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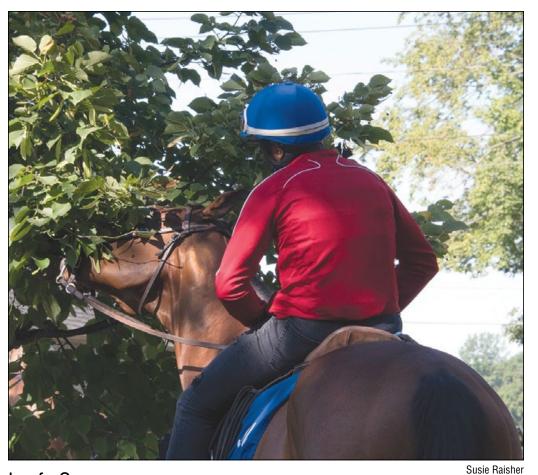
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Leafy Greens. Linebacker and rider Aaron Pahal get some veggies.

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#### BY THE NUMBERS

2: People singing Santa Claus is Coming to Town on East Avenue about an hour after the races Thursday night.

**5:** Most Travers wins by a trainer, Bert Mulholland, with Eight Thirty (1939), Lights Up (1950), Battlefield (1951), Jaipur (1962), Crewman (1963).

**15:52:** Two-mile time for Saratoga Stryders' member Zach Keilb Friday morning, passing his ROTC test by eight seconds.

**15:** New York Turf Writers Cup wins for trainer Jonathan Sheppard (the first in 1979 and the 15th Thursday). In that time span, no other trainer has more than three (Burley Cocks).

#### NAMES OF THE DAY

**Confessing, third race.** Phoenix Thoroughbred III's 3-year-old filly is out of Accusation.

**Elate, ninth race.** The multiple Grade 1 winner and Personal Ensign contender, is out of Cheery.

**Pillar Mountain, 10th race.** The Sword Dancer runner, an Irish-bed son of English-bred sire Kodiac, is named for a mountain in Alaska. The Pillar Mountain Trail is a popular hiking route and home to the annual Pillar Mountain Trail Race.

**Code Of Honor, 11th race.** The Travers player, a Will Farish homebred, is by Noble Mission out of Reunited.

**Tax, 11th race.** The Travers runner, bred and named by Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider, is out of Toll.





"A woman comes to my window and says, 'Give me \$5 win on the 3...' I say, 'The 3 is scratched in this race.'
She says, 'Geez, he did so well in the last race.'

Longtime reader and mutuel teller Jim Schaefer



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#### **WORTH REPEATING**

"I paid my way through school gambling."

Owner Richard Rigney

"You bought all of those?"

Fan to The Special's Ben Gowans, as he brought a stack of about 25 extra papers back to the office

"Mommy, can I have one of those?"

Toddler in a stroller as she passed by the paperbox outside The Special's office Thursday evening

"We got one of those earlier, honey."

Mother's response

"Do we look alike?"

Trainer Pat Kelly, while striking the same pose as brother and Clerk of Scales Tim Kelly in the winner's circle before Thursday afternoon's Riskaverse Stakes

"He should write a memo to everyone else on how to stop by the office."

Tom Law, after NYRA's Najja Thompson's quick visit to The Special's office Thursday evening

"It must be getting slow up here."

Trainer Dallas Stewart when told he was missed this summer Friday morning at the Oklahoma track kitchen

"This doesn't look good."

Jockey Tyler Gaffalione surveying a downed limb still partially leaning on Eddie Kenneally's barn Friday morning



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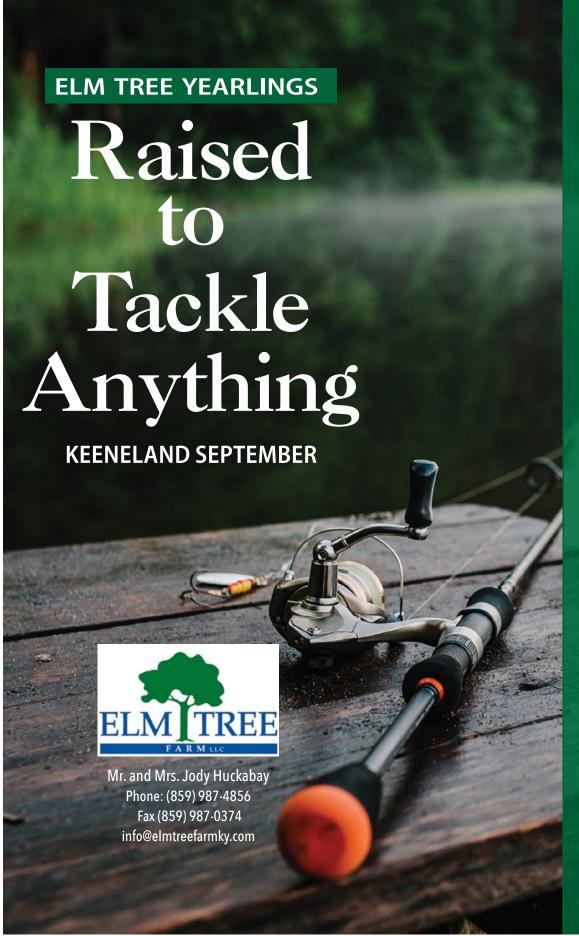
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**BOOK ONE •** Barn 20

#### Monday, 9/9

#### 11 c. MEDAGLIA D'ORO – Overheard

2nd foal out of multiple GSW OVERHEARD (\$548,656); family of Champion CHRIS EVERT and G1 SW CONFESSIONAL

#### **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. PIONEEROF THE NILE – Devious Intent

932 c. LIAM'S MAP – Mystic Mama

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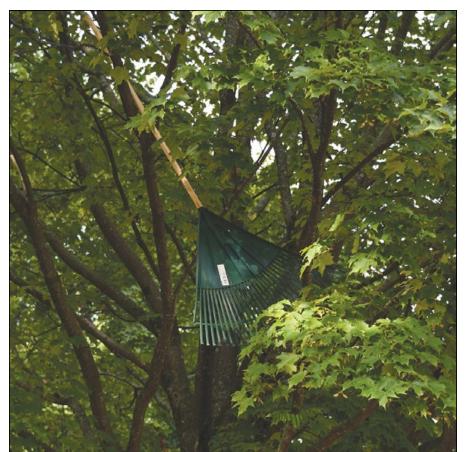
"It's Travers Day 1986. I had Wise Times in there and the night before was a real Saratoga rain. It poured and the track was so muddy the morning of the race. Going a mile and a quarter with a horse that came from last - and I wanted him to come from last - so I galloped him a mile and a half the day of the race. I'm on my pony, my exercise girl gallops him a mile and a half, as he pulls up he stumbles, gets loose, gallops another mile and a half by himself until we catch him. We got him back and everything was fine, we run that afternoon and we won the Travers. I got all the help together and we proceeded to take over Lillian's. They ran out of champagne. We closed Lillian's about 2 a.m. I had a hotwalker, he was 300 pounds, Big Dave. Used to work for Woody (Stephens) and then worked for me. He had this great knack of impersonating people. He could impersonate Marshall Cassidy, the announcer at the time, real well. During the course of the evening at Lillian's he would step on the first rung of the barstool for some height and he would regale everybody with the call of the race from the three-eighths pole home. He must have done it seven times during the evening. It was brilliant."

- Phil Gleaves, Travers winning trainer



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Susie Baisher

Crash Landing? The good witch of Saratoga – never much for brooms – left her ride in a tree in the backyard.

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#### **WORTH REPEATING**

"Me and Steve (Asmussen) and Scott (Blasi) are all friends. I was roommates with Steve when he rode. Did you know he was a jockey? 1982. We were roommates at Del Mar. I was 18 and I think he was 16, every time my mom would come down and watch how hard he would be fighting his weight she would get so worried about him. He's like 5-10, 5-11."

Kenny Black, former jockey and current assistant trainer to Phil D'Amato

"This is my second time being here, but first time for racing. Seventeen years ago I was here working on the Seabiscuit movie, I did the fight scene with Tobey Maguire. We taped that and most of the morning workouts they did here. We were here about two weeks. It was the week before Thanksgiving so it was like 25 degrees out and there weren't no leaves on the trees. The place looked like it was deserted. It didn't look like this so I don't really count it."

Black, who does have an IMDb page

"Those guys are crazy. I broke my collarbone and couldn't do anything for two months."

Trainer Graham Motion, about jump jockey Tom Garner winning Thursday's Turf Writers with a collarbone injury

"As my daughter says, whoever invented going away to college is a genius."

Owner Jimmy Riccio, about parenting

"I call that the braintrust."

Owner Mike Caruso, about the Oklahoma corner occupied by Doc Richardson and company outside Bill Mott's barn most mornings

"Put her on the cover."

The Special's Ben Gowans when Belle Of The Spa upset the Yaddo

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- **Guarana:** Unbeaten filly was perfect again in CCA Oaks.
- Sistercharlie: Make that TWO Dianas for the champ.
- **8. Dunbar Road:** Loved the mud in Alabama romp.
- **9. Concrete Rose:** The first Saratoga Oaks was a laugher.
- 10. Winston C: Swept Grade 1 jump races for Sheppard barn.

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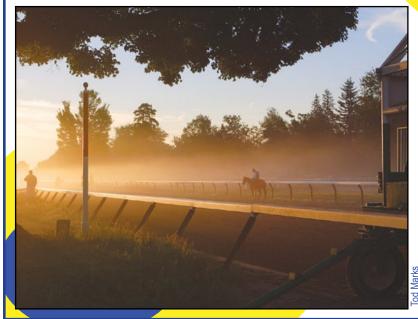


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"The big outfits, if they had a good work horse in the morning but didn't run that good in the afternoon, they would keep him and work with the good horse. Some of them would use two of them to work with a good horse. If they worked a mile and an eighth, they'd have one pick em up at the half-mile pole. I saw Assault do that, he came over to Aque-

duct on Thursday morning and worked a mile and an eighth with two different horses. He carried 135 pounds on Saturday."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015



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McGaughey has won two races at Saratoga in 2019, and could make his meet with Code Of Honor in today's feature, the Traver Stakes.

McGaughey and his son, Reeve, walked the shedrow with The Special's Sean Clancy on a rainy Wednesday morning.

**Bail Out:** Phipps Stable homebred has hit the board six times in 10 starts but finished fifth here earlier in the meet. "Disappointed the other day. New gelding."

**High North:** Shortleaf Stable's 4-year-old won the Iowa Derby for Brad Cox last year, moved to McGaughey in April and posted his first breeze, a half-mile in :49.30 here last Saturday. "He's new here but he's training really well, hope to run him as soon as we get to Belmont. Nice horse. Likes it really firm."

**Alandra:** Bred by Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, the daughter of Blame and graded stakes winner Altesse has posted five local breezes. "Hope to run her at the end of the meet. I kind of like her a little bit. Pretty girl."

**Bridal Path:** Daughter of Hard Spun and Path finished eighth under Joel Rosario in her debut here this meet. "By Hard Spun out of Path, who was out of Carriage Trail. Ran here on the turf and got into all kinds of trouble, he never could let her run a jump. Hopefully I'll run her back on Sunday. I kind of like her, too. She's going to be a good-looking filly."

**Power Move:** Another Phipps homebred, the 2-year-old filly has three local breezes, including one from the gate. "More Than Ready, Trophy Wife. I like her, too. I had to stop on her, she popped a splint."

In Front: Owned and bred by Dattt Farm, the daughter of War Front has breezed twice at Saratoga, once on the dirt and once on the turf. "I like this filly. I had her ready to run, but I had some trouble with coughing and running noses and stuff. She'll run as soon as we get back to Belmont."

**U S Delta Force:** Another well-bred 2-year-old who has yet to start, the gray colt walks to the front of the stall and elicits



The historic Phipps barn houses a slew of talented horses trained by Shug McGaughey.

a simple "wow" from an observer. "Nice War Front colt that belongs to Joe Allen, out of a mare named Photograph, has a lot of pedigree, nice horse. I had him ready but he blew a frog on me. Beautiful way of going, great way about him."

Mrs. Danvers: Allen's homebred daughter of Tapit won her second career start earlier in the meet. "This is the filly that won here the other day. Reeve has always liked her, I never was around her much until we came up here but I like her too. I thought she ran really good the other day, still a little green. She'll like Belmont, too. I don't know where I'll run her. If there was an allowance race going a mile I would love it, but there probably won't be one."

**Pink Sands:** Purchased for \$625,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling Sale in 2016, the daughter of Tapit owns four wins for Gainesway Stable and Andrew Rosen "Won a stake at Monmouth this summer, came back and was fourth in the Shuvee. OK effort, not a bad race. She'll go to Louisville for the Locust Grove, a mile and a sixteenth on the dirt."

Fly So High: Phipps Stable's filly is 3-for-4, including a win in the Davona Dale at Gulfstream Park in March 2018. She hasn't run since. "She's never been operated on or anything but she's been stop and go for a long time. She's fine now, I'm going to try to two-minute lick her Saturday. Nice filly."

Malibu Edge: Ontario-bred colt, bred and owned by Chiefswood Stable, recently moved from Fair Hill to Saratoga. "Malibu Moon colt. Nice kind of colt. I was going to work him out of the gate (Wednesday) morning but that got hampered. Nice kind of horse."

**Enola Gay:** Joe Allen's 2-year-old daughter of Uncle Mo breezed from the gate Friday. "She's about ready to run. I'm

Every day at Saratoga, The Special presents an exclusive Stable Tour with a Saratoga trainer.

not sure she's an in-town horse, she would be competitive here but maybe Monmouth or Laurel."

Amends: Phipps Stable homebred son of Uncle Mo is out of Guilty Verdict, a daughter of two-time Grade 1 stakes winner Smuggler. "Big old long typical Uncle Mo. Ran one time, didn't run bad, I wanted to run him back in the mile and eighth race but he got an abscess in a back foot but he's back training now."

Lexatoga: Son of McGaughey's star, Honor Code. "He belongs to Calumet. He's a New York-bred and he's OK as a New York-bred.

Tod Marks
I had him ready to run a couple of times, he had hock blow up on him, I don't know why, but he's doing good now."

**Performer:** Phipps Stable homebred son of Speightstown is 5-2 in today's fourth, a dirt allowance, but is also entered in Sunday's Better Talk Now Stakes on turf. "Nice big horse. He was third last fall, gave him the winter off, came back at Belmont and did it the right way."

**U S Army Corps:** Another Joe Allen homebred son of War Front. "Ran once here. Finished fourth. Just beat a neck for second, Weaver's horse won it, that nice Constitution horse. I think we'll wait for Belmont."

Harlem Heights: The half-sister to Point Of Entry breezed a half-mile Friday, her sixth breeze at Saratoga. "Typical Bernardini, but I like her. This time next year, she'll be a different kind of horse. She's about ready to run. She had a runny nose, I had to back off her. She could be ready to run here at the end of the meet but I might run that Alandra, just to give her a little more time. Time is her friend. She doesn't do anything wrong. She's nice. She will probably run all day."

**Mango M:** A two-time Fasig-Tipton graduate, the New York-bred owned by Bill Parcells' August Dawn Farm has produced three wins from 14 starts. "Decent horse, only problem is now he has to run in open company. Finished fourth up here, got into all kinds of trouble."

**War Cabinet:** Allen's daughter of War Front picked up her first line of black type with a third in the Flaming Page at Woodbine Sunday. "She's getting ready to go to Fair Hill for a little freshening up. There's a race at Aqueduct going a mile and a half at the end of October. She's nice but just an inch below being nice enough."

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#### Stable Tour —

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**Fashion Moment:** The lengthy daughter of Uncle Mo and Theysken's Theory arrived from Fair Hill this week. "Theysken's Theory won a stake in Europe and just got beat in the Garden City. She's typical Uncle Mo, plain bay horse, but this is the first time the mare has gotten it right."

**Dreams Of Tomorrow:** Cue the band, another homebred from the Phipps stable. "Speightstown out of Sabbatical. Imagining's family. He was ready to run at the end of June but just got some 2-year-old growing things, had to back off him. He was going to work out of the gate this morning."

**Star Command:** Phipps Stable 2-year-old filly finished sixth in her debut here Aug. 9. "By Orb out of Puzzling. She didn't get anything, but her race wasn't that bad. I'll get her back down there and run her a mile. She'll be fine. She's not a superstar, but she's OK."

My Happy Place: Owned by Gainesway Stable and Andrew Rosen, the 3-year-old filly is out of CCA Oaks runner-up My Happy Face. "Tapit filly that's been second, third and fourth, sprinting. Probably wants to run long on the turf eventually."

Passing Out: The ride, the trip, the finish of the meet. "Won here in that race that Jose Ortiz rode as good as a guy could ever ride. She's going to be OK. This filly won her first start, I gave her a lot of time and I ran her back and she didn't run any good. She acted up in the paddock and was a little bit keen so we changed some things around on her and ran her back down there, she was third, a solid third and then she won here. What happened to her, she won too soon. She didn't learn anything."

Windfall Profit: Owned and bred by Stuart Janney, the Malibu Moon filly finished seventh in her debut here. "Good family, she's out of Hit It Rich, she was a graded stakes winner, wanted to run long. I ran her here, she didn't run that bad but she ran a little bit disappointing. She's come out of her race a lot more focused and she's training well. She won't run back here but will run as soon as we get to Belmont. I kind of her like but I was disappointed in her first start. She was in the right spot, but just didn't finish."

**Plainsman:** Shortleaf's son of Flatter won the Discovery last year for Brad Cox and made his debut for McGaughey earlier at the meet. "This is a nice horse. Finished second here. Ever since we've had him, he's done everything right. He's a nice, kind horse, probably wants to run two turns. Maybe Arkansas this winter. Maybe the Kelso next. I don't want to throw him to the wolves."

Code Of Honor: A year ago, McGaughey introduced Will Farish's homebred as the chest-nut colt stood on three legs and scratched his ear with his hind hoof. "Pretty athletic, huh? He's in tomorrow, he acts like he's fast," McGaughey said that day. Yeah, he's fast. The son of Noble Mission, winner of the Dwyer in his most recent start, is second choice in today's Travers. "His next outing is Saturday and I'm looking forward to it. Everything has gone really good since the Dwyer. When you get him on the right track, he does everything you want him to do."

