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**Dog Park.** Trainer John Kimmel (left) and jockey's agent Richard Migliore – and friends – take a walk at the Oklahoma Friday morning.

Connie Bush

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### LICENSE PLATE OF THE DAY

**WARM UP**, New York. It sounds racing related. It could also be owned by a heating company.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**1:** Jockey's agent in a San Jose Sharks hat and Carolina Panthers T-shirt Thursday morning.

**2:** Hall of Fame trainers to join The Saratoga Special Readers Club this season. Welcome aboard, Janet Elliot and Bob Baffert.

**1:** Horse to make the cover of The Special after appearing in a Little Guy Stable Tour. Congratulations Carrera Cat, who graced Friday's cover two years after being part of our annual visit to the stable area's smaller outfits.

### NAMES OF THE DAY

**Anaconda, first race.** The colt is by Pioneer of The Nile.

**Acre, first race.** Did we do this one before? He's out of Greenery.

**Blacktop Legend, third race.** The Virginia-bred gelding is by Hard Spun out of Street Interest.

**All Clear, fourth race.** Gelding is by Country Day out of Eye Opener.

**Blowout, ninth race.** British-bred filly is out of Beauty Parlour.

**Wildlife, ninth race.** Lake George contender is by Animal Kingdom.

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“Tils rides her every day, she has made all the difference with her.”

**Jockey Rajiv Maragh about Union Avenue winner Carrera Cat and exercise rider Tils Tilbury**



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# here&there...at Saratoga

## WORTH REPEATING

“From your mouth to God’s ear.”

**Trainer Phil Gleaves when told he was going to win Friday’s stakes by The Special’s Sean Clancy**

“I missed it.”

**Photographer Barbara Livingston about the giveaway camouflage hat**

“Much respect. Much respect, mon.”

**Tuba, Friday morning**

“I’m attached to the horse, you don’t get attached to all the horses, but he’s a cool, old dude. He’s got a big old Bob Marley fringe on him, he just bounces around the place, always feels good when he comes out, he’s just a nice guy to be around.”

**Jump jockey Willie McCarthy about impressive allowance winner Snap Decision**

“Define old.”

**The Special’s Tom Law to Catherine Galbraith who asked if a could-be suitor was old**

“Pros and cons. Con: my picks were horrible. Pro: I won’t get asked for my picks by anyone anytime soon.”

**Donna Brothers, Thursday’s guest handicapper, finding a silver lining to a not-so-good day at the track (Chin up Donna)**

“Best tour I’ve had today.”

**Jeff Anderson on a golf cart tour with The Special’s Sean Clancy Friday morning**

“You found me.”

**Exercise rider Samantha Dobles aboard Lake Placid contender Vow To Recover in the paddock Friday morning**



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#### Tuesday, 9/10

##### **250 c. FLATTER** – Bashful Bertie

1/2 brother to 3-time G1 SW BEACH PATROL (\$2,532,945); out of full sister to GSW/stakes producer ALLAMERICAN BERTIE

##### **366 f. HONOR CODE** – Doubled

Out of a juvenile SW Exchange Rate mare, 1/2 sister to two Graded horses, including Pocahontas S.-G2 SW DANCINGINHERDREAMS

#### Wednesday, 9/11

##### **516 c. SPEIGHTSTOWN** – Maggy's Melody

Out of a young Unbridled's Song 1/2 sister to Champion/multiple Classic winner and champion-siring AFLEET ALEX (\$2,765,800)

##### **545 f. NYQUIST** – Miss Inclined

From the first crop of Champion/Classic winner NYQUIST out of SP 1/2 sister to GSW RUSH BAY and Graded stakes producer Stormy B.

### BOOK TWO • *Barn 35*

#### Friday, 9/13

##### **634 c. NOT THIS TIME** – Soho Star

##### **643 c. GHOSTZAPPER** – Spring Party

##### **707 c. BROKEN VOW** – Winning Saga

##### **780 c. FROSTED** – Dashing Debby

##### **783 f. PIONEER OF THE NILE** – Devious Intent

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"My first summer up here when I was 27 years old (in 1993). Nobody knew who I was and I didn't know anybody here. Super Forbes won my first race at Saratoga. I grew up a racing fan, so when I won my first race at Saratoga you could have buried me the next day and my life would have been complete. I was thinking yesterday, walking up those steps in the clubhouse, how proud I was to walk up those steps to watch a horse just start at Saratoga. If you grew up like we did, it would have been no different than walking out with the pinstripes on at Yankee Stadium. I didn't know if I could cut it here or not, I just knew that I was going to try once. I was too dumb to know I shouldn't be here. We won three races and it really launched my career."

– **Trainer Dale Romans, whose first reaction was to say Keen Ice's Travers upset of American Pharoah in 2015**

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Connie Bush

**Book Club.** A D. Wayne Lukas staffer catches up on some reading between sets.

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### WORTH REPEATING

"Can you pull a saucer with that?"

**Trainer Pat Kelly, checking out Dylan Davis' souped-up golf cart Friday morning**

"My heart got smaller."

**Hall of Fame jockey Jose Santos when asked why he retired**

**Bruce Brown:** "What's up rookie?"

**Barclay Tagg:** "Hey kiddo."

The Special's Tom Law met trainer Jim Bond on the clubhouse turn and asked about a Fasig-Tipton Stable Tour

**Law:** When can we come by for the Bond Stable Tour?

**Bond:** How about September 3?

**Law:** Come on man. Don't you know Stable Tours bring immediate good luck to people who agree to them?

**Bond:** Ok, then how about September 2?

"I asked him if he was coming by the barn in the morning to see her and he said, 'No, I'm getting married tomorrow.'"

**Trainer John Morrison, about his conversation with Carrera Cat's co-owner Jeffrey Tucker in the winner's circle Thursday (congratulations)**

"You know how they are. They're made of sugar and might melt."

**Railbird Brant Laue, about his fellow denizens of the Oklahoma corner who stayed home on account of rain Friday morning**

"Fifty-five seconds, is that good?"

**Turf-works watcher Friday morning (depends on the distance)**



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6. **Guarana:** Unbeaten filly was perfect again in CCA Oaks.
7. **Sistercharlie:** Make that TWO Dianas for the champ.
8. **Concrete Rose:** The first Saratoga Oaks was a laugh.
9. **Golden Award:** Shuvee heroine part of strong start by Mott barn.
10. **Tax:** The Travers gets another player after Jim Dandy score.

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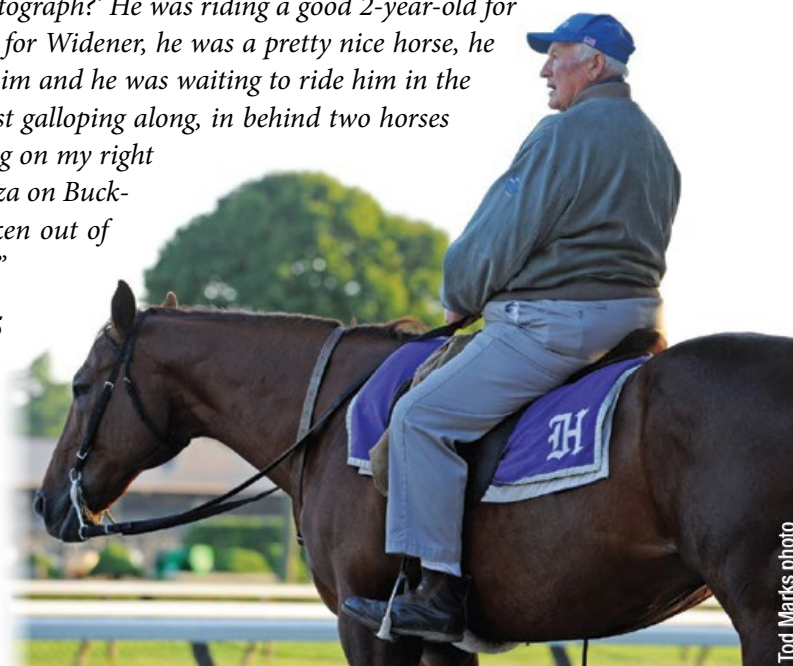
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"Pete Anderson was the best. He was really good friends with Jackie Gleason, he's out playing golf at a club in Florida. All of a sudden, there's a couple of kids around, so Pete says, 'I want you to come over with a pen and paper...' So, Jackie Gleason says, 'Oh, here they come...' They go blowing past Jackie Gleason and say, 'Mr. Anderson, can we have your autograph?' He was riding a good 2-year-old for Syl Vietch, when Syl Vietch was training for Widener, he was a pretty nice horse, he rode him and won a couple of races on him and he was waiting to ride him in the Hopeful. He says 'I'm riding him, I'm just galloping along, in behind two horses and feeling so good, and I hear something on my right side, 'Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.' It's Baeza on Buckpasser. Talk about getting your wind taken out of you, Baeza coming past me saying whoa."

— **Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015**



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## with George Weaver

George Weaver can usually be counted on to have a handful of winners at Saratoga, but this year's meet hasn't necessarily followed that pattern. With just one victory, he's a long way off last year's total of six, but that hasn't affected the trainer's dry sense of humor.

"I don't have any Vekomas over here," he quipped.

No Vekoma, who is rehabbing after a start in the Kentucky Derby, but Weaver does have Point Of Honor, 5-2 second choice in today's Grade 1 Alabama. The 3-year-old filly won the Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan at Pimlico in May and was valiant in defeat to Guarana in last month's Grade 1 Coaching Club American Oaks.

While it hasn't been the most productive meet for Weaver, Our Country's maiden win Aug. 3 was a bright spot. The 2-year-old drew off stylishly in his second start to win by 5 3/4 lengths. He's likely destined for stakes company.

Weaver discussed Point Of Honor, Our Country, a few unraced 2-year-olds and various horse issues while taking a stroll down his shedrow Thursday morning with The Special's Ben Gowans.

**All About It:** Chestnut colt made his first start in a strong maiden turf sprint here last summer, finishing in the middle of a trifecta with future graded stakes winners Fog Of War and Current. That positive debut gave Weaver the confidence to run him in the Indian Summer Stakes last October, where he finished fourth. The 3-year-old owned by John Schutte and Randy Hill's R. A. Hill Stable has not raced since. "He's in on Saturday, maiden 40 (third race). He showed some promise last year but he's got more baggage than I'd like and it's just time to put him in a realistic spot."

**Our Country:** Gatsas Stable and R. A. Hill Stable own the 2-year-old Constitution colt who broke his maiden impressively Aug. 3 on grass. With that catalog update, colt's half-sister by Outwork sold for \$500,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York-bred yearling sale this week. "I'm still waiting for my cut (on that). The only horse in my barn that has won this whole meet. We're happy, that got me back on the bridle a little bit. I think we'll go to the With Anticipation as long as he's doing well. There are a couple of spots in other places too. He's got his little quirks here and there but he's pretty good to be around. He still might be dirt, but it's hard to change after that last race."



