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NAMES OF THE DAY

Breaking The Rules, fourth race. The Phipps Stable's 3-year-old colt is by War Front out of Protesting.

Therapist, ninth race. Oak Bluff Stable's 3-year-old is by Freud.

Savannah Belle, 12th race. The 4-year-old filly is out of Charleston Girl.

STAKES HISTORY OF THE DAY

The Saranac was first run in 1901 and boasts a diverse list of previous winners. Among the group are Kentucky Derby winner Regret (1915), Triple Crown winner Whirlaway (1941), a horse named Saratoga (1955), another named Cohoes (1957), Belmont Stakes winner Stage Door Johnny (1968), Ruffian's brother Ice-capade (1972), future champion older female De La Rose (1981), future steeple-chaser Lights And Music (1987) and future Grade 1 winner Voodoo Song (2017). Greentree Stable won the race five times – the first in 1923 and the last in 1978. The race also has a string of classic, one-word names including Dublin, Mars, Dodge, Midway, Peanuts, Crocus and Bold.

BY THE NUMBERS





1: Dollar bill found by Riley Mott on the main track Friday morning. He's got a long way to go to catch is dad's "money found at the track" story.

7:17: Post time for the 12th race this afternoon/evening. Somebody get out the coal miners' helmets.



Triple Crown. Television hosts Jerry Bailey (left) and Randy Moss mull things over with Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas near the Oklahoma training track Friday morning.

Connie Bush

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CORRECTION

In a previous article, The Special underestimated former jockey Mike Miceli's career wins. We were off by, oh, a thousand or two. He also won the 1974 Travers aboard Holding Pattern. The Special regrets the mistake, and relying on a too-quick check of Equibase.

WORTH REPEATING

"Riley's got the story wrong, but it's still a good story."

Bill Mott, on finding money at the racetrack

"Is that Kit?"

Jeremiah Englehart, as a Chevy Tahoe's bluetooth went wild Thursday morning

"I think that's my office chair."

Bill Mott looking into Mitch Friedman's tack room, which contained an abandoned office chair

"Lookit Cheryl, parking \$10. For a little bit of walking we already saved some money."

Frugal racing fan, walking past The Special office on East Avenue (with Cheryl) Friday morning

"You know, if things keep working out that War Front might make an OK sire."

Doc Richardson, stating the obvious, at the Oklahoma rail Friday

"That's a different shade of black."

Doc Richardson, while analyzing a black track suit

"They say Buckpasser and Bold Ruler were the two best-looking stallions Claiborne ever had."

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Stallion (Sire)	Rnrs	Winrs	BT SWs
ALTERNATION (<i>Distorted Humor</i>)	72	35	4
DECLARATION OF WAR (<i>War Front</i>)	105	41	4
JIMMY CREED (<i>Distorted Humor</i>)	78	36	4
VIOLENCE (<i>Medaglia d'Oro</i>)	113	56	4
DATA LINK (<i>War Front</i>)	89	28	2
FLAT OUT (<i>Flatter</i>)	104	44	2
GRAYDAR (<i>Unbridled's Song</i>)	101	47	2
OVERANALYZE (<i>Dixie Union</i>)	109	40	2
PAYNTER (<i>Awesome Again</i>)	83	36	2
POINT OF ENTRY (<i>Dynaformer</i>)	78	31	2
SHANGHAI BOBBY (<i>Harlan's Holiday</i>)	104	43	2

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"He's got a very famous breeder."
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WORTH REPEATING

Dick Knapp: "Do you think we can find Jerry? I can't let this go until next year again."

Doc Richardson (pulling out phone): "Hello, Jerry . . . are you nearby?"

Hall of Fame jockey Jerry Bailey was indeed nearby and Richardson and Knapp were headed to find him for an autograph on Knapp's copy of Jay Hovdey's book Cigar.

"She's either romantic, or elderly."

Racetracker, as a couple walked arm in arm on the backside Friday morning

"There's no place like home."

Trainer Phil Bauer, about heading home at the end of the meet

"Thanks to her."

Assistant Sarah Shaffer, after being congratulated for a good meet while pointing to Riskaverse winner Monte Crista

"I don't know."

Joe Clancy Sr., when asked how he raised such a bunch of kids

"I didn't know you were a Facebooker."

Steve Young to blacksmith Ray Amato Sr.

"Is there anything I can buy and run in the third?"

Bill Lawrence after winning Friday's first race with Chiclet's Dream and teaming with Klaravich Stable to take the second with Apartfromthecrowd

"Google it, there's a whole rabbit hole of stuff you can go down."

Winner's Circle Beer's Joel Howard, on the pending reversal of Earth's north and south poles or some such thing that will eventually affect weather, clouds, sunsets and so on (and therefore post times)



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The Top 10

The Special keeps up with a list of the meet's best – performances, achievements, feats of wonder. We'll update it daily, or try to anyway. **Bold means they're new.**

- 1 Imperial Hint. Vanderbilt July 28. Special, small sprinter won Grade 1 with speed, style, simplicity. And we wrote about him 18 months ago.
- 2 Diversify. Whitney Aug. 4. Best older horse on grounds breaks on top and rips it up – winning in hand and stretching streak to three.
- 3 Abel Tasman-Elate II. Personal Ensign Aug. 25. The 2018 tilt was as good as 2017 slugfest. Cant wait for Round Three.
- 4 Catholic Boy. Travers Aug. 25. He's a Grade 1 winner on turf and dirt. As a fan said on the way out, who's 3YO champ if he wins 2 or 3 more?
- 5 Voodoo Song. Fourstardave Aug. 11. Turf star finally earned a Special cover with a Grade 1 triumph and a 5-for-5 mark at the track.
- 6 Glorious Empire. Ex-claimer captures 2 graded turf stakes for Matt Schera & trainer Chuck Lawrence. Breeders' Cup Turf here he comes.
- 7 Promises Fulfilled. 3YO sprinter won Amsterdam and Jerkens sprint stakes to establish himself as the division leader for Dale Romans.
- 8 Monomoy Girl. C.C.A. Oaks July 22. Queen of the meet back in Kentucky. Her lady in waiting Eskimo Kisses steamrolled Alabama field.
- 9 Whitmore. Forego Aug. 25. The 5YO sprint star gets 11th win of career in Travers Day G1 for trainer Ron Moquett.
- 10 Weekend Hideaway. John Morrissey July 26. Who you callin' old? He won the N.Y.-bred stakes for the second time – four years after the first one.

The bubble: Cape Angel, Farrell, Mucho, Catherinethegreat, Arch Kingsley's 2 jump wins, the 145 Beyer put up by the rain, Barclay Tagg's double, Jeremiah Englehart, Dave Donk, Joe Sharp & Phil Serpe climbing the leaderboard, NY-breds in open stakes, Sandy's Slew (Happy Retirement), Endorsed and Code Of Honor, Rushing Fall, Ricky Hendriks & Ross Geraghty sweeping jumps Aug. 22-23, Sistercharlie, John Hertler, Kharafa, Tricky Escape, Mike Smith & Bob Baffert, LNJ Foxwoods getting a feel-good win with Dogtag after losing Bowie, Irad Ortiz, **Chad Brown's 40 (+) winners.**

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"My contention is that the old guys would run 2-year-olds in those short races even though they knew they wanted to go long, so they could get bounced around, get dirt in their faces and get used to racing. Now, they don't believe in that. What does a good 2-year-old do now, he breaks on top and it's just like another workout, he got no dirt in his face, nobody shoved him around and it's fine. Then he gets another race, and the same thing happens, they get on the lead, and he doesn't do nothing. Then they get in races before the Derby, it's altogether a different story. Not only that, the thing that makes it so tough on a 2-year-old in New York is they go from here to Belmont and they're back around one turn again. Years ago, you used go to Aqueduct after this, and they'd learn to go around that hairpin turn, old Aqueduct was a mile and had very sharp turns. If you get some of the old charts, they'd run 18, 20 2-year-olds 5 1/2 furlongs here, imagine riding those green horses in those races . . . but they did it, it's not just hearsay, I have pictures of them."

– Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015



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with Bill Mott

The tour begins in Bill Mott's office near the Oklahoma training track. The Hall of Famer shows some photos and paintings hanging on the wall of the spacious standalone office building. The walls and shelves contain a variety of Mott's horses – Cigar, Theatrical, Royal Delta, Drosselmeyer and Singleton, winner of the Hazel Park Mile in 1979. In the photo, the gray gelding streaks across the line in front of a standing-room-only crowd at the Michigan track.

"Biggest race they ever ran there. I was in my first full year when I was on my own as a public stable. I went on my own in the fall of '78, I always had horses but this was my first public stable," Mott said. "We claimed this horse for \$25,000 down in Florida, won three stakes in a row. I trained him with the pony every day, 2 miles every day. He would run to the outside fence if you took a hold of him. He was a big powerful thing, I would lope him every day."

Mott and The Special's Sean Clancy toured the Hall of Fame trainer's main barn late Friday morning. The feed tubs were hung, a couple of grooms raked inside and outside and assistant Neil Poznan-sky readied a couple for paddock schools.

Mott walked across the grass courtyard between his office and his barn, stopping to pet the lead pony first.

Round: "He's still a little goosey sometimes, but he's turning into a good pony. He's a lot of fun. He's a lot of fun."

Length: Half-sister to Hopeful hopeful Mucho, she broke her maiden sprinting on the turf at the meet. "She was supposed to run the last day, but I see they put the extra up for the first day at Belmont. I tried her a mile on the grass, a mile on the grass, a mile on the grass and finally got it right going 5 1/2 on the grass. Looking at her, she's scopey, I always thought she would go a mile, mile and a sixteenth. She didn't train much as a 2-year-old, she was really green. She didn't show speed away from the gate, she acted like she needed a mile."

Blamed: Maryland-bred daughter of Blame won five in a row at Zia Park and Sunland Park, including the Sunland Parks Oaks, for trainer Joel Marr before a break and a relocation to Mott. "She was scheduled for the Kentucky Oaks,



Bill Mott and Round head back to the barn to check on the troops.

she had a little issue in a hind ankle. We just took over her training, I was to get her after the Oaks, but she didn't make the Oaks. She's breezed twice. She's doing well."

Golden Award: Bay daughter of Medaglia d'Oro snorts at Mott like she's never seen him before. "She's a half to I'll Have Another. I like her. She's been second in her last two races. Both times they beat the field from here to the end of the barn, she's just gotten in two tough races."

Miss Mimosa: Daughter of Violence won a solid allowance here Aug. 23 for Cheyenne Stable. "She broke her maiden at Gulfstream, she won going a mile and an eighth here. She'll go in a stakes race on the 22nd or the 30th of September. The Remington Oaks is the 30th, there's a race at Charles Town, the Dogwood at Churchill. The Cotillion. We'll nominate for those races."

