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## NAMES OF THE DAY

**Heaven Is Waiting, sixth race.** Ken and Sarah Ramsey's homebred is out of Gates Of Eden.

**Switzerland, eighth race.** The 4-year-old colt owned by Woodford Racing is out of Czechers. Don't call him neutral.

**Manitoulin, ninth race.** You've got to follow along a bit here, and know your racing history. Owned by Darby Dan Farm Racing, the 5-year-old gelding is from a long line of homebreds including his millionaire dam Soaring Softly. Manitoulin is a Canadian island in Lake Huron. Its largest settlement is Little Current, the name of a 1970s Darby Dan runner who won the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

**Nantucket Red, 11th race.** The 3-year-old filly owned by Diane Snowden is by Get Stormy out of Scarlett Madeleine. You can buy shorts in that color.

**Cash Out, 11th race.** The 3-year-old filly owned by G. Watts Humphrey is by Street Cry out of Deal Of The Decade.

## T-SHIRT SLOGAN OF THE DAY

I only like horse racing, and beer, and maybe like three people.

## WORTH REPEATING

"I've had peace and quiet."

**Ian Wilkes** after **The Special's Tom Law** apologized for not coming for a visit until Thursday morning

"If I had a buck for every time somebody asked me if I was related to Ross . . ."

**Artist Michael Geraghty**, who is (as far as anyone knows) not related to the jump jockey



**Wet Track.** Friday's crowd takes cover during one of several deluges.

Tod Marks

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1:** Exercise rider singing "Shoulda been a cowboy," while walking through Horse Haven on horseback in the rain Thursday morning.





**1:** 2018 Her Majesty's Stud Book in Christophe Clement's car Friday morning.

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## WORTH REPEATING

"I do that sometimes."

**The Special's Tom Law, after taking a brief nap at his computer**

"I need to get my stifle injected."

**Bloodstock agent Steve Young, limping around the paddock**

"I'm abusing him right now. I'm working him very hard so he goes back to school."

**Rudy Rodriguez Sr., on his son Rudy Jr. who is working as his assistant**

"No, I'll get it for you. This is a really heavy saddle."

**Rodney Payne to fellow valet Simon Harris**

"He's so hot. He's like a silver fox."

**Ben & Jerry's server when she heard Todd Pletcher's name mentioned**

"I told Jonathan he looks like Bob Baffert."

**Trainer Jack Fisher, after a photo of Jonathan Sheppard walking Iranistan made the cover of The Special Thursday**

"Then send his ass down here to help me paint!"

**Florida trainer Caroline Webster, when informed that her advertisement would help pay The Special's Ben Gowans**

"Do I look muscular?"

**The Special's Shayna Tiller, after she took off her rain jacket and revealed her guns in a sleeveless shirt**

"And I've been here 33 years."

**Trainer's mother Jean Adsit, about her southern accent**

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Trainer Bill Mott, when told he stole a race Wednesday



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### WORTH REPEATING

"They don't give you a day off?"

George Weaver to the Special's Ben Gowans as he roamed around the Oklahoma side Tuesday morning

"This is better than betting."

Reader Joe Curtin, about The Special

"I'll be by the same time tomorrow."

Curtin, who was handed a paper on the street by The Special's Joe Clancy

"Everyone knows whose dogs behave."

Stephanie Brennan, as her leashed terriers met an on-the-loose George Morley Friday morning

"Family shambles."

Trainer Tom Morley, as he corralled his daughter Grace and dog George

"There's a connection there."

Owner Barry Irwin, when informed that veuve can mean "widow" and "guillotine" in French

"Oooh, I just saw Angel Cordero."

Starstruck van driver Keith Cooper

"Better to sweat now than in the afternoon."

Jockey Jose Ortiz, in a jacket while riding out Friday morning

"I bought the pony and the saddle for the asking price."

Trainer, after saying her husband scolded her for paying too much for a pony

"Drinking on the job."

Bill Mott, as he took a sip of water between sets Friday morning

"Your boss walked all the way from my barn to here. I might offer him a ride back."

Trainer Christophe Clement to The Special's Ben Gowans after a car ride from his Oklahoma barn to the paddock, when he saw Sean Clancy reach the same destination after taking a different route with today's Bowling Green entrant Sarrasin

### POETRY CORNER

The winner of the Triple Crown  
Won't be racing in our town  
Justify has retired, we've been told  
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— Pete Finley

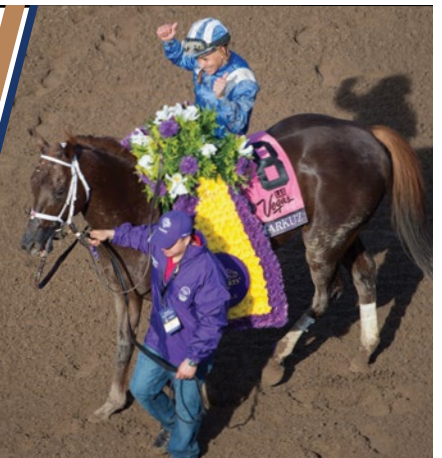


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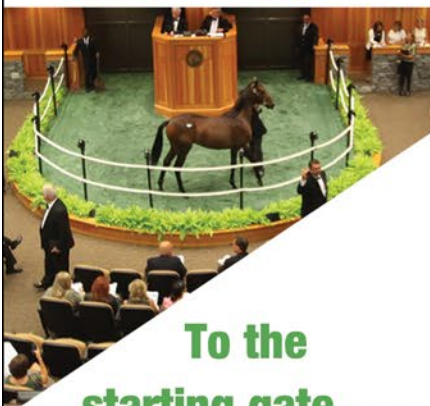
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*- Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015*



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## with Christophe Clement

Calm, serene, tranquil. All adjectives that accurately describe Christophe Clement's barn and the area surrounding it in the middle of the "Payson Park" corner just a few steps away from the Fifth Avenue gap on the Oklahoma track. In between Shug McGaughey and Bill Mott, it's a good life.

With only one barn at Saratoga, Clement still has many runners stabled at Belmont. He splits his time between the two tracks this time of year.

"Every Monday after the races, I go to Belmont," he said "I drive back on Wednesdays in order to be here on time for my runners. I do the exact opposite during the Belmont meet. From May 1 to November, that's my routine."

The Clement stable had a superb finish to the Belmont meeting. Disco Partner won the Grade 2 Jaipur Stakes Belmont Stakes Day and the barn won 15 races in the last five weeks of the meet thereafter.

"We were slow to start but finished very well," Clement said. "We ran a lot of horses from June 15 to July 15, which we are paying for now because I have a little bit of a lack of horses to run. They should be back running in August. I finished second in the standings, which by number of horses I think is good and I think our percentage did well, so I was delighted with that. Hopefully we'll have plenty of runners for the second half of the meet."

Clement took a ride with The Special's Ben Gowans from his barn over to the paddock after turf works Friday morning and chatted about his runners.

**Disco Partner:** Now a 6-year-old, the Generazio homebred won the Jaipur for second year in a row and in doing so went over \$1 million in earnings. He was fifth in the Forbidden Apple Stakes at 1-mile July 14. "We have the Troy (Aug. 5) in mind. It's coming back a little bit quick at three weeks but he's doing well. I'm not sure we'll work him back, I might just train him to the race. He's dead fit, he looks great. He's a top sprinter. I tried to stretch him last time which was a mistake. We live and learn and we go back sprinting."

**Pure Sensation:** The other fast, gray Generazio homebred. The 7-year-old is winless in three starts this year. He finished third behind his stablemate in the Jaipur and then was third again in the Grade 3 Parx Dash. "Complicated horse, with his



feet and soundness issues. When he's right, he's top class. He ran a good race when he was third in the Jaipur this year. He finished third and ran below form the other day at Parx. He came back very sore in both front feet. We worked on that. If he's sound enough, we'll run in the Troy. If he's not sound enough, we'll give him enough time and go to the next one."

**Therapist:** Bred by Clement and Oak Bluff Stables, he's a graduate of the 2016 Fasig-Tipton New York-bred Saratoga Yearling Sale. The son of Freud was undefeated in three starts as a 2-year-old and won two stakes. He won two again this year and took the New York Stallion Series Stakes at Belmont last month. "He ran very well last time out. Irad rides him great. We kept him eligible for the Hall Of Fame coming up, but unless the Hall Of Fame falls apart, the plan is to run him in the New York-bred stakes because it's obviously an easier spot and it's a lot of money, you know?"

**Lull:** The Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider homebred has only run twice this year. She won the Grade 3 Honey Fox at Gulfstream Park in March and was third in the Grade 1 Just A Game on Belmont Stakes Day. She was entered to run in Monday's Caress Stakes but because of the wet turf conditions was rerouted to Woodbine this weekend. "Unfortunately, we had a crazy amount of rain. I don't think she can handle softer turf. It was not soft, it was very soft that day. She will run in the Royal North in Canada on Sunday. It's a tough race and a lot of weight, 125. She's training great, she looks great, and I'm excited to see her run."

**Factorofwon:** Everett Dobson's Cheyenne Stable bought this 3-year-old filly for \$400,000 at Fasig-Tipton's horses of racing age sale earlier this month. She won the Black Pearl Stakes at Santa Anita in May and then was second in the Stormy Blues Stakes at Laurel Park two days before she was sold. She will

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run first time for Clement in Monday's Coronation Cup Stakes. "She came in right after the sale. We bought her and she came the next day. Very exciting, we put her in the stakes coming up on Monday. I wouldn't like the ground to be too soft because she looks like a very speedy filly that likes top of the ground. She's trained well. She's done everything right since she's come to us. Her form is good. It's a very open stakes. I looked at it briefly, four or five can win it."

**White Flag:** Robert Evans' homebred 4-year-old is a graduate of Fasig-Tipton's 2014 Kentucky November mixed sale. He won the Allied Forces Stakes at Belmont last fall and won an allowance-optional at Belmont earlier this month in his second start of the year. "White

Flag is possible for the Lure Stakes here if we get better weather. He hates soft. Most of War Front's that I've trained, they're not the type of horses for softer turf, they do much better on faster ground. Otherwise, I'll train him for the Play The King, which is a Grade 2 going seven-eighths at Woodbine."

**Blacktype:** French-bred gelding won the Grade 2 Knickerbocker for Jump Sucker Stables in October. The 7-year-old was flat in his first two starts this year but won an allowance optional at Belmont July 5. "I thought he worked very well a few days ago. He's eligible for the Lure as well. Blacktype is the exact opposite of White Flag, the softer the better. He ran very well the other day at Belmont. Very honest kind of a horse. He always tries, he's been a fun horse."

**Chipolata:** French-bred filly was stakes-placed this year in her native country before being sent to Clement to run in the Grade 1 Belmont Oaks. "My brother (Nicolas) called me and told me that there was a small filly, not much to look at but a great turn of foot. She had to be bought for America, which we did. The original owners stayed in for one-third, West Point bought two-thirds. When she came in, I was a little bit disappointed because she's very small and in the stall she's just a horse. I called my brother to tell him what I thought, and he told me to wait until she moved on the track. Which we did. She's actually a remarkable mover, she's very athletic. She ran a great race. She came from out of it, finished very well. She's Grade 1-placed now. Looking back at it, it's a very good buy. I told my brother to find me some more. Originally, I wanted to bring her back in September. She's been jogging three weeks, tomorrow will be her last day jogging since the Oaks. She's at Belmont, we'll start galloping on Sunday and decide after that. I think she's going to come back and run much quicker than expected, which is very good news."

# Stable Tour —

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**Epping Forest:** Waterville Lake Stable's homebred is 6-for-11 in her career. She has won her last two, both turf sprints at Belmont, which suits her late running style. "There's not really a race up here for her, which is a problem. The Caress could have been, but it's too quick from her win at Belmont. She could go a mile, if I wanted to. You could go in a race like the De La Rose, but you're pushing it a little bit. I'm going to have a look at it."

**Sea Foam:** Clement signed the ticket at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale for this colt's dam, Strike It Rich. She won the Grade 3 Boiling Springs on turf for the trainer and Waterville Lake Stable. This Medaglia d'Oro colt prefers dirt and gave Clement a rare win at Finger Lakes in the New York Derby last time. When was the last time Clement won a race at Finger Lakes? "Twenty years ago I think I did. I don't go to Finger Lakes very often. He came back in great shape and has been jogging since the race. We will start galloping him next week, give him two works, and then go for the Albany. His deal is to go long on dirt, it's great. I don't have enough of them. He was my first stakes winner going long on dirt since Tonalist so it's a lot of fun for me. I love to train that kind of horse."

**Up The Ante:** Castleton Lyons' homebred 3-year-old colt won the Manila Stakes at Belmont July 4 but hasn't worked since. "Maybe the Hall Of Fame. A little bit of a question mark on his feet lately. As long as he's sound enough we'll try to run him in the Hall Of Fame. He's going to work tomorrow and we'll decide after that."