Trainer George Weaver's string will be represented by Point Of Honor in today's Alabama.

Tod Marks

**Vermont Billy:** Martin Schwartz acquired the 2-year-old Uncle Mo colt after a winning bid of \$475,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale. He's out of the Unbridled's Song mare Lady Godiva, who sold for \$600,000 at the Fasig-Tipton November fall mixed sale a few weeks before her son Leofric won the Grade 1 Clark. "Big, good looking horse. Hasn't worked yet."

**Inside Info:** Unraced 2-year-old colt finished sixth in Friday's opener. He belongs to an ownership group that includes Black Type Thoroughbreds, Parkland Thoroughbreds, and Twin Creek Racing Stable. They purchased him for \$165,000 this year. "New York-bred maiden. He's the first Mission Impazible I've had."

**Shared Secret:** John Connelly's Steton Racing owns Uncle Mo 2-year-old filly, a granddaughter of Grade 1 winner Dress To Thrill. She worked twice in June. "Unstarted filly out of a Galileo mare. She's probably grass. She won't run at the meet, needs a little more time."

**Way Early:** Fasig-Tipton New York-bred yearling sale graduate started his 2019 campaign with a sixth Aug. 2. Jim and Susan Hill's 4-year-old ran competitively against open competition last year, finishing second in the Grade 2 Penn Mile and fourth in the Grade 3 Kent. "He won here last year and hopefully we can win again with him this year. He ran and finished sixth, disappointing. It was a little too short for him. Macagone ran off the screen."

**Swirling Candy:** Weaver bought the cleverly named Twirling Candy filly out of the stakes-placed mare Magnificent Shirl. She has worked five times, most recently 4 furlongs in :48.69 from the gate Aug. 15. "Tries hard. Probably a turf sprinter."

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**Ghostzapper-Underwater colt:** Stetson Racing went to \$600,000 to secure 2-year-old this year. "He's not named yet. Expensive 2-year-old purchase. He's pretty. He's been galloping a couple weeks, but he won't run here."

**Lookin At Lucky-Fast Moon colt:** Spartan Thoroughbreds went to \$180,000 for the handsome chestnut at the Fasig-Tipton fall yearling sale. Has yet to work. "Real good-looking horse. Not going to be ready for the meet."

**Brockmoninoff:** Smart Bid 4-year-old colt raced for the first time this year Aug. 3, finishing ninth. New York-bred owned by Thomas Brockley and Daryn Bedinotti was first and third in two starts here last year. He's out

of the New York-bred mare Frivolous Buck, a stakes-placed Weaver trainee. "He disappointed us in his first race here but didn't really break well and didn't get the right trip. Hoping to win a race here with him if we can."

**Flat Out Blue:** Gayle Woods purchased the son of Flat Out for \$20,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July yearling sale and then sold him to Weaver for \$30,000 this year. He worked a few times, but Weaver has decided to back off the 2-year-old for a little while. "Came up with some feet problems, we were on schedule to make the meet and now we're not on schedule to make the meet. We like him though."

**Point Of Honor:** Classy 3-year-old Curlin should relish the distance of today's 10-furlong Alabama. Owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Stetson Racing, she's won three of five starts and earned \$346,375. Breezed once between second in Grade 1 Coaching Club American Oaks July 20 and today's Grade 1 Alabama — 5 furlongs in 1:05.82 on the Oklahoma Aug. 9. "Always planned on breezing her just once, she didn't need to breeze twice. That's just the way we have managed her. I think she has maintained her form. I couldn't have been happier with her going into the (CCA) Oaks and wasn't expecting to get her any better than that. She's doing well. She'll run her race. She's obviously the cream of the crop over here."

**Speightstown Gal:** Rockingham Ranch signed the ticket for this three-time Fasig-Tipton sales graduate at the Gulfstream 2-year-olds in training sale. Gray filly cost \$150,000. She has been working steadily and posted a 4-furlong Oklahoma turf move in :49.97 Friday. "Unstarted New York-bred maiden by Cairo Prince. We're running her on the 23rd on turf."

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# Stable Tour —

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**Instinctive Rhythm:** West Point Thoroughbreds’ \$350,000 buy is ready to run after a strong series of works, but just needs to find a place. Weaver hoped for rain Thursday but got sunny skies instead. “He breezed well at the sale. He’s quick. I’d like to run him 5 1/2 first out because I think his early speed is an asset. With this rain not coming through, we’re going to run him Sept. 2 going 5 1/2.”

**Boom Boom Kaboom:** Flashy 2-year-old son of Emcee is another three-time Fasig-Tipton sales graduate. Most recently, Weaver bought the New York-bred at the Midlantic 2-year-old sale for \$100,000. He worked 4 furlongs on the turf in :50.66 Friday. “He’s got some gas, he’s got some giddy up. We’re looking to make a race at the meet.”

**Danzing Dunhill:** Jim and Susan Hill own the 2-year-old named after one of his owners’ dogs. He has worked six times since coming to Weaver. Hopefully the dog Dunhill is more pleasant than this Dunhill, who pinned his ears and bobbed his head as Weaver passed by the front of his stall. “It comes from their dogs. They’ve got Brady, Dunhill, Tiffany. Big Twirling Candy (gelding).”

**Bahamian Prince:** Christoper Dunn owns the 2-year-old by Bahamian Squall claimed by Weaver for \$50,000 from Kelly Breen Aug. 1. “We claimed him on a whim earlier in the meet. Little 2-year-old, got some gas. He’s all right but I can definitely see why Kelly Breen ran him for 50 first-time out. I might try one of the maiden auction races on the grass.”

**Paynterbynumbers:** Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale graduate hasn’t raced since a sixth in Laurel Park’s Wide Country Feb. 16. West Point 3-year-old filly placed in three Aqueduct maidens before that. Daughter of Paynter got some time off at Fair Hill and returned this month. She sports some scrapes on her forehead while standing in the stall just outside the shedrow. “She wanted to get in a war with the horse van on the way up here. She just came in. She showed a lot of talent early on. Ran some decent races and then tailed off and colicked. Now she’s back.”

**Vekoma:** Blue Grass and Nashua winner has not started since placing 12th in Kentucky Derby. R. A. Hill Stable and Gatsas Stable own the 3-year-old son of Candy Ride. During a stable tour last year before he won his debut, Weaver said: “Nice colt. He’s pretty fast. He can run.” This year: “He’s down there in Kentucky. Probably get him back in September. He grabbed his foot really bad. We thought it was going to be a short-term fix but he needs to grow out his foot. He had a few other things that needed to be addressed, so we just called it a day. But, mainly the foot was holding us up.”

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Sean Clancy

Street Band and trainer Larry Jones visit the Saratoga paddock Friday.

# High Note

## Jones hopes Street Band bucks her recent trend in Gr. 1 stakes

BY TOM LAW

ALABAMA STAKES PREVIEW

Street Band walked out into a slight chill and a light rain Friday morning at Saratoga Race Course, and looked a bit like the filly Larry Jones often sees after a victory.

The 3-year-old daughter of Istan bounced on her short walk from the end of trainer Stan Hough's barn at about the three-eighths pole to the gap near the quarter pole. Decked out in full cup blinkers and draw reins with Jones in the saddle, she galloped an easy quarter-mile or so before a couple turns around the empty paddock with just a few onlookers nearby.

Jones, the trainer and co-owner of the filly with his wife Cindy, Ray Francis, Medallion Racing and My-

RaceHorse Stable, took her to the starting gate from there before a light gallop down the backstretch, around the turn and to the quarter-pole gap.

Street Band, one of nine 3-year-old fillies entered in today's featured Grade 1 Alabama Stakes, looked every bit as fresh coming off the track a little before 9:10 a.m. as she did 25 minutes before. Winner of the Grade 2 Fair Grounds Oaks and Grade 3 Indiana Oaks sandwiched around a seventh in the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks, Street Band is 10-1 for the 1 1/4-mile Alabama.

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# Alabama —

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“You may have noticed on numbers she’s a bounce-and-bounce-back horse,” Jones said, in direct reference to those three races and even a fourth in the Grade 2 Rachel Alexandra that preceded the Fair Grounds Oaks. “Just look. Every. Other. Race. It’s like, man, she gets high on herself after she wins. She gets so high and mighty and then they kick her ass and it brings her back to reality. That’s her races and her numbers, every time.”

Jones hopes Street Band sheds that on-again, off-again syndrome, especially considering she comes into the Alabama off a career-best performance in her 3 1/2-length victory in the Indiana Oaks.

Street Band won that race off a more than two-month break after her overland journey and subsequent seventh (sixth via disqualification) in the Kentucky Oaks. Street Band, whose jockey Sophie Doyle makes her Saratoga debut in the Alabama, was forced wide on both turns in the Kentucky Oaks after leaving from post 12 and never seriously threatening eventual winner Serengeti Empress.

Jones, who won the Alabama in 2008 with eventual champion 3-year-old filly Proud Spell, also



Tod Marks

**Dunbar Road is favored in the Grade 1 Alabama.**

hopes Street Band can handle the distance and settle off what could be an honest pace in the 139th renewal of one of Saratoga’s signature events.

“It’s a very competitive bunch of horses,” he said. “They look pretty evenly matched. It’s still going to be a little of who gets the trip and who can get the mile-and-a-quarter. Nobody’s tried this yet. We like our breeding with Street Cry, he was a mile-and-a-quarter horse and her mother was from

The Minstrel family, so it was all stamina. Istan, he was a sprinter but he comes from the old Rokeby Stable, so breeding is there to go this far.

“We think she will go that far if she’ll settle. That’s been our problem her whole career, getting her just to calm down and relax. It looks like it’s finally starting to work. She sat nice in the Indiana race. The pace wasn’t extremely fast to get tucked in behind but she tucked in behind a legitimate pace. There’s a little speed there to the inside, so hopefully there’s something to get tucked in behind.”

Jones and partners bred Street Band, the winner of four of 10 starts and \$434,425, out of the Street Cry mare Street Minstrel. He also trained Street Minstrel, a \$30,000 purchase at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale, for Michael Pressley’s Oasis Racing Stables. She won two of five starts before retiring in 2007.

“We really loved her mother,” Jones said. “She was from the first crop of Street Cry. And of course his first crop was crap. He only came up with Zenyatta and Street Sense. I’ll be honest, she was the same crop as Hard Spun and while we had her going we weren’t all that impressed with Hard Spun.

“She could drill him leaving out of the gates.

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## Alabama —

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Getting them gate trained she was much further along. We thought he was going to be a turf horse. We weren't expecting a lot in the morning so when she could outwork him going a quarter-mile, three-eighths from the gate, that sort of stuff, we were like, 'OK, he's going to need the turf.' We didn't realize how well she was training him."

Hard Spun went on to win four graded stakes and finish second in the 2007 Breeders' Cup Classic for Jones.

