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### here&there...at Saratoga

### NAMES OF THE DAY SUNDAY

**Brickyard**, first race. Cherry Knoll Farm's 2-year-old gelding is by Take Charge Indy. Rev it up, and get the ceremonial glass of milk ready.

**Summer Fantasy, second race.** The 3-year-old filly, owned by John and Carol Spinello and Conrad and Linda Zurich, is by Freud out of Warm Front.

**Preston Court, third race.** We got a tip on this one (well, on the name). Very Un Stable's 3-year-old colt is named for one of the – if not the – last unpaved streets in Brooklyn. Google Map searches seemed to confirm that Preston (home to Biohazard Coffee, Classic Confections, KSI Crash Rust and S&A Scrap Metal among other businesses) is indeed unpaved.

**Restructure**, **fourth race**. Shell Evans' homebred filly is by Blame out of Credit Quality.

### NAMES OF THE DAY MONDAY

**Snap Hook, fifth race.** Fred Allor's homebred 4-year-old gelding is by Flower Alley out of Tee Off. Don't snap hook it into the flower alley Fred.

**Gouverneur Morris, sixth race.** Team Valor International and WinStar Farm own the 2-year-old first-timer, a gray colt by Constitution. Gouverneur Morris, a United States Senator from New York, wrote the preamble to the Constitution.

### BY THE NUMBERS

**2:** Classics parked in the Horse Haven area of the Oklahoma stable area Saturday morning – a late 1960s (estimated) four-door Buick LeSabre near the Rudy Rodriguez barn and a Mustang from the same general era (and it's for sale) near the security office.



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### **QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"You guys say things like, 'Remember when the meet was 24 days?' Well, I remember when baseball teams played 154 games."

The Special's Terry Hill, racing and baseball fan



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### BY THE NUMBERS

1: Wild turkey (just spectating, not running) at the Run for the Horses 5K at the Saratoga Spa State Park Saturday morning.

**3:** Woodward Stakes wins by trainers named Jerkens. Jimmy with Preservationist in 2019 and Shaman Ghost in 2016 and Allen in 1973 with Prove Out. The latter knocked off a horse you may have heard of – Secretariat.

4: Dogs adopted at the dog adoption clinic hosted by Saratoga Race Course Friday.

**10:** Pigeons on the roof of trainer Dave Cannizzo's barn (a light day actually) on the Oklahoma side at 7:15 Saturday morning.

### T-SHIRT SLOGAN OF THE DAY

Growing Old Disgracefully.

### **WORTH REPEATING**

"Hold on tight."

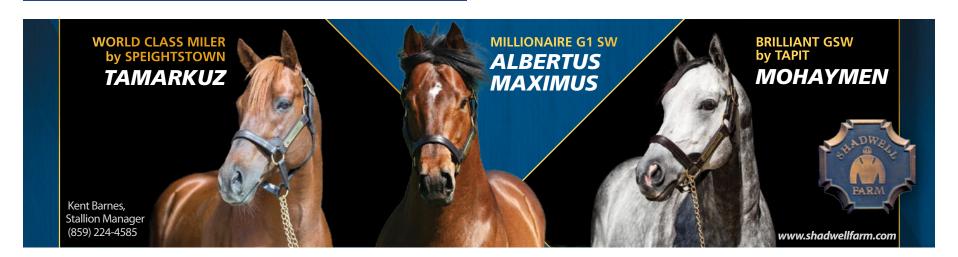
The Special's Todd Koch to Sean Clancy, considering a can of Death Wish cold brew coffee with 300 milligrams of caffeine Friday night

"That can't be a drinking game, can it?"

Saratoga Race Course fan, speaking in sarcasm, as chants of 'Chug . . . Chug . . . Chug . . . ' wafted over the backyard Saturday

"I'd like to find a way to get out of here in the winter time."

The Special's Dave Harmon, on life in Saratoga Springs



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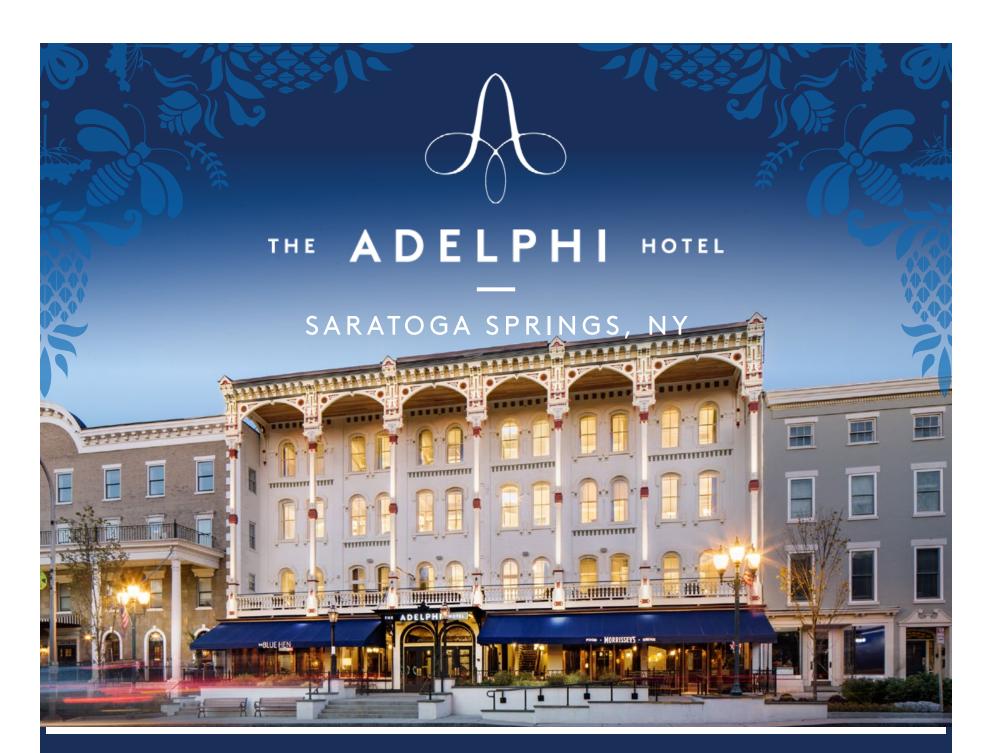
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### Saratoga Moments . . .

"Winning this year's Ballerina with Come Dancing. But years ago, watching my father (trainer Jose Martin) win with Groovy in 1986 when he beat the great Turkoman with Jose Santos (in the Forego). Grade 1 race at Saratoga, it was a special day. To have Groovy beat him that day as a 3-year-old is something special my dad pulled off."

- Trainer Carlos Martin



### here&there...at Saratoga

### **RUNNING FOR THE HORSES**

The Special staff, well the core of it, went for a run between assignments Saturday morning – taking part in the annual Run for the Horses 5K to benefit Thoroughbred retirement. The event drew a big field of more than 300 runners, and the overall winner was a familiar name.

Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez led from wire to wire, getting the distance in 18:02 to win by more than a minute over Greg Ethier (19:07). The overall female winner was Clifton Park's Kristen McMichael, who finished in 19:23 and was fifth overall.

Joe Clancy won The Special race in 24:13, good for 38th overall and fourth in his age group. Sean Clancy finished in 25:08, sixth in his age group. Tom Law checked in at 25:51, but he's just getting warmed up for the Bourbon Chase this fall. Honorary staffer Cc Larner finished in 25:07, good for third in her age group.

Beyond the burner Dominguez and The Special team, the racing world was well-represented and included: breeder Richard Zwirn (23:04), owner Linda Myers (25:02), guest handicapper Todd Shimkus (25:51) of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, Alex Dominguez (24:48), David Fitts (26:54), Matthew Dominguez (26:59), Bona Ventura Stable's Dan Collins (28:01), Clear Stars Stable's Michael Sternklar (29:43), NYRA's Najja Thompson (31:20), trainer Rick Schosberg (32:09 on a bad knee), owner/breeder Barry Ostrager (34:14), plus Sackatoga Stable's Jack Knowlton and Clement Racing's Valerie Clement. For more, see albanyrunningexchange.com.

### **BACKSTRETCH BENEFIT**

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# The TOP 10 performances of the meet

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- **2.** Midnight Bisou: Now that's a proper horse race. Elate is 2B.
- 3. Code Of Honor: Answered any doubts in Travers triumph.
- **4. Covfefe:** Because that Test slugfest was as good as it gets.
- 5. Imperial Hint: Move over Speightstown and Spanish Riddle.
- **McKinzie:** He can do it all, giving Baffert his first Whitney win.
- **Shancelot:** After the Amsterdam, make that Sir Shancelot.
- **8. Guarana:** Unbeaten filly was perfect again in CCA Oaks.
- **9. Sistercharlie:** Make that TWO Dianas for the champ.
- 10. Dunbar Road: Loved the mud in Alabama romp.

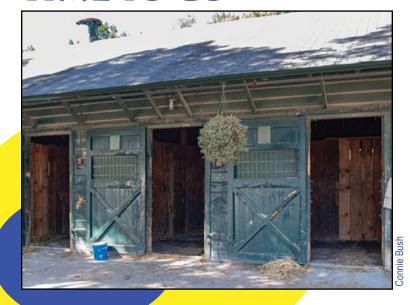
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"I get a kick out of these writers, they ask you for definites. Everybody's doing the same thing. All you can do is the best you can, if you don't run good, you can't kill yourself, you've got to figure out how you can do better the next time.

If you look at all those books on horses of yesteryear, they didn't quit when a horse ran a bad race, they'd give him a little rest and come back with them. You gotta hope

you can win every time, but you can't."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015



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The annual Glenn DiSanto Little Guy Stable Tour can be part trek, part fact-finding mission. It's always fun, frequently funny and at times a little sad. We've done this five times, and there are fewer little guys these days. We miss DiSanto for sure, and named this for him after he died in 2017. He was a fixture. There are others no longer out there, too, and they leave a big hole.

They're all over Saratoga Race Course, and we admire the work they do and the results they get. Just because your stable doesn't have an overflow division doesn't mean you can't win races. Saratoga stakes winner Carrera Cat appeared here in 2017, as an unraced 2-year-old. Back then she and John Morrison's string were in Barn 4 at the harness track. Now, she headlines a small barn in Horse Haven after making the cover.

We can't wait to see what – and who – is next. In an annual wander, Tom Law, Sean Clancy and Joe Clancy meandered all over the backside(s) to catch up with some of Saratoga's little guys. Come along for the ride.

Eduardo Caramori (Miss Gossip): The trainer's son/ assistant Caue stood outside the stall at the harness track while the 6-vear-old, second in the Smart And Fancy here, stood in ice boots. "This one finished second in a stake, I claimed her here last summer, ran her in some graded stakes, I was thinking we were going to retire here and the owner (Go-To-Toga Racing) said he wanted to run her one more year. I said, 'If we're going to run her one more year, we've got to get this horse right.' I gave her the winter off, sent her to my brother and his girlfriend in Florida and got her back in March. She was a totally different horse. She got beat 2 lengths the first time and I was confident going into the stake. I was devastated, because it's so hard to win, the owners were thrilled. We lost that same race by a nose. I called my dad this time, he was on vacation in Brazil. He said, 'Was it as bad as the other one?' I felt better. You just want to win so bad. Next summer. I'm going to come here earlier. I love the harness, it's so guiet, the horses did well."

**Richard Valentine (No Mans Land):** Predominantly a steeplechase trainer, Valentine reserved three stalls at Sarato-



Robbie Davis crosses Nelson Avenue on a charge.

ga this summer. Manny Franco guided Bill Pape's homebred No Man's Land to upset Tide Of The Sea, trained by Bill Mott, in a three-turn turf allowance. Assistant Laird George, aboard stakes-placed jumper Arch My Boy, talked about the win. "We hoped he could finish second to Mott's horse. He keeps a little to himself. Richard decided to take the blinkers off, change it up. Manny seems to have the key to him, he needs to get there at the last minute. It was a good day."

Cameron Broome (First Timer): The 2-year-old daughter of Micromanage and House Virgin trains in a blue saddle towel adorned with "1 CANDY" each morning. "I started with Frank LaBoccetta back in 1987, then Dr. Galvin sent me up to break horses at Webb Carroll's training center. Now I've got two of my own and I groom for Jimmy Ferraro. I do everything but ride them. She'll be ready to run in two weeks. She worked in :38 and 1 the first time on the turf and galloped out in 50 with the dogs up, that was a pretty good move. She's not the same horse on the dirt, she's just a 13 clip horse on the dirt. I'm putting her back on the turf (Friday) to go five-eighths. I just use the dirt to condition her."

**Jimmy Ferraro (Aunt Babe):** Owned and bred by Louis Ferrari, the New York-bred has produced three wins, including two stakes wins. She finished third in a starter allowance at Belmont July 3. "Our best horse is right there, she hasn't won a race this year but she's won two stallion series stakes. She popped a bad abscess in behind, we finally put a shoe on her with a leather pad. We'll point for Aqueduct with her. Allen Jerkens and I trained the mother, Bella Silver."