**Egyptian Storm:** Robert Evans and West Point Thoroughbreds bought this Pioneer of The Nile filly for \$230,000 as a yearling last year. She's worth a lot more now. The half-sister to Triple Crown winner Justify shows four works on the tab for Clement. "She's done very well. She's a beautiful filly. She needs some time, we have to be careful. Because

she's so forward and been training well, you could rush her a bit quicker than what she wants mentally. She needs to slow down a little bit. The idea would be to have her ready to run sometime in September or October at Belmont. I don't think she'll run in Saratoga, which is perfectly OK. I don't want to rush her, just want her to come along."

**Miss Technicality:** John McCormack bred this 2-year-old filly who he owns in partnership with Namcook Stables. The daughter of Gio Ponti won on debut July 6 at Belmont in a 6-furlong maiden special on turf. "She was an impressive winner at Belmont. She belongs to a very good friend of mine who is in partnership with a very good friend of mine. Came out of the race in very good shape, she's shipping to Saratoga today. Most probably, we'll train her to go in the stakes next time. The P.G. Johnson would be one of the choices, you have a race at Woodbine, you also have a race at Kentucky Downs. I will be very disappointed if she does not turn out to be a stakes horse."

**Stormy Victoria:** Late running French-bred mare has been very consistent in 17 starts over the past few years for Clement. She won the South Beach Stakes at Gulfstream in January. "She worked a few days ago in front of me at Belmont. A touch flat, I'd like her work to be a bit better before we run her. Nothing wrong, just give her a bit more time, that's all. She's been a very nice mare, belongs to a great group of people, a lot of fun to train for. She's been a great success, it's her last year so it would be nice to win one more race."

**Big Rock:** New Phoenix Stable owns the 6-year-old who is 3-for-4 at Saratoga. His only defeat was a third in last year's Lucky Coin Stakes. "He's running in the three-other-than here next week. He's doing well. He's another horse who is much better on firmer turf. It's a little bit ambitious because he's been a little below form this year. He loves Saratoga, 5 1/2 furlongs, Javier Castellano, let's go."

**Brooke Marie:** 2-year-old Lemon Drop Kid filly was bought by Badgers Racing last year. She had her first gate work Sunday, a

half-mile in :49.29. "She was an astute buy by Brad Weisbord and Liz Crow. She belongs to a very nice guy. She's running first time out in a few weeks. She's trained well, she'll be okay."

**Sister Sunday:** Bach Stables' 3-year-old filly won well in a maiden special at Tampa in March and then was third in a stakes at Gulfstream. "She's nice. I like her, I've always liked her. She ran a very good race at Tampa. She came back and finished third in the stakes, she bled a little bit that day at Gulfstream. Gave her some time off, she's on the way back. She should be two weeks away from a race."

**Report on Clement's four turf workers Friday:** "I worked a horse called Have At It. He's a nice horse who won the a-other-than impressively at Belmont. He's possible for the Hall Of Fame. We worked a nice filly called Palinodie. She's been a nice staying filly. We might run her in the Waya. We worked a new German filly called Gondora, G-o-n-d-o-r-a. She belongs to Team Valor. She'll run in probably the next two weeks up here. Last but not least is a 2-year-old called Malthael. By Noble Mission. A half-brother to A.P. Indian that we like that will run in the coming two weeks in Saratoga. Nice horse."

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Vino Rosso is a heavy favorite in today's Jim Dandy, a key prep for the Travers next month.

# Second Season

## Small field of 3-year-olds tests the waters in Gr. 2 Travers prep

BY TOM LAW

JIM DANDY STAKES PREVIEW

The Triple Crown winner is retired. The champagne is long gone. The Eclipse Award for this year's 3-year-old male all but engraved – more than likely the Horse of the Year statuette as well – as the second half of the season starts for racing's glamour division this weekend.

Today's Grade 2 Jim Dandy at Saratoga Race Course and Sunday's Grade 1 Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park kick things off, with small fields vying for big dollars in both longstanding fixtures.

The two races – 9-furlong preps for next month's \$1.25 million Travers – offer \$1.6 million in purses and a chance to make a push toward the top of the 3-year-old division with

Justify off to stud duty.

A group of five entered the Jim Dandy, a cast led by Wood Memorial winner Vino Rosso and Preakness third Tenfold. Seven passed the entry box for the Haskell Invitational, a group that includes 2017 champion 2-year-old Good Magic, Preakness runner-up Bravazo and the Ohio Derby exacta of Core Beliefs and Lone Sailor. The winners, and most likely others who place in either race, will move on to the next step in the 10-furlong Travers against Friday's Curlin winner Hofburg and any other 3-year-old who comes out of the

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# Jim Dandy —

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woodwork for Saratoga's signature race.

The connections of Vino Rosso, Tenfold and Flameaway – bit players in the drama starring Justify in this year's Triple Crown – hope they will be in the mix come Aug. 25.

Todd Pletcher freshened up Vino Rosso for a brief period after his fourth-place finish behind Justify, Gronkowski and Hofburg in the Belmont Stakes. The son of Curlin, who won the Wood Memorial this spring after a third in the Grade 3 Sam F. Davis and a fourth in the Tampa Bay Derby, breezed three times leading up to today's race.

The most recent came with John Velazquez aboard and in company with 2017 Belmont winner Tapwrit, the two going a half-mile over the Oklahoma dirt track in :48.50 last Saturday.

"We just wanted to see how he was doing, see what his enthusiasm level was and energy level look like," Pletcher said last week after the work.



Tod Marks

**Flameaway returns to the scene of his Skidmore win in the mud last year.**

"It was a good breeze for him with a Belmont winner."

Vino Rosso stalked the slow pace early in the middle of the Belmont, a

decision by Velazquez to make sure Justify didn't get away too easy. They were second, just 2 lengths behind Justify, with a quarter-mile to run before fading late to finish 3 3/4 lengths behind racing's 13th Triple Crown winner.

"He ran a credible race in the Belmont . . . out of his natural running style a bit and trying to stay closer to a slow pace," Pletcher said. "Johnny made a decision about the half-mile pole to take a shot and try to win the race, that probably ultimately cost him second or third, but it was the right thing to do. He didn't disgrace



Tod Marks

**Sporting Chance won the 2017 Hopeful.**

himself, didn't get beat far. We're excited about the Jim Dandy, hopefully it's a step toward the Travers."

Mark Casse also hopes the Jim Dandy can put Flameaway into Travers picture.

The son of Scat Daddy also has trained well since arriving in Saratoga from Churchill Downs, turning in a pair of half-mile breezes over the same track that he won the off-the-turf Skidmore on as a 2-year-old.

Casse watched the second work from the clubhouse box seat area the morning of Opening Day. He stayed in touch with Chris Garraway, aboard Flameaway, throughout the breeze in company with Bernotchie.

Looking through his binoculars from the top row of boxes, Casse listened as assistant Nick Tomlinson-Alleyne called out splits and told him "slow them down, slow them down" as they moved to the top of the stretch and through the lane.

"He is not a great work horse, but he worked really well," Casse said. "That was actually a little quicker than we anticipated."

Casse later said "a little rain wouldn't hurt our feelings," referring to Flameaway's past success on off tracks. He won the Skidmore going 5 1/2 furlongs in the mud and two starts later added another off-the-turf race, the Grade 3 Dixiana Bourbon at Keeneland. He didn't fare as well in the slop at Churchill for the Kentucky Derby, finishing 13th and 30 1/2 lengths back as Justify rolled to a 2 1/2 length win over Good Magic.

Tenfold is the 8-5 second choice behind the even-money Vino Rosso in the Jim Dandy. One of two entrants for Steve Asmussen, Tenfold is also unraced since the Triple Crown series. He finished fifth in the Belmont after a fast-closing third in the Preakness.

Asmussen's other entrant is Reride, scratched from Friday's Curlin. The winner of four of his first five starts, including two small stakes, he finished a distant third to Mendelssohn in the \$2 million UAE Derby in late March and fifth last time on the grass in the Mystic Lake Derby at Canterbury Park.

Sporting Chance, who broke his maiden and won the Grade 1 Hopeful last summer at Saratoga, completes the field in his first start since finishing sixth in the Preakness for two-time Jim Dandy winner and Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

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# Pocket Rocket

Sprinter Imperial Hint stands out, up in Gr. 1

BY SHAYNA TILLER

A green and white horse van pulled down a dark Nelson Avenue late Thursday evening, turning into the backstretch gate at Saratoga Race Course on a warm yet fresh night after a week of on-and-off storms and humidity. Navigating the road behind the Morning Line Kitchen and toward Jimmy Toner's barn, the van stopped at a loading chute nearby, the left side door opened and a small bay horse stretched out his snipped nose to sneak a look at

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Imperial Hint (orange silks) digs in to win the True North at Belmont Park in June.



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# Vanderbilt —

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the dim world outside.

Standing just more than 15 hands, the little horse could be confused for a pony hunter rather than multiple graded stakes winner Imperial Hint, the favorite for today's \$350,000 Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap.

Trainer Luis Carvajal Jr. traveled to Saratoga by car, making the long and traffic-filled drive from his base at Parx Racing first to Monmouth Park to check on some of his horses and then to upstate New York.

"There's my little pony," said Carvajal, walking up the ramp to meet Imperial Hint.

Imperial Hint walked off the truck and strolled through the dark stable area toward an empty stall in Chad Summer's portion of Barn 21. The 5-year-old was freed in stall 12, rolling in the clean shavings and picking at some hay in the back corner before joining his trainer at the front of the stall, ears pricked and begging for attention.

Carvajal, who obliged, started training the Florida-bred son of Imperialism for owner Raymond Mamone as a 2-year-old.

"I went to look at one of the 2-year-olds my client bred from his mare in Ocala," Carvajal said. "She wasn't ready, so I told him we weren't going to have a 2-year-old for that year. Then I saw this lit-



Tod Marks

Trainer Luis Carvajal Jr.

Carvajal's advice.

"I thought I had a nice horse but I didn't know how fast he could go," the trainer said. "The first couple times that I worked him, I'd never had a horse work that fast before and he was 2."

Imperial Hint broke his maiden by 4 1/4 lengths at Tampa Bay Downs in 2016, and has won nine races more since – including three graded stakes and four other stakes – and \$1,017,655.

"He is small, but his heart is bigger than some other horses that are twice his size," said Carvajal. "It's all in his heart. You can have a small horse, a skinny horse, but if he has a heart he's going to run good for you."

"At Laurel once (in the Grade 3 General George in February 2017), I was just standing there when the horses were coming up to the track. We were

the guy and I thought he was small but he looked good on the track."

Mamone, who bred and raced much of Imperial Hint's female family but gave up on his dam Royal Hint when her broodmare career stalled, bought the unraced juvenile from Shade Tree Farm in Florida on

walking right behind Stallwalkin' Dude, which is a big horse and mine's this little horse. The fans and the bettors said I had no chance because he was too small, but we won that race that day."

After a five-race winning streak last year, Imperial Hint closed his 4-year-old campaign by finishing second by a stride to Roy H in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Del Mar.

"Being in the Breeders' Cup was amazing," said Carvajal, who worked for trainers Angel Penna Jr., Leo O'Brien and Bob Durso before becoming a trainer. "Trainers who have a small barn sometimes go 30 or 40 years and can never get to that level. For me to do it after training 10 years, I'm just lucky. Being in the Breeders' Cup is like the ultimate thing for me."

"When I finished second, I wanted to win so bad, but finishing second was still the greatest thing. Seeing my horse that I trained be nominated for an Eclipse Award was crazy."

Imperial Hint won his 5-year-old debut in the Horse Races Now Sprint Stakes at Tampa Bay in March, followed by a sixth in the Grade 2 Churchill Downs Stakes May 5 and another win in the Grade 2 True North at Belmont June 8. He pulled a shoe in his first work after the True North, covering a half-mile in :46.53 July 7. Due to a tender hind foot, training was delayed five days.

"For him, because he's small, he doesn't need a lot of work or training hard because he gets fit real-

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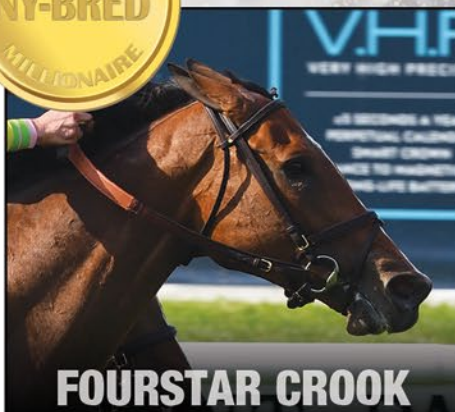
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## Vanderbilt —

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ly quick,” said Carvajal. “We lost five days but I don’t think it’ll affect him too much.”

In his first start at Saratoga, Imperial Hint faces seven other older males going 6 furlongs on the main track. Javier Castellano gets the return call.

