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## RUN FOR THE HORSES

The traditional race within a race at the ninth annual Run For The Horses 5K – which pits The Special's editorial team in a three-way battle for office supremacy – featured a different outcome for the first time Saturday at the Saratoga Spa State Park.

Joe “Mr. Prefontaine” Clancy took home top honors with a time of 25:07 in the intra-office challenge in a mild upset over Tom “Three-Time Champ” Law (25:19) with Sean “Use In The Exotics” Clancy (25:52) third.

The Special's annual battle took a backseat to the top performance from a member of the racing community with retired Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez scorching the course in 18:38 – a 5:58 per mile pace – to finish third overall.

Some other friends of The Special and/or racing names included Cc Lerner (23:16, first in female 40-49 division), Adam Newman (23:48), David Fitts (24:07), Linda Myers (24:49, second in female 50-59 division), Mike MacAdam (25:52), Rich Newman (28:45), Rick Schosberg (29:09), Kevin Costello (33:20), Lauren Costello (33:20), Barry Ostrager (34:18) and no doubt we missed a few.

Most importantly, the runners again helped raise money for Thoroughbred aftercare.

Overall winners were Ross Wightman from Chatham, N.Y., in 16:39 in the men's race and Jessica Bashaw of Cambridge, N.Y., in 18:55 in the women's race.

– **Tom Law**

## LICENSE PLATE OF THE DAY

TROTTERS, New York. Seen and noted on the harness track side of course.

## RELATIVE OF THE DAY

Sower, who runs in today's Grade 2 Prioress Stakes, is a half-sister to Bill Mott's stable pony Round. Both are out of the Seeking The Gold mare Enth.



**Horse Jam.** The traffic backs up a bit heading toward the main track through the trees of Clare Court Saturday morning.

Connie Bush



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### BY THE NUMBERS

**16:** Fans (most of them in bags) waiting to ship to Kentucky for trainer Rusty Arnold Saturday morning.

**1:** Old baby buggy frame used to transport gear to the track Saturday.

**0:** Editions left in 2018. See you next year.

### NAMES OF THE DAY

**Beach Front, second race.** We'd like to be there today. Also, the 2-year-old colt is out of Catalina Island.

**Still Processing, fourth race.** The 2-year-old filly is by Overanalyze.

**Transaction Fee, 12th race.** The 4-year-old filly is out of Collect The Fee.

### WORTH REPEATING

**Sean Clancy:** "You could do a Stable Tour with Bill Mott every day."

**Joe Clancy:** "He'd love that."

"Sorry you lost. Graveyard of Champions claims another."

**Text from Joe Battaglia, chairman of Saratoga Racehorse Aftercare Charitable Endeavors (R.A.C.E.), to The Special's Tom Law after Saturday's 5K**

"You can tell I'm a broke horseman, I have a truck with four flat tires."

**Fran Raia, Standardbred and Thoroughbred trainer (really, check out the Little Guys Stable Tour), outside his barn on the harness track**

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"If this didn't work, neither one of us was going to whine and complain. We agreed upon it, we're delighted it worked out but if it didn't, that would have been the end of it."

**Bill Mott about the decision process with WinStar's Elliott Walden to try Yoshida on the dirt in the Woodward**



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### WORTH REPEATING

**Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard and The Special's Tom Law meet on Fifth Avenue crossing from the Annex to the Oklahoma early Saturday morning**

"Hello Mr. Sheppard. Good morning."

"Hello. Which one are you?"

"Tom Law."

"Ah, yes. The famous one. I read about you in the paper."

"I've been checking for typos ... and I've caught a few so far."

**Trainer Eric Guillot to The Special's makeshift delivery "team" Saturday morning**

"I'm ready to go home. Some years it's good to be here, some years it's not. This is a not year. But at least I'm not on the duck."

**Trainer Jimmy Toner**

"Great, you didn't forget about me. Some of the people forgot about me, but not you."

**Trainer Jim Bond after being handed a copy of The Special Saturday**

"Did you write any articles in here? Yes? Then I don't want it."

**Trainer Ian Wilkes to The Special's Tom Law (we think he was kidding)**

"Finish strong and see you next year, I guess."

**Trainer Pat Kelly, offering words of wisdom to The Special**

"Thank you for your service."

**Trainer Pat Reynolds to The Special**

"It felt like five minutes. Under water."

**Hall of Fame jockey Ramon Dominguez after finishing the Run for the Horses 5K in 18:38**

"I think it's peanut butter and jelly tonight, it's too late for dinner."

**Trainer Tom Albertrani after winning the Grade 2 Glens Falls, which went off at 7:25 p.m.**

"The last true journalists, right there."

**Trainer Bill Allyn to The Special's editorial team working the harness track for today's Little Guy Stable Tour**

"I'm totally dehydrated."

**Bloodstock agent Eugenio Colombo asking for a champagne refill in the Saratoga Room after watching the replay of Raging Bull win the Saranac**

"It's huge. We're going to go to dinner tonight and the guy likes good wine."

**Trainer Gary Contessa, on dining with owner Lee Pokoik after they teamed up to win the Spinaway with Sippican Harbor**

"Since it's a hat trick, I will take my hat off."

**Fan posing for a photo with Joel Rosario after the jockey's third graded stakes win Saturday**

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# The Top 10

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

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

**The bubble:** Mucho, Monomoy Girl, Arch Kingsley's 2 jump wins, Barclay Tagg's double, Jeremiah Englehart, Dave Donk, Joe Sharp & Phil Serpe climbing the leaderboard, NY-breds in open stakes, Sandy's Slew (Happy Retirement), Endorsed and Code Of Honor, Rushing Fall, Ricky Hendriks & Ross Geraghty sweeping jumps Aug. 22-23, Sistercharlie, John Hertler, Kharafa, Tricky Escape, LNJ Foxwoods getting a feel-good win with Dogtag after losing Bowie, Irad Ortiz, **Chad Brown's 43 (+) winners, Yoshida takes to dirt like a tractor.**

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*"When Handsome Boy beat Buckpasser, he got 20 pounds, but he only ran the week before, he won the big race at Monmouth, they sent word that it was Buckpasser and only two or three other ones, in the Brooklyn. I had a feeling Buckpasser had had enough for a while, he didn't run his race that day, even though he was giving us the 20 pounds, he started to move around the far turn, we were 6 in front when he made the turn, he went the first three quarters in 9 and change, he started moving, the crowd started screaming, he got to within 3 lengths, and then Handsome Boy drew away, they were really screaming then."*

– Trainer Allen Jerkens, 1929-2015



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## with the Little Guys

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If there's a clubhouse for the little guys, it's Barn H4 on the harness track, where there are more colors than a finger-painting party. There Robbie Davis, Bill Allyn, Gabe Goodwin and a few others ply their trade, heads down, pitchforks swinging.

As the sport becomes more corporate, as the big trainers get bigger, we give you the little guys. They're hanging tough, a strange mix of reality and optimism while looking for the big horse who could change everything.

Glenn DiSanto epitomized the Little Guy, breeding, owning and training his horses in New York. He was a mainstay of the Little Guy Stable Tour for the first two seasons but sadly died in January 2017 after a brave battle with cancer. We scaled a chain-link fence a few years ago to catch DiSanto at his barn on Gridley Street. He wasn't sure if he should run or hide, of course, DiSanto never ran or hid from anything. Walking along Gridley Street this year, in search of the little guy, we thought about our old friend. Take a moment, look to the sky, then read on, that's what he would have liked, that's what we did.

We give you the Fasig-Tipton Glenn DiSanto Stable Tour with the Little Guys.

**Rodrigo Ubillo (Highway Star):** The best horse to ever appear in the Little Guys Stable Tour, the New York-bred mare has won over \$1 million. The multiple graded stakes winner has three seconds in four starts this year. "She's doing all right, she got a temperature so we had to scratch. She'll probably go to the Gallant Bloom, the Presque Isle Masters is another option. We ran her on the turf once, she finished fourth, she was green that day. The last time when she was second, I ran her back too soon. The other two races, she made the lead too early and she got tired. Bad year, timing-wise, it hasn't worked out, just one thing after another, not her fault."



**Phil Bauer (Fireball Shot):** Owned by Rigney Racing, the 4-year-old son of Street Cry might not be the best of Bauer's string at Saratoga or the best in his family (his brother Madison's Luna won the Grade 3 Hutcheson), but he's got work ethic and consistency. In 16 starts, he's compiled seven seconds and a third. "He's our favorite, he shows up every race, he's still a maiden but he's made over \$100,000."

**Abby Adsit (Straitouta Congtin):** Owned by Royal Victory Thoroughbreds, the New York-bred 3-year-old finished third at Belmont Park in July before finishing eighth at Saratoga. "He ran here on a soft turf, he didn't run so well. I trained him as a 2-year-old. The owners did right by him, he needed surgery on his ankle, we got him back in training and he finished a good third at Belmont. He's running, he's going, he's a happy training horse and we hope to get a good shot for him at Belmont."

**Bill Allyn (Man Of Chrome):** Allyn rode the chestnut son of Posse home from the main track Thursday morning. "He hasn't done very well but we just discovered that he needs the Magna Wave, acupuncture and chiropractor. My son's \$800 horse. He ran at Finger Lakes in a maiden special and showed me a little something, he got a little tired, which didn't surprise me. I'm going to see if we can run him back on the turf, he did have a fifth, beaten 4 1/2 lengths last year."

**Bill Allyn (Won The Byng):** Three-year-old son of Frost Giant is due to come in from the farm this fall. "I think he might be kind of nice. Are you a hockey player? He's out of Quiet Honor, now you know where the name came from. We're hoping, the little guys are trying to hang in."

**Peter Pugh (Fairy Link):** When asked for one or two horses, Pugh laughed, "I've only got four." Fairy Link is one of them. The Data Link filly, a other than, she'll run Sunday. She's OK, she's pretty nice actually."