The Joneses and Francis kept Street Minstrel with their other broodmares at Brereton Jones' Airdrie Stud in Midway, Ky., and her second career got off to a somewhat slow start. She produced winners, none that made a significant impression and a few lost via the claim box, before Street Band showed talent as a 2-year-old.

She lost her debut in a late July maiden race at Delaware Park by 28 3/4 lengths before bouncing back to win at Ellis Park in her next start by 7 1/4 lengths. She followed up with decent but not spectacular runs in optional claimers in Kentucky and New Orleans to end her 2018 campaign.

"The problem was she never was throwing anything," Jones said of Street Minstrel's produce record. "I'll show you how good I am as an owner and breeder. We always keep our stuff at Airdrie Stud and that's why we breed to most of the Airdrie stallions. After the next foal, I've got a 2-year-old full-sister to her (named Street Missy), I asked Brere, the mare had gotten real crooked with age. I said, 'Do you know anybody that would take this mare?' He said, 'Larry, what do you want for her?' I just wanted her off the books and he said he'd take her."

Jones joked that if he knew that would be the trick to making Street Minstrel a successful broodmare he would have given her away after she produced South Street, a son of Southern Image he trained to a win from three starts.

"If I'd have known that, I would have given her to him after the first foal. Where the first one could have been a star. We could have enjoyed it a little while," Jones said. "I guess the best way to get something out of your mare is to give her away. One of the guys at Calumet told me that, too, they said if you want a sure-fire way of making a stallion take an unraced

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**Off Topic** goes out for trainer Todd Pletcher.





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## Alabama —

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3-year-old well-bred colt and breed all your mares to him and castrate him at the end of the year, you'll have 50 percent stakes winners."

All jokes aside, Jones concedes Street Band faces a stern challenge in the Alabama. First run in 1872, the race often factors in the battle for the champion 3-year-old filly honors.

The race's two top contenders – 8-5 morning-line favorite Dunbar Road and 5-2 second choice Point Of Honor – are in this year's mix and look to boost their credentials with a victory.

Dunbar Road carries a bit more edge with three wins in four starts, including the Grade 2 Mother Goose in her last start. Trained by Chad Brown, the daughter of Quality Road was entered in the Kentucky Oaks but didn't earn sufficient points for one of the 14 spots in the gate. She won an allowance race May 30 at Belmont and the Mother Goose June 29 to merit the favorite's role.

Point Of Honor also didn't qualify for the Oaks, and trainer George

Weaver re-routed her to the Grade 2 Black-Eyed Susan two weeks later at Pimlico Race Course. The daughter of Curlin won the 9-furlong Black-Eyed Susan by a half-length over Alabama starter Ulele.

Owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Stetson Racing, Point Of Honor finished second behind Dunbar Road's stablemate Guarana in the Grade 1 Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga July 21. Weaver looks forward to the added furlong of the Alabama and the possibility of some pace.

"Not a problem. I love it. It helps her. No doubt in my mind about that," he said. "At least they have some numbers in it, last time (in the CCA Oaks) it was a five-horse field. I'm thinking there might be a little more pace this time."

The third- and fourth-place finishers from the CCA Oaks, Off Topic and Champagne Anyone, are back for the Alabama and both are 10-1 on the morning line. Lady Apple is the 6-1 third choice on the line off a half-length victory over Ulele in the Grade 3 Iowa Oaks at Prairie Meadows July 5 for Steve Asmussen. Longshots Afleet Destiny and Kelsey's Cross complete the field.



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# Sophie's Chance

## Arlington-based jockey makes Spa debut in Gr. 1 on Street Band

BY PAUL HALLORAN

Sophie Doyle is a seasoned pro when it comes to traveling, but that doesn't diminish the excitement for her first trip to Saratoga Race Course.

"It's fantastic," the English-born jockey said this week from Arlington Park. "I've been asked so many times if I have ever ridden at Saratoga and my answer is always, 'No, not yet. But one day I will.' This weekend it finally happens. It's really exciting."

Doyle honored commitments on Arlington's twilight card Friday, so was not scheduled to arrive in Saratoga until about 10 a.m. today, giving her no time to soak up the sights and sounds of the Spa.

Tourist activities will have to wait. Today's journey is business, and the only trip that counts is the 10-furlong jaunt around the oval in the 139th Alabama Stakes. Doyle's means of transportation will be the talented Street Band, winner of two graded stakes this year and a troubled sixth in the Kentucky Oaks (moved up one place by the disqualification of Jaywalk). In her last start, Street Band won the Indiana Oaks, prompting trainer Larry Jones to send her back into the deep end and take a shot in the Grade 1 Alabama.

"They gave her a good break to freshen her up after the (Kentucky)

### ALABAMA STAKES PREVIEW

Oaks and they had a couple of races in mind," said Doyle, who has ridden the daughter of Istan and the Street Cry mare Street Minstrel in her last seven races. "The Indiana Oaks was the first one and she got the job done very nicely, so the next stop is the Alabama."

Saratoga is also the next destination for Doyle, who has literally traveled the world in her quest to ride the best horses at the best tracks, while showing a relentless work ethic and unyielding determination to succeed.

Those are the traits that informed her decision to pack up and leave England six years ago in pursuit of her American dream, and they are the qualities that prompt her to get in the car after riding at Arlington all day and make the 331-mile trip to Churchill Downs to ride Street Band in a morning workout, as she has done for all five of the filly's works since the Kentucky Oaks.

Doyle credits her mother, former trainer Jacqueline Doyle, and her brother James, a multiple Group 1-winning jockey overseas, with instilling the idea that hard work is a requirement and not an option.

"She would always say that when



Coady Photo

Street Band and jockey Sophie Doyle head to Saratoga today off a win in the Indiana Oaks.

you retire that is the time to relax," Doyle said. "You have to put 110-percent effort into it. If that means driving five hours to work a horse, I can do that. My brother has flown from England to Dubai to work a horse, so I can jump in the car, no problem. Is it worth it? Absolutely."

Street Band has seen to that, giving Doyle the second and third graded stakes wins in her burgeoning career. The first came aboard Fioretti in the Grade 2 Thoroughbred Club of America at Keeneland in 2015. After beginning her campaign with an allowance win at Fair Grounds, Street Band placed fourth in the Grade 2

Rachel Alexandra before winning the Grade 2 Fair Grounds Oaks.

Doyle dreamed about riding in races like the Oaks and Alabama when deciding to star in her personal version of "Coming to America." She was the leading apprentice in England in 2010, working out of Jamie Osborne's yard, but after coming to California for three months to get a taste of American racing, she found the going significantly more difficult when returning home.

"It was really hard to get going again," said Doyle, who won 10 races.

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## Doyle —

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es in 250 mounts in England in 2011 and 2012. "Because I went away, everybody just forgot about me."

During her second three-month excursion to the U.S. Doyle decided to move her tack permanently.

"I really wanted a fresh start," she said. "I felt like any mistakes I had made I could correct and hopefully my career would go on the right path. I had been to Dubai for 4 1/2 months with (trainer) Rod Simpson and it showed me what was out there. I realized I didn't want to stay home in England."

Doyle met trainer Kellyn Gorder and assistant John Ortiz, who has since gone out on his own, while working in California. They urged

her to go to Kentucky, where she would find increased opportunities. She made the move in 2014, breaking in at Ellis Park and Kentucky Downs and spending the winter at Turfway Park. She started to get some business at Keeneland and Churchill Downs in 2015 and switched her winter base to Fair Grounds in 2017. She made the move to Arlington last summer.

Doyle, 33, had her best year ever in 2018, winning 83 races and finishing in the money another 158 times in 575 starts, with her mounts earning \$1,740,401. Through Thursday, she was seventh in the Arlington jockey standings, with 27 wins in 247 starts. She had a mount in last Saturday's Arlington Million aboard longshot Catcho En Die.

Doyle also played tour guide, showing Chad Brown's daughter around the female jockeys' quarters at Arlington on a day when Ava's father dominated, sweeping the four graded stakes races, including the three Grade 1s. Doyle has the chance today to do what the rest of Chicagoland couldn't — beat Brown, who saddles Dunbar Road in the Alabama — as she seeks her first Grade 1 win.



Coady Photo

**Sophie Doyle.**

While Doyle's winning percentage this year is hovering around 10 percent, she is on pace to have her best year ever in earnings, with her mounts having compiled \$1,268,555 through Thursday.

"To have the opportunity to ride in these races is an amazing thing to happen in somebody's life," she said, "especially when you've moved around the world to make a go of things."

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# Big Moment

## Trainer Dobles set for Spa debut with Vow To Recover in Grade 2

BY TOM LAW

Elizabeth Dobles enjoyed a taste of the big time during a six-year stint working for Jeremiah Englehart. She worked for the trainer on the New York circuit and played a key role as Ria Antonia's exercise rider leading up to her victory in the 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita Park.

Dobles, 29, went on her own in 2016, set up shop in South Florida and takes aim at her biggest prize to date in today's Grade 2 Lake Placid Stakes on the Alabama Day undercard at Saratoga. Dobles runs Imaginary Stables' and Paul Braverman's Vow To Recover in the \$200,000 turf stakes, seeking the 3-year-old filly's third stakes victory and her first graded triumph.

### LAKE PLACID PREVIEW

"I've never run a horse at Saratoga so it's pretty exciting," Dobles said by phone Friday morning from Florida, where her 30-horse string is based at Palm Meadows Training Center. "And being that it's a graded stakes in my home state makes it even more exciting."

Dobles was due to arrive late Friday night. Vow To Recover showed up in Saratoga Monday, along with the trainer's sister and exercise rider Samantha Dobles. The daughter of Broken Vow bedded down in, you guessed it, Englehart's barn in the Oklahoma Annex.

Vow To Recover and Samantha Dobles spent the week walking from the Annex through the Oklahoma



Sean Clancy

Vow To Recover and Samantha Dobles check out the Saratoga paddock Friday morning.

and Horse Haven and training on the main track. They took a spin around the paddock every morning and schooled Wednesday.

"Hopefully we're getting her used to this different place," said Saman-

tha Dobles, who started with her sister in Florida about a month ago after working at Finger Lakes. "She seems like her normal quirky self, with a little attitude. I hang out near her stall

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# Lake Placid —

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and she comes out and bites me every once in a while. She likes to be left alone and I guess I tend to bug her a little bit too much.

“But she’s been real good here. Hopefully she fits in with the crowd she’s running against, that it’s not too far of a stretch.”

Vow To Recover, fourth in the Martha Washington Stakes last time at Gulfstream, brings a record of 3-for-9 to the 1 1/16-mile Lake Placid. She won the Juvenile Fillies Turf at Gulfstream Park West at 2 and the Honey Ryder at Gulfstream at 3. She’s one of two stakes winners trained by Dobles, along with Royal Squeeze.

Vow To Recover is Elizabeth Dobles’ fourth starter in a graded stakes. This filly ran in the Grade 3 Herecomesthebride in March. Other Dobles graded starters were Royal Squeeze in the Grade 3 Smile Sprint in June, My Point Exactly in the Grade 3 Appleton in 2017 and Yourdreamsormine in the Grade 3 Mr. Prospector also in 2017.