“I have looked at the race a lot of times,” said Carvajal. “I have a small stable and he’s the one I’ve been taking all over the place. For me, running in any kind of race always gets me really nervous, especially now in Saratoga in a Grade 1. I’ll talk to Javier. He knows the horse, he knows the track, he’s been riding here so I’ll let him see where we’re going to be.

“He’s fit and training good and now we need some racing luck and I hope he likes this track here. A lot of people were worried if he gets a little mud or something, but he’s won on the mud, he’s won on the sloppy track. Hopefully even if it rains he’s still going to perform like I think he will.”

Sierra Farm’s homebred Done Deal, a work in progress for trainer Ian Wilkes for more than two years, makes his graded stakes debut in the Vanderbilt off a victory in the Iowa Sprint Handicap 22 days ago at Prairie Meadows.

The 5-year-old Macho Uno gelding is the most lightly raced of the seven Vanderbilt runners with seven prior starts. He made five as a 3-year-old in 2016, none last year and two this spring and summer.

“He had a two-year vacation,” Wilkes joked, ducking under cover of a stand near the Backstretch Mutuel area to avoid the rain during training Thursday morning. “He needed a rest after that race.”

Kidding aside, Done Deal came out of a 6 3/4-length allowance victory at Churchill Downs in September 2016 lame with a knee issue. He was sent home to Ed and Sharon Hudon’s Sierra Farm in Lexington to rehab under the watch of farm manager Mike Callahan. The injury didn’t require surgery, just time, something the Hudons, Callahan and Wilkes weren’t shy about providing Done Deal.

“That’s the unique thing about Ed and Sharon Hudon and Mike Callahan; time, if they need time they give them time. There in no rush,” Wilkes

said. “He’s a gelding, they have their place there where a horse can recover. A lot of people would have given up on him. They said no, put him back in training and see what he can do.”

Done Deal went to Blackwood Stables, a training and rehab facility in Versailles, Ky., after the rehab at Sierra Farm. Since then “he’s never missed a beat,” Wilkes said.

“They never thought about shutting him down,” Wilkes said. “He’s a gelding, he showed he had talent. Ed, he just loves his horses. This horse will probably always have a home on the farm. As long as he was OK to come back in training they put him back in training. If not, he would have just been out there.”

Done Deal returned this spring – 20 months removed from that allowance win at Churchill – and won again in Louisville. He dead-headed for the victory with Chiltern Street in a 5 1/2-furlong turf sprint, running his grass record to 2-for-2 and set up the run in Iowa.

Chris Landeros, Wilkes son-in-law riding this summer at Ellis Park and Indiana Grand, is in from Kentucky for the return call on the 8-1 co-fourth choice.

“He deserves a shot, he’s never won a Grade 1 and I think he’s got a live shot,” Wilkes said. “It’s a good field. Imperial Hint is in there and Switzerland. It’s funny, Switzerland’s form is very similar to ours, except for the grass. He’s won his last four, went from maiden to a-other-than to a 2-other-than and then a stake. And Warrior’s Club, he’s a hard-knocking old horse.”

Woodford Racing’s Switzerland is the 2-1 second choice on a four-race win streak since being transferred from Chad Brown to Steve Asmussen. The 4-year-old son of Speightstown cruised over a sloppy sealed track at Pimlico to win the Grade 3 Maryland Sprint by 3 1/2 lengths in his last start May 19.

Churchill Downs Racing Club’s Warrior’s Club, the 9-2 third choice, comes off a third in the Kelly’s Handicap at Churchill June 30, after being 10th in the Grade 1 Runhappy Metropolitan Handicap on the Belmont Stakes undercard.

Petrov, Sweetontheladies and Mr. Crow complete the field.

— Additional reporting  
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Tod Marks

Old Time Revival ships in to Saratoga from Maryland for the Amsterdam.

# Deep Water

## Maryland shipper Old Time Revival returns to graded stakes company

BY TOM LAW

### AMSTERDAM STAKES PREVIEW

Ken Decker stood in the grass under the shade trees facing the main track near the five-eighths pole, sipped his coffee and took in the scene midway through training hours Friday morning.

He'd finished the bulk of his work, with Kingston Pike running in the third Friday and Old Time Revival trained, bathed and done up the morning before he goes in today's Grade 3 Amsterdam Stakes. Decker, a veteran racetracker at Saratoga for the second straight year after not showing up the first 22 years of his training career, took a long look at the historic track.

"In this business, this is where you want to be in the summertime, here or Del Mar," Decker said. "One coast or the other."

Old Time Revival brings Decker back to Saratoga as a longshot in the 6 1/2-furlong stakes for 3-year-olds. He's 15-1 on the morning line against Engage, Promises Fulfilled

and World of Trouble, second, third and fourth in the Grade 3 Woody Stephens, Grade 3 Swale winner Strike Power and stakes winners Barry Lee and Soutache.

Fred Brei's homebred Old Time Revival isn't a stakes winner, but finished second in the Grade 3 Gotham and in two other small stakes at Laurel Park this year. The 3-year-old son of Brethren is based at Laurel with Decker, a private trainer for Brei whose association with his Jacks or Better Farm goes back decades.

Decker, who helped develop such Jacks or Better runners as champion Awesome Feather and her sire Awesome Of Course and dam Precious Feather at points of their career, thinks Old Time Revival merits a chance.

"He always looked like he wanted to sprint," Decker said. "We tried to stretch him out, he did all right in the

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Gotham going a flat mile then got a little speed crazy in the Wood Memorial. We tried him a few more times after that and he showed some front-running ability, but a little bit out of control. We took the blinkers off him last time, he settled better and finished up a lot better.”

Last time was the Concern Stakes at Decker's Laurel Park base July 7. Old Time Revival led throughout, but settled for second by three-quarters of a length. The defeat stretched his losing streak to eight, with three seconds, but also offered encouragement.

“The numbers were good from that last race and this looks like a good spot in the schedule,” said Decker. “(Brei) never backs away. We had Awesome Banner last year and went all over the country, here, Belmont, Keeneland, wherever we thought he fit we took him and he did well for us. We're hoping we can do the same with this colt. We've always been high on him and he showed us some good things.”

Awesome Banner finished second in the Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt, competing at the fourth of what became eight tracks in a dozen starts in 2017. He won a stakes at Laurel and placed in five others for Brei and Decker.

Old Time Revival hasn't logged as many travel miles, but Saratoga marks his fourth stop after



Tod Marks

### Engage is favored in the Amsterdam.

races at Laurel (five), Aqueduct (two) and Pimlico (one). Even though he's lost eight in a row, Old Time Revival finished a close second to eventual graded stakes winner Still Having Fun in the Miracle Wood at Laurel, second to Enticed in the Grade 3 Gotham at Aqueduct and second last time in the Concern at Laurel.

Old Time Revival raced in blinkers for three straight starts – two allowances and the Chick Lang in Maryland – and went without them for the Concern.

“He kind of got himself out of sorts in his last few starts, but like I said we took the blinkers off and he seemed to settle better last trip,” Decker

said. “In here I've got a good post, there's some nice horses in there, should be a legitimate pace and we'll see how we can finish up.”

Old Time Revival and Rosario Montanez break from post four in a seven-horse field for the Amsterdam, the seventh of 11 races on the day.

A native of Louisville who started in racing in Kentucky, Decker landed in Florida and worked there for about two decades. He broke and trained horses for Brei for a significant chunk of that time, long enough that “90 percent of the babies he's got right now I broke the mommas and the daddies, or worked with them at one stage or another.”

Decker left Jacks or Better after about nine years to train on his own, trained in Louisiana, reconnected with Brei on and off for a few years and went private about a year ago. He trains 25 Jacks or Better homebreds out of Laurel.

Woodford Racing's Engage is the 8-5 choice on the morning line for the Amsterdam, off a second to Still Having Fun in the Woody Stephens on the Belmont Stakes undercard. The son of Into Mischief has won three of six, including the Grade 3 Futurity last year and Gold Fever this year, with three seconds for trainer Chad Brown. Jose Ortiz takes the return call.

World Of Trouble is 5-2 on the line for trainer Jason Servis and jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. Winner of the Pasco and third in the Grade 3 Tampa Bay Derby at Tampa Bay Downs, the son of Kantharos finished 3 1/4 lengths behind Engage when fourth in the Woody Stephens.

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Manitoulin tries to give trainer Jimmy Toner another win in the Bowling Green.

# Title Defense

With Manitoulin, Toner eyes  
back-to-back wins in turf marathon

BY TOM LAW

Jimmy Toner walked from his barn to the main track Thursday morning, stopped at the covered stand near the three-quarter pole and chatted briefly with Ian Wilkes.

The trainers joked that each should talk about the other's horse running on today's four-stakes card at Saratoga Race Course, to spice up the two previews in this publication for races that on paper don't appear to need it. The exchange made for a good laugh and ended with Wilkes offering a spot-on assessment of Manitoulin for the Grade 2 Bowling Green Stakes.

"I could talk about Jimmy's horse and he could talk about mine," Wilkes said. "Jimmy's done a great job with that horse, how's that?"

Toner fell in line with the impromptu skit, offering his take.

"Ian's done a great job with that filly," said Toner.

They laughed after Toner missed on the gender of Wilkes' trainee, the 5-year-old gelding Done Deal, for the

## BOWLING GREEN PREVIEW

Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt. Wilkes knew a bit more about Toner's runner in the Grade 2 Bowling Green.

"I know the best thing he did was when he gelded him. Turned him around, how about that?" Wilkes said, noting the point last spring when Toner made the ultimate equipment change and put Manitoulin on the path to graded-stakes success.

"That's the truth," Toner said.

Manitoulin, 10-1 on the early line for the 1 3/8-mile stakes worth \$250,000, is 4-for-9 since being gelded with a victory in Grade 2 Hollywood Turf Cup and close fourths in the Grade 3 Arlington Handicap and Grade 1 Manhattan.

"Since he's been cut that's turned his career around," Toner said.

Bred by Phillips Racing Partnership and campaigned by the Darby Dan Farm Racing operation, Manitoulin

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# Bowling Green —

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needed six starts to break his maiden racing once at 2 and five times at 3. Gelded after his 3-year-old season, Manitoulin won his 4-year-old debut going 9 furlongs on the grass at Keeneland late last April. He won again at the same distance Belmont Day to earn the trip to Arlington.

Toner raced Manitoulin once at Saratoga last summer and he finished second to Hello Don Julio in a 1 3/16-mile optional claimer over good ground. He'll most likely catch less-than-firm ground in the Bowling Green, with heavy downpours Friday further saturating the already damp Saratoga grass courses.

Toner isn't overly worried about the ground, but is concerned with Manitoulin's extreme outside draw in the field of nine for the \$250,000 Bowling Green.

"I just can't get lucky, every horse I've run in the last month draws the outside post for some reason or another," he said. "At Belmont the last month, I swear if there were 10 I'd be 10, if there were 9 I'd be 9, if there were 12 I'd be 12. You fall into these patterns with these things and you have no control over it."

Toner said the concern for the Bowling Green is the relatively short run jockey Junior Alvarado will have to navigate going into the first turn on the

inner turf. Despite the draw, Toner is pleased with Manitoulin, who finally galloped Thursday after joggling a few days because of the weather.

"He's doing well and it looks like we should give him a try," Toner said, laughing again because of the prior interaction with Wilkes. "There we go, that's typical trainer speak."

Toner won last year's Bowling Green with Hunter O'Reilly, but isn't the only trainer in the race looking for a Saratoga repeat.

Tom Albertrani will send out Sadler's Joy, who won last year's Grade 1 Sword Dancer Invitational on Travers Day and he's factored in six consecutive graded stakes going 10, 11 and 12 furlongs on the grass since. He comes off a second, beaten just a neck and two necks in front of Manitoulin, in the Manhattan.

"I thought that was one of his best races, cutting back to a mile-and-a-quarter, which isn't his best distance," Albertrani said this week. "I thought he put in a really good effort. Hopefully stretching him back out to a mile-and-three-eighths and a mile-and-a-half later, he will appreciate that."

Sadler's Joy breezed 5 furlongs on the turf at Belmont July 16 before shipping north. Albertrani likes what he sees in Woodslane Farm's homebred 5-year-old son of Kitten's Joy since arriving upstate.

"He's sharp and ready to go," he said. "He likes it up here. He looks great. Ever since he arrived here, he's been enjoying the cooler weather."

Javier Castellano, off to a strong start at the meet, takes the return call on the 7-2 third choice.

Money Multiplier, runner-up to Flintshire in the Sword Dancer and a winner of an optional claimer at the 2016 Saratoga meet, is the 2-1 favorite for the Bowling Green. Trained by Chad Brown, Money Multiplier comes off a second to stablemate Funtastic in the Grade 1 United Nations and a win in the Grade 2 Monmouth. Irad Ortiz Jr., who rode the 6-year-old ridgling in the 2016 Sword Dancer, takes the call.