**Stanhope:** Shortleaf purchased the son of Street Sense for \$150,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred sale. "Second in his only start. He'll run back here next week going three quarters. I would have loved to run him 5 1/2 on Friday because he's fast, Really fast."

**Sentry:** Owned by Stuart Janney III, the son of Smart Strike has won three races from 16 starts. "Just an old horse, finished second in a starter race the other day."

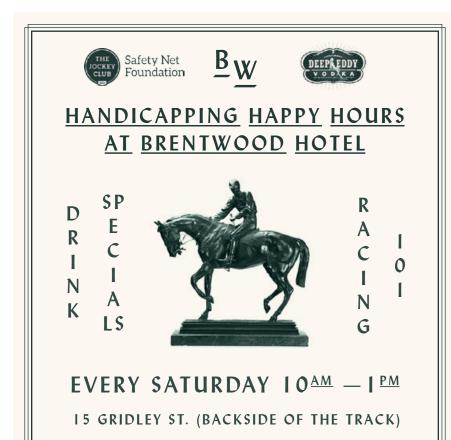
Charreada: Emory Hamilton's homebred daughter of Kitten's Joy lives in an outside stall. She breaks from the rail in today's third. "She's probably the best maiden in the country. She's entered Saturday. She finished second the last time I run her, just got beat. I'll tell you something, I don't really know what she wants, I'm always shocked every time she gets beat, the way she trains. Her mother was kind of a sprinter on the dirt. We ran her on the dirt, but (Julien) Leparoux came back and said she feels like a turf horse. She's big. If she doesn't win this Saturday, she might go seven eighths on the dirt. Looking at her, Kitten's Joy, you would think mile and a quarter on the grass, but she doesn't act like she wants that, she acts more like, back, pace, finish. She also could be the kind who breaks her maiden and wins about four or five in a row."

**Keepme In Thegame:** Andrew Rosen and Edward Easton's filly shares the outside spot with Charreada. She's set to make her third career start in today's nightcap. "She can be a little nervous. Pioneerof The Nile, half-sister to New Money Honey."



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Sean Clancy

Tacitus works on the Oklahoma training track.

## By A Dozen

Big group of 3-year-olds tangles in Saratoga meet's signature event

#### **BY TOM LAW**

The race dubbed "The Midsummer Derby" celebrates a major milestone today at Saratoga Race Course and gives off the feel of another, slightly younger, marquee event run annually the first Saturday in May.

The 150th Travers Stakes attracted a field of 12 3-year-olds, not quite the expansive draft that runs annually in the Kentucky Derby but still large by modern standards. The 12-horse field, if it stays together for the \$1.25 million Travers, would be one of the largest in the race's history and the biggest since 13 ran in 2016.

The largest Travers field featured 14 runners when Jatski won via the disqualification of Run Dusty Run in

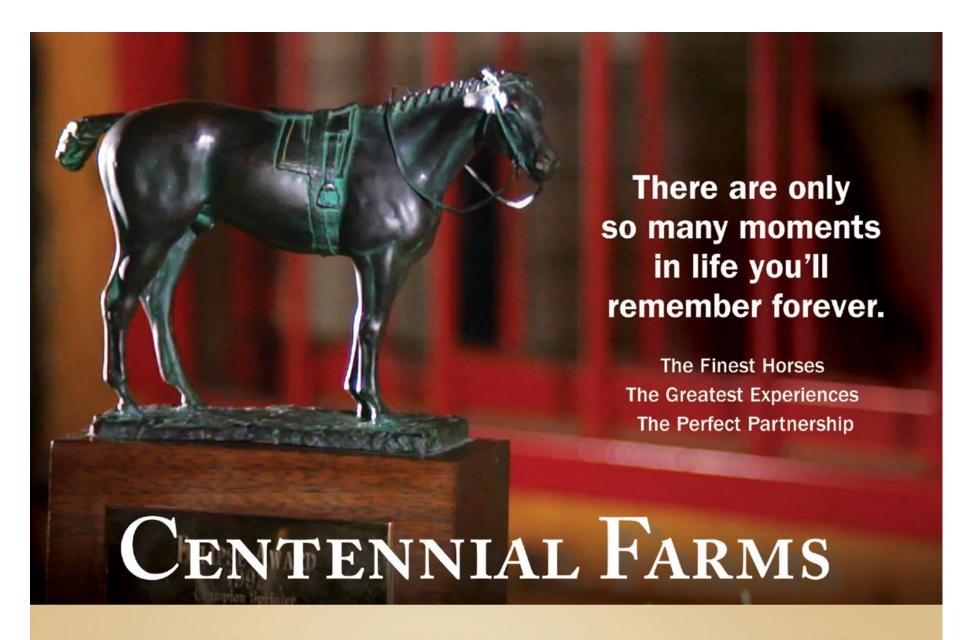
#### **TRAVERS STAKES PREVIEW**

1977 and three times it included 13 starters and three times it included 12.

Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano knows what it takes to win the Travers. He's won it a record six times and bids for another aboard Looking At Bikinis, one of two horses for trainer Chad Brown. Castellano, watching breezers from his golf cart near the quarter-pole gap Friday morning with his agent John Panagot, said he liked his chances against favorites Tacitus, Code Of Honor, Tax, Owendale and Mucho Gusto.

"It's a Grade 1, the Travers and Continued On Page 12





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#### **Travers** —

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one of the best races in the country," said Castellano, who won last year aboard Catholic Boy. "I'm pretty live. He's a great horse and Chad has been developing him. Don't get me wrong, I give a lot of credit to the other horses. Tacitus is the horse to beat. He stumbled really bad at the gate last time and he made that move. Just too much to ask to do. You never know. That's horse racing. It's a mile and a quarter, a question mark for young horses, 3-year-olds. It's going to be a very competitive race.

"I don't see any horse that is unbeatable. But that happened before, too, one year with Keen Ice we were like, 'how can we beat that horse, American Pharoah? How can we beat that horse?' There you go. Keen Ice. He beat him. That's horse racing. You have to perform and hopefully you show up."

None of the three winners of the spring classics showed up for the Travers. Country House, winner of the Kentucky Derby via the disqualification of Maximum Security, continues to recover from a minor injury. Preakness winner War Of Will, who finished fifth of six in the Jim Dandy, will skip the race in favor of next month's Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby at Parx Racing. Belmont Stakes winner Sir Winston also went to the sidelines after the spring classics with an ankle injury.

The lack of a classic winner in the mix is not uncommon. None of the classic winners from 2018, 2012, 2005, 2003, 2002 and 1997 competed in the Travers.

What the 2019 Travers field lacks in recognizable star-power it makes up for in depth.

The 1 1/4-mile event features adjudged Kentucky Derby runner-up and Grade 3 Dwyer winner Code Of Honor for three-time Travers-winning trainer Shug McGaughey, Derby third and Belmont runner-up Tacitus for trainer Bill Mott, Grade 1 Haskell runner-up Mucho Gusto for threetime Travers-winning trainer Bob Baffert, the 2-3 finishers from the Preakness in Everfast and Owendale and the Belmont fourth and Jim Dan-

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Tod Marks

Mucho Gusto comes in from California for trainer Bob Baffert.





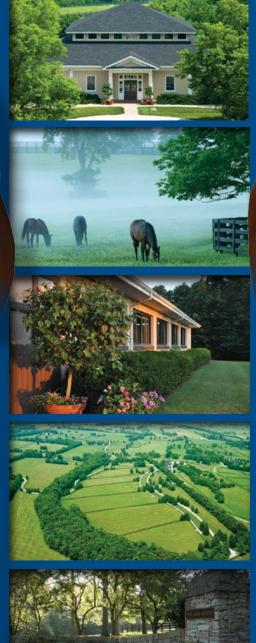
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Tax tries to duplicate his Jim Dandy win in the Grade 1 Travers.

#### **Travers** —

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dy winner Tax.

Juddmonte Farm's homebred Tacitus is the 5-2 favorite on the morning line for Mott, seeking his first Travers win. He finished second in the race twice, with Vision And Verse in 1999 and Hold Me Back in 2009. Tacitus stumbled in the Grade 2 Jim Dandy, dropped back to last of six, made a strong middle move and finished second by three-quarters of a length to Tax.

McGaughey purposely skipped the Jim Dandy with Code Of Honor, opting to train Will Farish's homebred Noble Mission colt up to the Travers rather than run him back in three weeks and then again in four weeks.

Code Of Honor broke his maiden on Alabama Day last year then finished second in the Grade 1 Champagne. An illness the day before the race cost him a chance at the Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

"He's just a very efficient horse, efficient mover, he doesn't miss a beat," McGaughey said. "Always been

sound. He's just had to overcome a few things, being sick. That took a little more out of them than I thought it would. They have him to beat if he's good enough."

The Travers anchors the usual stakes-laden card that includes five other Grade 1 stakes and a Grade 2. Post time for the Travers Day card is 11:35 a.m. EDT and the feature will be broadcast on Fox from 5-6 p.m. with coverage of the undercard from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on FS2.

The Grade 1s start in the fifth race at 1:48 p.m. with the Forego, featuring the matchup of two-time Grade 1 winner Mitole and last year's Grade 1 H. Allen Jerkens winner Promises Fulfilled. The Grade 1s continue with the Ballerina at 2:23, H. Allen Jerkens at 2:59, Personal Ensign at 4:12 and Sword Dancer Invitational at 4:49. The Grade 2 Ballston Spa goes as the eighth race at 3:35.

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A winner at Belmont in June, Hog Creek Hustle returns in today's Allen Jerkens.

## Get A Move On

Kentucky's Hog Creek Hustle runs for fun-loving owners

**BY TOM LAW** 

Fans of Hog Creek Hustle from Eastern Kentucky – and word from the hollows say there are more than a few – unable to make the trip to Saratoga today for the biggest party of the season might still be in luck.

"At the little country club in Mt. Sterling – Indian Creek Golf Course – they had a party last time and somebody posted on Facebook that 'everybody at Indian Creek is going to be cheering for you Saturday,' " said Patty Tipton, a partner in Something Special Racing that campaigns Hog Creek Hustle. "They're hosting a party. There are parties going on all over the place for this horse."

Last time was the Grade 1 Woody Stephens on the Belmont Stakes un**ALLEN JERKENS STAKES PREVIEW** 

dercard, which Hog Creek Hustle won by a neck with a powerful closing kick. Today he tries to add a second Grade 1 in the H. Allen Jerkens on the Travers Day undercard.

The seven partners in Something Special made the trip to Saratoga, along with trainer Vickie Foley and members of her team, for the 7-furlong Jerkens and were already making the most of the experience.

Several partners – Tipton, Mickey and Beth Martin and their son Mickey Tyler and Stewart Smith – bounced back from a festive night in Saratoga and were out to see the 3-year-old son

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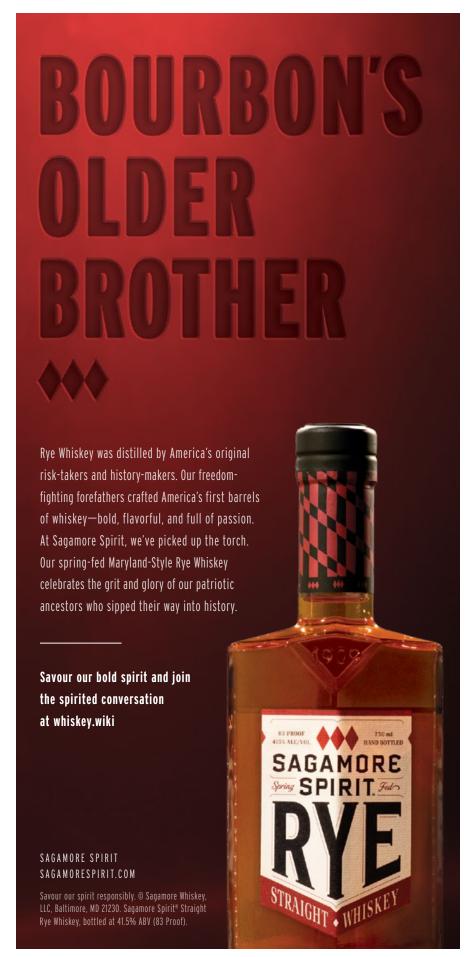






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#### Hog Creek Hustle —

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of Overanalyze train Thursday morning. They gathered around the wash pad in front of trainer Danny Gargan's barn on the backstretch of the main track, where Hog Creek Hustle is bedded down, while Foley held the colt for his bath.

The group chatted about everything from Hog Creek Hustle's win in the Woody Stephens and Woody Stephens the Hall of Fame trainer and native of Stanton, Ky., to a prior trip to Saratoga in 1993 for the Grade 3 A Phenomenon Stakes and another to Ak-Sar-Ben for the Grade 3 Cornhusker Handicap to how the colt got his name

"He's a tribute for everybody back home," Mickey Martin said. "You wouldn't believe it. It's a small community and everybody is just rooting for him.

"Hog Creek is where Patty grew up. It's a little creek in Eastern Kentucky. We're from there and Stewart is from West Virginia. Everything east of I-75, that's Eastern Kentucky. So the horse has an Eastern Kentucky tie. Needless to say, we've got a lot of people back home rooting for him."

Mickey Martin made his first trip to Saratoga in 1993, coming along with Ross Harris and trainer Jesse "Sonny" Wiggington when they ran former South American champion Gold Spring in the 6-furlong A Phenomenon. That trip came on the heels of another for Martin to the defunct Ak-Sar-Ben in Nebraska for Flying Continental's run in the Cornhusker. Gold Spring won the A Phenomenon, helping take the sting from Flying Continental's third in the Cornhusker three weeks before. The trips also whetted Martin's appetite for racing.

"When I was here in '93 we were chasing the same dream, chasing the Breeders' Cup Sprint," Martin said. "It's been how many years? That year the Breeders' Cup was at Santa Anita and this year it's the same thing. Hopefully we can get there."

Hog Creek Hustle stamped his credentials as a possible contender for the Sprint with his 18-1 upset of the 7-furlong Woody Stephens, a win that came at the immediate expense of fellow Jerkens contenders Nitrous and Borracho. He also faces unbeaten

Grade 2 Amsterdam winner Shancelot, along with graded winners Call Paul and Mind Control and others.

Hog Creek Hustle toppled a solid field in the Woody Stephens, setting off a celebration that continued on after most of the members of Something Special returned to Kentucky.

"After we won the Woody Stephens, and we didn't know it until we saw a reporter put it in an article, he said Woody Stephens grew up 13 miles from Hog Creek," said Tipton, referring to the trainer's hometown. "Later we went back to Hog Creek, took some pictures in the creek with my granddaughter, she waded in the water. Then we went over the hill, 13 miles to Stanton, and saw Woody's bust in the courtyard of the courthouse and took some more pictures."

Hog Creek Hustle won the Woody Stephens after a second behind eventual West Virginia Derby winner Mr. Money in the Grade 3 Pat Day Mile. He spent some time on the Triple Crown trail, finishing second to eventual Preakness winner War Of Will in the Grade 3 LeComte, fourth in the Grade 2 Risen Star and eighth in the Grade 2 Louisiana Derby.

Foley cut him back to one-turn races, where he's never been off the board in five outs.

"This is all pretty unbelievable," Martin said. "The prospects of what this horse could do for all of us – and already has done for us – is just a dream. If he continues on and has the success we hope for Saturday, the future for him looks very, very bright."

Martin conceded that the task won't be easy. He hopes for a little early pressure for Shancelot, who drew raves and top speed figures for his win in the Amsterdam.

Win, lose or draw – and especially considering much of the fun was had pre-race – the group isn't about to let it slow down the fun.

"We started at Sperry's (Wednesday night), then went to the bar next door," Tipton said. "We had a great time. I said, 'wow, it's raining men here, they're just everywhere,' and kept buying us drinks. My friend Robin had a big hat on and I said, 'she's like a syrup tree, they just keep running up to her.' She's not here now though, she's in bed. But she'll be out later and we'll have some more fun."

And if Hog Creek Hustle wins again, plenty more fun will be had in town and back home in Kentucky.



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## The Forego

Grade 1. \$600,000. 3-year-olds and up. 7 furlongs. 1:48 p.m.



Tod Marks

Promises Fulfilled looks for his third win at Saratoga in as many tries.



Tod Marks

Corinne and Bill Heligbrodt hope to lead Mitole into the winner's circle again.

#### 1. PROMISES FULFILLED

The 2018 Allen Jerkens winner. Son of Shackleford trained by Dale Romans won Belmont Park's Grade 2 John A. Nerud by 4 1/2 lengths in last start July 6 after showing his typical early speed. He was fourth in the Dubai Golden Shaheen to start his 2019 campaign. The 4-year-old is owned by Robert Baron and WinStar Farm, who recently bought the colt's breeding rights. Regular partner Luis Saez rides.

**Trainer Dale Romans' partner and exercise rider Tammy Fox:** "He didn't break well (in the Dubai Golden Shaheen). He's a speed horse, but he ran a pretty good race and he didn't get beat that bad against the best horses in the world. He's doing very well. He's professional, goes out there on the racetrack and does what he needs to do. The owner is from Albany, Bob Baron, he'll be here."

#### 2. AIR STRIKE

The California shipper. Winner of Santa Anita Park's Grade 2 Triple Bend in May. Phil D'Amato sends the 4-year-old in search of his first Grade 1 win for owners Madaket Stables, Slam Dunk Racing and Michael Nentwig. Joel Rosario picks up the mount on the Street Sense colt who bucked being led to the wash pad Friday morning.

Assistant and exercise rider Kenny Black: "We're going to put a lip chain on you big guy. He did that with me yesterday at the exact same spot. He's consistent. That's the only two times he's shown life like that off the racetrack He's very quiet, all business. He's cool to ride. The last two days, boy, he's been on it. He's gotten mad when I wouldn't let him take off and then he bucks, trying to go and get rid of me. He never turned a hair on the plane. It's only the second time I have flown with a horse. Seventeen years ago I went to Dubai with Echo Eddie. I was galloping him. I'm at San Luis Rey for Phil. He's got a string there. This horse has been at Del Mar. He's just really classy to be around. He didn't drink much yesterday after he got back and the same thing again (Friday)."