“Hopefully we get to run some more horses on the East Coast,” Elizabeth Dobles said. “It’s exciting but also a little nerve-racking coming from Gulfstream Park to run with the nicest horses on the East Coast. It seems a little over our heads but I have faith in our horse, she’s training really well and I just hope everything works out for her.”

Dobles said her mother, Lori Burgess, and a friend will make the trip from western New York for today’s races. Dobles learned the game growing up in a racing family. Her mother and father, Steve Dobles, worked as exercise riders at Finger Lakes. Steve Dobles also trained for a period and works as a valet in the afternoons.

Elizabeth Dobles started at Finger Lakes, working weekends and seasonal breaks for Chris Englehart before a stint in the Mid-Atlantic region at Laurel Park and Colonial Downs. She eventually returned to New York and landed with Jeremiah Englehart, where she started as an exercise rider before becoming an assistant handling the New York strings and traveling to California, Louisiana, Florida and with King Kreesa for the 2013 Hong Kong Mile.

Dobles won two races in her abbreviated first season in 2016, then 20 in 2017 and 21 last year. She’s won 21 races from 111 starters through Friday, with career-best purses of \$576,502. She gets on most of the horses in her string, riding most of the colts regularly while her boyfriend and jockey Hugo Sanchez rides the fillies.

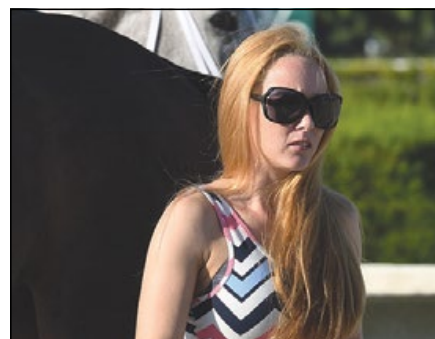
Dobles still breezes Vow To Recover, though, and was aboard for back-to-back bullet works July 27 (5 furlongs in 1:00.15) and Aug. 9 (a half-mile in :49.30) leading up to the Lake Placid. She’s 10-1 on the morning line, behind Chad Brown’s duo of Regal Glory and Blowout and others, but Dobles said she fits.

“As a 3-year-old she’s improved along the way,” she said. “Her last race she got stuck in traffic and couldn’t get through on the rail like she normally does. I have high expectations for her. She can sit close to them or she can come from pretty far off. She has no problem between horses or inside of horses.”

Regal Glory, the 2-1 favorite and the winner of four of six for owner-breeder Paul Pompa Jr., won the Grade 3 Lake George last time out over stablemates Blowout and Dogtag. The daughter of Animal Kingdom also won the Penn Oaks at Penn National this season and the Stewart Manor at Aqueduct last year.

Blowout finished a half-length behind Regal Glory in the Lake George as the 7-5 favorite and is listed as the 5-2 second choice for the Lake Placid.

Varenka exits a victory in a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer July 14 at Saratoga for Graham Motion and is the 3-1 third choice. Amandrea, Feel Glorious and Wildlife complete the field if the race stays on the grass. If rain moves it off Team Win figures to be a heavy favorite drawing in from the main-track-only list.



Trainer Elizabeth Dobles.

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Fire Key walks at trainer Jimmy Ryerson's barn Thursday.

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# Turn the Key

## Veteran New York-bred mare aims for ninth win in turf sprint

BY SEAN CLANCY

Jimmy Ryerson leaned on the rail near the seven-eighths pole of the Oklahoma training track Thursday morning and looked to the sky.

"I'm hoping we get some rain, so there's a little give to the turf," the trainer said. "It's so hard and fast. I'm hoping for a little give. We'll see what happens. Some of her better races are that way, for her body, it's a little better."

Ryerson's pleas were answered, at least a bit, with light rain Thursday night, Friday morning and Friday afternoon. Far from a deluge, the rain won't hurt the turf course, which has produced record times in stakes and fast times in every other race.

As Ryerson was thinking about the weather, the reason for his fretting galloped past. Fire Key, a broad-built, rugged 6-year-old mare with eight wins and \$654,160 in earnings, galloped about three-quarters of a mile, pulled up, and stood in the gate.

### SMART AND FANCY PREVIEW

Once that practice element was complete, the New York-bred daughter of Friesian Fire galloped past Ryerson and pulled up on the backside of the Oklahoma. Head up and ready to go, Fire Key looked tuned up for today's Smart And Fancy, a \$100,000 stakes for fillies and mares going 5 ½ furlongs on the turf.

Ryerson has tuned her delicately, relying on gallops, rather than breezes. With four starts in Florida this winter and three in New York since joining Ryerson, the 6-year-old mare is a baked cake. Just warm her up.

"She has her issues, she's had a long campaign but she's doing good," Ryerson said. "I haven't breezed her here. I'm going to stand her in the gate, take her to the paddock, I'm going to try to get around it. She's done well, she's eating well. I just felt like it

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## Smart And Fancy —

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was the way to go this time.”

Ryerson took over Fire Key from Joe Catanese after a 0-for-4 Florida campaign, arriving in New York in April.

A two-time stakes winner on yielding turf for Pat Kelly last season, the Backwards Stable homebred wired five rivals in the License Fee at Belmont Park over yielding turf in her debut for Ryerson in April. She came back and finished second after leading early in the Grade 3 Intercontinental at Belmont in June. Shipped north to Saratoga, she rallied from fifth to finish second to Mominou in the Caress July 21.

“I thought she was real good going into her second time and her third time, this race is a little closer, not terribly close, but close,” Ryerson said. “In some respects she’s done a little better here. She’s a nice mare.”

As Fire Key walked along the horse path on the outside of the Oklahoma track, Ryerson looked at his neighbor’s barn.

“We got Rusty in there again,” Ryerson said. “That’s her game.”

Yes, sprinting on the turf is Morticia’s game. Trained by Rusty Arnold, the nine-time winner finished in a dead heat for third in the Caress after being rated off the pace. Arnold calls on Irad Ortiz Jr., who guided the daughter of Twirling Candy to a win and second in Kentucky this spring for her fifth Saratoga start. Bred by G. Watts Humphrey and Arnold, the bay mare is even money on the morning line.

Bedded down in the third stall from the tack room, the stable stalwart watches Grade 1 winner Concrete Rose in the second stall. Neighbors and competitors.

“We graze all of them in the afternoon,” Arnold said. “If she doesn’t go out first, she’ll tear the place apart. If you take Concrete Rose out first, she’ll throw an absolute fit. She started getting like that about a year ago.”

About the time Concrete Rose showed up.

“Everybody spoils the good ones,” Arnold said. “We are always impressed that she shows up every time she runs, that’s the main thing. She doesn’t not show up. She’ll get outrun but she always shows up.”

Neil Drysdale doesn’t show up in Saratoga often but the Hall of Famer ventures here with Oleksandra for Team Valor International.

The Australian-bred daughter of Animal Kingdom moved to the east coast this spring, picking up an optional claimer against the girls at Belmont in May and another one against the boys at Belmont in June. The 5-year-old mare finished third in the Grade 2 Royal North at Woodbine in July. Joel Rosario, aboard for both Belmont wins, takes the call.

Broadway Run, a dead heat third with Morticia in the Caress, returns for Curragh Stable and trainer John Terranova.

The trainer adds blinkers to the daughter of Prospective. The dark bay filly owns two wins from nine starts, finishing a nose behind Fire Key in the License Fee and a neck and a nose behind her in the Intercontinental. Luis Saez, who guided her to win the Coronation Cup here last summer, gets reunited.

Too Much Tip, Miss Gossip and Ruby Notion complete the field. Lady’s Island and Lezendary are entered for the main track only.

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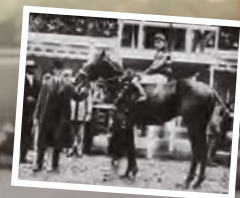
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Saturday, August 17.

1ST (1:00PM). \$90,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....	MTO .....	Market Impact..... J. Castellano ..... C. Brown ..... 5-2
1a	.....	7 .....	Digital Software..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... C. Brown ..... 5-2
2	.....	1 .....	Blackberry Wine..... L. Saez ..... J. Sharp..... 8-1
3	.....	2 .....	Anaconda..... J. Rosario ..... C. Brown ..... 9-2
4	.....	4 .....	No Word..... J. Ortiz ..... T. Pletcher ..... 5-1
5	.....	5 .....	Leading West..... M. Franco ..... J. Sharp..... 12-1
6	.....	6 .....	King's Honor (IRE)..... J. Castellano ..... J. Thomas ..... 6-1
7	.....	8 .....	Yankee Empire..... C. Landeros ..... J. Kimmel ..... 7-2
8	.....	MTO .....	Fort McHenry..... Rider TBA..... T. Pletcher ..... 3-1
9	.....	10 .....	Acre..... J. Alvarado ..... W. Mott ..... 10-1

2ND (1:35PM). \$80,000, CLM \$75,000-\$65,000, 3 YO, F , 6 1/2F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	Miss Imperial..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... J. Servis ..... 8-5
2	.....	2 .....	Slimey..... J. Lezcano ..... D. Cannizzo ..... 7-2
3	.....	3 .....	Figure It Out..... R. Santana, Jr..... J. Ferraro ..... 12-1
4	.....	4 .....	Break Curfew..... J. Castellano ..... C. Brown ..... 3-1
5	.....	5 .....	Miss Marcela..... L. Saez ..... P. Serpe..... 15-1
6	.....	6 .....	Carrizo..... K. Carmouche..... D. Cannizzo ..... 5-2

3RD (2:08PM). \$48,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	High Rider..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... S. Klesaris ..... 15-1
2	.....	2 .....	Revenio..... J. Martinez..... N. Zito ..... 30-1
3	.....	3 .....	Storm Tower..... K. Carmouche..... R. Hendriks ..... 8-1
4	.....	4 .....	Camouflaged Kisser..... B. Hernandez..... L. O'Brien ..... 30-1
5	.....	5 .....	Embellisher..... J. Ortiz..... K. McPeek ..... 3-1
6	.....	6 .....	Game Boy Benny..... L. Saez..... M. Dini ..... 8-1
7	.....	7 .....	All About It..... T. Gaffalione..... G. Weaver..... 2-1
8	.....	8 .....	Blacktop Legend..... C. Landeros..... G. Gullo ..... 10-1
9	.....	9 .....	Oroscopo..... R. Santana, Jr..... T. Bush ..... 10-1
10	.....	10 .....	Hurricane Hill..... J. Lezcano ..... L. Rice..... 5-1