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**Robbie Davis (Dublin Green):** Son of Dublin made the Stable Tour last year, he's made four starts since. "Oh boy, I had a tough meet. I only have a small stable. I ran him the other day, I've been working on him forever, one thing after another happens to him. I wish I was riding again rather than training, you're ready to run and something pops up. He ran OK. I entered him three times to go short, race didn't go, race didn't go, so I had to run him a mile and a sixteenth."

**Robbie Davis (Dancing Slippers):** New York-bred daughter of Catienus breezed twice in June, missed all of July and hit the worktab again in August. "I've got three 2-year-olds, they're not close. I was getting excited about her, she bucked her shin, now I'm on the bench with her, she can run. So I get to watch Dylan ride and win, that's the highlight of my meet."

**Roy Lerman (Siggie):** Bred and owned by Lerman, the 3-year-old gelding owns a win from five starts. "New York-bred by Freud out of a Not For Love mare who never made it the races but has produced a bunch of winners. He won his first start at Tampa, he got beat a nose in his second start at Belmont, looked like he was going to be OK, ran a couple of times and ran here, got beat 2 lengths on the turf on Travers Day."

**Roy Lerman (Citizen Matzo):** Owned by Masie Stable, the New York-bred filly sports a 1-for-4 career record and recently finished fifth here. "She broke her maiden in her first start down at Tampa going short, came to New York, ran off the turf, it wasn't a good idea the way it turned out. She ran a credible fifth in an other than a couple of days ago. She has a modest future with New York-breds."

**Mike Lerman (Magnetron):** South of Fifth Racing's 3-year-old Take Charge Indy gelding finished second here Aug. 12 — behind runaway Todd Pletcher winner Singapore Trader. Recently gelded, the dark bay stood on the outside rail of the main track Friday morning before galloping. "He's figuring it out, getting his act together. He wouldn't stand here like that in the middle of July. Now, he's like 'This is not all bad.' He was a decent second and I've entered him half-a-dozen times since and they can't get a race to go for maiden 40 New York-breds. I'm waiting for Belmont I guess."

**Mike Lerman (Marina View):** Canadian-bred Into Mischief filly has yet to start, but has worked four times at Saratoga since July 25 and is about ready to run. "She was in last weekend, but I scratched her because she got a little upset with the antics at the Horseshoe Inn up the road the night before. It was probably a blessing in disguise. She can go down to Belmont and run where there's no band playing in her ear the night before. She's pretty decent."



# Stable Tour —

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**Fran Raia (Unconnmarsh):** New York-bred 4-year-old filly by Marsh Side is winless in five tries, but collected checks twice when fourth at the meet. Flashy chestnut might have a second career based on her show-horse looks. “She’s a sweet-heart, she’s good looking. Just look at her. I’m not giving up on her yet. She’ll run at Belmont.”

**Fran Raia (Desert Rose):** New York-bred 4-year-old filly emerged from her debut at Finger Lakes June 26 (in the same race with Unconnmarsh) with an ankle injury after getting slammed at the break, but she’s on the comeback trail. The daughter of Desert Party finished fifth that day and has worked twice in August. “She’s an evil thing, she’ll come and eat you, but she’s got some nice works and will run at Belmont. I went to Finger Lakes in the spring because I hadn’t worked either of them more than 5 furlongs at Oklahoma so I put them both in the same race to get a tightener. They both got left in the gate. She gets wiped out and messed an ankle up. The other one stands there and breaks slow. What a mess.”

**Fran Raia (Chasing The Storm):** One of two Standard-breds in the barn, the 3-year-old is winless in 13 tries. “He’s my hero. He’s a trotter and he’s OK. He shows garbage on his form right now because he’s drawn bad and things haven’t gone right. I still drive, him anyway.”

**Erin Wilkinson (Empiremeister):** The ex-jockey and former assistant to Tom Proctor finishes up the Bodemeister gelding’s stall in her barn near the half-mile pole on the main track to talk about her trio. A \$9,000 buy at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale, he finished seventh only start going 5 1/2 furlongs on the grass Aug. 24. “He didn’t run a bad race, kind of green with the rest of the field and bouncing off each other.”

**Erin Wilkinson (Filly Ride):** Two-year-old New York-bred daughter of Misremembered sold as a weanling for \$1,000 at 2016 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga October mixed sale. She’s faces open company in her debut in today’s seventh, a 7-furlong maiden special weight. “We bought her privately down in Ocala. She’s been training well. I wanted to go 5 1/2 New York-breds but it overfilled and we weren’t going to get in so we’re kind of taking a chance going a little bit longer. Hopefully she’s fit enough. She’s a nice little filly.”

**Erin Wilkinson (Glennwood):** Former Zayat Stables runner was purchased privately by Kevin Moore and Allen Myers last year. He finished sixth in the Jerome and third in the Jimmy Winkfield for Wilkinson before going to the sidelines. “My big horse, he came back about a month and a half ago. I’m looking maybe at the end of September to get him in a race. He was 40-1 in the Jimmy Winkfield. Knock on wood he’ll be back soon.”

**Eddie Barker (Yorkiepoo Princess):** Three-time stakes winner is holding on to her title as the second-best horse to be featured in the Little Guy Stable Tour. Danny Chen’s 4-year-old Kantharos filly returned from almost nine-month layoff to finish third in Belmont optional June 28 and finished seventh in the Shine Again here Aug. 1. “She’s doing great. There’s a stake back at Belmont, an overnight \$100,000 stake early in the meet that I’ll run her in. She’s doing really, really good. She was off a layoff, we gave her some time over the winter and she ran a good race. She’s got such guts. She’ll run real good in that stakes down there. She definitely needed that race, is sound, doing great, I just need to get a race for her.”

**Eddie Barker (Bettor Bank On It):** Danny Chen’s 2-year-old Central Banker colt cost \$7,000 in June. He makes debut in today’s second, a state-bred 5 1/2-furlong maiden on the turf. Barker, his arm in a sling thanks to recurring issue with rotator cuff that will require surgery, watched the colt school in the paddock before training Friday. “Nice horse. He can run that little horse. I wanted to get dirt but it didn’t go. He’ll grass though, I’m not worried about it. He’s got real talent.”

**Eddie Barker (Winifred J.):** Two-year-old filly by Blame shows six works on her tab, including half in:49.09 from the gate last Sunday. “She has some real promise. That’s a nice horse. The doctor who is going to do the surgery on me owns the horse. Dr. Chris Riegler. He’s got two horses with me. She’s a half to Dooder, who broke her maiden here last summer for Chad (Brown). We went to buy her out of the sale last year, he was going to go to \$150,000 for her. I went over there, we waited all night and she was about 30 from the end. She was 495 and all of a sudden 496 appeared. I thought, ‘oh no, I fell asleep.’ I went back to the consignor and he said, ‘no, no, I didn’t get enough action, so I scratched.’ So we bought her privately.”

**Eddie Barker (It’s A Shaw Thing):** Owned by partnership of Danny Chen, James Cestaro and Campbell Road Stables, 2-year-old Warrior’s Reward filly finished eighth in debut Aug. 20. “Mr. Chen, who owns most of my other horses, he’s never spent more than \$15,000 for any of them and every one of them turned out. Don Shaw, he buys them. I asked Don, ‘how do you do it?’ He bought Yorkipoo Princess for \$11,000 and she made almost \$400,000. This horse we just lost, Factor This (a winner who was claimed Aug. 8), he cost \$11,000 made \$215,000 and got claimed for \$62,500. So it’s not a coincidence. He said, ‘Eddie, the first thing I look for is pedigree. If they don’t have pedigree they won’t run past the eighth pole. Then I go look for the crooked ones. I watch their breezes, as long as they’re ok, that’s what I buy them for.’ Yorkipool Princess actually sold for \$75,000 as a yearling then we bought her for \$11,000.”

**Pat Kelly (Fire Key):** Backwards Stable’s 5-year-old Friesian Fire mare ran three times at the meet — eighth in the Caress, sixth in an off-the-turf optional and 11th in the Smart N Fancy. “She didn’t have much luck here, but hopefully she’ll rebound down in Maryland (in the Sensible Lady Turf Dash Sept. 15). She was second in that race last year, on De Francis Day. She didn’t have any luck up here with the bad weather. It was tough.”

**Pat Kelly (Birthday Gift):** Fox Ridge Farm’s homebred 3-year-old Hat Trick filly finished third in 5 1/2-furlong turf allowance Thursday. “She bounced back with a good race the other day and should have a couple good runs at Belmont for us. She just ran third a couple days ago in that New York allowance race. We ran her on the dirt, too, to help them and she fell on her nose leaving there.”

**Pat Kelly (Fight On Lucy):** Rojan Farms’ homebred 2-year-old Musket Man filly breezed three times in Saratoga, including 3 furlongs Saturday in :38.09. “She was actually an orphan. She got orphaned a week after being born but she’s a tough little thing and she’ll also be running at Belmont. She’s a New York-bred, Mrs. Ellen Bongard’s last horse for Rojan Farms. She’s winding down.”

**Pat Kelly (Fancycase):** Kelly’s winner at the meet, 3-year-old Pomery filly won a maiden claimer Aug. 11 for all female partnership that includes Ellen Bongard. “She won but had a little boo-boo and is out at the farm. That was for Mrs. Bongard. They won a race and it was fun.”

**Kerry Metivier (La Naturel):** Michael Henning’s 3-year-old Irish-bred Silver Frost filly finished third in state-bred allowance July 21 then ninth in 5 1/2-furlong turf allowance Aug. 11. She’s 1-4-2 in eight starts. “She’s a great horse. Until she came to Saratoga she was zero times out of the money, breezed her on soft turf, didn’t really like it, got a little sick. She’ll bounce back. She’s one of the nicest horses I’ve ever trained.”