Americano: Two-year-old son of Tiznow finished seventh and ninth in his only two starts. "Big colt, run twice, once on the dirt, once on the turf, he's been disappointing. Big, growthy colt, he's been in his races but hasn't finished up. Probably just needs more time."

Elate: Runner-up in a controversial Personal Ensign, the stic bay filly barely looks up from her late-morning breakfast. "She's in the tub anyway, didn't shy away, the numbers guys say she ran fast, like super fast. Both fillies. They beat the field by 10. You couldn't come in half-cocked to win that race and she ran well but I suppose the final outcome was a disappointment for everybody. She didn't let us down. Maybe we let her down."

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Dolce Lili: Daughter of Scat Daddy won two in a row at Monmouth last summer and has the hit the board in all four start this year. "Not an easy keeper, stays a little light. She eats but you have to be careful, she gets wound up in the paddock, she's a handful. She gets herself geared up, which is probably why she doesn't carry a lot of flesh, she runs well, though."

Own Agenda: Juddmonte homebred is 1-for-4. "Broke his maiden at Churchill two turns. I tried him on the turf. I thought he worked well on the turf. I'll put blinkers on him and run him back on the dirt. He's useful."

Sean Clancy

That's Speightful: Bred by Kinsman Stable, 3-year-old filly has yet to hit the board in three tries. "Her granddam was Dream Supreme, I trained her mother and her grandmother. She had an entrapped epiglottis, so we did a little surgery on her, she should break her maiden."

Vehement: Bred by Claiborne and Adele Dilschneider, son of War Front finished fourth in an off-the-turf sprint in his debut here. "His siblings have run well on the turf, he's by War Front, so...he looks a little like a horse I had, Mosler, a strong-shouldered horse."

Red Knight: Trinity Farm homebred won an open allowance on the turf last week. Mott chirps to him, the big, lengthy chestnut gelding pins his ears and glares. "You'd like to have him. This horse is pretty good, he rolled right through his New York-bred conditions and the open conditions. He's won five and never run in a stake. There's a New York-bred stake going 9 furlongs at Belmont. I'm thinking, this horse, going a mile and three, a mile and a half against open company, I don't know how good he is, we'll see."

Good Samaritan: Last year's Jim Dandy winner failed to land a blow in the Whitney. "Going back to the turf next time. He'll go to Canada for the (Woodbine) Mile. We've won two graded races on the dirt, Grade 1 placed on the dirt. The Whitney was a screw up, I went in believing we had a chance and within 15 minutes we had no chance when they held the race up. We went from having a perfect racetrack to where they were going in ankle deep. This racetrack when it gets too sloppy like that, nobody catches up. They said they sealed it, they can't seal it, they floated it, but it still took on too much water. Had it been a real sealed track, where they had heavy equipment on it and the rain pounded it down, he trains beautiful over a track like that. I was watching them go up to the gate

Stable Tour —

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and the horses were going slop, slop, slop, they were literally up to the back of their fetlock walking in the mud. I said we have zero chance.”

Commend: Three-time winner hasn’t run since venturing to Presque Isle Downs. “Sprinter, we got some black type, trying to win a stake. He’s a half to Flatter and a half to Congrats. He’s a nice horse, a three other than, I’ve been dealing with some foot issues, I was going to send him to Kentucky Downs but I don’t know if I’m going to have him ready.”

Satisfy: Dream Maker Racing’s New York-bred owns two wins and a second. “She was supposed to run this weekend, the filly that beat her was actually second in the Ballerina, looking back that might be why we got back. I shipped her up here and they didn’t use the race. I’ve got her and Length up here and they’ve got to ship back. You’ve got to get lucky sometimes.”

Channel Maker: The dead-heat Bowling Green winner came back to finish second in last weekend’s Grade 1 Sword Dancer. He’s tries to grab Mott’s water bottle from his hand. “Hey, that’s mine. He’s almost an overachiever, I guess. He’s run hard, he’s had some trouble trips, beaten a length, a half-length, 2 lengths. He usually comes from behind but he did lay close the other day. I was worried he was too close but they went around the track like that. (Joel Rosario) rides him good, he’s a really difficult horse to ride, I think he’s hard to get comfortable on, you’ve got to sit still but you can’t make any bad moves on him. If you push too hard or pull too hard his head comes up and he goes in.”

Ilume: Bred for former NFL quarterback Jake Delhomme, 2-year-old Malibu Moon colt cost \$275,000 as a yearling. “We thought we were going to have him close to running but we sent him out before the meet, he was at Fair Hill for three months. He’s back galloping now.”

Flip: Foxcroft Farm’s homebred 2-year-old by Curlin is out of the stakes-placed Malibu Moon mare Malibu Moon Dance. “He just came back in with the other one, this one had shins, the other horse had bruised hind ankles, they had 60 days off and now they’re back jogging and galloping. The both came back in looking good.”

Southern Bridge: James Karp’s 2-year-old Lemon Drop Kid colt finished fifth in his debut and returns in today in similar 1 1/16-mile maiden race. “He’s OK. He ran good the first time, trailed the field, slow pace, finished fifth, came running. He’s been scratched twice because races came off the grass.”

Greatreviews: Jack Hammer’s 4-year-old homebred Le-roidesanimaux filly finished third, beaten a head, in 7-furlong optional claimer Aug. 15. She’s won three of nine and earned \$138,340. “She’s a half to Ron The Greek. She’s got a wonderful disposition but she doesn’t want to run as far as Ron The Greek. This filly is more of a sprinter, you can look at her chest.

Ron was a big stout horse, but he had a little more leg under him. She looks like seven-eighths is probably her cup of tea. She ran so hard the other day and they just nailed her on the wire, she got beat two noses. She’s just starting to look good. We clipped her, I always leave a little patch on their withers so they don’t rub and in July, she hadn’t shed out yet. Now, her hair is nice and smooth.”

Yoshida: Grade 1-winning Japanese-bred son of Heart’s Cry makes dirt debut in today’s Woodward. “How you doing? We’ve got two horses who can slip their halter within five seconds of being tied up. He can and Hofburg can. If you’re in the stall brushing them you can tie them up, but otherwise, as soon as you leave, it’ll be off. He’s got two halters, one small one and one normal one. The dirt is something we need to do, I’m perfectly fine with it, it’s just something that has to be done, the way he’s trained, the way he’s bred. For his future, it’s important to find out. The only thing I would hope is it’s black or white, you’re either in or you’re not. OK, don’t stagger home and finish third beaten 5 lengths and have a little trouble on the way where you say, ‘Ah, well, he got bothered, maybe we can...’ I would be equally as confident as (Good Samaritan in the Jim Dandy), I think in these situations, maybe sometimes you have a real strong feeling, but for me, I have a wait and see, let’s get him over there, get him saddled and I want to see the result. He came back from the race on the turf with an eye that was completely closed up, that’s what may have happened in that race, he took a big clod in his eye and I think it stunned him.”

Forge: Juddmonte homebred 5-year-old English-bred by Dubawi knocked on the door in several graded stakes, including a seconds in last year’s Grade 2 Bernard Baruch and this year’s Grade 3 Tampa Bay. He’s entered in Monday’s Bernard Baruch. “He’s an every-other-time runner, one time good, one time bad, one time good, one time bad. I don’t know why. His sister was a little inconsistent. He’s got some ability, he’s graded placed, he’s a useful horse. He’s run a couple of real big races for us and sometimes he’ll come back and be a little disappointing. I had his sister, Radiator. Early in her career she ran one or two good races in Europe and then lost all her form. They brought her over here, we freshened her for the winter and ran her at Keeneland and, whew, like visually it was really good, and she never fired again.”

Hail: Juddmonte’s 3-year-old Tapit filly is 1-for-5, winning a maiden race at Aqueduct Dec. 30. “She’s a half to Lockdown and Close Hatches. She broke her maiden last winter, finished third in the Busanda and she’s run twice this year, we’re waiting for the turnaround. She’s not as good as her two sisters. She’s a big pretty filly. A lot of scope. I don’t know why, she trains OK, I’ve tried short, long, turf. We’re going to shorten her back up again and maybe try seven-eighths.”

Seismic Wave: Mott goes in to pet Juddmonte’s homebred 2-year-old by Tapit. He’s breezed seven times in Saratoga, including his last two on the Oklahoma turf. “Come here ornery. Pretty horse. He’s a sweetheart in his stall. He’s very active out of the stall. I’ve had a couple of siblings out of the mare, this horse worked OK on the grass, I worked him with Vehement, he worked pretty well with him. He’s all turf.”

Mucho: Mott smooches to the 2-year-old and then rubs in the trough between his jaws. The Blame colt loves it. A maiden winner Aug. 4, he runs in Monday’s Grade 1 Hopeful. “What are you doing? I trained his mother and his grandmother, he’s a half to Length. I had another sister named Size, she won the Oaks in Iowa. I ran her in the Alabama and I finished her off. You had to catch her mother with a butterfly net but he’s nice. We’ll wait and see, each one’s a new challenge, right?”

Hofburg: Juddmonte’s Tapit colt won the Curlin and was bound for the Travers until a fever knocked him out of the race. Second in the Grade 1 Florida Derby, he finished seventh in the Kentucky Derby and third the Belmont Stakes. The chestnut colt barges toward the front of the stall. “I’m not letting you out. He looks better than when we scratched him before the Travers. I gave him a week of walking and he just turned around. That’s what I’ve been saying about him, things happen for a reason sometimes. I was looking at him coming to the Travers, he’s OK, but he’s not thriving. He got the fever, we walked him seven, eight days, we had to treat him, he was off his feed a little. At the end of the week, he just blossomed, we’re talking two weeks time. We’ll go to the PA Derby.”

Starting Point: WinStar’s homebred 2-year-old Paynter colt made two starts at the meet, finishing fifth in a 7-furlong off-the-turf maiden on Fourstardave Day and third in a 6-furlong maiden on Travers Day. White-faced colt turned and walked to the front of the stall. “Hey Whitey, come here. He’s run twice on the dirt, he’ll probably have to go the turf. He’s run good both times but he just doesn’t finish it off. Both jocks said, ‘Maybe the turf.’ He’s shown speed, he’s broke on the lead both times he’s run.”

Noble Alma: Two-year-old daughter of Lemon Drop Kid went through the ring at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings last year and breeder Brant Laue bought her back for \$145,000. She breezed 3 furlongs in :37.05 at Belmont Aug. 23. She’s a recent arrival. “She just came up from Belmont. We’re getting her house set up. I trained her granddam and her dam. Her mother, the year she was a 3-year-old, we had run her once at Belmont, she was second. I waited to run her here, I said, ‘This is a slam dunk, all I have to do is put her in the entry box.’ She broke her maiden in her ninth start, then she won four in a row and the last was a Grade 2.”

