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## The Hard Way

Tenfold catches Flameaway in Jim Dandy



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## BY THE NUMBERS

**4,375:** Words (before editing) written by Tom Law for Saturday's edition of The Special.

**20:** Gallons of Penn State ice cream NYRA valet (and PSU dad) Harry Rice brings home from the campus creamery sometimes.

## NAMES OF THE DAY

**Carry Your Heels, first race.** In honor of the weather in Saratoga this summer, anyone wearing fancy shoes should be prepared to do this.

**Glossy, third race.** Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider came up with this winner for their 3-year-old filly out of Luster.

**New York's Finest, eighth race.** Tic Stable's 4-year-old gelding is by City Zip out of Is It Safe.

**Cross Multiply, 10th race.** The 3-year-old colt is by The Factor out of Class Break and it's a bit too early to think about going back to match class . . . though the kids might want to get cracking on that summer reading.

## MEET THE ORTIZ BROTHERS

Jockeys and brothers Irad and Jose Ortiz will be at The Dark Horse Mercantile, 445 Broadway, July 30 from 7-8 p.m. signing autographs as part of a fundraiser for the Race Track Chaplaincy America New York and the Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund. On hand to help celebrate will be Greg Montgomery, creator of the well-known collection of Travers Art since 1986. He will be here to support the event with his posters, notecards and books. Bring your own memorabilia or take a selfie with the brothers. Copies of their cover story on Saratoga Living Magazine will be available for signing. Minimum donation of \$10.



Hey, Beer Man. An intrepid Saratoga Race Course staffer makes sure the keg gets to its destination during Friday's card. Tod Marks

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"They handed me the mic. Joe, you were in trouble right off the bat."

**The Special's Sean Clancy, when going over his experience having to share one mic with his brother Joe while taping a podcast with the Henry Street Taproom gang**

"The only people interested in horse racing journalism are sitting at this table."

**The Special's Tom Law, during the podcast**

"I need Madison Scott to look up some pedigrees for me."

**The Special's Joe Clancy, holding an old sales catalog and talking about an upcoming feature**

"The local paper is so thin, it looks like a joint."

**Special reader after picking up his local paper**

"I have to give Joe a call. Sean spends an hour every morning hanging around that horse of his, thinking it's some kind of superstar. He's not getting any writing done."

**Trainer Eric Guillot**

"They are good. They are a little bit too big, I wish they were doing it a little smaller. So rich."

**Trainer Christophe Clement, contemplating a milkshake from Shake Shack**

"Jordan! There goes the Michael Jordan of horse racing."

**Paddock security guard Chris Lucarne, as Irad Ortiz Jr. rode by**

"I went out there with white hair. I came back with dark hair. It's raining Grecian Formula."

**NYRA valet Harry Rice, while working through Friday's flash storms**

"I went to one on a Saturday and sweated out three pounds."

**Jockey Kendrick Carmouche, on attending his kids' swim meets in Delaware**



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“Dad said, ‘Try to stay on him, I think that’s a very good horse. That’s my favorite horse.’ I said, ‘Me too.’ He was just sad with me, he tried to stay positive and keep me positive, he’s my dad, he’s always there for me. He’s here today, finally he sees him pass the wire with me.”  
**Irada Ortiz, after winning the Curlin aboard Hofburg**



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“This isn't a newspaper, it's a pamphlet.”

**Trainer Mitch Friedman, when handed a 28-page Special Thursday morning (he obviously doesn't remember when we produced eight-page editions in 2001)**

“What's NC stand for? No Count?”

**Trainer Gary Sciacca when he saw the initials on a stall plaque**

“Thanks for the ride.”

**Sciacca, as he dropped off Wayne Catalano and Sean Clancy Saturday morning**

“Hand me one of those while we're risking our lives.”

**Bloodstock agent Steve Young, grabbing The Special while threading through Union Avenue traffic in a golf cart**

“If there's a hell, it's a New Jersey rest stop.”

**The Special's Tom Law**

“I want to meet that soldier.”

**Trainer Shug McGaughey, after reading about Second Lieutenant Ryan Jones in The Special**

“Just for today.”

**Trainer Joe Sharp, when told he was in charge of barn distribution Saturday morning**

“First runner at Saratoga, I'm driving up here thinking the rain is going to miss us and I call my owner, 'It's a deluge.'”

**Trainer Kent Sweezy Saturday morning (his race came off the turf Saturday afternoon)**

“He came into the classic races in one of those years, Justify was a tough horse. The year before, one horse won the Derby, one horse won the Preakness, one horse won the Belmont and none of them are around.”

**Trainer Bill Mott about Hofburg**

“It was time to give him a chance, he faced Audible, Justify and Justify again, it was time to try to get his confidence back and let him know he's a good horse, now he's ready for whatever is coming.”

**Jockey Irad Ortiz about Hofburg**

“You're going to need to laminate The Saratoga Special with all this rain.”

**Trainer Mike Dilger**

“All this rain, it reminds me of the year I had Buzz My Bell, she won the Adirondack and Spinaway, sloppy racetrack both times. She loved the mud. That's the closest I got to the Derby, she wound up being the dam of Grindstone.”

**Trainer Jimmy Toner on the Drone filly who won those races 10 days apart at the 1983 meet**

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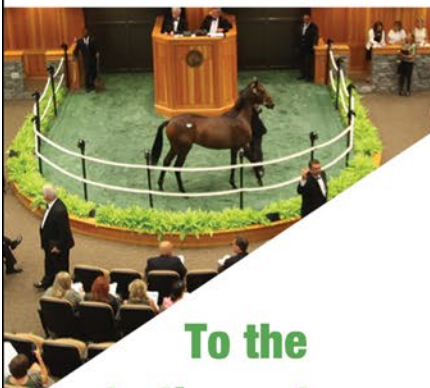
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"Mr. Dreyfus would tell you how he felt about things, but if things didn't work out he would never play the reboard on you, like a lot of people. He would always tell everybody, he was the only owner that had to cool out his trainer. He was so smart, one time, we had a horse in the second race and she didn't run any good, and another filly in the stake, Robyn Smith was riding her, a filly called Garland of Roses, it's funny they named a sprint race after her, but anyhow, I said, 'Ah, I think I'll scratch from the stake.' He said, 'Oh really? I hadn't heard anything about it, you didn't mention it before, you do what you want to do, but take this race completely out of your mind and if you still want to scratch...' He was so smart, she finished second, we just got beat."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015



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## with Jonathan Thomas

“You don’t come to Saratoga on a whim, you need to start looking at your 2-year-old crop in March and start identifying horses you can bring up here. Next year, I would send a string of horses if I had the backing.”

That’s how Jonathan Thomas answered the question of when he was coming to Saratoga for the summer. It was minutes after the Thomas-trained Catholic Boy upset the With Anticipation nearing the end of the 2017 Saratoga season.

That was a day trip. A year later, Thomas has the backing and is here for the summer.

The 38-year-old former steeplechase jockey bedded down nine horses at the end of Rick Schosberg’s barn on the main track and another 20 at the harness track. Based at Bridlewood Farm in Ocala, Fla., Thomas has a bullpen of about 25 horses there.

“We try to figure out where they belong first and if they belong in our program, we keep them. If not, we try to find a way for the clients to move on without spending too much time or money,” Thomas said. “It’s clicking into place, we definitely don’t want to let Saratoga make us do things that we normally wouldn’t do by rushing into spots, we’re happy to be here and have a presence, I don’t know if we’re going to be participating at a high level, do right by the horses and focus on the fall.”

A former assistant to Todd Pletcher, Thomas went from training two winners in 2016 to 21 winners in 2017 and has already produced 17 winners this year for more than \$1.3 million.

“Bridlewood is our hub, when a group is ready, we travel, try to get it done and then go home and regroup. Like a traveling circus. This is the longest we’ve been on the road, since June 1st, went to Belmont and then shifted to up here. We’ll probably stay here through September, keep some horses at Belmont, then I’d like to go to Keeneland with a string, then migrate home and start all over again. I like the challenge, I strive off being challenged and having some pressure. I like that.”

The Special’s Sean Clancy walked down Thomas’ shedrow off the main track last week to discuss members of the string.



**Kundray:** New York-bred owned by Augustin Stable won a New York-bred turf allowance at Belmont when she returned from 21-month layoff June 22. The daughter of Distorted Humor and J’Ray relaxed in her round pen on a sunny morning. “Just a really good moving filly, a lot of pedigree, forward in her training, she’s easy to train, she’s just so generous about how she does things. We were very confident at Belmont, she actually outworked Catholic Boy before the Pennine Ridge, I breezed them together, her gallop out was monstrous. She had a substantial amount of time off but she’s always trained well. She’s run through her New York-bred conditions, she’s eligible for an open 1X, we’ll look at the next book, low-hanging fruit.”

**Hope Again:** An empty stall awaits the 2-year-old gelded son of Sayif who was purchased by Eclipse Thoroughbreds after breaking his maiden at 50-1 in his career debut at Chepstow in Great Britain. The Racing Post quoted his former trainer, Stan Moore. “Hope Again is a big, raw horse and I thought if he was fourth or fifth he’d have run a nice race. I wouldn’t be in any major rush with him, he could make into a really nice horse.” Thomas is thinking the same way. “The horse ran well, tipped out and mowed them down.”

**Osare:** Owned by Bridlewood Farm, champion Arrogate’s little sister broke her maiden going 1 1/4 miles on the turf at Belmont Park in June. “She was about 8 lengths off the pace at the eighth pole and just kept getting there and getting there to win a by a nose. We bought her as a yearling, we’ve been very patient and we’ll just let races come to us as she’s ready. We’ll run her in a mile and three-eighths on the turf here. I’m not so sure she can’t run on the dirt, but want to wait until she strengthens up, she was a little detached in her races, if she starts putting herself in her turf races, I wouldn’t mind trying it down the road.”

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**Entirely:** George Strawbridge’s homebred daughter of Point Of Entry won her debut at Gulfstream Park before finishing fourth in the My Dear Stakes at Woodbine July 7. “She broke her maiden against the boys first time out. I’ll run her in the Bolton Landing (Aug. 15) or possibly the P. G. Johnson (Aug. 30).”

**Till Then:** Another Strawbridge homebred by Point Of Entry, he breezed an easy half-mile here Friday. “He acts nice.”

**Catholic Boy:** Beautiful bay colt stands in the back of his stall before marching to the front and nudging Thomas in the chest. Affable and upbeat, the son of More Than Ready has won five of eight starts, including the Grade 1 Belmont Derby Invitational in his most recent outing. “He’s just getting stronger, starting to grow, he was a little grasshopper last year, he’s a neat horse. He trains like a Grade 1-caliber horse, he’s got that way about him so it was nice to get that done for him. I’ve been around horses who didn’t deserve to win a Grade 1 and I’ve been around a bunch who did, it meant a lot to our team to get that done. He’s not fancy with a hellish turn of foot but he just keeps coming at you and he’s got excellent mechanics. This horse is so easy to train, so easy. We’re going to take a good strong look at the Travers, now that he’s a Grade 1 winner it allows us to be a little bit more creative about what we do with him, you’re only 3 once, you only get so many mile-and-a-quarter opportunities. If you take the Florida Derby out of the equation, his resume on the dirt is good, he won the Remsen, second in the Sam Davis. We’ll train him accordingly. The good thing is the backdrop, the Saranac, is a week later. For right now, we’ll let him regroup, put some weight back on and get happy.”