**Kerry Metivier (La Bella Chica):** Two-year-old Big Brown filly breezed 3 furlongs in :39.98 on the main track Saturday. “She’s owned by Dan and Mike Henning, it’s their first venture into breeding. They raced her dam, Peach Lake, and bred her to Big Brown. This is her first baby and she’s come along pretty nice. They’ve been bitten by the breeding bug and now have six to eight broodmares with us. They’re going to have a lot of horses.”

**Kerry Metivier (Plum Bay):** Two-year-old Soaring Empire filly breezed in company with La Bella Chica Saturday, her first work. “We found her at a little farm in Fort Edward, she fell through the cracks at one of the sales. She’s a daughter of Soaring Empire, her mother is a Seattle Slew mare. She has a stakes-winning sister and kind of jumped off the page so we went and bought her. She’ll probably run at Belmont.”

**Gabriel Goodwin (Will’s Bay and Storm Alfeet):** Bedded down in stalls side-by-side in Barn H4 on the harness track, the two colts relax after breezing 3 furlongs in company in :37.88 Saturday. “Will’s Bay is by Willcox Inn, who only stood for one year and then died. He’s a nice horse. He’s been on the track for two days, this track here. The worked together out here. Not their first work ever, they worked at home. I was impressed with them, they got the job done well. Storm Alfeet is by Afleet Alex.”

**Gabriel Goodwin (Make Mo Time):** Bred by Goodwin Farm, 2-year-old colt by Uncle Mo is close to shipping to Saratoga from the farm in nearby Porters Corners. “Pencil him in, he’s something special. We’ve never had a horse like him. Ever. I’ve never even seen a horse like him. He’s 17-1 and he’s 2. He’ll be in here in a week’s time, I’d like to get him on the main track once or twice before they close it down, let him gallop around there. When you see him you’ll know.”

**Pat Reynolds (Kitten’s Covergirl):** Robert Amendola’s 3-year-old Kitten’s Joy filly won back-to-back starts at Belmont but didn’t make the meet. “I claimed her at Belmont for \$40,000, then a starter and an a-other-than with all the power-packed trainers in there. All the big names. She went wire-to-wire. Looked like she might have a future. I had to scratch her here, she had a minor problem. She’s going to run Opening Day at Belmont.”

**Pat Reynolds (Neoclassic):** Amendola’s veteran 7-year-old set for 49th career start in today’s finale going 1 3/16 miles on the turf. “He’s a solid 25 plater. He might be OK.”

**Pat Reynolds (Imperatore):** Claimed twice at the meet, including last time by Reynolds off Charlton Baker. He finished second in both starts — for \$16,000 and \$20,000 — and runs for \$25,000 in today’s fourth at 6 1/2 furlongs on the dirt. “We’re taking a shot. He’s in a drop-back system. He was running long, we tinkered around with him, gave him a little blowout and we’re running him short. He’s run a mile and an eighth both times over the course. We’ve just made him feel good, not asking him to do too much and he should be able to do 6 1/2 on memory.”



# Eat Dirt

## Yoshida relishes surface switch to upset Grade 1

BY SEAN CLANCY

The day before the Woodward, Bill Mott stood in front of Yoshida's stall and explained his outlook on switching surfaces with the Japanese-bred 4-year-old.

"Maybe sometimes you have a real strong feeling about it," Mott said, "But for me, I have a wait and see. Let's get him over there, get him saddled and I want to see the result."

A day later, moments after Saturday's Grade 1 Woodward, Mott smiled.

"Well, I said I would take a wait-and-see attitude..."

Yoshida handled the rest, turning a 14-horse puzzle into a one-horse statement, rallying from

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Dave Harmon

Yoshida powers home with a Grade 1 win in the Woodward, his first start on dirt.



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# Woodward —

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10th to win by 2 lengths over favorite Gunnevera and Leofric. Owned by WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International, SF Racing and Head of Plains Partners and ridden by Joel Rosario, Yoshida finished 9 furlongs over the fast main track in 1:49.94.

Yoshida broke well from the inside and Rosario did what he does best, sat still and allowed Yoshida to find his own position, off the pace and along the rail, without expending any energy. Into the first turn, Leofric outran Rally Cry, Sunny Ridge and a phalanx of horses to establish a lead. Favorite Gunnevera failed to find a spot from post 9, floating wide around the first turn.

Leofric led Rally Cry, Zanotti, Sunny Ridge and Seeking The Soul through the first quarter in :24 and the half in :47.69. Rosario made sure he kept his rail position inside Tapwrit and Kurilov. There was a moment, or five, when Rosario could have allowed Yoshida to slide back farther but he made sure he stayed in his slot.

Around the far turn, Leofric and Rally Cry led a six-pack of contenders while Yoshida and Gunnevera began to move as a team. By the quarter pole,



Yoshida (far right) breaks with the big field in the Woodward.

it was a 12-pack as horses stacked across the track like stable area golf carts Tuesday morning. Leofric kicked for home, Rally Cry was poised to his right. Sunny Ridge battled three wide. Seeking The Soul was there, but was spent. Zanotti paddled five wide. Kurilov had a chance six wide. Discreet Lover needed a jolt and a seam. Tapwrit had the rail but had nothing. Way outside, Yoshida and Gunnevera launched. Wider, Calumet's Patch and Term Of Art tried to come around them and Calumet's Hence aimed inside.

It was the scrum of the year – with one survivor, the dirt-loving Yoshida.

“He felt the same as he did on the turf. He was really happy. I just went for a ride,” Rosario said. “At the three-eighths pole I started to make a move and I could feel he was getting to horses. He was in the bridle and I was really happy to feel that. When I tipped him out a little bit he answered. I got a little busy and he did the rest. He’s a very good horse.”

Craftily, Rosario saved some ground on the turn, which helped slingshot Yoshida off the turn. Yoshida, always with a ground-saving edge on Gunnevera, rolled past his inside rivals, reaching the lead at

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the eighth pole and cruised under the wire. Rosario's whip was down and Yoshida's ears were up.

"What about that, huh?" Mott said as he jumped out his box seat. "That horse ran huge, didn't he?"

Making his first start on the dirt after an impressive 10-race turf career, including a win in the Grade 1 Turf Classic at Churchill Downs this spring, Yoshida relished the switch, fitting in somewhere between Cigar and Good Samaritan in the annals of Mott's turf-to-dirt exploits.

"It's like when Tommy Albertrani and I were watching Cigar," Mott said after the winner's circle celebration. "He got a hot dog, we were in our jeans, I got a Coke. We were standing by the rail and were like \*\*\*\*!"

Well, you know the rest of the story.

Yoshida might not reach Cigar's level, but he became a duel Grade 1 winner Saturday, raised his stud value and opened up doors that had seemed shut.

"It was quite an impressive race. Was it the best field we're going to run into? Well, no, but it was an impressive race," Mott said. "What it means, he's a pretty versatile horse."

WinStar's Elliott Walden had pestered Mott about trying Yoshida on the dirt for a while. As Mott walked onto the dirt track after the race, Walden called. The conversation went a lot quicker than any of the ones about switching surfaces.

"Congratulations," Mott said. "You're the man."

Mott slid his phone back in his pocket and greeted Yoshida on the track.

Later, Mott explained the dynamics between trainer and manager.

"We'll look at all the reasons why you should or shouldn't do it. Usually, why you could do something. 'Well, what about this? If we do this and it worked out, this would happen,' " Mott

said. "He brings good talking points, power points, I don't know what you call them in the real business world. He'll make you think about it."

Yoshida had given Mott plenty to think about in his first 10 races, winning two out of his first three, including the Jimmy Murphy Stakes at Pimlico before finishing fifth in the Grade 1 Belmont Derby, second in the Grade 2 Hall of Fame, second in the Grade 3 Saranac and winning the Grade 3 Hill Prince to close out his 3-year-old season. This year, he won the Turf Classic in his 4-year-old debut, then traveled to Royal Ascot where he finished a creditable fifth in the Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes. Three weeks ago, Yoshida finished fifth as the favorite in the Grade 1 Fourstardave over good turf. He came back with a swollen eye and a new plan.

"Elliott and I always go back and forth about dirt and grass, he wants dirt and I move a lot of them to turf. He's always encouraging me, 'We've got to run him on the dirt, we've got to run him on the dirt.' He's right with these horses with these pedigrees, you've got to find it out," Mott said. "It's a process of elimination. I don't pretend to be too smart but I like to go through the process of elimination. You know, if it doesn't work, short, long, turf, dirt, see what happens. You've got to try different things, most horses have something that they're best at, they'll usually show you."

Yoshida showed he's best at both.



Tod Marks

Joel Rosario (and plenty of dirt) made the winner's circle aboard Yoshida.

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# Riding High

## Sippican Harbor gets Grade 1 for Contessa

BY JOE CLANCY

As the Grade 1 Spinaway came to its boiling point Saturday evening and Sippican Harbor tipped out from behind nine horses at the top of the stretch, trainer Gary Contessa went full jockey while watching the race on a television monitor just inside the clubhouse from the winner's circle.

He whipped, drove, pushed, yelled and finished with a fist pump. Luckily for him, his jockey Joel Rosario stayed far calmer.

"I went to the whip a little early, I went to the whip at the quarter pole," said Contessa. "Joel didn't go to the whip until the eighth pole. That was incredible to watch. She was wide and she's slowly closing the gap. Joel needed a little help with that one and I was more than happy to help out."

As it turned out, Rosario and Sippican Harbor needed nothing as they rallied from well back in an 11-horse field to win the Grade 1 stakes for 2-year-old fillies by 2 lengths. The daughter of Orb covered 7 furlongs in 1:23.72, while leaving – among others – stakes winner Catherinethegreat, Baby Nina and Restless Rider plus American Pharoah's half-sister Chasing Yesterday behind. The winner paid \$34, and keyed big tickets with 5-2 second choice Restless Rider second, 68-1 shot Cassies Dreamer third and the 126-1 Bella Ciao fourth.