Jimmy Ferraro (Blue Skies Forever): "I got another horse for free last year. Howard Nolan gave it to Joe McMahon, he ran her once, he said, 'I've got enough horses, you take this horse.' We've been lucky, won two races with him this year. I've had him for about a year now, he pays his way. They don't always work out that way. Looks like we're going to get the

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duck this year, I've been coming up here since 1969, when I was 12 years old. My father had two stalls at the end of where Gary Sciacca is now."

Jimmy Ferraro (Beta): Unraced 2-year-old nips at his trainer and a visitor. Big, good-looking colt breezed 3 furlongs in :36.85 over the Oklahoma track Aug. 29. "He's by Alpha, (the owner) named him Beta. Great name. I like short names. He's advertised in your paper, nice horse. He came up from Woodberry Payne. He's out of Seven Deadly Sins, most people only need one to get in trouble."

Peter Pugh (Brickyard): First horse, first race Sunday. The son of Take Charge Indy posted the fastest of three breezes on the training track Aug. 21.

"He's a New York-bred I scratched (Friday) so I put him in the auction race. He's OK, he's coming around. It took him a while. He had a case of the slows but his last couple of works have been good so we're going to go ahead and run him."

**Peter Pugh (Noble Enterprise):** The trainer walked the 2-year-old daughter of Noble Mission around the small barn between the Phipps' kitchen and Wayne Lukas' barn Saturday morning. "She's actually pretty nice. Cherry Knoll bought her. I had her entered, rained off, so we scratched. It looks like midfall before she runs."

**Jena Antonucci (Gemonteer):** A graduate of the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale in 2016 won a stakes last summer at Gulfstream Park. Freshened this summer, he returned with a sixth sprinting on the turf before finishing a game third going a mile Travers Day. "He won first time out for a tag, then won a stakes for us. We sprinted him first start off the layoff and came back to his right distance. Hopefully if we get in, we'll go to Kentucky Downs."

Jena Antonucci (Bellavia): Son of Honor Code went through the ring at the Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream 2-year-old sale in March but failed to sell. He made his debut here, finishing second for Antonucci, Randy Bradshaw and Fred Rosen. And then walked over to Todd Pletcher's barn. "He's named after the first living Iraqi war hero who received the Medal of Honor, we gave him big shoes to fill. He transferred to Todd on Tuesday. We'll be rooting and cheering every time he runs. It is the best and worst. He was a pinhook horse, one of six we bought to pinhook. We didn't get it done through the (sales) season, we had an offer about a week before he ran and we decided to take the bull by the horns and run him. We believed in him. He ran fantastic and we got him sold. The original partners

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### Stable Tour —

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are staying in for 30 percent. We'll watch him blossom. It's hard, it sucks, but our team did our job. He's got a phenomenal foundation from Randy on the farm, to us getting him ready to run. We had enough respect for the horse to not give away the horse during the season. It's everything that's right and wrong with our business, but I understand that owners have their connections where they're comfortable. You just hope it creates more opportunities down the road."

Eddie Davis (Fame To Famous): You don't see many sons of Tapit on the Little Guy Stable Tour but here's one. John P. Mc Allen purchased him for \$35,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-old sale. The bay 2-year-old has produced a fourth and a third in two starts. "He almost won first time out, got stopped at the sixteenth pole. After I got to galloping him and assessing him, I said, 'I don't care if it's turf, dirt or hot lava, this horse needs to go two turns.' We laughed. He's beautiful."

**Eddie Davis (Irish Banker):** One of 12 horses Davis has bedded down in the courtyard style barn on Frank Sullivan Place, behind the paddock saddling stalls. "For the limited number of starters we've had, we've been fairly successful (a second, four thirds and four fourths at the meet). She is a little filly by Central Banker, every time she goes out there, she picks up a check. She's a hard knocker. We've been milking that maiden condition. That's OK, she always tries real hard. She's a sweetheart."

**Eddie Davis (Point Of Humor):** Randy Wojdyla owns him, I've been working closely with him. "There could be a hundred horses on the track and he would stand out. He ran a good closing third Opening Day, fifth in his next start and a good second the day after the Travers."

Eddie Barker (Family Biz): Co-owned by Barker's long-time client Danny Chen, 3-year-old stakes-placed Fed Biz gelding is 2-for-13 with \$161,695 in earnings. He finished seventh for \$75,000 tag going 7 furlongs here Aug. 16. "He ran up here last year as a 2-year-old and we had a very good winter with him. He won the starter allowance, won the allowance and was third in the Jerome. We gave him some time and he's just getting back to it now. He'll probably run when we get back to Belmont."

**Eddie Barker (Zuzudini):** Iris Smith's 2-year-old Bernardini colt cost \$150,000 in April. He finished sixth in maiden special weight here Aug. 22. "He ran up here in the mile and an eighth first time. He ran good, made a nice little move up to the eighth pole and got a little tired. We're looking to run him back at Belmont. He's a really nice colt."

**Eddie Barker (Our Troubadour):** Iris Smith's 2-year-old son of Palace Malice cost \$55,000 in April. He's breezed five times at Saratoga, including 5 furlongs in 1:02.44 Saturday on the main track. "He's probably this breeze and one more, then we'll be ready to go at Belmont."

Eddie Barker (Polar Bear Pete): Chen's 2-year-old Broken Vow colt. "New York-bred, also like maybe one breeze or two away. They're all pretty close. We didn't get to run a lot of the horses. Some of them came about two or three weeks too short but it was great here. The weather's been fabulous. We enjoyed ourselves, had a bunch of barbecues at night."



Sean Clancy

**Kerry Metevier (Sophie Fatale):** Co-bred by her trainer with Sandra Metevier and H. Bud Wolf, 2-year-old filly by Mr. Speaker is out of the Metevier-trained winner Tizallheart. She's breezed five times, including back-to-back half miles on the Oklahoma turf. "She looks like the real deal. Come along slow but sometimes the good ones take a little while to get to the races. She's maybe September-ish."

**Kerry Metevier (Irena N Ella):** Bred by Metevier, Sandra Metevier and Patrick Davis, 2-year-old daughter of Central Banker out of the Archers Bay mare Bajan Princess. She's breezed 3 furlongs three times. "She's from the second crop of Central Banker and she's really fast. About two works away from running. We don't have a lot of action but we have a lot of stuff to look forward to. Hopefully we'll have a good winter."

**Robbie Davis (Brown Mousse):** Davis rode 2-year-old by Big Brown into end stall of Barn 4 of the harness track, hopped off and talked about the New York-bred colt out of the Vision And Verse mare La Mousse. "He worked 47 and 3 out of the gate and came back with a bucked shin. So that slowed us down a little bit. Like the mousse you eat at dinner. We really like him."

**Robbie Davis (Dancers For Token):** Glas-Tipp Stable's 3-year-old maiden by Big Brown finished ninth in the Albany Stakes Aug. 23. He's 0-for-3 and on the mend. "He was working lights out, three quarters in 12, 14, five-eighths in a minute. He's making a nice move and hit a brick wall. We brought him back and he's gushing snot, 104 temperature the next day. We'll give him that as an excuse. He's a very nice horse. We're looking forward to him."

Robbie Davis (Dancing Slippers): Glas-Tipp Stable's 3-year-old filly by Catienus finished fifth in Statue of Liberty division of New York Stallion Series July 31 then ninth in a maiden special weight Aug. 15. "Went from the 10 hole to the rail, back out to the 8 hole and got beat 5 lengths. The jock told me I need to drop her down out of maiden special weight, that she could win that race. After riding 30,000 races myself I felt like maybe I could try her again with an inside post. They're only trying to help me but I'm not here to give horses away either. I spent a lot of time getting her ready, she's making money and she's doing well. She's fun to ride. With the right trip she could be right there and win. I understand that, jocks want to have an easy win."

**Robbie Davis (Dublin Green):** A three-time veteran of the Stable Tour, 5-year-old Dublin gelding shoehorns into his stall. He won since last year's tour, taking a maiden special

weight at Aqueduct March 1 at 35-1 in a six-horse field. He finished seventh for a \$40,000 tag Aug. 14. "Don't forget him. He's a 5-year-old. Here he is. We filled the race twice, once for Chad and once for Todd. Maybe I'll have to go to Finger Lakes and they'll fill one for me. We can go from \$5,000 on up. That will pump him up. Give him a little confidence. He did win and it was 'Dublin Green, he's going to pay a lot of green.' Look at him in that stall, his tail touches the wall and his nose touches the other one. He stocks up in behind. It's a terrible stall for him. I looked across the street to Clare Court and half the barns are empty over there all meet. I guess they want to torture me, solitary confinement. I must have done something wrong."

Pat Quick (E Z For You To Say): Third at 51-1 here July 31, the 2-year-old New York-bred daughter of Majestic City was eyeing another start here, but was a victim of the entry box. "I haven't been able to get her back in a race. We got on the also-eligible list the other day, so she'll probably have to wait for Belmont. It was a good race, she very possibly could have had second with a little luck."

Pat Quick (Ari's Naughty Luca): Three-year-old Mine-shaft gelding is in today's third race and exits a seventh here Aug. 7 after a short break. "We claimed him at Belmont (in June) and had a little trouble figuring him out, but we've got him figured out now and I expect him to run a good race."

**John Morrison (Amazing Zero):** Third in her debut Aug. 28, the 3-year-old filly bucked and squealed in the round pen while her trainer talked about her. "She just took time to get there. She walked out of the gate, but we had a gate thing that day. A horse flipped over and we had to reload her and had the one hole. You can't school for that. She just broke slow."

John Morrison (Carrera Cat): The star of the show. First or second in her last seven, she won the Union Avenue here Aug. 15 to become the first Little Guy Stable Tour horse to later make the cover of The Special. Four-year-old daughter of Courageous Cat will look to pad her \$274,856 bankroll in the Gallant Bloom Stakes at Belmont Sept. 22. "We always thought she was more than OK. She just had nagging little stuff, it was nothing major, it was all kind of cumulative. She popped a splint in the race in January (a New Year's Day allowance score), but it turned out to be a hairline fracture and the time benefited everything. It really helped her. After seven weeks off, the first time I breezed her I just knew we had a different horse."

**John Morrison (The Last Ace):** Stone Bridge Farm homebred 2-year-old son of Honor Code is training toward a debut. His trainer will let the horse decide when. "I haven't done much with him, he's got some immaturity issues but he could make some noise. He's OK. Riders argue over who gets on him every day."

**John Morrison (Here Comes Tommy):** Now this is a horse. The 9-year-old New York-bred has run 62 times with three wins, 14 seconds and 13 thirds for \$403,015 in earnings for owner Vincent Murray. The veteran last ran in May, but has worked four times at Saratoga and will look for a comeback race at Belmont or Aqueduct. "This is his last year. He's a total dude."

Fran Raia (Rennina's Rose): The 3-year-old Marsh Side filly shares barn space with some harness horses, and finished last of nine here Aug. 8 in her only start for owner/breeder Raia and trainer Frank Multari Jr. Raia won three races with her dam Rennina. "She's all distance. I had to run her 5 1/2 (furlongs) because there weren't any other races and we had to get going. She gets left in the gate a little bit, but she only gets beat 20 lengths. She'll run all day, we haven't hit the bottom of her yet."

# SIGINE:

Dave Harmon

Preservationist arrives in time to win Saturday's featured Woodward.

# Life Preserver

# Centennial runner charges home in Gr. 1

### **BY SEAN CLANCY**

Jimmy Jerkens threw his hands in the air in the first quarter-mile of the Whitney. Four weeks later, in the Woodward, the trainer threw his hands in the air with a quarter-mile to run.

Preservationist lost the Whitney with an audacious move around the first turn. Jerkens knew it, and reacted with disgust. His horse faded to fourth.

A month later, there were no audacious moves around the first turn as Junior Alvarado settled Preservationist in third. Jerkens watched, hands

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### **Woodward** —

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down, comfortable. At the quarter pole, Alvarado steadied Preservationist, needing daylight. Worried it was over, Jerkens threw his hands in the air like someone just backed into his car. This time, it was far from over. Preservationist and Alvarado waited, then slid, then powered through horses to win Saturday's Grade 1 Woodward Stakes.

Jerkens' hands went from raised in panic to pumping in glee as Preservationist clawed his way to a half-length decision over pacesetter Bal Harbour and closer Yoshida. Jerkens hugged his wife, Shirley, a bear hug of euphoria and emotion. If you were born a Jerkens or married a Jerkens, emotion comes with it.

"I wasn't sure he was going to get through," Jerkens said. "I wasn't sure he was going to get through."

He got through.

Owned by Centennial Farm, Preservationist earned his first Grade 1 victory in an improbable 10-race career. Bred by Emory Junior Alvarado salutes the crowd while returning with Preservationist. Hamilton, the son of Arch finished second in his only start at 3, third in his only start at 4 and won his only two starts at 5. Brought back at 6, he's won four of six, including the Grade 2 Suburban at Belmont Park and now the Grade 1 Woodward.