**Tillie’s Lily:** Southwind Stables’ 4-year-old Distorted Humor filly is undefeated in four starts. Thomas scratched her from the Caress July 23. “She had a little temp. She’s fast, she’s very good, I think she’s the best horse we have. Lovely filly. Smart N Fancy or something like that. I don’t know if she’s strictly turf, I wouldn’t mind trying her on the dirt at some point, but want to try to win a stake first. If we can, then we can be a little more creative. She travels well, she won at Santa Anita, she won at Belmont, she won at Gulfstream twice. I’m patient.”

**Tesora:** Three-year-old daughter of Scat Daddy won her first two starts at Gulfstream Park and Del Mar before a winter’s break for owners Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and TNIP Racing. She returned to finish fourth in the Christiana Stakes at Delaware Park. She’s entered in the Coronation Cup at Saratoga Monday. “Little, light-boned filly, we won two with her last

# Stable Tour —

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year, she finished fourth at Delaware, made an early move. I want to back her up and run her 5 1/2.”

**Hot N Sour:** Bridlewood homebred is a daughter of Tapit and multiple graded stakes winner Egg Drop. She breezed twice on the turf at Bridlewood before heading north to Saratoga. “We might try to run her two turns soon.”

**March:** Winner of the 2015 Woody Stephens when with Chad Brown, the son of Blame won his debut for Thomas when returning from an 11-month layoff at Gulfstream in December. Eighth in the Grade 1 Gulfstream Park Turf Stakes in his next start, March finished third in the Grade 3 Canadian Turf Stakes in March before being freshened. He’s breezed twice at Saratoga. “We gelded him, gave him a little time off, he’s really cool. He actually won off a huge layoff. I don’t know where we’ll run him, just let him tell us. He was Catholic Boy’s workmate.”

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Tenfold (far left) gets there over Flameaway (right) and Vino Rosso.

Tod Marks

# Above The Fold

Winchell, Asmussen  
3YO wins Grade 2

## JIM DANDY STAKES RECAP

BY SEAN CLANCY

Steve Asmussen walked out of the Saratoga Room, 12 horses galloped past in the finale and New York State of Mind was cuing up. Asmussen talked about Tenfold, his talent, his looks and the inexplicable antics that nearly threw away the Grade 2 Jim Dandy at Saratoga Race Course Saturday. It took Asmussen awhile, but he eventually found the right words to describe Tenfold's mind frame.

"He just makes little mistakes that are not a big deal to him and a big deal to us."

Then he laughed.

Asmussen wasn't laughing 35 minutes earlier when Tenfold veered to the right like he had missed the final exit ramp on the freeway, squandering a lead he earned by putting away pacesetter Flameaway through the stretch of the 9-furlong stakes. Ricardo Santana Jr. teetered for a moment but kept riding the son of Tapit who crossed the wire three quarters of a length in front of Flameaway on the rail and Vino Rosso in between horses.

"That's a step on the way, he's going to be, oh, a beautiful older horse, he's got a frame and a girth, with that shoulder, he's going to be gorgeous, there hasn't been a pimple on him," Asmussen said, jolting left about as fast as Tenfold did and knocking on

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# Jim Dandy —

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the wooden top of a bussing station. “Who knows when you get down the road and everybody sorts out, how good he’ll be. It’ll come together, he’s got a great disposition, he’ll lay down all day, he’s easy on himself, he’s not angry, he doesn’t fret, he’ll eat everything tonight and feel good tomorrow.”

Tenfold broke well from post 2 in the five-horse field but in a matter of strides, slid back between Flameaway, going from the rail, and stablemate Reride, hovering to his outside. The slot stayed open and Santana roused Tenfold to take it, establishing a stalking position in second as Reride found a spot in third. Sporting Chance stayed wide in fourth as Vino Rosso angled to the rail but was quickly outpaced, falling nearly 10 lengths off the pace. Flameaway led Tenfold by a neck after a quarter-mile in :23.90 and led him by three quarters of a length after a half in :47.16. Reride and Sporting Chance tried to stay in their wake while John Velazquez slapped a non-committal Vino Rosso as a two-horse race began to brew on the lead.

Midway on the turn, Santana checked under his right shoulder, then under his left shoulder and allowed Tenfold to lengthen his stride, collaring Flameaway and turning into the stretch with the race at his mercy. Flameaway battled on from the rail, Reride stayed but didn’t quicken, Sporting Chance blew the turn and Velazquez continued to implore Vino Rosso for a spark.

Passing the eighth pole, Santana

switched his whip to his left hand and slapped Tenfold behind the saddle twice, the dark bay colt began to drift out while Santana changed his hold three times and then switched his whip back to his right hand and Tenfold ran straight, briefly. As Santana landed a second blow, Tenfold jinked and veered right, briefly popping Santana off-balance to the left, the duo recovered, slightly, and then went out again as Santana waved and whipped, trying to peddle and brake at the same time.

“He never do that before, he got a little scared, he’s still a baby,” Santana said. “He tried to get away from the big TV. I didn’t know what to do, I just tried to control him.”

It worked, Tenfold flashed under the wire as Flameaway salvaged second and Vino Rosso arrived late to the dance, a head behind the runner-up, after 1:50.49.

Tenfold won his first two starts this winter, dominating a maiden race in February and winning an allowance race by a neck in March. In his third start, he stalked early but wound up fifth in the Arkansas Derby. Still confident, Asmussen decided to take on Justify in the Preakness. It nearly worked as Tenfold lunged at Justify in the stretch but wound up third behind the eventual Triple Crown winner and late-running Bravazo. Asmussen felt like Tenfold’s penchant for leaning him hurt that day. That one still stings.

“I thought watching the Preakness he could have won,” Asmussen said. “I hate anybody after the fact saying, ‘Should have.’ The winner won, but he leaned in...”

Three weeks after the Preakness, Asmussen marched confidently toward the Belmont Stakes expecting



Tod Marks

Tenfold (white cap) breaks alongside Flameaway in the Jim Dandy.

Tenfold to relish the expansive Belmont Park oval. He didn’t, failing to find any rhythm and winding up fifth behind Justify, Gronkowski, Hofburg and Vino Rosso.

“We have felt like we haven’t gotten all of him previously, but I did feel like the horse would thrive at this place, a lot of surface, big, high-rhythm, there’s plenty of him,” As-

mussen said. “When he was away good today, I said, ‘Good, we’ll measure him.’ That’s where I wanted him to be from the Arkansas Derby, expecting him, wanting him and it wasn’t there. Then today, are you kidding me? In the mornings, he never makes a single mistake. What could be, but thank God they took his picture today.”



Tod Marks

Tenfold heads back to the barn.

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### STARS OF TOMORROW I

#### SPENDTHRIFT JUVENILE FILLY STALLION STAKES

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\$200,000  
Fillies Two Year Olds

Closes Oct. 13  
(no nomination fee)  
7 Furlongs

#### SPENDTHRIFT JUVENILE STALLION STAKES

Runs Sun., Oct. 28  
\$200,000  
Two Year Olds

Closes Oct. 13  
(no nomination fee)  
7 Furlongs

#### RAGS TO RICHES OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Oct. 28  
\$95,000  
Fillies Two Year Olds

Closes Oct. 20  
(no nomination fee)  
1 Mile

#### THE BET ON SUNSHINE OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Thurs., Nov. 1  
\$95,000  
Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 20  
(no nomination fee)  
7 Furlongs

#### STREET SENSE

Runs Fri., Nov. 2  
\$100,000  
Two Year Olds

Closes Oct. 20  
(\$100 nomination fee)  
1 Mile

#### THE MARATHON STAKES (GII)

Runs Fri., Nov. 2  
\$200,000  
Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 20  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1-3/4 Miles

#### THE CHEROKEE RUN STAKES

Runs Sat., Nov. 3  
\$200,000  
Three Year Olds

Closes Oct. 20  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
7 Furlongs

#### CHILUKKI (GII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 3  
\$200,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 20  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1 Mile

#### DREAM SUPREME OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Nov. 4  
\$95,000  
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 27  
(no nomination fee)  
6 Furlongs

#### COMMONWEALTH TURF (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 10  
\$100,000  
Three Year Olds

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(\$100 nomination fee)  
1-1/16 Miles Turf

#### RIVER CITY HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 17  
\$100,000  
Three Year Olds & Up

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1-1/8 Miles Turf

#### CARDINAL HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 22  
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Three Years Old & Up

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(\$100 nomination fee)  
1-1/8 Miles Turf

#### FALLS CITY HANDICAP (GII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 22  
\$200,000  
Fillies & Mares,  
Three Years Old & Up

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(\$200 nomination fee)  
1-1/8 Miles

#### MRS. REVERE (GII)

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### STARS OF TOMORROW II

#### GOLDEN ROD (GII)

*2019 Kentucky Oaks Points Race*

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Fillies, Two Years Old

Closes Nov. 10  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1-1/16 Miles

#### KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB (GII)

*2019 Kentucky Derby Points Race*

Runs Sat., Nov. 24  
\$200,000  
Two Year Olds

Closes Nov. 10  
(\$200 nomination fee)  
1-1/16 Miles

# Speed Freak

Fast Parx shipper Imperial Hint laughs to Saratoga Grade 1 win

BY SHAYNA TILLER

The clubhouse erupted as Imperial Hint soared into the stretch in Saturday's Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt at Saratoga Race Course. Luis Carvajal Jr., who trains the horse for Raymond Mamone, stood still amidst the chaos unfolding, his eyes glued to the big screen. Javier Castellano sat pretty as the little horse powered through the stretch, winning the \$350,000 stakes by 3 3/4 lengths.

Carvajal floated from the clubhouse to the winner's circle, a little shocked he later admitted, grinning alongside his family, Mamone and their beloved 5-year-old son of Imperialism as the cameras clicked away.

Carvajal drifted into the Saratoga Room with his wife, son and daughter

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by his side as fans showered him with congratulations.

"Being in the Saratoga Room for the first time having a horse running in Saratoga, a Grade 1, there's no price for that," said Carvajal. "It took us a little while to get there because I used to work here about 20 years ago and I got stopped by a lot of those friends that are still working and came to congratulate me."

After watching the remaining two races on the card, Carvajal headed back to Barn 21 on the backstretch of the main track. Imperial Hint bobbed his head over the stall guard

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Tod Marks

Imperial Hint glides to the finish with an easy Grade 1 win in the Vanderbilt.

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# Vanderbilt —

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and pawed at the ground, demanding another treat from his groom Rafael Barrera.

“I can’t give any more credit to the horse and the jockey,” said Carvajal. “The horse makes the trainer. This horse is just taking me to the spotlight and I love him.”

Castellano reunited with Imperial Hint — after riding him once in an allowance race on the 2016 Pennsylvania Derby undercard — in last year’s Grade 3 Smile Sprint Stakes at Gulfstream Park. He won that race and the Donald LeVine Memorial Stakes at Parx before finishing second in the Breeders’ Cup Sprint at Del Mar.

“I have a small horse,” said Carvajal. “Javier is small, tiny and he’s a great rider.

“I called his agent and I said, ‘I have a really nice horse, we can win the race.’ I wouldn’t put Javier on something that doesn’t have a chance and I think Javier would fit him. The agent, he didn’t know me. So he went to ask Javier because he didn’t know

who Luis Carvajal was. Javier said, ‘I know Luis. I’ll ride for Luis.’ The rest is history.”

With Castellano aboard for the seventh consecutive time in the Vanderbilt, Imperial Hint broke and chased 1 1/2 lengths behind Switzerland, who set the pace early through fractions of :21.70 and :44.39. Imperial Hint swung wide and took control at the top of the stretch, making light work of the 6-furlong stakes in 1:08.98.