The victory confirmed the promise Sippican Har-



Tod Marks

**Sippican Harbor pulls away late in the Spinaway.**

bor showed in a 17-length maiden win here Aug. 12, gave Contessa the second Grade 1 of his career (and first in New York) and handed Pokoik his first Grade 1 as an owner. Purchased for \$260,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga yearling sale in 2017, the winner is named for a body of water just across Buzzards Bay from Cape Cod in Massachusetts. She'll be headed the opposite direction to Kentucky this fall after earning a spot in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

"We're going to the Breeders' Cup," Pokoik told Contessa in the winner's circle.

"I love Churchill Downs in November, there's no place I'd rather be," Contessa said later.

Sippican Harbor just might take them there. She yawned through a crowded paddock scene and didn't flinch when jostled and bumped around just after the break. Rosario let her find her stride and was 10th and wide up the backstretch as Guacamoro

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Runs Sat., Sept. 15	Closes Sept. 1
\$200,000	(\$200 nomination fee)
Fillies, Two Years Old	1-1/16 Miles

### IROQUOIS (GIII)

2018 "Win and You're In Juvenile Division"  
2019 Kentucky Derby Points Race

Runs Sat., Sept. 15	Closes Sept. 1
\$150,000	(\$150 nomination fee)
Two Year Olds	1-1/16 Miles

### LOCUST GROVE (GIII)

Runs Sat., Sept. 15	Closes Sept. 1
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	1-1/16 Miles

### OPEN MIND

Runs Sat., Sept. 15	Closes Sept. 1
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Fillies & Mares, Three Years Old & Up	6 Furlongs

### DOGWOOD (Listed)

Runs Sat., Sept. 22	Closes Sept. 8
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Fillies, Three Years Old	7 Furlongs

### ACK ACK (GIII)

Runs Sat., Sept. 29	Closes Sept. 15
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination fee)
Three Years Old & Up	1 Mile

### LUKAS CLASSIC (GIII)

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Three Years Old & Up	1-1/8 Miles

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le and Nonna Madeline took the field through an opening quarter-mile split of :22.68. The winner was widest of all as Rosario went to a second set of goggles just before the bend, then angled in to save ground around the turn.

Last of 11, and more than 8 lengths behind, after a half in :45.97, Sippican Harbor was inside and behind everybody at the three-eighths pole and followed Chasing Yesterday around the turn as Catherinethegreat joined Nonna Madeline and Bella Ciao three wide at the top of the stretch. Restless Rider made it four wide, and was bringing plenty of closers with her.

Right about the time Contessa started his cheering in the clubhouse, Sippican Harbor tipped out just past the quarter pole, leveled off and started chipping into the lead. She passed six horses in deep stretch and drew off. Kentucky stakes winner Restless Rider just held off Cassies Dreamer (a \$50,000 claim in her debut here Aug. 3) for second.

"She ran really nice," said Rosario. "She was reaching out very nice. She was back a little more because there was more speed in there and she never gave up. She kept rolling, she kept running. She's a runner."

The jockey — who won three consecutive graded stakes on the card — said his filly, whose debut came on turf July 22 and who led throughout in breaking her maiden Aug. 12, had no problems with the kickback in her face.

"She was fine with it, and there was a lot," he said. "It seemed like she did that before but she didn't. Turning for home, she looked like she wanted to keep going. I just had to get her in the clear and let her do it. Nice filly."

Bred in Kentucky by Justin and Kalvert Spaeth and Equine Equity Partners, Sippican Harbor caught Contessa's eye as part

of the Dromoland Farm consignment at the Saratoga sale.

"Beautiful shoulder, beautiful hip and her attitude was phenomenal," said the trainer. "There were horses jumping around her going crazy and she was just level. Mentally, you can say she's bombproof. This filly is bomb proof. She's the kind of filly who's not going to be rattled by the crowd at the Breeders' Cup or anywhere else. Today, you saw some horses get shook up. It's a big day and she handled it all."

For Contessa, the Grade 1 score was something of a milestone.

A mainstay in New York, he won his first Grade 1 in the state with Saturday's triumph and first Grade 1 anywhere since Do It With Style won the 1991 Ashland at Keeneland. He also won a Saratoga 2-year-old stakes over horses trained by the likes of Todd Pletcher, Bob Baffert and Mark Casse.

"To win one at Saratoga on this stage is amazing," he said after giving away his tie, high-fiving perfect strangers and accepting congratulations from trainer Rudy Rodriguez, owner Joe Grant and a myriad of others. "It means a lot. I'm thrilled to send those guys home without a win for a change. They sent me home enough times."

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### Hey Gary Contessa, what's Sippican Harbor like around the barn?

"She's like a pony. You can hug her, kiss her, sit on her, anything. She's great, a joy to be around."



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Owner Lee Pokoik (right) leads in his first Grade 1 winner.



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Raging Bull powers past everybody to win the Saranac, his fourth win in five starts.

Tod Marks

# No Anger

## ‘Good feeling’ Raging Bull delivers again in Grade 3 stakes

BY TOM LAW

SARANAC STAKES RECAP

Raging Bull can be a handful. So much of a handful that he tests the meet record-setting team at Chad Brown’s barn most mornings and so much that he needed to skip the half turn walk around the paddock to avoid being shook up by rowdy patrons before Saturday’s \$300,000 Saranac Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

“He’s appropriately named; he is a bull and he is raging,” Brown said, walking the aisle to his box with a few minutes to post for the Grade 3 turf stakes for 3-year-olds.

Well behaved in the paddock, on the walk to the racetrack and in the post parade – where he took a spot at the end of the line of nine – Raging

Bull proved a bigger handful to those foes in the first of four graded stakes the final Saturday of the 2018 Saratoga meet. The French-bred son of Dark Angel ran his record to 4-for-5 with a 1 ¼-length win under Joel Rosario – the first of three straight graded stakes for the jockey along with the Grade 1 Spinaway and Grade 1 Woodward.

“He’s a hell of a horse,” said Brown, who trains Raging Bull for Peter Brant and established a record for wins at the Saratoga meet with his 41st, 42nd and 43rd victories Saturday. “He’s not bad. He’s a little high

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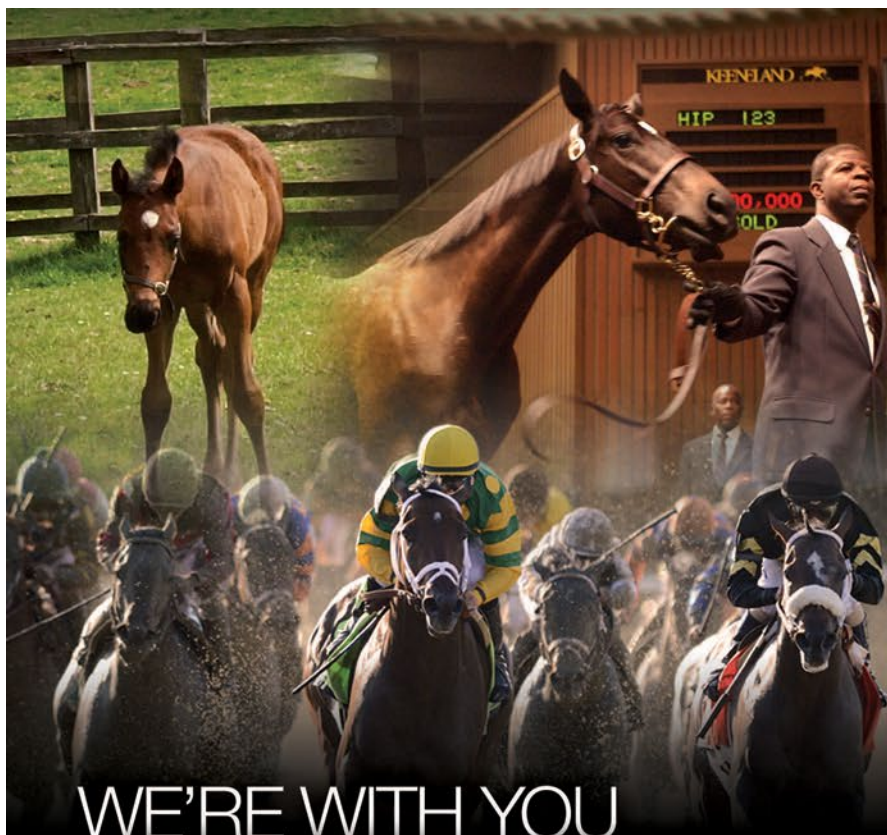
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strung, but he's a class act. He wants to get out there and run. He wants to play. He's just a good feeling horse. We're lucky to have him."

Raging Bull, who won the Grade 2 Hall of Fame Stakes on yielding ground Aug. 3, wound up in Brown's barn after missing his 2-year-old season in Europe.

Eugenio Colombo picked Raging Bull out of the Wildenstein Stable's dispersal at the 2016 Goffs Orby yearling sale in Ireland and purchased the colt on behalf of Brant for \$100,935. Raging Bull went into training in France with Alain de Royer Dupre. He nearly made it to the races in France — he was entered to run late last August at Deauville — until an injury knocked him out.

"He was supposed to start at Deauville on August 22nd," Colombo said. "The last work, after the work he had a chip. So we needed to remove the chip, which we removed on the 23rd of September. We gave him plenty of time, then Peter decided to bring the horse to Chad. He came here, got more time and now the horse is doing magnificent."

Based in Florida, Colombo has been involved with the purchases of such top horses at Tony Bin, Falbrav, Rakti, Hidden Lake, Waya and Rolly Polly during his nearly 50 years in the business. Colombo knew Raging Bull's pedigree — his second dam is European champion and multiple group/graded stakes winner Rolly Polly — and really liked the colt's looks.

"The conformation was the reason, but I also knew the family very well," Colombo said. "I bought his second dam, Rolly Polly, when she was in training. That was one of my best purchases. She was great in Europe and then she came to America, to Bobby Frankel in California, and was a brilliant filly. But it always was the conformation with him. The conformation is the DNA. The pedigree is just the romantic conversation."