Preservationist broke smoothly in the center of the eight-horse field and Alvarado wasn't going for anything risky this time, easing Preservationist across the heels of Mongolian Groom and to the rail behind Mr. Buff and Bal Harbour into the first turn. Perfect. Mr. Buff opened 2 lengths on Bal Harbour as Mongolian Groom and second choice Tom's d'Etat set up outside. Preservationist pulled a motionless Alvarado closer after a quarter-mile in :23.98 before relenting and sliding off Mr. Buff and Bal Harbour. But only briefly. Through a half-mile in :47.97, Mr. Buff led by a length over Bal Harbour to his outside. Alvarado and Preservationist continued their give-and-take in a pocket behind



Mr. Buff and Bal Harbour and inside Mongolian Groom who had 2 lengths on Tom's d'Etat and Wooderson. Favorite Yoshida tracked that pair, 2 1/2 lengths back with longshot Forwarned.

Midway on the turn after three-quarters in 1:11.49, Mr. Buff clung to his perch as Javier Castellano and Bal Harbour sidled up to his outside. Tom's d'Etat loomed, imposing five wide. Mongolian Groom jabbed, trying to stay in the ring. Wooderson aimed inside and quickly faded. Yoshida was beginning to rev up from the back. In the middle of all this, Alvarado aimed inside Bal Harbour but was rebuked, raising his hands and tempering Preservationist for one, two, three strides. Enough for Jerkens to toss those hands in dismay.

"I'm looking at Javier, for a second there, he was just staying there, it was time to start running, he had a horse coming on the outside and he wasn't

moving," Alvarado said. "I thought maybe he was dead so I tried to squeeze in the middle, he squeezed me a little, like, 'Hey, wait a minute, I've still got horse.' I do respect that, I don't want to push my way through and make fouls, I had to wait a little bit. If he has horse, I'll follow him and then I'll find my way inside or outside."

Both. Sliding outside Bal Harbour and sidling inside Mongolian Groom, Preservationist had the only thing he needed, a sliver of daylight. Head cocked to the right and on his left lead, Preservationist clawed his way between horses but was still third in a sixhorse hive. Bal Harbour clung to a tenuous lead along the rail, Tom's d'Etat battled from the 3 path, Yoshida threatened from the far outside. Preservationist swapped to his right lead as they passed the eighth pole, snipping away at Bal Harbour's advantage. Alvarado rousted with double crosses, whip still uncocked. Preservationist continued to grind away, reaching even terms about 10 strides before the wire to win by a half-length, finishing 1 1/8 miles in 1:48.11.

Walking back to the jocks' room, Alvara-Tod Marks do thought back to his move in the Whitney.

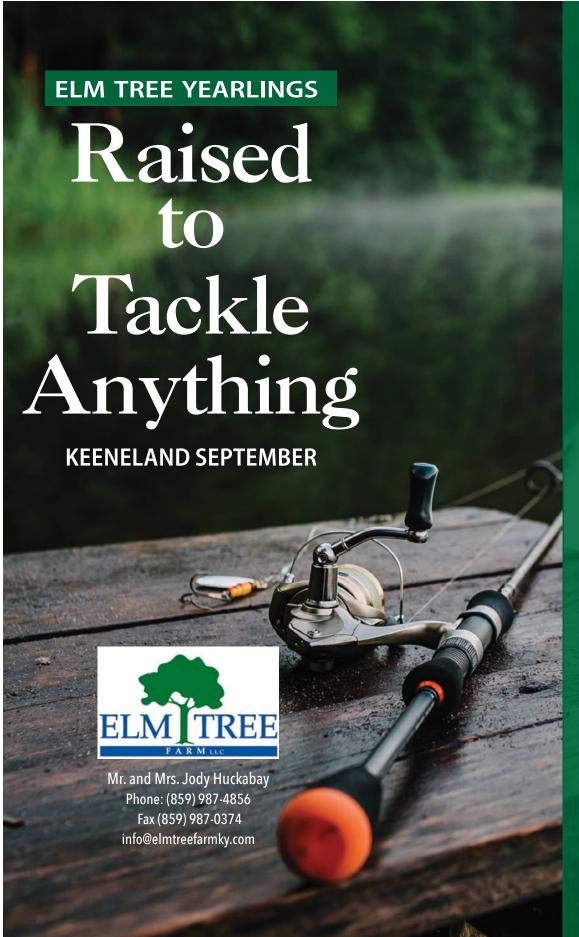
"I ride to win," Alvarado said. "He broke good that day, I'm sitting outside McKinzie, he was traveling so easily, 'If I sit here, forget about winning, I'm sitting here to finish second or even third.' I ride to win, that's what I did. It didn't work out, I don't think he wants to do that, he wants to have a target."

Mr. Buff, Bal Harbour, Tom's d'Etat...there were plenty of targets for Preservationist.

"He's a classy horse who likes to go after a horse," Alvarado said. "I'm sitting a length or two off, the way he was taking me the whole way around, I was excited. I didn't want to get too excited until I got through but I knew I had horse under me. He was there for me. He was very game, the more they were squeezing me, the more he was liking it, he pinned his ears back and kept moving forward."

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### Monday, 9/9

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### **Tuesday**, 9/10

### 250 c. FLATTER - Bashful Bertie

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

### 366 f. HONOR CODE – Doubled

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

### Wednesday, 9/11

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

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

### 545 f. NYQUIST - Miss Inclined

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**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



### 2019 Fall Meet **Stakes Schedule**

OCTOBER 27 - DECEMBER 1

### STARS OF TOMORROW I

### \*STREET SENSE OVERNIGHT STAKES

\*RAGS TO RICHES OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sun., Oct. 27 \$120,000 Two Year Olds

Closes Oct. 19 (no nomination fee)

\$120,000 Fillies, Two Years Old (no nomination fee) 1 Mile

### \*DREAM SUPREME OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Fri., Nov. 1 \$120,000

Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Oct. 26 (no nomination fee) 6 Furlongs

Closes Oct. 19

### CHILUKKI (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 2 \$200,000

(\$200 nomination fee) Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

### \*BET ON SUNSHINE OVERNIGHT STAKES

Runs Sat Nov 2 Three Years Old & Up Closes Oct 26 (no nomination fee) 6 Furlongs

### **COMMONWEALTH TURF (GIII)**

Runs Sat., Nov. 9 \$125,000 Three Year Olds

Closes Oct. 26 (\$125 nomination fee) 1 1/16 Miles Turf

### **RIVER CITY (GIII)**

Runs Sat., Nov. 16 \$125,000 Three Year Olds & Up

Closes Nov. 2 (\$125 nomination fee) 1 1/8 Miles Turf

### CARDINAL (GIII)

Runs Thurs., Nov. 28

Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up

Closes Nov 16 (\$125 nomination fee)

### **FALLS CITY (GII)**

Runs Thurs., Nov. 28

Closes Nov. 16 (\$250 nomination fee) Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up 1 1/8 Mile

### MRS. REVERE (GII)

Runs Fri., Nov. 29 \$300,000 Fillies, Three Years Old

Closes Nov. 16 (\$300 nomination fee) 1 1/16 Miles Turf

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### STARS OF TOMORROW II

### **GOLDEN ROD (GII)**

\$250,000

Fillies, Two Years Old

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KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB (GII) 2020 Kentucky Derby Points Race

Runs Sat., Nov. 30 Closes Nov. 16

Runs Sat., Nov. 30 (\$250 nomination fee) \$250,000 1 1/16 Miles Two Year Olds

Closes Nov. 16 (\$250 nomination fee) 1 1/16 Miles

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Moving forward has not been natural in Preservationist's start-stop career. Centennial Farm paid \$485,000 for the brawny bay colt at Keeneland September Sales in 2014. He showed potential, but needed patience for a myriad of issues that denied opportunity but never derailed the mission.

"We always liked him but it just didn't look like it was going to come to fruition because of the all the trouble we had," Jerkens said. "He goes an eighth in 12 (seconds) as easy as any horse I ever saw. And his female family is just sensational, that old King Ranch family, there is nothing better.'

Preservationist made his debut at Belmont Park in June 2016, finishing second as the favorite. He showed up 18 months later, going off favorite again and finishing third in an Aqueduct maiden sprint. A month later, he won a 6-furlong maiden by a nose at Aqueduct. He came right back to trounce seven rivals in an allowance going a mile at Aqueduct. Two wins from four starts had Centennial and Jerkens thinking big, then the ride detoured again, losing 11 months before returning in January to finish third in a two-other-than allowance sprint. He won a mile allowance at Aqueduct in his next start, took a rare three-other-than allowance at Belmont Park in May. In July, he knocked off the Suburban. That's when Saratoga called.

"It was there. Always. Everybody who touched him knew it was there," Centennial's Doo Little said. "Not all horses develop at the same time. If you find a nice horse, give them the chance. Of course it's frustrating, but we were fortunate to have the right partners who believe in what we've done over the years. The ultimate goal is to buy horses that have pedigrees that if they become Grade 1 winners, farms or stallion stations in Kentucky will want to put them on their roster. Guess what, we've accomplished that again."

Jerkens made sure of it, dialing up a half-mile breeze for Preservationist over the Oklahoma Training Track 12 days after the Whitney. A week later, he ratcheted it up with a 6-furlong drill in 1:13 and change on the training track. Seven days later and two days before the Woodward, Preservationist blew out 3 furlongs over the same surface.

"He was doing good since the last race," Jerkens said. "His works have been sensational, his whole demeanor, physically he looked terrific."

Jerkens walked out of the clubhouse and across the paddock at the end of the day, his second Woodward win in the books, the family's third, 46 years after his father, Allen Jerkens, won the family's first. Prove Out over Secretariat.

"As the Chief always said, 'It takes a combination of a lot of things to win.' Good horse, good trip, good preparation (laughs), good care by the groom, good exercising by the rider, good observations by the assistants. Everything. Everything," Jerkens said. "He would love a horse like him. That was his type. The ones you can train a little bit. The ones that need it."



Tod Marks

The Woodward field gets started. Winner Preservationist is second from left.



# Noble Cause

### Royal Charlotte rebounds in Gr. 2 for unique partnership

### **BY BRANDON VALVO**

Royal Charlotte entered the Grade 1 Test Stakes on Whitney Day with a perfect 4-for-4 record, including a blowout 4-length win in the Grade 3 Victory Ride at Belmont Park July 5. Backed at odds of 5-2, she was the second choice behind three-time Grade 1 winner Bellafina.

Royal Charlotte never factored in the 7-furlong stakes. She raced fifth early before backing up in the stretch, finishing sixth beaten 20 3/4 lengths. The morning after the Test, owner Steve Laymon of First Row Partners was dismayed visiting the Cairo Prince filly at Chad Brown's barn.

"She ran too well in the Victory Ride, we had to take a shot in the Test," Laymon said. "I was at the

### **PRIORESS STAKES RECAP**

barn kicking myself. (Chad) said to me, 'Stop. You're 5-2 in the Test, you're supposed to be there.' She dropped back, got a lot of kickback in her face and just didn't like it."

Royal Charlotte emerged from the Test in good order, but Laymon didn't expect a reappearance at the meet. She went back to Belmont and breezed two half miles on the training track in :49.96 Aug. 17 and :49 Aug. 24. Brown liked the moves and decided to try the Grade 2 Prioress.

"Chad just kept an eye on her. She trained well and he said, 'This is the place to go.' The wheels are always

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Royal Charlotte makes off with Saturday's Prioress Stakes.





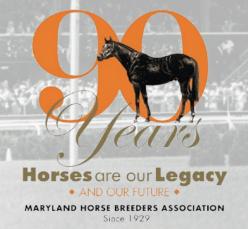
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### Prioress —

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turning," Laymon said. "It was one of those audibles that Chad calls and you've got to go with your gut. As many horses as he has, he never loses touch with an individual horse."

Brown's intuition proved right as Royal Charlotte raced behind horses early in the 6-furlong stakes before shifting out in the stretch for a clear run at unbeaten Grade 2 winner Break Even. While Break Even was one-paced in the lane, Royal Charlotte found another gear at the furlong pole and ran past that rival inside the final sixteenth to score by 1 1/2 lengths.

Royal Charlotte races for First Row Partners and Parkland Thoroughbreds. First Row formed when Laymon, who enjoyed Saratoga success from 2011 to 2014 with Dayatthespa, partnered with his clubhouse box neighbors. Steve Weston's Parkland Thoroughbreds bought in before the Test.

"First Row Partners started right up there in those boxes," Laymon said, pointing to a section of the clubhouse just before the finish line. "That's where First Row comes from. There's two guys that sit beside me. John (Eaton) and I are sitting there, Marty (Scheinman) leans over to me one day and says, 'I want to own horses with you.'

"I have another partner that lives in San Francisco, Will Robbins. They are my two main partners,



Tod Marks

Royal Charlotte (left) leaves everyone behind in the stretch.

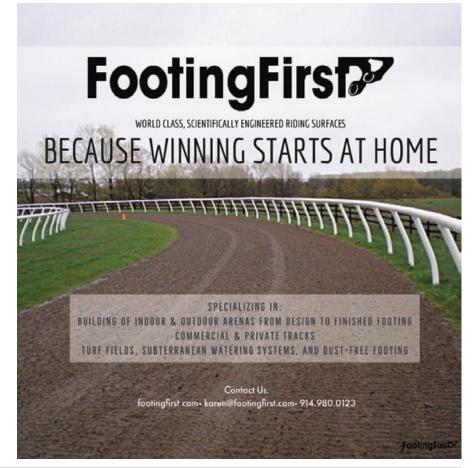
Will and Marty Scheinman. We have three major partners and three minor partners and it's a wonderful group. All of us sit in the first row."