“He’s a professional, he knows the track and he knows the horse very well,” said Carvajal. “Sometimes, the race happens. Some other horses broke faster and there was a scramble there. Javier broke and just took him back and he relaxed really nice.

“I liked that he went to the outside clear and when I saw him by the quarter-pole I knew we were going to be good. After that, even coming to the wire how fast he went and he was still just sitting there. It was amazing.”

The victory earned Imperial Hint and Carvajal their first Grade 1 victories. Carvajal, a native of Chile, is based at Parx and went out on his own in 2006 after spending years working for trainers Angel Penna Jr.



Tod Marks

Trainer Luis Carvajal Jr. (left) and owner Ramond Mamone (right) help lead Imperial Hint into the winner’s circle.

and Bob Durso.

“We need to have luck in this business,” said Carvajal. “You can have the best horses in the world sometimes and if you don’t have luck you’re not going to go anywhere.

“It took a little bit of faith in what you’re doing and luck. I got lucky with a horse like this. A small barn like I have, and having a horse like this is amazing.”

Carvajal said he’d look at the

Grade 3 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash at Laurel Park Sept. 15 or the Grade 1 Vosburgh at Belmont Sept. 29 to prepare Imperial Hint for another run in the Breeders’ Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs Nov. 3.

“We can go anywhere if he stays healthy,” said Carvajal. “He’s a small horse but he has tons of heart. This horse hasn’t changed at all. This was a big race, Grade 1. It was good for him and it was good for everybody.”

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# Tie goes to runners

## Mott, Lawrence share Grade 2 score

BY TOM LAW AND JOE CLANCY

Bill Mott needed about 30 seconds – long enough to watch the stretch run of Saturday's Grade 2 Bowling Green live and one replay of the final jumps – to call the outcome.

"I don't know, do you know?" Mott asked on his walk from his box to the clubhouse stairs leading to the winner's circle. "Could be a heater."

Before he reached the bottom of the steps, the call proved correct – Mott's runner in the turf stakes, Channel Runner, and longshot Glorious Empire hit the finish together and couldn't be separated by the judge's photo.

"There it is; dead heat," Mott said as his shoes hit the pavement. "I thought it was when I saw it."

Chuck Lawrence, who trains Glorious Empire for Matt Schera, also thought he knew the outcome as he watched from a box three rows from the top near the staircase. Glorious Empire and Julien Leparoux set all the pace in the 11-furlong Bowling Green, opened a 3 1/2-length lead in the stretch and still looked like the winner in the final strides with Channel Maker and Joel Rosario bearing down.

"Come on, get there big horse. Come on, get there big horse. Come on, get there big horse," Lawrence screamed as Glorious Empire's lead began to wane in the final strides. His son, Chase, put his hands over his head, silent and stone still.

"We got it . . ." Lawrence asked and declared all at the same time, leaping out of the clubhouse box seat and kissing a fellow former jump jockey on the cheek.

"When he went in 17, I said, 'This horse...'"

"Dead heat."

"Dead heat?"

"Dead heat."

"Dead heat?"

"I'll take it. I'll take it," Lawrence said. "How about that?"

Glorious Empire, claimed by Schera and Carlos Martin for \$62,500 last May at Belmont, gave Lawrence his second graded stakes win on the flat to go with Da Dean in the Grade 3 Lawrence Realization in 1996.



Tod Marks

Glorious Empire (right) and Channel Maker (left) battle to the finish of the Bowling Green, with Sadler's Joy between them.

Mott added Channel Maker to his three prior Bowling Green winners – Al Khali in 2010, King Cugat in 2001 and Theatrical in 1987 – and obviously agreed that the shared win is better than second.

"A dead heat is OK, they put it in the win column so we'll take it," Mott said watching the replay in the clubhouse.

A dead heat didn't seem possible as the field turned for home. A win, shared or not, by Glorious Empire also didn't seem overly plausible.

Dismissed as the second highest price in the field of eight at 22-1 off a 4-length win in an optional claimer at Delaware Park, Glorious Empire took the lead from the start. Leparoux moved the Irish-bred 7-year-old gelding to the rail around the clubhouse bend and with his head low – not quite A.P. Indy low, but low – clicked off splits of :26.07 and :51.69.

Rosario had a tougher time as his horse broke sharper than usual. The jockey took hold and stayed on the inside as Channel Maker threw his head high – not quite Point Given in the Belmont high, but high – around the first turn and into the lane.

"He always does that, more so when he's on the inside and if you have to check him," Mott said. "He gets it up there. It looked like when Joel was able to tip him out and get him to the outside he leveled off."

Glorious Empire continued to lead through the homestretch the first time, around the clubhouse

turn and into the backstretch, running the 6 furlongs Lawrence referred to in 1:17.01. Hi Happy tracked in second on the backstretch the second time, just ahead of Manitoulin and Channel Maker with Australian invader Sarrasin, Sadler's Joy, Highland Sky and Bigger Picture following. The field stayed that way to the midpoint of the far turn.

Rosario gave Channel Maker his head and turned him loose around the turn, passed a tiring Manitoulin and Hi Happy with authority.

Glorious Empire cut the corner better than his rivals and added to his lead into the lane, opening up by 4 lengths at the eighth pole as Channel Maker lost a bit of ground running three wide in the stretch.

Leparoux turned over his whip inside the eighth pole, cracked Glorious Empire right-handed then twice left-handed approaching and passing the sixteenth pole. Rosario went left-handed three times inside the eighth pole and mostly hand rode his mount in deep stretch.

"He finished really well," Mott said. "Joel is a very strong rider and horses finish very well for him without him banging on them a lot. I'd be surprised if he hit him over a half-dozen times. We'll have to go look at the re-run. He was giving him a good hand ride and he finished for him."

The two hit the wire together, Glorious Empire's head low and Channel Maker's high. They were a half-length in front of a late-running Sadler's Joy in third and a length clear of Bigger Picture in fourth.

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# Bowling Green —

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The winners finished over the soft ground in 2:19.41.

“We wanted to get him out there by himself and let him settle,” said Lawrence. “We were hoping for :15 and change on good ground. When it came up softer ground, the :17 and change I was really happy with. Top of the lane I didn’t think they’d catch him. They almost did, well one horse did.”

But he never got past.

Lawrence credited Edgar Prado, who won the Delaware Park race aboard Glorious Empire, with trying the marathon distance in the Bowling Green.

“He said, ‘Chuck, this horse wants to go further. I really believe this horse will get a mile-and-a-quarter,’” Lawrence said. “We stretched it out a little bit further.”

Channel Maker ended a lengthy drought with his shared victory, a string of seven defeats dating back to his victory in the Breeders’ Stakes to close the 2017 Canadian Triple Crown last August at Woodbine. Six of the seven losses came in Grade 1 stakes, including back-to-back off-the-board runs in the Old Forester Turf Classic at Churchill Downs and Woodford Reserve Manhattan at Belmont Park.

The 4-year-old Ontario-bred by English Channel endured troubled trips in those races, along with a wide run when third in the Grade 1 Frank E. Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita and traffic trouble when fifth in the Grade 1 Gulfstream Park Turf in his other 2018 outs.

“He’s had some unlucky trips,” said Mott, who trains Channel Maker for Adam Wachtel’s Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber. “He can be like that. Watch the gallop out, when he hit the wire and he quit riding him, that was it. He’s not going to give you any more. He’ll hang a little bit if he makes the lead. He’ll get that head up and start waiting on horses. Timing it the way he did was actually very good.”

“I thought with the momentum he had about 50 yards out that he was going to get by him but the other horse was holding well. We got there, but not really.”

Glorious Empire started his career



Tod Marks

**Trainers Bill Mott (left) and Chuck Lawrence compare notes on the dead heat.**

in Europe, winning his lone start at 2 and his 3-year-old debut in 2014 to earn a spot in the Group 3 Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot. A notorious bleeder, he bounced around handicaps in Europe and Hong Kong at the end of 2014, in 2015 and into 2016.

Glorious Empire came to North America in September 2016, finished fifth in the Ontario Jockey Club Stakes at Woodbine before joining Tom Morley’s string at Belmont Park. He started six times for Morley, finishing third three times, and bled the day he was claimed May 7, 2017. Martin trained him for three starts (including a win here last year for a \$50,000 tag) before Schera transferred him to Lawrence at Fair Hill, where the gelding had access to the hyperbaric chamber and salt vapor therapy at Bruce Jackson’s Fair Hill Equine Therapy Center.

The Bowling Green was Glorious Empire’s third start for Lawrence, following a sixth in the Henry Clark at Laurel Park in April and the runaway Delaware Park win June 28.

Lawrence, who won 122 jump races and two National Steeplechase Association championships while riding from 1985 to 1995, calls on that past with Glorious Empire even though the trainer mainly stays on the ground these days.

“I galloped him myself this morning, probably the third horse I’ve been on this year,” he said of a spin around Clare Court. “He’s a high-strung

horse in the paddock at the races, but at home he’s a dream to train. The thing I do different with him, probably from the others who had him, is we train him like a steeplechase horse. We turn him out, he gallops 2 miles, I breeze him a mile. He went a mile

in 1:40 last week. Everything we do with him is to keep him turned off.”


Looking to recoup some of that \$50,000 claiming price last May, Schera figured Lawrence’s care and the Fair Hill atmosphere would help the son of Holy Roman Emperor.

“Chuckie’s the man,” the owner said. “He’s really good at getting horses to go a distance of ground, kind of turn off early in the race and have something left and that’s exactly the way it unfolded today.”

Saratoga was the goal from the start this year, though not necessarily the Bowling Green. Risked for \$65,000 in the Delaware race, Glorious Empire could have easily turned up in a Saratoga turf claimer.

“Last night I went to bed and thought, ‘Maybe I’m crazy,’” Schera said a few minutes after his horse earned \$93,750. “We could have run him in a 50 claimer later in the meet, but that wouldn’t have been any fun. We had to go for it. We’ve won some Grade 2 races before, but this one was way more exciting.”


“The middle of the stretch, I thought there was no way we could lose. At the finish, I thought he had us. He almost did.”



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# Pinky Swear

## Promises Fulfilled takes home Grade 3 for local connections

BY BRANDON VALVO

Dale Romans and Bob Baron had a chance meeting at the Oklahoma Training Track in the late 1990s. Introduced by a mutual friend, the trainer and racehorse owner hit it off and became close. They teamed up with some horses shortly after and have been together ever since.

More than 20 years after that initial encounter, Romans and Baron are enjoying the best horse they've ever partnered on, Promises Fulfilled. The winner of the Grade 2 Fountain of Youth Stakes this winter brought home another trophy Saturday when he captured the Grade 3 Amsterdam.

"It's been a lot of fun," Romans said. "Bob's owned horses a lot of years. Guys like him are the guys that deserve to get a good stakes horse."

"Good guy. He's like family, that's our relationship," Baron said.

Baron developed a love for Saratoga when he attended the races with his parents as a child. The track left such an impression that he made racehorse ownership a goal. A native of Mohawk, New York, Baron attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy for civil engineering and settled locally. The Amsterdam victory marked his greatest Saratoga success.

"It's so exciting. We were up there yelling and screaming like a bunch of idiots the way you're supposed to. It was fun," Baron said. "I feel good for the horse, he's just a neat horse and I just like to see the horse win. It was great for the family."