#### 3. MITOLE

The speedster. Corinne and William Heiligbrodt's 4-year-old disappointed at 1-2 in the Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt four weeks ago after running his win streak to seven between March 2018 and June of this year. Son of Eskendereya won his first Grade 1 on Kentucky Derby Day in the Churchill Downs Stakes and stretched out to win the Grade 1 Met Mile June 8. Ricardo Santana Jr. is aboard again.

**Trainer Steve Asmussen:** "Didn't expect him to lose. Credit to the winner, move on, get back on a streak this week. He came out of the race in good shape. His training has been very consistent and any time we get to run Mitole is a great time. I'm happy to run him one jump to two rounds. All of Mitole's success is just letting him be him. Ricardo knows him really well. I expect and hope for more of the same."

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## The Forego

#### Grade 1. \$600,000. 3-year-olds and up. 7 furlongs. 1:48 p.m.



Tod Marks

Bon Raison seeks to add a Grade 1 win to his Tale of the Cat triumph Aug. 9.



#### Firenze Fire is one of three millionaires in the field.

#### 4. KILLYBEGS CAPTAIN

The consistent roan. Curragh Stables' 5-year-old has steadily improved for trainer John Terranova. He won Tampa Bay Downs' Pelican Stakes in February and has been competitive in stakes since shipping back to New York, most recently finishing fourth in the Tale Of The Cat behind Bon Raison. Eric Cancel takes the call.

**Trainer John Terranova:** "He's a big beautiful roan. Everyone in the barn likes his color. He took a little while to come around. He's just matured into himself this year. Over the winter he really enjoyed training down at Tampa and really took to that track. He got his confidence and put it all together physically and mentally. He's been on a good run ever since. We went in here last minute, given the size of the field and he's feeling really good coming out of his last. We figured we'd take a shot given that this was going to come up a small field, so why not? He drew a better post this time, we were down on the rail last time and the rail hasn't been playing very well all meet. He was stuck down in a spot he didn't want to be in during the last race. We were hoping for a better outcome but it just didn't come together with the way the race unfolded. He's got speed but I like that we're drawn outside the other potential speed, Mitole and Promises Fulfilled."

#### 5. BON RAISON

The Tale Of The Cat winner. Claimed for \$16,000 last August by Empire State Thoroughbreds, 4-year-old has run 18 times since and is in top form. Son of Raison d'Etat tends to make a run from off the pace and is 5-for-13 this year. Jose Ortiz takes over with his brother opting for Firenze Fire.

**Trainer Carlos Martin:** "It would be nice to win a Grade 1 at Saratoga. It's another step up but we'll see. Mitole and Promises Fulfilled are two of the best horses in the country, but it's a sixhorse field for \$600,000. You're here and the horse is doing well, he loves the track, you have to run. He's been a warrior all year. The horse is thriving, thriving. Every time I say give him a break, he runs better and better. I'm just going to let it go."

#### 6. FIRENZE FIRE

The 2017 Champagne winner. Mr. Amore Stable's homebred has shown flashes of brilliance at points in his career but really excels at Belmont Park. He was beaten by 10 when fourth in the Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt but was only 4 3/4 lengths behind Mitole when fifth in the Met Mile. Irad Ortiz will get a leg up from Jason Servis.

**Jockey Irad Ortiz:** "He's doing good. He ran a hard race last time. (Imperial Hint) broke the track record. He's an honest horse. He always shows up and he always tries hard. We'll see what happens. He breezed really good this week. He's everything I want. He's a fighter and he leaves his heart on the track. I love him."



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## The Ballerina

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Special Relativity is 2-for-2 at the meet including a win in the Shine Again Stakes.



Separationofpowers tries to win her third Saratoga race.

#### 1. SPECIAL RELATIVITY

The Saratoga specialist. M and M Racing claimed the 4-year-old in May of 2018. The filly trained by Robertino Diodoro has won five races since and is 4-for-4 at Saratoga. She earned the fourth win in the July 31 Shine Again. David Cohen, aboard for the Saratoga victories, is back aboard.

Assistant lke Green: "She has her work cut out for her. I don't like the 1 post, but she does, She's up on the track now (Thursday morning), she's making her third start here, I've worked her three times and we haven't been here a long time and she keeps gaining weight. She just likes it here, I guess. I wanted to go to the Ballerina right after she won the other race but I didn't think my boss would go for it. I didn't ask until nomination day and he said, 'yeah, might as well.' There aren't any other races to run her in here. She's doing really good, I'm excited to run her, but I know it's tough."

#### 2. COME DANCING

The fast multiple graded-stakes winning mare. Blue Devil Racing Stable's homebred 5-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon returns from freshening after second in Grade 1 Ogden Phipps June 8 at Belmont. Trained by Carlos Martin, she won the Grade 3 Distaff at 7 furlongs and Grade 2 Ruffian at 1 mile prior to the Phipps.

Trainer Carlos Martin: "She won seven-eighths off the layoff and ran the biggest Beyer at that time in North American for fillies. Then the two races were a little further, now coming back to seven-eighths is perfect. Between seven-eighths and a mile is ideal. After she got beat by Midnight Bisou, she got a little light so I figured let's just give her a couple months, regroup and try to win a Grade 1, this is the best chance for us to do that. I wasn't anxious to tackle them again at a mile-and-an-eighth (in the Personal Ensign)."

#### 3. PACIFIC GALE

Trainer John Kimmel's 4-year-old filly, second in three graded stakes this year, will scratch.

#### 4. SEPARATIONOFPOWERS

The 2018 Test winner. Klaravich Stable's 4-year-old Candy Ride filly won the Grade 3 Bed o' Roses at today's 7-furlong trip last time out at Belmont June 7. Trained by Chad Brown, she broke her maiden here in 2017 and won the Test by a neck last year over familiar foe Mia Mischief. Jose Ortiz, aboard for all nine starts, makes it 10 today.

Jockey Jose Ortiz: "It's a tough race. She's been down at Belmont working and running good. She ran good last time so let's hope she brings her 'A' game in such a salty race. She ran so good here last year in the Test."

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## The Ballerina

Grade 1. \$500,000. Fillies & mares. 3 & up. 7 furlongs. 2:23 p.m.

#### 5. MIA MISCHIEF

The Humana Distaff winner. The 4-year-old filly owned by Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt, Heider Family Stables and Madaket Stables exits a fourth as the beaten favorite in the Grade 2 Honorable Miss here July 24. Despite her 7-for-17 record with six seconds and earnings of \$969,540, Into Mischief filly is 0-for-3 at Saratoga after finishing second in the Grade 1 Test and Grade 2 Prioress here last summer.

Trainer Steve Asmussen: "It's the same thing as Midnight Bisou and Mitole. It may not be their place. Saratoga has the reputation for that. From a handicapping angle, it's quite obvious that some horses excel here and some don't. She came out of (the Honorable Miss) in good shape. It was not her best race. We have another opportunity in the Ballerina. I have nothing but respect for the field assembled, but she is doing really well."

#### 6. MINIT TO STARDOM

Brittlyn Stable's filly, winner of Grade 2 Honorable Miss July 24, did not ship from Delaware Park and is expected to scratch.

#### 7. DAWN THE DESTROYER

The Stonestreet Stables homebred. Five-year-old Speightstown mare seeks first graded stakes victory off string of four defeats in Grade 3 company. She won the 7-furlong Interborough in late January for Kiaran McLaughlin and reunites with Hall of Famer John Velazquez today.

Jockey John Velazquez: "She's one of those horses that doesn't give you anything until the last part of the race. I've only ridden her once, but you have to wait for her until she's ready. If Come Dancing runs her race, we're all running for second. There's nothing I can do with her, I turned her loose, but she just doesn't have any speed. If you ride her, she gets off balanced. Wait, wait, wait for her and then try to go. She's a one-style horse. That's it."



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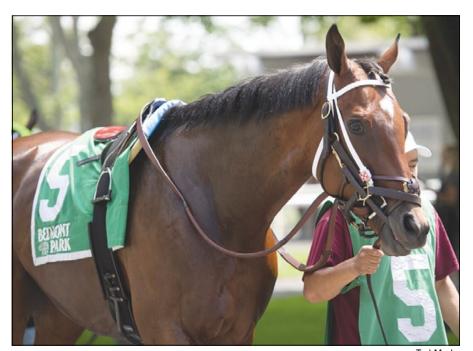


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Mia Mischief looks to become a millionaire today.



Dawn The Destroyer seeks her fifth lifetime win.

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## The H. Allen Jerkens

Grade 1. \$500,000. 3-year-olds. 7 furlongs. 2:59 p.m.

#### 1. SHANCELOT

The rocketship. Son of Shanghai Bobby brings 3-for-3 record and combined 19-length margin of victory, including 12 1/2-length score in the Grade 2 Amsterdam in 1:14.01 for the 6 1/2 furlongs. Trained at Monmouth Park by Jorge Navarro, he drew the rail in big field with speed to his immediate right in Call Paul.

Trainer Jorge Navarro: "He looks great. I believe he's put on some weight (since winning the Amsterdam). I know what he's capable of. Everybody keeps asking me the same question: 'Can he run back to that big performance?' Did Secretariat run back to his (31-length win in the 1973 Belmont)? If we're here to satisfy the world, we're not going to. If he does run back to it, I won't be in the winner's circle. I'll be passed out in an ambulance. I'm not here to prove anything. I just want to make sure he's ready. I love speed and the 1 hole is an advantage. The only thing with him is that once he gets behind the gate, he starts to get hot. He wants to get out there running. I know Saratoga has a great gate crew so let's hope all the boys load well and we come out running. Is he as ready as he was last time: 150 percent. We're adding a half-furlong and coming back in (27) days. There are a lot of questions. It's up to him now. He's ready."



The 2018 Saratoga Special winner. Pennsylvania-bred colt has won five of 10, including a win in Gulfstream Park's Grade 3 Swale to start his 3-year-old year. Son of Friesan Fire was a \$210,000 purchase for owners Mike Dubb, David Simon, Bethlehem Stables and Bruce Irom. Dubb and trainer Jason Servis tried him on turf last time but he didn't handle the going and finished seventh.

**Owner Mike Dubb:** "I had a 3-year-old last year named World Of Trouble who we thought was a dirt horse. He got a little fever and missed a dirt race so I suggested to Jason that there was a turf race, let's give it a shot and as you know the rest is history with World Of Trouble and turf. So, it was kind of the same thing. (Call Paul) looked like he had a turf foot but hated it. It was wet that day so we don't really know but we know he runs so well on dirt. If he had been by a stylish stallion, he would have been \$600,000 based on his physical. I can't shop at that level so sometimes I have to sacrifice and that was the decision we made."



The Kentucky shipper. Quality Road colt exits 2-length victory in 1-mile optional at Churchill Downs June 28 for Dallas Stewart. He's won two of his last three and makes Saratoga debut for owners G M B Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds and Stone Farm.

**Trainer Dallas Stewart:** "He worked really good Monday (Churchill Downs, half-mile in a bullet :48), so we figured we'd take a shot. I don't know how good he is, but we're going to find out. I was running him too long. He doesn't like two turns. His last race was a one-turn mile and he ran great. Saratoga's the graveyard of favorites so we'll go with that.



Tod Marks Shancelot, here as a Saratoga yearling, aims for his fourth consecutive win.



Tod Marks

Borracho exits a big allowance win here July 21.

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# Four of Saratoga's Grade 1 stakes running today have been won by Maryland-breds.



Millionaire **URBANE** won the G1 Personal Ensign in 1996.



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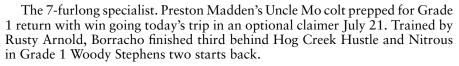




## The H. Allen Jerkens

Grade 1. \$500,000. 3-year-olds. 7 furlongs. 2:59 p.m.

#### 4. BORRACHO



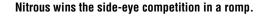
**Trainer Rusty Arnold:** "At least Borracho will see Shancelot the whole way, he drew the 1 hole and he'll be gone. He's good, it's just going to be if he's good enough. If Shancelot repeats it, you know the answer. It looks like all the rest of them are fairly equally grouped. He's had a good month, he's had a good month. I wanted him to have a race early, five weeks, and everything has been good for him. I liked his race, beat older horses which is hard to do, acted good, ran good, he's been schooled in the paddock, the gate, again, it's just going to be how good he is now."

#### 5. NITROUS

The closer. Winchell Thoroughbreds' and Stonestreet Stables' son of Tapit broke his maiden here and was third in the Grade 1 Hopeful last summer. He came from 10 lengths behind to win the Riley Allison Derby at Sunland Park in January and won Oaklawn Park's Bachelor from off the pace in April. Closed from 9 3/4 and 11 lengths back to finish second in his last two starts in the Grade 1 Woody Stephens and Grade 2 Amsterdam, respectively. Finished 12 1/2 lengths behind Shancelot last time.

**Trainer Steve Asmussen:** "His style that he's adapted over his last three races suits him. He is a horse that I feel has run extremely well at Saratoga, breaking his maiden here as well as running third in the Hopeful and second in the Amsterdam. Being able to run him back here in a race of the caliber of the Allen Jerkens is a very good opportunity. It's the most effective style for who he is, mentally, physically. He's got great acceleration. It's most effective when it's used like that. He's quick, very reactive. He doesn't let out his speed intermittently, he does it all at once. With that, it has to be timed to be effective. (Shancelot's Amsterdam win) was so incredible, it seems impossible to duplicate. So here we are."







Tod Marks

Mind Control won the Hopeful here last year.

#### 6. MIND CONTROL

The 2018 Hopeful winner. He was kept sprinting and won the Grade 3 Bay Shore at 7 furlongs in April and comes off an eighth in the Grade 1 Woody Stephens and third in the Concern at Laurel. Trained at Monmouth by Greg Sacco, son of 2011 Travers winner Stay Thirsty is 4-for-9 with \$530,000 in earnings.

**Trainer Greg Sacco:** "He can't be doing any better. We're excited to get back to Saratoga. It's a big advantage running here last year and having great success. He was in good form going into the Woody Stephens and he had a disastrous trip. Then he had a worse trip in the Concern. He was blocked the entire stretch; it was painful to watch. Hopefully we get a good clean trip in the Jerkens. Physically, he looks tremendous and is ready to fire a big race. I don't know if it will be good enough to beat Shancelot, but we'll see. This is a competitive field, an elite group. Nitrous is a model of consistency, we're a model of consistency. Hog Creek Hustle popped a big race in the Woody Stephens and Shancelot ran an eye-popping race in the Amsterdam. It's not an easy thing to duplicate that. The pace should be hot and we should be in a great position, ahead of the deep closers. Then we'll see what happens when the running starts."

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## The H. Allen Jerkens

Grade 1. \$500,000. 3-year-olds. 7 furlongs. 2:59 p.m.

#### 7. THE BIG S

The longshot. A \$225,000 buy at the 2018 OBS March sale, son of Jimmy Creed runs for Cutair Racing, Madaket Stable, Dark Horse Racing Stable and Randall Manor Racing. Sixth in his debut here last summer, he went to the sidelines with an injury and returned in March. Broke his maiden at Tampa Bay Downs in March and finished fifth, beaten 17 3/4 lengths, in the Amsterdam.

**Trainer Ray Handal:** "I purchased him at the same sale that Shancelot was bought out of. I remember it like it was yesterday, with Conor Foley and Jim Hatchett. They called me to the back and were like, 'we have your horse of the sale.' I had money to buy one big horse for the sale and one cheaper horse. They were like, 'we found your big horse.' He looked like a 3-year-old at 2. He was just a big, sexy, good-looking thing. He looked like a man amongst boys back then and I knew I had to have him. He ran here as a 2-year-old and we had really high hopes for him. He came out of the race with a little stress fracture in his shin. ... He's such a tough, strong, all racehorse. Nothing phases him. He's an improving 3-year-old colt. I know he's going to be a true middle-distance horse. Might as well take a shot and roll the dice and you can come back to allowance races after this."

#### 8. ROWAYTON

The turn-back. OXO Equine's Into Mischief colt finished third going 9 furlongs last time in the restricted Curlin Stakes for trainer Don Chatlos. Second and third to Game Winner in back-to-back Grade 1 stakes last summer at Del Mar, he won a 6 1/2-furlong allowance at Belmont June 6 and finished third in Grade 3 Dwyer. Joel Rosario takes the return call.

**Trainer Don Chatlos:** "It was a respectable race but to take another step forward to a mile-anda-quarter in the Travers, we decided that the seven-eighths would be a better fit. He had a good work with Joel Rosario on the main track and it was by design to have those two other works go slower, maybe a little slower than I wanted but he pulls so hard that the rider was scared if he let him go it was going to turn into :49. He did it well and galloped out nice. He drew outside and all the speed is inside of him so Rosario will be able to do whatever the race dictates. There are some nice horses in this race, it should be a good race. The horse from the rail, you have two Grade 1 winners in Mind Control and Hog Creek Hustle. You've got Asmussen with Nitrous. Rusty Arnold's horse looks like he's coming into form. They should put on a show."

#### 9. HOG CREEK HUSTLE

The upsetter. Something Special Racing's Overanalyze colt won the Grade 1 Woody Stephens from way off the pace under Corey Lanerie at 18-1. He's never been favored in nine starts but owns three wins. Trainer Vickie Foley freshened him after the Woody Stephens June 8 and expects him to come from out of it again.

**Trainer Vickie Foley:** "I like the cards I'm holding. I like the post for him. He comes from off of it, we don't have to get in any traffic, Lanerie ought to be able to position him right where he wants and come running when it counts. He was outside in the Belmont race, too. The fast horse (Shancelot), inside, 1-hole, you really have only one way to go there and hope nobody comes over on you. I hope there's something to hook up with him. I was hoping that horse Jerry Hollendorfer (King Jack) trains would come to go with him but he didn't come. I freshened him up a little (after the Belmont race). He had ran pretty consistently at the Fair Grounds. After that race we were nominated for the Amsterdam but we chose to take a few weeks. It was going to be 30 days later, ship back, which isn't bad if you fly. I'd rather have a fresh horse, do what we're doing. He's had some nice works. He worked dynamite last Saturday and he's fit. I was surprised when I saw that Shancelot just worked three-quarters."



Tod Marks

Rowayton shorts up from a fourth in the Curlin.