First Row owns two horses: Nay Lady Nay, who broke her maiden Aug. 2 at Monmouth Park, and Royal Charlotte. Laymon purchased Royal Charlotte for the group on the advice of agent Liz Crow, who saw the Cairo Prince filly RNA for \$70,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September yearling sale.

"She called and said, 'I found this Cairo Prince filly I like.' She didn't have a lot of pedigree," Laymon said. "I loved Cairo Prince when he was a racehorse and I really thought he would be an outstanding stallion."

Laymon has been a staunch supporter of Brown's since the trainer went out on his own in 2007 and sent the filly to him. Royal Charlotte is now 5-for-6 with \$346,900 earned.





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# New View

# European import Mrs. Sippy rolls in Grade 2 turf marathon

### **BY TOM LAW**

Joel Rosario walked through the din of the clubhouse, past the selfie seekers, autograph askers and backslappers before reaching the daylight and red striped walkway back to the jock's room after Saturday's Grade 2 Glens Falls Stakes.

He's walked that walk thousands of times, more than 200 at the 2019 Saratoga meet. He knew the drill. Smile, pose, sign, shake, give away goggles, make the kids happy and appease the hangers-on.

And then came the walk a shade past 5:30 Saturday afternoon.

"Can you trade some goggles for an apple for your horse?" said the first youngster to meet Rosario on

### **GLENS FALLS STAKES RECAP**

the walkway. The kid held a Granny Smith, twice the size of his hand if he made a fist, and smiled.

"An apple?" Rosario asked, without really needing an answer. "Sure. Thank you."

Rosario held the shiny green fruit in his palm, grinned and pulled off a set of black-tinted goggles from his helmet and followed through on the hasty transaction.

After a comment that the swap seemed like a great deal, Rosario agreed.

"I'd take it every day," he said.

Rosario earned the apple – which actually goes to Andrew Stone's



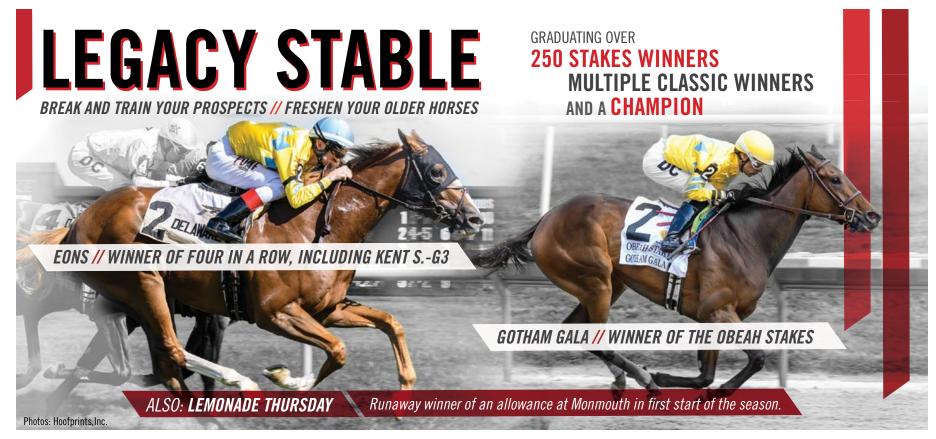
Mrs. Sippy (right) charges up the hedge to win the Glens Falls Saturday.

homebred filly Mrs. Sippy if she's not already on the way back to Fair Hill today - after winning the 1 3/8-mile Glens Falls with a meet- and career-defining ride. Making her U.S. debut in the lead-up event to the Woodward after trainer Graham Motion couldn't

get her in the allowance race all week, Mrs. Sippy broke a beat slow.

Motion watched via simulcast from Colonial Downs, where he sent out eight runners on the Virginia Der-

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by card and won the Grade 3 headliner with English Bee. Motion didn't worry much when Mrs. Sippy, a 4-year-old daughter of Blame spotted the field about 2 lengths a few jumps out of the gate. Rosario didn't panic, either, a signature of the veteran rider when he's on top of his game. He let the European stakes winner find her footing on the firm inner course while defending champ Lady Montdore led the field of seven fillies and mares around the first turn and past the stands the first time.

"Typical European, she broke a step slow first time over here," Motion said. "They always do. It's so different."

Motion's other entry in the race, last-out optional winner Empressof The Nile, stayed close to Lady Montdore's early pace through the homestretch the first time and raced third behind that foe and Fools Gold to her outside.

Shortly after a half-mile in :49.80 Mrs. Sippy pulled Rosario up the inside along the hedge. They wound up fourth by the midpoint of the second bend, behind Lady Montdore, Fools Gold and Empressof The Nile and just to the inside of Canadian shipper Get Explicit and Violet Blue with 8-5 favorite Santa Monica out the back.

Mrs. Sippy lost a few spots almost as quick as she gained them by the time the field hit the backstretch the final time and were fifth through 6 furlongs in 1:15.13. Another hole opened up between the leader and immediate chasers at the end of the backstretch and Mrs. Sippy tried to go through again, only to be slightly shut off by Lady Montdore entering the far turn.

Santa Monica and Jose Ortiz avoided any trouble to the turn and circled the field to take the lead approaching the homestretch. They didn't hold the turn tight, Lady Montdore tried to rebreak and Mrs. Sippy slipped past the tiring Fools Gold and just to the outside of the early leader.

Mrs. Sippy drove through Santa Monica and Lady Montdore and accelerated making the lead at the eighth pole. They widened the margin from there while stablemate Empressof The Nile made a late run to finish

three-quarters of a length back in second. Mrs. Sippy won in 2:13.62.

"She broke a little bit slow and then after that it was all her," Rosario said. "It looked like she just wanted to follow somebody the whole time. I just thought that's the way she's probably used to running in Europe. She did well for her first time here."

Mrs. Sippy improved to 3-for-10 with the Glens Falls victory, her first win in almost a year after taking a small stakes at Longchamp last September.

Bred in Kentucky, Mrs. Sippy is the first foal out of the Encosta de Lago mare Qushchi, who also started her career in Europe before coming to the U.S. and winning a stakes for Motion. She won the 2013 Waya Stakes before a fourth in the Grade 1 Flower Bowl Invitational at Belmont Park and a 10th in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Santa Anita Park to end her career.

Mrs. Sippy won one of two starts at 2 before a productive season at 3 with trainer David Simcock. She never finished worse than fourth in five starts in 2018, including three group stakes, before going off form in her lone two outings this spring.

Mrs. Sippy arrived at Fair Hill in July off back-to-back double-digit-length losses in group stakes in England.

"She was really straightforward, a little nervous at first but once she settled into the routine she was fine," Motion said. "I find that some of these European horses like the routine of going to the track. It's straightforward for them and some of them settle down during that.

"I didn't know exactly what to expect. I know they were very high on her last year and were disappointed with how she came out this year. Andrew Stone has sent me horses before and he's very clever about the ones he's picked to come over here. He felt like she needed a change of pace, she needed a change of scenery. She was really good last year and she had been disappointing so far this year. So he felt she needed a change of scenery and so far it looks like it paid off."

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# Well Seasoned

### Global Access adds Grade 3 win in 10th start for Trombetta barn

### BY BRANDON VALVO

Sometimes it pays to have more experience. At least that's what Mike Trombetta felt after watching trainee Global Access nab Good Governance at the finish of Saturday's \$194,000 Saranac Stakes. The former entered the Grade 3 with 10 starts under his belt while the Saranac was just the second start for the latter.

"That helps," Trombetta said with a smile. "I know they wouldn't have put (Good Governance) in there if they didn't think he was a really good horse, and I'm sure he is, but the seasoning certainly doesn't hurt."

Global Access has proved a productive traveler. He began his career last September at Parx Racing before

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breaking his maiden at second asking at Woodbine on Halloween. After a third in the Display Stakes in Toronto to cap his 2-year-old season, Global Access returned at 3 in a Gulfstream Park allowance.

Global Access then accompanied Trombetta's Win Win Win to Tampa Bay Downs to serve as the training partner for the Kentucky Derby hopeful. Global Access finished third in the Columbia Stakes on the Tampa Bay Derby undercard (Win Win Win also finished third in the Tampa Bay Debry). Global Access shipped back to Laurel, but returned to Tampa Bay to

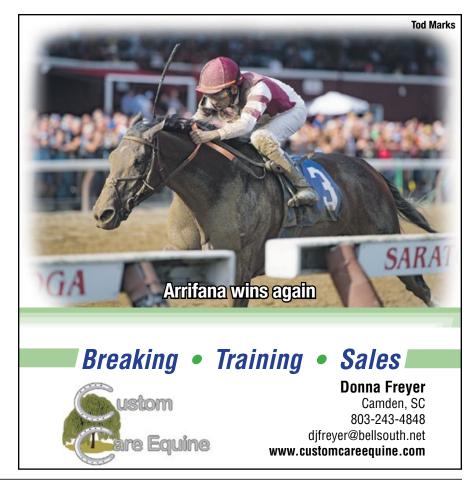
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Tod Marks

Global Access (left) digs in late to oust Good Governance in the Saranac.





### **Saranac** —

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earn his second win in the Sophomore Turf Stakes March 31. Global Access shipped north of the border next, running three times at Woodbine and earning a victory in the Grade 3 Marine Stakes.

Global Access finished third in the Grade 2 National Museum of Racing Hall Of Fame Stakes last time out going 1-mile on Saratoga's inner turf course Aug. 2. Run the day before the Whitney, the Hall Of Fame was contested on a hard course that didn't agree with Global Access' off-thepace running style. John Velazquez, up for the first time in the Hall Of Fame, wanted another chance.

"John commented after he rode him the first time, I could just sense he was a little frustrated, it didn't go as well as he wanted," Trombetta said. "At that time, the turf course was carrying really fast. He was anxious to get another opportunity to ride him."

Velazquez got a leg up again for the Saranac and kept Global Access at the back of the quintet throughout

the 1 1/16-mile stakes. As Power Player put up splits of :24.49, :49.66, and 1:13.37, Trombetta was nervous.

"I was little concerned when he settled back off what looked like a slow pace, but obviously he was very comfortable doing what he did," he said.

The race developed around the final turn as Rinaldi and Good Governance came after Power Player. Velazquez picked his target, tracking on the heels of Good Governance before tipping wide in the stretch.

Good Governance, who's lone start produced a nose win in a 1-mile maiden special here Aug. 4, swung wide into the stretch, then shifted in and nearly bumped Rinaldi. Irad Ortiz corrected and yanked on the right rein. Meanwhile, Global Access ran down the center of the course like a Travers Day fan dashing to his favorite picnic table. Under Velazquez's left-handed urging, the chestnut colt swept past the field and bested Good Gover-

nance by a neck. Seismic Wave finished a head back in third.

Trombetta reflected on the turnaround from the Hall Of Fame defeat to Saranac victory.

"At that point in the meet it was (speed favoring). Speed was carrying a bit more. He made his run, but he just couldn't catch up to where he wanted to be," Trombetta said of the Hall Of Fame. "It's a little later in the meet, it's maybe not quite as fast as it's been. The horse probably preferred that a little more, plus the extra sixteenth-of-a-mile."

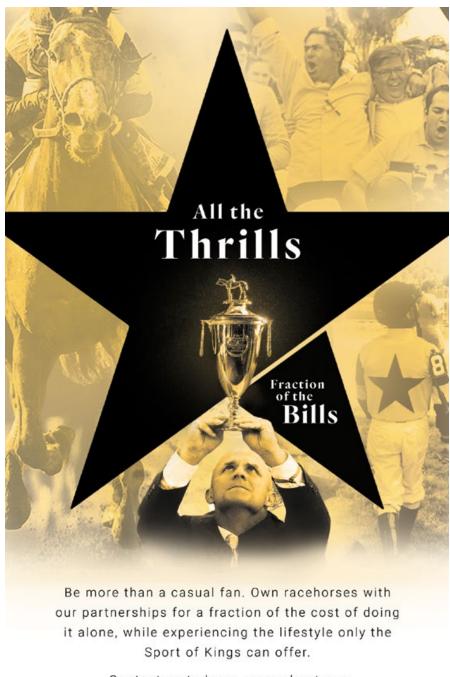
The Saranac win is the fourth in Global Access' career and boosts his earnings to \$316,742 for owner and breeder Live Oak Plantation. The Giant's Causeway son out of the Black Sam Bellamy mare Daveron could reappear in the Grade 2 Hill Prince going 9 furlongs at Belmont Oct. 5 and Trombetta says all long-distance options are on the table.

"It's a possibility," he said of the Hill Prince. "I don't think this horse has any distance limitations either. He always seems to finish up with good energy, gallop out strong. If I get the opportunity to try him further, I certainly will."



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# Winning Trip

### Fair Hill shipper Arrifana scores in 9th

Kelly Rubley's trip to Saratoga Race Course proved worthwhile when Arrifana stayed unbeaten with a victory in Saturday's ninth race.

"We just shipped up (Friday)," said Rubley, based at the Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland. "We were hopeful so it worked out."