Romans bought Promises Fulfilled at the 2016 Keeneland September yearling sale. As a son of Shackleford, the colt piqued Romans' interest. When he examined the May 11 foal, Romans saw potential where others balked. He signed the ticket for just \$37,000.

"I bought him in the back ring at Keeneland for not much money and I trained the father, so that got me locked on. That's what made me go look at him for sure, but then when you go look at him,



Tod Marks

### Promises Fulfilled scores in Saturday's Amsterdam.

you still have to like him," Romans said. "He was a well-balanced little horse who looked like he was going to mature and had a lot of upside. We bought him on the down low when he was a little light and thin and he grew into himself."

Despite his late foaling date and small size, Promises Fulfilled made his debut last September, taking a 6-furlong maiden special at Churchill before doubling up in a 7-furlong allowance at Keeneland in October. He capped his juvenile campaign with a third in the 1 1/16-mile Grade 2 Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes and his connections started dreaming big.

"I remember when he won his first race because Dale said, 'you've got a special horse here,'" Baron said.

Promises Fulfilled won the Fountain of Youth in his 3-year-old debut before finishing ninth in the Florida Derby and 15th in the Kentucky Derby. He got back on track in the Grade 2 Woody Stephens last time out, finishing third in front of the Belmont Day crowd. From that moment, Romans had a plan.

"At first, you want the horse to go long," Baron said. "But right after he got done with the Woody Stephens, Dale said, 'Amsterdam, Allen Jerkens.'" "

Promises Fulfilled completed Phase 1 of that plan when he broke sharp in the Amsterdam. Jockey Luis Saez looked to his right as the field made their way out of the chute and saw rival Strike Power gunning for the lead under John Velazquez. Al-

though Promises Fulfilled led at the quarter in every start except the Kentucky Derby, Saez saw opportunity. He eased back in the irons and let Strike Power get a length clear before shifting to the outside to stalk the pacesetter.

"I know that horse, Strike Power. I know he's very fast," Saez said. "I saw Johnny's mentality, he warmed up good. When we broke, he sent and I just sat right there."

Strike Power tripped the quarter beam in :21.28 and soon after, Saez put Promises Fulfilled in gear. Racing into the far turn, Promises Fulfilled drew alongside of Strike Power while even-money favorite Engage advanced along the rail before shifting out to follow Promises Fulfilled.

Strike Power set a half in :43.92 before relinquishing the lead to Promises Fulfilled. In the stretch, Saez shifted Promises Fulfilled in, an unsuccessful attempt to get the chestnut to switch to his left lead. Even as he stormed down the lane on the wrong lead, Promises Fulfilled kept Engage at bay. He streaked away to a 3 1/4-length win and completed the 6 1/2 furlongs in 1:15.18.

Engage, who finished one spot ahead of Promises Fulfilled in the Woody Stephens, finished second and 9 1/4 lengths clear of Barry Lee.

"I didn't think (Engage) would get by us because I was thinking Engage ran fast, too," Romans said. "He wasn't far behind, so he had run fast early too

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# Amsterdam —

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so he was going to have a hard time finishing, too. Give me a length-and-a-half lead in 43 when a horse is right behind you and we'll take our chances."

In addition to the tactical advantage, Romans felt his colt came into the Amsterdam in better order than the Woody Stephens. He tried the Grade 2 last time off a hard race in the 1 1/4-mile Kentucky Derby. Com-

ing into the Amsterdam, Promises Fulfilled had an easy schedule before posting a half-mile workout at Churchill July 7 and a 5-furlong move at Saratoga July 21.

"Our horse is better now than he was back then," he said. "This time, we had time to just train to this race and not worry about what else we were doing. It all worked out."

Baron gave credit to his trainer and friend.

"Dale did a super job training up to this race," he said. "After that Woody Stephens, they backed him off

and walked him for a couple weeks, trained him lightly, then gave him two good workouts before the race. It was a great move."

Promises Fulfilled gave Romans and Saez two wins on the Jim Dandy card. The trainer and jockey combined to win Saturday's third, a 1 1/8-mile maiden claimer, with Gray Nile. The two-win day at the Spa was a milestone in Romans' career.

"I think it's the first time I've had two wins in one day here. It's 26 years we've been coming here, we've won a race 26 years in a row. That was a big deal to me when we first won," Romans said. "Any time you win a stakes at a racetrack of this level and this prestige, it's a great thing. Then when you do it for a local guy who's a

good friend, that makes it even better. Everything came together and it's just an absolutely perfect day."

Saez's two wins increased his meet total to 11, one ahead of Javier Castellano to top the jockey standings.

Promises Fulfilled's Amsterdam win improved his record to 4-for-8 with \$495,280 earned. Baron didn't waste any time thinking about Phase 2 of Romans' summer schedule.

"I'm very excited. I've got a few more things I want to do with him before I'm over the moon though," he said. "We have that race coming up in four weeks that we're looking forward to, so that will be kind of fun."

— Additional reporting  
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# Back in action, winner's circle

## Jockey Cohen doubles up for first Saratoga wins since 2013

When jockey David Cohen left the Saratoga winner's circle after guiding Tenango to a 2-length win in an allowance August 31, 2013, he didn't know it would be his last visit for nearly five years. In early 2014, Cohen fractured his tibia and fibula when he was kicked by a horse at Aqueduct. He returned that fall but was soon back on the sidelines as he coped with the deaths of two close family members.

Saturday, Cohen finally got back in the Saratoga winner's circle when St. Louie Guy won the second, a 1 1/8-mile claimer on the main track. Cohen doubled up later in the day with a score on main-track-only entrant Chris And Dave in the sixth.

"Outside of the injury, which was probably the least of things that happened, my father passed away, which we were best friends, my sister passed away about a year-and-a-half after that," Cohen said while walking back to the jock's room after his second win. "Those were probably the more difficult things to get over and get mentally correct. As anybody, let alone an athlete, you have to be mentally right before you can be physically right. To ask people to support me and put their welfare in my hands, if I'm not mentally there, wouldn't help me or anybody."

Cohen returned to the saddle last fall. His mind and body told him the time was finally right. He went 1-for-6 last year and has 68 victories in 502 starts so far in 2018.

"I was just in a very good space mentally and physically; my body was just begging to do something. It had been a good minute since I had done anything," Cohen said as he stopped to sign an autograph and gift a pair of goggles to a young fan. "My injury

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healed up beautifully, I started getting on horses at Churchill, working horses. At that point, I had a lot of support. Everybody I rode for previously and other people who I had never rode for before, were looking to show me support. It was the right timing for everything in my life."

Saratoga has been the site of some of Cohen's biggest wins, including the 2012 Travers Stakes where he rode Golden Ticket to a dead-heat win with Alpha. The return to local success proved special to the rider.

"Just to be back in racing alone is just a blessing, but to be back in Saratoga at the pinnacle of horse racing, no words put it how it really feels," Cohen said. "It's just great to be back and be part of such a great, amazing racing circuit."

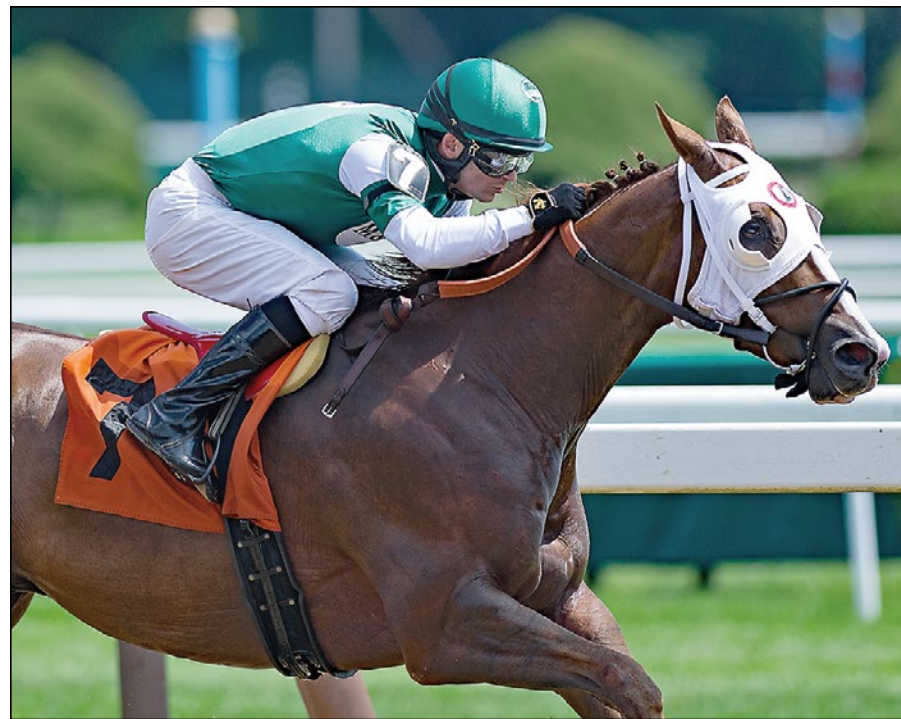
"It felt like old times, really. It was nice to be back in the winner's circle and just being back doing what God made me to do. It's just a blessing to have the opportunity and to have the support of the owners and trainers."

— **Brandon Valvo**

- Saratoga 2-year-old dirt racing is all about speed. Absolutely Aiden was the fastest 2-year-old in Saturday's fifth race, a 6-furlong maiden. The son of Stay Thirsty broke on top and stayed on top.

"I was excited about that because that's always good in these Saratoga maiden races," said John Cilia, racing manager for Dream Baby Dream Racing Stable.

Absolutely Aiden was the fastest but the first-time starter still made a slight gaffe with a little more than a furlong to run. Ricardo Santana Jr. turned over his stick and gave a pop



Tod Marks

David Cohen and St. Louie Guy score in Saturday's second race.

behind the saddle, which sent the colt from the three path to nearly hitting the rail.

The slight swerve didn't matter in the end as the Steve Asmussen-trainee was clear of his competition. Santana stuck to throwing crosses and his mount kept on to finish 2 3/4 lengths in front.

The win was the first for Dream Baby Dream at Saratoga.

"Lee Ackerley owns Dream Baby Dream Racing Stable," Cilia said. "We've raced horses here under Ackerley Brothers Farm. This is one Lee owns on his own."

Absolutely Aiden is only the second horse to ever run in the Dream Baby Dream silks. The first, actually named Dream Baby Dream, was second in this year's Grade 3 Sunland Derby.

"Last year, Lee started Dream Baby Dream," Cilia said. "He was racing horses under an outfit called Little Brother Farm and then he just changed the racing stable. Dream Baby Dream was actually a horse Steve bought last year. He's a 3-year-old now. Lee named the stable after the horse."

Asmussen picked Absolutely Aiden out of the OBS April 2-year-olds in training sale, where he sold for \$120,000.

"When he got to Kentucky, Steve said he had done everything right,"

Cilia said. "Good mover, good mind."

The win was the second of three for Asmussen and Santana on the card. They won the first race with 2-year-old Carter Cat and capped the day with Tenfold's win in the Grade 2 Jim Dandy.

— **Ben Gowans**

- "Oh my god, it's like a heart attack," said Tom Gallo of Dream Maker Racing in the winner's circle after Satisfy smoked the competition in the fourth. The state-bred \$77,000 allowance marked the first start and first win for the Dream Maker partnership.

Gallo formerly ran Parting Glass Racing before launching Dream Maker this year.

"Actually, it's funny," said Gallo. "One of my original clients from back in 2002 or 2003, he always called me the dream maker because I got him a horse, he won at Saratoga. He's had some real good luck and when he calls me, he says — he's from the Bronx — 'aye, dream maker.' He's always called me that so it's sort of stuck, you know."