Hi Happy, beaten a half-length when third last time in the Manhattan, won the Grade 1 Man o' War two starts back and is the 5-2 second choice. John Velazquez rides for Todd Pletcher, who won the Bowling Green with Go Deputy (2006), Sunriver (2007) and Red Rifle (2015).

Bigger Picture, runner-up by a neck in last year's Bowling Green and third last time in the United Nations for trainer Mike Maker; and Highland Sky, winner of an optional claimer going 11 furlongs for Barclay Tagg at Belmont June 24, are also in the field.

Canadian classic winner Channel Maker, Australian invader Sarrasin and Fair Hill shipper and last-out Delaware Park optional winner Glorious Empire complete the field.

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### 1ST (1:00PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double					
1	4	Bucktail Spinner	D. Davis	8-1	
1a	AE	Fayette Warrior	J. Rosario	W. Ward	8-1
2	1	He's the Souperwon	J. Ortiz	M. Casse	8-1
3	2	Stroll Daddy	L. Saez	J. Sharp	9-2
4	3	My America	J. Lezcano	G. Arnold, II	15-1
5	5	Halladay	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	4-1
6	6	Party With Friends	J. Castellano	C. Brown	3-1
7	7	Baggins	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Rodriguez	12-1
8	8	Rock On Kitten	M. Franco	M. Maker	8-1
9	9	Winning Factor	K. Carmouche	R. Barbara	6-1
10	10	Reed's Run	R. Maragh	P. Gleaves	20-1
11	AE	Carter Cat	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asmussen	7-2
12	MTO	Paper Clip	J. Garcia	W. Ward	6-1
13	MTO	Tapizars Secret	J. Velazquez	W. Ward	4-1

### 2ND (1:33PM). \$50,000, CLM \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double					
1	1	Poshsky	D. Davis	G. Contessa	12-1
2	2	California Swing	L. Saez	M. Maker	6-1
3	3	Western Reserve	J. Castellano	J. Sweezey	2-1
4	4	Manifest Destiny	T. Chang	J. Ryerson	30-1
5	5	Dancetrack	J. Lezcano	O. Barrera, III	15-1
6	6	King of New York	M. Franco	D. Donk	12-1
7	MTO	St. Louie Guy	D. Cohen	R. Diodoro	5-2
8	8	Driven by Thunder	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	3-1
9	9	Indebted	K. Carmouche	J. Morrison	15-1
10	10	Aire Bueno (CHI)	J. Rosario	G. Contessa	8-1
11	11	Nileator	J. Ortiz	E. Kenneally	6-1

### 3RD (2:07PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	1	Rucksack	J. Rosario	N. Zito	8-1
2	2	Curlin's New Moon	M. Franco	J. Ryerson	12-1
3	3	Gray Nile	L. Saez	D. Romans	6-1
4	4	Shiloh Lane	P. Fragoso	G. Sciacca	15-1
5	5	Consensus Thinking	J. Ortiz	C. Brown	8-5
6	6	Lucky Leo	I. Ortiz, Jr.	D. Romans	15-1
7	7	Air On Fire	R. Santana, Jr.	R. Moquett	5-2
8	8	Love Nest	J. Castellano	M. Maker	8-1
9	9	Royal Edition	D. Davis	D. Lukas	20-1

### 4TH (2:41PM). \$77,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	3	Under Suspicion	M. Franco	P. Serpe	10-1
1a	5	Out of Orbit	L. Saez	P. Serpe	10-1
2	1	Trouble for Skylar	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asmussen	15-1
3	2	My Roxy Girl	J. Lezcano	M. Friedman	8-1
4	4	Fair Regis	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Falcone, Jr.	5-2
5	6	Newport Breeze	J. Velazquez	G. Weaver	6-1
6	7	Bowl of Kisses	J. Castellano	R. Rodriguez	7-2
7	8	Satisfy	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	7-2
8	9	She's Delightful	D. Davis	B. Brown	15-1
9	10	American Mission	D. Cohen	M. Lauer	12-1

### 5TH (3:15PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	1	Forty Under	M. Franco	J. Englehart	10-1
2	2	Derby Date	D. Cohen	D. Lukas	15-1
3	3	Aurelius Maximus	J. Ortiz	C. Brown	3-1
4	4	Borracho	J. Lezcano	G. Arnold, II	20-1
5	5	Olympic Express	K. Carmouche	D. Gargan	4-1
6	6	Macho Citizen	L. Saez	W. Calhoun	8-1
7	7	Casa Creed	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	20-1
8	8	Wild Medagliad'oro	I. Ortiz, Jr.	M. Casse	8-1
9	9	Absolutely Aiden	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asmussen	10-1
10	10	Coast	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-2
11	AE	Mucho	J. Rosario	W. Mott	8-1

### 6TH (3:49PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double					
1	1	Take Notice	D. Davis	D. Lukas	30-1
2	2	The J Y	J. Alvarado	M. Hennig	8-1
3	3	Abatement (GB)	J. Bravo	E. Voss	20-1
4	4	Uncle Gio	J. Velazquez	M. Nevin	8-1
5	5	Dr. Shane	K. Carmouche	D. Gargan	9-2
6	6	Morocco	J. Rosario	W. Mott	15-1
7	7	Clutch Cargo	J. Lezcano	P. Serpe	30-1
8	8	Heaven Is Waiting	M. Franco	M. Maker	8-1
9	9	Penalty	I. Ortiz, Jr.	W. Mott	4-1
10	10	Factor This	R. Santana, Jr.	E. Barker	12-1
11	11	Lunaire	J. Castellano	T. Albertrani	6-1
12	12	Rapt	J. Ortiz	R. Ribaudo	9-2
13	MTO	Honorable Treasure	J. Castellano	K. McPeck	6-5
14	MTO	Chris and Dave	D. Cohen	R. Diodoro	3-1

### 7TH (4:25PM). \$200,000, STK - THE AMSTERDAM, 3 YO, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double					
1	1	Barry Lee	J. Rosario	H. DePaz	10-1
2	2	Promises Fulfilled	L. Saez	D. Romans	7-2
3	3	Engage	J. Ortiz	C. Brown	8-5
4	4	Old Time Revival	R. Montanez	K. Decker	15-1
5	5	Strike Power	J. Velazquez	M. Hennig	5-1
6	6	World of Trouble	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Servis	5-2
7	7	Soutache	E. Cancel	R. Nicks	12-1

### 8TH (5:02PM). \$350,000, STK - THE ALFRED G. VANDERBILT, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double					
1	1	Switzerland	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asmussen	2-1
2	2	Petrov	J. Rosario	R. Moquett	20-1
3	3	Warrior's Club	L. Saez	D. Lukas	9-2
4	4	Imperial Hint	J. Castellano	L. Carvajal, Jr.	6-5
5	5	Sweetontheladies	J. Velazquez	H. Collazo	20-1
6	6	Mr. Crow	J. Ortiz	B. Colebrook	8-1
7	7	Done Deal	C. Landeros	I. Wilkes	8-1

### 9TH (5:40PM). \$250,000, STK - THE BOWLING GREEN, 4 YO'S & UP, 1 3/8M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	1	Highland Sky	M. Franco	B. Tagg	12-1
2	2	Channel Maker	J. Rosario	W. Mott	10-1
3	3	Bigger Picture	J. Ortiz	M. Maker	8-1
4	4	Sarrasin (GB)	D. Davis	R. Freedman	30-1
5	5	Glorious Empire (IRE)	J. Lejaroux	J. Lawrence, II	20-1
6	6	Sadler's Joy	J. Castellano	T. Albertrani	7-2
7	7	Hi Happy (ARG)	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-2
8	8	Money Multiplier	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	2-1
9	9	Manitoulin	J. Alvarado	J. Toner	10-1

### 10TH (6:18PM). \$600,000, THE JIM DANDY PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS, 3 YO, 1 1/8M

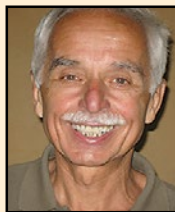
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double					
1	1	Flameaway	J. Ortiz	M. Casse	7-2
2	2	Tenfold	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asmussen	8-5
3	3	Reride	I. Ortiz, Jr.	S. Asmussen	12-1
4	4	Sporting Chance	L. Saez	D. Lukas	8-1
5	5	Vino Rosso	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	1-1

### 11TH (6:54PM). \$87,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO, F, 1 1/8M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta					
1	1	Matty's Magnum	M. Franco	D. Donk	20-1
2	2	Rahway	J. Lejaroux	M. Maker	20-1
3	3	Fairy Link	K. Carmouche	P. Pugh	15-1
4	4	Frippery	J. Rosario	A. Delacour	10-1
5	5	Sippin Kitten	J. Castellano	M. Maker	8-1
6	6	Reversethedecision	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Brown	5-2
7	7	Ferdinand	L. Saez	B. Tagg	7-2
8	8	Terrabyte	D. Davis	J. Terranova, II	20-1
9	9	Nantucket Red	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	8-1
10	10	Cloak of Secrecy	F. Geroux	B. Walsh	12-1
11	11	Cash Out	J. Lezcano	G. Arnold, II	8-1
12	12	Too Charming	J. Bravo	T. Albertrani	10-1
13	AE	Theodosia	R. Santana, Jr.	G. DiPrima	20-1
14	MTO	Starlite Mission	Rider TBA	G. Contessa	5-1

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<b>3</b>	Consensus Thinking Air On Fire Love Nest	Consensus Thinking Gray Nile Air On Fire	Consensus Thinking Rucksack Air On Fire	Air On Fire Gray Nile Consensus Thinking	Consensus Thinking Air On Fire Rucksack
<b>4</b>	Satisfy Fair Regis Serpe entry	Fair Regis Satisfy My Roxy Girl	Newport Breeze Satisfy Fair Regis	Bowl Of Kisses Newport Breeze Trouble For Skylar	Satisfy Bowl Of Kisses Fair Regis
<b>5</b>	Coast Aurelius Maximus Absolutely Aiden	Mucho Coast Absolutely Aiden	Coast Wild Medagliad'oro Mucho	Wild Medagliad'oro Absolutely Aiden Coast	Coast Aurelius Maximus Absolutely Aiden
<b>6</b>	Honorable Treasure Dr. Shane The J Y	Honorable Treasure Penalty Lunaire	Honorable Treasure Rapt Uncle Gio	Rapt Penalty Heaven Is Waiting	Uncle Gio Rapt Penalty
<b>7</b>	World of Trouble Promises Fulfilled Engage	Engage World Of Trouble Promises Fulfilled	Engage World Of Trouble Old Time Revival	Engage Soutache Promises Fulfilled	Engage World of Trouble Strike Power
<b>8</b>	Imperial Hint Switzerland Done Deal	Switzerland Imperial Hint Warrior's Club	Imperial Hint Done Deal Warrior's Club	Imperial Hint Switzerland Done Deal	Imperial Hint Switzerland Mr. Crow
<b>9</b>	Money Multiplier Hi Happy Glorious Empire	Sadler's Joy Money Multiplier Hi Happy	Manitoulin Sadler's Joy Hi Happy	Sadler's Joy Money Multiplier Hi Happy	Hi Happy Sadler's Joy Money Multiplier
<b>10</b>	Vino Rosso Tenfold Reride	Vino Rosso Flameaway Tenfold	Flameaway Vino Rosso Tenfold	Sporting Chance Vino Rosso Tenfold	Vino Rosso Tenfold Flameaway
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## Guest Handicapper

Today's guest handicapper is Jason Blewitt, racing analyst and handicapper at Gulfstream Park. A native of Floral Park, N.Y., Blewitt worked in a variety of roles in publicity and television at the New York Racing Association from 1996 to 2017. Friday's guest handicapper, Jude Feld, picked two winners.

# Stay Lucky

## Haskell anchors big weekend

BY MIKE CURRY

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This weekend features a bevy of stakes action, capped by a powerhouse card on Sunday at Monmouth Park for the Betfair.com Haskell Invitational Stakes.

### Saturday, July 28

**Amsterdam (4:25 p.m. ET):** If you like Strike Power (#5), this race might look like an easy spot at Saratoga. But it's tough to heartily endorse a 3-year-old colt coming off back-to-back eighth-place finishes, both by double-digit margins. You probably can draw a line through the Florida Derby and assume the distance was well beyond his scope, but the Grade 2 Woody Stephens was a head-scratcher. I'm inclined to look elsewhere for Stay Lucky and try to beat the speed horses with closers Engage (#3) and Soutache (#7).

**Alfred G. Vanderbilt (5:02 p.m. ET):** Imperial Hint (#4), runner-up in last year's Twinpires Breeders' Cup Sprint, probably will be the favorite come post time at Saratoga, but this race came up sneakily strong. Switzerland (#1) and Done Deal (#7) are in terrific form, while Petrov (#2), Warrior's Club (#3), and Mr.