Raging Bull didn't start his career until April 19 at Keeneland, winning a 1-mile turf maiden race using the same style he employed in the Hall of Fame and Saranac. Rosario rode Raging Bull that day and in each of the colt's subsequent starts, allowing

him to settle off the pace, staying in contention in the middle parts of the race and freeing up his rapid late turn of foot.

They did the same thing in the Saranac, Raging Bull's first test at 9 furlongs. He rated with cover early, angled out wide in the lane, caught the only foe to beat him in his five starts and drew away in the final sixteenth. Up The Ante, who beat the odds-on Raging Bull in the 1-mile Manila at Belmont July 4, held second by a neck from the late-running Canadian stakes winner March To The Arch with Hot Springs fourth. Raging Bull won in 1:47.19 over the firm Mellon Turf.

Brown, who figures to add to his record win total with 13 entries today and Monday to close out the meet, as usual divvied up the credit.

"They do a great job getting along with this horse," he said. "It's a real team effort to channel his good feeling nature the right way. They deserve all the credit. And Eugenio Colombo, too, he bought the horse as a baby and has a great eye."

"Joel Rosario rode an unbelievable race. When you have a horse that's talented but runs from behind on turf, you're very trip dependent and I just can't believe what a trip this horse got. He made every decision the right one at every pole of this race. A lot of credit goes to him."



Tod Marks

**Raging Bull exits the winner's circle.**



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# Fair Lady

## Medaglia d'Oro filly passes test for Godolphin, Albertrani

BY BRANDON VALVO

Tom Albertrani and Jimmy Bell stood together in the winner's circle. The sun had set and the shadow of the grandstand and the clouds overhead blanketed the scene as light from the infield boards cast a red and white glow over the turf course. Lady Montdore had just carried her speed 11 furlongs in the Grade 2 Glens Falls, the race ending at 7:27 p.m., just three minutes before Saturday's official sunset time.

"We had to wait a long time for this one, all day," Albertrani joked.

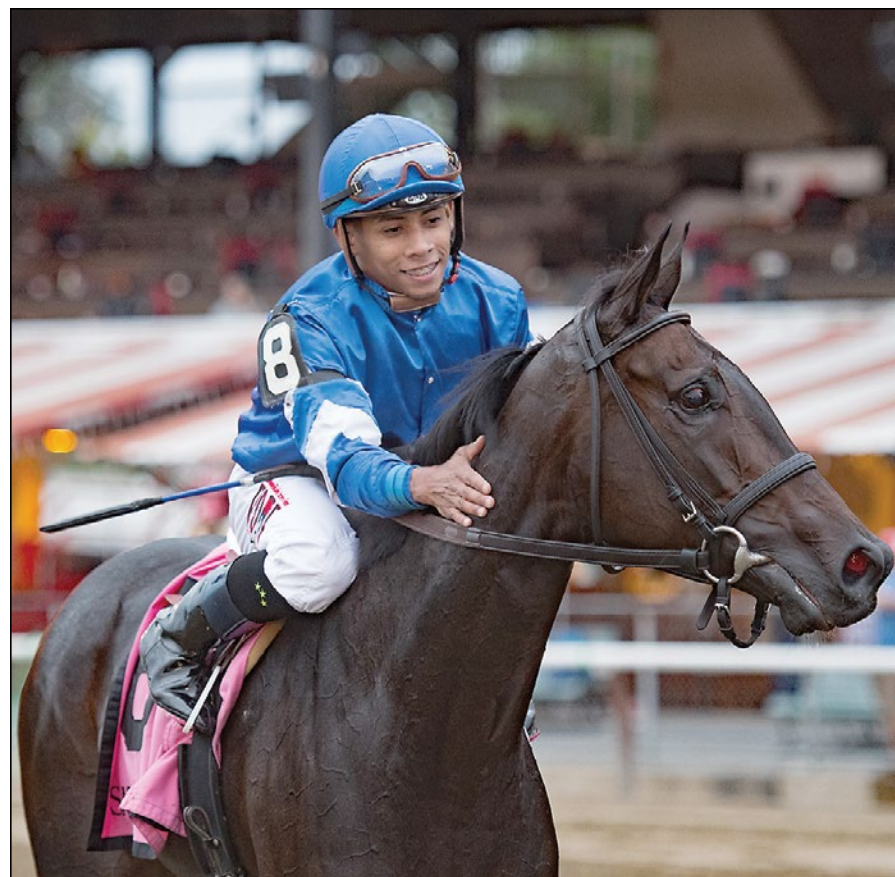
They had to wait all day, but the trainer and Godolphin USA president waited much longer. Godolphin's international team identified

### GLENS FALLS STAKES RECAP

Lady Montdore as a candidate for an American career in her early runs in France as a 3-year-old. The homebred filly showed an aptitude for distance, something many distaffers in the U.S. can't handle.

"We're obviously a global company and trying the mares here," Bell said. "Being a Medaglia d'Oro, this is all part of Sheikh Mohammed's breeding and it's just kind of a part of it. They'll bring some horses over here to run and she was a filly that liked the distance and had a few opportunities.

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Tod Marks

Manny Franco offers Lady Montdore a pat after winning Saturday's finale.

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# Glens Falls —

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“There are very few fillies that really want to go a distance of ground over here, she was really worth making that move to bring her over here. We’re able to shuffle and do these kind of things. She fit these longer races over here very well, she fit Tommy’s style of training very well and she’ll be a welcome addition to the broodmare band.”

Lady Montdore arrived in the U.S. 11 months ago and came to Albertrani this May. Although the trainer initially wasn’t enamored, his appreciation grew as she trained. Albertrani expected big things by the time she made her American debut in an allowance at Saratoga Aug. 6. Lady Montdore posted a 4 1/2-length win over the 1 3/8-mile distance.

“She showed a lot of talent in her first start. I liked her going into her first race, but she impressed me more than I was expecting,” Albertrani said. “That’s why we decided to run her back in here. We thought she could get the job done.”

Lady Montdore did just that in the \$250,000 turf stakes for fillies and mares. No one wanted the lead and Lady Montdore dragged her way to the front under a firm hold from Manny Franco. With ears pricked and her rider high in the irons, she cleared and crossed over to the rail from her outside post without a challenge.

“I told Manny, ‘If there’s no speed, don’t fight with her, just let her get into her own rhythm,’ because I didn’t anticipate a lot of speed,” Albertrani said. “Good heads-up ride by him just taking the initiative and letting her get into her own stride and letting her run.”

Lady Montdore cantered through fractions of :27.79, :54.56, 1:21.31, and 1:46.45. Despite the tempo, she remained a length clear throughout. Santa Monica stalked just off the leader’s flank around the track and Danceland rode the pocket.

The pace quickened entering the final turn as Franco let Lady Montdore out a notch and Jose Ortiz began to push on Santa Monica. Like a flash

mob breaking out of a crowd, the riders’ statuesque postures morphed into frantic urging as the field turned for home. They were too late.

Franco shook up Lady Montdore and went to a right-handed whip. The duo put up 2 lengths on Santa Monica and Danceland. Franco hand rode past the eighth-pole, stole his whip into his left hand and gave her one smack. She shifted out sharply and Franco corrected her before going back to the stick. She streaked past the line 2 1/4 lengths in front, stopping the clock in 2:20.78.

“We felt pretty confident going into this race today, that’s why she was in here,” Albertrani said. “We felt that as good as she ran in her first start, she could definitely show more.”

Managing Lady Montdore’s training proved critical to her Glens Falls success. The lightly framed filly requires careful management to ensure she holds her weight. Albertrani breezed her just once between races, a relaxed half in :51.50 Aug. 21.

“She is light. Physically, she looked well but I could see where you could lose it very quickly if you train her too hard,” Albertrani said. “We just go day by day with her. That seemed to work well for her. She didn’t do much between her races. She had one nice, easy work and we just kind of look after her.”

Lady Montdore’s first graded stakes success is the third win of her seven-race career and improved her earnings to \$233,956. The win came a week after Sadler’s Joy disappointed with a sixth in the Grade 1 Sword Dancer and four races after stewards disqualified Albertrani’s Final Frontier from an optional-claiming win. Despite the setbacks, the trainer chose a positive outlook. He’s won five races at the meet from 32 starts and saddled another eight horses to place. His starters have earned \$530,037.

“It’s been really, really good. Sadler’s Joy kind of ran a clunker on us. We were hoping that he would run better, DQ’d today earlier,” he said. “It would have been a good day today, but it was a great day. I’m not going to let a DQ get me upset because the horse still ran well. It’s been a great meet so far and we’re not done yet.”



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# Landmark Score

## Magdalena partners share first Spa victory

Steve Crabtree beamed with pride as he watched the replay of Saturday's first race in the lower clubhouse at Saratoga Race Course. The owner's first horse to race, Signalman, won the \$85,000 maiden special weight for 2-year-olds and the Kentuckian lived a dream.

Signalman stalked pacesetter Frolic More early, took the lead turning for home under David Cohen and held off late-closing rivals Lion Dance and Limonite to register a neck win for trainer Ken McPeck.

"I can't even describe it, I'm just so emotional," Crabtree said. "When I saw him dig in, he's been showing in the workouts he's a classy horse. It looked like David had something saved for the end. He just dug in and he wasn't going to let that other horse by him."

"I'm a Central Kentucky boy, always followed it, always wanted to get into the game. I turned 60 and I said, 'I've got to buy a horse.' We bought our first horse in September and we bought into this horse in October. I've known Kenny 11 months, now he's got me in the winner's circle at Saratoga."

McPeck bought Signalman for \$32,000 at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October yearling sale. Despite an obscure pedigree, by General Quarters out of Trippi mare Trip South, McPeck loved what he saw in the physical and pulled the trigger. He offered shares to longtime Magdalena Racing partner Tommie Lewis and Crabtree took a piece.

