to the whip and Flameaway lowered his head and extended his stride. Flameaway shifted to the two path to pass Nuclear Option and angled back to the rail in the final sixteenth. Flameaway streaked away by 1 1/2 lengths, beating El Dulce and Dial One.

“When I turned for home, everybody spread,” Castellano said. “He saw the seam and he took off. I like the way he finished. He finished very well, very professional. Not too many horses do that. After you check a little bit, they lose their momentum, they don’t come back again. Especially 2-year-olds only second time career. I think he’s going improve a lot.”

Flameaway’s only other start came in a 4 1/2-furlong maiden win on Woodbine’s Tapeta surface May 28. The \$400,000 purchase by Oxley and Casse out of the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale has earned \$92,574 in two starts. The son of Scat Daddy, bred by Phoenix Rising Farm, turned

heads in the sales ring and has done nothing wrong on the racetrack either.

“Mark Casse and I picked him out,” Oxley said. “He had great conformation, he had a good size, a lot of scope and air, tall colt. Scat Daddy, I like that a lot. We thought he’s also Canadian-bred, so he’s suitable for the potential up there.”


Oxley has about 70 horses in training with Casse, many of which are unraced 2-year-olds. The partnership between the owner and trainer makes winning a stakes race in Saratoga even better. Flameaway is Oxley’s first winner at the meet from about a dozen starters including partnerships.

“It’s so exciting because this is the best of the best here and this is the best racing season throughout the summer for sure,” Oxley said. “It’s not an easy feat to win here at all, let alone a stake. And a 2-year-old is always great because you have the potential. Everything is about anticipation and potential for more wins, more stakes wins, maybe, hopefully. That’s the special, exciting part about it: to win here in Saratoga, as a 2-year-old, and then have the future completely out there for you to have the potential of going on to the big ones.”



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All Together

Play Unified delivers Saratoga score for Bona Venture, Special Olympians

Friday morning's downpour left the turf at Saratoga Race Course too waterlogged for the afternoon, moving all the grass races to the main track. The five rained-off races included the ninth, a 5 1/2-furlong allowance for fillies and mares.

Bona Venture Stable's Play Unified drew in from the main track only list and rolled to victory for trainer George Weaver and her connections. The victory also benefited more than the owners, trainer and jockey Manny Franco.

"Both of my daughters are part of the Special Olympics program and they teach special education at school so it's a passion to us," said Dan Collins of Bona Venture Stables. "Play Unified is named after the theme of

FRIDAY RACING RECAP

the Special Olympics, 'play unified' where they bring Special Olympics students with regular students and create athletic programs.

"We named her in honor of that and we donate 10 percent of the purse to the Special Olympics every time she earns a purse."

Collins' daughter Maura accompanied him in the winner's circle, beaming in an emerald green dress.

"I started working for Special Olympics several years ago and when I did I found out about the unified initiative which was new at the time, and the goal was to focus on social

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Tod Marks

Play Unified heads for home in Friday's ninth race.