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Crow (#6) all have run very well at Saratoga. Imperial Hint is the class of the field, but I'd exercise caution here and perhaps look for a better spot.

**Bowling Green (5:40 p.m. ET):** There are a number of horses in good form and with success on Saratoga's turf course, but I landed on Hi Happy (#7). While he has not raced at Saratoga, he's been terrific this year. He should be able to work out a perfect trip and get the jump on the closers in a race without much early speed.

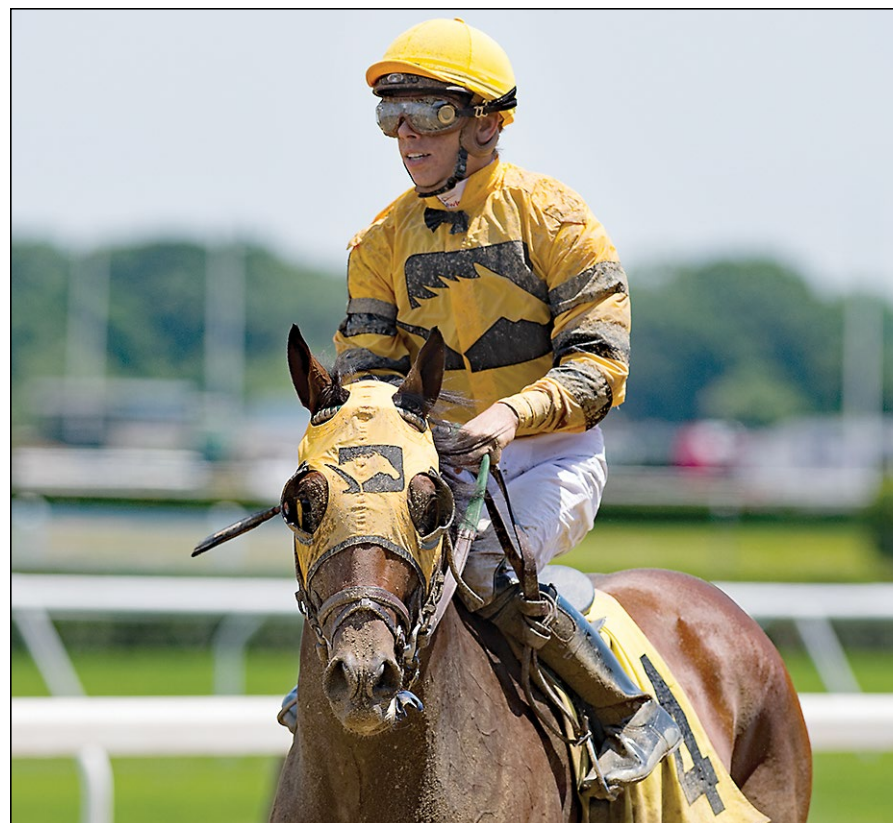
**Bing Crosby (9 p.m. ET):** This is a tough return spot for Roy H (#3) at Del Mar, the defending Twinpires Breeders' Cup Sprint winner who has not raced since finishing third by three-quarters of a length in the Group 1 Dubai Golden Shaheen on the Dubai World Cup undercard. I think he's the best of a nice group of 11, but the Bing Crosby looks like a serious test.

### Sunday, July 29

**Oceanport (2:56 p.m. ET):** Irish Strait (#3) got the better of Synchrony (#2) in a Grade 3 race at Monmouth in May 2017 and both appear to be in strong form here on the Haskell undercard at Monmouth Park. I like Synchrony to turn the tables here, but this looks like a coin-flip race so it's not an ideal Stay Lucky spot unless one of the two is scratched.

**Monmouth Cup (3:28 p.m. ET):** You have to respect Page McKenney (#3), a hard-knocking, 8-year-old gelding with 22 career wins, and he's the most likely favorite. I'm a little worried about Remembering Rita (#2) shipping in from Prairie Meadows off three straight wins, so I opted against making Page McKenney a top play this week.

**Matchmaker (4:05 p.m. ET):** This Monmouth Park race drew the top four finishers from the Grade 3 Eatontown Stakes June 30. The extra sixteenth of a mile should be just fine for that race's winner, Dream Awhile (#2), who has developed into a very promising filly for Eclipse Award-winning trainer Chad Brown. I also view Lift Up (#4) as a serious contender with five wins in her last six starts since shifting to the turf for the "mad genius"



Tod Marks

### Soutache could help you stay lucky in today's Amsterdam.

Michael Dickinson. Slight edge to Dream Awhile in what I think should be a really competitive race.

**Royal North (4:15 p.m. ET):** Smiling Causeway (#4) really seems to have found her niche as a turf sprinter with four wins and two seconds on the grass, but Lull (#8) looks like the clear class of the field at Woodbine and she's enjoyed success in the past cutting back in distance to sprints. Tough call between the two.

**Molly Pitcher (4:36 p.m. ET):** Divine Miss Grey (#3) was a dominant, front-running winner in a stakes race at this track (Monmouth) and distance on June 30. I think she's pretty clearly the best of this field. The only concern is that she seems to be much better when she dictates the pace and she could face some early pressure, but it's not a big enough concern to bump her from my top three Stay Lucky picks.

**Shuvee (5:40 p.m. ET):** Undefeated Chilean Triple Crown winner Wow Cat (#4) is a huge wild card here making her North American debut at Saratoga for Chad Brown. She was 8-for-8 in her native Chile with three Group 1 wins, but it's tough to gauge the quality of competition she faced. Other top contenders include Ivy Bell (#5) and Farrell (#7), the former coming off back-to-back runner-up finishes in Grade 1 races and the latter coming

off second-place finishes in a Grade 1 in May and a Grade 2 in June. Tough call.

**Haskell Invitational (5:45 p.m. ET):** I really respect champion Good Magic (#6), but I've been impressed by the progression of Core Beliefs (#4) this season and think he might be poised for a mild upset in the highlight of Monmouth's meet.

**Vigil Stakes (6 p.m. ET):** Pink Lloyd (#6) had his 11-race winning streak snapped in his last race when third in the Shepperton Stakes. He was a dominant winner of this race a year ago and he's 10-for-11 at this three-quarter-mile distance. He starts a new winning streak on Sunday at Woodbine.

**Clement L. Hirsch (7 p.m. ET):** Unique Bella (#2) posted a career-best 128 Equibase Speed Figure at this 1 1/16-mile distance and she is much, much the best horse in the field at Del Mar. She's the top play of the week.

### Top 3 Stay Lucky Plays

(26 winners from 66 top plays in 2018)

1. Unique Bella (Clement L. Hirsch Stakes)
2. Pink Lloyd (Vigil Stakes)
3. Divine Miss Grey (Molly Pitcher Stakes)

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## Wicked Strong

Jim Dandy 2014

BY JOE CLANCY

Case Clay did a little digging at Three Chimneys Farm and found his notes about a bay colt headed to the 2012 Keeneland September yearling sale: “Good size, good frame for an April 28 foal. I expect him to improve this spring.”

And summer and fall, and on into the next year too.

The colt, a son of Hard Spun and the Charismatic mare Moyne Abbey, was bred by New Yorker Bill Lynn and brought \$375,000 on a bid by Centennial Farm.

“I thought he was well-placed at the sale,” said Clay. “At the time, that would have been Book 3 and the goal was to place him in the top third of the catalog and he ended up finishing out really well by September. He really stuck out, the reserve wasn't real aggressive and he was taken on by the market. We didn't expect him to make 375, but that's how it works out sometimes.”

The colt wound up a bargain. Named Wicked Strong (or renamed from his original Moyne Spun), he won the Grade 1 Wood Memorial Stakes and the Grade 2 Jim Dandy in 2014 en route to more than \$1.9 million in career earnings. Trained by Jimmy Jerkens, the Kentucky-bred finished fourth in the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes, and just missed when beaten a nose by stablemate V. E. Day in the Travers. Now a stallion at Spendthrift Farm, Wicked Strong's first foals are yearlings.

Friday morning, Centennial's Don Little Jr. called Wicked Strong a favorite, and paid special thanks to racing manager Dr. Steve Carr and yearling trainer Paula Parsons for their work identifying the colt at the sale.

“He was on the list and it worked out because when we do a partnership it's with multiple horses and we were able to come in under budget on



Tod Marks  
Wicked Strong at Saratoga.

a couple of others so he was able to fit in,” Little said. “We stretched a little bit for him, but he had everything you wanted. He had the class look about him.”

Breeder Bill Lynn hoped for that when he sent his mare to Hard Spun.

“He was one of the toughest horses I've seen, win and lose,” said Lynn, head of a law firm in Syracuse. “I like the Danzig connection there.”

Lynn sends his young horses to the sales, and races the ones who don't reach their reserves. Wicked Strong sold well, went to a new owner, got a new name, but his breeder followed along.

“I enjoyed watching him run, and now I'm breeding to him,” said Lynn, who has a lifetime breeding right. “He's coming along as a stallion but I'm 84 and I'd like to whisper in his ear – hurry up a little bit.”

Wicked Strong won his second start, at Belmont Park in October 2013 and placed in the Grade 3 Remsen to close his juvenile campaign. He vaulted into the 3-year-old picture with an upset win in the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct, and went to the Derby as a player. Breaking from post 19, he finished fourth behind California Chrome. Fourth again in the Belmont, Wicked Strong ran what may have been his two best races at Saratoga – the Jim Dandy win and the tight Travers loss.

“The Wood was a big step up and I remember Jimmy was very confident,” Little said. “We knew had ability. He didn't do too well in Florida that winter and his allowance race before that was credible even though he didn't win. We said if we wanted to take a shot this was it and he delivered.”

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# Wicked Strong —

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In the Jim Dandy, Wicked Strong thumped five others including Belmont winner Tonalist and wound up on the cover of The Saratoga Special with a massive fist pump from jockey Rajiv Maragh. Four weeks later in the Travers, Wicked Strong ran another winning race – but just didn't win. He grabbed the lead from favorite Bayern after a mile, cleared in mid-stretch but couldn't hold off the final charge of the Jerkens-trained V. E. Day.

Back for more as the second choice in the Jock-

ey Club Gold Cup in September, Wicked Strong was impeded by Moreno, clipped heels and lost Maragh as Tonalist won. Wicked Strong lost all eight starts as a 4-year-old though he placed in four stakes including a second in the Jockey Club Gold Cup.

For Little and his Centennial partners, the losses were all part of the ride.

“He is the perfect example of a horse that can give people a ride on an emotional rollercoaster,” he said. “He won the Wood, he won the Jim Dandy, he almost won the Travers, he got knocked down in the Jockey Club, he was competitive every time he ran. You miss a horse like that.”

Wicked Strong's name paid homage to Little's

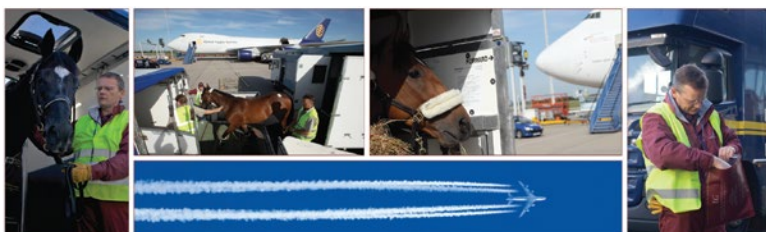
hometown Boston, and the city's spirit after the terrorist attack at the 2013 Boston Marathon killed three people and injured 200.

Centennial and Little went a step beyond a mere horse's name, however, and pledged a portion of Wicked Strong's earnings to the One Fund, a major charity set up by the city to aid victims of the attack. He raised about \$27,000, and plenty of attention.

“The whole story with the tragedy in Boston and having money go to the fund was special for us,” Little said. “We were able to help some people at a terrible time and we were proud to be part of it.”

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## Sean Avery

Vanderbilt 2011

BY JOE CLANCY

Co-owner John DeStefano and trainer Allen Iwinski debated whether to run Sean Avery in the Alfred Vanderbilt Handicap at Saratoga Race Course in 2011.

The track was a little off, and Iwinski thought they should be cautious. DeStefano, a partner in Black Swan Stable, agreed with the assessment but wanted another opinion.

So he called his friend John Velazquez in the jockeys' room.

"Let me ask you a question," DeStefano said. "Is the track OK to run him on?"

Velazquez didn't hesitate, "It's fine. It's wet, but it's fine."

DeStefano hung up, and told his trainer the horse should run. Iwinski went along with it. And Sean Avery did the rest – pulling off a 17-1 upset in the Grade 1 sprint stakes. As it turned out, Velazquez should have told DeStefano the track was a mess.

"Johnny wasn't riding our horse, he was riding another horse, but I trust his judgment 100 percent," said DeStefano Thursday morning. "Sean Avery had bowed a tendon so we were careful with him and Allen was worrying about the track. I called Johnny, Johnny said it was OK, so we ran."

And beat Velazquez, on board heavy favorite Trappe Shot, by a nose.