Arrifana, a 3-year-old daughter of Curlin out of the A.P. Indy mare Vaulcluse, improved to 2-for-2 with a 2-length win over Our Circle Of Love in the 7-furlong allowance on the main track. She went to the post as the 2-1 favorite off a 10-length maiden

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Tod Marks

Arrifana pulls away to win Saturday's ninth and remain undefeated.



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victory at the same distance at Laurel Park Aug. 1. Julien Pimentel rode Arrifana in her maiden win and again Saturday.

Owned by her breeder Gunpowder Farms and partners Millennium Farms, Gainesway Stable and LNJ Foxwoods, Arrifana boosted her earnings to \$73,400.

The win was the first at Saratoga for Rubley since St. Albans Boy won Aug. 18, 2014.

"She is just a very professional, very laid-back, cool filly," said Rubley. "We actually just had three new people buy in on her so this was my first time meeting them, so it was very exciting."

### - Catherine Galbraith

• Airtouch started once for trainer Todd Pletcher and Everett Dobson's Cheyenne Stables before the 12th race. That run came more than two years ago, Aug. 12, 2017, and resulted in a nose defeat to Oskar Blues in a 7-furlong maiden race.

The 4-year-old son of Tapit didn't miss a beat in his belated return, breaking his maiden in the Woodward Day nightcap.

"We had a series of setbacks, we had to bring him back a couple times," Pletcher said of Airtouch's extended hiatus. "Credit to Everett. They've been very patient. They did the right thing by the horse every time and the next thing you knew it's been



Tod Marks

Three Technique in the winner's circle.

a long time. He had a lot of talent so we were looking forward to getting him back."

Cheyenne Stables purchased the colt for \$450,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale.

John Velazquez rode Airtouch to a half-length win over Free Enterprise. Pletcher knew the colt had the potential for a strong comeback, but had his eye on Javier Castellano and Free Enterprise as the competition in the 6-furlong maiden on the main track.

"I know the horse we ended up beating was a really nice horse," Pletcher said. "I was concerned when he was in the race that he would be tough to beat. At the same time, we were confident he would run well."

### - Catherine Galbraith

• After Three Technique lost his first start June 14 at Belmont Park to a runner trained by his father, Chris Englehart, Jeremiah Englehart was

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### Saratoga Leaders TRAINERS......1ST

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### **Saturday** —

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determined to get the Mr Speaker colt to the winner's circle.

The trip wound up delayed, by another second-place finish to the Hopeful-bound Basin in a maiden race here July 21. Three Technique made it in his third start, winning the seventh race going 7 furlongs.

"I always root for my family but when we run against each other, we're competitive," Englehart said about that debut loss to Took Charge. "I told my dad when I won my first graded stake I said, 'Dad, have you ever won a graded stake?' knowing that he didn't. He said, 'well, have you ever won 3,000 races?' because he's actually won 4,000 and I'm light years behind him. It's very good competitive banter."

Three Technique showed his competitive side winning by 5 1/2 lengths for Hall of Fame football coach Bill Parcells' August Dawn Farm. He won in 1:22.93 under Jose Ortiz.

"He's been one of my best 2-yearolds and better than the two seconds he's run," said Englehart. "He probably didn't get the greatest trip today but he showed his talent coming down the lane, which was nice. "He's always been a horse that I thought was pretty special. His first race, five-eighths, my dad beat me up in that race a little bit. That second race Steve (Asmussen) had a really nice horse in there, too, and we didn't get the best of trips behind him so both horses ran on. This race, I didn't want him to lose again."

### - Catherine Galbraith

• Trainer John Kimmel notched his third win of the Saratoga meet when Famished came from 3 lengths back to take the fifth. Kimmel's first two wins came in stakes and he's got similar ambition for Famished.

"The track's a bit deep today and I liked Famished's strong sustained finish," Kimmel said. "It suggests he can carry himself a little farther. If everything shakes out well, we'll aim him for the Champagne."

Owned by Tobey Morton, Famished is a 2-year-old son of 2010 Champagne winner Uncle Mo. Joel Rosario rode Famished to victory, after riding him to a troubled third in his debut here Aug. 10. In that race he dropped 10 lengths off the pace and was forced wide around the far turn.

With that bad luck debut and strong finish in mind, Morton's husband Michael Morton said he felt

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Tod Marks

Famished leaves everyone else hungry in Saturday's fifth race.



Tod Marks

Structor (right) wins Saturday's opener.

### **Saturday** —

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confident going into Saturday but concerned when Famished raced 2 lengths back in fifth through the opening half-mile.

"But Joel is so good, so patient," Michael Morton said. "He bounced him outside and got him going."

Tobey Morton, co-owner of Thursday's P.G. Johnson winner Crystalle, gave a lot of credit to Kimmel.

"We went to a lot of the sales and took John's advice," she said. "In the end we bought 14 2-year-olds. We love John and the horses do well. He takes good care of them and he's got great people working for him. Been with him since we started again five years ago."

- Terry Hill

• Owner Jeff Drown was surrounded by his children and other family members for the winner's circle picture with Structor after the first. Trained by Chad Brown, Structor broke his maiden under Irad Ortiz Ir. as a first-time starter in the 1 1/16mile maiden on the inner turf.

"This is our full first season (with Chad)," said Drown, speaking on behalf of himself and the colt's other owner Don Rachel. "It's been a great experience and Chad's done a great job. With a colt like this we're excited. We'll sit down with Chad and figure out the next step."

Purchased for \$850,000 by Mike Ryan on behalf of Drown and Rachel at the OBS March sale, Structor is a son of Palace Malice out of the More Than Ready mare Miss Always Ready.

"Mike Ryan is our bloodstock agent, it was pretty much all on him," Drown said. "He came to us and said 'I think I found a monster.' We went and looked at him and we both agreed."

Drown found success at the meet with Smooth With A Kick, a maiden winner for Brown July 18, and Risky Mischief, a maiden winner July 31 for Jeremiah Englehart.

"We have horses here, in Kentucky, Florida and some in California," Drown said. "This is our third win in four starts (at Saratoga), we're pretty happy."

- Catherine Galbraith

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### **SARATOGA RESULTS**

Saturday August 31.

### 1ST \$90,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M TURF

4 Structor I. Ortiz, Jr. \$4.30 \$2.70 \$2.30 6 Sul Moon J. Alvarado \$2.70 \$2.30 5 Eternal Summer J. Velazquez \$4.30 B C 2017, by Palace Malice - Miss Always Ready by More Than Ready Owner: Drown, Jeff and Rachel, Don. Trainer: Chad Brown.

Breeder: Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY). Time: 1:44.16

Exacta (4-6), \$5.90; Superfecta (4-6-5-3), \$22.25; Trifecta (4-6-5), \$17.37

### 2ND \$52,000, CLAIMING \$40,000-\$35,000, 3 & UP, 5 1/2F TURF

6	Honey Won't	J. Rosario	\$4.10	\$2.60	\$2.20
2	No Regrets	J. Lezcano		\$3.70	\$3.20
8	Running Violence	M Franco			\$10.40

Dk B/ Br Colt 2016, by Soldat - Honey Dew List by Mr. Greeley Owner: Estate of Harvey A. Clarke. Trainer: William Mott.

Breeder: Harvey A. Clarke (KY). Late Scratches: Bears Mafia. Time: 1:02.74

Daily Double (4-6), \$4.70; Exacta (6-2), \$6.60; Quinella (2-6), \$4.30; Superfecta (6-2-8-4), \$142.70; Trifecta (6-2-8), \$59.75

### 3RD \$250,000. STAKES - PRIORESS S., 3 YO, 6F

5	Royal Charlotte	J. Castellano \$11.00	\$3.30
3	Break Even	S. Bridgmohan	\$2.40
2	Risky Mandate	J. Ortiz	

2 Risky Mandate J. Ortiz
Gr/ro Filly 2016, by Cairo Prince - Sass and Class by Harlan's Holiday
Owner: First Row Partners and Parkland Thoroughbreds.

Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Rhineshire Farm LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: South of France. Time: 1:09.45

Daily Double (6-5), \$15.10; Exacta (5-3), \$13.40; Superfecta (5-3-2-4), \$6.92; Trifecta (5-3-2), \$11.75; Pic 3 (4-6-5), \$46.25

### 4TH \$95,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

1	Fully Vested	J. Lezcano \$9.10 \$3.	.40	\$2.20
4	Fig Jelly	I. Ortiz, Jr. \$2.	.70	\$2.10
5	Pagliacci	J. Ortiz		\$2.20
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B Gelding 2014, by Discreet Cat - Trade Only by Unbridled Owner: Godolphin, LLC. Trainer: Thomas Albertrani.

Breeder: Darley (KY). Late Scratches: Runaway Lute, Stolen Pistol, Fuel the Bern. Time: 1:01.94

Daily Double (5-1), \$32.00; Exacta (1-4), \$9.80; Quinella (1-4), \$4.70; Superfecta (1-4-5-2), \$9.82; Trifecta (1-4-5), \$8.50; Pic 3 (6-5-1), \$75.75

### 5TH \$90,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

1	Famished	J. Rosario	\$4.20	\$3.20	\$2.80	
2	Sonneman	J. Lezcano		\$15.20	\$10.00	
6	Noble Empire	M. Franco			\$11.60	
В	Colt 2017, by Uncle Mo	- Ravenist by S	Survivalist			
O۷	Owner: Morton, Tobey, L Trainer: John Kimmel.					
Breeder: Michael C. Byrne (ON). Late Scratches: Risk Profile						

Daily Double (1-1), \$13.20; Exacta (1-2), \$28.75; Superfecta (1-2-6-7), \$328.75; Trifecta (1-2-6), \$218.00; Pic 3 (5-1-1), \$84.75; Pic 4 (5/6-5-1-1/4), \$119.75; Pic 5 (4-5/6-5-1-1/4), \$282.50

### 6TH \$200,000, SARANAC S., 3 YO, 1 1/16M TURF

4	Global Access	J. Velazquez	\$10.00	\$3.30	\$2.30
2	Good Governance (GB)	) I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$2.60	\$2.10
6	Seismic Wave	J. Rosario			\$2.20
Ch	C 2016, by Giant's Cau	seway - Davero	n (GER) by	/ Black S	Sam Bel-

lamy (IRE). Owner: Live Oak Plantation. Trainer: Michael Trombetta.

Breeder: Live Oak Stud (FL). Late Scratches: Tracksmith
Time: 1:41.80

Daily Double (1-4), \$12.40; Exacta (4-2), \$10.00; Superfecta (4-2-6-3), \$3.10; Trifecta (4-2-6), \$9.15; Pic 3 (1-1-4), \$81.50

### 7TH \$90,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

3	Three Technique	J. Ortiz	\$4.00	\$2.80	\$2.30
8	Always Misbehaving	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$7.20	\$4.20
1	Necker Island	L. Saez			\$8.00

Dk B/ Br Colt 2017, by Mr Speaker - Nite in Rome by Harlan's Holiday Owner: August Dawn Farm, Trainer: Jeremiah Englehart.

Breeder: Omega Farm LLC & Bally Breeders (KY).

Late Scratches: Breithorn. Time: 1:22.93

Daily Double (4-3), \$13.10; Exacta (3-8), \$12.20; Superfecta (3-8-1-9), \$66.50; Trifecta (3-8-1), \$60.25; Pic 3 (1-4-3), \$28.00

### 8TH \$90,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M TURF

4	No Word	J. Ortiz	\$9.10	\$6.20	\$4.70		
5	Gear Jockey	J. Rosario		\$14.00	\$8.10		
7	Shamrocket	D. Davis			\$5.70		
D١	Dk B/ Br Colt 2017, by Silent Name (JPN) - Listen A. P. by A.P. Indy						
0١	Owner: Wertheimer and Frere. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Time: 1:40.87						
Br	Breeder: Wertheimer et Frere (KY). Late Scratches: Tapaloof, City Guy						
Da	Daily Double (3-4), \$9.80; Exacta (4-5), \$46.50; Superfecta (4-5-7-3),						
\$1	\$127.90: Trifecta (4-5-7), \$207.75; Pic 3 (4-3-4), \$73.00						

### 9TH \$92,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

3	Arrifana	J. Pimentel	\$6.50	\$4.50	\$3.30
8	Our Circle of Love	J. Velazquez		\$11.00	\$6.90
1	Hallawallah	R. Santana, Jr.			\$4.20
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B Filly 2016, by Curlin - Vaulcluse by A.P. Indy

Owner: Gunpowder Farms, Millennium Farms, Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) and LNJ Foxwoods. Late Scratches: Untaken. Time: 1:22.82 Trainer: Kelly Rubley. Breeder: Gunpowder Farms LLC (KY).

Daily Double (4-3), \$16.10; Exacta (3-8), \$42.25; Superfecta (3-8-1-11), \$101.40; Trifecta (3-8-1), \$104.50; Pic 3 (3-4-3), \$46.75; Pic 4 (4-2/3-4-3/9), \$158.00

### 10TH \$250,000, GLENS FALLS S., 3&UP F&M, 1 3/8M TURF

5	Mrs. Sippy	J. Rosario	\$14.60	\$7.50	\$4.10
1	Empressof the Nile	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$8.60	\$4.50
1	Santa Monica (GR)	I Ortiz			\$2.60

B Filly 2015, by Blame - Qushchi (GB) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)

Owner: Stone, Andrew, Trainer: H. Motion.