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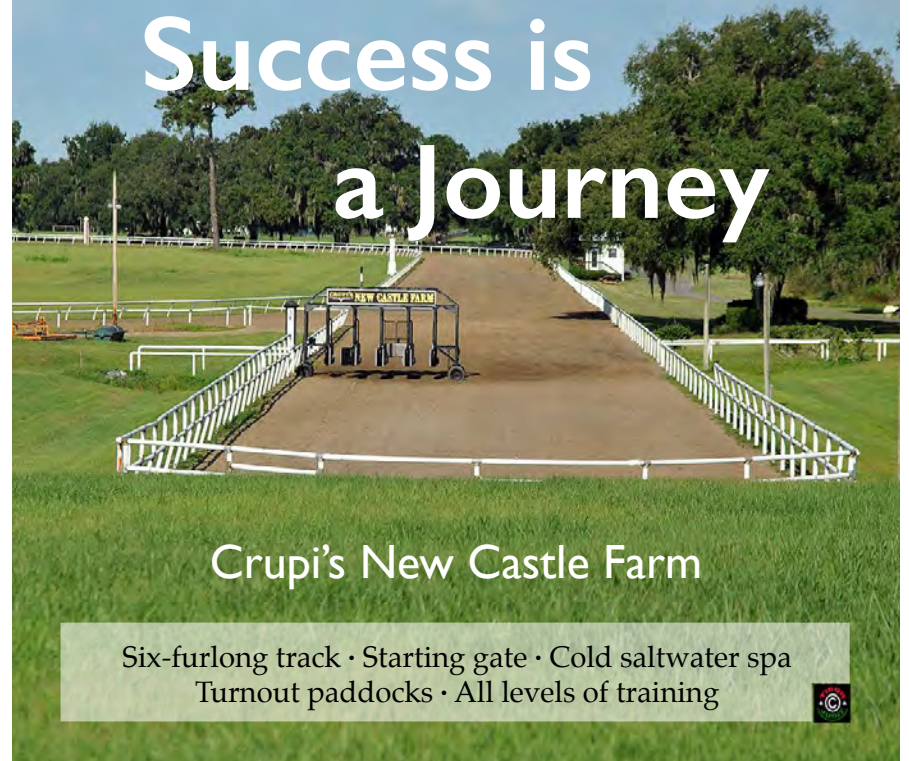
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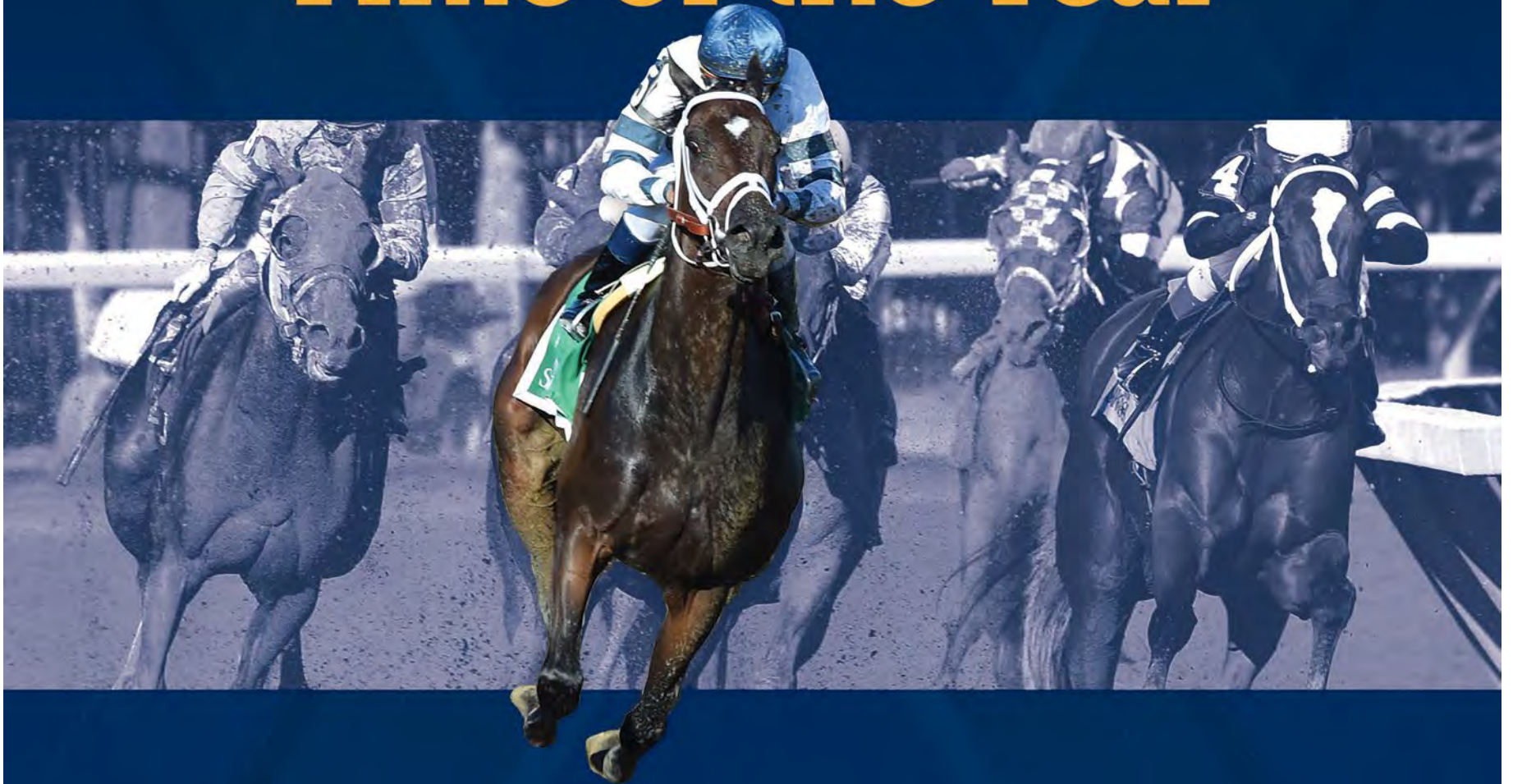
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inclusion, bringing kids together with disabilities and without disabilities,” Maura Collins said. “It’s fantastic to see the relationships develop and the friendships they have. They all train together and play together, they all compete together. It’s just really cool.”