Capla Temptress: Team Valor’s Grade 1 winner finished second in Grade 2 Lake Placid on Alabama Day, beaten 2 3/4 lengths by Rushing Fall. Has won three of eight and earned \$268,456. Irish-bred filly stood on the wash pad waiting to be shod. “Second in the Lake Placid. She’ll go to the (Grade 2 Sands Point) on the 15th at Belmont.”

Teletype: Stone Farm’s homebred bay 2-year-old Data Link filly waits for the blacksmith. Fourth in two starts at the meet, she’s entered in Monday’s sixth going 1 1/16 miles on the turf. “Are we going to have to shoe this filly?” Mott picks up four hooves. “She would get by,” before leaving the decision for the blacksmith. “She’s in Monday. She ran twice on the dirt, she was fourth the first time, she laid second, she goes well on the bridle. She’s got feet like this and she’s bred top and bottom for turf. I probably should have scratched her the second time.”

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Big Gun

Sano, stable star Gunnevera make Saratoga for 3rd consecutive year

TOM LAW

Victor Ofarril walked off the gap at the three-quarter pole on the main track at Saratoga Race Course a bit after 7 a.m. Friday and said something to Antonio Sano that might spell bad news for Gunnevera's 13 foes in today's \$750,000 Woodward Stakes.

"My rider coming off the track said the horse has never felt this good," Sano said as he walked toward the gap to meet the 4-1 morning-line favorite for the Grade 1 stakes. "I can see it, too. The horse's condition has never been better."

Ofarril's words mean a little more to Sano than typical "rider-speak." Sano came to the United States in

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2010, after a successful career as a trainer in his native Venezuela, and set up shop in South Florida. Ofarril has worked for Sano the entire time and he's in Saratoga looking after Gunnevera and Bella Ciao, a 2-year-old daughter of Flatter who runs in today's co-featured Grade 1 Spinaway.

After Gunnevera made the short walk back to Sano's stalls in Barn 23, sandwiched between Tom Albertrani's overflow and Pat Kelly's horses on one end and Tom Amoss' small string on the other, the trainer asked his exercise rider to elaborate a bit more

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Gunnevera and Victor Ofarril get an escort to the track Friday morning.

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on Gunnevera's morning. He asked in Spanish and Ofarril did his best to answer in English.

"I think he's very good, very strong today, very good," said Ofarril. "He's got a lot of gears. Oh yes, I can do anything I want with him."

Gunnevera's bit of training at Saratoga, where he won the Grade 2 Saratoga Special as a 2-year-old in 2016 and finished second in the Grade 1 Travers last year, started after Bella Ciao went through her morning paces under Ofarril with Sano looking on from the backstretch.

Bella Ciao walked the shedrow under a green Lambholm South Race of the Week cooler while Sano waited for Gunnevera to be tacked up. A small crowd — a writer, photographer, cameraman and producer — gathered just outside the shedrow at about 6:40 a.m.

"Something big must be going on," said Kelly, a mainstay in Barn 23 and Sano's unofficial host the last two summers.

A little after 6:45 when a member of Kelly's string went out to train, Sano unsnapped the runners and Gunnevera stepped out of the shedrow under the tall trees that provide a nearly complete canopy over that part of the stable area. Offarril got a leg up just past 6:50 and Gunnevera walked alongside the pony to the main track, down the road in front of Jimmy Toner's barn and past the usual squatters in front of the Morning Line track kitchen.

Gunnevera, who makes his second start since finishing eighth (and injuring his hoof) in the Dubai World Cup March 31, jogged the wrong way as Sano and the small entourage settled into a spot near the three-quarter pole as a Barclay Tagg set stood along the outside rail. Gunnevera jogged to the finish, stood for a few minutes, turned around and left the pony into a light gallop at about the mile pole.

Ofarril took a light hold of the blue nylon reins around the bend as Gunnevera glided into the backstretch, neck bowed and in an easy rhythm. He picked it up on the backstretch, around the far turn and into the stretch. Gunnevera continued that way around the clubhouse turn



Tod Marks

Trainer Antonio Sano.

the second time, cut the corner to the backstretch and pulled up at about the five-eighths pole.

"I like what I saw," Sano said as Gunnevera walked off the track. "He's ready. He breezed at Gulfstream (West) and came up here ready. When the horse comes back up here for a short week I only need to maintain. Everything we do is maintenance with him."

Gunnevera prepped for the Woodward with a victory in an optional claimer three weeks ago at Gulfstream Park. The 4-year-old Dialed In colt toyed with four rivals that day, winning by 6 1/2 lengths as the 1-10 favorite.

Gunnevera improved to 6-for-17 with the victory and ended a string of four losses that also included a second to eventual 3-year-old champion West Coast in last year's Travers, a fifth in the Breeders' Cup Classic and a third in the 2018 Pegasus World Cup. In a similar setup to this year's Saratoga try, Gunnevera won the Tangelo Stakes at Gulfstream 20 days before the Travers.

Sano gave Gunnevera some time off after Dubai, sending the chestnut colt to a farm in Ocala for 60 days. He returned to Sano's barn at Gulfstream Park West (the former Calder Race Course) in early June and started to get serious in late June. Gunnevera breezed seven times before his allowance prep and breezed twice more after, including 6 furlongs in 1:13.20 last Friday.

Gunnevera drew post nine in the full field of 14 for the Woodward and carries 118 pounds, lightest of the

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group along with five others based on conditions, including Florida-based jockey Edgard Zayas.

"It's a big field, I need no trouble in the race," said Sano, who trains Gunnevera for Margoth. "We're hoping he gets a good start, gets in good position and is very quiet, then the last three-eighths hopefully he can close. That's his style and the horse responds very well to (Zayas)."



Yoshida makes his first start on dirt in the Grade 1. Tod Marks

Gunnevera breaks just to the inside of one of the field's Grade 1 winners, 9-2 second choice Seeking The Soul.

Winner of the Grade 1 Clark Handicap last November at Churchill Downs, the 5-year-old son of Perfect Soul won a 9-furlong optional claimer at the 2017 Saratoga meet for Dallas Stewart and owner/breeder Chuck Fipke. Seeking The Soul also ran in the Pegasus World Cup, finishing two spots behind Gunnevera in fifth, before going to the sidelines for nearly seven months. He returned with a second in the Michael G. Schaefer Memorial at Indiana Grand Race Course July 14.

Yoshida, winner of the Grade 1 Woodford Reserve Turf Classic on the Kentucky Derby undercard, makes his dirt debut in the Woodward and is the 5-1 third choice on the early line for trainer Bill Mott. The 4-year-old son of Heart's Cry finished fifth in the Grade 1 Fourstar-dave last time after a fifth in the Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The Woodward only attracted two runners from the Grade 1 Whitney



Term Of Art. Tod Marks



Tapwrit tries to halt a four-race losing streak. Tod Marks

Aug. 4: third- and fourth-place finishers Discreet Lover and Tapwrit, respectively. The field also includes the 1-2-4 finishers from the Grade 3 West Virginia Governor's Cup in Leofric, Term Of Art and Imperative, the winner of the Downs at Albuquerque Handicap in Hence, fan favorite Patch and State Dinner Stakes winner Sunny Ridge. Kurilov, runner-up in the Alydar; Zanotti, runner-up in the Grade 3 Monmouth Cup; and Rally Cry, runner-up to Gun Runner in last year's Woodward and a distant fourth in an optional claimer in his 2018 debut here July 21, complete the cast.



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Full Spin

Restless Rider takes swing vs. deep field

BY SEAN CLANCY

Ken McPeek juggled his life Friday morning at Saratoga.

Owner Harold Lerner dropped off a canvas print of Eskimo Kisses winning the Alabama. McPeek's daughter, Annie, grabbed blue and black dry-erase markers and doodled on the wall-size training chart in the trainer's office at the Oklahoma Annex. Eskimo Kisses stood behind a webbing while photographers swarmed. And undefeated 2-year-old filly Restless Rider cooled out after an easy gallop.

"We try to use Saratoga as a working vacation," McPeek said.

It's a good concept.

"I tried to bring less horses this year, just good quality ones. We narrowed it down to some nice, nice horses who could run in quality races," McPeek said. "One year I brought 50, man, we were busy. I'm not sure I'm at the age that I want to fight that as much."

McPeek has fought his way to five wins thus far, including the Grade 1 Alabama. Today, he tries to add another Grade 1 stakes tally by unleashing Restless Rider against 11 foes in the Spinaway, one of two Grade 1 stakes on the four-stakes Saturday card.

Owned by Fern Circle Stable and Three Chimneys Farm, Restless Rider won her debut going 5 1/2 furlongs at Churchill Downs June 8 and came right back to win the 6-furlong Debutante 22 days later. McPeek decided right then and there to skip



Sean Clancy

Restless Rider comes off a runaway win in the Debutante at Churchill Downs June 30.

Saratoga's first two juvenile filly stakes, the Schuylerville and Adirondack, and aim at the closing weekend stakes.

"I'm thrilled with her, she's been up here six weeks, she's done everything right from the beginning, we're trying to put a three-race plan together, Spinaway, Alcibiades, Breeders' Cup," McPeek said. "This is just one step of three, she seems like the kind of filly who can jump through all those hoops. I didn't want to sprint her any more, she's so fast, and something that set her up for the Alcibiades is all that much better."

McPeek purchased the daughter of Distorted Humor for \$150,000 from Denali Stud halfway through book two at Keeneland September sales.

"Working the September yearling sale, just working through it, working through it, she ticked all the boxes," McPeek said. "She gets some serious

speed from Distorted Humor and the broodmare sire, Unbridled's Song. She's freaky good."

Kentucky-based Brian Hernandez Jr., 3-for-8 at the meet, keeps the call on the 6-1 co-third choice. Showing plenty of speed before her debut, Restless Rider did not surprise McPeek when she won her debut, although, that's not his usual style.

"I tend to try to progress horses, the first race is decent, the second is better, the third race is best. Any time they win for me first time out, they've usually done it at 75, 80 percent, then they progress from there," McPeek said. "I don't think she beat much in her second race, but the way she did it was ultra-impressive. She's going to have to run that race again, any time you're trying to climb the ladder to try to be champion, you have to beat some good ones."

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Restless Rider will indeed face her sternest test as 11 other fillies passed the entry box for the 7-furlong stakes. None of those are bigger than Chasing Yesterday, a half-sister to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah. Owned and bred by Summer Wind Equine and trained by Bob Baffert, the daughter of Tapit cruised to a facile win in her debut at Del Mar July 28. Mike Smith makes another trip across the country to try to plunder another Grade 1 at Saratoga. Smith and Baffert teamed up to win two Grade 1 stakes last weekend. Chasing Yesterday has posted two 6-furlong drills, both in 1:13, at Del Mar in preparation for the Spinaway. She's the 5-2 favorite on the morning line.