"We still tease him about that," DeStefano said. "We could have just as easily lost that bob, or not run at all. (Sean Avery) was a lot of fun. I'm always thankful he came out of the right side of that picture that day."

Sean Avery delivered plenty of fun to the partners at Black Swan – DeStefano, Sheryl (and Barry) Schwartz, Marty Scheinman, Paul Carlucci, Bobby Greenhut and others. Bred in Kentucky by



Tod Marks  
Sean Avery (right) edges Trappe Shot in the 2011 Vanderbilt.

Darley, the bay colt caught DeStefano's attention at the sale.

"He was compact and very racy looking," said the former trainer. "I loved his head. I'm a sucker for horses with a good expression, a good eye, whatever you want to call it. He had an intense head, a serious eye. Lynn Boutte who picks out yearlings for me, she liked him. He made it down to our short list. My budget was limited to under \$50,000 probably, so he fit."

On the consignor side, Brookdale farm's Joe Seitz consulted the archives and found a few reasons for DeStefano's opinion.

"He was a nice enough horse," said Seitz. "He was above average and athletic according to my notes. Cherokee Run was having moderate success at the time and it was a young family on pedigree. He clearly made it much better."

The colt brought \$30,000 at Keeneland September 2007, and did his early work with Boutte before making his debut for Iwinski at the 2008 Saratoga meet. Third behind future stakes winner and stallion Munnings, Sean Avery spent the next year on the sidelines but won his 3-year-old debut for trainer Mike Hushion the following season at Saratoga. The gelding won again at Aqueduct in November, but missed nearly 17 months with the tendon injury.

He returned in the care of Iwinski again, and put together five powerful races in 2011 – four wins and a second with wins at Gulfstream Park in April, Parx Racing in May, Monmouth Park's Longfellow Stakes in June, that track's Mr. Prospector in July and then the Vanderbilt.. The streak

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# Sean Avery —

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culminated with that Vanderbilt win. That day, Sean Avery went to the front for Joe Bravo early, blasted through fractions of :21.91, :44.56 and :56.69 before hanging on to win in 1:09.71.

DeStefano and the Black Swan squad celebrated – the winner's circle includes a barefoot Sheryl Schwartz, Iwinski in a Daffy Duck/Bugs Bunny tie and a joyous DeStefano high-fiving Bravo on the track.

Seitz called it a great example of racing's unknown.

"It's a perfect testimony that any type of horse has the potential to be a Grade 1 winner," said the consignor. "It was extremely gratifying for a lot of reason – for the people we sell for, the breeders and the people who bought him. It's nice to see horses you had something to do with go on and do great things, especially in Saratoga."

Sean Avery the horse was named for the hockey player, whose reputation for controversy ultimately competed with his talent on the ice. DeStefano had never been to a hockey game when he met Avery at Belmont Park and named the horse because of the player's penchant for talking about how fast he was on skates. DeStefano figured the name of a fast hockey player might translate to a fast horse. Fortunately for Sean Avery the horse, nothing else – suspensions, behavior, comments – translated.

As a 6-year-old, Sean Avery returned to win the Affiliate Stakes at Belmont in September 2012, and was fifth in the Grade 1 Vosburgh that month.

He was retired in 2013 after winning half of his 14 starts and earning \$398,640. He lives at Old Friends equine retirement farm in Kentucky, and has made several public appearances including a 2013 modeling shoot with retired jockey Rosie Napravnik and a visit to the paddock at Keeneland.



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# Job Done

## Travers hopeful Hofburg bounces back to dominate feature

BY SEAN CLANCY

Bill Mott lowered his binoculars, fans clapped, Mott's wife Tina patted his right shoulder and kissed his left cheek. As Mott walked along the top row of the clubhouse box seats toward the winner's circle, the Hall of Fame trainer summed up Hofburg's romp in the Curlin Stakes over a sloppy track at Saratoga Friday.

"Without being arrogant, it was what we should have seen," Mott said.

Sent off as the 1-5 favorite, Juddmonte Farm's homebred returned to the winner's circle for the first time since breaking his maiden in March. In between, he wrestled crocodiles in three consecutive Grade 1 starts, finishing second in the Florida Derby, seventh in a typical rough-and-tumble Kentucky Derby and third in the Belmont Stakes.

Seven weeks after the Belmont, Hofburg needed a confidence boost and his connections obliged, opting for the \$100,000 Curlin instead of today's \$600,000 Jim Dandy. It was time to win a race.

Ridden by Irad Ortiz Jr., Hofburg broke slow, settled in last, moved five wide and cruised home to beat Nicodemus by 5 lengths. Zing Zang finished third after 9 furlongs in

### CURLIN STAKES RECAP

1:50.18. Hofburg handled the sloppy track without relishing it, winning easily but without bombast. It was workmanlike, which is pretty much his style.

"Would have I liked to see him do it like this?" Mott said, pulling his hands to his chest. "Does he get over it? Yeah. Does he love it? I don't know if he loved it."

Ortiz, aboard Hofburg for the third consecutive time, felt the same way.

"He was OK on the track," Ortiz said. "Just OK."

Hofburg broke well from his inside post but was quickly out-footed by his four rivals as Ortiz wagged his whip in his right hand, lowered his weight close to his red saddle and angled Hofburg off the rail and into an outside slot in last, making sure he was closer than he'd been in his past three races.

Junior Alvarado urged American Lincoln from the outside, sliding over to take the lead going into the first turn. Madison's Luna, a graded stakes winner at 6 furlongs, easily found a spot in second while Nicodemus and Zing Zang settled into third and fourth. American Lincoln



Tod Marks

In complete control of the Curlin, Hofburg eyes up the finish line.

ripped through the first quarter mile in :23.25 and a half in :47.81 as the field compressed, 3 lengths separating American Lincoln in first and Hofburg in last. That didn't last long.

By the far turn, Ortiz had put the ball on the tee, moving Hofburg outside and rolling past a plummeting Madison's Luna, a paddling Zing Zang and a fading American Lincoln. Manny Franco revved Nicodemus for a short-lived glimmer but Hofburg pounced as the duo passed the quarter pole. Straightening into the stretch, Hofburg rolled into the lead as Ortiz slapped his whip, still uncocked, on Hofburg's right shoulder, one, two, three, four, five, six times. Passing the eighth pole, Ortiz turned over his whip and wrapped Hofburg four times before taking a long, slow look under his right arm. All clear, Ortiz folded his whip down and folded into Hofburg's chestnut mane. It was all over.

"I was a little bit closer today because of the track, the small field, I didn't want to let someone steal the

race, so I was closer," Ortiz said. "The way he wants to run is farther back than that and then he'll give you the kick whenever you want. Today, it took some time to get going, he was closer, the track, it was different. Don't get him wrong, he's got a kick and he's bred to go farther."

That's what Mott was thinking when he aimed the inexperienced son of Tapit to the Kentucky Derby. With just three starts under his belt, Hofburg gave away experience but that didn't worry his Hall of Fame trainer.

"I thought I had a chance to win the Derby. I really believed it. The horse worked very well, I thought he was my best chance ever of any of the, what, seven horses I've brought to the Derby, I thought he was the most legitimate," Mott said. "Number one because I knew he would get the distance and I thought he was seasoned enough to do it even though he had only run a couple of times. But he had traffic trouble."

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# Curlin —

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Traffic trouble? That makes it sound like a morning commute when you missed a couple of lights, wound up in the wrong lane and arrived five minutes late to work. Hofburg looked like he was playing Frogger blindfolded, stopping and starting more times than a husband trying to explain a late night out with the guys. Ortiz still shakes his head at the thought.

“Oh man, I can’t sleep that night. I didn’t go to bed until 1:00, I called my dad and just talked about how much horse I had and I could do nothing with him. That’s the first time I felt like that, sometimes you finish in those kinds of races and you know you didn’t have the horse. That day I feel like I probably had the horse,” Ortiz said. “(Drayden) Van Dyke finished fourth, I was ahead of that horse, if I got that trip, who knows... to finish where I finished with that much horse, it was frustrating. But we turn the page, in this business that’s what it’s all about, turning the page.”

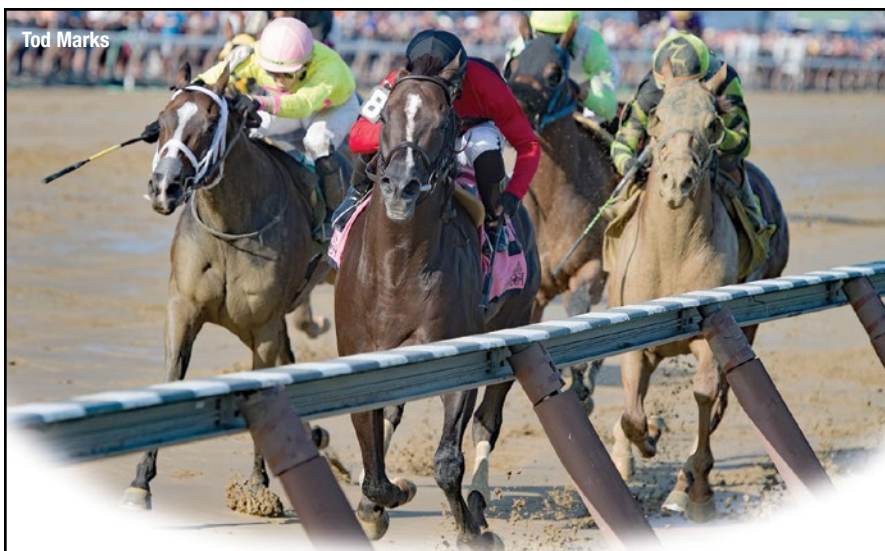
Yes, Hofburg turned the page in

the Curlin. The restricted stakes offered a confidence boost to a horse who surely needed one after facing the heat of the Florida Derby, Kentucky Derby and Belmont.

Mott, impressed enough to try Hofburg in those spots, has been just as impressed by him since those losses, moving him back to Saratoga after the Belmont and putting him through four breezes over the Oklahoma Training Track. Each one showed that there wasn’t any residual damage from a taxing five weeks earlier in the year.

“I didn’t see a big turnaround because I thought he was going good going into those other races, I don’t see a major change, like, ‘Whoa, look at what happened to him.’ I thought he’s progressed slowly,” Mott said. “For running in two Triple Crown races, he’s maintained, I’ve had horses you put the pressure on them and run in those races, they’re done. He’s got a pretty good tough constitution and I think that’s definitely a benefit. He’s a durable, tough individual, hopefully he keeps getting better and stays good for the Travers.”

Now, that would be turning the page.



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# Rain, rain, rain

## Spa victory amidst summer cloudburst stirs memories for Zito

Nick Zito made his way out of the winner's circle after Friday's third race and weaved through the crowd. Although he needed to get on the phone to call in the scratch of his entry in the fourth, the trainer made time to shake hands and accept congratulations from the adoring local fans.

Even though his first win of the meet came in a \$25,000 claimer, the moment wasn't lost on the Hall of Famer.

"Anytime you win in Saratoga, it doesn't matter what kind of race it is, it's special," he said. "This is a really special place."

Zito sent 4-year-old Ride On Faith to victory in the 6 1/2-furlong sprint on the main track. The son of Candy Ride broke his maiden for \$20,000 in his preceding start and is now 2-for-14 in his career with earnings of \$69,216. The conditions surrounding the gelding's win brought back pleasant memories for Zito.

Minutes before the start of the third, dark clouds filled the skies over the racetrack and rain poured down. As rivers of water flowed over the edge of the track, it carried away dirt from the sloppy and sealed surface and it streaked across the pavement of the apron and bricks of the winner's circle. Bolts of lightning struck nearby, with almost no delay between the flash and the thunder, claps strong enough to rattle the building, the patrons inside and the horses in the paddock.

As Zito scrambled for cover, he remembered winning the 2004 Travers Stakes with Marylou Whitney's Birdstone in a monster storm.

"It's funny, it started raining and thundering and I went searching for an umbrella and it brought back those memories of the Travers with Marylou," Zito said.

— **Brandon Valvo**

- Bankit, a \$260,000 purchase at the OBS March sale of selected 2-year-olds in training sale, provided freshman sire Central Banker with his second winner of the meet with a victory in the opener for



Tod Marks

**Ride On Faith stretches for the finish in Friday's third race, a win for trainer Nick Zito.**

trainer Steve Asmussen and jockey Ricardo Santana Jr.

"He represented himself well," Asmussen said. "He's got a very good future ahead of him."

Bankit broke well, withstood pressure from Center City and pulled away in the stretch to win the state-bred 5 1/2-furlong maiden race by 6 3/4 lengths in his second start.

"We're very fortunate to have him," Asmussen said. "He's a beautiful, fast horse. That's a pretty good combination for racing. He's a very mature horse. He's been a pleasure to handle since he came in the barn and it's very nice to have the opportunity to showcase him here."