Tod Marks

Hog Creek Hustle ships in from Kentucky.

Saturday, August 24, 2019

The Saratoga Special 31

# The Ballston Spa

Grade 2. \$400,000. Fillies & mares. 3 & up. 1 1/16 miles. Turf. 3:35 p.m.

#### 1. HOGANS HOLIDAY

The successful claim. John Grossis Racing claimed the gray filly for \$40,000 at last year's meet and she's won two stakes since. She won Monmouth Park's Miss Liberty Stakes May 26 with her customary big move from off the pace. Previously trained by Marcus Vitali, 4-year-old daughter of The Factor runs for Robert Falcone Ir. today while Ricardo Santana Ir. takes the call.

**Trainer Robert Falcone Jr.:** "She's training good, always been pretty straightforward. I've had her a couple months now, nice horse to be around. She's all about her business. When you turn around to gallop her she's pulling on the bridle. She's really happy now, too. She was walking around the last few days, jumping and bucking, rearing up. We'll see. It's obviously the toughest race of her life. There were a few races that didn't go so we figured we'd take a shot in this one."

#### 2. FIFTY FIVE

The admirable New York-bred. Trainer Chad Brown scratched 5-year-old Get Stormy mare from Friday's Yaddo in favor of today's seemingly tougher spot. She's taken on graded company before, and won the Grade 3 Florida Oaks in 2017. The winner of nine of 19, Fifty Five won four in a row before a close loss last time in the Grade 3 Dr. James Penny Memorial at Parx.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "She's training really well and she seems to run well fresh. I like the way she's training coming into this race. We're going to take a shot in the Ballston Spa for more money. She's training very well and she had some nice races last year and this year so far. Based on the way she's training, I expect her to run well."

#### 3. SECRET MESSAGE

The multiple graded stakes winner. Fourth last time in the Grade 1 Diana behind Sistercharlie, Rushing Fall and Homerique. She won the Grade 2 Nassau two starts back at a mile for trainer Graham Motion. She's won five of 12, including the Grade 3 Pucker Up last year.

**Trainer Graham Motion:** "Without a doubt, she's improved significantly this year. She was useful last year, but she's better this year. She's grown up into this big, attractive mare. Some horses from 3 to 4 don't stack up where she has continued to stack up with her generation at the top level. She was a little unlucky (in the Diana), kind of got stopped on the turn a little bit. She could have been closer if that didn't happen, but that's the way these races go sometimes."

#### 4. SIGNIFICANT FORM

The stretch out. Winner of the Grade 3 Intercontinental two starts back during the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, Stephanie Seymour Brant's Creative Cause filly shortened up to 5 1/2 furlongs last time and finished fifth in the Caress Stakes July 21. Disqualified from first in her debut at the 2017 meet, she's winless in three starts on the grass at Saratoga.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "I loved the seven-eighths race that she won this year. After that we didn't have a good option for her for Saratoga so I made the mistake of cutting her all the way back to 5 1/2. It was poor judgment on my part. Now we're back going longer, a mile and a sixteenth, which should be about her limit going that far. With the defection of Rushing Fall I felt like the race is a bit wide open now, so why not take a shot with her."



Tod Marks

Significant Form stretches out after finishing fifth in the Caress July 21.

#### 5. INDIAN BLESSING

The European returner. Trainer Ed Walker shipped English-bred daughter of Sepoy to the U.S. last year and she finished third in three straight graded stakes, including the Ballston Spa. She's won one of five this season – a small stakes at Musselburgh – and exits a second in a Group 2 in Germany.

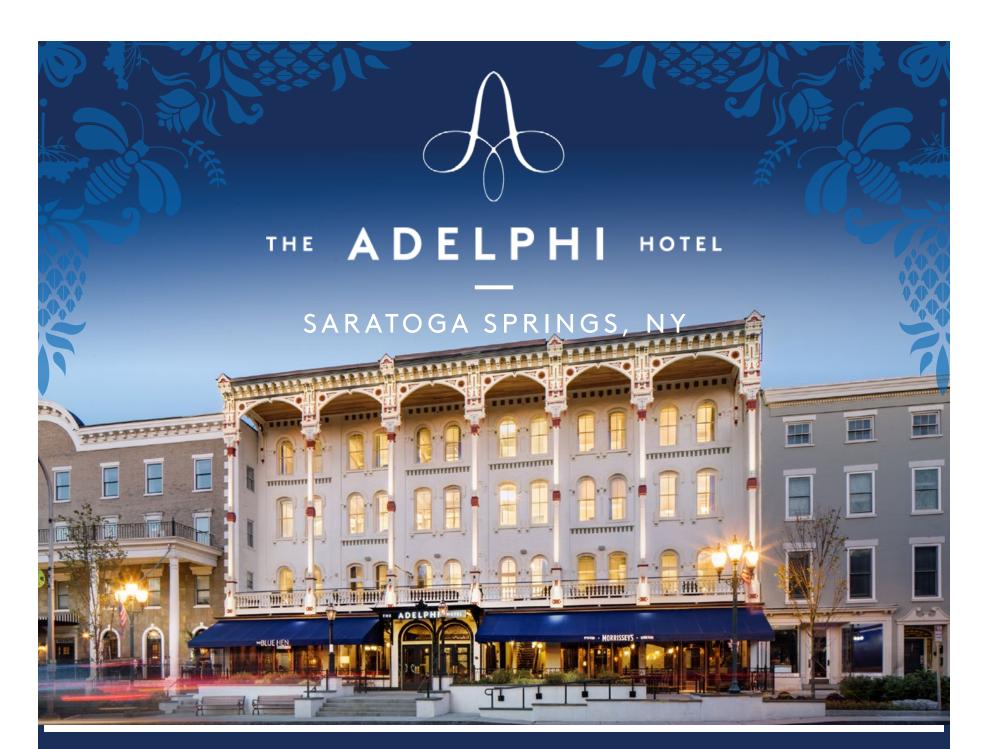
**Assistant Gary Plasted:** "Good so far. She's training well, straightforward, so far. She seems a lot more relaxed, more in her routine, she knows what's to be expected, she's been quite relaxed. Last year, her eyes were on stalks everywhere. This year, she's been good. Hopefully that's a good sign. We haven't changed anything, it looks like a hotter race this year. They have to be good travelers, she does travel well, she quite likes traveling. Back home, she'll run in Germany, Ireland, she doesn't really stay in England too much. In England, she's probably Group 3-ish, she's nearly there, but not quite. She needs a bit of luck. The owners are great sports, they like having runners everywhere."

#### 6. CONQUEST HARDCANDY

The consistent New York-bred. Candy Ride mare makes 10th straight start against open company and fourth try in graded company. She's 2-for-2 on the grass at Saratoga, including an optional claimer last time out for Jim Ryerson. Tyler Gaffalione rode that day on yielding ground and returns today.

**Trainer Jim Ryerson:** "She's never been better, tough spot, doing great, we'll see how it goes. I was thinking we were going to run in a New York-bred race but she's going to the breeding shed so we're trying to get some Grade 2 black type. She's a nice filly, she's been fun, we've enjoyed having her the last couple of summers. We'll see what happens. She likes it here, she's run well here, she has to run better of course against these, but she's doing very well."

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# The Ballston Spa

Grade 2. \$400,000. Fillies & mares. 3 & up. 1 1/16 miles. Turf. 3:35 p.m.

#### 7. SCOTTISH JIG

The homebred with a regal pedigree. Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott sends out 4-year-old Speightstown filly for Juddmonte Farm. She won her U.S. debut in mid-May then finished third in the \$100,000 River Memories, both times at Belmont. Joel Rosario rides for the first time.

**Trainer Bill Mott:** "She's a full-sister to Seek Again. He won the Fourstardave, was a nice horse. They're a little bit similar. We've tried her at a mile and a quarter, a mile and a half, that stretches her a little beyond what she wants to do. This is what she wants to do. This race with Rushing Fall not being in there, it's really opened up. I'm not saying we have to win but it sure opened up the race. The ones who would have been taking a shot to be second are now taking a shot to win, I guess. If Rushing Fall was in here, at her best, the rest of us would be in trouble."

#### 8. STARSHIP JUBILEE

The Queen of Woodbine. Multiple graded stakes winner at her home track, she regularly competes in the U.S. during the winter in South Florida for trainer Kevin Attard. Second in back-to-back Grade 2 stakes in Toronto, Florida-bred Indy Wind mare won the Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf in her 2019 debut at Gulfstream.

Trainer Kevin Attard: "We were supposed to run last weekend (at Woodbine) but the race got rained off. Mother Nature didn't cooperate. This race wasn't on our radar, but because of the change in plans, we took a look at it. When it was announced that Rushing Fall wasn't going to run, that gave us even more reason to come. She's training good, so we figured this is not a bad time to try a race like this. Saratoga is not a bad trip and it didn't look like it was going to be too hot and humid. This is a pretty competitive field. Secret Message wore us down in the Nassau (at Woodbine May 26). Maybe the fact that the stretch is a little shorter at Saratoga will play more into our favor. Our filly is pretty tactical. She could be on the lead, but I'd prefer her to be off the pace. She runs better that way. We'll let Jose (Lezcano) decide. He's had success with her (three wins in five mounts). She's going to have to have her running shoes on to win."

#### 9. MASCHA

The French import. Martin Schwartz's 4-year-old French-bred filly won her U.S. debut here July 31 going 1 1/16 miles on the turf. Irad Ortiz Jr. rode daughter of Le Havre that day and returns today for leading trainer Chad Brown.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "When we put her in the allowance race we thought if she was successful this would be a good spot for her. It was always a part of our plan. It's a difficult post, that's her issue. She'll have to work out a trip from there."



Tod Marks

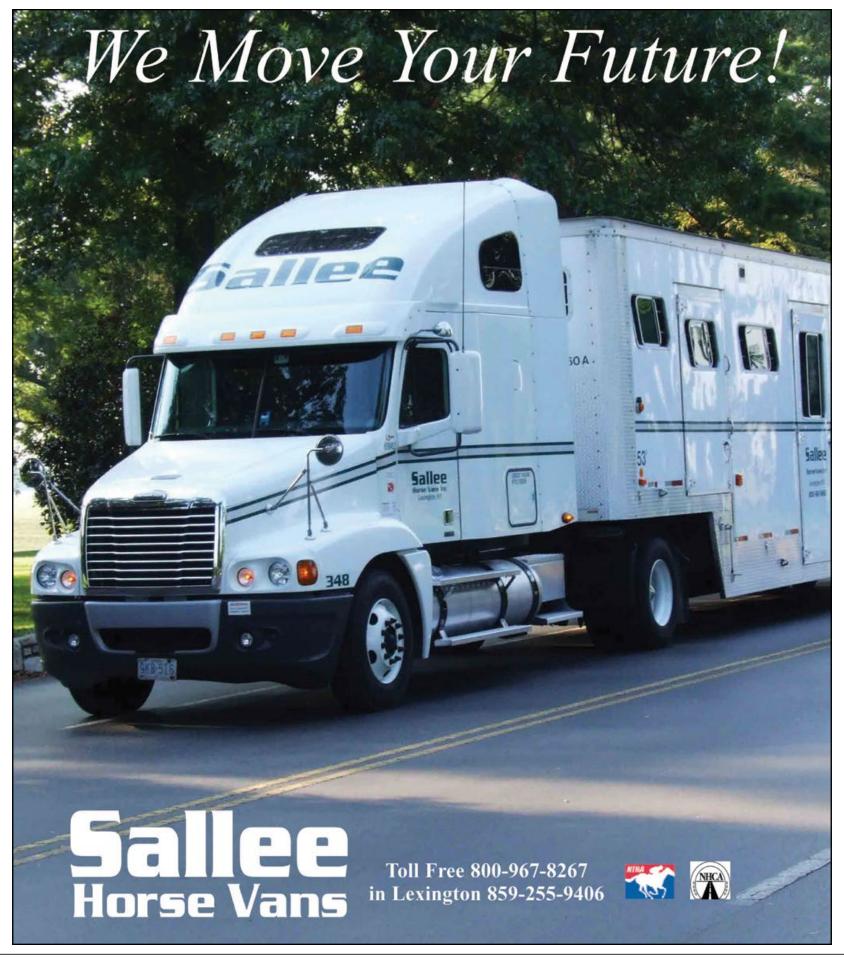
Twice a winner on Saratoga turf, Conquest Hardcandy comes off a win here July 12.



Tod Marks

Mascha made a big impression in her U.S. debut here July 31.

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## The Personal Ensign

Grade 1. \$700,000. Fillies & mares. 3 & up. 1 1/8 miles. 4:12 p.m.



Midnight Bisou looks for her sixth consecutive win.



Tod Marks Coach Rocks was second to Midnight Bisou at Monmouth.

#### 1. MIDNIGHT BISOU

The filly who just wins. Four-time Grade 1 winner brings 5-for-5 record this year and 10-for-16 mark overall with \$2,870,000 earned for owners Bloom Racing Stable, Madaket Stable and Allen Racing. Despite her impressive record, is 0-for-2 at Saratoga and 0-for-3 at 9 furlongs. Exits a win in the Grade 3 Molly Pitcher Stakes at Monmouth July 20 and work tab includes a bullet 5 furlongs in company with She's A Julie in 1:00.89 Aug. 12. Her wins this year include the Grade 1 Odgen Phipps on the Belmont Stakes undercard. Aboard for all five wins this year, Mike Smith comes in for the ride.

**Trainer Steve Asmussen:** "We've been very fortunate this year to have very big days or weekends with the Preakness, Belmont and hopefully that trend continues. With her experience and Mike's experience, they've got (the rail draw) covered. If they want to move it to Belmont and go a mile-and-a-sixteenth, I won't object, but that isn't going to keep us from running."

**Bloom Racing's Jeff Bloom:** "Someone was asking me about the pressure. I don't know that you so much feel the pressure but the anxiety, the nervousness of it. Like now, I can honestly say I'm enjoying it more because I can step back and reflect enough to recognize that you just have to enjoy the ride. The chips will fall where they fall. It will be huge to stay undefeated this year. I'm so proud of the filly and so appreciative of everything she's done for us. Each moment, everything she does, is something you want to hold onto. It's so much fun."

#### 2. COACH ROCKS

The possible pace. Last year's Grade 2 Gulfstream Park Oaks winner and Black-Eyed Susan runner-up looks to improve on last year's fifth in the Grade 1 Alabama. She won an optional two back in the slop at Churchill and finished second by a length to Midnight Bisou in the Grade 2 Molly Pitcher at Monmouth Park July 20.

**Trainer Dale Romans' partner and exercise rider Tammy Fox:** "Tough race but she's a tough filly. She's a nice horse, always brings her 'A' game. Her last two races were very strong. If she can bring those two races back, she's going to be tough herself. She's a speed horse, she'll be close. She likes to run close. She's lovable, kind, likes everyone petting on her."

#### 3. SHE'S A JULIE

The La Troienne winner. Asmussen's second entrant finished third behind today's rivals Golden Award and Wow Cat in the Grade 3 Shuvee. She earned Grade 1 in the La Troienne at Churchill on Kentucky Oaks Day. She finished second in last year's Alabama under Ricardo Santana Jr., who rides today.

**Trainer Steve Asmussen:** "She did work with (Midnight Bisou) here 12 days ago. She's A Julie is sitting on her best race of the year from all the indications she's giving us and watching her train. She's trained really nicely. Her Alabama last year was an excellent race over this course, so we do feel good about that."

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## The Personal Ensign

Grade 1. \$700,000. Fillies & mares. 3 & up. 1 1/8 miles. 4:12 p.m.



Second last year, Elate comes in off back-to-back wins for Bill Mott.



Wow Cat makes her second start of 2019.

#### Tod Marks

#### 4. ELATE

The big bay 2017 Alabama winner. Claiborne Farm's and Adele Dilschneider's homebred 5-year-old mare finished second in this spot last year behind rival Abel Tasman. That wound up her final start of 2018 and she's returned with placings behind Midnight Bisou at Oaklawn Park and back-to-back wins in the Grade 2 Fleur de Lis and Grade 2 Delaware Handicap. She's been first or second in 12 of 16 starts.

**Trainer Bill Mott:** "She hasn't changed a lot. She's a lot of horse at 4 and a lot of horse at 5. They change slightly physically, but not a lot. Her biggest changes are from January to June, she seems a little better in the second half of the year. You see that in a lot of horses. If you're able to keep them around long enough to see it, you'll see some horses that are better at certain times of the year, some are good in the spring and some are better in the fall. She does well up here at this time of year. We've had a couple of disappointments up here, not the way she's run but maybe the trips we've had, some of the outcomes."

**Jockey Jose Ortiz:** "What a horse. I'm still happy to have the mount on her. Let's have the rematch again. The mile and an eighth, she probably wants to go a little bit farther but I think she'll be on her 'A' game like she did last year in this same race. She looks amazing in the mornings. She's 5, I would think this is her last year and it would be great to win another one with her."

#### 5. WOW CAT

The Beldame winner. Second in the Grade 3 Shuvee in her 2019 debut, Chilean-bred mare also ended last year with a second to Monomoy Girl in the Breeders' Cup Distaff. Trained by Chad Brown, she reunites with John Velazquez for the first time in three starts. He rode her to a third in last year's Personal Ensign.

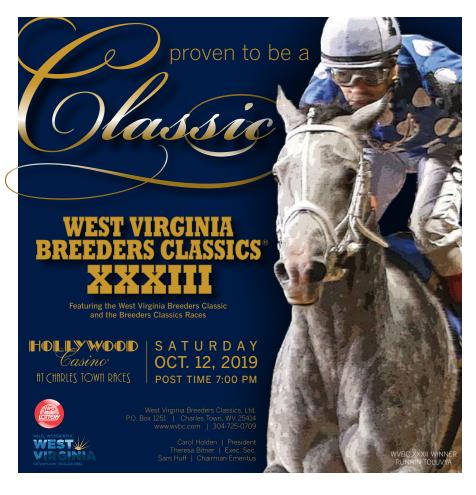
**Jockey John Velazquez:** "She's a nice horse, nice ride to get back. I rode her in her first start in the country, last year, just got beat (in the Shuvee). She was third in this race last year to Elate and Abel Tasman, they were a little better than her last year. She broke really bad in the Distaff, ran good, I didn't ride her. She's only had one race this year, she can step up and win it. She's very nice, runs good every time."