“When we were getting ready to name a horse it was something I really wanted to do and a good way to give back to a cause that we all as a family care so deeply about.”

Play Unified won for the third time in nine starts and boosted her earnings to \$170,305. She has run on every surface from a sloppy and sealed to firm turf to fast dirt, at distances of 5 furlongs to 1 mile.

“She’s in the two-other-than level and she kind of hit a wall,” said Weaver. “We’ve been frustrated with thirds and fourths; we tried the turf in Maryland and Delaware and she ran well.”

“I tried to find a race up here that she could compete in or have a chance to win and this particular spot was



Tod Marks

Jcs American Dream (left) leads everyone home in the first.

there and her numbers weren’t really good on the turf to put her in to run on the grass, but if I put her in main track only maybe it’ll be a little bit of an easier field for this condition. It ended up working out.”

Play Unified and Franco made light

work of their field Friday, winning by 2 1/2 lengths.

“Manny rode her perfectly,” said Weaver. “I told him to send her and ride her aggressively and I wanted to be on the lead or close to it. He did what I asked and it worked out.

“Dan came to me a couple years ago and we’ve had some nice horses together and have had some success. They’re very nice people and I’m always happy to see them win, especially here.”

— *Shayna Tiller*

• Jcs American Dream started the week strong and finished it even stronger.

The 6-year-old Catienuis mare followed up a second in Monday’s Saratoga Dew Stakes with a 3 1/2-length win in Friday’s opener, a 1 1/8-mile allowance-optional for New York-bred fillies and mares. The Michelle Nevin trainee, entered main track only, benefitted when the grass races were taken off the turf.

“I entered before the stake, I kind of felt that the stake was light,” said Jim Riccio, Jcs American Dream’s owner. “It’s tough to get the races to go for a filly that wants to run long. Purse is \$75,000, downstate it’ll be \$55,000.”

Since she already won the allowance condition, Riccio and Nevin were forced to enter the mare for the

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PERFORMER of the WEEK

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PURE SILVER, a 2-year-old daughter by Mission Impazible, improved to 3-for-3 with a dominating victory against open company in last Saturday’s Grade 2 Adirondack Stakes. Bred by Twin Creeks Farm and campaigned by Twin Creeks Racing Stable, Pure Silver won the 6 1/2-furlong Adirondack by 9 1/2 lengths under John Velazquez for trainer Todd Pletcher. Out of the stakes-winning Forest Wildcat mare Jehan, Pure Silver added the Adirondack to her previous victories over New York-breds in a maiden special weight and the Lynbrook Stakes this summer at Belmont Park.