"He was in the back of the Fasig-Tipton October sale and by a stallion that, who knows how many mares he even got? But he was gorgeous. This was a big, beautiful horse. He looked like he had all the parts and he just keeps developing. He's got a lot of substance to him," said McPeck, who remarked that Signalman looked more like a 4-year-old in as he saddled him in the paddock.

"These are Magdalena partnership horses where I go to a sale, if I like a horse, I buy them on my own and then I call a list of people that I like working with and I'll offer them 20 percent shares."

Lewis took two shares and Jim Chambers took another. McPeck and his wife Sherri kept a piece, leaving one spot open.



Tod Marks

### Signalman gets up in time to win Saturday's first race.

"Tommie actually had a partnership on another horse and she basically built the same partnership," Crabtree said. "One of them didn't want to get in and I was the lucky person that took the opening. It's been a thrill."

Although Lewis has owned horses for 35 years and raced in Saratoga 18 years ago, she had never won a race here before Signalman's triumph.

"It's wonderful," she said. "It's like winning at

Keeneland, but the purses here are just fabulous, so I thought I better come up and get a piece of this money. To win at Saratoga, it's special."

Signalman's first victory came in his second start. The colt finished second to Sir Truebadour in a May 17 maiden special at Churchill. McPeck gave Signalman time off and he trained forwardly for Saratoga on the Oklahoma Training Track, posting a bullet 3 furlongs in :35.98 Aug. 3 and another bullet five-eighths in 1:01.55 Aug 25.

"He's probably going to be a stakes horse," McPeck said. "We'll take him to Kentucky and point him to something important, maybe the Futurity."

— Brandon Valvo

• Trainer Chad Brown established a new standard for training victories in Saratoga when he won the sixth with Klaravich Stable's Spirit Animal. The victory was his 41st win this season and he added two more on the card with Hizeem via disqualification in the eighth and Raging Bull in the Grade 3 Saranac.

"We try to do the best we can here every year," Brown said. "All my coworkers, my teammates do an unbelievable job. So much work goes into it. Support from my clients, very fitting Seth Klarman's here today. He's our biggest client and he's been so supportive from the very beginning. He's having an incredible meet as leading owner. It's just

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Tod Marks

### Spirit Animal gives trainer Chad Brown a record-breaking 41st win at the meet.



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been a magical meet for us.”

Although Brown started horses in three races earlier on the card, narrow losses at short prices kept the trainer in the hot seat. Spirit Animal's win allowed Brown to breathe a sigh of relief and share the moment with his parents and Klarman.

“We had some good shots today and fortunately this horse came through. All the other horses ran really well, just didn't win,” Brown said. “It's typical of the Saratoga meet. You have to work for every win. It doesn't matter what your odds are or how well you're prepared, there's a lot of people who are prepared and a lot of horses who are prepared and every win is really hard. It makes it even more meaningful to win this many races at a meet like this knowing how difficult it is.

“It was a goal, whether it happened this season or another season, to hold that record and this game of horse racing at the end of the day, you're really judged by winning and

it's been a magical meet for us. We've had so much good fortune, so much support, so much teamwork. The most rewarding thing to see is the chemistry in the morning between all the moving parts, everyone executing their job and the brave horses showing up and running so well.”

— **Brandon Valvo**

- Rudy Rodriguez slowed the Brown juggernaut – even if only briefly – when he sent out recent claim Consensus Thinking to win the third.

Business Cycle, a 21-1 longshot Rodriguez claimed from Brown for \$40,000 July 28, upset Brown's odds-on favorite Business Cycle by 3 1/2 lengths.

“When you try to claim from Chad and (Todd) Pletcher it's hard to get them,” Rodriguez said. “But we have to get some new horses for the winter. I thought this horse fit the program and we got it done. The horse came back to barn in very good shape. We expected him to run good but not that good.”

Rodriguez put blinkers on Consensus Thinking for the first time, after

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**Consensus Thinking scores at 21-1 in the third.**

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the Mineshaft ridgling finished third in each of his three starts.

"I watched the last couple races and it looked like he wasn't getting there and we put those on to help him concentrate, break a little better and be in the race a little earlier," he said.

The victory only slowed Brown's bid for sole possession of the training record for less than two hours, as he came back to win the sixth, seventh and ninth on the card.

— David Woods

• Javier Castellano tightened the jockey's race with four straight winners to bring his meet total to 43, six back of leader Irad Ortiz Jr.

Castellano started his four-bagger in the fifth for Jimmy Jerkens aboard Weather Wiz, added his second for Chad Brown on Spirit Animal in the sixth and made it three straight for Anthony Quartarolo on Uno Mas Modelo.

The fourth victory came a little

harder. Castellano rode Shadwell Stable's Hizeem to a close third across the finish behind Final Frontier and Strike Me Down. Jockey's objections and a stewards inquiry after the race caused a lengthy delay and resulted in a double disqualification of the first two.

The top two riders will be busy over the final two days of the meet. Ortiz rides nine of the 12 races today and all 11 Closing Day, while Castellano rides 10 of 12 today and 10 of 11 Monday.

• Anthony Quartarolo, two years removed from being one of 11 trainers featured in the inaugural Fasig-Tipon Stable Tour with the Little Guys, won his fifth race of the meet with Looch Racing Stables' Uno Mas Modelo won the seventh. Uno Mas Modelo won the 6 1/2-furlong optional claimer by a half-length for her second win at the meet, along with an allowance score at 7 furlongs July 29. Quartarolo is 5-for-15 at the meet and he's won 14 races in 2018, more than the last three years combined and fourth most in a single season for his training career that started in 1993.



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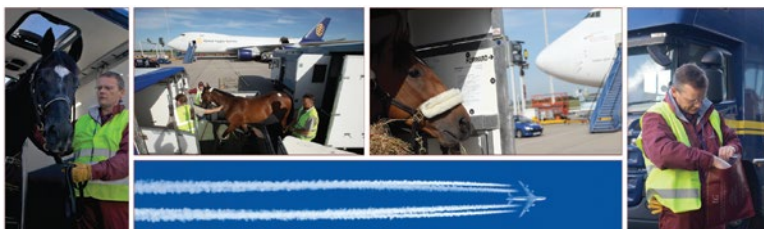
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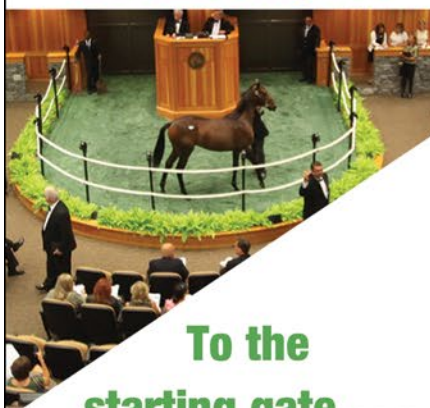


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Saturday September 1.

### FIRST \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

6	Signalman	D. Cohen	\$10.40	\$5.20	\$4.40
3	Lion Dance	J. Castellano		\$5.50	\$4.30
1	Limonite	R. Santana, Jr.			\$9.60

B Colt 2016, by General Quarters - Trip South by Trippi  
Owner: Lewis, Tommie M. and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck).  
Trainer: Kenneth McPeck. Breeder: Monticule (KY).  
Time: 1:23.89  
Exacta (6-3), \$32.25; Superfecta (6-3-1-7), \$176.60;  
Trifecta (6-3-1), \$172.25

### SECOND \$50,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F TURF

1	Dowse's Beach	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$6.50	\$3.90	\$3.00
4	Royal Asset	R. Santana, Jr.		\$4.80	\$3.20
9	Platinum Prince	D. Cohen			\$3.30

Gr/ro G 2011, by Disco Rico - Mary Lou's Magic by Concorde's Tune  
Owner: Dubb, Michael. Trainer: Jason Servis.  
Breeder: Patricia Generazio (NY). Late Scratches: Canarsie Kid  
Claimed: Royal Asset claimed by La Marca Stable for \$25,000, Plat-  
inum Prince claimed by The Players Group for \$25,000, Zoot Suit  
claimed by M and M Racing for \$25,000, Tribeca claimed by Persaud,  
Randi for \$25,000 Time: 1:01.74  
Daily Double (6-1), \$29.00; Exacta (1-4), \$15.00; Quinella (1-4),  
\$9.10; Superfecta (1-4-9-7), \$16.85; Trifecta (1-4-9), \$27.37

### THIRD \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

6	Consensus Thinking	J. Lezcano	\$44.80	\$9.00	\$3.80
4	Business Cycle	J. Castellano		\$2.40	\$2.10
1	Allured	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$2.80

Ch Riddling 2015, by Mineshaft - Cappagh Strand by Grand Slam  
Owner: Tanzman, David. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez.  
Breeder: Waymore LLC (KY). Late Scratches: Illudere, Raising the  
Flag Time: 1:15.60. Daily Double (1-6), \$116.25; Exacta (6-4),  
\$54.75; Superfecta (6-4-1-9), \$56.15; Trifecta (6-4-1), \$85.50; Pic 3  
(6-1-6), \$710.50

### FOURTH \$92,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M TURF

2	Holiday Stone	L. Saez	\$17.60	\$8.00	\$5.00
4	Night Prowler	J. Castellano		\$4.90	\$3.30
1	Breaking the Rules	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$3.30

B C 2014, by Harlan's Holiday - Lucifer's Stone, Horse Chestnut (SAF)  
Owner: Jim and Susan Hill. Trainer: George Weaver.  
Breeder: Nesco II Limited (KY). Late Scratches: English Minister  
Claimed: Night Prowler claimed by Magner, Dermot for \$62,500, Team  
Colors claimed by Grady, Brad for \$62,500 Time: 1:35.83  
Daily Double (6-2), \$280.50; Exacta (2-4), \$46.00; Quinella (2-4),  
\$25.00; Superfecta (2-4-1-7), \$73.75; Trifecta (2-4-1), \$80.12; Pic 3  
(1-6-2), \$938.50