4TH (2:41PM). \$32,000, CLM \$14,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	Blue Gem..... R. Santana, Jr..... S. Asmussen ..... 6-1
2	.....	2 .....	Thesis..... K. Carmouche..... D. Duggan ..... 12-1
3	.....	3 .....	Desert Lights..... B. Hernandez..... G. Gullo ..... 9-2
4	.....	4 .....	Giant Boo Boo..... J. Ortiz..... J. Englehart..... 5-2
5	.....	5 .....	Latin Love Bug..... L. Saez..... J. Toscano, Jr..... 10-1
6	.....	6 .....	All Clear..... D. Davis..... G. Sciacca ..... 15-1
7	.....	7 .....	Dooley..... E. Cancel..... D. Donk ..... 8-1
8	.....	8 .....	There He Goes..... M. Franco..... R. Atras ..... 7-2
9	.....	9 .....	Sams Last Ghasp..... J. Alvarado..... T. Morley ..... 8-1

5TH (3:14PM). \$95,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/8M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....	6 .....	Westerland (GB)..... T. Gaffalione..... K. McLaughlin ..... 15-1
1a	.....	MTO .....	Krewe Chief..... L. Saez..... M. Maker ..... 15-1
2	.....	1 .....	Devamani (FR)..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... C. Clement..... 9-5
3	.....	2 .....	Stella d'Oro..... J. Rosario ..... J. Sisterson ..... 8-1
4	.....	3 .....	Cape Angel..... L. Saez..... J. Sharp..... 7-2
5	.....	4 .....	Local Hero..... K. Carmouche..... D. Cannizzo ..... 15-1
6	.....	5 .....	Nakamura..... J. Ortiz..... H. Motion ..... 6-1
7	.....	7 .....	Bird's Eye View..... J. Lezcano ..... M. Dini ..... 4-1
8	.....	9 .....	Midnight Tea Time..... J. Castellano ..... J. Sharp..... 8-1

6TH (3:47PM). \$92,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	Lonhtwist..... T. Gaffalione..... L. O'Brien ..... 10-1
2	.....	2 .....	All Systems Go..... M. Franco ..... J. Terranova II ..... 12-1
3	.....	3 .....	Yamano Maker (JPN)..... J. Alvarado ..... W. Mott ..... 12-1
4	.....	4 .....	Alongcametheprince..... A. Hernandez Sanchez..... D. Clarke ..... 50-1
5	.....	5 .....	I Can Do Anything..... R. Santana, Jr..... S. Hough ..... 6-1
6	.....	6 .....	Honey Won't..... J. Rosario ..... W. Mott ..... 15-1
7	.....	7 .....	Bourbon in May..... J. Ortiz..... T. Pletcher ..... 6-1

8	.....	8 .....	Sayyaaf..... J. Castellano ..... C. Brown ..... 5-2
9	.....	9 .....	First Degree Burn..... J. Martinez..... L. Collazo ..... 30-1
10	.....	10 .....	Carotari..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... B. Lynch ..... 8-1
11	.....	11 .....	High Crime..... J. Lezcano ..... D. Miller ..... 6-1
12	.....	12 .....	Cohete Rojo..... L. Saez ..... J. Sharp..... 10-1
13	.....	MTO .....	Dark N Cloudy..... T. Gaffalione..... D. Schettino ..... 4-1

7TH (4:20PM). \$90,000, MSW, 2 YO, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	Cost Basis..... J. Castellano ..... C. Brown ..... 6-1
2	.....	2 .....	Eagles Palace..... J. Alvarado ..... W. Mott ..... 10-1
3	.....	3 .....	American Butterfly..... L. Saez ..... D. Lukas ..... 12-1
4	.....	4 .....	Candy Tycoon..... J. Ortiz..... T. Pletcher ..... 2-1
5	.....	5 .....	Unprecedented..... T. Gaffalione..... J. Kimmel ..... 8-1
6	.....	6 .....	Irish Mias..... R. Maragh..... H. Motion ..... 5-2
7	.....	7 .....	Excession..... R. Santana, Jr..... S. Asmussen ..... 15-1
8	.....	8 .....	African Heritage..... J. Gallego ..... J. Mejia ..... 20-1
9	.....	9 .....	Feisty Bird..... C. Landeros ..... I. Wilkes ..... 6-1

8TH (4:53PM). \$100,000, STK - THE SMART AND FANCY, 3&UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	Fire Key..... J. Ortiz..... J. Ryerson..... 4-1
2	.....	2 .....	Too Much Tip..... J. Lezcano ..... F. Abbott, III..... 20-1
3	.....	MTO .....	Lady's Island..... J. Lezcano ..... D. Gargan ..... 2-5
4	.....	MTO .....	Lezendary..... Rider TBA..... R. Rodriguez ..... 12-1
5	.....	5 .....	Morticia..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... G. Arnold, II..... 1-1
6	.....	6 .....	Miss Gossip (IRE)..... J. Alvarado ..... E. Caramori ..... 20-1
7	.....	7 .....	Oleksandra (AUS)..... J. Rosario ..... N. Drysdale ..... 7-2
8	.....	8 .....	Broadway Run..... L. Saez..... J. Terranova II ..... 9-2
9	.....	9 .....	Ruby Notion..... J. Castellano ..... D. Miller ..... 12-1

9TH (5:26PM). \$200,000, STK - THE LAKE PLACID, 3YO, F, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	Varenka..... J. Castellano ..... H. Motion ..... 3-1
2	.....	2 .....	Amandrea..... T. Gaffalione..... M. Maker ..... 15-1
3	.....	3 .....	Vow to Recover..... M. Franco ..... E. Dobles ..... 10-1
4	.....	4 .....	Blowout (GB)..... J. Ortiz..... C. Brown ..... 5-2
5	.....	5 .....	Regal Glory..... L. Saez..... C. Brown ..... 2-1
6	.....	6 .....	Feel Glorious (GB)..... J. Rosario ..... C. Clement..... 5-1
7	.....	7 .....	Wildlife..... J. Lezcano ..... V. Oliver ..... 10-1
8	.....	MTO .....	Team Win..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... T. Pletcher ..... 8-5

10TH (5:59PM). \$600,000, STK - THE ALABAMA PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS, 3YO, F, 1 1/4M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double			
1	.....	1 .....	Dunbar Road..... J. Ortiz..... C. Brown ..... 8-5
2	.....	2 .....	Lady Apple..... R. Santana, Jr..... S. Asmussen ..... 6-1
3	.....	3 .....	Afleet Destiny..... E. Cancel..... U. St. Lewis ..... 30-1
4	.....	4 .....	Champagne Anyone..... C. Landeros ..... I. Wilkes ..... 10-1
5	.....	5 .....	Street Band..... S. Doyle..... J. Jones ..... 10-1
6	.....	6 .....	Ulele..... J. Rosario ..... B. Cox ..... 8-1
7	.....	7 .....	Point of Honor..... J. Castellano ..... G. Weaver..... 5-2
8	.....	8 .....	Off Topic..... M. Franco..... T. Pletcher ..... 10-1
9	.....	9 .....	Kelsey's Cross..... R. Maragh..... P. Biancone..... 15-1

11TH (6:32PM). \$80,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 7F

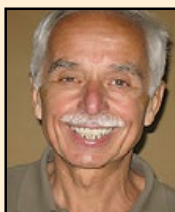
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			
1	.....	1 .....	Fancycase..... B. Hernandez..... P. Kelly ..... 30-1
2	.....	2 .....	Sweet Meadow Mist..... J. Rosario ..... C. Baker ..... 3-1
3	.....	3 .....	Not About the Nail..... D. Davis..... E. Barker ..... 8-1
4	.....	4 .....	Bustin Scones..... C. Landeros ..... G. Contessa..... 20-1
5	.....	5 .....	More Mischief..... J. Castellano ..... C. Brown ..... 5-2
6	.....	6 .....	Take Me to Hardoon..... L. Saez..... J. Englehart..... 5-1
7	.....	7 .....	Moon Heist..... L. Reyes ..... E. Jones ..... 10-1
8	.....	8 .....	Overtime Olivia..... E. Cancel..... A. Arriaga ..... 30-1
9	.....	9 .....	Trouble for Skylar..... K. Carmouche..... D. Gargan ..... 6-1
10	.....	10 .....	Mary's Girl..... I. Ortiz, Jr..... R. Schosberg ..... 15-1
11	.....	11 .....	Quietude..... M. Franco ..... R. Ribauda ..... 15-1

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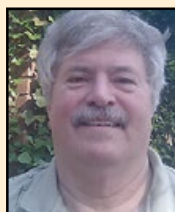


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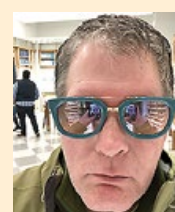
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**Charles  
Bedard**



**Tom  
Law**



**Rob  
Whitlock**



**Patrick  
McGoey**

Race #

**1**

Fort McHenry  
Anaconda  
Klaravich entry

Fort McHenry  
Klaravich entry  
Acre

Acre  
No Word  
Yankee Empire

No Word  
Klaravich entry  
Anaconda

No Word  
Acre  
Anaconda

**2**

Miss Imperial  
Carrizo  
Break Curfew

Carrizo  
Slimey  
Miss Imperial

Miss Imperial  
Break Curfew  
Slimey

Miss Imperial  
Break Curfew  
Figure It Out

Carrizo  
Miss Imperial  
Slimey

**3**

All About It  
Game Boy Benny  
Embellisher

Game Boy Benny  
Embellisher  
Blacktop Legend

Hurricane Hill  
All About It  
Embellisher

All About It  
Embellisher  
Oroscopo

Hurricane Hill  
Embellisher  
All About It

**4**

Giant Boo Boo  
There He Goes  
Sams Last Ghasp

Desert Lights  
Blue Gem  
Giant Boo Boo

There He Goes  
Desert Lights  
Blue Gem

Giant Boo Boo  
Blue Gem  
There He Goes

Sams Last Ghasp  
Blue Gem  
Desert lights

**5**

Krewe Chief  
Devamani  
Cape Angel

Cape Angel  
Local Hero  
Devamani

Devamani  
Stella d'Oro  
Bird's Eye View

Westerland  
Cape Angel  
Devamani

Cape Angel  
Devamani  
Nakamura

**6**

Dark N Cloudy  
Sayyaaf  
I Can Do Anything

Dark N Cloudy  
Bourbon In May  
All Systems Go

Sayyaaf  
Lonhtwist  
I Can Do Anything

I Can Do Anything  
Sayyaaf  
High Crime

Sayyaaf  
Carotari  
I Can Do Anything

**7**

Irish Mias  
Candy Tycoon  
Feisty Bird

Irish Mias  
Candy Tycoon  
Cost Basis

Candy Tycoon  
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Eagles Palace  
Irish Mias

Candy Tycoon  
Irish Mias  
Eagles Palace

**8**

Lady's Island  
Morticia  
Oleksandra

Oleksandra  
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Morticia  
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Oleksandra  
Fire Key

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Morticia  
Broadway Run

**9**

Team Win  
Regal Glory  
Blowout

Varenka  
Feel Glorious  
Regal Glory

Varenka  
Regal Glory  
Vow To Recover

Wildlife  
Blowout  
Regal Glory

Feel Glorious  
Varenka  
Blowout

**10**

Dunbar Road  
Point Of Honor  
Champagne Anyone

Point Of Honor  
Dunbar Road  
Lady Apple

Point Of Honor  
Dunbar Road  
Champagne Anyone

Street Band  
Point Of Honor  
Lady Apple

Point Of Honor  
Champagne Anyone  
Dunbar Road

**11**

More Mischief  
Sweet Meadow Mist  
Take Me To Hardoon

More Mischief  
Take Me To Hardoon  
Trouble For Skylar

Take Me To Hardoon  
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## Guest Handicapper

Today's guest handicapper is Patrick McGoey, an attorney from New Orleans who won the 2011 and 2012 Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge and the 2018 Kentucky Derby Betting Challenge. McGoey also finished as The Special's leading guest handicapper in 2018 after picking seven winners on the Travers Day card. Friday, John

Kernell picked two winners.