Breeder: Andrew Stone (KY). Late Scratches: Night of England (GB), Indy Union. Time: 2:13.62. Daily Double (3-5), \$29.75; Exacta (5-1), \$61.50; Superfecta (5-1-4-9), \$88.40; Trifecta (5-1-4), \$100.25; Pic 3 (4-3-5), \$145.25

### 11TH \$750,000, WOODWARD PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS, 3&UP, 1 1/8M

5	Preservationist	J. Alvarado	\$8.10	\$5.10	\$3.60
2	Bal Harbour	J. Castellano		\$12.00	\$5.10
7	Yoshida (JPN)	.l Rosario			\$2.80

B Horse 2013, by Arch - Flying Dixie by Dixieland Band Owner: Centennial Farms. Trainer: James Jerkens.

Breeder: Emory A. Hamilton (KY). Late Scratches: Vino Rosso Time: 1:48.11

Daily Double (5-5), \$36.00; Exacta (5-2), \$45.00; Superfecta (5-2-7-9), \$39.70; Trifecta (5-2-7), \$77.62; Pic 3 (3-5-5), \$161.75; Grand slam (4/5/7-1/3/8-1/4/5-5), \$120.75

### 12TH \$90,000 MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT 3&UP 6F

5	Airtouch	J. Velazquez	8.30	3.30	2.70
8	Free Enterprise	J. Castellano		2.20	2.10
2	New Frontier	I. Ortiz Jr.			3.80

B. c. 2015 Tapit-Ithinkisawapudycat, Bluegrass Cat.

Owner: Cheyenne Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: Ashview Farm and Colts Neck Stable (KY). Time: 1:09.47. Exacta \$7.30. Trifecta \$17.87. Superfecta \$33.85. Double \$17.40. Pick 3 \$120.25. Pick 4 \$328.75. Pick 5 \$1,299.50. Pick 6 Jackpot

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All Sources Handle: \$29,684,265.

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# Scenery Shift

Now part of the Ritvo barn, 2YO filly Shippy lands in Gr. 1

### BY CATHERINE GALBRAITH

Kathy Ritvo sat in the shade of Barn 5, watching a set jog around Clare Court while behind her Shippy walked the shedrow under a royal blue cooler in the crisp Friday morning air.

The daughter of Midshipman appeared relaxed heading into the biggest test of her brief career in today's Grade 1 Spinaway Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. Ritvo took over Shippy's training from Doug O'Neill shortly after the filly finished a close third in the Grade 3 Schuylerville here Opening Day.

The change was planned by Dean Reeves, who along with Randy Hill bought into the filly to form a part-

### **SPINAWAY STAKES PREVIEW**

nership with Joe Besecker after a 10 3/4-length maiden victory in mid-June at Laurel Park for trainer Tim Kreiser. Ritvo trained Mucho Macho Man, winner of the 2013 Breeders' Cup Classic, for the Reeves Thoroughbred Racing stable of Dean and Patti Reeves.

"Doug was going back to California, so when we worked out the purchase, we planned for him to run her in her first races and then we would make the change," Reeves said.

Ritvo seconded the decision to keep the Kentucky-bred in New York

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Tod Marks

Shippy looks to improve on her third in the Schuylerville on Opening Day.





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### **Spinaway** —

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for a chance to run at Saratoga.

"After her first race (at Saratoga) I knew that the trainer was going back to California and Mr. Reeves wanted the filly to stay here," said Ritvo. "I don't think he changed trainers, he just wanted the filly to stay in New York."

Shippy didn't miss a beat with the change in barns, showing Ritvo she's heading into the 7-furlong Spinaway in good form. She's breezed four times on the main track for her new trainer, the most recent a half-mile work in :50.43 Aug. 24.

"She is just a nice filly, she's very nosy," said Ritvo. "She has lots of energy and really likes to train. She definitely likes the track here and has been training really well. She's gotten better through her works here since I've had her. She's doing good, coming into the race perfect."

Luis Saez and Shippy break from the outside post in the field of seven and are 9-2 on the morning line. Jose Ortiz rode Shippy in the Schuylerville but stays on Risky Mischief just to her inside for trainer Jeremiah Englehart. Saez, who worked Shippy in the mornings for Ritvo, takes the call.

"We use Luis a lot with Kathy," Reeves said. "Jose had a commitment so we went with Luis. She's been training really well. Luis has breezed her twice and he was real happy both times with the way she worked. We like our post. I'm happy to be on the outside so she won't get in trouble. Luis always breaks really well from the gate. He should get her out and get in her good position.

"It is a Grade 1 so it's pretty tough. It's a little bit further test for her so hopefully get her to settle in and hopefully have a lot at the end. The race will tell us what the future holds, depending on how well we run we'll consider the Breeders' Cup (Juvenile Fillies) but we'll make that decision afterwards."

Bred by Morris Floyd and Chuck Givens, Shippy sold to SGV Thor-



Tod Marks

Perfect Alibi aims for a repeat of her Adirondack victory for trainer Mark Casse.

oughbreds for \$40,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July yearling sale. At OBS March, leading Mid-Atlantic owner Besecker landed the dark bay daughter of Midshipman for \$77,000 and sent her to Kreiser. The Penn National-based trainer picked Laurel for her debut in June and she won by herself in a quick :56.83 for 5 furlongs on the dirt.

The first two finishers from last month's Grade 2 Adirondack – Perfect Alibi and Frank's Rockette – are back for the Spinaway, along with the race's fourth-place finisher Miss Peppina.

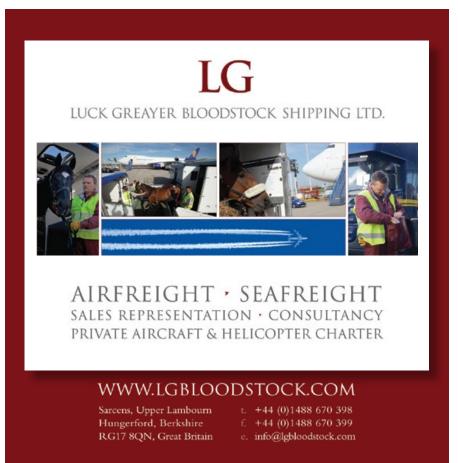
Frank's Rockette, who endured a somewhat troubled trip, goes as the 8-5 favorite on the morning line for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott. Julien Leparoux, who rode the filly in her sharp maiden win at Churchill Downs June 21 and in the Adirondack, takes the return call.

Perfect Alibi is the 7-2 second choice on the line for trainer Mark Casse. She finished second in the Astoria Stakes at Belmont Park June 6 before her half-length victory in the Adirondack.

Mundaye Call, second in her debut Aug. 11; Figure Of Speech, a 5 1/2-length winner for Chad Brown July 31; and Risky Mischief, a 7 1/2-length winner for Englehart July 31, complete the field.

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### SARATOGA ENTRIES

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Sunday, September 1.				7TH (3:42PM). \$90,000, MSW, 2 YO,			
1ST (12:30PM). \$75,000, MSW, 2 YO				Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Dail		T DI . I	
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4 4Bahamian Prince	I. Ortiz, Jr	G. Weaver	6-1	5 5Our Little Jewel	L. Saez	M. Trombetta	12-1
5 5More Thunder	J. Rosario	S. Klesaris	9-2	6 6Sparkling Sky	J. Ortiz	T. Pletcher	9-5
6 6Chimney Rock	J. Ortiz	M. Maker	4-1			J. Englehart	
7 7Alex Love Candy	J. Martinez	R. Persaud	12-1	8 8Mirabell Mei	R. Maragh	J. Terranova II	10-1
8 8Summer Sangría	J. Velazquez	W. Ward	5-2	9 9Osaka Girl	J. Velazquez	B. Lynch	15-1
9 9Las Ramblas	D. Davis	W. Ward	8-1	10 10Malibu June	K. Carmouche	L. Gyarmati	15-1
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1 1Three Outlaws	L. Saez	B. Lynch		8 8Alandra			
2 2Preston Court	R. Maragh	J. Morrison	12-1	9 9Impeccable Style	J. Alvarado	K. McPeek	15-1
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4 4Raphael	T. Gaffalione	N. Zito	7-2	11 AEThissmytime		B. Brown	
5 5Talent Scout	K. Carmouche	D. Duggan	3-1		J. Alvarado	W. Mott	9-2
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1 1Aleph			15-1	1 1		R. Handal	12-1
2 2Tipazo		M. Friedman				C. Martin	15-1
3 3Bongga						L. Rice	
4 4O'Bushido	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-2			J. O'Dwyer	
	J. Ortiz					H. Bond	
6 6Vaya Con Dios	D. Davis	E. Guillot	7-2				
	J. Martinez					D. Cannizzo	
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	L. Reyes			8 8Subsidiary		M. Casse	
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2 1Woodbury				4 4Miss Peppina	J. Rosario	G. Gullo	15-1
	K. Carmouche			5 5Figure of Speech	J. Castellano	C. Brown	4-1
		J. Barkley		6 6Risky Mischief			
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1 1	J. Rosario	B. Cox	8-1
2 2Graded On a Curve	I. Ortiz, Jr	C. Brown	2-1
3 3Risky Sour	J. Velazquez	L. O'Brien	12-1
4 4Fotis	J. Martinez	E. Jones	15-1
5 5Opt	J. Castellano	R. Ribaudo	7-2
6 6Bad Guy			
7 7Scrutinize	B. Hernandez	E. Pringle	20-1
8 98Dreamzapper	J. Ortiz	M. Shirer	
9 8Honorable Hero			
10 9Magical Tale	L. Saez	J. Ryerson	30-1
11 10Saltking	C. Landeros	M. Hennig	6-1
12 11Pipes			
13 AENutzforboltz			
14 MTOI Love Jaxson			
15 MTOMister Bobby	D. Davis	H. Bond	8-1
16 MTOBebe Banker	R. Santana, Jr	J. Ferraro	12-1

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### An Ode to Elate

Editor's Note: Joe McVey is a reader, a Saratoga regular, an artist, a bit of a writer and a big fan of racing (and Elate too). He sent us this after the Personal Ensign.

Elate, the great mare bred and owned by Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider, is over the past three summers a neck, a head and a nose away from having the Personal Ensign renamed in her honor. Having been bested by Abel Tasman by a head two summers ago in the Coaching Club American Oaks, the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro rebounded to win the Grade I Alabama a month later.

She returned in last summer's Personal Ensign, only to be beaten again by the aforementioned Abel Tasman. Last Saturday's Personal Ensign marked Elate's 2019 return to Saratoga. After tuning up with a romp in the Delaware Handicap, she was primed for a top effort, and she gave it – only to be beaten a nose by Midnight Bisou.

For jockey Jose Ortiz and trainer Bill Mott, the Personal Ensign must be something of their "great white whale." Ortiz, arguably the best rider in the country, is putting on a race-riding clinic for anyone lucky enough to see it. And yet, he has been narrowly beaten – twice – by the legend that is Mike E. Smith. It's not that this "white whale" has robbed Ortiz of his leg, but it has to have taken a bite of his ego.

As for the great Elate, I hope we see her back in battle soon. And when her racing career is over and she's wrapped in cotton wool and sent home to Claiborne, I have no doubt she will add to the rich history of the La Troienne line. Because mares like Elate, with that elusive combination of race record, pedigree and conformation, never sell two days after the Breeders' Cup. No, they are as rare as Halley's Comet itself.

Elate is going to be around for a long time and produce her own champions. After she's pensioned, she will be turned out with the annual crop of yearling fillies at Claiborne and will teach them to be top class. And when she's finally laid to rest at Marchmont Cemetery, she will get a stone inscribed with her name and a quote by one of the great poets about class and courage. Yes, when all is said and done, she will have given those that admire a good horse a lot.

Elate is going to be all right. But I am going to need a little time to get over the loss.

- Joe McVey

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### **Guest Handicappers**

Sunday's guest handicapper is Najja Thompson, a graduate of Florida State University and media specialist with the New York Racing Association. Thompson also serves as vice president of Turf Publicists of America. Saturday, Paul Matties picked three winners.

Monday's guest handicapper is Sue Jeffreys, a fourth generation resident of Saratoga Springs and the author of an upcoming historical fiction novel based in the city. Jeffreys is a lifelong racing fan and she and husband Bill owned Adirondack Dancer, a winner at Saratoga in 2013 for Whitehall Stable.

• The guest win total does not include Wednesdays, when only The Special's regular handicappers picks appear at thisishorseracing.com.

Top Guest Handicappers of 2019: Joe Burke and Scott Coles with five wins.

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### **Lemonade Stand Musings**

### BY MAGGIE SWEET

On the menu today: 48 homemade chocolate chip cookies baked using Esther Samworth's secret recipe. The index card listing the ingredients is yellowed and covered with notes written in pencil from her kitchen in Coatesville, Pa. The beverage is your standard lemonade, unfortunately coming from a mix and not the homemade version promised in the advertisement. There are only a few days left in the meet and energy to make freshsqueezed lemonade is lacking. You should have stopped by the stand in July if you



wanted the real stuff. No compromise on the cookies, though. When you're selling your great-great-grandmother's masterpiece, you cut no corners.