### FIFTH \$87,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

5	Weather Wiz	J. Castellano	\$8.70	\$4.80	\$2.90
4	Wooderson	J. Velazquez		\$4.30	\$3.00
7	Plainsman	J. Rosario			\$2.70

B Colt 2014, by Tiznow - Stormy Welcome by Storm Cat  
Owner: Centennial Farms. Trainer: James Jerkens. Time: 1:49.34  
Breeder: WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). Late Scratches: San Elijo  
Daily Double (2-5), \$43.25; Exacta (5-4), \$20.70; Superfecta (5-4-7-  
3), \$48.45; Trifecta (5-4-7), \$27.00; Pic 3 (6-2-5), \$1,945.50; Pic 4  
(1/6-6-2-5), \$2,542.25; Pic 5 (6-1/6-6-2-5), \$19,721.25

### SIXTH \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M TURF

3	Spirit Animal	J. Castellano	\$7.20	\$4.30	\$3.20
10	Hubba Bubba	R. Santana, Jr.		\$19.40	\$8.90
7	Noble Nebraskan	M. Franco			\$6.70

Dk B/ Br Colt 2016, by Lemon Drop Kid - Iconic Spirit by Bernstein

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

Breeder: Caldara Farm Inc. (KY). Late Scratches: Medina Ridge

Time: 1:42.92

Daily Double (5-3), \$18.70; Exacta (3-10), \$105.00; Superfecta (3-  
10-7-8), \$1,714.65; Trifecta (3-10-7), \$254.75; Pic 3 (2-5-3), \$154.50

### SEVENTH \$92,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

3	Uno Mas Modelo	J. Castellano	\$8.70	\$4.20	\$2.70
5	Phi Beta Express	K. Carmouche		\$4.40	\$3.00
6	Long Haul Bay	M. Franco			\$2.70

B Gelding 2013, by Macho Uno - Granny Spinster by Distorted Humor  
Owner: Loooch Racing Stables, Inc.. Trainer: Anthony Quartarolo.  
Breeder: Russell L. Reineman Stables Inc. (KY).

Late Scratches: Mr. Brix

Claimed: Cake Pop claimed by Loooch Racing Stables, Inc. for \$62,500  
Time: 1:15.11

Daily Double (3-3), \$19.30; Exacta (3-5), \$23.60; Superfecta (3-5-6-  
7), \$21.72; Trifecta (3-5-6), \$32.00; Pic 3 (5-3-3), \$122.50

### EIGHTH \$87,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO, 1M TURF

10	Hizeem	J. Castellano	\$8.10	\$4.80	\$2.90
8	(dq)Final Frontier	J. Lezcano		\$18.20	\$8.10
4	(dq)Strike Me Down	J. Rosario			\$3.10

Ch Gelding 2015, by City Zip - Verdad by Street Cry (IRE)

Owner: Shadwell Stable. Trainer: Chad Brown.

Breeder: Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing & Breeding (KY).

Late Scratches: Rubus, Hills Pond Time: 1:36.90

Daily Double (3-10), \$16.70; Exacta (10-8), \$79.75; Superfecta (10-  
8-4-1), \$536.85; Trifecta (10-8-4), \$212.25; Pic 3 (3-3-10), \$65.25

### NINTH \$300,000, STAKES - SARANAC S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M TURF

3	Raging Bull (FR)	J. Rosario	\$6.50	\$3.40	\$2.80
1	Up the Ante	J. Castellano		\$4.80	\$3.60
2	March to the Arch	J. Ortiz			\$6.20

B Colt 2015, by Dark Angel (IRE) - Rosa Bonheur by Mr. Greeley

Owner: Brant, Peter, M.. Trainer: Chad Brown.

Breeder: Dayton Investments Limited (FR). Time: 1:47.19

Daily Double (10-3), \$12.50; Exacta (3-1), \$13.20; Superfecta (3-1-  
2-6), \$64.25; Trifecta (3-1-2), \$39.00; Pic 3 (3-10-3), \$64.00; Pic 4  
(3-3-10-3), \$135.00

### TENTH \$350,000, STAKES - SPINAWAY S., 2 YO F, 7F

6	Sippican Harbor	J. Rosario	\$34.00	\$12.40	\$8.20
11	Restless Rider	B. Hernandez, Jr.		\$5.20	\$4.00
1	Cassies Dreamer	J. Alvarado			\$14.20

Dk B/ Br Filly 2016, by Orb - Blossomed by Deputy Minister

Owner: Pokoik, Lee. Trainer: Gary Contessa.

Breeder: Justin Spaeth, Kalvert Spaeth & Equine Equity Partners (KY).

Late Scratches: Love My Honey

Time: 1:23.72

Daily Double (3-6), \$86.25; Exacta (6-11), \$92.00; Superfecta (6-11-  
1-9), \$5,202.60; Trifecta (6-11-1), \$898.75; Pic 3 (10-3-6), \$357.50

### ELEVENTH \$750,000, STAKES - WOODWARD STAKES.

#### PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

1	Yoshida (JPN)	J. Rosario	\$14.40	\$6.90	\$6.30
9	Gunnervera	E. Zayas		\$5.10	\$4.10
11	Leofric	K. Carmouche			\$10.80

B c 2014, by Heart's Cry (JPN) - Hilda's Passion by Canadian Frontier  
Owner: WinStar Farm LLC, China Horse Club International Ltd., SF  
Racing LLC, Head of Plains Partners LLC. Trainer: William Mott.

Breeder: Northern Farm (JPN). Time: 1:48.94

Daily Double (6-1), \$178.75; Exacta (1-9), \$47.00; Superfecta (1-9-  
11-14), \$1,206.65; Trifecta (1-9-11), \$424.00; Pic 3 (3-6-1), \$406.00;  
Place Pix Nine (4,8,9,10,11/1,2,3/1,6,11/1), \$128.75



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### TWELFTH \$250,000, STAKES - GLENS FALLS S., 3 YO'S & UP, F&M, 1 3/8M TURF

8	Lady Montdore	M. Franco	\$10.40	\$4.50	\$3.80
5	Santa Monica (GB)	J. Ortiz		\$2.90	\$2.50
4	Danceland	J. Velazquez			\$5.30

Dk B/ Br Filly 2014, by Medaglia d'Oro - Hystericalady by Distorted Humor  
Owner: Godolphin Racing, LLC. Trainer: Thomas Albertrani. Breeder: Darley (KY).

Late Scratches: Land Mine Time: 2:20.78

Daily Double (1-8), \$81.50; Exacta (8-5), \$13.90; Superfecta (8-5-4-3), \$20.75; Trifecta (8-5-4), \$37.87; Pic 3 (6-1-8), \$859.50; Pic 4 (3-6-1-8), \$1,482.75; Pic 5 (10-3-6-1-8), \$19,819.50; Pic 6 (3-10-3-6-1-8), \$1,293.00

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Sunday, September 2.

## 1ST (12:30PM). \$32,000, CLM \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Lake Party .....	M. Franco .....	G. Contessa.....	20-1
2	.....2.....	Merger of Banks.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Rodriguez .....	9-2
3	.....3.....	Lookin At Blessing .....	J. Lezcano .....	N. Zito .....	15-1
4	.....4.....	Ruler of the Nile.....	L. Saez.....	T. Pletcher.....	8-5
5	.....5.....	Beach Access.....	D. Davis.....	L. Gyarmati .....	30-1
6	.....6.....	Bronze Age.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	R. Moquett .....	12-1
7	.....7.....	The Chamo.....	J. Alvarado .....	G. Contessa.....	12-1
8	.....8.....	Take It to Scale.....	J. Castellano .....	C. Brown .....	7-5

## 2ND (1:03PM). \$75,000, MSW, 2 YO, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Ro Jo .....	D. Davis.....	D. Schettino .....	8-1
2	.....2.....	Kid Chocolate.....	L. Reyes .....	G. Sciacca .....	20-1
3	.....3.....	Beach Front.....	J. Ortiz.....	J. Englehart.....	7-2
4	.....4.....	Exchange Fever.....	R. Santana, Jr.....	G. Weaver.....	4-1
5	.....5.....	Quick Charge.....	K. Carmouche.....	P. Pugh.....	6-1
6	.....6.....	Bettor Bank On It.....	J. Alvarado .....	E. Barker .....	8-1
7	.....7.....	Gray's Image.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	J. Englehart.....	9-2
8	.....8.....	The Glominator .....	E. Cancel.....	R. Nicks.....	12-1
9	.....9.....	His Honor.....	D. Cohen.....	R. Handal .....	12-1
10	.....10.....	Rhythm With Soul.....	J. Rosario .....	J. Kimmel.....	8-1
11	.....AE.....	Bustin Hoffman .....	K. Carmouche.....	O. Figgins, III.....	12-1
12	.....AE.....	Pipes.....	J. Rosario .....	G. Contessa.....	3-1

## 3RD (1:36PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Mac Jagger .....	J. Rosario .....	B. Lynch.....	3-1
2	.....2.....	Fully Vested.....	J. Bravo.....	T. Albertrani.....	9-5
3	.....3.....	Rubus.....	K. Carmouche.....	P. Bauer.....	5-1
4	.....4.....	Jiggy Cheese Dog .....	E. Cancel.....	M. Fernandez.....	20-1
5	.....5.....	Almithmaar .....	J. Ortiz.....	K. McLaughlin .....	6-5

## 4TH (2:09PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 7F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Dance Club.....	J. Ortiz.....	C. McGaughey III .....	9-2
2	.....2.....	Dovey Lovey .....	J. Alvarado .....	G. Contessa.....	10-1
3	.....3.....	Introspection.....	L. Saez.....	B. Lynch.....	12-1
4	.....4.....	Graceful Princess.....	M. Franco .....	R. Nicks.....	7-2
5	.....5.....	Still Processing.....	K. Carmouche.....	L. Albert.....	20-1
6	.....6.....	Fancy That.....	J. Bravo.....	K. McLaughlin .....	10-1
7	.....7.....	Off Topic.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	4-1
8	.....8.....	Wild Moment .....	R. Santana, Jr.....	R. Moquett .....	15-1
9	.....9.....	Filly Joel.....	J. Castellano .....	R. Rodriguez .....	5-1
10	.....10.....	Style and Grace.....	J. Rosario .....	A. Dutrow.....	6-1