Catherinethegreat walloped nine rivals in the Grade 3 Schuylerville opening weekend here for John Oxley and trainer Mark Casse. Jose Ortiz guided the daughter of Uncaptured to a 4 1/4-length win that day and returns on the gray filly. She's won two of three starts.

Todd Pletcher fires three fillies at

the Spinaway, a race he's won six times.

Virginia Eloise won her debut before finishing second in the Adirondack. Owned by St Elias Stable, MeB Racing Stable and Teresa Viola Stable, the daughter of Curlin rallied from 11 lengths down in the Adirondack to just miss by a half-length behind the absent Sue's Fortune. Javier Castellano returns on the 10-1 shot.

Nonna Madeline chased Catherinethegreat in the Schuylerville, finishing second behind the runaway winner. Owned by the same three entities, the daughter of Candy Ride won her debut at Monmouth before making her stakes debut in the Schuylerville. She's breezed four times, including a bullet 5-furlong drill over the Oklahoma Aug. 11, since her runner-up finish. John Velazquez takes the call.

Guacamole finished third in the Adirondack, 2 1/4 lengths behind Virginia Eloise. Owned by Repole Stable, the daughter of Flat Out finished second in her debut here but was moved up to the winner after late interference from Super Simple. Luis Saez rides.

Cassies Dreamer, Baby Nina, Sipican Harbor, Bella Ciao, Reflect and Love My Honey complete the field.



Tod Marks

American Pharoah's half-sister Chasing Yesterday gallops Friday morning.



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Golden Brown ships in from Monmouth Park for today's Saranac.

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Home Team

Golden Brown, McBurney represent New Jersey in Grade 3

BY JOE CLANCY

Trainer Patrick McBurney went to Kentucky two years ago to scout yearlings at Fasig-Tipton's October sale. He and his team did the usual – scoured the catalog to create a short list, whittled down the list by conformation and price, took second looks at any horses who fit the profile, then got ready to bid.

He could have stayed home in New Jersey and landed Golden Brown, a \$22,000 purchase and a contender in today's Grade 3 Saranac Stakes on the turf at Saratoga Race Course.

"We didn't realize he was a Jersey-bred," said McBurney, a Fair Haven, N.J. resident who bases his stable at Monmouth Park in Oceanport. "Terry Gabriel, who helps us pick out

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horses, pointed it out. He goes, 'You came all the way to Kentucky to get a Jersey-bred?' "

The move worked.

Bred by Dutch model turned Thoroughbred breeder Esther de Jong, Golden Brown has won three of eight including the Grade 3 Kent Stakes at Delaware Park two starts back and has earned \$239,500. The dark bay is 12-1 on the morning line in a field of nine for the 1 1/8-mile stakes – one of four on the card. The \$300,000 race lured the top two finishers from the Grade 2 Hall of Fame Stakes here Aug. 3 in Raging Bull (2-1) from

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RAGS TO RICHES OVERNIGHT STAKES

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Fillies Two Year Olds	1 Mile

THE BET ON SUNSHINE OVERNIGHT STAKES

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Three Years Old & Up	7 Furlongs

STREET SENSE

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Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	1 Mile

DREAM SUPREME OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Nov. 4	Closes Oct. 27
\$95,000	(no nomination fee)
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	6 Furlongs

COMMONWEALTH TURF (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 10	Closes Oct. 27
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RIVER CITY HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 17	Closes Nov. 3
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Three Year Olds & Up	1-1/8 Miles Turf

CARDINAL HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 22	Closes Nov. 10
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KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB (GII)

2019 Kentucky Derby Points Race

Runs Sat., Nov. 24	Closes Nov. 10
\$200,000	(\$200 nomination fee)
Two Year Olds	1-1/16 Miles

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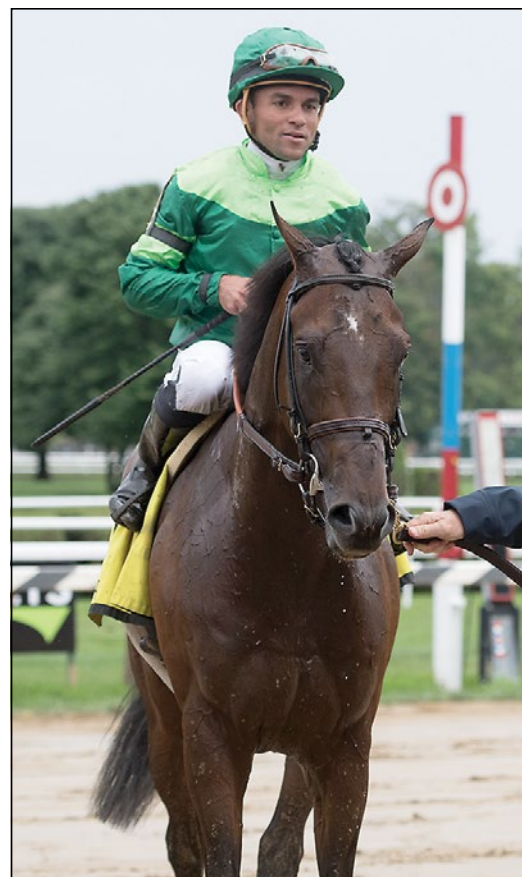
Chad Brown's barn and Ma-raud (9-2) from Todd Pletcher's. They were a nose apart that day going 1 1/16 miles and get an extra half-furlong to sort it out four weeks later.

They've got plenty of company on the contender list as four foes exit wins – Up The Ante, who defeated Raging Bull in the Manila at Belmont Park in July; Woodbine stakes winner March To The Arch; stakes winner Sand Dancer; and five-time stakes winner Therapist. Want more? Free Drop Billy, a Grade 1 winner on dirt as a 2-year-old, makes his turf debut for trainer Dale Romans. And finally, Hot Springs goes out for Steve Asmussen after finishing second to Golden Brown in the Kent, a potential key race as third-place finisher Carrick upset the Grade 1 Secretariat in his next start.

"Saratoga is always going to be a tough spot," said McBurney, who sends out just the third Spa runner of his career. The long-time assistant to John Forbes became the trainer of record in 2007 and gears the stable around racing at Monmouth for owners with New Jersey ties. McBurney was fifth in the 2018 trainers' standings with 15 wins at Monmouth through Thursday and all but 27 of his 126 starts on the year have occurred at the track.

Owned by Ashley Jones, Louis Carr, Dominic Bossone, Peter Donnelly and Jay Schnoor, Golden Brown has accounted for three of those trips out of town. After starting just once at 2, he opened 2018 with a second at Parx in late January.

The next month, he graduated the maiden ranks going 6 furlongs in the slop. Freshened for the Monmouth meet, the son of Offlee Wild won a state-bred allowance in late May and finished second in the state-bred Dan Horn Stakes in his turf debut. Next came the Kent, a Grade 3 at today's distance. Dismissed at nearly 16-1, Golden Brown stalked the early pace, dropped back to fifth on the backside and emerged with a run while five wide off the turn to win by 1 3/4



Tod Marks

Raging Bull is favored in the Saranac, his second stakes start at the meet.

lengths over Hot Springs with Carrick third.

"His two grass races he's been up close, then he faded back a little and got running down the lane," said McBurney. "I really like the mile-and-an-eighth for him. I think the farther they go the more he likes it."

Aboard for the last three, Jairo Rendon comes up for the ride.

"He gets himself stirred up which is the one negative about him, but Jairo knows him and that helps," said McBurney of Golden Brown. "He's equally fast on dirt and turf. If the pace is slow he'll let him be close. If it's too hot, he can drop off of it a little bit."

After the Kent, Golden Brown tried the big time with a start in the Grade 1 Haskell at Monmouth. The race was a treat for the ownership group and an opportunity for the horse in a seven-figure race.

"You have to be invited to it and we were invited," said McBurney. "All the clients are from this general area so we thought it would be worth taking a shot. He's based here, he'd

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Saranac —

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run well over the track and we knew he wouldn't mind the distance. We had a bit of a wide trip against some of the best 3-year-olds in the country."

Trainer Christophe Clement entered two in the Saranac. Castleton Lyons homebred Up The Ante breaks from the rail for Javier Castellano and is the 7-2 second choice. The son of Smart Strike exits a runaway score, over Raging Bull, in the 1-mile Manila at Belmont Park July 4.

"They all say he stole his last race, I slightly disagree with that," Clement said. "Nobody came back on him the last quarter of a mile. I don't think he really stole it. He's a nice horse, he could have run earlier at the meet but he does not like soft ground so I waited for the firmer ground which should work out. The question mark is stamina, but we will find out. He has a great draw and a great jockey."

Clement's second runner, Oak Bluff Stable's Therapist, leads the field with six wins. The son of Freud won his first three – a New York-bred maiden last summer at Belmont, the Laurel Futurity and the Awad Stakes. This year, he finished third in the Grade 3 Palm Beach and won the Cutler Bay at Gulfstream Park. Bred by Oak Bluff and Clement, Therapist rebounded from a sixth in the Grade 2 Penn Mile in June to win back-to-back New York Stallion Series stakes. The latest of those came here Aug. 6, when he drew off to score by 5 1/2 lengths.

Now he steps up against graded stakes winners while

carrying co-high weight of 123 pounds. John Velazquez rides for the first time as Irad Ortiz Jr. sticks with Maraud.

"He is a fun horse to train, full of life," said Clement. "He has won six out of eight, so he's obviously a nice horse. I've placed him in the easiest spots I could find, but it's worked out."

Therapist has a long way to go to measure up, but his trainer offered a potential measuring stick for the colt's career.

"I always thought he would be the next Lubash," Clement said of the New York-bred champion who won 18 of 54 starts over eight seasons and earned in excess of \$1.5 million. "He's by Freud like Lubash, he trains like Lubash and he has a very good turn of foot like Lubash. I will do my best."

Peter Brant's Raging Bull is a deserving favorite in the Saranac, which dates to 1901 and counts among its past winners Triple Crown winner Whirlaway, off the late-running win in the Hall of Fame. Bred in France, the son of Dark Angel caught Maraud near the wire while improving to 3-for-4 lifetime with the only defeat the second to Up The Ante in the Manila. Joel Rosario returns for the ride.

In 10 starts on dirt, Free Drop Billy has assembled a bankroll of \$660,220 including a win in the 2017 Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland and placings in the Gotham, Holy Bull, Hopeful and Sanford for Romans and Albaugh Family Stable. The colt may have plenty of turf upside however as his half-brother Hawkbill was a major turf winner for Godolphin and trainer Charlie Appleby including Group 1 triumphs in the Dubai Sheema Classic and Coral Eclipse Stakes.

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Stepping Out

Lady Montdore hopes to carry on tradition of European imports

BY TOM LAW

Tom Albertrani sensed something familiar in Lady Montdore when she showed up in his barn this spring.