Bankit followed Central Banker's other winner at the meet, Colledgeville Girl in a similar 5 1/2-furlong maiden Wednesday. Central Banker stands at nearby McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds.

— **Sarah Newman**

- Rudy Rodriguez watched the second from the corner of the winner's circle, cheering Radiant Beauty on as she gave the trainer his second win in as many days as the favorite in the \$50,000 claimer for 3-year-old fillies.

Sent off as the 6-5 favorite in the field of four reduced by four scratches, Radiant Beauty won by three-quarters of a length over Hera.

"This is what she runs, \$50,000, the last couple races we tried to give her an opportunity to show us a little better what she was capable of in the allowance races, but this what she is," Rodriguez said. "The meet is just beginning; our horses are running good. You know if you finish second or third in

Saratoga you have to be happy. It's a very tough place to win, and you just have to hope that they run good. This what all the owners and trainers come for. This is where you want to win."

— **David Woods**

- Owner Roddy Valente wasn't in the winner's circle to celebrate after Friday's fifth race, but two of his children were: Stephen Valente and Stoney Bennett. Stephen is Roddy's son and represented the family while his father was away at Del Mar. Stoney Bennett is a 3-year-old son of Bustin Stones, but might as well be another of Roddy's kids, Stephen said.

Bustin Stones is the most successful horse owned by Valente. The son of City Zip went undefeated in six starts and earned \$480,150. He capped his career with a victory in the Grade 1 Carter Handicap at Aqueduct in 2008. Bustin Stones now stands in New York at Waldorf Farm.

"Anything by Bustin Stones, those are like my dad's kids," Valente said. "Even when he doesn't own them, he follows them just as intently. To have one of his own, basically sons win here at Saratoga is quite the thrill."

Stoney Bennett began his career downstate last fall with trainer Ollie Figgins III. The chestnut gelding won his debut Sept. 15, but went winless in his next four starts in New York-bred or restricted stakes. Valente moved Stoney Bennett to Linda Rice's barn in February and rather than push him, the new conditioner gave the horse time.

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# Friday —

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“I told Roddy Valente that I thought the horse needed some turn-out time, so we sent him to the farm, gave him some time off and brought him back in the hopes of making Saratoga with him,” said Rice, training her first horse for Valente. “We gelded him as well. I’m only disap-

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Through Friday



Tod Marks

Stoney Bennett leads everyone home in Friday's fifth race.

pointed that Roddy isn't here with the rest of us.”

Rice's patience paid off as Stoney Bennett romped in the \$77,000 first-level allowance for state-breds. He finished 8 3/4 lengths ahead of runner up Charlie McCoy and completed 6 furlongs in 1:10.76 on the sloppy and sealed track.

“Last year they thought very highly of him,” Stephen Valente said. “He had only run in stakes after winning his maiden and had a few little issues. He just had some issues with weight and stuff like that, so they gave him some time off in the late winter into the spring. He came back, and Linda has had him firing on all cylinders. What a win.”

— **Brandon Valvo**

- Out Of Trouble handled the sloppy track in the sixth, dominating her five opponents in the state-bred optional claimer under Luis Saez for Zilla Racing Stables and trainer Brad Cox.

The 4-year-old Into Mischief filly broke sharp, and settled just outside of Conquest Hardcandy early. They stayed there up the backstretch as Vortex Road gained some ground on the outside. Out Of Trouble edged up again just before the far turn and took the lead by the time the field turned for home.

Out Of Trouble quickly pulled

away, led by 6 lengths with a furlong to go and poured it on to win by 14 1/2 lengths as the 3-2 favorite.

“It's amazing anytime you win at Saratoga,” said Kevin Connell, part of the Zilla Racing partnership. “It's the hardest place in the world to win. We didn't really know what to expect. Obviously the betting public knew what they were doing on that one.”

Out Of Trouble was transferred to Brad Cox last fall and she's now won three of six starts for her new trainer.

“Brad Cox is one of the best,” said Connell. “He's got her primed right now — that's for sure. She's a sweet-heart and she's extremely smart. The kids love seeing her. It's a special treat to see her win here.”

— **Sarah Newman**

- The paddock overflowed with horses and people with a 14-horse maiden-claiming race to close the card. Heavy gray skies hung above the red and white canopies with 17 minutes to post. The riders were thrown up and hustled to the track, rain threatening to fall at any minute.

Larry Collmus announced that post time would be moved up because of the impending storm, and the riders were ordered right to the gate. As the last horses went in, rain began to pour on the backside while the frontside remained dry. The crowd watched the storm move towards them as the horses broke, rain chasing the horses around the track.

Aboard Diamond M Stable's Lady Vicki for trainer Danny Gargan, Kendrick Carmouche broke to the front and held the lead to win by 3 1/4 lengths. The storm broke as the field crossed the finish.

“It started pouring and we're like, man, hurry up, let's get out of here,” said Carmouche. “It just went a whole different direction and we were good to go. It came right over the barns. Then all of a sudden you could see it traveling through. The only thing I'm waiting on is a rainbow.”

Lady Vicki earned Gargan his second win of the day, after Saida scored in a \$25,000 claimer in the seventh.

“I'm lucky,” said Gargan. “Saratoga's hard. I came in here with the expectation of winning five races so if we do any more than that we'll have a big meet.”

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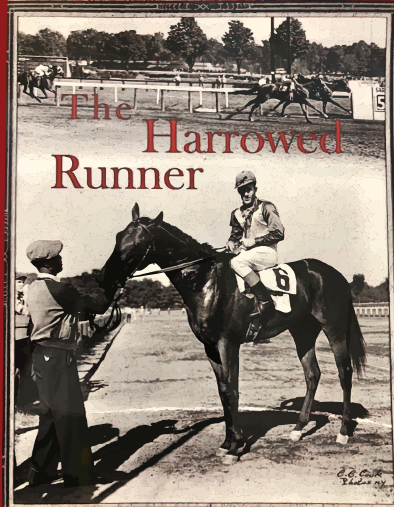
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Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Hidden Brook Farm, LLC & Blue DevilRacing (NY). Late Scratches: Freudnme, Analyzethisandthat, Sounds Good. Time: 1:04.35

Exacta (6-2), \$7.10; Superfecta (6-2-5-4), \$9.17; Trifecta (6-2-5), \$20.62

### SECOND \$70,000, CLAIMING \$50,000, 3 YO, 1M

2 Radiant Beauty	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$4.30	\$2.40
7 Hera	L. Saez		\$2.70

5 Sheputaspellonme M. Franco  
Ch Filly 2015, by Orb - Sheer Beauty by Mizzen Mast  
Owner: Peachtree Stable. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez.

Breeder: Lakland Farm (KY). Late Scratches: Classic Lady, Beach Waltz, Oldfashioned Style, Night Owl. Claimed: Hera claimed by Feit, Daniel for \$50,000. Time: 1:39.37

Daily Double (6-2), \$2.75; Exacta (2-7), \$4.05; Quinella (2-7), \$2.15; Consolation Double (6-4), \$1.30

### THIRD \$44,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

3 Ride On Faith	L. Saez	\$11.80	\$4.10	\$3.00
1A Wegotoldyougotsold	M. Franco		\$2.40	\$2.10
4 Vicar's Legend	L. Reyes			\$4.60

B Gelding 2014, by Candy Ride (ARG) - Magical Ride by Storm Cat  
Owner: Mossarosa. Trainer: Nicholas Zito. Breeder: G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & St. George Farm LLC (KY). Late Scratches: Change of Venue  
Claimed: Ride On Faith claimed by The Players Group for \$25,000, Wegotoldyougotsold claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$25,000. Time: 1:19.13

Daily Double (2-3), \$21.40; Exacta (3-1), \$13.20; Superfecta (3-1-4-2), \$80.85; Trifecta (3-1-4), \$52.75; Pic 3 (6-2-3), \$17.80; (6-4-3), \$8.30

### FOURTH \$53,000, CLAIMING \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

2 Shangroyal	J. Rosario	\$3.90	\$2.60	\$2.20
6 Belgian	J. Ortiz		\$3.20	\$2.40
3 The Queens Jules	J. Velazquez			\$2.80

B Colt 2015, by Shanghai Bobby - Mama Tia by Carson City  
Owner: Breeze Easy, LLC. Trainer: Wesley Ward.

Breeder: Atlas Farm LLC & Conor Doyle (KY). Late Scratches: Fried Baloney. Claimed: Shangroyal claimed by Three Diamonds Farm for \$50,000. Time: 1:04.47

Daily Double (3-2), \$27.50; Exacta (2-6), \$5.30; Quinella (2-6), \$4.05; Superfecta (2-6-3-7), \$7.37; Trifecta (2-6-3), \$11.95; Consolation Double (3-5), \$7.00; Pic 3 (2-3-2/5), \$41.50; (2-3-5), \$12.30

### FIFTH \$77,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

5 Stoney Bennett	M. Franco	\$9.00	\$4.40	\$3.50
1 Charlie McCoy	J. Velazquez		\$4.10	\$3.00
8 Bluegrass Express	J. Rosario			\$4.10

Ch G 2015, by Bustin Stones - Saudi Princess by Unbridled's Song  
Owner: Valente, Roddy J., Bilinski, Darlene and Alfred, Richard. Trainer: Linda Rice. Breeder: Dr. Jerry Bilinski, Roddy Valente & Dr. Richard Alfred (NY).

Late Scratches: Call Me a Star, La Cat Warrior  
Time: 1:10.76

Daily Double (2-5), \$12.00; Exacta (5-1), \$20.90; Superfecta (5-1-8-10), \$58.50; Trifecta (5-1-8), \$55.37; Pic 3 (3-2-5), \$124.75; (3-5-5), \$32.00; Pic 4 (1,2,3,4,6/3/ALL/5), \$36.12; Pic 5 (3,6/1,2,3,4,6/3/ALL/5), \$47.12

### SIXTH \$80,000, NY-BRED AOC \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

3 Out of Trouble	L. Saez	\$5.10	\$3.10	\$2.10
7 Vortex Road	J. Castellano		\$3.30	\$2.30
4 Bareaqa	R. Santana, Jr.			\$2.50

B Filly 2014, by Into Mischief - Take Me Home Too by Came Home

Owner: Zilla Racing Stables. Trainer: Brad Cox.

Breeder: JRitaYoung Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: Belle of the Spa, Broken Border. Time: 1:51.90

Daily Double (5-3), \$13.20; Exacta (3-7), \$8.10; Superfecta (3-7-4-1), \$4.05; Trifecta (3-7-4), \$11.55; Pic 3 (2-5-3), \$27.00; (2-5-5), \$11.50

### SEVENTH \$50,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

3 Saida	J. Lezcano	\$4.80	\$3.30	\$2.60
1 Lakota	F. Geroux		\$3.90	\$2.70
11 Paula's Pistol	K. Carmouche			\$2.50

B Filly 2014, by Giant's Causeway - Sister Dawn by Indian Charlie

Owner: O'Hara, John, A.. Trainer: Danny Gargan.

Breeder: Popatop, LLC (KY). Late Scratches: Bonita Springs, Free N Clear, Sugar Mags, Tearless, Blasted Boss, Glory to Kitten

Time: 1:52

Daily Double (3-3), \$7.60; Exacta (3-1), \$8.30; Superfecta (3-1-11-6), \$7.42; Trifecta (3-1-11), \$9.65; Pic 3 (5-3-3), \$51.25

### EIGHTH \$92,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

7 Flowers for Lisa	L. Saez	\$11.20	\$4.10	\$3.00
4 Uncle Mojo	J. Velazquez		\$2.70	\$2.40
5 Papa Shot	M. Franco			\$3.70

Ch Gelding 2013, by Flower Alley - Indyan Lisa by Lemon Drop Kid

Owner: Flying P Stable. Trainer: Jorge Navarro.

Breeder: Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY).

Late Scratches: Powerful Ally

Time: 1:50.96

Daily Double (3-7), \$12.30; Exacta (7-4), \$13.00; Superfecta (7-4-5-1), \$17.95; Trifecta (7-4-5), \$35.62; Consolation Double (3-6), \$2.80; Pic 3 (3-3-7), \$51.00; (3-3-6), \$8.10

### NINTH \$100,000, STAKES - CURLIN S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M

1 Hofburg	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$2.50	\$2.10	\$2.10
4 Nicodemus	M. Franco		\$4.50	\$3.20
3 Zing Zang	R. Santana, Jr.			\$3.20

Ch Colt 2015, by Tapit - Soothing Touch by Touch Gold

Owner: Juddmonte Farms, Inc.. Trainer: William Mott.

Breeder: Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY). Late Scratches: Reride

Time: 1:50.18

Daily Double (7-1), \$6.50; Exacta (1-4), \$6.30; Superfecta (1-4-3-5), \$2.80; Trifecta (1-4-3), \$8.15; Pic 3 (3-7-1), \$17.00; (3-6-1), \$3.10; Place Pix Nine (3/4/7-1/3/11-4/5/7-1), \$3.15.