Satisfy broke her maiden in April in her debut as a 4-year-old, and followed up with a second in an allowance race at Belmont in May.

"She deserved it, we've been wait-

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# Saturday —

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ing to race her for quite a while,” said Gallo. “She just needed the extra time. We brought her to the track last year and she had a couple of issues; she wasn’t really 100 percent. I’m a firm believer in just turning them out, you know, just put them on a farm, turn them out, give them three to four months and it worked.”

Jockey Junior Alvarado knows Satisfy well; he’s ridden her in all three starts. They settled into fifth, 4 1/2 lengths behind the early leader Under Suspicion. Moving into the far turn, they moved into third. Approaching the stretch, they went three wide to slide into second and soon grabbed the lead from Out Of Orbit. They opened up a 2 1/2-length lead in the final furlong and won by 3 lengths.

Despite some early drizzles, the main track was labeled good Saturday.

“I was actually hoping for the skies to open up because she just skipped over the slop the other day, you know, with no effort at all,” said Gallo, re-

ferring to a 3-furlong breeze Monday. “She had a great work.”

Gallo hopes to run Satisfy in a state-bred stakes next time, “unless the boss says something else. I’m not going to question Bill Mott,” he said.

— Sarah Newman

- Saturday marked National Awareness Day for the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund with events throughout the day and the first race dedicated to the cause.

Before the first post time, jockeys gathered at the Jockey Silks Room porch to sign autographs and take pictures with fans. Later in the day, a line wound around the corner of the building as fans challenged Hall of Famer John Velazquez to the arcade game “Home Stretch Park.” A donation of \$5 was suggested to benefit the PDJF.

Velazquez joined retired Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez and current jockeys at the meet in the winner’s circle after the first race to bring awareness to the fund’s purpose.

“It’s an extremely important organization for all the jockeys,” said Dominguez. “For the permanently disabled jockeys this is mostly all they

receive. When we gather and get together for events like this, whether it’s an autograph signing with the jockeys or the karaoke on Monday. It’s great because we are achieving two things — raising more awareness and simultaneously raising funds for these individuals.

“The whole industry comes together, and there’s always room for us to do better, but we’re happy to be here. We have a PDJF day across the country and there are a few other events, but there is no one thing that brings in a lot of money.”

Dominguez encouraged those interested in helping the cause go to pdjf.org to donate or find other events, or to come out to other race-tracks to lend a hand.

“Everything helps no matter how small,” he said “If you can’t make it to these events, but still want to help you can go online and donate straight from the site.”

— David Woods

## Saratoga Leaders

<b>TRAINERS</b> .....	<b>1ST</b>
Chad Brown .....	9
Steve Asmussen .....	6
Todd Pletcher .....	6
Bill Mott .....	5
Brad Cox .....	3
Robertino Diodoro .....	3
Joe Sharp .....	3

<b>JOCKEYS</b> .....	<b>1ST</b>
Luis Saez .....	11
Javier Castellano .....	10
Irad Ortiz Jr. ....	9
Joel Rosario .....	7
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## SARATOGA RESULTS

Saturday July 28.

### FIRST \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

11	Carter Cat	R. Santana, Jr.	\$5.90	\$3.90	\$2.80
1	Bucktail Spinner	D. Davis		\$8.60	\$5.30
5	(dh)Halladay	J. Velazquez			\$3.10
2	(dh)He's the Souperwon	J. Ortiz			\$3.90

B Colt 2016, by Tale of the Cat - Dazzletown by Speightstown  
Owner: Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Willis Horton Racing LLC.  
Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Winning Factor, Rock On Kitten, Fayette Warrior, Tapizars Secret. Time: 1:05.26

Exacta (11-1), \$31.00; Superfecta (11-1-2-5), \$112.20; Superfecta (11-1-5-2), \$106.65; Trifecta (11-1-2), \$87.12; Trifecta (11-1-5), \$48.75

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

7	St. Louie Guy	D. Cohen	\$12.80	\$5.60	\$4.00
2	California Swing	L. Saez		\$4.30	\$3.30
1	Poshsky	D. Davis			\$3.70

Ch Gelding 2014, by Kantharos - Red Hot Jul by Essence of Dubai  
Owner: M and M Racing. Trainer: Robertino Diodoro. B

reeder: Lucy Edwards and Randell Edwards (FL). Late Scratches: Aire Bueno (CHI), Dancetrack, Driven by Thunder, Nileator

Claimed: Western Reserve claimed by Casse, Norm W. for \$25,000  
Time: 1:50.71. Daily Double (11-7), \$16.20; Exacta (7-2), \$27.25; Quinella (2-7), \$12.00; Superfecta (7-2-1-3), \$25.85; Trifecta (7-2-1), \$50.00

### THIRD \$45,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

3	Gray Nile	L. Saez	\$13.60	\$6.00	\$3.70
1	Rucksack	J. Rosario		\$7.70	\$4.20
5	Consensus Thinking	J. Ortiz			\$2.60

Gr/r o c 2014, Pioneer of the Nile - My Elusive Dream by El Prado (IRE)  
Owner: Jones, Jr., Frank, L.. Trainer: Dale Romans. Breeder: Gryphon Investments, LLC & Sangreal Investments, LLC (KY).

Claimed: Consensus Thinking claimed by Tanzman, David for \$40,000, Air On Fire claimed by Dubb, Michael for \$40,000, Love Nest claimed by Masiello, Robert for \$40,000. Time: 1:52.10

Daily Double (7-3), \$38.00; Exacta (3-1), \$49.00; Superfecta (3-1-5-7), \$34.40; Trifecta (3-1-5), \$63.25; Pic 3 (11-7-3), \$126.50

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

7	Satisfy	J. Alvarado	\$4.70	\$2.70	\$2.20
4	Fair Regis	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$2.70	\$2.20
1A	Out of Orbit	L. Saez			\$2.50

B F 2014, by Candy Ride (Arg) - Averymerrymoment, Distorted Humor  
Owner: Dream Maker Racing. Trainer: William Mott.

Breeder: Mia Gallo, Mary Kopley, Michael Newton, Elizabeth Weese (NY).  
Late Scratches: My Roxy Girl, Newport Breeze, Bowl of Kisses  
Time: 1:11.08

Daily Double (3-7), \$16.20; Exacta (7-4), \$4.60; Quinella (4-7), \$2.50; Superfecta (7-4-1-8), \$3.35; Trifecta (7-4-1), \$5.60; Pic 3 (7-3-7), \$89.75

### FIFTH \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F

9	Absolutely Aiden	R. Santana, Jr.	\$17.80	\$8.80	\$5.50
8	Wild Medagliad'oro	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$6.60	\$4.30
3	Aurelius Maximus	J. Ortiz			\$3.40

Ch Colt 2016, by Stay Thirsty - Quiet City by Carson City  
Owner: Dream Baby Dream Racing Stable. Trainer: Steven Asmussen.  
Breeder: John H. Clarke, Kim Nardelli & Rodney Nardelli (KY).

Late Scratches: Mucho. Time: 1:11.08

Daily Double (7-9), \$20.20; Exacta (9-8), \$74.75; Superfecta (9-8-3-5), \$124.35; Trifecta (9-8-3), \$159.75; Pic 3 (3-7-9), \$239.00; Pic 4 (7-3-3/5/6/7/9), \$422.00; Pic 5 (8/9/11/13-7-3-3/5/6/7-9), \$2,522.00

### SIXTH \$87,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

14	Chris and Dave	D. Cohen	\$7.70	\$3.20	\$3.20
5	Dr. Shane	K. Carmouche		\$2.80	\$2.70
7	Clutch Cargo	J. Lezcano			\$5.70

B Gelding 2013, by Bluegrass Cat - Stolen Humor by Distorted Humor  
Owner: Lucky Dog Stables, Wiest, Clayton and Wiest, Rick. Trainer: Robertino Diodoro. Breeder: Bortolazzo Stable LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Honorable Treasure, Factor This, Abatement (GB), Rapt, The J Y, Morocco, Lunaire, Uncle Gio. Time: 1:22.88

Daily Double (9-14), \$38.00; Exacta (14-5), \$11.80; Superfecta (14-5-7-8), \$42.00; Trifecta (14-5-7), \$30.75; Pic 3 (7-9-14), \$140.75

### SEVENTH \$200,000, STAKES - AMSTERDAM S., 3 YO, 6 1/2F

2	Promises Fulfilled	L. Saez	\$5.00	\$2.80	\$2.40
3	Engage	J. Ortiz		\$2.40	\$2.10
1	Barry Lee	J. Rosario			\$3.50

Ch Colt 2015, by Shackleford - Marquee Delivery by Marquetry  
Owner: Baron, Robert, J.. Trainer: Dale Romans. Time: 1:15.18

Breeder: David Jacobs (KY). Late Scratches: World of Trouble  
Daily Double (14-2), \$10.20; Exacta (2-3), \$4.55; Superfecta (2-3-1-5), \$2.97; Trifecta (2-3-1), \$6.80; Pic 3 (9-14-2), \$144.25

### EIGHTH \$350,000, STAKES - ALFRED VANDERBILT H., 3 & UP, 6F

4	Imperial Hint	J. Castellano	\$3.60	\$2.70	\$2.40
3	Warrior's Club	L. Saez		\$5.00	\$3.60
5	SweetontheLadies	J. Velazquez			\$5.60

Dk B/ Br Horse 2013, by Imperialism - Royal Hint by Lahint  
Owner: Mamone, Raymond. Trainer: Luis Carvajal, Jr.

Breeder: Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL). Time: 1:08.98

Daily Double (2-4), \$6.20; Exacta (4-3), \$8.90; Superfecta (4-3-5-6), \$23.85; Trifecta (4-3-5), \$42.75; Pic 3 (14-2-4), \$25.25

### NINTH \$250,000, STAKES - BOWLING GREEN S., 4 & UP, 1 3/8M

5	(dh)Glorious Empire (IRE)	J. Leparoux	\$21.40	\$20.40	\$8.80
2	(dh)Channel Maker	J. Rosario	\$7.40	\$6.50	\$3.90
6	Sadler's Joy	J. Castellano			\$2.70

Dk B/ Br g 2011, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire) - Humble And Proud (Ire), Pivotal (GB). Owner: Schera, Matthew. Trainer: James Lawrence II.  
Breeder: Patrick Grogan (IRE).