He received European imports from Godolphin Racing in the past that didn't impress early before going on to graded-stakes success. Lady Montdore, a 4-year-old daughter of Medaglia d'Oro out of multiple Grade 1 winner Hystericalady, fit into a similar mold.

"I didn't know a lot about her until I got her in the barn," Albertrani said watching the filly train with a set before the break Friday on the main track. "At first she didn't look to be much, small frame and everything else."

GLENS FALLS STAKES PREVIEW

The trainer developed those thoughts about Lady Montdore, the fourth choice on the morning line for today's Grade 2 Glens Falls Stakes against an armada of three from leading trainer Chad Brown's barn, in the early spring. The last of four stakes on the card goes as the 12th race at 7:17 p.m.

Albertrani sent her to Godolphin's Greentree training center adjacent to the main track barn area in late May, where she trained on the facility's synthetic track before turning in three

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Lady Montdore eyes her second Saratoga win in today's Glens Falls.

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Glens Falls —

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breezes on the dirt over the Oklahoma Training Track in June.

Around that time, Albertrani's opinion started to change.

After he scoped out her European form, which included a victory at Saint-Cloud and a third in a Group 3 stakes at the prestigious Deauville August meeting for Andre Fabre, Albertrani started to think she might follow the likes of Anjaz and Criticism. Those two fillies came from Europe with decent if not spectacular form then went on to win graded stakes in the United States.

"After we got to train her and see more of her she's really started to build herself up," Albertrani said. "She was always showing us she had a little bit of talent. I started to like her.

"Once I looked closer into her form I thought, 'We've gotten a few fillies like this in the past that have done well. They were very similar to her.' That got me thinking, 'Maybe she'll do something similar to those two.'"

Lady Montdore gets her first chance in the 1 3/8-mile Glens Falls. She won over the course and trip in her American debut, taking an Aug. 6 allowance by 4 1/2 lengths on good ground.

The victory came with some cost as Lady Montdore felt the effects of the warmest day of the meet to that point. She showed signs of distress after the winner's photo, wobbled a bit walking out of the winner's circle and onto the main track.

Albertrani's longtime assistant Dave Wallace and veterinarians cared



Trainer Tom Albertrani.

Tod Marks

for the Kentucky-bred filly, who regained her strength and walked on her own to the test barn after being hosed off.

"It was 90-somewhat degrees, quite warm, and from what I've heard there were quite a few other horses that suffered with the same thing," Albertrani said. "She cooled out fine once we got her back to the barn and she seems to be doing as well as she did going into the first race. It's a little cooler this weekend, so that will help. It's all looking good.

"She's done well since the race, we'll see how she handles it all."

The main opposition — as it often does in graded stakes on the grass on the circuit — comes from Brown. He tied the meet record of 40 winners, which he shared with 2017 leading trainer Todd Pletcher, during Friday's card and sends out 6-5 favorite Santa Monica, 3-1 second choice Onthemoonagain and 9-2 third choice Homeland Security.

Santa Monica, who went through the ring at the Tattersalls Ltd. December mares sale and brought 375,000 guineas, is 2-for-3 in the U.S. for Brown and owners Susan Magnier, Madaket Stables and Deron Pearson. The 5-year-old Mastercraftsman mare won the Grade 2 Dance Smartly in her most recent start at Woodbine June 30.

Onthemoonagain finished third behind Glens Falls entrant Danceland and Dynatail in a 9-furlong optional claimer at Saratoga Aug. 2 in her U.S. debut for Brown and owner Martin Schwartz. The French-bred filly won two small stakes in her native country and placed in two group races in 2017 before being sent to North America.

Homeland Security and Lady Montdore share the distinction of being the most lightly raced of the nine fillies and mares in the Glens Falls, with just six starts each. The 4-year-old Smart Strike filly won the 1 1/2-mile River Memories Stakes, beating Glens Falls runners Savannah Belle and Summersault, last time out at Belmont Park July 8.

The other runner entered for the grass is La Manta Gris, third to Lady Joan going 1 3/8 miles at Saratoga Aug. 10 and an allowance winner here in 2017 for Rusty Arnold. Land Mine, a New York-bred daughter of Mineshaft who finished second in the Saratoga Dew, is entered for the main track only.



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One of three for trainer Chad Brown, Santa Monica seeks her third North American win.

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1ST (1:00PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Limonite.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	S. Asmussen 12-1
2	.....2.....	Speed App.....	L. Saez.....	D. Lukas 7-2
3	.....3.....	Lion Dance.....	J. Castellano.....	J. Jerkens..... 6-1
4	.....4.....	Felix the Fox.....	J. Rosario.....	C. McGaughey III 8-1
5	.....5.....	Frolic More.....	B. Hernandez, Jr.....	D. Stewart 6-1
6	.....6.....	Signalman.....	D. Cohen.....	K. McPeek 4-1
7	.....7.....	Will Dancer.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown 3-1
8	.....8.....	Fed Fever.....	M. Franco.....	G. Weaver..... 8-1
9	.....9.....	Bumperdoo.....	D. Davis.....	N. Zito 30-1

2ND (1:34PM). \$50,000, CLM \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Dowse's Beach.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	J. Servis..... 5-1
2	.....2.....	Francis Freud.....	A. Lezcano.....	R. Metivier..... 30-1
3	.....3.....	No Distortion.....	D. Davis.....	P. Reynolds 15-1
4	.....4.....	Royal Asset.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	T. Morley 5-1
5	.....5.....	Tribecca.....	K. Carmouche.....	G. Sciacca 20-1
6	.....6.....	Canarsie Kid.....	J. Rosario.....	M. Miceli 6-1
7	.....7.....	Zoot Suit.....	J. Ortiz.....	J. Englehart..... 7-2
8	.....8.....	Natural Order.....	M. Franco.....	R. Handal 10-1
9	.....9.....	Platinum Prince.....	D. Cohen.....	R. Diodoro..... 3-1
10	.....10.....	Dancetrack.....	J. Lezcano.....	O. Barrera, III 8-1

3RD (2:08PM). \$85,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Allured.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown 6-1
2	.....2.....	Totalitario.....	M. Franco.....	R. Rohena 30-1
3	.....3.....	Illudere.....	J. Alvarado.....	J. Jerkens..... 7-2
4	.....4.....	Business Cycle.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Brown 8-5
5	.....5.....	El Mas Puro.....	D. Davis.....	D. Lukas 20-1
6	.....6.....	Consensus Thinking.....	J. Lezcano.....	R. Rodriguez 15-1
7	.....7.....	Raising the Flag.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	S. Asmussen 6-1
8	.....8.....	Brasstown.....	K. Carmouche.....	J. Navarro 12-1
9	.....9.....	House Limit.....	D. Cohen.....	J. Jerkens..... 8-1
10	.....10.....	Tiz Morning.....	P. Fragoso.....	J. Mc Allen 30-1
11	.....11.....	The Dustman.....	J. Ortiz.....	R. Moquett 30-1

4TH (2:43PM). \$92,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Breaking the Rules.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. McGaughey III 5-1
2	.....2.....	Holiday Stone.....	L. Saez.....	G. Weaver..... 6-1
3	.....3.....	Hockey School.....	J. Velazquez.....	B. Lynch 12-1
4	.....4.....	Night Prowler.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Brown 3-1
5	.....5.....	Team Colors.....	D. Cohen.....	R. Diodoro..... 9-2
6	.....6.....	English Minister.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Trombetta..... 15-1
7	.....7.....	Hembree.....	M. Franco.....	M. Maker 10-1
8	.....8.....	Attribute.....	K. Carmouche.....	D. Gargan 7-2
9	.....9.....	Monster Bea.....	J. Lezcano.....	C. Martin 10-1

5TH (3:19PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Uncle Sigh.....	J. Ortiz.....	C. Englehart..... 5-2
2	.....2.....	Mr. Dougie Fresh.....	J. Alvarado.....	K. McLaughlin 8-1
3	.....3.....	Lenstar.....	L. Saez.....	N. Zito 20-1
4	.....4.....	Wooderson.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher 4-1
5	.....5.....	Weather Wiz.....	J. Castellano.....	J. Jerkens 2-1
6	.....6.....	Tres Equis.....	J. Lezcano.....	R. Brisset 30-1
7	.....7.....	Plainsman.....	J. Rosario.....	B. Cox 7-2
8	.....8.....	San Elijo.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Stidham 15-1

6TH (3:54PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Angelo's Corner.....	D. Davis.....	D. Schettino 15-1
2	.....2.....	Noble Spirit.....	L. Saez.....	G. Weaver..... 7-2
3	.....3.....	Spirit Animal.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Brown 4-1
4	.....4.....	Staccato.....	D. Cohen.....	D. Lukas 15-1
5	.....5.....	Justcallmenorman.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Casse 8-1
6	.....6.....	Winning Factor.....	K. Carmouche.....	R. Barbara..... 8-1
7	.....7.....	Noble Nebraskan.....	M. Franco.....	G. Weaver..... 6-1
8	.....8.....	Agitator.....	J. Lezcano.....	N. Zito 12-1
9	.....9.....	Southern Bridge.....	J. Ortiz.....	W. Mott 3-1
10	.....10.....	Hubba Bubba.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	D. Cannizzo 20-1
11	.....AE.....	Medina Ridge.....	L. Saez.....	C. McGaughey III 6-1

7TH (4:29PM). \$92,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Cake Pop.....	D. Davis.....	M. Lauer..... 30-1
2	.....2.....	Mr. Brix.....	J. Rosario.....	J. Taylor..... 15-1
3	.....3.....	Uno Mas Modelo.....	J. Castellano.....	A. Quartarolo..... 4-1
4	.....4.....	Rocking the Boat.....	L. Saez.....	D. Romans 5-1
5	.....5.....	Phi Beta Express.....	K. Carmouche.....	D. Gargan 3-1
6	.....6.....	Long Haul Bay.....	M. Franco.....	C. Brown 5-2
7	.....7.....	Devils Halo.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	S. Asmussen 6-1
8	.....8.....	Chris and Dave.....	D. Cohen.....	R. Diodoro..... 6-1

8TH (5:05PM). \$87,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Zap Daddy.....	K. Carmouche.....	M. Maker..... 20-1
2	.....2.....	Vegas Kitten.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown 6-1
3	.....3.....	Outback Bob.....	L. Saez.....	R. Nicks 12-1
4	.....4.....	Strike Me Down.....	J. Rosario.....	H. Motion 7-2
5	.....5.....	Themanbehindtheman ...	J. Ortiz.....	J. Abreu..... 10-1
6	.....6.....	Coltandmississippi.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	T. Pletcher 8-1
7	.....7.....	Another.....	J. Alvarado.....	W. Mott 9-2
8	.....8.....	Final Frontier.....	J. Lezcano.....	T. Albertrani..... 12-1
9	.....9.....	Hills Pond.....	D. Davis.....	E. Allard..... 20-1
10	.....10.....	Hizeem.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Brown 5-2
11	.....AE-MTO.....	Rubus.....	Rider TBA.....	P. Bauer..... 3-1