### TENTH. \$39,000 MDN CLM. F&M 3&UP NY-BRED, 6 1/2F

1 Lady Vicki	K. Carmouche	9.40	5.60	4.10
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11 Wappinger	J. Ortiz			3.80

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Trainer: Danny Gargan. Time: 1:19.46.

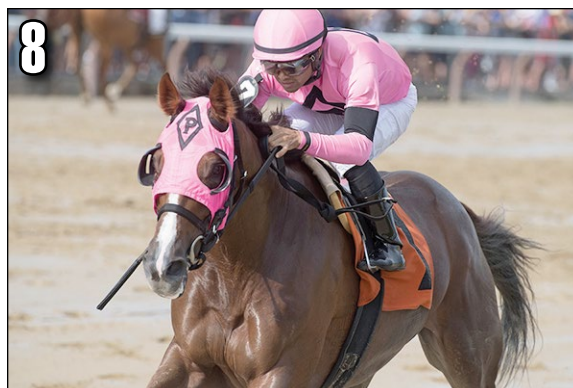
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Washington Redskins coach Jay Gruden (left) presents the Diana trophies last week.

# Hey Coach

## Gruden gets charge from Saratoga

BY SHAYNA TILLER

A group piled into the winner's circle following the Diana, celebrating Sistercharlie's nail-biting victory over Ultra Brat. Jay Gruden stood on the outskirts of the crowd, flashing a smile as the camera clicked. Dressed in a navy sports coat and pink dress shirt, he blended into the group as he presented the winning trophy.

Used to being the center of attention, he went unnoticed in the cluster of people joining Peter Brant in the winner's circle, enjoying his moment as a racing fan. His eyes fixed on the bay filly exiting the paddock as Larry Collmus revealed his identity on the overhead speaker.

People hung over the fence, trying to get a better look at the NFL coach, but he was undeterred. While fans shouted his name, his eyes remained on the filly heading to the test barn.

Before becoming the Washington Redskins head coach, Gruden was the University of Louisville's star quarterback from 1985-1988. He played two seasons in the World League of American Football, then won four ArenaBowl titles as the starting quarterback of the Tampa Bay Storm. He was named the league's MVP in 1992.

Gruden transitioned to coaching in 1997 with various AFL teams, before being hired as the offensive coordinator for the Cincinnati Bengals in

2001. He was hired as the head coach of the Redskins in 2014. Gruden attended races in the off-season at Louisville when he was in college and has been a fan since.

"I've been pretty interested in horses for a long time," said Gruden. "I love the sport. I was able to go to some Kentucky Derbies back then and that was really when it first kind of started."

Gruden has made Saratoga's Opening weekend a tradition since visiting for the first time five years ago.

"It's perfect," he said. "It's the last weekend before our training camp starts so it's my last hoorah before going back to work."

"My favorite part is I get up early and I go for a jog and I come watch the horses work out. Last year I was able to meet Chad Brown and watch him work out some of his horses. I met Todd Pletcher. Obviously, Bruce Brown is a big Redskins fan so we got to talk. That's my favorite part — to see them behind the scenes, to see them before, to see how much work goes into training these horses."

The coach posed for a selfie with a dedicated fan as he ascended the clubhouse stairs.

"It's just beautiful," said Gruden. "I plan on doing this every year if I can. The history, the competition, the atmosphere. It's awesome."



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# Teamwork

Jane Crager buzzed into The Saratoga Special office Thursday afternoon, new sandwich board in hand and an update on the significance of July 26.

“It’s National Intern Day,” she said. “I’m going to put something out on social media about it and our team.”

Nothing warms the heart like thinking of the crew we put together every summer as a team. And what a team we’ve got for you, the reader, in 2018. The cast of characters – oh, there are some characters in this mix – come from all over the country and from various backgrounds. They’re a blend of veterans and newcomers, not unlike many of the barns we profile daily in the Fasig-Tipton Stable Tour.

We’ve introduced some of the team to many of you in person, either here in the first few days of the meet or even going back to 2015. Yes, 2015. We’ll let them come back for a fourth season but only under certain circumstances. Others you may never meet, but make no mistake they’re so much more than a name on a page.

Let’s get rolling, here’s The Saratoga Special team for 2018 (and apologies to some groups from the recent past, who were never introduced in this space). We’ve got five “veterans” and three “rookies,” many with nicknames and if they don’t the default is their last name.

Brandon Valvo, 24, is the senior member of our team and now in his fourth year. He came to us in 2015 with the class of Annise “Fargo” Montplaisir, Billy “Blaze” Blake and Katie “Vish” Vishneowski. We have a few nicknames for Brandon – we initially heard he wasn’t fond of Valvotron but got word Friday that he doesn’t mind – and he’s also our harness racing and Queen expert. Think Freddie, not Elizabeth. A native of nearby Clifton Park and a graduate of Siena College with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting, Brandon works during the week at the Albany-based public accounting firm

UHY LLP and pitches in on the weekends, handling everything from stakes and racing recaps to features and Stable Tours.

Shayna Tiller, 22, bounded up the stairs of our home base in Fair Hill in January 2016 for a job interview and before she spoke we knew she’d be a great fit for the team. A native of Laurel, Md., who studied for two years at the University of Maryland before going two more years and earning her degree at Delaware Valley, Shayna does it all. She writes daily recaps, stakes recaps, features, Stable Tours and anything we ask, and she won’t hesitate to make sure the paper racks are stocked and neat or to make a run to the Spring Street Deli or Augie’s To Go. Shayna’s real passion is horses – and her new puppy Fudge. Thursday night that dedication came out as she went to see Imperial Hint arrive at Saratoga a little after 9 – at night.

Ben Gowans, 21, is in the midst of his second full season after pitching in a bit in 2016 when we gave him a “tryout” late in the meet. He’ll enroll at the University of Kentucky next month and before that he’ll serve up some strong stakes previews – did you see the Diana or Coaching Club American Oaks pieces last week? – and cover the races inside and out. A native of Seattle who has lived in seven states, “Benny Boy” graduated from Greencastle-Antrim High in Greencastle, Pa. We even hustled him to write some stuff for Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred and he does that and everything else in an efficient and thorough manner with his head down.

Kevin Murphy, 30, is the “senior” member of the team and works on morning distribution, marketing, social media and sales. A native of Mechanicville who went to Ballston Spa High now living in Saratoga Springs, Kevin graduated from Siena College with a Bachelor of Arts in Management. He also has a day job but can’t get enough racing and is in his second season with The Special.

Morgan Yaeger, 19, works with Kevin and is the “junior” member of the group. Morgan bee-bops from barn to barn every morning we have a paper, always with a smile. She grew up in Gansevoort, graduated from Schuylerville High and studies occupational therapy at Quinnipiac University in Hampton, Conn. When she isn’t handling distribution or other tasks – horsemen, she delivered those letters this week – Morgan is involved in a local hippotherapy group that provides rehabilitative and therapeutic treatment to people using horses.

Jane Crager, 21, is one of three newcomers and if you’ve passed by the office so far this meet her handiwork is familiar. Jane writes funny jokes on the sandwich board, which replaced a straight chalkboard we hung in Joe’s front window the first weekend of the meet. The native of Berwyn, Pa. attends Villanova University in Philadelphia and she handles social media, website updates, marketing and sales.

Sarah Newman, 20, comes from great friends of the “program.” The daughter of owner Rich Newman and niece to owner, fellow runner and occasional beer gift-giver Adam Newman, Sarah is enrolled at Vassar College with an eye on a possible law degree. She’s headed overseas to study in Greece – man, we’re jealous – and is from Massapequa on Long Island. A member of the cross country and track teams at Vassar, Sarah could dust The Special’s editors in any race and she’ll write recaps and features this summer.

David Woods, 24, is another member of the team whose family has deep ties to the racing business. A native of Ocala and the son of longtime horseman Eddie Woods, David’s main interest is in television production so he’ll help us add some multimedia while also doing some writing at the races.

Another team member is graphic designer Todd Koch, who owns a custom furniture design company out of Washington County. Introduced by a mutual friend and my neighbor Benj, Todd and I traded emails and realized we were friends growing up and graduated from the same class at Saratoga Springs High in 1989. The rain has severely limited Todd’s motorcycle commute from his home in Hebron, but Sean, Joe and I are optimistic to take the Triumph for a spin one day even though we know it would end in a crash.

And don’t forget photographers Tod Marks, Dave Harmon and Connie Bush who have been part of the team for years.

There you have it, our team for The Special 2018. As I’ve mentioned before, they’ve got friends they’ll bring to the races and tell them about the greatest game played outside.

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# World Traveler

Jarred Coetzee sat on a white wash bucket and fiddled with his phone late Friday morning. Like a miffed kid, Sarrasin stood behind a Christophe Clement webbing and nudged Coetzee's right shoulder, once, twice, three times. Coetzee tried to ignore him, gently brushing his right hand back and over like he was keeping flies off a dinner plate, just enough for Sarrasin to enjoy the dialogue. It was just a horse and a boy.

"You've got one horse, you're busy but you're not busy, you make time, you look for things to do with him," Coetzee said. "He's a lovely animal, he's a hard horse not to get along with. It's a learning curve for both of us, but I'm really enjoying it."

The learning curve began in Australia, spanned a 32-hour journey to New York, then a stint in quarantine, then Belmont Park and now Saratoga.

Adorned with four white polos, a pair of bell boots to protect his front shoes, the British-bred, French-raced, Australia-based son of German sire Monsun and his South African-born, England-Malaysia-Hong Kong-apprenticed, Australia-based Coetzee waited for Clement's son/assistant, Miguel, to give him the cue for a final paddock school before Saturday's Bowling Green. Minutes later, Clement explained the process to Coetzee and the duo met up with Clement's Factorofwon for the long winding walk to the paddock.

Sarrasin bowed his neck and coiled like a panther on a rock as he left Clement's barn. Coetzee pulled down on the leather shank and pinched Sarrasin's neck, the natural twitch. Sarrasin slowed his cadence and began to walk flat-footed again; Coetzee eased both grips as the convoy walked along the horse path on the outside of the Oklahoma training track, crossed the old Horse Haven track, past Danny Gargan's barbecue on high heat for the late-morning rush.

"That smells like home," Coetzee said.

The horse and the boy are a long way from home.



Born in South Africa, Coetzee finished school there and has traveled the world ever since, riding out in England, assisting his father for six years in Malaysia – "that was different" – then Hong Kong (Coetzee is the nephew of longtime successful Hong Kong jockey Felix), before landing in Australia seven years ago, where the 31-year-old plans to train some day.

As for Sarrasin, he's traveled the world as well, winning twice and finishing second in a Group 3 in France in 2015. Moved from Andre Fabre to Anthony Freedman in Australia, Sarrasin finished third in a Group 2 stakes at Randwick in his Australian debut in 2016. Last year, he made just two starts for Chris Waller, finishing fifth in an allowance race and 11th, 10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths behind wunderkind Winx (Coetzee rode her as a 2-year-old) in a Group 2 stakes at Randwick. Switched to his present trainer Richard Freedman, Sarrasin finished fifth in the Grade 1 Ranvet Rawson Stakes at Rosehill in May before venturing to America.

Originally aimed at the Forbidden Apple at Belmont, he audibled and tried a mile allowance over

the Belmont turf but failed to land a blow, winding up last.

"The Belmont race didn't suit him," Coetzee said, rattling off reasons that included firm turf, short distance and good old-fashioned jet lag.

Sarrasin arrived in Saratoga about two weeks ago and has started to come around, bounding through his morning gallops, putting on weight and beginning to blossom again. Friday morning, the free-moving dark bay dazzled on his way to the paddock – I received a text asking, "What horse were you with that just crossed Union Ave. Gorgeous animal."

Adding blinkers for the first time, Sarrasin is deservedly 30-1 against the likes of Sword Dancer winner Sadler's Joy, Man o' War winner Hi Happy, United Nations runner-up Money Multiplier and five others in the Grade 2 stakes.

"It took a while for him to adapt, he came out of winter and hit that heat wave at Belmont, but once he came to Saratoga he's just a different horse," Coetzee said. "He's put his condition back on, his weight is nearly back to where we had him in Australia, jeez, I can't find a negative about him, he's just peaked at the right time. Who knows what will happen tomorrow, it's a different country, different way of racing, you've got to adapt. It's all up to him now."

Sarrasin and Coetzee's trip is open-ended; it all depends on what happens Saturday. If looks and actions mean anything, perhaps, they'll stay.

"This is his last chance, really, if he puts in a decent performance, I'm sure we'd stay for the Sword Dancer," Coetzee said. "We just took a chance, really, not many people have done it from Australia. Not even to win, just to run a decent race to justify us being here, we'd be happy. We know how good a horse he is at home, but we just had to see."

And that is how horse racing began. Sarrasin and Coetzee have traveled 9,955 miles and nine time zones just to see.

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