Ch G 2014, English Channel-In Return, Horse Chestnut (SAF)

Owner: Wachtel Stable & Barber, Gary. Trainer: William Mott. Breeder: Tall Oaks Farm (ON). Late Scratches: Money Multiplier. Time: 2:19.41

Daily Double (4-2), \$7.60; Daily Double (4-5), \$24.10; Exacta (2-5), \$71.25; Exacta (5-2), \$86.50; Superfecta (2-5-6-3), \$116.50; Superfecta (5-2-6-3), \$128.40; Trifecta (2-5-6), \$116.00; Trifecta (5-2-6), \$128.50; (2-4-2), \$26.75; Pic 3 (2-4-5), \$103.00

### 10TH \$600,000, JIM DANDY PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS, 3YO, 1 1/8M

2	Tenfold	R. Santana, Jr.	\$5.50	\$2.80	\$2.30
1	Flameaway	J. Ortiz		\$3.90	\$2.70
5	Vino Rosso	J. Velazquez			\$2.10

Dk b/br c 2015, Curlin - Temptress by Tapit. Owner/breeder: Winchell Thoroughbreds. Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Time: 1:50.49. Double (2-2), \$9.40; Double (5-2), \$30.25; Exacta (2-1), \$9.40; Superfecta (2-1-5-3), \$5.47; Trifecta (2-1-5), \$8.25; (4-2-2), \$21.50; Pic 3 (4-5-2), \$128.25; Grand slam (1,2,3,6/3,4,5/2,5,6/2), \$7.80

### ELEVENTH \$87,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO, 1 1/8M

6	Reversethedecision	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$5.90	\$4.10	\$3.10
7	Ferdinanda	L. Saez		\$7.80	\$5.20
10	Cloak of Secrecy	F. Geroux			\$7.40

Dk B/ Br Filly 2015, by Scat Daddy - Alpha Centauri by Dynaformer  
Owner: Klaravich Stables. Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Overbrook Farm (KY). Late Scratches: Fairy Link, Starlite Mission. Time: 1:52.85

Daily Double (2-6), \$8.70; Exacta (6-7), \$20.00; Superfecta (6-7-10-9), \$144.85; Trifecta (6-7-10), \$85.50; (2-2-6), \$41.25; Pic 3 (5-2-6), \$153.50; Pic 4 (4-2/5-2-3/6/14), \$82.37; Pic 5 (2-4-2/5-2-3/6/14), \$219.00; Pic 6 (14-2-4-2/5-2-3/6/14), \$40.40; Pic 6 (14-2-4-2/5-2-3/6/14), \$1,942.00

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# Prime Opportunity

Farrell, Catalano face eclectic group in Gr. 3, including Chilean star

BY SEAN CLANCY

Wayne Catalano's phone rang. It was August 26, 2016. Catalano jumped out of a friend's golf cart before it rolled to a stop. The Cajun-born, Chicago-based trainer began walking in circles like a man with a good horse will do.

"Yeah. Yeah, Robert. Yeah. OK. OK. That's more like it. No more after that. Perfect. We don't gallop out three-quarters, we gallop out a little five-eighths, I told him not too much. We're Breeders' Cup-bound. Yeah, it kind of woke her up, the last one did too. There you go, all right, that's got to be damn good on a not-so-fast track," Catalano said. "She's the best 2-year-old filly on the grounds, believe me. Really? This is no company, no stick. I mean, he's got a stick, I told him just a little bit. OK, Bobby. Thanks. She broke good, that you could see? We'll try to give her a little time, get her in some company and go back later. All right, brother. Thanks."

Catalano slid his phone back in his pocket.

"I think I got one. I think I got one. I think I got one," Catalano said. "She just worked a half from the gate, they got her in :25, :36, :47, galloped out



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Chilean import Wow Cat looms large.



Sean Clancy

Farrell (with trainer Wayne Catalano in the golf cart) strolls Saratoga Friday.

in a minute."

Then Catalano looked up and caught himself.

"Now, you can't write any of that," he said.

Not then, but surely now.

Then, Farrell was an unraced daughter of Malibu Moon, bred and owned by Coffeepot Stable. Now, she's a four-time Grade 2 winner on the cusp of \$1 million in earnings and 4-1 fourth choice in today's Grade 3 Shuvee Handicap.

Asked if he remembered that conversation, Catalano squinted his eyes and thought about it.

"No, but I remember the work," Catalano said, cackling like only he can before spinning on his heel to follow Farrell from Norm Casse's barn on the Oklahoma side to the paddock for her final preparation for today's feature.

Farrell finished fourth in her debut, a few weeks after that phone conversation. She broke her maiden two weeks later at Churchill Downs and came right back to finish third in the Rags To Riches. After that she won four stakes in a row before finishing 14th in the Kentucky Oaks in 2017. Freshened, she finished the season with a win in the Grade 2 Chilukki Stakes and opened her 2018 season with a win in the Pippin Stakes at Oaklawn Park. Since then, she's lost five in a row but has produced two strong efforts in her two most recent starts, finishing second in the Grade 1 La Troienne and the Grade 2 Fleur de Lis at Churchill Downs.

Friday morning, she looked anything but a filly

who was riding a losing streak. The bay filly coiled, bowing her neck and lowering her hind legs like two pogo sticks trying to launch a man over the moon. She bounced in step from the time she left the barn until the time she returned.

"Oh, look at her. She's great. She's doing super," Catalano said. "We know it's a tough race, it's Saratoga, you expect it. There's no Abel Tasman, no Unique Bella, Mott just ran."

Yes, Bill Mott's Elate won the Delaware Handicap July 14, Abel Tasman dominated the Ogden Phipps June 9 and Unique Bella won the Beholder Miler June 2. That leaves an eclectic group of seven fillies and mares.

The Shuvee also features an interesting twist with undefeated Chilean Triple Crown-winning filly Wow Cat making her U.S. debut a few days removed from news that unbeaten American Triple Crown winner Justify is off to stud in Kentucky after suffering a minor injury.

Wow Cat, a Chilean-bred 4-year-old daughter of Lookin At Lucky, brings an 8-for-8 record into the Shuvee for Peter Brant and Stud Vendaval and trainer Chad Brown. Brant purchased an interest in Wow Cat from Vendaval after the filly's 3-year-old season and moved her to the U.S.

The 8-5 favorite on the morning line adds Lasix for her American bow and John Velazquez takes

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# Shuvee —

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the call for Wow Cat's first start since winning the Group 1 Chilean St. Leger going 1 3/8 miles in mid-December.

Brown also runs Pacific Wind, fourth after trying and being denied by Abel Tasman last time out in the Grade 1 Ogden Phipps on the Belmont Day undercard. The winner of the Grade 2 Ruffian two starts back, she's been freshened and starts one spot inside of Farrell.

Todd Pletcher sends out Ivy Bell, runner-up to Abel Tasman in the Ogden Phipps, looking for his fifth Shuvee victory since 2011. The 5-year-old daughter of Archarcharch won the Grade 2 Inside Information in her first start for Pletcher after being purchased by a partnership led by China Horse Club and then finished second in back-to-back starts in the Grade 1 Humana Distaff and Phipps.

The three other Shuvee runners drawn to the inside are longshots — New York-bred stakes winner Frost Wise, 2017 Summer Colony winner Verve's Tale and multiple Grade 3 winner Tiger Moth.



Sean Clancy

**Steeplechase Monday.** Rained out last week, the Grade 1 A.P. Smithwick Memorial hurdle stakes returns Monday. Undefeated 4-year-old Iranistan (working on the turf at Oklahoma with Keri Brion Friday) is part of the seven-horse field. Post time is 1 p.m. See [thisishorseracing.com](http://thisishorseracing.com) for more.

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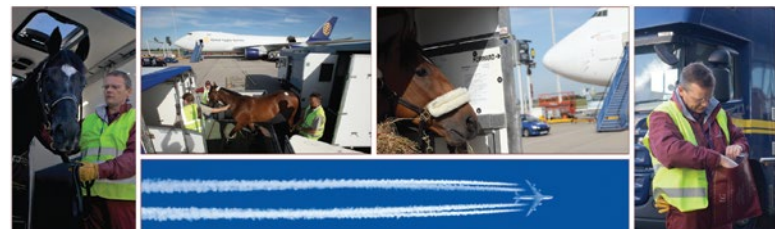
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Sunday, July 29.

### 1ST (1:00PM). \$28,000, CLM \$14,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double					
1	.....	Dream Fever.....	F. Geroux.....	B. Cox.....	6-1
2	.....	Tough Old Bird.....	D. Davis.....	D. Donk.....	6-1
3	.....	Carry Your Heels.....	J. Rosario.....	G. Sciacca.....	9-2
4	.....	Moment of Triumph.....	J. Alvarado.....	D. Kutt.....	15-1
5	.....	Lou's Chardonnay.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	K. McPeek.....	7-2
6	.....	Summer Punch.....	D. Cohen.....	R. Diodoro.....	3-1
7	.....	Promises Broken.....	J. Castellano.....	E. Kenneally.....	5-2

### 2ND (1:33PM). \$47,000, CLM \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double					
1	.....	Lady Love.....	J. Rosario.....	C. Baker.....	8-1
2	.....	Miko.....	J. Lezcano.....	L. Rice.....	7-2
3	.....	Vip Nation.....	D. Cohen.....	G. Contessa.....	15-1
4	.....	Magician's Vanity.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	M. Trombetta.....	8-1
5	.....	Arch of Troy.....	M. Franco.....	W. Mott.....	5-1
6	.....	Untaken.....	J. Alvarado.....	C. Caiazzo.....	6-1
7	.....	Hardly Mate.....	J. Castellano.....	M. Maker.....	4-1
8	.....	Fast Track Kathern.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Maker.....	12-1
9	.....	Gia Michael.....	R. Maragh.....	G. Grant.....	20-1
10	.....	Ultimate Cause.....	J. Velazquez.....	M. Nevin.....	6-1

### 3RD (2:07PM). \$57,000, STR \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	.....	MTO Leah's Dream.....	M. Franco.....	C. Englehart.....	6-5
2	.....	Angel Food.....	D. Davis.....	L. Gyarmati.....	8-1
3	.....	Tiffanys Freud.....	L. Reyes.....	L. O'Brien.....	30-1
4	.....	Paranoia.....	M. Franco.....	E. Barker.....	8-1
5	.....	Jo Jo's Candy.....	M. Luzzi.....	B. Levine.....	10-1
6	.....	Texas Music.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	A. Quartarolo.....	5-1
7	.....	Glossy.....	J. Alvarado.....	W. Mott.....	7-5
8	.....	Factoring.....	J. Velazquez.....	M. Nevin.....	9-5

### 4TH (2:41PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	.....	Merada.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	S. Asmussen.....	5-2
2	.....	Love My Honey.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Maker.....	8-1
3	.....	Into the South.....	J. Leparoux.....	I. Correas, IV.....	4-1
4	.....	Style and Grace.....	J. Rosario.....	A. Dutrow.....	6-1
5	.....	Rotate.....	J. Alvarado.....	W. Mott.....	8-1
6	.....	Always Shopping.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	2-1
7	.....	Introspection.....	F. Geroux.....	B. Lynch.....	10-1

### 5TH (3:15PM). \$85,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double					
1	.....	Mucho Glory.....	J. Lezcano.....	T. Bush.....	12-1
2	.....	Special Thing.....	F. Geroux.....	T. Albertrani.....	10-1
3	.....	MTO Anazara.....	Rider TBA.....	W. Mott.....	7-2
4	.....	Alternative Energy.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Brown.....	5-2
5	.....	Dig Deeper.....	J. Velazquez.....	A. Goldberg.....	5-1
6	.....	MTO Face It.....	Rider TBA.....	K. McLaughlin.....	3-1
7	.....	My Bronx Tail.....	M. Franco.....	W. Mott.....	4-1
8	.....	Length.....	J. Rosario.....	W. Mott.....	12-1
9	.....	Halsey.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown.....	6-1
10	.....	Tapping Colors.....	E. Cancel.....	R. Nicks.....	3-1

### 6TH (3:49PM). \$87,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double					
1	.....	Industrial Logic.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Brown.....	8-1
1a	.....	MTO Proven Reserves.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown.....	8-1
2	.....	Cullum Road.....	E. Cancel.....	M. Maker.....	30-1
2b	.....	AE Zap Daddy.....	F. Geroux.....	M. Maker.....	30-1
3	.....	Pony Up.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	9-2
4	.....	Prioritize.....	D. Davis.....	H. Bond.....	12-1
5	.....	Strike Me Down.....	J. Rosario.....	H. Motion.....	7-2