9TH (5:39PM). \$300,000, STK - THE SARANAC, 3 YO, 1 1/8M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Up the Ante.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Clement..... 7-2
2	.....2.....	March to the Arch.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Casse 10-1
3	.....3.....	Raging Bull (FR).....	J. Rosario.....	C. Brown 2-1
4	.....4.....	Golden Brown.....	J. Rendon.....	P. McBurney 12-1
5	.....5.....	Sand Dancer.....	D. Davis.....	T. Hills 20-1
6	.....6.....	Hot Springs.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	S. Asmussen 12-1
7	.....7.....	Therapist.....	J. Velazquez.....	C. Clement..... 8-1
8	.....8.....	Free Drop Billy.....	L. Saez.....	D. Romans 6-1
9	.....9.....	Maraud.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	T. Pletcher 9-2

10TH (6:13PM). \$350,000, STK - THE SPINAWAY, 2 YO, F, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	.....1.....	Cassies Dreamer.....	J. Alvarado.....	B. Tagg 30-1
2	.....2.....	Baby Nina.....	D. Cohen.....	A. Quartarolo..... 30-1
3	.....3.....	Virginia Eloise.....	J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher 10-1
4	.....4.....	Catherinethegreat.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Casse 7-2
5	.....5.....	Nonna Madeline.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher 6-1
6	.....6.....	Sippican Harbor.....	J. Rosario.....	G. Contessa..... 10-1
7	.....7.....	Chasing Yesterday.....	M. Smith.....	B. Baffert 5-2
8	.....8.....	Guacamole.....	L. Saez.....	T. Pletcher 20-1
9	.....9.....	Bella Ciao.....	E. Zayas.....	A. Sano 30-1
10	.....10.....	Reflect.....	M. Franco.....	J. Desormeaux 10-1
11	.....11.....	Restless Rider.....	B. Hernandez, Jr.....	K. McPeek 6-1
12	.....12.....	Love My Honey.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Maker 12-1

11TH (6:47PM). \$750,000, STK - THE WOODWARD, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

1	.....	1	.....	Yoshida (JPN)	.....	J. Rosario	.....	W. Mott	.....	5-1
2	.....	2	.....	Imperative	.....	D. Cohen	.....	A. Quartarolo	.....	30-1
3	.....	3	.....	Patch	.....	L. Saez	.....	T. Pletcher	.....	20-1
4	.....	4	.....	Tapwrit	.....	J. Velazquez	.....	T. Pletcher	.....	6-1
5	.....	5	.....	Hence	.....	R. Santana, Jr.	.....	S. Asmussen	.....	20-1
6	.....	6	.....	Term of Art	.....	J. Alvarado	.....	B. Cox	.....	30-1
7	.....	7	.....	Kurilov (CHI)	.....	J. Ortiz	.....	C. Brown	.....	10-1
8	.....	8	.....	Discreet Lover	.....	M. Franco	.....	U. St. Lewis	.....	8-1
9	.....	9	.....	Gunnevera	.....	E. Zayas	.....	A. Sano	.....	4-1
10	.....	10	.....	Seeking the Soul	.....	J. Castellano	.....	D. Stewart	.....	9-2
11	.....	11	.....	Leofric	.....	K. Carmouche	.....	B. Cox	.....	20-1
12	.....	12	.....	Sunny Ridge	.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.	.....	J. Servis	.....	8-1
13	.....	13	.....	Zanotti	.....	J. Lezcano	.....	J. Guerrero	.....	20-1
14	.....	14	.....	Rally Cry	.....	M. Smith	.....	T. Pletcher	.....	20-1

12TH (7:17PM). \$250,000, STK - THE GLENS FALLS, 3 & UP, F & M, 1 3/8M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	.....	1	.....	Summersault	.....	J. Lezcano	.....	M. Hennig	.....	10-1
2	.....	2	.....	Savannah Belle	.....	L. Saez	.....	B. Lynch	.....	20-1
3	.....	3	.....	Onthemoonagain (FR)	.....	J. Castellano	.....	C. Brown	.....	3-1
4	.....	4	.....	Danceland	.....	J. Velazquez	.....	C. McGaughey III	.....	10-1
5	.....	5	.....	Santa Monica (GB)	.....	J. Ortiz	.....	C. Brown	.....	6-5
6	.....	6	.....	Homeland Security	.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.	.....	C. Brown	.....	9-2
7	.....	7	.....	La Manta Gris	.....	R. Santana, Jr.	.....	G. Arnold, II	.....	15-1
8	8	Lady Montdore	M. Franco	T. Albertrani	8-1
9	MTO	Land Mine	M. Franco	P. Serpe	1-1

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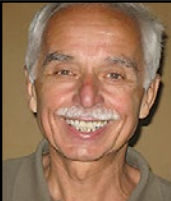








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Havre de Grace

Woodward 2011

BY JOE CLANCY

The story of Havre de Grace includes historic racetrack performances, great moments and plenty more but its origin goes back to a 2003 conversation over a broodmare in the catalog at Keeneland November.

Consigned by Mill Ridge, the Carson City mare carried the deep female family of Toll Fee, Toll Booth and Missy Baba (the source of Raja Baba, Gay Missile, Weekend Surprise, A. P. Indy, Summer Squall, The Bink, Riskaverse, Christicat, Plugged Nickle and much more) and would have been a good buy for anyone.

Mill Ridge's Headley Bell thought about recommending her to client Nancy Dillman, but it seemed a little too close to home.

"She was from a foundation family that was pretty cool," said Bell this week. "But we were selling her and I was somewhat hesitant."

Bell's mother Alice Chandler stepped in from there.

"Hell, Nancy, you need to have this mare."

So the Nicoma Bloodstock arm of Mill Ridge bought Easter Bunnette for Dillman (for \$450,000) and the rest – well, the rest is Havre de Grace and plenty of other chapters in a great racing story. Easter Bunnette went to Dillman's Louisville-area farm. The first foal, Dynabunny, sold for \$62,000 and lost all five starts. The second, Rapid Boy, brought \$175,000 and won nine races overseas. The third, Pentecost, went for \$450,000 and won two.

Havre de Grace came next. The daughter of Saint Liam sold for \$380,000 to Fox Hill Farm at Keeneland September, and became a star in the barn of Larry Jones. The bay filly won her second start at Delaware Park in 2009. As a 3-year-old, she won or placed in all six including a win in the Grade 2 Cotillion and seconds in the Delaware



Tod Marks
Havre de Grace at
Saratoga in 2011.

Oaks and Alabama and a third in the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

At 4, she blossomed – winning the Grade 3 Azeri and Grade 1 Apple Blossom at Oaklawn Park. She added the Grade 3 Obeah at Delaware Park in June, then lost a nose decision to rival Blind Luck in the Delaware Handicap. Fox Hill and Jones aimed for Saratoga, and a little bit of history as they sent their 4-year-old filly into the Woodward against males. Two years after Rachel Alexandra turned the feat, Havre de Grace did as well – decimating seven others in the \$750,000 Grade 1.

For Dillman, who rarely keeps horses to race, Havre de Grace was a horse of a lifetime.

"If you knew how many cards had to fall in line the right way to get a Horse of the Year for a filly . . ." she said this week. "It's the stuff that dreams are made of."

Dillman and her husband Carl own 45-acre Stoneway Farm in Anchorage, Ky. and keep a broodmare group of four.

The mares foal at Mill Ridge, and return with their foals after being bred. The foals are raised at Stoneway and typically head to Keeneland September. And just because there's a business-like approach to the operation does not mean the horses aren't appreciated.

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Havre de Grace —

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Havre de Grace was a typical Stoneway foal, growing up in a field with her cropmates and getting loads of attention.

“Gracie was one of four foals that year, which is what we normally have,” said Dillman. “She was always beautiful, absolutely beautiful, lots of fun and very self-confident. She wanted to come up to the fence and have a chat. She loved her carrots and was always one of the first at the fence when I went out with my basket. She was dominant and led the pack. We had a wonderful time.”

Dillman, who rode horses as a child and never outgrew it, was on Wall Street “for a minute,” as she put it, and rode regularly in Central Park. The mares and foals play a big part in her life.

“I have the best part of raising them,” she said. “I can enjoy them and love on them when the mommies take care of them, then they’re out with their friends and they just get to grow and develop and be horses. They don’t have to accomplish anything except to stay healthy and have fun. That’s an awfully nice role to play.”

Dillman did not attend the Woodward, but was at the Breeders’ Cup in 2010 and 2011 and followed Havre de Grace’s career closely. She won nine of 16 starts and was worse than third just once (fourth in the 2011 Breeders’ Cup Classic). She won Eclipse Awards as Horse of the Year and champion older female in 2011, and earned more than \$2.5 million.

“What a thrill, what a thrill, I still can’t actually wrap my head around it,” Dillman said. “She was lovely to watch. The way she did everything. She would stand absolutely majestic and look around. She was very proud. It wouldn’t be so special if you had that happen often. Horse of the Year? Off our little farm? Everybody played a magnificent role: Rick Porter, Larry Jones, of course, who just loved her so. It was terrific to be a part of.”

Dillman kept a half-sister, Made-moiselle Coco, and sent her to Jones to train. The daughter of Medaglia d’Oro won twice and was bred to Quality Road in 2018. Dillman is hoping for a filly.

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Lucky Claim

Extravagant Kid game in turf sprint stakes win for Walsh

BY BRANDON VALVO

James Bredin admits he wasn't a proponent of claiming Extravagant Kid; he simply didn't see value in the gelded turf sprinter. But as the longtime racing manager for David Ross's DARRS Inc., Bredin filled out the claim slip for \$75,000 when the 5-year-old ran at Gulfstream Park Jan. 18. Extravagant Kid won the optional claimer that day and Ross had a new horse.

"Very astute claim by David Ross," Bredin said. "He was 26-1 at Gulfstream the day we took him. I certainly didn't see it, but he said drop the slip, so that's how we acquired him. I thought it was kind of an odd spot, but he said, 'I see it.'"

Although Extravagant Kid finished eighth and 10 1/2 lengths back in the Grade 3 Gulfstream Park Sprint Stakes in his first outing for Ross and trainer Brendan Walsh, he rebounded with a second to Pink Lloyd at Woodbine April 21. He later posted another runner-up finish in the Kentucky Downs Preview Turf Sprint Stakes at Ellis Park Aug. 5.

Extravagant Kid finally delivered for his connections Friday, winning the \$100,000 Lucky Coin Stakes in gate-to-wire style under Jose Ortiz. The victory gave Walsh his first at the meet in nine starts.

"I was surprised he made the lead. I saw a little more speed in there, but he broke real good. He battled really tenaciously down the lane," Bredin said. "He's a game little horse for a 5-year-old. He dug in really, really gamely. He's a fun horse."