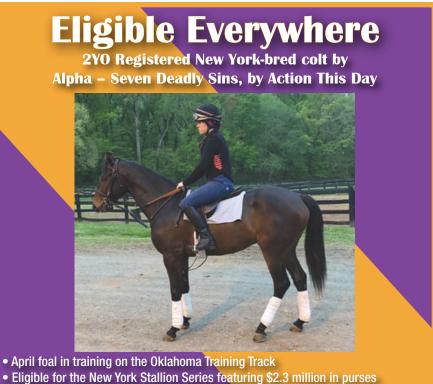
#### 6. GOLDEN AWARD

The up-and-coming Shuvee winner. Summer Wind Equine's Medaglia d'Oro filly ran a career-best winning the Grade 3 Shuvee July 21. Also trained by Bill Mott, she's won four of nine with three seconds and makes her Grade 1 debut.

**Jockey Tyler Gaffalione:** "In the Shuvee, (Bill Mott) said, 'Don't wait on her, if you have the opportunity, go ahead and ask her, make them get you. He was right. I didn't want to let Wow Cat hang in there so I kicked. She exploded. It was incredible, to get my first graded stakes here, unbelievable, I'm so blessed. I have a great agent, a great support system, great support from owners and trainers and of course the horses."

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#### **DOGWOOD (Listed)**

Runs Sat., Sept. 21 Closes Sept. 7 \$125,000 (\$125 nomination fee) Fillies, Three Years Old 7 Furlongs

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Runs Sat., Sept. 28 Closes Sept. 14 \$150,000 (\$150 nomination fee) Three Year Olds & Up 1 Mile

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# The Sword Dancer

Grade 1. \$1 million. 3 & up. 1 1/2 miles. Turf. 4:49 p.m.

#### 1. PROVEN RESERVES

The rabbit. Klaravich Stables and trainer Chad Brown enter the 4-year-old to set a strong pace for stablemate Annals Of Time. Manny Franco is in charge of making sure that happens.

Trainer Chad Brown: "Pacemaker. We want him to just insure there's an honest pace. The pace should be solid."

#### 2. TIZ MORNING

The Davis duo. Trainer Eddie calls upon brother and jockey Dylan to ride the 4-year-old by Morning Line. John Mc Allen and James Higgins own the gelding, third in a 1 1/16-turf claimer here Aug. 8.

Trainer Eddie Davis: "When I first started working with him, everything about him screamed turf, he's a big, long, tall gelding. We're taking a shot here. It's a big jump. He's a cool horse, he goes in draw reins, he's real easy, anything I throw at him, he's abiding. At first he was a little quirky, but I've got him settled down, he's pretty easy to train. Naturally, he's a very slender horse, every time we had him on Lasix, he would lose so much weight, he was dropping everything, so we wanted to take a natural route, he had some success the last time."

#### 3. NOBLE THOUGHT

The recent claim. Kirk Wycoff's Three Diamonds Farm has had success claiming horses for distance turf stakes and they claimed the 6-year-old for \$25,000 in March. Mike Maker trains the son of Harlan's Holiday, who finished third in his first Saratoga start Aug. 11. Irad Ortiz Jr. takes the call.

Owner Kirk Wycoff: "We thought we could stretch him out to a mile and a half. When we ran him in the two-other-than at Belmont, he finished a good second at a mile and and an eighth and showed that he wanted further. It's been a little bit of an experiment. The race he ran in a few weeks ago was a little short for him. He'd like the ground a little firmer, it looks like we'll have that. We talked to Mike (Lakow) and Andrew (Byrnes) in the racing office and a lot of the horses that were in the Bowling Green have gone elsewhere so it looked like a good spot to get this distance. We've run in the Sword Dancer the last four years. Roman Approval got beat by Flintshire three years ago. We like the race, we love long turf races, so we always point to the race.'

#### 4. CHANNEL CAT

The Bowling Green winner. Calumet Farm's homebred is searching for his first Grade 1 after leading the Grade 2 Bowling Green field at every call July 27. Luis Saez orchestrated his front-running score last time and is back aboard today.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "He's a little bit of a tricky ride. He's got a bit of a sensitive mouth, you have to finesse him at times, similar to his sire. You definitely don't want to walk up and put a twitch on him, or a lip chain, or scope him, or some of those things. He'll give you a challenge. He's one that we've had since he was 2 and always felt that he would get better as he matured and was able to stretch out in distance. It's nice to see him develop into that horse that we were hoping he could be. When Luis and I spoke in the paddock my first question to him was, 'Who's the speed in here?' His answer was, 'I don't know.' I saw it the same way so I told Luis to let him run into the first turn from an outside post and just see where you are. He caught a flyer at the start and ended up on the lead. He looked like he was in a comfortable rhythm and happy about it so it worked out well. I wouldn't expect him to be on the lead this time but if it turns out that way it would be OK."



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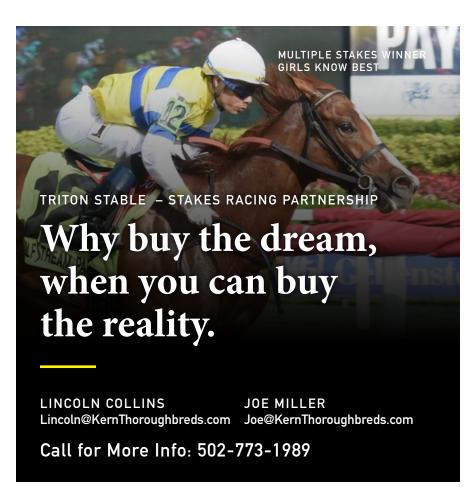
Channel Cat tries to win two in a row.

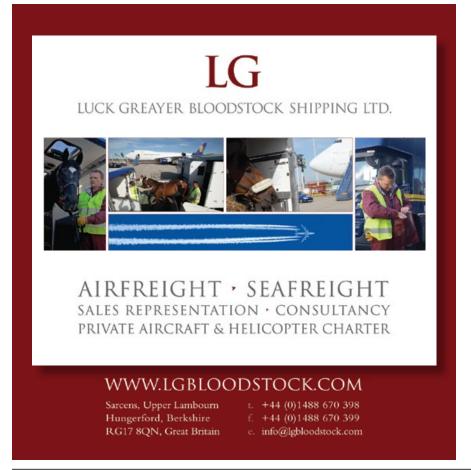


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Pillar Mountain looks for three in a row.

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## The Sword Dancer

Grade 1. \$1 million. 3 & up. 1 1/2 miles. Turf. 4:49 p.m.

Ya Primo makes his second American start.

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Annals Of Time is the favorite in today's Sword Dancer.

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#### Tod Marks

#### 5. PILLAR MOUNTAIN

The up-and-comer. Todd Pletcher entered the 4-year-old in Wednesday's John's Call but re-routed the Irish-bred son of Kodiac after that turf stakes was moved to the main track. Team Valor International's colt has won back-toback optionals. John Velazquez rides for the first time.

Trainer Todd Pletcher: "He has improved gradually. We had him in the John's Call looking for more a progressive development but when that came off he had to go here. He's training well so we decided to take a shot. He'll just keep galloping into the race. At this point, there's not much time to change things up with his training. He's fit and ready to go. I believe he is the first and only Kodiac that we have ever had. He must get the stamina from Galileo on the bottom-side. It seems like several Kodiacs over there are sprinters."

#### 6. YA PRIMO

The South American star. Big gray colt won a pair of Group 1s in his native Chile by a combined 8 1/4 lengths earlier this year before being brought to America by Madaket Stables, Don Alberto Stable and Wonder Stables. In his first start for trainer Chad Brown, the son of Mastercraftsman finished second in the Bowling Green by a half-length.

Jockey Jose Ortiz: "He was a champion in Chile, ran huge first time out in the United States. That was a great job by Chad having him ready to run like that off the layoff. Not a big layoff, but the quarantine and flying here, stuff like that. That had to take a little bit of training out of him. For this race he's doing a little better. I worked him the other day, he worked very strong and is feeling good. We're hoping for a good race."

#### 7. ANNALS OF TIME

The 6-year-old with seven starts. Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence own the son of Temple City who won the Grade 1 Hollywood Derby at the end of his 3-year-old year. He was on the sidelines for more than nine months following that victory and off from September 16, 2017 to June 7, 2019 after that. His second race since that break was a 4 1/2-length score against allowance optional company July 24. The 12 furlongs will be the longest distance for the four-time winner.

Trainer Chad Brown: "Unfortunately he's been plagued with injuries and he's been lightly raced throughout his career. He's really good now and can hopefully have an uninterrupted campaign from here on out."

Jockey Javier Castellano: "He's got a good powerful finish. He always finishes strong. It all depends on how the pace develops. It's a mile and a half. They look to me like the same horses in the same spot. I give credit to Ya Primo. First time in this country he ran second. You have to give him credit. Now it's second time, can he improve? Other than that it's the same horses. Channel Maker, Channel Cat, Sadler's Joy. It's the right spot for my horse.'

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# The Sword Dancer

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#### 8. CHANNEL MAKER

The high-headed Grade 1 winning character. Son of English Channel isn't easy to ride but has won two Grade 1s and \$1,997,108 in 26 starts. One of those Grade 1s came in May when the 5-year-old won the Man o' War by a neck with Joel Rosario, who rides again today. The chestnut gelding was fourth in the Bowling Green last time. He races for Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, R. A. Hill Stable and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing.

Trainer Bill Mott: "If you start riding him faster than he can run, his first instinct is his head comes up into your face. Maybe he should have gone after the lead horse the last time, but it's hard to know. The worst thing you can do to a jock is start telling them too much and take their instinct away and it's the worst thing you can do to a trainer, take their instinct away. Somebody starts telling you where to enter one, all of a sudden, it's like, 'OK, we could do that, we could consider that.' You want to tell a jock a little something without tying his hands. This is how it looks to me, maybe you can...'

#### 9. SADLER'S JOY

The 2017 winner. Late-running 6-year-old made his first start of 2019 in the Bowling Green and did not have a clear lane to run until late, finishing sixth and beaten only 1 1/4 lengths. Third in the Breeders' Cup Turf behind Enable and Magical last year. Woodslane Farm homebred has won six of 23 and earned \$2,151,360. Jose Lezcano rides the son of Kitten's Joy for the first time since June 2016.

Trainer Tom Albertrani: "I thought he ran a big race considering the amount of traffic. Coming toward the three-eighths pole it looked like Javier (Castellano) had a lot of horse still underneath him and he just had nowhere to get through. Past the eighth pole he got through the inside but it was basically too late. He got only got beat a length and a quarter for the whole thing. With a little bit of racing luck it could have been a different outcome. He'd rather make his run wide. He got stuck down in there last time. Hopefully we get a better trip this time. When he gets rolling he needs to be clear. He came out of the race great and we're very happy with him coming into the Sword Dancer. We saw talent with him early on, even after his first race, I could see something there I really liked. The way he closed and galloped out. I remember making a remark to the owners that the horse looked very promising. It took a couple races before he got to that level, the next couple of races were a little disappointing but finally he had that breakthrough race and after that everything kept going forward.'





Channel Maker seeks his third Grade 1 stakes win.



Tod Marks

Sadler's Joy tries to win his second Sword Dancer.

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## The Travers

Grade 1.\$1.25 million. 3-year-olds. 1 1/4 miles. 5:44 p.m.

#### 1. OWENDALE

The Preakness third. Rupp Racing's 3-year-old won the Grade 3 Lexington at Keeneland in April before a run at the middle jewel of the Triple Crown. He followed those efforts up with a win in Grade 3 Ohio Derby June 22. Florent Geroux rode the son of Into Mischief in those three efforts and flies in to ride again today. He's been training at Brad Cox's Churchill Downs base and arrived in Saratoga Tuesday.

Trainer Brad Cox: "The timing and distance were good. We didn't really know where we were going after the Preakness. We thought it made sense. After that, we thought West Virginia Derby or the Travers and we thought he did enough in the Ohio Derby and he's accomplished enough since April to warrant a start against the good horses. He ran a winning race in the Preakness. He had a little bit of traffic trouble, having to switch him out, we didn't get the trip we were looking for and it definitely cost him second, maybe even the win. We liked him from the start. We were shocked he was off the board in his first two starts but we knew he was a horse that wanted more ground. He's a horse that started figuring it out mentally this winter at Fair Grounds. He really took off at the Fair Grounds. He's a little high-headed, we keep a shadow roll on him, it's just his natural way of carrying himself. He's a big, strong horse. I don't think he looks like a typical Into Mischief but he doesn't really look like a Bernardini either. I've never seen the mare, but he's a little different, in a good way."

#### 2. CODE OF HONOR

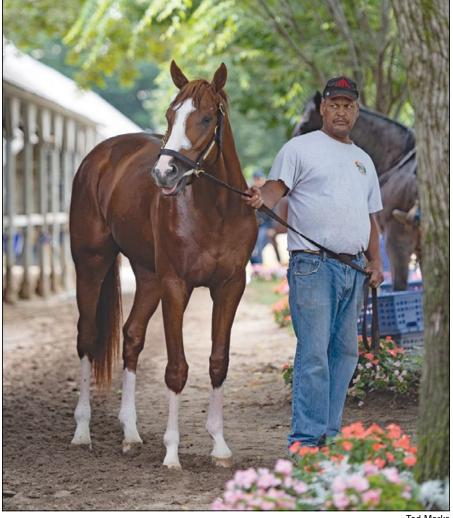
The Derby second. Will Farish's homebred hopped on the Triple Crown trail with a win in Grade 2 Fountain Of Youth this March. He subsequently finished third in the Grade 1 Florida Derby before crossing the wire third again, this time in the Grade 1 Kentucky Derby, before being elevated to second via disqualification due to the scrum caused by Maximum Security on the final turn. He got back in the winner's circle after Belmont Park's Grade 3 Dwyer July 6. John Velazquez rides the chestnut colt for Hall of Famer Shug McGaughey.

Trainer Shug McGaughey: "It's gone really good. When you get him on the right track, he does everything you want him to do. It's not like you go out there and you want to go five-eighths in 1:01 and he goes out there in 1:04 or 58, he goes right around 1:01. I've been working him really like four and a half, make sure he gallops out a good five eighths. He gallops out here, with the exercise rider, by himself, the last time he galloped out in 14. I was sort of laughing, they're all talking about Game Winner's three quarters in 12 at Del Mar with someone on him that weighs about 100 pounds. I had Lexi (Peaden) on the Oklahoma training track, he galloped out in 14. Nice horse."

#### 3. HIGHEST HONORS

The Curlin winner. Is he the Arrogate of this year's Travers? Well, he won't have the early lead but he is gray and did debut April 20, three days later than Arrogate's first race before he won the Midsummer Derby four months later. The second of two homebreds for Will Farish, long-striding colt by Tapit broke his maiden June 1 at Belmont and won the Curlin here July 26. Luis Saez gets the leg up on the colt who likely won't have any trouble staying the 10 furlongs.

Trainer Chad Brown: "I love that horse. He's doing super, really training great and I'm looking forward to running him at a mile and a quarter. He gave me that feel all along, that he would develop into a top quality 3-year-old that could run that mile and a quarter distance. Sometimes you feel that way and you set the horse on the path to get there and things happen, they don't make it. This time it all worked out, this horse got to the Travers and he got there in good shape. He's a nice horse and he's training extremely well."



Tod Marks

Laughing Fox looks to run down the leaders in the meet's signature race.

#### 4. LAUGHING FOX

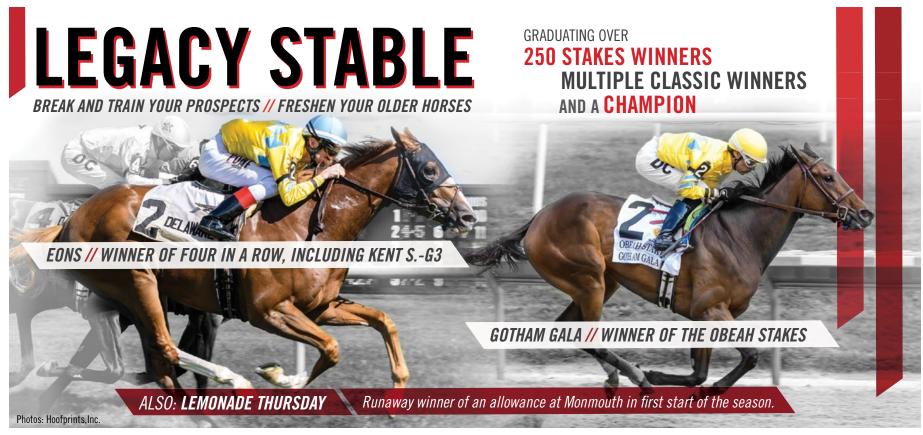
The closer. Alex and JoAnn Lieblong's colt won the Oaklawn Park Invitational May 4. Two weeks later he finished fifth by 3 3/4 lengths in the Preakness after being 25 out of it early on. Son of Union Rags ran evenly in the Grade 2 Jim Dandy and finished fourth behind Tax and Tacitus. Ricardo Santana Jr. has the return call. Trainer Steve Asmussen hopes for a fair racetrack.

Trainer Steve Asmussen: "He gets the mile-and-a-quarter. Laughing Fox as a 3-year-old, the Oaklawn Invitational and the Preakness show how close he is. Competing at this level, he's kept good company all year. In a full field, he's going to have to have fortunate circumstances as far as traffic. My biggest concern for all of our runners is what track we get, as we've all seen it change so drastically throughout the meet, if not from race to race, at least day to day. There was zero pace in the Jim Dandy, which made him closer, if they go real fast, he won't be as close. The Travers is the pinnacle of Saratoga and it is definitely on our bucket list."

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### The Travers

Grade 1.\$1.25 million. 3-year-olds. 1 1/4 miles. 5:44 p.m.



Highest Honors won the Curlin.



Tacitus is the favorite, and adds blinkers.

#### 5. EVERFAST

The Preakness second. Calumet Farm's colt was was a nose in front of Owendale in the second leg of the Triple Crown. Son of Take Charge Indy trained by Dale Romans was seventh in the Belmont and fourth in the Grade 1 Haskell subsequently. Martin Chuan makes his first trip to ride in Saratoga.