6	.....	Ego Trip.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	S. Asmussen.....	12-1
7	.....	Outback Bob.....	M. Franco.....	R. Nicks.....	20-1
8	.....	Vegas Kitten.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown.....	4-1
9	.....	Strike.....	R. Maragh.....	H. Motion.....	15-1
10	.....	Tactical Pursuit (IRE).....	J. Leparoux.....	M. Casse.....	6-1
11	.....	Lemonade Thursday.....	J. Lezcano.....	A. Delacour.....	12-1
12	.....	Own Agenda.....	F. Geroux.....	W. Mott.....	15-1
13	.....	AE Factor This.....	J. Alvarado.....	E. Barker.....	15-1
14	.....	MTO Rugbyman.....	J. Rosario.....	H. Motion.....	2-1

### 7TH (4:25PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double						
1	.....	2.....	Runaway Lute.....	J. Leparoux.....	G. Contessa.....	2-1
1a	.....	6.....	Honorable Treasure.....	J. Castellano.....	K. McPeek.....	2-1
2	.....	1.....	Souper Catch.....	J. Velazquez.....	M. Casse.....	9-2
3	.....	3.....	Silver Dust.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	W. Calhoun.....	8-1
4	.....	4.....	Almithmaar.....	J. Alvarado.....	K. McLaughlin.....	12-1
5	.....	5.....	Have Another.....	J. Lezcano.....	E. Barker.....	6-1
6	.....	7.....	Gray Sky.....	D. Cohen.....	D. Lukas.....	10-1
7	.....	8.....	Tommy T.....	J. Rosario.....	R. Barbara.....	7-2
8	.....	9.....	Uno Mas Modelo.....	E. Cancel.....	A. Quartarolo.....	12-1
9	.....	10.....	Lunar Beauty.....	M. Franco.....	R. Violette, Jr.....	20-1

### 8TH (5:02PM). \$92,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double						
1	.....	1.....	Maniacal.....	J. Castellano.....	E. Kenneally.....	6-1
2	.....	2.....	Battle in Seattle (FR).....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	H. Motion.....	9-2
3	.....	3.....	Field of Courage.....	D. Cohen.....	R. Rodriguez.....	8-1
4	.....	4.....	End Play.....	F. Geroux.....	T. Bush.....	15-1
5	.....	5.....	Vici.....	M. Franco.....	M. Maker.....	6-1
6	.....	6.....	New York's Finest.....	J. Lezcano.....	L. Rice.....	8-1
7	.....	7.....	Spring to the Sky.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	B. Brown.....	20-1
8	.....	8.....	Jewel Can Disco.....	J. Rosario.....	G. Gullo.....	15-1
9	.....	9.....	Forman the Foreman.....	D. Davis.....	M. Aro.....	30-1
10	.....	10.....	Rocket Heat.....	J. Velazquez.....	C. Martin.....	7-2
11	.....	11.....	English Minister.....	E. Cancel.....	M. Trombetta.....	8-1
12	.....	12.....	Zoot Suit.....	J. Alvarado.....	J. Englehart.....	12-1

### 9TH (5:40PM). \$200,000, STK - THE SHUVEE, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double						
1	.....	1.....	Frost Wise.....	J. Rosario.....	M. Dilger.....	15-1
2	.....	2.....	Verve's Tale.....	M. Franco.....	B. Tagg.....	10-1
3	.....	3.....	Tiger Moth.....	F. Geroux.....	B. Cox.....	12-1
4	.....	4.....	Wow Cat (CHI).....	J. Velazquez.....	C. Brown.....	8-5
5	.....	5.....	Ivy Bell.....	J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....	3-1
6	.....	6.....	Pacific Wind.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown.....	7-2
7	.....	7.....	Farrell.....	C. Hill.....	W. Catalano.....	4-1

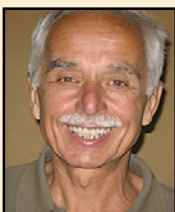
### 10TH (6:18PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta						
1	.....	1.....	Powerstroke.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	P. Serpe.....	3-1
2	.....	2.....	Blue Skies Forever.....	A. Lezcano.....	J. Ferraro.....	50-1
3	.....	3.....	There Goes Jose.....	M. Luzzi.....	R. Diodoro.....	15-1
4	.....	4.....	Last Chant.....	L. Reyes.....	E. Barker.....	30-1
5	.....	5.....	Sleewacandy.....	J. Velazquez.....	M. Nevin.....	9-2
6	.....	6.....	Lemon Blitz.....	M. Franco.....	J. Englehart.....	7-2
7	.....	7.....	Magnetron.....	F. Geroux.....	M. Lerman.....	12-1
8	.....	8.....	Victory's Cash.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	B. Brown.....	15-1
9	.....	9.....	Bigsoujjoel.....	D. Davis.....	R. Violette, Jr.....	15-1
10	.....	10.....	Cross Multiply.....	J. Rosario.....	G. Contessa.....	5-1
11	.....	11.....	Won't Be Missed.....	P. Fragoso.....	J. Ferraro.....	20-1
12	.....	12.....	Spa Jazz.....	D. Cohen.....	B. Tagg.....	8-1
13	.....	AE.....	Stag of Sylvia.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	J. Hertler.....	20-1
14	.....	AE.....	Singapore Trader.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	5-2
15	.....	AE.....	Golconda.....	R. Maragh.....	L. Gyarmati.....	30-1
16	.....	MTO.....	Construct.....	Rider TBA.....	T. Pletcher.....	4-1

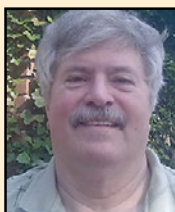
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<b>1</b>	Lou's Chardonnay Dream Fever Summer Punch	Summer Punch Tough Old Bird Promises Broken	Dream Fever Summer Punch Promises Broken	Promises Broken Lou's Chardonnay Summer Punch	Promises Broken Summer Punch Dream Fever
<b>2</b>	Miko Arch Of Troy Hardly Mate	Miko Hardly Mate Magician's Vanity	Hardly Mate Miko Arch Of Troy	Miko Hardly Mate Ultimate Cause	Ultimate Cause Arch Of Troy Miko
<b>3</b>	Leah's Dream Glossy Factoring	Leah's Dream Factoring Glossy	Factoring Glossy Paranoia	Factoring Glossy Angel Food	Factoring Glossy Angel Food
<b>4</b>	Always Shopping Merada Love My Honey	Merada Always Shopping Rotate	Merada Always Shopping Into The South	Style And Grace Always Shopping Into The South	Always Shopping Merada Style And Grace
<b>5</b>	Face It Alternative Energy Halsey	Anazara Length Face It	My Bronx Tail Dig Deeper Tapping Colors	Halsey Tapping Colors Anazara	Alternative Energy Tapping Colors Special Thing
<b>6</b>	Proven Reserves Vegas Kitten Strike Me Down	Rugbyman Vegas Kitten Strike Me Down	Rugbyman Strike Me Down Pony Up	Strike Me Down Vegas Kitten Tactical Pursuit	Vegas Kitten Strike Me Down Industrial Logic
<b>7</b>	Runaway Lute Almithmaar Tommy T	Lerner entry Tommy T Have Another	Souper Catch Silver Dust Tommy T	Have Another Honorable Treasure Gray Sky	Tommy T Almithmaar Lerner entry
<b>8</b>	Rocket Heat Battle In Seattle New York's Finest	Rocket Heat Battle In Seattle Maniacal	Rocket Heat Battle In Seattle English Minister	Battle In Seattle Rocket Heat English Minister	Battle In Seattle Vici End Play
<b>9</b>	Wow Cat Farrell Ivy Bell	Wow Cat Pacific Wind Ivy Bell	Ivy Bell Farrell Wow Cat	Pacific Wind Wow Cat Verve's Tale	Wow Cat Ivy Bell Tiger Moth
<b>10</b>	Construct Slewacandy Lemon Blitz	Singapore Trader Lemon Blitz Powerstroke	Singapore Trader Powerstroke Slewacandy	Spa Jazz Cross Multiply Powerstroke	Singapore Trader Powerstroke Slewacandy
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# RIDERS UP

*Conversations with some of America's top jockeys, presented by The Jockey's Guild*

Today at Saratoga Race Course, John Velazquez will ride his 32,538th Thoroughbred race – building on a Hall of Fame career that began in 1990 at El Nuevo Comandante racetrack in his native Puerto Rico. The veteran leads all jockeys in career purse earnings at \$388 million and climbing, is closing in on 6,000 wins, owns 16 Breeders' Cup victories and has ridden a parade of racing's biggest names from Ashado to World Approval.

He's also the chairman of The Jockeys Guild, dean of the ultra-tough New York jockey colony and works to improve working and safety conditions for anyone who rides a horse at a North American racetrack.

He took a few minutes between races Friday to talk with The Special's Joe Clancy.

## **If you weren't a jockey what would you be?**

I did (boxing) for a little bit. Too small. When you are just starting, they always partner you with somebody bigger and taller than you because that's how they want to try you out. I did that for a couple years. Maybe when I was 10, 12, 13 years old. I wasn't very good. Too small anyway. I've always been interested in finance, so anything to do with the banking, money, investing. I could do that.

## **How did you get interested in horses?**

We had street horses around us when we were growing up. Our friends had horses and that's how I learned about horses. My dad's family farms, but cows and pigs and all that stuff. So you would get to ride the horses there once in awhile. When I was probably 10, maybe 9 years old, my mom bought a horse from her cousin so I could have my own horse instead of running around with other people's horses. That's the first horse I ever learned anything about.

## **Do you have a favorite horse no one really knows?**

That would be a lot of horses. It's so hard. I can't do it.

## **Besides ability, what do you like in a racehorse?**

When they give you their all, no matter what. When they give you everything you ask for, when they try so hard. You're impressed by it. Even if they aren't high quality they just want to do it, you know? That's a good feeling. They want to do it no matter what. They're competitive. That's what you look for. Some of them, they don't move really well or something else keeps them from being really good but they try and they have big hearts.

## **What do you think about in a stretch duel?**

I always try to save as much as I can when I'm at the eighth pole so I can battle with anybody. You want to save as much as you can. That's the best thing you can do. We have real



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## **Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez.**

good riders, strong riders, here. They're good, so you better manage to save some horse somewhere.

## **Who are your riding heroes?**

I'm going to be biased, Angel Cordero (his mentor and agent) obviously. I knew about him before I came here and I followed his career when I was in jockey school. The best jockey in the world. The first they show you in the school is films of Angel Cordero. You watch the things he did. He was so good. Julio Garcia was a very special jockey in Puerto Rico. He won every race in Puerto Rico. Very talented guy, incredible. He is a very special jockey, he still rides. Wilfredo Roheno, we call him Pito, he's a hard worker, good rider, strong rider and he could win the stake today and he'd be back out there 5:30 the next morning. He'd be the first one buying the coffee. Work ethics are important. It doesn't matter if it was a \$10,000 horse or a stake horse, he rode them all the same and he'd be right back out there at 5:30 or 5:15 going to work.

## **Are you a mentor to younger riders now?**

I guess I am. I still want to beat them though. I don't think about it too much, but if you look up what I have done and how I have managed my career maybe they would like to mirror something like that. I'm proud of that. You try to mirror guys like that in your career – as a family man, as a person, as a rider and how you conduct yourself. You try to do your best.