Although Extravagant Kid proved unassailable



Dave Harmon

Extravagant Kid (right) turns aside Pocket Change in the stretch of the Lucky Coin.

on the front end, going to the lead wasn't Ortiz's plan. The rider expected speed to his inside from Rocket Heat, who posted a blowout victory in an optional claimer going 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf July 29. The 6-year-old gelding led in the first quarter-mile in his last 10 starts.

When the latch sprung in the 5 1/2-furlong Lucky Coin, Spring To The Sky broke outwardly, his shoulder ramming into Bold Thunder. Like bumper cars, Bold Thunder bounced off Spring To The Sky and bumped Rocket Heat, who in turn bounced into Axtell. In the process, Rocket Heat ended up at the back of the pack.

Extravagant Kid and favorite Pocket Change avoided the trouble from their outside posts. Ortiz looked to his left and when he didn't see Rocket Heat, he hustled. He slapped Extravagant Kid on his right shoulder several times and chased his

mount to the lead, outrunning Pocket Change to the fence.

"We thought (Rocket Heat) had speed. I thought the horse outside of me was really fast and when my horse broke well, I decided to go on because the horses inside didn't break quite as well as I did," Ortiz said. "I knew, if I go, having the eight outside of me, I'm going to get pressed the whole way, but I just did it and it worked out well."

Extravagant Kid and Pocket Change tore away from the rest of the field and Pocket Change put a head in front past a :21.68 opening panel. The pair raced 3 lengths clear of Spring To The Sky around the turn.

Pocket Change angled into the stretch with his head still in front but drifted wide off the turn. Ortiz slapped Extravagant Kid's right shoulder again

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Lucky Coin —

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swinging into the lane and they cut the corner hugging the rail. The move saw Extravagant Kid take a short lead past the half in :44.21.

The pair continued to duel and Ortiz went right-handed on Extravagant Kid. The gelding carried his head high and appeared to hesitate passing the sixteenth marker, shortening his stride. Ortiz went to the whip and Extravagant Kid extended again in the final yards, increasing his margin to a half-length at the line. Pocket Change finished second, 2 lengths clear of Spring To The Sky.

"We broke real well and at 5 1/2 you can't take much hold," Ortiz said. "They're both really fast horses and they went at it fairly early. It was a good race, I'm just glad we came out on top. Very game, very game. Every time I hit him, he was there for me and he never let the other horse put his head in front.

"You've got to love those kind. They feel horses coming to them, they



Tod Marks

Extravagant Kid returns after the win.

keep trying," Ortiz said. "That's what he did. Brendan said he was ready to go and we were able to take a good spot. At 5 1/2, you have to get a good spot. He was there fighting with the favorite the whole way and I'm glad he was game the last sixteenth."

Extravagant Kid stopped the timer in 1:02.21. The Lucky Coin is the dark bay Kiss The Kid son's eighth win in 28 tries and boosted his earnings to \$347,999.

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Brown ties meet record he shares Pletcher with 40th win

Chad Brown sent out three winners Friday to improve his season total to 40 and equal the record for victories at the Saratoga Race Course meeting with three racing days remaining. Brown's 40 wins tied the mark he set in 2016, and Todd Pletcher's total from last year.

Brown won Friday's first with Chiclet's Dream, second with Apart-fromthecrowd and seventh with Big Birthday. The 39-year-old achieved the record with 145 starters, another 50 of which finished second or third.

"It's special for my team and my clients and the horses, everyone involved. So much hard work goes into it, it's a very challenging meet, it's a very long meet," Brown said. "We've had a lot of great luck. Our percent-

FRIDAY'S RACING RECAP

ages are good, the horses are executing, and all my co-workers are executing their jobs. It's beautiful to see such team work."

Big Birthday's maiden-breaking score elevated Brown to the record. The 3-year-old Mineshaft filly ran third at Belmont Park June 30, but disappointed Brown when fourth in a Saratoga maiden special weight July 22. Brown sent the filly back to assistant Luis Cabrera at Monmouth Park to train for her Friday return.

"I was really lucky. This filly really ran terrific. The last time, I ran

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Big Birthday gives Chad Brown a record-tying 40th win at the meet.



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her back too soon and she bounced a bit,” Brown said. “It was really my fault, so I used some better judgment this time and she really ran terrific. I give my assistant Luis Cabrera down at Monmouth a lot of credit. He had her back down there, legged her up, sent her back up here in terrific shape.

“I just like to spread my horses out a bit and this filly was really doing well there earlier this year. She ran a really good race at Belmont two back off of that training, so I just wanted to go back to where she was doing well and sure enough, back in her preferred environment, she trained really well and came back and fired a big one here.”

Brown entered 26 horses over the final three days of racing in Saratoga as he looks to take sole possession of the training record.

— **Brandon Valvo**

• Trainer Robertino Diodoro smiled and rider David Cohen kissed his fiancé before weighing in after Friday’s finale. The pair shared their second win on the card when Timeless Beauty took the \$25,000 claimer two races after Special Relativity won an allowance. Cohen also rode One More Tom to victory for Dallas Stewart in Friday’s third.

“I knew we were going to have a good day on paper,” Diodoro said. “Obviously, the races aren’t run on paper, but all the horses were going into the races well. The first race with Special Relativity, it looked like David was going to get in a little trouble around the turn, but got through there and even in this race, broke a step slow, but David gave her a great ride from there on and got her home.”

Cohen returned to riding last fall after an extended absence from the sport due to injuries and deaths to close family members. He rode his first Saratoga winner since 2013 when he piloted St. Louie Guy July 28. Through Friday, Cohen is 11th in the standings with 13 wins from 119 rides. He’s placed in another 35 races and his mounts have earned \$928,803.

“This has been a pleasure just to be back in Saratoga,” Cohen said. “Forget about what a blessing it is to

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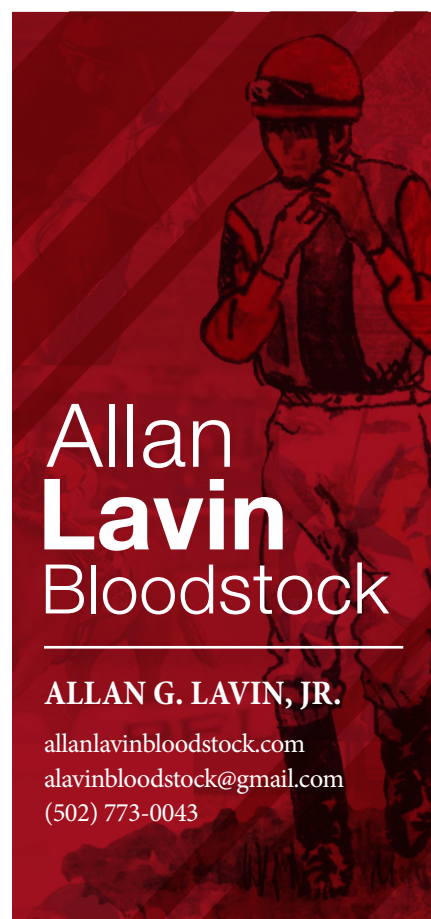
be back in the sport and doing what I love. Robertino was very supportive of my return and supportive of getting me back on a winning track right away. It’s great to continue that winning notion and support here at Saratoga at the pinnacle of horse racing in the world.

“I’m very happy. I wasn’t under pressure coming into this at all. It really was a building stage, so I’m very happy with it and excited to see how things go when we get back down to Belmont. It was just to get a good opportunity, make some good relationships with some trainers and owners that I hadn’t seen that you only get the opportunity to see here at Saratoga, which is another part of why it’s so special here. We developed some great relationships and have some opportunities in some higher-end barns and that’s what we’re looking for.”

Special Relativity and Timeless Beauty are recent claims for Diodoro. He took the former for \$50,000 at Churchill Downs May 19 and the latter for \$20,000 out of her maiden-breaking win off a Jan. 25 layoff last out here Aug. 3.

“I’ve got to give the guy who’s behind the scenes a lot of credit, Cody Autrey,” Diodoro said. “He watches

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a lot of the replays, does a lot of the number reading for us and he's the one that picked them both out. I took a quick look at the replay, but he does a lot of the research for us and I have to give him a lot of credit on picking them out."

Diodoro is 7-for-32 this summer at the Spa, with five entered over the next three days.

"We're happy. I said today if we could get a couple more wins before Monday, we'd be happy," Diodoro said. "We got two, but we're not done yet. Hopefully we can build on that."

— **Brandon Valvo**

• Scarf It Down and jockey Luis Saez delivered trainer Jeremiah Englehart his 11th win of the meet in the sixth, a 7-furlong claiming race on the main track.

The 5-year-old Twirling Candy gelding, dropping from a \$20,000 claimer to \$16,000, also won for the first time since Sept. 1, 2017 at Saratoga.

"I'll run him back here in 2019, right about the



Tod Marks

One More Tom and David Cohen (who won three Friday) head for the finish in the third race.

same time. That'll be his next start," Englehart joked after Scarf It Down won by three-quarters of a length over Divine Interventio.

Scarf It Down finished fifth in his last start and Englehart said Friday's spot was better.

highs when they can celebrate something like this, regardless of what class its, just getting a win is special here."

— **David Woods**

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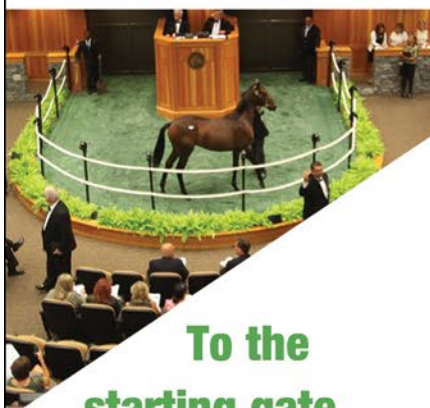
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B Filly 2015, by City Zip - Karakorum Elektra by Freud
Owner: Lawrence, William, H.. Trainer: Chad Brown.
Breeder: West End Thoroughbreds LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: CopperlineTime: 1:44.38

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4	Apartfromthecrowd	J. Castellano	\$3.90	\$2.80	\$2.30
6	Single Gem	D. Cohen		\$4.70	\$3.20
1	Shamsaan	D. Davis			\$4.10

Dk B/ Br Colt 2014, by Gio Ponti - Glencoe Church by Capote
Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H..

Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Maxxam Alliance, LLC (FL).

Claimed: Apartfromthecrowd claimed by Carl Lizza Racing Stables, LLC for \$16,000, Single Gem claimed by Gullo, Gary P. for \$16,000
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B Gelding 2015, by More Than Ready - Brush the Rail by Broad Brush
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Breeder: Lansdowne Thoroughbreds (NY).

Late Scratches: Caleb the Boss

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Owner: Speedway Stable LLC. Trainer: Christophe Clement.