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\$25,000 claiming price. Four days after nearly winning a stakes, Jcs American Dream was claimed by Linda Rice.

The New York-bred made \$174,135 for Riccio and Nevin after they claimed her for \$40,000 in December 2015.

“Michelle is a very capable horsewoman, she worked for Rick Dutrow for a long time, and we’ve had success running them back on short rest,” Riccio said. “Some people don’t believe it, but it worked today.”

Dutrow and Riccio’s partnership was highlighted by wins three days apart with Willy Beamin, a \$25,000 claim, in the Albany Stakes for New York-breds and Grade 1 King’s Bishop Stakes at Saratoga in 2012.

Riccio was joined by his son Jimmy and his family in the winner’s circle.

“It’s my granddaughter’s birthday, she just turned 6,” he said. “My grandson who turned 8, August 1, and my son and his wife. We got a little family photo, missing my daugh-

ter, but she’ll be up for Labor Day weekend.”

A different sort of Riccio family member in Jose Ortiz entered the winner’s circle as well after riding Jcs American Dream to victory.

“I’d never spent a summer up here until this year, I’m really having the time of life,” Riccio said. “I don’t have a lot of horses to run myself but I’m a Jose Ortiz fan. My son is his agent, so we just come out and root for Jose.”

— Ben Gowans

- A big-boned bay filly strode around the paddock before the fifth and everything about her screamed sprinter. Charlton Baker draped a black saddlecloth over Droselmeyr’s Smile’s back and sent her off to win in the 6-furlong state-bred maiden special weight on the main track.

“She was small when she first got here, but the last couple months she grew up a lot,” Baker said. “She’s got that body on her, that’s great.”

“She’s coming from a well-bred family, she’s got a lot of nice stakes winners in her family. About four brothers and sisters are stakes winners, I’ve still got a couple.”



Tod Marks

Droselmeyr’s Smile heads to the finish of Friday’s fifth race.

A homebred for Francis Paolangelì, the 2-year-old daughter of Droselmeyer is out of the Dixie Brass mare Serenity’s Smile. Paolangelì raced the filly’s grand dam, Aggressivebynature, and bred her to Dixie Brass. She produced multiple stakes placed Serenity’s Smile, who has served as a foundation for Paolangelì’s breeding

program with seven offspring that include two others in training with Baker.

“He’s been with me since Day 1,” said Baker. “He’s just a nice, great guy. I can’t say enough in words about what a great guy he is.”

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“That mare’s a very nice mare and he’s gotten a few nice horses from her. I didn’t train her, but I knew her. She was a big, long, great looking filly. She was a great filly too, a nice racehorse. I pretty much knew I was getting (Droselmeyr’s Smile), I get most of the ones he breeds now. He keeps me up to date from when he’s choosing the sire, then the weanling, yearling, all the way up to when I’m getting them at the track. So I’m always aware of where they are.”

With Joel Rosario aboard, the first-time starter settled into the far turn, swung wide and accelerated into the stretch to win by 3 lengths. The victory earned Rosario his second of the day.

“Coming in here I thought she was an honest filly in the morning,” said Baker. “She kind of ran like I expected, off the pace, not showing a lot of speed. She did everything professionally coming towards the race,

like schooling and everything she was good about it.

“She broke great, and she was in a great spot. She was laying fourth, fifth off the speed, which is what I wanted to do. I thought she’d be a little further back, but where she was was perfect. She handled everything great, dirt in her face and everything. Super. She didn’t show much as a 2-year-old in training, the guy who breaks them told me she was slowly getting better. When I got her that’s what I noticed. Every time she trained she got a little better. She just wanted to improve and start. She’s just one of those honest fillies. She might stretch out a little further, but she’s built like a sprinter. If she wants to go further she’ll tell us but right now 6 or 7 is what I’m thinking.”

— *Shayna Tiller*

• “I’m just the assistant,” Rob Atlas said, darting out of the winner’s circle after going 2-for-2 Friday.