\* The guest win total does not include Wednesdays, when only The Special's regular handicappers picks appear at [thisishorseracing.com](http://thisishorseracing.com).

**Top Guest Handicapper of 2019: Joe Burke with five wins.**



# Green Exacta

## Another Miracle tops Proven Strategies

BY BRANDON VALVO

Blue, partly cloudy skies turned gray and occasional raindrops fell as a front rolled in from the southwest when eight 2-year-olds entered the paddock for Friday's Skidmore Stakes. The threat of rain just before the 5 1/2-furlong turf stakes led NYRA to move post time for the feature up four minutes to 5:14 p.m. and the colts and geldings skipped the post parade and headed straight to the starting gate.

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Another Miracle charges home in Friday's Skidmore Stakes for 2-year-olds on the turf.

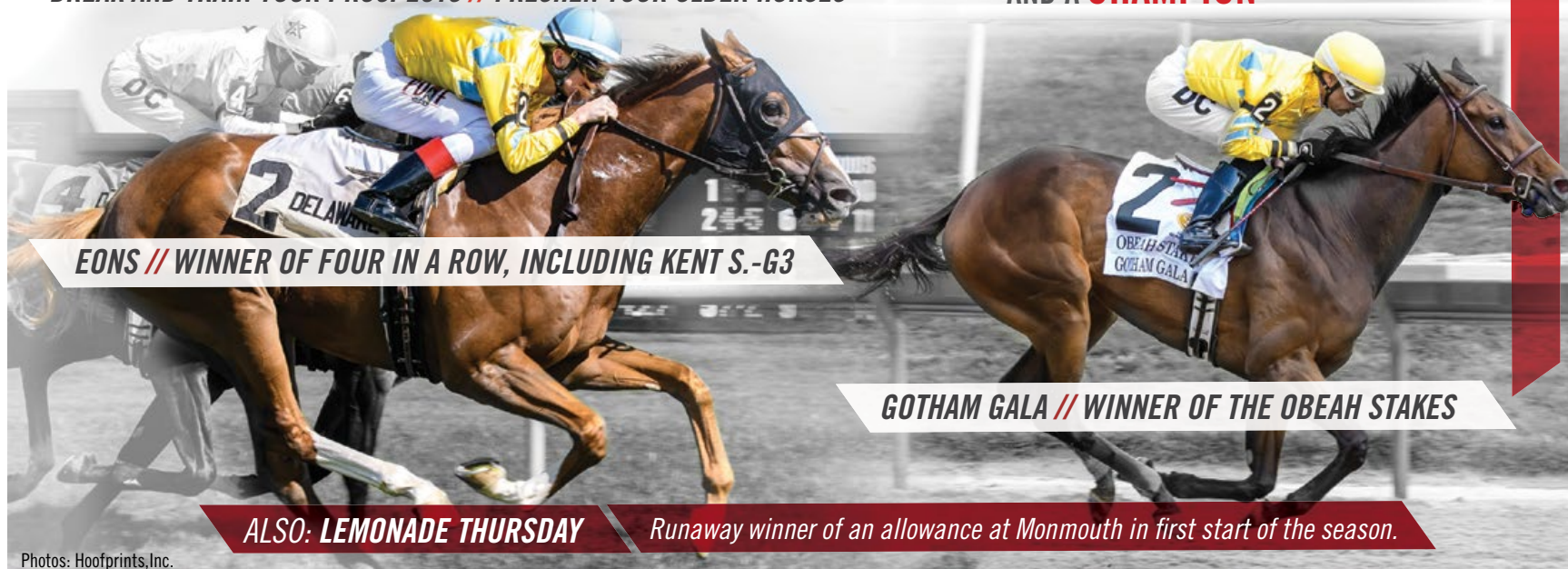


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# Skidmore —

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The change proved prudent as rain set in as Another Miracle returned to the winner's circle after taking the \$100,000 stakes by 1 3/4 lengths. Owner Len Green didn't let the show-ers dampen his celebration.

"Was it raining?" he asked jokingly after finding cover in the clubhouse on the way to the Saratoga Room.

Green had reason to smile after the Skidmore as Another Miracle, who he owns in partnership with his son Jonathan, bested Green's other runner in the field, Proven Strategies. Green partners with Aron Yagoda and Empire Racing Club on the latter, and although they didn't win, Green invited about 40 fractional owners into the winner's circle and later bought them each a picture.

"When I started, my first claimer was a \$2,500 claimer at 80-1," Green said. "I made so many mistakes along the way. I've been fortunate enough to get success in this business, it would be nice to give it back in some way. Let's invite everybody into the winner's circle. It's the thrill of being there. Keep going in the game. That's what you need. I want them to take

(the picture) home, put it on their mantle and talk about racing, which is a great thing."

Although Green typically owns his horses outright, he welcomed Empire Racing Club into the ownership of Proven Strategies without a second thought when Yagoda, an existing partner on the horse, needed help.

"Aron has been a friend for a long time," Green said. "He's just an amazing guy and he said, 'Len, I have a little dilemma. I've got this club and the horse that I selected is on the farm.' I said, 'well, we have a horse together, let's put it in this one.' He said, 'you want to, with 30 or 60 people?' I said, 'come on, it's great for the game.'"

Green's D.J. Stable co-bred Another Miracle. By American Pharoah out of the Medaglia d'Oro mare Retractable, D.J. Stable bought back Another Miracle from the 2018 Keeneland September yearling sale for \$210,000. Gary Contessa, a longtime trainer and friend of Green's, was in the right place at the right time.

"Both of them were horses that didn't sell," Green said, noting that Contessa was at the sale.

"Gary, why don't you take this one," Green said.

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Tod Marks

Len Green (right) helps lead in his new stakes winner Another Miracle .

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## Skidmore —

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“What’s the pedigree?,” Contessa asked.

“American Pharoah.”

“I’ve never heard of him.”

Despite Contessa’s jesting, the trainer was excited at the prospects of taking the colt.

“I tried to put a shank on him right then and there,” Contessa joked. “They wouldn’t let me out with him. They said, ‘no, no, no. We’ll ship him to you.’”

Sure enough, Contessa later got a call from Jonathan Green asking him to take the colt. Contessa obliged.

“The phone rang one day and Jon said, ‘we’ve got an American Pharoah we’d like you to have,’ ” Contessa said. “It was just a great phone call, one of those times you were really glad you answered the phone.”

Another Miracle’s career began with a second in a Belmont Park maiden special July 4 and he scored a gate-to-wire maiden-breaking victory in an off-the-turf maiden going 5 1/2 furlongs here July 24.

Another Miracle tried to wire the field again in the Skidmore. Proven Strategies broke on top of the field, but Another Miracle ranged up under Manny Franco to take command racing up the backstretch. Despite Another Miracle’s move to the top, rival Montauk Daddy streaked to the lead and kicked away by 1 1/2 lengths nearing the turn to put up a quarter in :21.82.

“I was thinking, if that horse sustains that run, I’m in trouble,” Contessa said. “But I knew (Franco) let him go without even trying to chase him, so I knew he had a ton of horse. I stayed confident when he did that. I felt very confident.”

Montauk Daddy stretched his lead to 4 lengths around the turn and maintained his advantage into the stretch past a half in :44.05. Straightening, Franco yanked the stick into his left hand and smacked his mount. He paused for a few seconds, then continued his left-handed urging. Another Miracle drifted out two paths from

the hedge, but took aim at Montauk Daddy.

Another Miracle extended as Montauk Daddy’s strides shortened. Another Miracle ran past his rival and stopped the timer in 1:01.61, a stakes record in five runnings. Proven Strategies beat Montauk Daddy by a head to complete the Green exacta. Contessa made his plans clear to Green after the victory.

“Wait till we win the Breeders’ Cup,” the trainer said to the owner. “He’s got two gears. That’s really unusual for a 2-year-old. It’s nice to see a 2-year-old with two gears.”

“Basically, when you win this race, you have to take this horse to the Breeders’ Cup,” Contessa continued later in the Saratoga Room. “He’s the real deal. Two-year-olds, anything can happen, but hopefully he stays sound. He’s a small horse, so he’s very easy on himself. Small horse, big heart.”

Another Miracle’s Skidmore win improves his record to 2-for-3 with another placing and bumps his earnings to \$120,500. The victory was Contessa’s third at the meet in 55 starts.

“My meet’s been OK, but I’m top-heavy with 2-year-olds and it’s hard to win with 2-year-olds up here,” Contessa said. “The fact that this horse won two up here is a big plus and it makes my meet a whole lot better. It’s nice to have a horse like this. He’s a professional racehorse in the body of a 2-year-old.”



Tod Marks

Winning trainer Gary Contessa and son Raymond celebrate Friday’s stakes win.



# Home Cooking

## Local owner Blue Streak Racing celebrates Prairie Fire's triumph

Tim McCoy never thought he would own a winner at Saratoga Race Course. Prairie Fire turned that dream into reality in the fourth race Friday.

"It means a lot," he said. "Blue Streak Racing, I named it after the Saratoga Blue Streaks. That is our mascot in Saratoga. I'm born and raised here, I live in Boston now but this is the greatest time of year. To win at Saratoga – the best meet in the country – as just some guy, I'm not a rich guy, I'm just some guy and to have a horse win at Saratoga, that's not something that can be taken away."

McCoy's Blue Streak Racing partnership acquired Prairie Fire for \$28,000 after the New York-bred filly failed to meet her reserve at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-year-

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olds in training sale. The daughter of Posse made her anticipated debut a few months later Sept. 14 at Belmont.

"She RNA'd at the sale and we made a private purchase for the RNA price," McCoy said. "The first race in September at Belmont, she got one stride out of the gate and got stepped on. They thought it was a tendon tear so we put her on the shelf. It ended up being fine so she's just been enjoying being a horse the last six to eight months."

Prairie Fire finished eighth of 12 that day. Danny Gargan had worked the 3-year-old five times at Belmont Park before her win Friday.