A fresh and cool late afternoon makes for better business than the unbearably hot and sticky morning of the first go-round in July. Customers come in waves that we eventually realize correspond to the post times. A few stragglers amid the quiet and then a steady stream of people leaving the track before the bustle recedes and the quiet flows back in. If we hadn't sold out before the last, there may very well have been a rush of hungry and thirsty patrons. Note for next time: bake more cookies.

Among the civilians, a buying pattern quickly reveals itself. Any man between the ages of 18 and 35 is a sure thing. Orders of multiple items from that demographic are commonplace. Tips are guaranteed. Women without children are a terrible bet. At least some are kind enough to make a donation. Families seem to be hit or miss. Dinner time is not far off, but very few children who have just spent a long day at the races will take kindly to the refusal of a treat. Acquiescence or denial seem to depend on the parental fatigue level, and kids sense a vulnerable grown up like a shark senses blood. Enough people pass by carrying only plastic that the addition of virtual payment for next year doesn't seem totally unreasonable . . . if you want to sell the soul of your stand to corporate America.

Interspersed with the general public, racetrackers start to make appearances. The first purchase of significance comes from the publication on whose property we squat: a round of cookies and drinks that fit nicely on a tray decorated with lemons. Who knew journalists had the serving skills of a Siro's bartender in the wee hours of a sales night? The boss arrives and buys one of each on his way to the races. Crisp and polished for the paddock, his professional demeanor quickly dissolves when the 6-year-old refers to him as Toddy the Todd. A foreman who should know better shows up without any money, but begs for a cookie, nonetheless. An IOU and a sheepish look, and the millennial is on his way. Maybe he should have had a lemonade stand as a kid. The Kentucky-Derby winning trainer drives by lost in thought, his modest car and South Dakota plates at odds with the slick New York trainer who follows him down the road. They don't stop, but the mind of a trainer on Travers Eve is anything but at peace.

Which is exactly what I find as I watch my little girl get bolder and braver with her potential customers. A skill certainly not learned from me, but from our good friend whose mother claims she came out of the womb offering her a cup of coffee. People drift by us and disappear into the leafy nooks and crannies of Saratoga's East Side. Ten feet away sits a newsbox actually bearing printed newspapers; no digital editions allowed Travers Week. The weather is idyllic and promises only more of the same for the biggest day of the meet in less than 24 hours.

A generous group of strangers and horsemen has raised more than \$100 for a charity that intends to buy school supplies. Esther Samworth's Coatesville kitchen has yielded far more than a few dozen treats on this timeless late summer day.

Maggie Sweet is the chief operating officer of Todd Pletcher Racing. She and her daughter Carolina operated a lemonade stand in front of The Special's office twice this summer.



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5 5	Dusweii Motataahen	L. Saez	V. Diowii	10-1
		J. Lezcano		
7 7	Noble Spirit	C. Landeros	G Weaver	15-1
		J. Rosario		
		J. Alvarado		
10 10	Cardiff Cav	J. Castellano	D. Chatlos	8-1
11 11	Malthael	J. Rosario	C. Clement	4-1
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		J. Castellano	A. Quartarolo	10-1
		R. Santana, Jr		
		M. Franco		
		L. Saez		
		R. Maragh		
6 6	Manifest Destiny	I. Ortiz, Jr	R. Rodriguez	8-1
		D. Davis		
8 8	Battle Station	J. Velazquez	W. Ward	2-1
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11	Calamity Kat	K. Davis	H. McMahon	12-1
2 2	Baffin Bay	J. Rosario	G. DiPrima	9-2
3 3	Days of Ğlory	R. Santana, Jr	S. Asmussen	5-1
4 4	Tricky Magician	T. Gaffalione	M. Casse	12-1
5 5	Impazible Odds	J. Alvarado	T. Morley	15-1
		J. Lezcano		
77	Thousand Percent	J. Ortiz	J. Englehart	15-1
		L. Saez		
		I. Ortiz, Jr		
10 10	Gins and Tins	J. Velazquez	W. Ward	8-1
11 11	Fayette Warrior	D. Davis	W. Ward	12-1
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6 7	Halloween Horror	D. Davis	C. Raker	10-1
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		J. Rosario		
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11	Snap Hook	T. Gaffalione	E. Kenneally	8-1
2 MTO	Rucksack	Rider TBA	R. Handal	6-1
3 3	Zap Daddy	I. Ortiz, Jr	J. Servis	3-1
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5 5	Labeq	D. Davis	K. McLaughlin	5-1
		R. Maragh		
77	Southern Brigade	L. Saez	R. Rodriguez	10-1
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1 1Maximiliano	J. Ortiz	W. Ward 3	3-1
2 2Clifton Park	L. Saez	D. Romans 10	)-1
3 3Nashvegas			
4 4Stop Asking	D. Davis	P. Gleaves20	)-1
5 5Runaway Star	I. UITIZ, Jr	L. GaudetIU	)-   -
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8 8Gouverneur Morris	1 Velazouez	T Pletcher 8	ı !-5
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10 10In Charge	M. Franco	D. Lukas 15	j-1
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7TH (3:52PM). \$48,000, CLM \$30,1 Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, P	ic 5. Daily Double	•	
11 Fudd	L. Saez	R. Rodriguez 12	2-1
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2 2Danny California	J. Rosario	J. Abreu 6	)-]
3 3Pipes 4 4Jerome Avenue	IVI. Franco	H. MOUOII	1-2
5 5Rhode Island	I Lazcano	I Rica 2	)- I )_1
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8 8Time Expired			
9 9Fleet Admiral	F Cancel	I O'Brien 30	)-i
10 10Spectator Sport	R. Santana. Jr	A. Arriaga20	)-i
11 11False Info	R. Maragh	B. Brown20	)-1
12 12Saratoga Colonel	J. Ortiz	G. Weaver 8	3-1
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1 1Forever Changed	J. Alvarado	C. Baker 15	i-1
2 2Bangle Gal	M. Franco	M. Stidham 8	3-1
3 3Shelley Ann	J. Lezcano	J. Jerkens 12	2-1
4 4New Girl in Town	L. Reyes	C. Progno 8	3-1
5 5Miss Lily B	J. Ortiz	C. Englehart 6	5-1
6 6Starlite Mission	D. Davis	R. Klesaris12	2-1
7 7Hay Field	Į. Ortiz, Jr	J. Servis 5	)-2
8 8Puffery	L. Saez	R. Rodriguez 10	)-1
9 9Newport Breeze 10 10Timely Tradition	J. Velazquez	G. Weaver 9	1-2
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### Sky Mesa

Hopeful Stakes 2002

### **BY JOE CLANCY**

John Ward still sees it, all these years later. A son or daughter of Sky Mesa will break in a hurry, find his or her stride, come back to the jockey's hands, settle and then come running.

He smiles, every single time.

"When he raced, he wanted to leave the gate well and protect himself," said the retired trainer. "A lot of his progeny are the same. They protect themselves early in a race. Watch Tracy Farmer's filly Perfect Alibi win that race she won (the Adirondack at Saratoga Aug. 4). They break, they drop 5 or 6 lengths off the pace, sit still and at the three-eighths pole you pick it up and they come with a fury. That was him too."

Sky Mesa made just six starts in a career cut short by injury, but made an impact at Saratoga Race Course in 2002 – when he won his debut Aug. 3 and the Grade 1 Hopeful Aug. 31. The wins were raw power. He won the maiden by 7 3/4 lengths while four wide, running 6 furlongs in 1:10.97. In the Hopeful, he broke with the field, then sat fifth as Roaring Fever and Pretty Wild slugged it out up front and ran by them in the stretch to win by 1 3/4 lengths.

Ward was not surprised by the brilliance. He'd gone to \$750,000 to land the son of Pulpit and Grade 3 winner Caress at Keeneland September in 2001. The big bay colt joined owner John Oxley's team and went to Florida's Palm Beach Downs for early work with Ward and his wife Donna. The colt proved himself right away. He trained well, moved well, galloped like a professional – but you were in his world.

The Ward stable utilized two-way radios for conversations between stable personnel. Sky Mesa was not a fan.

"Donna had one on her hip and would walk him to the track and back," said Ward. "He and



Donna got along great, but that radio would go off and he'd get mad and he'd snatch that radio off her belt. He never hurt her, but it was definitely turn-your-phone-off time with him."

Ward's other story about early days with Sky Mesa involved the starting gate at Palm Beach. Trainers were free to conduct their own gate schooling on the way to and from the track. Walk in, stand, walk out, back up, whatever you wanted, take it slow, get them used to it. Sky Mesa was in with three other colts one day. They stepped out the front and picked up a gallop just as Sky Mesa took a few steps backward. In a flash, he was a half-length behind the gate and they were 2 lengths out the other side and galloping.

"Well, he cut right through the gate once he saw the other ones gallop out, didn't even touch the sides when he went through," Ward said. "He was never headed again out of the gate. He was like, 'I screwed that up, but you'll never get me again.' "

Smart horse.

"That was the intelligence in him," Ward said. "He was always very, very smart. He was an alpha. He didn't resent people, he just made sure people didn't take advantage of him."

Sky Mesa came to Kentucky in the spring, but didn't make his debut until Saratoga. The maiden was special, the Hopeful even more so. Going in, Zavata was the buzz horse off wins in the Tremont and the Saratoga Special. Most trainers figured they were running for second money.

Not Ward.

"The way we're going to beat Zavata is the seven-eighths of a mile," he told The Special in 2002. "The first eighth of a mile away from the gate at

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### **Sky Mesa** —

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Saratoga is very demanding . . . the rest of the field has to take care of Zavata. We'll look at him and attack him and whether or not he's soft enough going seven-eighths we'll see. We'll have to step up, but we've run against harder."

Zavata was 2-5, Sky Mesa nearly 4-1. It really wasn't a contest. Zavata encountered some traffic from post four. Sky Mesa broke from the outside stall, found a comfort zone and sat. When Edgar Prado said go, he swarmed everyone.

"The best thing today was on the turn he was holding his position with Edgar riding off the knot," Ward said after the race. "Our theory with all our horses is teach them to be champions and make them disappoint you. The worst thing you can do is get a young horse to the races with a world of talent and have him poorly educated. They don't make champions."

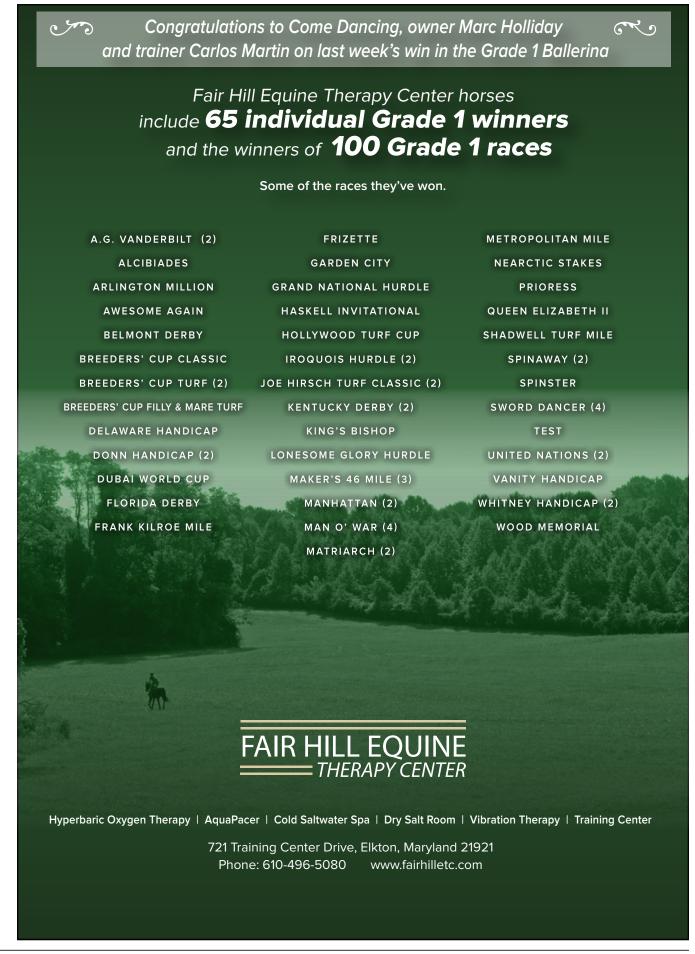
At Keeneland in October, Sky Mesa took a step toward a championship when he won the Grade 2 Lane's End Breeders' Futurity by 4 easy lengths and headed to the Breeders' Cup as the favorite for the Juvenile. It wasn't meant to be. Training at Arlington Park, he was injured two days before the race and had to scratch. Vindication wound up the champion.

Sky Mesa returned in July of his 3-year-old season and finished third in the Grade 2 Dwyer. Second to Peace Rules in the Grade 1 Haskell, he returned to Saratoga and finished last of six behind Ten Most Wanted in the Trayers. That was his final race.

"He was in New York early that spring and there was a lot of mud and we were very cautious," said Ward. "We lost our rider for the Haskell (Prado rode the winner) and a lot of things just didn't go right. His career should have been better than it looked."

Bred by Harbor View Farm, Sky Mesa retired to Three Chimneys Farm and stands for \$15,000. His sons and daughters include Saratoga 2019 stakes winners Highland Sky, Perfect Alibi and Eyeinthesky, Grade 1 winner Amy's Mesa, millionaires Dynamic Sky and General Quarters and others.