He’s *the* assistant, counted on by Robertino Diodoro to run the main string of Diodoro runners, first at Oaklawn Park over the winter, then Belmont in the spring and now at Saratoga for the first time this summer.

“He left on Tuesday,” Atlas said of his boss. “He’s up at the Derby in Canada, the Canadian Derby (at Northlands Park, where he will saddle 2-1 second choice Chief Know It All today). He’ll be back here on the 25th.”

Atlas might not prefer to do the talking, but he saddled the barn’s second and third winners of the meet, first with Special Jo in the second and Pete’s Play Call in the eighth.

“He was training pretty good going into the race,” Atlas said of Pete’s Play Call. “I thought he had a decent shot and there was enough speed in there that he would sit a stalking trip, so everything worked out.”

Both winners were owned by M and M Racing, before being claimed out of their wins.

“They got the majority of our horses here, in whole or in parts,” Atlas said. “They’re one of our big supporters.”

— *Ben Gowans*



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FIRST \$75,000, NY-BRED AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

13 Jcs American Dream	J. Ortiz	\$3.10	\$2.20	\$2.10
14 Kate Is a Ten	L. Saez	\$3.70	\$2.70	
12 Graceful Gal	L. Reyes		\$3.20	

Ch Mare 2011, by Catienuus - American Passage by Quiet American
Owner: Riccio, James, A.. Trainer: Michelle Nevin.

Breeder: Miracle Man Racing Partners LLC (NY). Time: 1:53.85
Late Scratches: Mo Promise, Pinchbeck, Table for Six, Kitty Maddnes, Ten Penny Princess, Jennifer's Legacy, Forever for Always, Sugar Mags, Bareeqa

Claimed: Jcs American Dream claimed by Rice, Linda for \$25,000
Exacta (13-14), \$7.00; Superfecta (13-14-12-6), \$58.00; Trifecta (13-14-12), \$28.80

SECOND \$25,000, CLAIMING \$12,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

1 Special Jo	A. Arroyo	\$7.30	\$4.40	\$3.10
5 Lyrical Miracle	E. Cancel		\$16.60	\$7.10
3 Waco	L. Reyes			\$4.60

B Gelding 2010, by Johannesburg - Quiet City by Carson City
Owner: M and M Racing. Trainer: Robertino Diodoro. Time: 1:11.06

Breeder: John H. Clarke, Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli (KY).
Claimed: Special Jo claimed by Oringer, Jay for \$12,500, Nonna's Boy

claimed by Braverman, Paul for \$12,500, Saltine Warrior claimed by La Marca Stable for \$12,500

Daily Double (13-1), \$10.60; Exacta (1-5), \$132.50; Quinella (1-5), \$90.00; Superfecta (1-5-3-2), \$4,879.00; Trifecta (1-5-3), \$802.00

THIRD \$50,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

4 Marriage Fever	J. Rosario	\$10.40	\$4.00	\$2.60
10 Conquest Twister	J. Ortiz		\$3.50	\$2.50
1X Paid Admission	R. Santana, Jr.			\$2.50

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2009, by Stormin Fever - Betroth by Cherokee Run
Owner: Eleven Stars Racing Stables and Wetter, Dennis.

Trainer: Robert Barbara. Breeder: James Devaney (KY). Time: 1:25.13
Late Scratches: Inventor's Gate, Spin Cycle, Boss Man, Purely Boy,

Dream Man, Docs Legacy (IRE), Sportscaster
Claimed: Marriage Fever claimed by Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons Rac-

ing for \$25,000, Conquest Twister claimed by Jacobson, David for \$25,000, Silver Dagger claimed by Gap View Stables for \$25,000

Daily Double (1-4), \$37.60; Exacta (4-10), \$21.60; Superfecta (4-10-1-8), \$131.00; Trifecta (4-10-1), \$75.50; Pic 3 (13-1-4), \$54.00