"She started training again with



Tod Marks

### Prairie Fire breaks her maiden Friday.

Danny at Keeneland," McCoy said. "We kept her under wraps down there, we knew she had ability all along. Danny wants wins at Saratoga. I've never had a win at Saratoga. We got aggressive and we really were feeling she was going to run huge."

Prairie Fire did just that, winning the 5 1/2-furlong maiden claimer for New York-breds by 5 1/2 lengths. The win was Irad Ortiz Jr.'s first of two on the day.

– Ben Gowans  
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# Friday —

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• After seven works dating back to June 22, trainer Mike Trombetta searched for a comeback race for Olympic Village. The 3-year-old gelding had not raced since a win November 24.

Trombetta decided on the \$75,000 Jersey Shore Stakes at Monmouth Park Aug. 11. But then an extra race — a race not previously in the condition book — showed up on the Saratoga overnight and Trombetta had second thoughts. Olympic Village was scratched at Monmouth and instead entered at Saratoga in the second, a \$75,000 claimer for 3-year-olds.

Olympic Village was sharp in his return off the layoff and won in the new spot by 2 3/4 lengths. Owner Charlotte Weber was on hand to watch her Live Oak Plantation homebred.

“This race wasn’t as deep. The race at Monmouth was a stakes race and this was a claimer,” Weber said. “It’s always special to win. I thought he would do well but you never know so

I’m never overly confident. It’s always a nice surprise.”

Javier Castellano rode the winner, who ran the 7 furlongs in 1:21.38. Anthony Quattarolo claimed Olympic Village for the \$75,000 tag on behalf of owner Jeffrey Lambert.

“That’s too bad but I wish them luck,” Weber said.

— Ben Gowans

• Dale Romans met Luiz Saez at the scales after Cove Blue won the fifth, the first words of the trainer to the jockey were, “very fast horse.”

Saez nodded in agreement. “Very fast, the gate opened and he was in front.”

Cove Blue continued a tradition just short of three decades for Romans, granting him his first win of the meet.

“It’s been 27 years in a row I’ve won a race here,” said Romans. “I was a little worried about my streak but we got the win.”

In 12 starts, Kentucky-bred Cove Blue holds a 3-1-1 record with \$147,833 in the bank. The 4-year-old Ghostzapper colt came into Fri-

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Cove Blue returns after winning the fifth race.

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day off two sixths at Gulfstream Park this winter and a second at Churchill Downs June 27. Romans, as agent for Jim Bakke and Gerald Isbister, bought Cove Blue for \$300,000 at the 2016 Keeneland September yearling sale.

“We’ve had him a long time and we always thought he was special but he’s just now growing into what we thought he could be,” Romans said. “Slow start, but now maybe he’s getting there.”

Saez rode Cove Blue to the 2 1/2-length win over Fuel The Bern, finishing the 6 furlongs in 1.08.27.

“We expected for him to eventually be a top horse,” Romans said. “He’s been working like it up here. He ran like it today and against a good group, he ran fast. Very happy with him.”

Tammy Fox, Romans’ longtime partner and main exercise rider, takes Blue Cove to the track in the mornings.

“She works him in the morning,” said Romans of Fox and Cove Blue as a team. “She does his speed work. He’s a professional, easy to be around and always has been.”

— Catherine Galbraith

• Up The Ante and Joel Rosario led six opponents from start to finish without the jockey so much as pressing his stick against the Christophe

## Saratoga Leaders

TRAINERS	1ST
Chad Brown .....	21
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Through Friday

Clement trainee to win the seventh.

“Joel Rosario never uses the stick much,” said Clement. “He’s a very powerful jockey. That’s one of the reasons I like Joel. He was always in balance. He always had control. And just when he thought about using the stick, he saw the horse let up anyway so he said ‘I’m not going to change what I was doing.’”

Up The Ante and Rosario won a three-way photo with Multiplier and

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Up The Ante (right) holds off fast-closing Multiplier.

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Maraud in the 1 1/16-mile turf optional.

“We just got lucky, but that’s racing,” Clement said after the win by a nose went official. “He’s always runs well on the lead. I was just hoping that the turf was firm enough.”

Owned by Castleton Lyons, the 4-year-old son of Smart Strike improved to 4-for-10 and \$284,713 in earnings with the victory. He finished second in last year’s Grade 3 Saranac

before going to the sidelines until the spring. Second in his comeback on the turf at Gulfstream, Up The Ante finished eighth in the Grade 2 Monmouth Stakes May 25.

“He’s been in training,” said Clement, who improved to nine wins at the meet. “He ran a very good race at Gulfstream and a disappointing race at Monmouth. Then he wasn’t training as well. He was sore in his feet. So we got the feet organized and fixed up. He’s a nice horse. He was a nice horse last year so we just needed to get him back.”

— Catherine Galbraith



Olympic Village wins his third in a row.

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1	Mo Ready	J. Ortiz	\$4.20	\$2.80	\$2.30
3	Maxwell Esquire	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$5.10	\$3.10
5	Turbo Drive	D. Davis			\$3.80

B Colt 2017, by Uncle Mo - Ready and Good by More Than Ready  
Owner: Repole Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: Repole Stable, Inc. (NY).

Late Scratches: Cold Hard Cash

Time: 1:43.57

Exacta (1-3), \$12.00; Superfecta (1-3-5-4), \$40.45; Trifecta (1-3-5), \$26.25

### SECOND \$80,000, CLAIMING \$75,000-\$65,000, 3 YO, 7F

4	Olympic Village	J. Castellano	\$12.20	\$5.20	\$4.00
6	Dunph	T. Gaffalione		\$3.50	\$2.70
2	Splicethemainbrace	K. Carmouche			\$4.60

B Gelding 2016, by Congrats - City Empress by Empire Maker

Owner: Live Oak Plantation. Trainer: Michael Trombetta.

Breeder: Live Oak Stud (FL). Time: 1:21.38.

Claimed: Olympic Village claimed by Lambert, Jeffrey for \$75,000

Daily Double (1-4), \$17.30; Exacta (4-6), \$21.70; Quinella (4-6), \$12.70; Superfecta (4-6-2-5), \$39.00; Trifecta (4-6-2), \$69.00

### THIRD \$90,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/16M

1	Value Engineering	J. Castellano	\$4.50	\$3.30	\$2.90
3	Tiberius Mercurius	L. Saez		\$7.10	\$5.20
2	Hellorhighwater	T. Gaffalione			\$6.10

Dk B/ Br Colt 2016, by Lemon Drop Kid - Frozen Treat by Dynaformer

Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc.. Trainer: Chad Brown.

Breeder: D. J. Stable, LLC (KY).

Time: 1:52.90

Daily Double (4-1), \$15.70; Exacta (1-3), \$11.70; Superfecta (1-3-2-6), \$23.12; Trifecta (1-3-2), \$32.50; Pic 3 (1-4-1), \$36.75

### FOURTH \$42,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLM \$25,000, 3&UP, 5 1/2F

8	Prairie Fire	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$7.00	\$4.60	\$3.30
6	Tarallucci	J. Rosario		\$6.20	\$4.00
11	Lookbothways	K. Carmouche			\$3.20

Ch Filly 2016, by Posse - Swallow Falls by Smoke Glacken

Owner: Blue Streak Racing, LLC. Trainer: Danny Gargan.

Breeder: Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable, Inc. & A. Leonard Pineau (NY).

Late Scratches: Appletini, If I Knew

Claimed: Let's Maga claimed by Brown, Ronald A. for \$25,000

Time: 1:03.70

Daily Double (1-8), \$12.00; Exacta (8-6), \$24.10; Quinella (6-8), \$12.90; Superfecta (8-6-11-9), \$44.45; Trifecta (8-6-11), \$48.12; Pic 3 (4-1-8), \$79.00

### FIFTH \$95,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

3	Cove Blue	L. Saez	\$5.80	\$4.20	\$3.00
6	Fuel the Bern	K. Carmouche		\$6.30	\$4.00
5	Mucho	J. Rosario			\$3.10

B Colt 2015, by Ghostzapper - Need by Strong Hope

Owner: Bakke, Jim and Isbister, Gerald. Trainer: Dale Romans.

Breeder: Claiborne Farm (KY). Time: 1:08.27

Late Scratches: Tiz He the One

Claimed: Do Share claimed by AJ Suited Racing Stable for \$62,500

Daily Double (8-3), \$9.40; Exacta (3-6), \$18.10; Superfecta (3-6-5-7), \$19.52; Trifecta (3-6-5), \$39.25; Pic 3 (1-8-3), \$51.75; Pic 4 (4-1-1/8/13-1/3), \$192.75; Pic 5 (1/8-4-1-1/8/13-1/3), \$595.75

### SIXTH \$50,000, CLAIMING \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

3	Zabava	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$7.50	\$3.70	\$2.60
8	Psalmody	L. Saez		\$3.50	\$2.70
2	Clockstrikestwelve	J. Castellano			\$3.00

B Filly 2016, by Skipshot - Clifton Bay by Gone West

Owner: Paradise Farms Corp.. Trainer: Michael Maker.

Breeder: Mikhail Yanakov (KY). Late Scratches: Carlisle Belle

Time: 1:40.25

Daily Double (3-3), \$9.40; Exacta (3-8), \$11.10; Superfecta (3-8-2-1), \$12.17; Trifecta (3-8-2), \$14.75; Pic 3 (8-3-3), \$50.50

### SEVENTH \$98,000, AOC \$80,000, 4 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

1	Up the Ante	J. Rosario	\$4.70	\$3.20	\$2.30
4	Multiplier	J. Velazquez		\$4.80	\$3.40
5	Maraud	J. Ortiz			\$4.20

Ch Colt 2015, by Smart Strike - Ask Me When by Speightstown

Owner: Castleton Lyons. Trainer: Christophe Clement.

Breeder: Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY).

Late Scratches: Majestic Affair

Claimed: Maraud claimed by Collinsworth Thoroughbred Racing LLC for \$80,000

Time: 1:42.26

Daily Double (3-1), \$11.80; Exacta (1-4), \$11.30; Superfecta (1-4-5-3), \$13.12; Trifecta (1-4-5), \$22.25; Pic 3 (3-3-1), \$33.75

### EIGHTH \$80,000, NY-BRED AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

5	Ratajkowski	J. Ortiz	\$3.00	\$2.30	\$2.10
6	Singular Sensation	L. Saez		\$5.90	\$4.10
2	Beyond Discreet	M. Franco			\$4.30

Ch Mare 2014, by Drosselmeyer - Quiet North by Quiet American

Owner: Broad, Gary. Trainer: Brian Lynch.

Breeder: John P Hicks & H & H Farm (NY).