Breeder: Razza Del Velino (IRE).

Time: 1:37.84

Daily Double (3-3), \$60.25; Exacta (3-6), \$24.30; Quinella (3-6), \$8.20; Superfecta (3-6-1-5), \$32.90; Trifecta (3-6-1), \$52.75; Pic 3 (4-3-3), \$304.50

FIFTH \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F TURF

6	Stellar Agent	M. Franco	\$29.40	\$11.60	\$6.90
4	Paradise Retained	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$6.30	\$3.50
5	Quiet Company	J. Bravo			\$2.90

B Filly 2016, by More Than Ready - Lawn Party by Medaglia d'Oro

Owner: Madaket Stables LLC, Laymon, Steve, Scheinman, Martin and Kaplan, Roger. Trainer: Jorge Abreu.

Breeder: Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC (KY).
Late Scratches: Malibu Mischief, It's a Shaw Thing, Liza Jambalaya, Here Comes Jackie, Egoli, China Silk

Time: 1:03.63

Daily Double (3-6), \$101.50; Exacta (6-4), \$79.00; Superfecta (6-4-5-8), \$108.70; Trifecta (6-4-5), \$107.75; Pic 3 (3-3-6), \$978.50; Pic 4 (4-3-3-6), \$1,399.25; Pic 5 (1/6-4-3-3-6), \$2,044.75

SIXTH \$32,000, CLAIMING \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

3	Scarf It Down	L. Saez	\$6.40	\$3.50	\$2.50
6	Divine Interventio	R. Santana, Jr.		\$3.50	\$2.70
2	Bar None	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$3.10

B Gelding 2013, by Twirling Candy - Perfectly Pretty by Bertrando
Owner: AWC Stables, Akman, Scott K. and Nehoc Stables.

Trainer: Jeremiah Englehart. Breeder: Pam & Martin Wygod (KY).

Claimed: Divine Interventio claimed by Team Gaudet for \$16,000, Manipulated claimed by Loooch Racing Stables, Inc. for \$16,000
Time: 1:23.38

Daily Double (6-3), \$46.25; Exacta (3-6), \$9.70; Superfecta (3-6-2-1), \$12.32; Trifecta (3-6-2), \$14.50; Pic 3 (3-6-3), \$480.50

SEVENTH \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

5	Big Birthday	J. Castellano	\$7.10	\$3.70	\$2.90
6	Smile More	J. Ortiz		\$4.50	\$3.90
2	Tipazar	R. Santana, Jr.			\$6.40

Dk B/ Br Filly 2015, by Mineshaft - Jellicle (IRE) by Successful Appeal
Owner: Brant, Peter, M.. Trainer: Chad Brown.

Breeder: Godolphin (KY). Time: 1:10.77

Daily Double (3-5), \$12.70; Exacta (5-6), \$18.00; Superfecta (5-6-2-7), \$37.85; Trifecta (5-6-2), \$66.75; Pic 3 (6-3-5), \$111.50

EIGHTH \$87,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

4	Special Relativity	D. Cohen	\$13.20	\$7.00	\$4.60
3	Catoria	J. Rosario		\$11.60	\$6.80
7	Naples Princess	J. Alvarado			\$3.70

B Filly 2015, by Cowboy Cal - Lil American by Quiet American

Owner: M and M Racing. Trainer: Robertino Diodoro.

Breeder: Chester Thomas (KY). Time: 1:11.19

Daily Double (5-4), \$32.25; Exacta (4-3), \$70.75; Superfecta (4-3-7-2), \$199.05; Trifecta (4-3-7), \$140.00; Pic 3 (3-5-4), \$64.50

NINTH \$100,000, LUCKY COIN STAKES, 4 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F TURF

7	Extravagant Kid	J. Ortiz	\$11.00	\$4.00	\$2.80
8	Pocket Change	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$2.70	\$2.10
1	Spring to the Sky	R. Santana, Jr.			\$4.10

Dk B/ Br G 2013, by Kiss the Kid - Pretty Extravagant, With Distinction
Owner: DARRS, Inc.. Trainer: Brendan Walsh.

Breeder: Vicino Racing Stable (FL). Late Scratches: Ready for Rye

Time: 1:02.21

Daily Double (4-7), \$44.75; Exacta (7-8), \$10.80; Superfecta (7-8-1-6), \$21.32; Trifecta (7-8-1), \$30.50; Pic 3 (5-4-7), \$127.00; Grand slam (2/3/6-2/5/6-3/4/7-7), \$24.90

TENTH \$44,000 NW2 CLM \$25,000 F&M 3&UP 7F

2	Timeless Beauty	D. Cohen	5.00	3.30	3.00
8	She'sakittykat	J. Ortiz		3.80	3.10
6	Rapid Route	A. Hernandez Sanchez			10.40

B f 3, New Year's Day-Timezone, Pulpit.

Breeder: Gary and Mary West Stable (KY). Time: 1:25.39.

Owner: Blue Stork Stable. Trainer: Robertino Diodoro.

Exacta \$12.60. Trifecta \$127. Superfecta \$431. Double \$15.80.

Pick 3 \$92.50. Pick 4 \$179. Pick 6 \$12,965. Pick 6 (5 correct) \$215.50.

Pick 5 \$1,200.25.

On Track Handle: \$3,210,412.41

Inter-State Handle: \$15,515,664.16

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Missing It

It's that time of year. Time for the annual "I'll miss, I won't miss."

I'll miss fans grabbing The Special from the paper box outside our office on East Avenue. I won't miss scofflaws dropping trash on or near the paper box outside our office on East Avenue.

I'll miss Joe yelling at his computer. I won't miss Joe yelling at me.

I'll miss Rusty Arnold's cat. I won't miss the skunk who threatens me every night when I return from the office (actually, I'll miss him a little).

I'll miss seeing The Special as wall art in tack rooms. I won't miss seeing The Special as a doormat in front of tack rooms.

I'll miss my two-bedroom cottage on Caroline. I won't miss opening and shutting the gate in front of my two-bedroom cottage on Caroline.

I'll miss Michael Venezia delivering three pizzas, a salad and a six-pack of beer to thank us for letting him be a guest handicapper. I won't miss the experts criticizing our handicappers.

I'll miss the first slice of pizza. I won't miss the third slice of pizza.

I'll miss John Velazquez riding races in his galloping boots to support a bum ankle. I won't miss the pain and risk that jockeys put themselves in every day.

I'll miss Elate and Abel Tasman. I won't miss the controversy and strife the race caused.

I'll miss Robert LaPenta looking to the sky and saying "Take me to church" after Catholic Boy won the Travers. I won't miss downtrodden bettors kicking the ground and cursing the horses.

I'll miss Carrie's IPA suggestions at the Henry Street Taproom. I won't miss suggestions on what we should be writing.

I'll miss the flash. I won't miss the trash.

I'll miss a good hand ride. I won't miss too much whip.

I'll miss the interns. I won't miss the has-beens.

I'll miss the Victorian mansions around town. I won't miss the hovels around the backstretch.

I'll miss Joe Sharp's ferns. I won't miss being stood up by Joe Sharp for the Stable Tour.

I'll miss Kroop boots and Levi's. I won't miss plastic no-heeled boots and designer jeans.

I'll miss secret training (us). I won't miss secret works (them).

I'll miss Mike Grigely and his outlook on life. I won't miss the look on his face when I call him about a golf-cart issue.

I'll miss ordering "Sean's Tea" at the Morning Line Kitchen. I won't miss too much sugar in my tea everywhere else.

I'll miss Maggie Sweet texting that her daughter is selling lemonade and cookies at 101 Union Avenue Friday morning. I won't miss thinking I don't have time to stop by her lemonade stand (I did).

I'll miss the lead ponies. I won't miss the look of resignation in the lead ponies' eyes.

I'll miss the writing, the editing and the creating. I won't miss the typos, the spelling mistakes and the miscues.

I'll miss watching the Whitney with Rick Violette and the Bowling Green with Chuck Lawrence. I won't miss watching stakes with losing trainers and trying to figure out a graceful way to exit.

I'll miss turf works. I won't miss slow works.

I'll miss cool mornings. I won't miss hot afternoons.

I'll miss watching horses gallop past the back porches on Fifth Avenue. I won't miss the commotion and danger when a demolition crew leveled a house while horses were galloping.

I'll miss the green grass. I won't miss the reason it's so green.

I'll miss seeing my brother Joe every day. I won't miss seeing my brother Joe stress out every day.

I'll miss the jump jockeys heading to the Jim Dandy after their race. I won't miss the jump jock-

eys dressed in jeans after their race.

I'll miss Jimmy Jerkens' land of misfit toys doing right by the horses. I won't miss the few heavy-handed hotwalkers, the macadam sprayers and the snatch-happy exercise riders.

I'll miss a full voice recorder at the end of the morning. I won't miss seeing the battery light flashing on the voice recorder at the start of an interview.

I'll miss Christophe Clement's Nantucket red pants. I won't miss my Nantucket red pants that never got out of my closet.

I'll miss my friend at AJ's Cleaners near Five Points. I won't miss the commute to AJ's Cleaners from our office on East Avenue.

I'll miss the thrill of a close finish. I won't miss the drill of a lost cause.

I'll miss the early mornings and late nights. I won't miss late mornings and early nights.

I'll miss being in a place where everybody wants to be for a change. I won't miss being asked for tickets, tips and tours.

I'll miss the music from the Horseshoe. I won't miss the siren from the clocker's stand.

I'll miss Annie and Miles coming to town. I won't miss missing Annie and Miles when they're not in town.

I'll miss Voodoo Song digging deep to win the Fourstardave. I won't miss knowing Delta Prince was digging just as hard to lose the Fourstardave.

I'll miss Jimmy Toner's straw pillows. I won't miss the fact that he's the only trainer left who follows that Saratoga tradition.

I'll miss the morning banter. I won't miss the evening pressure.

I'll miss the sheer freedom of Imperial Hint and so many others. I won't miss the sad demise of Bowie and a few others.

I'll miss Tom's humor. I won't miss Tom's cardboard box with the words, "Wrap it up" that just landed on my desk.

I guess that's a wrap – I'll miss Saratoga.

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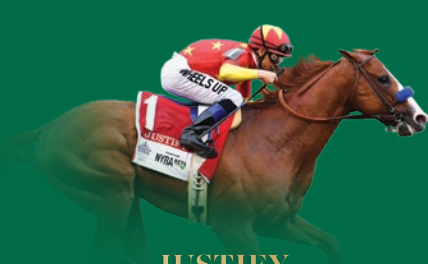
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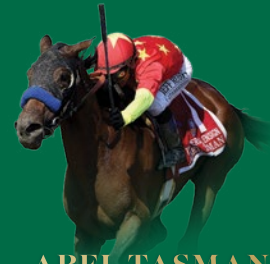
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