## **What are your favorite moments on the racetrack?**

There are too many, but we always have to mention the Kentucky Derby. Everybody thinks about the Derby. They hear

you're a jockey, and it's always the same, 'Oh, you're a jockey? How long have you done that? Have you ever won the Derby?' Thank God I can say yes now. For 20-something years, I had to say no – on the airplane, at the kids' school, everything. 'Have you won the Derby?' Not yet . . . So Animal Kingdom (2011) and Always Dreaming (2017) are special moments. My first Breeders' Cup, Da Hoss for Michael Dickinson (in 1998). That was one of my favorite moments, a breakthrough moment, very gratifying. I was doing really well, but not breaking through the top and it felt like something was missing. That kind of kicks it in. I was winning a lot of races, Grade 1 races, but that was very special.

## **What makes Saratoga special for jockeys?**

Best horses, best trainers, best jockeys. The fans are incredible. Everybody is into it. It makes it a special, special place. The media is always here. Thank you guys. It's very different. All of that is what makes Saratoga. It is a place where racing is always on people's minds. It's everywhere here.

## **What race do you want back or which one would you like to ride again?**

There are many but the one I always regret and I always think about and everybody thinks was a great race – I was beat by a nose by the way so I don't like to hear it too much – was You and Carson Hollow (in the 2002 Test at Saratoga). Oh my God, that race. I'm riding Carson Hollow, a New York-bred filly and I loved the filly. You comes along and freaking gets in there for Bobby Frankel and Jerry Bailey and beats me a nose. To get beat like that was tough. And then you saw it everywhere, on the advertisements, on television. It stuck in my head for a long, long time. Even the first day when I came back, people asked me 'So, what do you think about the race?' I said, 'Well, it's one thing I'm going to regret for the rest of my life.' This much. It was close. Painful, very, very painful. She ran as well as she could. I probably moved out a little bit too soon from the rail. I passed a horse that was (fading) and all the sudden Jerry moved in there. When I looked, I only saw the horse I passed. So I went left-handed. By the time I went left-handed, You was already there. I was like, 'How did that horse get in there?' He got me on the wire. That hurt. Everybody still says, 'Remember that race?' That's one I wish I had back. They'd still talk about it, but I would have won. It's a learning experience. You learn with mistakes and you move on and you hope you get more opportunities.

## **You're chairman of the Jockeys Guild, what's the most important issue you're working on?**

We talk about safety issues. We're always working on it. Trying to minimize injuries and having a person who can manage any injury at that time is very important. Paramedics at the racetrack are important. At the meetings, doctors tell us

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the first five minutes are crucial. That can minimize the injury. Those are things we've been really, really focused on for a long, long time. Helmets and head injury research is important. How can we protect ourselves better? Those are things we are constantly working on. Research, collecting data. You don't collect the data, how are we going to make it better? Those are things we are trying to implement and make it better, for all of us. Jockeys, exercise riders, at every racetrack. It's good for all of us. You minimize injuries, it's better for insurance, less claims, less cost. We'll never finish. You have to move it forward all the time. We have made a lot of progress, don't get me wrong, but not every track has a paramedic. Here in New York, we have to have it because it's a law in New York that you have to have paramedic in the morning and in the afternoon. It's important.

## How did a paramedic help you when you fell at the 2013 Breeders' Cup?

I would be dead now. The first ones to come to me were the EMTs and they said, 'We gotta go. Can you move?' Those were the questions I got. I was angry. I walked from here to there and I said, 'Look I'm passing out' and I went to my knees. No brace on my neck, nothing. Thankfully, they put me in the ambulance and there was a paramedic there. He assessed the situation, took my blood pressure, put an IV on right away, put a collar on my neck. I tried to say, 'No I'm good' and he said, 'No, you've got to have it.' It was his job, a true paramedic. You want that guy in charge. He got all my vitals and things and he said we were going to the trauma center. We got there and there were four or five nurses, two doctors and everything there. They put me into a room, chest X-ray came in, neck X-ray came in, sonogram on my stomach, they knew right away there was something wrong with me. I had spleen, pancreas and kidney injuries. I was bleeding in three different places. They kept me alive."

## What do you do well as a jockey?

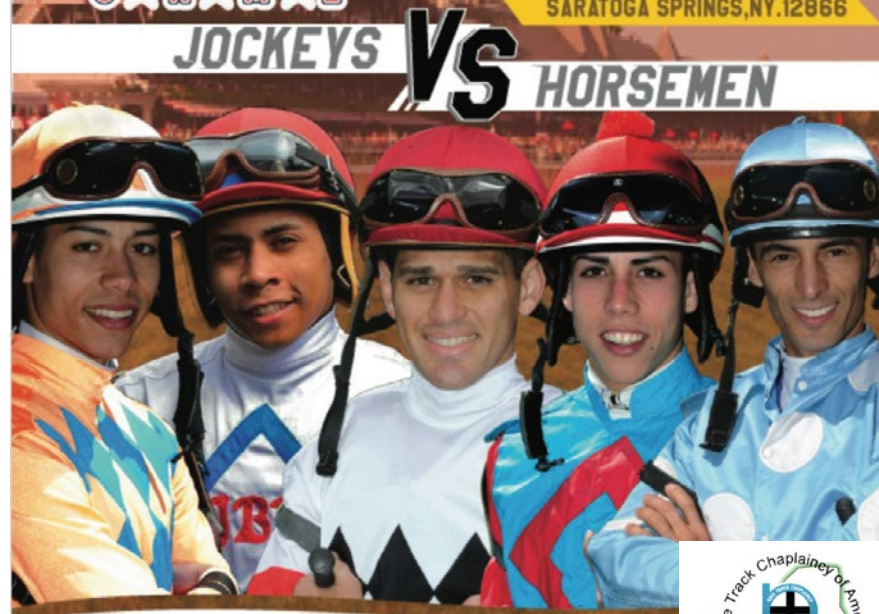
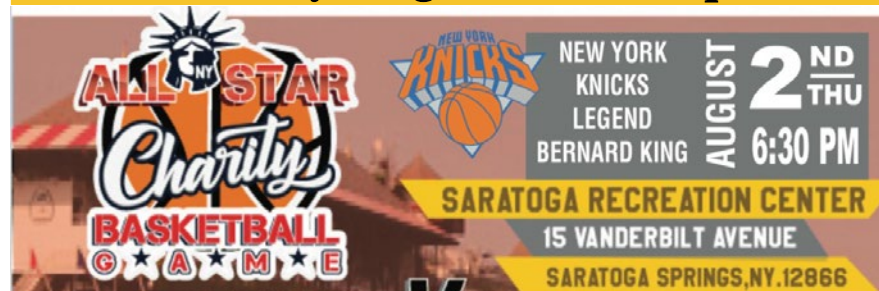
I think I do everything well when I'm on the horse. There are specific things people point out and they might say, 'Well, he likes to be close to the pace.' No, I win a lot of races that way but I adapt to every horse and every day and every race. I win from way back, I win races on the grass, I try to do everything well so I can be the person that I am, the type of rider that I am. I try to adapt to every racetrack, every surface, every horse. If you can do that, and manage that then you can be where I am in my career. If you just do one thing good, you're not going to be able to do that. To me, it's adapting. What do I do best? Adapt.

## How long can you keep riding?

If I'm healthy and still riding the kind of horses I'm riding right now, I can keep doing it. I don't know for how much longer. I don't think I'm going to be 50 years old and riding, but maybe. I'm 46 so I can think about it for a little bit. Mike is 53 and sometimes I say, 'If Mike is 53 and riding all those big horses, maybe I can hang around for a little bit.' If you stay healthy, stay fit and ride good horses, you can keep doing it.

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# Voice Mail

A few readers have told us that they save up The Specials all summer, then pull them out and read them one by one in the dead of a Saratoga winter.

Can't you see Rich Cristiano, Bob Giordano, Maggie Sweet, Rob Griffio, hell, Tom Law sidling up next to the fire when there's three feet of snow and the wind is bending their houses like broken cornstalks and read about summer in Saratoga.

A few, OK, one reader told us he doesn't read a word of The Special during the meet, but saves each copy for the winter and pulls it out each morning, starting on New Year's Day.

"Hey, you know how much is going on the summer here and how little is going on in the winter? It's the best. Makes me feel like summer isn't too far away."

Guess, that tells you what he thinks of our hand-capping.

As for me, I save phone messages until after the meet. I'll listen to them once as quickly as I can while I'm here, just to make sure there isn't an ad to be sold or a story to be told, then I save them for later. Not quite as romantic and inspiring as saving The Special until the winter and it's due mostly to time constraints during the meet, but it does make for interesting listening once away from the grindstone. I always say I'm going to return the calls and sometimes do, but, I usually don't. Sorry, callers. Listening to random readers who took the time to call and express their thoughts, concerns, plaudits or laughs (I erase the gripes), that's the best.

Here are the greatest hits.

*"My name is Richard Klein, I just called to tell you that the article your newspaper and Catlyn Spivey did on Ida's horse, it was absolutely beautiful, it brought tears to my eyes, and my father and my family's eyes on how well it was done and how special it was about my mother, the horse and the real Miz Ida."*

***I save phone messages until after the meet. I'll listen to them once as quickly as I can while I'm here, just to make sure there isn't an ad to be sold or a story to be told, then I save them for later.***

That was from 2013. Thanks, Richard. It also made me realize I forgot Spivey in the list of Special interns, we're proud of her as she buys runners and moves to New Zealand.

*"Good morning this is Sandy Small calling. I was up there in Saratoga last week and I could not find any copies of The Saratoga Special. I looked all over the racetrack. Can you enlighten me for my next trip to the racetrack? Thank you."*

Sorry, Sandy, not sure why you couldn't find the paper back in 2016, but keep trying and if you can't find it, call me again (I'll answer this time).

*"Yes, good afternoon Mr. Sean Clancy, I'm an avid reader of The Saratoga Special and I'm looking at the Tuesday, August 9th edition, I'm reading the sales recap and I believe there's a mistake in the percentage of the median price, I think it should be up 6.7, rather than 6.3. Thanks for your time and again I enjoy reading your paper very much."*

Thanks for the call, we'll tell the mathematics division of The Special and don't tell Boyd Browning that we gyped them .4 percent.

*"Mr. Clancy, my name is Dan, no need to call me back. I just wanted to tell you I read your article on Arrogate's win yesterday, I just love your paper, I don't get to read it as often as I like because I've got a job, a 3-year-old and a family at home, but when I do read it, it just puts me in such a good mood."*

*I usually just read the Worth Repeating and I can never get to the articles, but this time, I read the article and I just love the way you tell the story behind the story, you don't just recap it, I could read 40 recaps of the race, you tell the story about the prince, Baffert, the doctor, the history of them buying all the horses, I really, really enjoyed that. Congratulations on what you're doing, I'm just a small-time horse owner who doesn't get there as often as I like but I'm noticing. Have a great day and a great rest of the season."*

Dan, you made my day that day and again today.

*"Yeah, Sean, my name is Pat. I've been a groom, on the racetrack for 64 years, I've got a nice short story, it's about the grooms in the early 40s and early 50s and how tough it was, give me a call, I think it's a nice story. OK."*

Sorry, Pat, forgot all about this. Call me again and you can tell me the story.

*"Yeah, Sean, I'm a reader of the magazine every day. The Worth Repeating from Erma Scott is crazy. 'It's not the program, it's The Special.' Can we have an Erma Scott column for the rest of the meet? She's awesome. She's hilarious. Keep it up, dude, keep it up."*

Now, that's a great idea.

From Richard to Dan to the anonymous callers, thanks for calling and thanks for reading.

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