FOURTH \$100,000, STAKES - SKIDMORE S., 2 YO, 5 1/2F

5 Flameaway	J. Castellano	\$10.80	\$3.80	\$2.90
7 El Dulce	J. Velazquez		\$3.10	\$2.30
6 Dial One	J. Ortiz			\$2.80

Ch Colt 2015, by Scat Daddy - Vulcan Rose by Fusaichi Pegasus
Owner: Oxley, John, C.. Trainer: Mark Casse. Time: 1:06.68

Breeder: Phoenix Rising Farms (ON).
Late Scratches: Nauti Buoy, Mentality

Daily Double (4-5), \$61.00; Exacta (5-7), \$30.60; Quinella (5-7), \$13.40; Superfecta (5-7-6-8), \$509.00; Trifecta (5-7-6), \$88.00; Pic 3 (1-4-5), \$180.50

FIFTH \$73,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F

6 Droselmeyr's Smile	J. Rosario	\$16.80	\$7.00	\$3.90
5 Missimpazi	J. Davila, Jr.		\$5.50	\$3.80
1 Under Suspicion	L. Saez			\$2.80

B Filly 2015, by Drosselmeyer - Serenity's Smile by Dixie Brass
Owner: Paolangel, Francis, J.. Trainer: Charlton Baker. Time: 1:13.33

Breeder: Francis Paolangel (NY). Late Scratches: Missbigtimes
Daily Double (5-6), \$80.50; Exacta (6-5), \$73.50; Superfecta (6-5-

1-4), \$856.00; Trifecta (6-5-1), \$212.00; Consolation Double (5-2), \$10.20; Pic 3 (4-5-6), \$299.00; (4-5-2), \$51.50; Pic 4 (1-4-5-6), \$1,710.00; Pic 5 (1,2,3,4,5,7,8,10,11,13/1/4/5/6), \$3,249.00

SIXTH \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO, 1 1/8M

9 Caviar Czar (IRE)	J. Velazquez	\$4.50	\$3.00	\$2.30
11 Painter's Rags	J. Ortiz		\$3.90	\$2.90
2 Escape Velocity	J. Castellano			\$2.60

Dk B/ Br Colt 2014, Medaglia d'Oro - Countess Lemonade, Storm Cat
Owner: Flay, Bobby. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: Mr B. Flay (IRE).
Late Scratches: Bird's Eye View, Lunaire, Surprise Twist, Convivial,
Lucullan, Don't Over Look

Time: 1:52.07
Daily Double (6-9), \$38.00; Exacta (9-11), \$12.00; Superfecta (9-11-2-5), \$219.00; Trifecta (9-11-2), \$32.20; Pic 3 (5-6-9), \$293.00; (5-2-9), \$33.60

SEVENTH \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

1A Old Dubai	J. Lezcano	\$16.20	\$7.50	\$5.40
7 Commandeering	J. Velazquez		\$6.60	\$4.30
8 Malibu Action	J. Ortiz			\$5.20

Gr/ro Colt 2014, by Tapit - Dubai Escapade by Awesome Again
Owner: Godolphin Racing LLC. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin.
Breeder: Darley (KY). Time: 1:10.07

Late Scratches: Tommy T, Fully Vested
Daily Double (9-1), \$25.40; Exacta (1-7), \$87.00; Superfecta (1-7-8-2), \$991.00; Trifecta (1-7-8), \$460.00; Pic 3 (6-9-1), \$190.50

EIGHTH \$67,000, CLAIMING \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

1 Pete's Play Call	A. Arroyo	\$16.40	\$6.00	\$3.40
6 Alex the Terror	J. Ortiz		\$4.00	\$3.00
7 Bluegrass Singer	L. Saez			\$3.00

Ch Gelding 2013, by Munnings - Taft Lil Queen by Irish Open
Owner: M and M Racing. Trainer: Robertino Diodoro.

Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Charles McGinnes (MD). Time: 1:22.75
Late Scratches: A Fleet Attitude

Claimed: Pete's Play Call claimed by Gullo, Gary P. for \$50,000, Alex the Terror claimed by Flying P Stable for \$50,000, Bluegrass Singer

claimed by Island Wind Racing for \$50,000, Shuffle Up claimed by J.W. Singer LLC for \$50,000, Luna de Loco claimed by Grady, Brad for \$50,000

Daily Double (1-1), \$123.50; Exacta (1-6), \$76.00; Superfecta (1-6-7-2), \$938.00; Trifecta (1-6-7), \$271.00; Pic 3 (9-1-1), \$170.00

NINTH \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

3 Play Unified	M. Franco	\$10.60	\$4.10	\$2.70
1 My Sweet Stella	L. Saez		\$3.30	\$2.50
9 Eila	J. Velazquez			\$2.70

Gr/ro Filly 2013, by Exchange Rate - Carson City Sham by Carson City
Owner: Bona Venture Stables. Trainer: George Weaver. Time: 1:04.79

Breeder: Keith Hernandez, Earl Hernandez & John Duvieilh (LA).
Late Scratches: Silvertoni, Wild About Harry, Rumble Doll, Miss Katie Mae (IRE). Daily Double (1-3), \$66.50; Exacta (3-1), \$29.00; Superfecta (3-1-9-5), \$237.00; Trifecta (3-1-9), \$127.50; Pic 3 (1-1-3), \$463.50; Grand slam (2/9/11-1/7/8-1/6/7-3), \$52.50

TENTH \$32,000, CLAIMING \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

2 Sanavi	J. Ortiz	\$5.60	\$3.30	\$2.60
5 Mister Hayes	P. Lopez		\$3.70	\$2.80
9 The Orphan Miracle	E. Cancel			\$5.30

B Colt 2014, by Lemon Drop Kid - Selvatica by Forestry
Owner: Starlight Racing. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Time: 1:52.88

Breeder: Liberty Road Stables (KY). Late Scratches: Bold Illusion
Claimed: Sanavi claimed by Flying P Stable for \$16,000, Prize Fight

claimed by My Purple Haze Stables for \$16,000
Daily Double (3-2), \$33.40; Exacta (2-5), \$24.00; Superfecta (2-5-9-3), \$413.00; Trifecta (2-5-9), \$140.00; Pic 3 (1-3-2), \$220.50; Pic 4 (1-1-3-2/8), \$1,572.00; Pic 5 (1/3/4/6/8/9/12-1-1-3-2/8), \$1,901.00; Pic 6 (6-1/3/4/6/8/9/12-1-1-3-2/8), \$184.00; Pic 6 (6-1/3/4/6/8/9/12-1-1-3-2/8), \$15,801.00

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Oh, Brother

Jason Servis stood along the outside rail of the Oklahoma track Thursday morning as Alabama hopeful Actress enjoyed her first morning at the Spa. Arriving earlier that day, the gray daughter of Tapit jogged the wrong way, turned around and loped easily past Servis, his wife Natalie and a few gawkers on a crisp and clear morning.

“She hits 16s like nothing, like nothing,” Servis said, referring to the seconds it takes for her to cover a furlong. “Every once in a while I’ll put my watch on her and she just hits 16s. I don’t usually get these horses.”

Servis, 60, usually gets projects, claimers, patch-up jobs. Actress is no patch-up job. Owned and bred by Mary and Gary West, the daughter of leading sire Tapit made her debut in March, finishing second to future stakes winner Unchained Melody. Servis skipped the maiden category, sending her out to finish second in the Game Face at Gulfstream and to win the Black-Eyed Susan at Pimlico. Rallying from 19 lengths back that day, Actress became Servis’ second Grade 2 stakes winner. Two months later, she finished third in the Grade 3 Delaware Oaks.

Asked if it was different to train a horse like Actress, Servis dismissed the thought.

“There’s a little extra pressure the next couple of days, but that’s all,” he said.

Born and raised in Charles Town, W. Va., Jason Servis used to be the lesser known of the two Servis brothers. Younger brother, John, trained Smarty Jones to nearly win the Triple Crown. While his brother became a headliner in 2004, Jason has plied his trade consistently since he designed his first dark blue and white saddle towel in 2001.