Late Scratches: Behind the Couch

Claimed: Beyond Discreet claimed by Clear Stars Stable for \$25,000

Time: 1:48.40

Daily Double (1-5), \$3.95; Exacta (5-6), \$9.60; Superfecta (5-6-2-4), \$5.80; Trifecta (5-6-2), \$18.00; Pic 3 (3-1-5), \$16.70

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

3	Another Miracle	M. Franco	\$7.10	\$4.00	\$2.90
2	Proven Strategies	T. Gaffalione		\$7.60	\$3.80
6	Montauk Daddy	J. Lezcano			\$2.30

B Colt 2017, by American Pharoah - Retraceable by Medaglia d'Oro

Owner: Green, Leonard C. and Green, Jonathan I. Trainer: Gary Contessa.

Breeder: Betz/J. Betz/CHNNHK/D.J.Stables/Lamantia/CoCo/Ramsby (KY).

Time: 1:01.61

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## Shared Account

Lake Placid Stakes 2009

BY JOE CLANCY

Before she came up a head short in the Grade 1 Diana, before she rocked the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at 46-1, before she became the dam of two winners, Shared Account landed the 2009 Lake Placid Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

And before that she was a Keeneland September yearling selling as Hip 2790 late in Book Four as part of the 2008 Lane's End consignment. Bob Feld picked her out for client Sagamore Farm and waited.

"Pleasantly Perfect was a freshman sire at the time and I don't shy away from that at all," Feld said Friday. "I like to buy more classic, angular, longer-distance type horses and she fit the bill. I remember waiting most of the day for her. Tom Mullikin (Sagamore's farm manager at the time) and I kept firing away and we got her at \$170,000. Juanita Delahoussaye was the underbidder and she stopped me on the way out and was not happy with me."

As it turned out, she had every reason.

Part of the early days of the rebirth of Sagamore Farm under the direction of Under Armour founder Kevin Plank, Shared Account went to the famed Maryland farm founded by Alfred Vanderbilt and went about turning into a racehorse. Sent to Graham Motion, she won her debut going a mile on the dirt at Laurel Park as a 2-year-old in November 2008. She won again at Laurel in January, and went to Florida with lofty goals – the words Kentucky Oaks were used – which quickly came back to reality.

Sixth in the Grade 2 Davona Dale and Bonnie Miss at Gulfstream Park in March, Shared Account didn't run again until May – winning on the dirt at Delaware Park. In her turf debut, she finished third in Belmont Park's Perfect Sting



Tod Marks  
Shared Account wins the  
2009 Lake Placid at Saratoga.

and was second in the Virginia Oaks at Colonial Downs.

Then came Saratoga, where she won the Grade 2 Lake Placid over Keertana. Soft turf and rain did little to dampen the spirits as Motion, Plank and Mullikin accepted a framed print of Lake Placid in the winner's circle.

Plank enjoyed his first graded stakes win as an owner.

"I've been in this thing for three years now and I've been waiting for that feeling, to know what it feels like," he told The Special then. "You give, you give, you give, you give, kind of like family, you give, you give and you're waiting, saying 'It pays off at some point, right? Thanksgiving?

Christmas dinner? There's got to be a point.' So this is a little bit Thanksgiving and a little bit Christmas wrapped up into one."

Shared Account kept giving, as she finished second in two Grade 1 stakes to cap her season and the next year landed that Breeders' Cup upset – over heavy favorite Midday, Keertana, Forever Together and others in a field of 11. Shared Account paid \$94, emerging between horses late on a dark evening at Churchill Downs.

Feld won't forget it.

"I was super emotional," he said. "They asked me to help bring Sagamore back to its former glo-

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# Shared Account —

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ry and that's a daunting task. To win a Breeders' Cup race at Churchill Downs — where (Sagamore's) Native Dancer lost his Derby — even for a moment the farm was back on a big stage. I played a small part, but I cried going back to my seat from the winner's circle."

Earlier, Shared Account's 2010 campaign included a win in the Grade 3 All Along at Colonial Downs and a second (beaten a head in a five-horse photo) in the Grade 1 Diana at Saratoga. Bred in Kentucky by William Carl, Shared Account finished with six wins, four seconds, a third and \$1,649,427 in earnings.

Retired to Sagamore as a broodmare, she has yet to duplicate herself though she's the dam of 2018 stakes winner Riley's Choice (by Distorted Humor) and dual winner I'm Pretty Strong (by Street Cry). Sharing, her 2017 filly by Speightstown, finished third in her debut for Motion and the ownership team of Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Gainesway Stable here July 21 and is entered in Sunday's third race going 1 1/16 miles on the turf.

Motion's assistant Alice Clapham rode Shared Account and 10 years later sees similarities in Sharing. The comparisons come easily.

"Very similar to her mum, very classy," Clapham said Friday. "She's still working it out, but she reminds me a lot of her. They have the same sort of stride. Shared Account was very classy from a young age. She had her moments

as they all do. She was big, she had a big stride and could get a little tough to gallop, but was a fun horse to ride. She let you know when she was ready.

"I was here the year she ran in the Lake Placid and I remember her getting bigger and stronger. That mind was always there and she was a true racehorse at the end of the day."

Last year at Keeneland November, Sam-Son Farm spent \$550,000 to buy Shared Account and the Mastery foal she was carrying. The purchase added another jewel to an already deep broodmare group at the Canadian farm.

"It's a totally different stream for us, and I think she's a huge addition to the broodmare band," said Sam-Son's Dave Whitford. "We were thrilled to get her. We were underbidders, or not even the underbidders, on a bunch there and she was always on our radar."

The now 13-year-old mare delivered a filly at the Oak Tree division of Lane's End in Kentucky this year, was bred to Medaglia d'Oro and is in Canada with the rest of the Sam-Son mares.

"She puts all her efforts into nursing that baby so she's tough to keep the weight on a little bit," said Whitford. "Maybe it's like the way she raced, she puts everything she has into it. She's a mare that stands up for herself in the crowd with no trouble, she's not timid at all. She's not one who tries to disperse the crowd either. She's kind, and we really love her."

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# The Dream

Victor Berrios went to school one day. Into the army the next.

It wasn't his choice.

The El Salvador army picked up Berrios on his way to school, forcing the 16-year-old into battle.

"The army wait for students, they have a truck, they just put you in the truck," Berrios said. "Next day, nobody hear from you, nothing."

Berrios was forced to fight in El Salvador's civil war that lasted 12 years, killing 75,000 civilians and ripping apart the Central American country.

"They started to control the business, destroy the electricity, make holes in the street," Berrios said. "The government sent the army, that's how it started. The guerilla people live in the jungle, the army go look for them. It was very bad."

Berrios remembers 200 kids in his platoon, if you could call it that. Ten survived. Berrios was lucky, if you can call it that.

He was in charge of radio transmission, he was in the middle, rather than in the front line of the government's attacks. The ones in the front waded into the jungle to fight the guerillas that had reorganized in the jungle, setting traps, ambushing untrained kids like tin cans in a shooting gallery.

"I heard him crying," Berrios said of one such kid. "I put him in my arms, try to take him out to the helicopter. I walk maybe six minutes from the jungle. In one second, I know he's nothing, I feel his arms go to nothing. He die in my arms. Two bullets in his stomach. I put him down. I feel weak. I feel weak."

Berrios managed to escape the army and escape El Salvador, a country ravaged by the war and its aftermath of forlorn children, fatherless, motherless, falling into gangs and falling into more violence.

"When the war finished, there were a lot of kids without a father, without a mother, they started gangs," Berrios said. "Just kids. It was a bad life. Very bad in El Salvador. Very bad, very bad."

Berrios' dad booked his son on a plane to Cali-

fornia, he had a friend there. It was 1984.

As the El Salvadoran refugees gathered before leaving their long-lost country, Berrios met Nora Martinez. She was escaping, too, to New York, where she had a sister. She gave him her number. He didn't have a pen, didn't write it down. Landing in San Francisco, without a job, without a plan, Berrios was lost, couldn't find work. He thought of the girl and the number.

"I remember it," Berrios said. "Well, some of it."

Berrios started dialing what he remembered, ad-libbing for the numbers he couldn't remember. He figures it took him 50 calls. Fifty calls to get through to Martinez's sister in New York. She answered, put Nora on the phone.

"No estoy hacienda nada en San Francisco," Berrios said.

"Habla con mi Hermana," Martinez said.

"I'm not doing nothing in San Francisco."

"I'll talk to my sister."

Berrios booked a ticket from California to New York, arriving in the snow. Martinez's sister was babysitting for a man who worked at Belmont Park.

"You want to work?" he asked Berrios.

Berrios slogged through the snow and through the Belmont stable gate the next morning. Salvation. He landed a job walking horses for Mary Cotter, a week later he was grooming for Frank Martin.

"I was very happy to see the horses," Berrios said. "I worked with horses in El Salvador. Not racing horses, just farm horses. I liked the horses. I like it. I love it."

Berrios learned to rub horses for Martin before moving to P.G. Johnson's barn. The Hall of Fame trainer sent Berrios to his lawyer, who helped him become legal in America. After Johnson's stable wound down, Berrios worked for Del Carroll and Martinez babysat Carroll's children. Eventually, Berrios and Martinez teamed up with Johnson's longtime assistant, John Hertler.

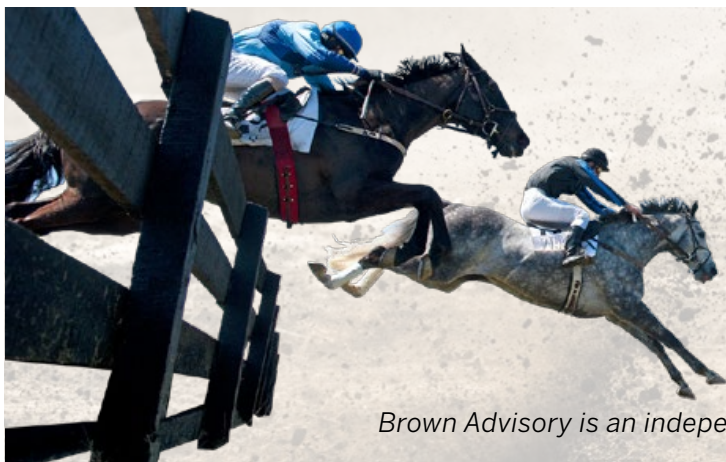
Married along the way, Berrios and Martinez have two sons and a daughter and two grandsons. The couple still works at the track, you can find them at Hertler's barn every day. Upbeat and smiling. Always upbeat and smiling. He works as Hertler's assistant, she walks horses for Hertler. Down on horses these days, Hertler made sure Berrios had security, encouraging his longtime employee, his longtime friend, to work for NYTHA.

Berrios works from 5-7 every morning for Hertler, carrying a clipboard, smiling and making sure everything goes smoothly. He works for NYTHA the rest of the day, dealing with rooms and stalls and making trips to the racing office and rec hall.

"Whatever they need," Berrios said.

Berrios has most of his family with him in America. One brother works as an assistant for Tom Bush and another works for John Kimmel. Two nephews work with horses. His daughter works for NYTHA at Aqueduct. His mother lives here.

"I go back to my country 25 years later to visit, it was better, but I don't like it," Berrios said. "This is the American dream. The American dream."



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