Ward looks for their sire in all of them.



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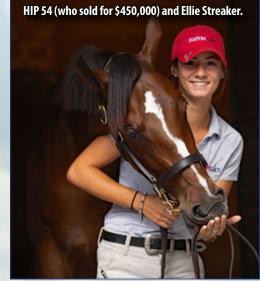


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## Saratoga Thanks

tense" as I tried to find the horse that would end my losing streak in the paddock before Friday's eighth race. Thank you, Mr. Tagg, whether compliment or just a comment, I'll take the acknowledgement from a trainer of such caliber.

Three days before the start of the meet, I told Tom Law the internship at The Special might be the best job I will ever have. The statement was confirmed every time I leaned against the winner's circle rail and watched a field of racehorses cross the wire.

I thank Tom for taking me under his wing and pushing me out of the nest, helping grow a coat of armor essential for survival in racing and life.

To Sean - a hundred times less and a hundred times more intimidating than the day I met him – as up when they hear about my summer position. The any boss should be.

To Joe – offering writing advice that can often be applied to life.

To my co-workers – but really the writers I aspire to be. Ben and Brandon for teaching me the game, for the pep talks before I went up to bat. They make a tough job look easy.

To The Special's oldest intern Terry Hill – I aspire

In passing, Barclay Tagg told me, "You look in- to stay as young and fearless as he is when I grow toga for the summer, greeting me every day at the

To Tim Wilkin - for making the press box fun with constant encouragement paired with constant humbling.

To my family and friends outside of the racing bubble – they're happy as long as I'm happy, patiently waiting for the brief period of emergence that comes with the end of the meet.

To my landlords – who opened their home to me, letting me bring not one but two dogs. They're my companions in moves across five states this year, making each one feel like home.

To Donna Frever – teacher, mentor and friend.

To the faithful readers – those whose eyes light people who make The Special as much a part of their lives as it has been in mine for the last 40 days of racing.

forge my own path in this industry, the other a reminder to check everything twice, and then once looks, both making me want it even more.

To my horse – who also made the move to Sara- gettable – thank you.

gate, never holding the days I missed against me.

To Michael Matz and his team - reminding me throughout the meet how good it feels to hold a shank with a racehorse on the other end.

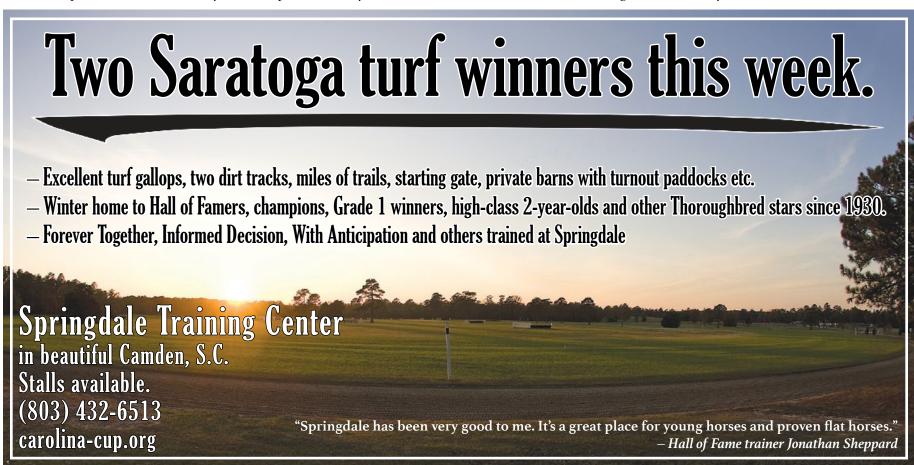
To the faces on the backside - those who've become nameless friends. Morning greetings that became daily routines, providing familiarity in chaos.

To the mutuel teller – waiting patiently as I fumbled through my first bet. One with sentimental value for a filly I breezed for the first time. I lost 40 cents but the feeling that we both just started a much greater journey holds more value than any winning ticket.

To the interviews - those with the people who also take the time to know my story and those less tolerant of rookie mistakes, making me a better student, them a better teacher.

To those who listen – actually listen, when I say To the office nicknames – one reminding me to I want to train. The ones who encourage my excitement and the ones who don't hide their skeptical

To anyone I forgot who made Saratoga so unfor-



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## 75&SUNNY

BY TERRY HILL

## Art of the Recap

It's axiomatic that as you get older, you tend to get set in your ways. Over time a preference becomes a tendency becomes a habit and then somehow gets welded onto the chassis of your life. You take fewer and fewer detours and deviations from your tried, true and straight-ahead. By the time you reach 75, as I have, your life is pretty much a straight line.

Until the line ends.

The Special wasn't just a zig or a zag in this line, it was, in fact, a virtual U-turn. It's been educational, frightening, wacky, daunting, pressure-packed and thrilling – sometimes all at the same moment.

Internships are often promoted as "learning experiences." As far as I'm concerned if I'm having an experience, that means I'm alive; if I'm learning, that means I'm having fun.

People who know me may differ in their opinions of how nice, or generous, or intelligent I am, but there is a universal consensus that I am extremely shallow. This next statement will certainly ice my reputation in that regard, but here goes: If I am alive and having fun ... well, that's about all I want.

From the beginning I wanted to do race recaps like the other interns. Ben, Brandon and even freshman Catherine were doing recaps from Day 1. But I wasn't assigned to do one until the seventh week too feeble to do recaps or if Joe and Sean thought their insurance premiums would go up if they put me under that much pressure, but I was held back.

Still, I tagged along with the others to see how a recap was done. I asked Brandon how much prep he did before a race.

"Almost none," he replied. I was surprised, but he explained. "You have to report the race that actually happened, rather than the one you think will

He said at the start he'd do a lot of prep before the race but quickly found that it affected what he saw, how he watched the race and consequently

the conditions of the race and what horses are in it. He then observes the event, from the paddock to the winner's circle, with Yeats's famous "cold eye." All in anticipation of the blank sheet of paper that awaits him.

A recap is for me the most difficult assignment at The Special. Yes it's short, only 300 words or so and The opportunity to do this internship with the information is pretty straightforward, but the time pressures are heart-racing. Not just the deadline – but the quick notes while watching the race, getting down to the winner's circle, figuring out who to interview and if they're available, the fear that they won't want to talk to you, cramming for the interview while the winner is returning for the victory photo, working out the opening questions while the picture's being taken, doing the interview and then thanking the subject. All of that involves maybe a hundred quick decisions and it all happens in maybe five of the fastest minutes of my life.

> On my first recap assignment, Catherine Galbraith came to the winner's circle with me and she things I'm proudest of are the recaps. taught me the excellent lesson that the recording is much more valuable if your recorder is actually turned on during the interview instead of just held up in front of the subject like a stage prop.

After that, assuming your recorder was on, you of the meet. I don't know if Tom was thinking I was transcribe the interview quotes. And finally you sit down to write the recap against the deadline. In my first recaps, I did early races to give me more time to write during the rest of the card.

> Catherine, who had done about 50 recaps this year before I did my first, told me, "The recaps are basically a formula." And she's right; a recap is a formula the way a sonnet is a formula. There's a basic structure and you fill it in. Of course, you can fill it in the way I do or the way Shakespeare did, though none of William's race recaps have actually surfaced.

This will no doubt sound pretentious, but when we're writing recaps we all try to be Shakespeare. Saratoga. It's way too much fun to miss.

what he might write about it. Now, he simply notes We try to find a different way in, or a more interesting angle, or the perfect word or phrase.

> The writing is also agonizing because of the regret factor. Why didn't I ask this? Why didn't I talk to the trainer instead of the owner? Why didn't I recognize Michelle Nevin when I approached her? Or perhaps worse, why didn't I ask Chad Browne to spell his name?

> But in the end, you get it done and you send it in. And the next morning you read it in the paper with the dawning realization that it's actually better than you remember it. Unfortunately the reason it's better is that someone else - Tom or Joe - has made it better by editing it.

> I've written 29 pieces for the paper this summer and I've loved doing them all: the columns, the reviews of nearby towns, the atmosphere pieces, the pieces on art and the museum exhibition. People see me at the track and tell me how much they like them. And, of course, I eat it up. But honestly the

> I have written 12 of them for the paper and not a single one of them has appeared untouched. The editing is sometimes slight, sometimes, of necessity, brutal. But the amazing thing is, when I compare it with my original, I always learn something, either about racing or journalism.

> And that's what I came here for and why it's been so much fun. It's also why I'll never be able to thank Tom, Joe and Sean enough for the opportunity.

> I am always looking forward, because to quote the ancient philosopher Satchel Paige, "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you." And now that I've pretty much mastered racing journalism, I'm thinking of coming back next year as a jockey intern. I weigh 193 right now, without my saddle, so I know I'll have to diet a bit and put in a lot of steam room time, but I've got to get back to



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### BY SEAN CLANCY

And it comes down to this. As always, the last page in the last paper. I've been saying the long goodbye for a week now, starting with "I'll miss, I won't miss" column Sunday and continuing to this.

It's the end of an eight-week barrage, the end of a 39-card bender, the end of another summer in this haven and sometimes cauldron called Saratoga. I think of my grandmother, Nora Clancy, a lot these days. She used to say, "When I was young, the days seemed so short and the years seemed so long. As I've gotten older, the days are so long and the years so short." Granny Nora, I didn't understand what you meant then, but I do now. This is our 34th deadline in our 19th year of The Saratoga Special. The days are so long, the years so short.

Like everybody, it was the racing that originally attracted us to Saratoga so many years ago. And sure, it's the racing that still plays a big part of why we're here but as I get older, I find the community as important as the racing. I love this town. I love the people. I love the vibe. I love the soul of Saratoga.

Looking around our office as the clock slowly, unapologetically ticks to midnight, I see the community, I see Saratoga.

A bottle of Henry McKenna single barrel, aged 10 years, given to us by advertiser Matt Nielsen because his ad ran more often than our agreement. A painting of Barclay Tagg by our friend Rumara Jewett hangs over Joe's shoulder, the trainer and the artist are originals.

A box of programs, everything from Spectacular Bid's Flamingo to Beau Purple's Man o' War, from Mickey who wandered in one day after reading a column I wrote about programs and added to the collection. An autographed Rollie Fingers baseball, given to me by Mickey after reading my letter to Miles that mentioned the great reliever. Miles will be enthralled.

A Tupperware container of brownies from

## Days & Years



homemade treats over all these years. Win pictures of Native Dancer and Tom Fool hang on the wall, I bought them for 5 bucks at a yard sale on Caroline Street. That's Saratoga, where you can buy win pictures of legends for peanuts at a neighborhood yard sale. A hand-written thank you note, taped to the wall, for providing space for a lemonade stand from Carolina, Maggie Sweet's daughter, now that's community.

Two mini bottles of Tabasco, Stowe "Stokes" Burke slipped them in my sport-coat pocket at a press conference, he said Tom Voss always did that,

And a cardboard sign with big black letters, "We Want A Print Edition." I walked in the office Thursday morning, it wasn't there. I walked out of the office and it was there. I'm still laughing. It was leaning on our paper box Thursday morning, the first morning we went digital. It will hang on our wall for as long as we stay on this crazy journey, inspiring us through the long days and short years. A reminder, a simple reminder to why we are here.

I have to admit there were more days this year than ever before when I questioned why we were here.

Travers Day. Fresh off a 72-page whopper Friday Madeline Tillotson, who has kept us going with night, Saturday came quickly. I wrote all afternoon,

zipped home, took a shower and ran back into the office as the fillies and mares were walking out of the paddock for the Personal Ensign. I looked up again, eight minutes to post.

I still had emails to read and send, a phone call to return, a story to finish. I sat down at the table in the front office, the TV tuned to Fox. High definition. The clocked ticked to seven minutes, then six, then it hit me, I was about to watch Elate and Midnight Bisou on TV. Our office is a quarter of a mile from the starting gate and I was about to watch it on TV. I scooped up my phone, tape recorder, form, press pass, wallet and keys and darted down East Avenue, through the front gate, through the crowd, up the escalator, around the back of the boxes and sat down as Elate, Midnight Bisou and four others walked into the starting gate.

I took a deep breath, nothing like the ones Bill Mott, Steve Asmussen, Dell Hancock, Adele Dilschneider and Jeff Bloom were taking. They were involved. I was observing.

And then somehow, as only racing can do, we were all involved.

At the quarter pole, as Elate lengthened and Midtoo. A Rick Violette webbing, nothing more to be night Bisou strengthened, there it was right in front of us, the clash of the ages, two throwbacks in a throwdown. As they passed me, Midnight Bisou looked to have a head advantage, Elate battled back. I hadn't bet a cent, didn't have a dog in the fight and was swept away for the sheer joy that racing delivers. I tend to use a line, borrowed from the great Bill Nack, for moments like this. It's the "clarity" of the finish line that defines Thoroughbred racing. The finish line didn't decide which titan was better, didn't anoint one as better than the other, it simply offered the clarity that this was the winner today.

> As for me, I was reminded yet again about why we do this - why we labor through the long days and why we try to savor the short years.

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