Servis won 14 races in 2002, he won 97 last year, gradually becoming a force in New York. At Saratoga this summer, Servis has won eight races from 19 starts, including a stakes win with Picco Uno Thursday and a shot to win his first Grade 1 in today’s Alabama.



Asked if he dreamed about Saratoga when he was galloping horses at Charles Town, Servis seemed surprised by the question. “I guess,” he said.

That’s about all the emotion you’re going to get from Servis, a likeable and low-key professional horse trainer who has come up the hard way, learning the game from his father, Joe, who rode races before serving as a steward at Charles Town for 40 years.

“I can remember riding at this hunt meet in Ruby, Va., it was on a hill, there was a half-mile track, I went over there for a couple of trainers from Charles Town, maidens who hadn’t run yet, no pari-mutuel wagering,” Servis said. “My brother, he’s the groom and I am the jockey. When John had Smarty Jones, some people asked me if I had any pictures. Oh, I have pictures.”

John Servis wanted to be a trainer. Jason Servis wanted to be a jockey.

“I wanted to ride bad, I got the itch, my father made me graduate high school and I got big,” Servis said. “I knew everybody at Charles Town, but I had to leave because my dad was a steward, I went to Mountaineer, it was Waterford then, I rode about a year, I didn’t do much good, won some races. I came to Monmouth and I was going to go to New York

for the winter (Steve) Cauthen broke in, but I was fighting it, gave it up and went in the room.”

The jocks’ room can serve as a landing pad or a launching pad for ex-jockeys, ambitious exercise riders and racetrack refugees. Servis, who was still galloping horses in the morning, wasn’t sure which it was.

“The room was good to me,” Servis said. “I didn’t have any complaints.”

Like most racing stories, Servis’ changed at the convergence of necessity and opportunity, forced by Closing Day at one track and Opening Day at another. Peter Fortay, who had taken Servis under his wing, got sick and died. The Meadowlands fall meet was over. Fortay’s main client, Dennis Drazin, asked Servis if he would take his horses.

“I did everything in the morning and he would go in the afternoon, it was great and then he got sick and died on me,” Servis said. “Dennis asked me if I wanted to go to New York with a couple of horses. So I went up there.”

After his first horse ran, Jimmy Croll called.

“I see you run a horse, are you training?” the Hall of Fame trainer of Holy Bull and other stars asked.

“Yes sir,” Servis answered.

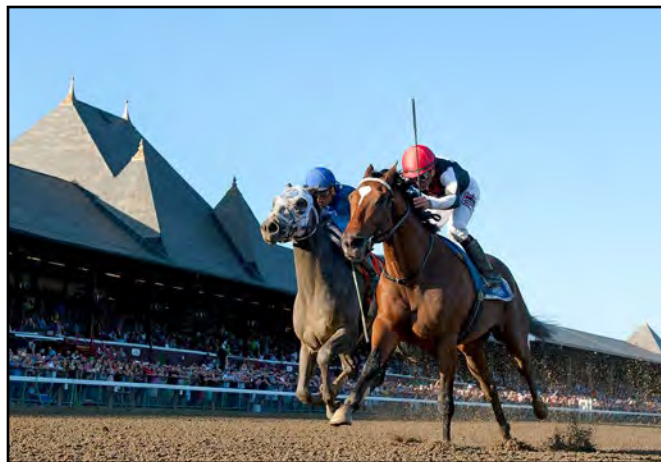
“I’m sending you a horse from Gulfstream,” Croll said.

“OK, Mr. Croll.”

Servis ran the filly back in seven weeks, she won, paid \$90, Croll and his cronies bet and Servis was on his way. Sixteen years later, Servis is crushing it in Saratoga.

“I practiced for 25 years, I really did, I was in the room, galloping horses, running a shed,” Servis said. “I’ve seen guys go by the wayside, I know any day it can turn the other way, I’m humble every day.”

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