Trainer Dale Romans' partner and exercise rider Tammy Fox: "I get on him, gallop him, work him. He's not a flashy horse, but always the horse that gives you more than you think he's going to give. He's got a lot of heart. Always running at the end. He has a chance. He can run with these horses. He hasn't gotten there yet, but one of these days he will get there, it could be in the Travers. He's been running with the best around, he had a good second in the Preakness and came in seventh in the Belmont. I thought he could have finished better if he didn't get in trouble. The last race, we can just throw that race out. He'll be a little closer in this race coming up and he'll have a pretty good chance."

#### 6. TACITUS

The favorite, with blinkers on. Juddmonte Farm's homebred son of Tapit and their multiple Grade 1-winning mare Close Hatches has always been highly regarded. Big, gray colt is another who should have no problem with the 10 furlongs. He sprung onto the Triple Crown scene with wins in the Grade 2 Tampa Bay Derby and Grade 2 Wood Memorial. He was shuffled back early in the Kentucky Derby and made a big run to cross the wire fourth before being elevated to third via DQ. His last two efforts have been filled with trouble and bad circumstances. Second by a length in the Belmont and runner-up again in the Jim Dandy after going to his nose at the start. Jose Ortiz stays aboard.

Trainer Bill Mott: "He's good. You know, cross your fingers. It seems like this year, I've had more blinkers on and off, just playing around a little bit. Not all of them react well to them, some horses, it kind of spooks them, they try to look around them, they get scared when something's behind them, they can't see it. Some horses, you put them on and they focus without getting upset about it, which is what you want. You want them to focus without being anxious. He's handled them well, they haven't made him rank. Right now, I don't see a negative with them. He looked like he was lined up pretty good in his breeze the other day. Before, when he was working with someone and they were in front, he would get his head up, you've got to know how much you can push him, you can't ride him faster than he can run."

#### 7. MUCHO GUSTO

The late addition. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert changed plans when stablemate Game Winner defected with an illness and the connections of Haskell winner Maximum Security opted to go to next month's Pennsylvania Derby at Parx Racing. A four-time Grade 3 winner, he finished second in the Grade 1 Haskell last time under regular rider Joe Talamo.

Assistant trainer Jimmy Barnes: "I canceled everything, rooms, hotels, airlines, everything, but here we are again. With Game Winner getting sick, this horse was supposed to go to Parx for the Pennsylvania Derby. The Haskell was a week earlier, so we said, 'you know what, let's dodge Maximum Security and head to Saratoga.' That horse will be tough to beat at Parx with the way he runs and how the track sets up for his type of style. I think we'd just be going there to run second or third. He loves a fight that horse. He really beared down. Our horse does, too, just not quite like Maximum Security. Maybe he's improving."

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## The Travers

Grade 1.\$1.25 million. 3-year-olds. 1 1/4 miles. 5:44 p.m.

#### 8. CHESS CHIEF

The Dallas Stewart longshot. Son of Into Mischief was second in the Grade 3 West Virginia Derby last time after a fourth in the Grade 3 Indiana Derby. Estate of James Coleman Jr. owns the colt who gets Mike Smith aboard today.

**Trainer Dallas Stewart:** "We've been thinking about (the Travers) for a couple of weeks. He finishes his races good and he's by a great sire. He's working great so we said let's give it a shot. It's a wide-open race; we'll see what happens. (Maximum Security and Game Winner skipping the race) didn't hurt. I think Mr. Money (whom Chess Chief finished behind his last two races) is one of the best 3-year-olds in the country. That's kind of what gauged it for us. We haven't beat him but he isn't in. In Mike we trust."

#### 9. LOOKING AT BIKINIS

The Curlin third. Set the pace while racing on a deep and muddy rail in the restricted stakes July 26 before tiring to finish third. Javier Castellano's mount only ran once as a 2-year-old and did not race again until an optional victory at Belmont June 27. Son of Lookin At Lucky races for Long Lake Stable, Madaket Stables, Thomas Coleman and Doheny Racing Stable.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "We want to get him back on a dry track. We always planned on getting to the Travers albeit he is lightly raced but he's very talented. After the last race he kind of threw me a curveball, I thought he'd run better. The more I looked at the race he was on that wet rail and it really compromised him. I breezed him twice on dry tracks and he went super. He's posted well, too, to get off the rail this time and stay clear. Whether that's good enough or not we'll have to see. He will run a lot better than he did in the Curlin. You can't go wrong (with Castellano). That's like having Calvin Borel in the Derby."

Jockey Javier Castellano: "People don't give him credit because of that last race. It was a sloppy track. They kept it sealed and unfortunately I ended up in the lead, inside on the rail I don't think he appreciated that. If we move forward the horse is going to be strong. He knows the track already. Now he drew outside, he doesn't have to be on the lead, there's speed in the race and all the horses came from behind that day. We can catch a fast track and with that race under the belt he can grow mentally and physically. I know he has to step up against the best horses in the country. He's a good horse, cool horse and he's going to show up."

#### 10. SCARS ARE COOL

The maiden winner. Sagamore Farm's colt started his career May 12 at Churchill and broke his maiden here July 21. Tyler Gaffalione has ridden the son of Malibu Moon in all three starts and is back aboard today.

**Trainer Stanley Hough:** "It's pretty ambitious, but he's a nice horse and we always thought he was. The distance won't bother him. When he broke his maiden here he did it in such a good fashion. He's doing well. Just to be there is a good thing. He's improved every start. His first race was 6 1/2 (furlongs), then he went a mile and got in a little trouble. The mile-and-an-eighth really suited him. We just hope we run well. We'll see what happens, it's got the best 3-year-olds. It will tell us where we stand."

#### 11. ENDORSED

The Curlin second. Godolphin homebred by Medaglia d'Oro out of Grade 1 winner Dance Card makes fifth start. He broke his maiden here last summer when racing in one of two splits of a 6-furlong maiden special. Code Of Honor won the other. Bay colt chased Highest Honors in the Curlin and gets the services of Joel Rosario.

**Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin:** "When he broke his maiden here, he was impressive and we right away thought he was our big horse. He came out of the Champagne with some issues so we



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Scars Are Cool steps up to Grade 1 company for Sagamore Farm.

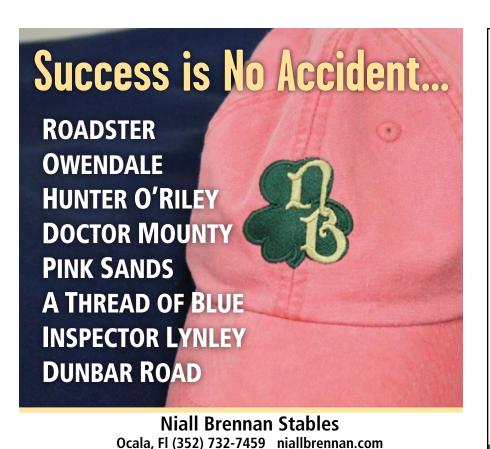
had to stop. Coming back, we weren't exactly thinking Travers, more like, see where we are. He won going 6 furlongs, it was a tough decision to go 9 furlongs in the Curlin but that's why we did it, to see. He's bred to go all day. We thought he would handle the distance, out of a good Tapit mare, by Medaglia d'Oro, and his looks, his stride. He's come on mentally and physically from the Curlin. The distance isn't a big concern, the competition is more of a concern. He's a real quality horse and he's coming into it the right way."

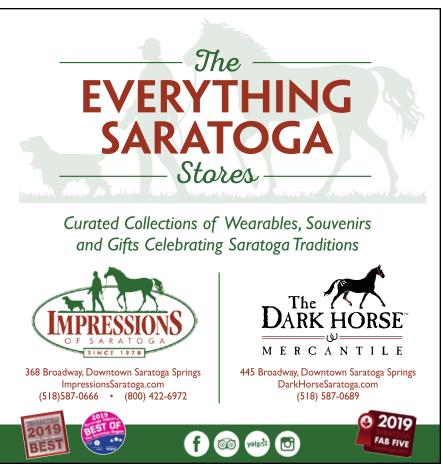
#### 12. TAX

The Jim Dandy winner. Trainer Danny Gargan claimed the son of Arch for \$50,000 in October and he has earned \$737,500 since. He won the Grade 3 Withers in February and was second to Tacitus in the Wood Memorial two months later. He was 14th in the Kentucky Derby via disqualification and then fourth in the Belmont before the Jim Dandy victory. R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Corms Racing Stable and Hugh Lynch went for a good celebration after his win here last month.

**Co-owner Dean Reeves:** "I'm pretty anxious about the race. We've got a great jockey. The horse is training well and it looks like we're going to go to the front so hang on to your hat. That's what Danny said the plan is. One thing Randy and I can do is celebrate, so the minute he won the Jim Dandy, we started celebrating and I don't think we've stopped. We'll still remind one another that we won Jim Dandy. It was a huge win. I'm not sure we wouldn't be out long and many hours if we win the Travers."

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#### SARATOGA ENTRIES

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4 4Five Star Bunt	J. Ortiz	L. Rice	12-1
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7 7Ethan Hunt	D. Davis	J. Toscano, Jr	20-1
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9 9Ghost Giant	J. Rosario	J. Abreu	5-1
10 10Royal Asset	T. Gaffalione	O. Barrera, III	10-1
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6 6Razeena			
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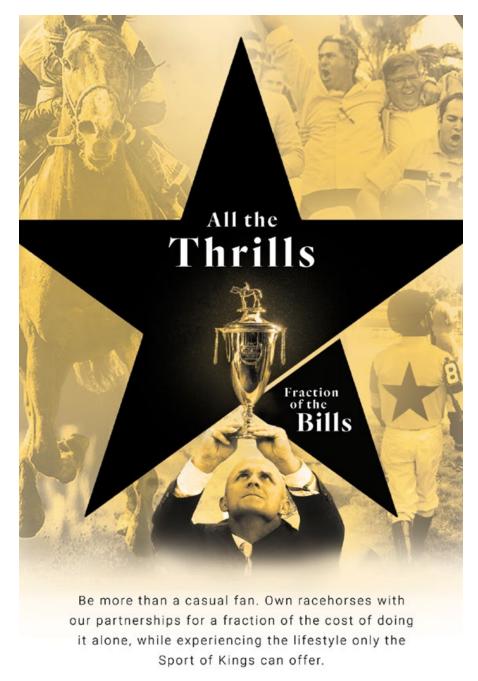
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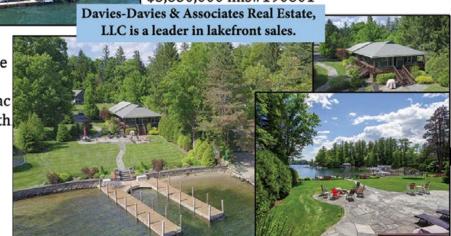
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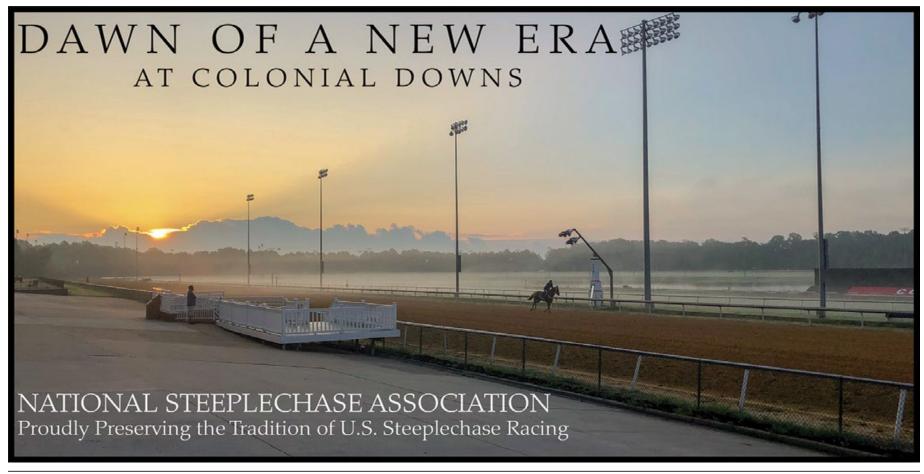


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#### **Keen Ice**

Travers Stakes 2015

#### **BY JOE CLANCY**

Dale Romans was, in his words, "popping off" at the Travers Stakes post-position draw in 2015 when talking up the chances of his Keen Ice against supposedly unbeatable Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in the Midsummer Derby.

NYRA had capped attendance at 50,000, generating buzz for a potential sellout and trying to ensure a more manageable crowd on the big day, and Romans seized the moment.

"I'd like to thank (then CEO) Chris Kay for capping the number of people who are going to boo me when I run by him," the trainer said with a cackle.

By Saturday afternoon, Romans looked like a prophet as Keen Ice did indeed run by American Pharoah in the stretch of the Travers Stakes – handing the Triple Crown winner just the second defeat of his career (and only loss as a 3-year-old) – and making history.

But nobody booed.

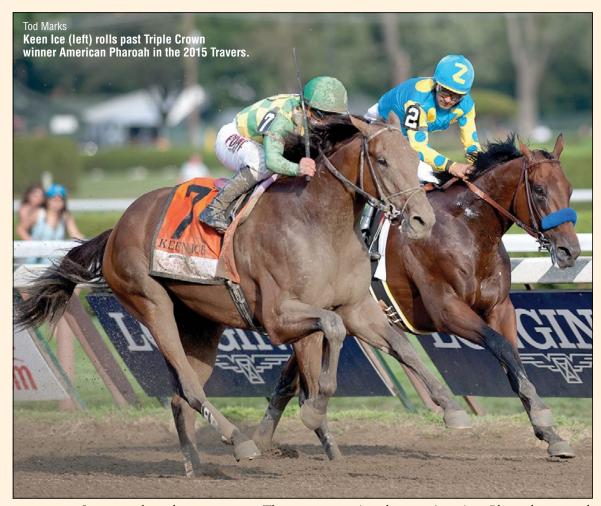
"I walked back with my horse and they cheered him all the way down," Romans said last week. "They didn't boo him one time. That shows how classy, and smart, racing fans are at Saratoga. They appreciated his effort that day."

They weren't the only ones.

Owned by Donegal Racing, Keen Ice had finished behind American Pharoah in the Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes and Haskell leading up to the Travers. At Saratoga, the son of Curlin let the favorite set the pace, watched him turn aside a rally from Frosted and then rolled past in the stretch to win by three-quarters of a length at 16-1.

Romans called it a career moment.

"I've won a lot of great races, had a lot of highs and maybe highs that equal that," he said. "Winning a Preakness, Dubai World Cup, Breeders' Cups, they're all great highs but that happens



every year. Someone does that every year. There aren't many people, Allen Jerkens and myself I think, who have beaten a Triple Crown winner at Saratoga in as big as race as that was in front of that number of people.

"That's the most historic race I've won, the race I know I'll go to my grave being known for, which is fine with me."

Jerkens, of course, knocked off Secretariat with Onion in the 1973 Whitney. In Saratoga lore, he and Romans joined James McKee, who trained Jim Dandy to an upset of Triple Crown winner Gallant Fox in the 1930 Travers.

Romans didn't count on making history, but was at least confident in his horse. The bay colt

was getting closer to American Pharoah – seventh in the Derby, third in the Belmont and second in the Haskell. If there were ever a day, maybe the Travers was it.

"We had chased him a lot of times," Romans said. "I'm a huge American Pharoah fan, but I felt for some reason he could be vulnerable. In the Haskell, even though he was gearing down at the end, he looked like he had to gear down, like maybe he was a tired horse."

At Saratoga after the Haskell, Keen Ice trained like he had a chance. Jockey Mike Luzzi worked the \$120,000 Keeneland September graduate for Romans and came back full of confidence.

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#### Keen Ice —

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"He told us to buy new suits because we were going to get our picture taken," Romans said.

Javier Castellano took over in the race, but proved Luzzi right.

"My horse was going the right way, that's more important than anything," Romans said. "I remember (trainer) LeRoy Jolley telling me I had a chance because I'd trained my horse. The highlight, maybe of my career, was walking down that path back to the barn with Keen Ice and LeRoy was standing right there waiting to give me a hug. How cool was that?"

Pretty cool.

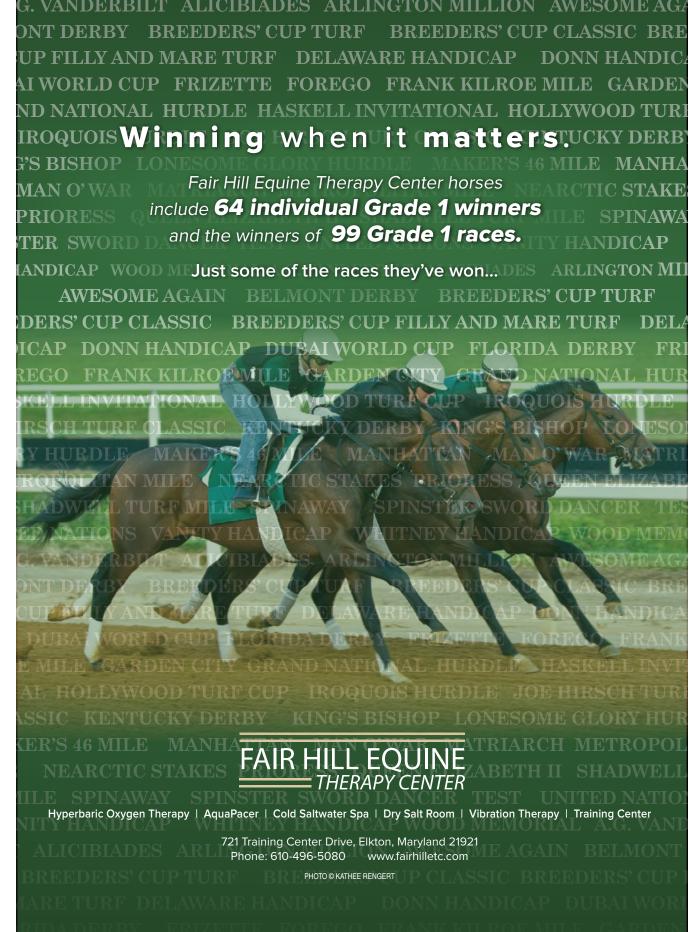
Bred by Glencrest Farm, Keen Ice sold to Donegal for \$120,000 at Keeneland September in 2013. He started his career with a fourth at Ellis Park in 2014, then broke his maiden at Churchill Downs and finished third in the Remsen at the end of the season. The Travers was his only win as a 3-year-old, but he placed in three graded stakes and was fourth behind American Pharoah in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Romans could have all but predicted that.

"Bob was one of the first people I talked to after the Travers," Romans said. "He talked about retiring him and I said, 'Are you kidding? Give you eight weeks between races with a horse like that? Look out. You'll beat us in the Breeders' Cup.'"

He did, en route to Horse of the Year honors.

Unlike American Pharoah, Keen Ice raced beyond his 3-year-old season. He finished third in the 2016 Breeders' Cup Classic, went to Dubai twice and won the 2017 Suburban and wrapped up his career with seconds in the Whitney and Jockey Club Gold Cup after moving to trainer Todd Pletcher's care late in the 2016 season. Calumet Farm bought into him before the 2017 season and he stands there as a stallion now. His first foals were born this year.

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#### **Abel Tasman**

Personal Ensign 2018

#### **BY JOE CLANCY**

Abel Tasman's story could have stopped at one of several points, and still been worth telling. Her dam, Vargas Girl, died giving birth to her. The young foal was rushed to a veterinary clinic that night and ultimately raised by a nurse mare.

She grew up on Kentucky's Clearsky Farm, where her farm co-owner Bernard Cleary called her "always straightforward," and went to Keeneland September in 2015 with 4,000 or so of her class born the previous year. Clearsky set a reasonable reserve of \$69,000 and watched the bay head for the ring. There were some bids, but they stopped at \$65,000.

"We were initially disappointed," Cleary said. "When you bring your horses to the sale you're hoping to sell them. Somebody would have had to bid 70 (thousand) to get her, but it turned out be a blessing in disguise."

That last part is in the running for racing's Understatement of the Decade.

Clearsky kept the daughter of Quality Road and sent her to trainer Simon Callaghan in California. Fifth in her debut in August 2016, she won her next three including the Grade 1 Starlet at Los Alamitos in December. As they do, offers came at Clearsky (founded by the late Eamon Cleary and now run by his sons Bernard and Eamonn) in waves. Big waves.

"We had quite a few people interested in buying her outright," said Bernard. "We ultimately decided to sell 50 percent. That was not an easy thing. We were offered a lot of money to sell all of her. She took us on a great ride."

And the Understatement race gets another entry.

Clearsky became partners with China Horse Club International, and Abel Tasman targeted big things as a 3-year-old. She opened with a second



to Unique Bella in the Santa Ysabel, was moved to trainer Bob Baffert's barn and was second again (to Paradise Woods) in the Grade 1 Santa Anita Oaks.

At Churchill Downs on the first Friday in May, Abel Tasman came up with a gem – routing 13 opponents in the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks. She broke last for Mike Smith, was 16 lengths behind after a half-mile, still 9 down after three-quarters and won by 1 1/4.

She backed up that effort with two more Grade 1 scores – in the Acorn at Belmont Park and the Coaching Club American Oaks by a head over Elate in a sign of things to come at Saratoga, plus seconds in the Cotillion and Breeders' Cup Distaff – to earn champion 3-year-old filly honors.

Not that she was finished.

Abel Tasman returned as a 4-year-old and was fourth in the Grade 1 La Troienne at Churchill Downs to start her season. Back in New York, she won the Grade 1 Ogden Phipps in a romp at Belmont and prevailed in a two-horse donny-brook with Elate in the Personal Ensign here.

Third early, Abel Tasman charged to the front on the backside – inside of Farrell and outside of She Takes Heart to lead after a half-mile. The middle move became something of a calling card for the filly, and Smith gave her full credit.

"I'm not going to take away anything that comes easy to her, I'm going to just try to get her in a nice, happy, comfortable rhythm where I feel she's happy, I know when she's happy she's going

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#### **Abel Tasman** —

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to run big," said Smith, when talking strategy last year. "It could be last and it could be in front. She'll leave there completely off the bridle but if you pick at her, man, she'll go from 0 to 50, like, now."

In the Personal Ensign, Abel Tasman had company as Elate followed the leader around the turn. They met at the quarter pole – Abel Tasman inside, Elate outside – and locked on. The former drifted out. The latter drifted in. There was contact. Abel Tasman scored by a neck. Elate's jockey Jose Ortiz claimed foul, with feeling, but the stewards didn't

see it his way. Abel Tasman got the nod again. Wildly, she heard boos from some fans while in the winner's circle.

"Well, you know what, it's New York man," Baffert said afterward. "You lose your \$2 and (Elate's) a hometown filly. That's just part of it. You can't worry about that. That's not negative, that's New York."

The boo birds never questioned Abel Tasman's gameness and if it bothered her, she didn't let on.

"She's such a fighter, she doesn't give up," Smith said after the Personal Ensign. "We would've went around again, she wasn't going to let that horse by."

As good as it was, the Personal Ensign was Abel Tasman's last win as she finished fifth in the Ze-

nyatta at Santa Anita and 11th in the Breeders' Cup Distaff at Churchill to close her career. She won eight of 16 starts, finished second four times, earned just shy of \$2.8 million. She saved one more achievement for 2019. China Horse Club and Clearsky sent her to the sales ring at Keeneland January, where she brought \$5 million as a broodmare prospect on a bid by M.V. Magnier. She was bred to star stallion Galileo.

Bernard Cleary will watch with interest.

"She's in Ireland at the moment and it will be fun to see her babies hit the track in the future and go on a ride with them even if we don't own them anymore," he said. "We'll be rooting for her and her foals."



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## Big Dreams

## Saratoga native McCarthy celebrates Yaddo victory Friday

Anthony McCarthy and his brother John grew up just a couple blocks from Saratoga Race Course.

As boys, the pair couldn't wait to get out of class so they could ride down to the Yaddo Gardens and just be kids.

"We would get home from school, jump on our bikes and ride our bikes down and fish at the Yaddo. We did that for years as kids," Anthony Mc-Carthy said. "Our mother and father let us go. We knew the Yaddo like the backs of our hands. There's four ponds there. Every once in a while, we'd go to the third or fourth pond. You're not supposed to. Never went to the mansion, never went up and bothered the artists. We were just kids, it's what you do when you're

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kids; you go ride your bike and go fishing."

Now a Thoroughbred racehorse owner and a New York breeder, Anthony always joked about winning the Yaddo, a \$150,000 New Yorkbred stakes named for the famed retreat and one of six stakes on the Saratoga Showcase program. McCarthy started dreaming when he bred a filly that could be a contender for the 1 1/16-mile turf stakes.

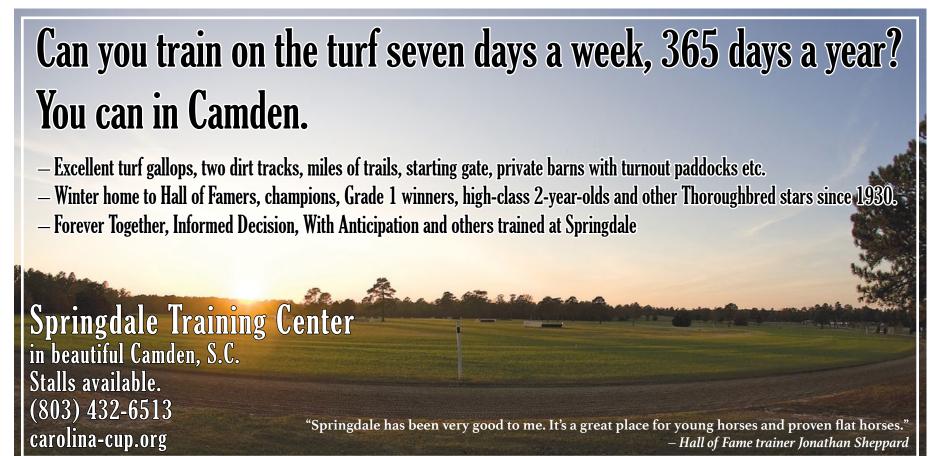
Belle Of The Spa, by Pure Prize out of the Devil His Due mare Awakened Beauty, was the chestnut who fit the

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Tod Marks

Belle Of The Spa sets up shop on the front end early in the Yaddo.







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bill. Awakened Beauty won two races for McCarthy and trainer Bruce Brown in 2011, but physical issues forced her retirement. McCarthy bred her, seeking to replicate her best traits.

"She had an incredible heart. She didn't have the body to hold up the desire," McCarthy said. "We said, 'OK, we'll breed her to some stallion that will give good foundation and if we get her heart, maybe we can get something.' It worked out perfectly. This filly has her mother's heart."

Belle Of The Spa made it to the Yaddo Friday and put her heart on display. In her third start this season after recovering from minor surgery last year, Belle Of The Spa set the pace under Dylan Davis and despite being headed by Munchkin Money in the stretch, dug in at the rail. She extended and denied her foe, grinding out a neck win in 1:43.75 at 31-1. She's now 4-for-11 with \$224,697.

"We've targeted the race for a year. Really, for a year," McCarthy said. "We got her out of training last September. She needed minor surgery on one of her legs. She had a very small break, so we sent her away and had her get that surgery and gave her the time to rest up."

Belle Of The Spa won her return in a state-bred optional going 7 furlongs at Belmont June 12, but was only sixth in a Saratoga allowance July 31. McCarthy persisted and wheeled back in the Yaddo.

"(Bruce) brought her back nice and slow. She won her first race back very nicely," McCarthy said. "She ran in open company a couple weeks ago and I don't think it was the open company, I just don't think she was ready that day.

"She does not quit. When she's right, she does not quit," McCarthy said. "There's lots of races at Saratoga named after Saratoga landmarks. That means a lot to me. To win a race named after a Saratoga landmark that I spent so much of my youth at, that's a big deal. I've been pointing for this race. We pointed for a couple other New York-bred races years ago that just didn't pan out, but we finally got one."

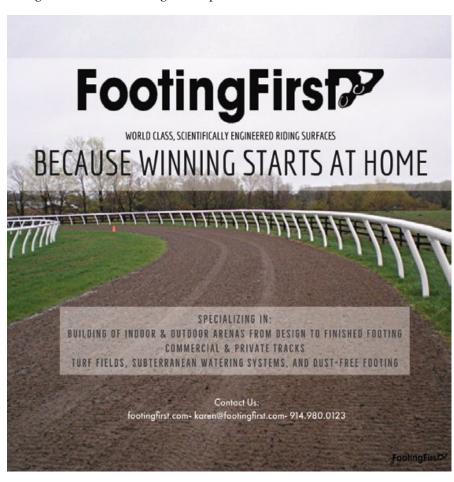
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Newly Minted strolls home in the Fleet Indian.





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• Ara Aprahamian didn't make it to Saratoga Friday, opting to spend the weekend at home with his daughter before she returns to the University of Michigan. He had to like what he saw on TV, however, as Newly Minted, owned by the Beach Haven Thoroughbreds syndicate he founded with John Sakkos, romped to a 9-length win in the \$200,000 Fleet Indian for New York-bred 3-year-old fillies.

It was the fourth win in five starts for the \$110,000 purchase at the 2018 OBS April sale, the only blemish a third in the New York Stallion Stakes on the turf at Belmont June 23.

"I hate talking about that," winning trainer Linda Rice said when asked about trying the grass after three straight easy wins on the dirt. "Turf was the best opportunity in front of us at the time, she had breezed well on turf and the Central Bankers were running well on the turf. She clearly did not like it. We figured what's done is done."

The other five fillies in the Fleet Indian were well done once Jose Lezcano stepped on the gas, taking the lead midway on the far turn and enjoying a leisurely jaunt down the stretch with no threat in sight.

"The filly trained so well and she has good conformation, so I was pretty confident she would get the (9-furlong) distance," Rice said of the first foray around two turns.

She admitted she wasn't thrilled when Lezcano was sitting off very quick fractions of :22.99 and :46.66, but her trepidation was short-lived.

"We left it up to Jose," Rice said. "He did a beautiful job getting her in position on the first turn."

The win was worth \$115,500, bringing Newly Minted's career earnings to \$346,300 for Beach Haven, a partnership named for a town on the Jersey Shore where Aprahamian and Sakkos vacation with their families. In less than two years, Beach Haven has won seven of 14 starts with another four on-the-board finishes, including Uncle Benny's second in last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

"We're really enthusiastic," said Aprahamian, who also campaigns horses on his own. "We're looking to get more people involved in the sport



Tod Marks

Funny Guy (right) holds off Bankit in the Albany.

we love. Being with Linda makes it easy. This horse has been great for us. Let's hope the best is yet to come."

- Paul Halloran

• Leo Durocher probably wouldn't have cashed on the Seeking The Ante Stakes Friday at Saratoga.

Durocher is famous for his "Nice guys finish last" crack directed at the rival New York Giants when he was the Brooklyn Dodgers manager. Nice Guys finished first Friday in the \$200,000 stakes for state-bred 2-year-old fillies, as Fierce Lady, owned by the partnership of Nice Guys Stables and Steve Hornstock, outlasted Time Limit by a neck.

Fierce Lady, a \$725,000 RNA at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July horses of racing age sale, turned the tables on My Italian Rabbi, who had nosed her out in the Stillwater Stakes July 18. The daughter of Competitive Edge broke last in the six-horse field, forcing Javier Castellano to play the rating game.

"We weren't expecting her to be able to rate the way she did," said Steve Spielman, the proprietor of Nice Guys Stables.

Time Limit spurted to the lead, followed by My Italian Rabbi, Violent Point on the rail and Wharf Cat, while Castellano took the Dermot Magner-trained Fierce Lady to the outside and bided his time. He moved up to third turning for home and took the lead by a head at the top of the stretch.

Spielman started Nice Guys three years ago and within a year was in the Breeders' Cup with Piedi Bianchi, who finished fifth in the 2017 Juvenile Fillies. He and Hornstock are from New York City, working in the solar industry and real estate, respectively.

"The real estate is my real job," Hornstock said. "The buildings allow me to play with the horses."

The winner's purse of \$110,000 brought Fierce Lady's career earnings to \$164,100.

- Paul Halloran

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• Ha. Ha. Ha.

Randy Hill and his Gatsas Stables partners had plenty to smile about, parlaying a win by Three Jokers in a maiden special weight with Funny Guy's victory in the \$250,000 Albany Stakes for New York-bred 3-year-olds.

"Big day," a smiling Hill said in the winner's circle after the Albany. "His half-brother won the fourth and he won this. Three Jokers and a Funny Guy. How's that?"

The Albany was no laughing matter, as Rajiv Maragh made a move at the top of the stretch that turned out to be perfectly timed, taking the lead and barely holding off a hard-charging Bankit. Hill had no doubt about which connections would be getting their picture taken after the photo finish.

"I was already out of my chair," he said of the beginning of his trek to the winner's circle. "There was no doubt. We were high-fiving."

Funny Guy entered the race off three consecutive second-place finishes, including two in New York-bred turf stakes.

"With the New York Stallion Series, you've got to take a shot on turf," Hill said. "We always knew he'd be better on dirt."

The win was worth \$144,375, bringing Funny Guy's career earnings to \$389,645.

Asked if he was concerned about the stretch-out to 9 furlongs, an eighth of a mile longer than Funny Guy had ever run (and 2 furlongs longer than he had run on dirt), Hill quipped, "Not after today."

Funny Guy was fifth down the backstretch, chasing Not That Brady, with whom Hill is also part of the ownership. Maragh kept him about 3 lengths off the lead, on the rail, before swinging wide turning for home. He had just enough to hold off Bankit, who missed by a head.

"The trip went really good," Maragh said. "He broke well and I wanted to establish a good spot. The race developed nicely."

The win gave John Terranova a training double as he also saddled Three Jokers.

"It looked like he wanted more

ground all along," Terranova said of the son of Big Brown and the Distorted Humor mare Heavenly Humor. "A mile-and-an-eighth is a whole different game. He's not truly a grass horse, but he tolerated it. That set him up."

Terranova said Funny Guy, who relishes his time with the feed tub, is a barn favorite.

"We call him Chubby," he said. "He loves to eat. He's a real character. Everyone loves him."

And that's no joke.

#### - Paul Halloran

• Although Linda Rice scratched Voodoo Song from the \$150,000 West Point Stakes, plenty of speed remained in the 1 1/16-mile turf stakes. Everyonelovesjames and Mo Maverick left their competition behind only a few seconds after the field broke from the gate.

Luis Saez restrained Mo Maverick and allowed Everyonelovesjames and Eric Cancel to take the lead going into the first turn. After a quarter in :23.03, Everyoneslovesjames was 2 lengths in front of Mo Maverick and it was 8 lengths back to Therapist in third

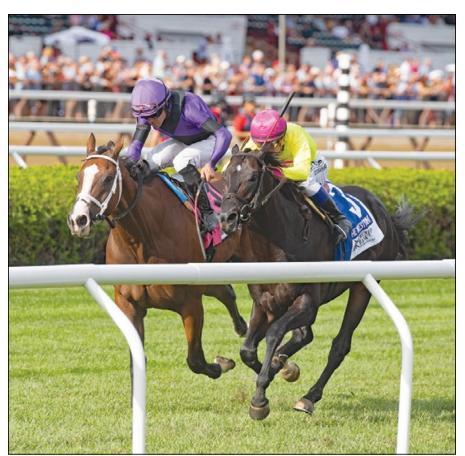
The horses heavily backed in the betting – Therapist, Offering Plan and Dot Matrix – all settled far off the strong pace. Everyonelovesjames still had the lead at the sixteenth pole but was soon joined by those three rivals and the four state-breds were lined up for a brief moment before Offering Plan surged to win the \$150,000 stakes by a neck.

"He's an old warrior. He's won every year since he was 2 years old, including his first start as a 2-year-old here at Saratoga," owner Mike Dubb said. "You don't know if they're losing a step. He owes us nothing. He got the pace setup he needed and he's got class and that's why his head was in front of everybody else at the finish.

"He normally is a horse that wants to be clear on the outside. When I saw he wasn't clear, I thought we might be in trouble but his class just carried him through."

Chad Brown trains the 7-year-old who has now earned \$863,973 for Mike Dubb, Sol Kumin's Nantucket Thoroughbred Partners, Michael Caruso's Bethlehem Stables and Gary Aisquith.

Javier Castellano has ridden Offering Plan in every start since May 2017 and guided the tough veteran to



Tod Marks

Offering Plan edges away to win the West Point.

the win, the fifth stakes score in his

"I'm very proud of him and the way he did it today," Castellano said. "He's an amazing horse and a real pro. He knows what he's doing and always tries really hard. I've fallen in love with this horse. I've been riding him for so many years, he always shows up. He's always in the money, one-two-three. He never gives up."

Offering Plan was a neck clear of Dot Matrix who finished a length ahead of Therapist.

#### - Ben Gowans

• Dean Reeves felt more nervous before the Funny Cide Stakes than before any race in recent memory. City Man, who Reeves owns in partnership with Peter and Patty Searles, entered the \$200,000 stakes off a 3-length maiden win here July 18, inspiring Reeves to dream big.

"When you have a nice 2-year-old, they have to step up and show you that they can beat this kind of group to go further," Reeves said. "I was really anxious and nervous, was he as good as I thought he was?"

The public showed more confi-

dence than nervousness in City Man, betting the Christophe Clement trainee to favoritism at 2-1 off his debut victory and a 5-furlong bullet work in 1:02.51 on the Oklahoma Aug. 15. City Man delivered on Reeves' hopes and bettors' expectations when he won the 6 1/2-furlong stakes by 4 3/4 lengths in 1:16.93.

Although City Man came from off the pace in his 5-furlong debut, he stalked pacesetter Bull Of Bayern before taking the lead under a drive at the furlong pole. Ridden out to the finish by Joel Rosario, City Man won going away. The colt is now 2-for-2 with \$152,900 earned.

"For him to do that was really great," Reeves said. "He showed that he can go further, which is what we needed to see today. At some point, we've got to step out into open company and whether that's sooner or later, I don't know. Right now, we probably ought to stick in, let him mature on these New York races and see what he looks like later in the fall."

Reeves paid \$185,000 for City Man at the 2019 OBS April sale. A

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son of Reeves' Breeders' Cup Classic winner Mucho Macho Man, Reeves blew past his budget on the dark bay colt. City Man is Reeves' first successful New York-bred, but could have company in the future as the owner bought four at the recent yearling sales in Saratoga.

"Obviously, I like all Mucho Macho Mans. I take a look at all of those and there's been several good ones I let slip away," Reeves said. "I wanted some New York-breds because it's such a great program and since we're going to be up here so much. We narrowed it down to four horses that we looked at that were New York-breds. If I'm going to buy one, I'm going to buy a Mucho Macho Man. He's making me look pretty good right now.

"It was funny. Everybody told me I'd probably be able to buy him for \$75,000. There were a lot more people on him than I thought. I don't follow instructions well when I'm bidding. I just said, 'OK, I'm going to buy this horse.' I'm really happy. Sometimes it works out."

- Brandon Valvo

• The first two races of Saratoga Showcase were won by come-frombehind double-digit-odds runners on the grass. The first went to 10-1 shot Ava K's Girl and the second to 13-1 Catorat.

Joel Rosario settled Ava K's Girl along the rail, trailing by as much as 8 lengths behind a quick :21.74 opening quarter of the opener for 2-year-old maiden fillies going 5 1/2 furlongs. The first-time starter was still fourth coming into the stretch but swung three wide to the outside and managed to put away runner-up Single Verse by a neck at the wire.

"Believe me, we were screaming back there," said Dan Hayden, who works for the filly's co-owner and co-breeder Howard Kaskel's Sugar Maple Farm. "There's no one better than Rosario when he gets to the outside and starts chasing down the pace. Which he did."

Kaskel and longtime friend Lewis Rapaport also bred and raced the winner's dam Ava K. She won five of eight and earned \$201,467.

"We've been working her down

at Belmont on the dirt," said Ava K's Girl's trainer Michelle Nevin. "The track's a little deeper there so sometimes the works don't look so good on paper, but they looked good to me."

Catorat and jockey Eric Cancel needed every bit of the 1 1/16 miles of the second to catch runner-up Waynes Footsteps by the least part of a nose at the wire. Catorat closed from last to win the turf maiden for 3-year-olds and up.

"Eric knows the horse," said winning trainer David Donk. "He was on him in both his first two races and a couple of times in the morning. He gave him a great ride. We knew it would be a challenge because it's a step up in class, but he took a big step forward."

The 3-year-old son of Courageous Cat is owned by Ochre House Stable and Boston Boyz Racing. He hadn't been out since a second in a \$40,000 state-bred maiden claimer June 15.

"Our biggest problem coming in was that, because of the weather lately, we had difficulty getting him a race," said Ochre House Stable's Alan Zuna, who's been in the business for 60 years and owner of a house on Fifth Avenue in Saratoga Springs. "We weren't sure how the two months off would affect him. The win's great for our stable. We've got 30 investors and a half dozen horses. And winning at Saratoga on New York Showcase Day, this is what everyone dreams of. This is definitely worth celebrating."

Elizabeth Conroy, who bred the gelding out of the 11-time-winning Wheaton mare Starship Wonder, also celebrated the victory with the winning connections. She sold the horse privately as a 2-year-old to his current connections.

"Well, he was certainly the best looking horse in the paddock," she said with pride. "But there was the layoff and he was the only horse going up in class and I worried about the tight turns on the inner turf."

- Terry Hill

• Curlin's Legacy ran with his head looking toward the grandstand in the 11th, but might have of just had his eye on the winner's circle. The 4-year-old Curlin gelding broke his maiden and gave trainer Pat Kelly his first win of the meet in the nightcap.

Trained at 2 and 3 by Jeremiah Englehart, Adam Madkour's Curlin Legacy wintered with Donna Freyer



Brandon Valvo

Curlin's Legacy and Junior Alvarado deliver for Pat Kelly.

in Camden, S.C., to work out some quirks. He made his third start for Kelly Friday, after off-the-board finishes at Belmont and Saratoga.

"Nice horse, but kind of goofy," said Kelly. "He runs with his head sideways, but he's running. He's done fine, they sent him to South Carolina for the winter and he's come back much better. I had a whole lot of instructions from Donna how to handle all that, but it's manageable. He's got some talent and he's a little quirky."

After a poor finish in a start taken off the turf at the beginning of the meet July 12, Kelly decided to stick to grass with the gelding and hoped the finale would stay on. Junior Alvarado rode the winner.

"Junior did a great job, got him out in the clear," Kelly said. "Thank God it ran on the grass or we would have had to scratch after how he ran on the dirt his last start. It's turf and turf only from here on out. We'll head back to Belmont and get a nice, long race into him. He looks like he could run all day."

Catherine Galbraith

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Friday August 23.

#### FIRST \$78,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

5 Ava K's Girl J. Rosario \$23.60 \$6.60 \$9.30 9 Single Verse T. Gaffalione \$5.10 \$3.90 Stretchthestory 4 J. Alvarado \$5.60

Ch Filly 2017, by Giant's Causeway - Ava K. by Dixie Union Owner: Sugar Maple Farm and Rapaport, H. Lewis.

Trainer: Michelle Nevin. Time: 1:03.77. Breeder: Sugar Maple Farm & H. Lewis Rapaport (NY). Late Scratches: Tales I Winit, Moana's Tale, Bellamy Bigs, Keypit, Eli Rocks, Rewarded. Exacta (5-9), \$52.50; Superfecta (5-9-4-7), \$154.65; Trifecta (5-9-4), \$170.25

#### 2ND \$78,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3&UP, 1 1/16M

Catorat E. Cancel \$28.20 \$9.00 \$5.90 Wavnes Footsteps L. Saez \$4.60 \$3.30 3 Crazy Life J. Castellano \$4.00 Dk B/ Br Gelding 2016, by Courageous Cat - Starship Wonder by Wheaton. Owner: Ochre House Stable and Boston Boyz Racing. Trainer: David Donk. Breeder: Elisabeth Conroy (NY). Late Scratches: Masterprize, Overland, Time: 1:44.05 Daily Double (5-2), \$188.00; Exacta (2-4), \$87.25; Quinella (2-4), \$35.00; Superfecta (2-4-3-5), \$171.80; Trifecta (2-4-3), \$242.00

#### 3RD \$200,000, NY-BRED STAKES - FLEET INDIAN 3 YO, 1 1/8M

2 Newly Minted J. Lezcano \$4.30 \$2.80 \$2.50 6 Kid Is Frosty I. Ortiz. Jr. \$3.50 \$2.80 3 M. Franco \$5.10 Elegant Zip B Filly 2016, by Central Banker - Newbie by Bernardini Owner: Beach Haven Thoroughbreds LLC. Trainer: Linda Rice. Breeder: Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY). Time: 1:50.63 Daily Double (2-2), \$48.00; Exacta (2-6), \$8.10; Superfecta (2-6-3-4), \$16.35; Trifecta (2-6-3), \$26.75; Pic 3 (5-2-2), \$434.50

#### FOURTH \$78,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2, 5 1/2F

Three Jokers L. Saez \$6.00 \$4.20 \$3.50 M. Franco 6 Tapizearance \$9.70 \$6.30 Scilly Cay J. Ortiz \$3.40 8 B Colt 2017, by Twirling Candy - Heavenly Humor by Distorted Humor Owner: Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Swick Stable. Trainer: John Terranova II. Breeder: Hibiscus Stable (NY). Late Scratches: Sir Ludlow, Stone Hearted. Time: 1:04.39 Daily Double (2-9), \$9.40; Exacta (9-6), \$47.25; Quinella (6-9), \$30.25; Superfecta (9-6-8-10), \$108.35; Trifecta (9-6-8), \$88.62; Pic 3 (2-2-9), \$220.25

#### FIFTH \$150,000, NY-BRED STAKES - YADDO S., 3 & UP, 1 1/16M D Davis

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#### SIXTH \$80,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

12 Call Me Harry	T. Gaffalione	\$6.00	\$3.90	\$3.30
5 Preferred Outcome	J. Rodriguez		\$9.80	\$6.00
10 Bourbon Mission	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$3.60
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Daily Double (4-12), \$187.75; Exacta (12-5), \$38.00; Superfecta (12-5-10-7), \$194.15; Trifecta (12-5-10), \$107.37; Pic 3 (9-4-12), \$430.00

#### SEVENTH \$200,000, NY-BRED STAKES - SEEKING THE ANTE S., 2, 6 1/2F

J. Castellano \$2.30 5 Fierce Lady \$4.20 \$3.10 3 Time Limit I. Ortiz, Jr. \$7.00 \$3.40 6 My Italian Rabbi L. Saez \$2.50

Dk B/ Br Filly 2017, by Competitive Edge - Anjorie by A. P Jet

Owner: Nice Guys Stables and Hornstock, Steve. Trainer: Dermot Magner. Breeder: Sugar Maple Farm (NY).

Time: 1:16.73

Daily Double (12-5), \$7.80; Exacta (5-3), \$23.90; Superfecta (5-3-6-1), \$11.15; Trifecta (5-3-6), \$23.25; Pic 3 (4-12-5), \$479.50

#### EIGHTH \$200,000, NY-BRED STAKES - FUNNY CIDE S., 2 YO, 6 1/2F

3 City Man J. Rosario \$6.50 \$3.80 \$2.80 7 Cleon Jones J. Vargas, Jr. \$4.60 \$3.20 9 Listentovourheart M. Franco \$3.50 Dk B/ Br Colt 2017, by Mucho Macho Man - City Scamper by City Zip Owner: Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Searles, Peter and Searles, Patty. Trainer: Christophe Clement.

Breeder: Moonstar Farm (NY), Time: 1:16.93

Daily Double (5-3), \$8.40; Exacta (3-7), \$17.10; Superfecta (3-7-9-6), \$47.65; Trifecta (3-7-9), \$30.87; Pic 3 (12-5-3), \$22.70

#### NINTH \$150,000, NY-BRED STAKES - WEST POINT S. PRESENTED BY TRUSTCO BANK, 3 YO'S & UP. 1 1/16M

3	Offering Plan	J. Castellano	\$6.40	\$3.10	\$2.40
8	Dot Matrix	J. Rosario		\$3.90	\$2.80
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#### TENTH \$250,000, NY-BRED STAKES - ALBANY S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M

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Owner: Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable and Swick Stable. Trainer: John Terranova II. Breeder: Hibiscus Stable (NY).

Late Scratches: Make Motime. Time: 1:49.35

Daily Double (3-6), \$31.50; Exacta (6-2), \$38.25; Superfecta (6-2-9-7), \$125.65; Trifecta (6-2-9), \$184.50; Consolation Double (3-4), \$3.15; Pic 3 (3-3-6), \$129.50; (3-3-4), \$9.20; Grand slam (3/5/6-3/7/9-1/3/7/8-6), \$19.90

#### 11TH \$48,000 MDN CLM (\$40,000) NY-BRED, 1 3/16M TURF

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8 Icey	Cash	T. Gaffalione			11.40
Ch a 20	115 Curlin-Sna	City Princess Road	ring Fever		

Owner: Adam Madkour. Trainer: Pat Kelly. Time: 1:56.77. Breeder: SSW Stable (NY).

Exacta \$27.25. Trifecta \$240.25. Superfecta \$201.45. Double \$62.25. Pick 3 \$368. Pick 4 \$672.25. Pick 5 \$2,124. Pick 6 Jackpot \$1,907.90. Jackpot carryover \$119.098. Consolation Pick 3 \$34.50. \$2.90. \$34.50. Consolation Double \$7.80.

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## Replays

The first one I remember watching, really watch- them. My kids like them. I had a breeding farm for ing, was 1982. Joey and I finished watering off at the 15 years and the kids were raised there. We love two. Castellano, three. barn and drove the farm truck to the racing office horses, we love animals, we like dogs, cats, we have at Delaware Park. There, we watched the Travers. It was the first time we had watched a race from another track at a track. We walked past shiny white trailers in the parking lot. Somebody said something

We watched from the racing office. Just a few diehards.

about simulcast trucks, whatever that meant.

The Kentucky Derby winner, the Preakness winner, the Belmont winner, Lejoli, a horse who ran every Saturday and a Canadian shipper. Yeah, you Flower Alley, if you've forgotten. know what happened, Jeffrey Fell galvanized Runaway Groom to sweep past Gato Del Sol, Aloma's tellano's first. Ruler, Conquistador Cielo (and Lejoli).

I'm sure I watched previous editions of the Travers but that was the one that burrowed and held. I watched the next 18, either live or by simulcast. In 2001, we began writing about the Travers in The Special.

They go like this.

The first was Point Given. The big horse from California stood on his hind legs in the morning just because he could, awing us with his power, his brazenness. The day before, I conjured up the nerve to ask Gary Stevens if we could chat. He asked how much time I needed, I stammered, "Only a minute or two." We sat atop a picnic table outside the jocks' room and talked horses, my tape recorder ran out of tape. It was the first moment I felt The Special might have a place here. The Travers recap came Ice? easy after that.

Medaglia d'Oro dominated the Travers buildup the following year, winning the Jim Dandy and holding off Repent in the slop 20 days later. I had just begun to chip away at Bobby Frankel's veneer.

Wally Dollase and Ten Most Wanted graced the Travers in 2003. A kind man. A cool horse. I remember his quote, "I like horses. I take care of

all of them."

Birdstone. The lede said it all. The first raindrop fell at 5:57. The seven Travers runners went in the gate at 6:21 – in virtual darkness. Rain pelted down, the skies were Ichabod Crane-dark, the infield fountain was blowing sideways. And 2:02.45 later, the Belmont Stakes, run 12 weeks earlier, suddenly got easier to take.

Todd Pletcher won his first the following year.

Bernardini came next. Crushed them. Javier Cas-

In 2007, Street Sense wore down Grasshopper. Calvin Borel offered our favorite quote ever printed in The Special. "Me and my agent, we've been up and we've been down but we've always been consistent."

A vear later, Colonel John and Mambo In Seattle landed on the line together. It was the first time I had bet big in the Travers. When Robby Albarado pumped his fist, I patted my pocket, the reassurance of the bet. When I watched the replay, I swallowed hard and fought to not allow that feeling into the story. Years later, when Garrett Gomez faded away, I thought back to that photo and was glad he got his Travers.

Summer Bird. I had almost forgotten Summer Bird won the Travers. Where have you gone, Tim

I watched Afleet Express with Jimmy Jerkens at the big screen in the clubhouse. Joey called The Chief after the race, he was crying, of course.

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Stay Thirsty was workmanlike in 2011. Pletcher,

In 2012, Ken McPeek and Kiaran McLaughlin waited for the photo from the clubhouse stairs. A woman lost her shoe, a dead heat was announced, Joey and I came back to the office with notes and quotes, somehow, making sense of a shocker.

A year later, Bas Nichol walked back to the test barn with Will Take Charge. At last, the longtime assistant for D. Wayne Lukas' had a day to make it all worth it.

In 2014, I watched V. E. Day nail Wicked Strong from the same place I watched Afleet Express. Jerkens twisted in turmoil over a photo finish that, in his mind, couldn't stand to have a loser.

American Pharoah. Somehow, I wound up with Bob Baffert, walking out of the paddock, through the box seats and into the glass-enclosed box across the finish line. It was a perfect vantage point until it wasn't. I heard Baffert say, 'I knew I should have gone to Parx..." as I slipped out the door looking for Dale Romans.

In 2016, I watched from the big screen with a couple of trainers with runners. By the time the field hit the turn, there was only one runner. I ran up the stairs and wedged between Baffert and Juddmonte's Dr. John Chandler. Baffert explained the business model of Thoroughbred racing. "This one's going to pay for all the other bums we bought."

West Coast continued Baffert's role in 2017. Gary West talked about why he became a racing fan, why he likes horse racing. He didn't sound anything like the owner who lost the Derby this year.

In the paddock before the 2018 Travers, Jonathan Thomas explained his assertive plans for Catholic Boy. He broke from post 11, angled over and won by 4. I used to share a bench with Thomas in the jocks' room. He had made it big.

As for this year, our 19th, the 150th in history, enjoy the ride.







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