## 5TH (2:43PM). \$48,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Questeq.....	J. Lezcano .....	J. Toscano, Jr.....	15-1
2	.....2.....	Cha Cha Heels.....	L. Reyes .....	R. Rodriguez .....	8-1
3	.....3.....	Discreet Image.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	D. Donk.....	12-1
4	.....4.....	Bella's Game.....	J. Bravo.....	G. Weaver.....	6-1
5	.....5.....	Emerald Quality.....	P. Fragoso.....	P. Kelly.....	30-1
6	.....6.....	Front Row Debbie .....	L. Saez.....	D. Romans .....	10-1
7	.....MTO.....	Solitary Gem .....	Rider TBA .....	L. Gyarmati .....	3-1
8	.....8.....	She Doesn't Mind (FR)...	M. Franco .....	J. Abreu.....	5-2
9	.....9.....	Tiz Priceless.....	J. Rosario .....	J. Kimmel.....	12-1
10	.....10.....	Courageous Change .....	J. Alvarado .....	J. Ferraro .....	20-1
11	.....11.....	Havana Affair.....	K. Carmouche.....	N. Zito .....	30-1
12	.....12.....	Sweet Connie Girl.....	J. Castellano .....	C. Brown .....	2-1

## 6TH (3:17PM). \$75,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 5 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Enough Love.....	J. Ortiz.....	L. Rice.....	7-2
2	.....2.....	Roziere.....	K. Carmouche.....	D. Gargan.....	9-2
3	.....3.....	Rose of Dublin .....	J. Lezcano .....	C. Englehart.....	15-1
4	.....4.....	Royal Nation .....	J. Alvarado .....	W. Mott .....	12-1
5	.....5.....	She Makes Me Smile.....	M. Luzzi.....	B. Brown .....	20-1
6	.....6.....	Take Me to Hardoon.....	D. Cohen.....	J. Englehart.....	10-1
7	.....7.....	Girl of Tosconova.....	M. Franco .....	R. Rodriguez .....	8-1
8	.....8.....	Sassy Agnes .....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	L. Rice.....	5-1
9	.....9.....	It's a Lovely Day.....	J. Castellano .....	C. Brown .....	5-2
10	.....10.....	Cpl. Magdalena .....	L. Reyes .....	G. Sciacca .....	20-1
11	.....AE.....	Fika .....	L. Saez.....	J. Sharp.....	6-1
12	.....AE.....	Alphabetting.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	G. Contessa.....	10-1
13	.....AE.....	Aquariva.....	J. Bravo.....	R. Ribaldo .....	4-1
14	.....AE.....	Oh Dilly .....	M. Davila, Jr.....	L. Dixon.....	15-1

## 7TH (3:51PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Filly Ride .....	E. Cancel.....	E. Wilkinson .....	30-1
2	.....2.....	Tweedie .....	L. Saez.....	B. Cox .....	8-1
3	.....3.....	Brass Ring .....	R. Maragh.....	L. Gyarmati .....	15-1
4	.....4.....	Takecharge Mirella .....	J. Bravo.....	K. McLaughlin .....	7-2
5	.....5.....	Whyissheesoolucky .....	A. Hernandez Sanchez.....	A. Maymo.....	20-1
6	.....6.....	Utiki .....	D. Davis.....	J. Englehart.....	10-1
7	.....7.....	Positive Spirit.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Brisset .....	6-1
8	.....8.....	Champagne Tale.....	B. Hernandez, Jr.....	D. Stewart .....	5-1
9	.....9.....	Stand for the Flag.....	J. Castellano .....	C. Brown .....	2-1
10	.....10.....	She's Got It All .....	D. Cohen.....	D. Lukas.....	12-1

## 8TH (4:26PM). \$64,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Congruity .....	J. Lezcano .....	D. Gargan.....	4-1
2	.....2.....	Spectacular Plum.....	M. Franco .....	L. Carvajal, Jr.....	6-1
3	.....3.....	Meilleur .....	J. Bravo.....	M. Stidham .....	9-2
4	.....4.....	Flat Bill .....	D. Cohen.....	R. Diodoro.....	15-1
5	.....5.....	Phone Funky Munky.....	E. Cancel.....	D. Donk.....	10-1
6	.....6.....	Long Gray Line.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	L. Rice.....	8-1
7	.....7.....	Killeen .....	J. Castellano .....	B. Cox .....	3-1
8	.....8.....	Year of the Kitten.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Maker.....	8-1
9	.....9.....	Accolade .....	J. Alvarado .....	A. Castellano .....	15-1
10	.....10.....	Double Deep .....	L. Saez.....	R. Rodriguez .....	12-1

## 9TH (5:02PM). \$87,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO, F, 1 3/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Bramble Queen .....	J. Lezcano .....	M. Dini .....	20-1
2	.....2.....	War Cabinet .....	J. Castellano .....	C. McGaughey III .....	15-1
3	.....3.....	Too Cool to Dance.....	J. Rosario .....	C. Brown .....	7-2
4	.....MTO.....	Indy Union .....	Rider TBA .....	J. Englehart.....	6-5
5	.....5.....	Fairy Link .....	J. Velazquez.....	P. Pugh.....	15-1
6	.....6.....	Nantucket Red.....	J. Alvarado .....	W. Mott .....	8-1
7	.....7.....	Fast Track Kathern.....	M. Franco .....	M. Nevin.....	10-1
8	.....8.....	Mighty Scarlett.....	J. Ortiz.....	C. Brown .....	4-5
9	.....9.....	Goodbye Brockley .....	L. Saez.....	P. Serpe.....	6-1

## 10TH (5:38PM). \$250,000, STK - THE PRIORESS, 3 YO, F, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Bronx Beauty.....	J. Velazquez.....	A. Margotta, Jr.....	15-1
2	.....2.....	Cathedral Reader.....	L. Saez.....	D. Stewart.....	30-1
3	.....3.....	Sower.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	L. Rice.....	8-1
4	.....4.....	Mia Mischief .....	R. Santana, Jr.....	S. Asmussen .....	5-2
5	.....5.....	Dream Pauline.....	J. Castellano .....	K. McLaughlin .....	9-2
6	.....6.....	Classy Act .....	B. Hernandez, Jr.....	W. Calhoun.....	12-1
7	.....7.....	Moonshine Memories .....	J. Rosario .....	S. Callaghan .....	8-1
8	.....8.....	Dream Tree.....	M. Smith.....	B. Baffert.....	3-1
9	.....9.....	Win the War .....	M. Franco .....	M. Casse.....	6-1
10	.....10.....	Purrfect Miss .....	J. Ortiz.....	J. Englehart.....	30-1



## 11TH (6:13PM). \$87,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

1	.....	1	.....	Excellent Sunset (IRE)	.....	J. Velazquez	.....	B. Walsh	.....	6-1
2	.....	2	.....	Out of Trouble	.....	L. Saez	.....	B. Cox	.....	7-2
3	.....	3	.....	Rose Velvet (IRE)	.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.	.....	G. Weaver	.....	8-1
4	.....	4	.....	Jaunt	.....	J. Lezcano	.....	C. McGaughey III	.....	4-1
5	.....	5	.....	Transaction Tax	.....	J. Alvarado	.....	G. Contessa	.....	5-1
6	.....	6	.....	Munchkin Money	.....	M. Franco	.....	B. Lynch	.....	9-2
7	.....	7	.....	Miko	.....	J. Castellano	.....	L. Rice	.....	12-1
8	.....	8	.....	Designing	.....	R. Maragh	.....	C. Summers	.....	30-1
9	.....	9	.....	Untaken	.....	D. Davis	.....	C. Caiazzo	.....	20-1
10	.....	10	.....	Remarqued	.....	J. Ortiz	.....	R. Ribaldo	.....	8-1

## 12TH (6:48PM). \$50,000, CLM \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	.....	1	.....	Sycamore Lane	.....	D. Cohen	.....	B. Cox	.....	6-1
2	.....	MTO	.....	Extinct Charm	.....	Rider TBA	.....	B. Brown	.....	15-1
3	.....	3	.....	Indebted	.....	R. Maragh	.....	J. Morrison	.....	20-1
4	.....	4	.....	Neoclassic	.....	L. Saez	.....	P. Reynolds	.....	8-1
5	.....	5	.....	Aire Bueno (CHI)	.....	J. Lezcano	.....	G. Contessa	.....	20-1
6	.....	6	.....	King of New York	.....	E. Cancel	.....	D. Donk	.....	20-1
7	.....	7	.....	Your Only Man	.....	M. Franco	.....	T. Pletcher	.....	4-1
8	.....	MTO	.....	Cherry Wine	.....	L. Saez	.....	D. Romans	.....	4-1
9	.....	9	.....	Nileator	.....	J. Ortiz	.....	E. Kenneally	.....	6-1
10	.....	10	.....	Master Plan	.....	J. Castellano	.....	T. Pletcher	.....	3-1
11	.....	11	.....	St. Louie	.....	J. Rosario	.....	A. Dutrow	.....	8-1
12	.....	12	.....	Hieroglyphics	.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.	.....	L. Rice	.....	9-2
13	.....	MTO	.....	Turco Bravo (CHI)	.....	Rider TBA	.....	D. Cannizzo	.....	5-2

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1	Merger of Banks Take It To Scale Ruler Of The Nile	Ruler Of The Nile Merger Of Banks Take It To Scale	Take It To Scale Ruler Of The Nile Merger Of Banks	Take It To Scale Merger Of Banks Ruler Of The Nile	Take It to Scale Ruler Of The Nile Merger Of Banks
2	Exchange Fever Pipes Beach Front	Pipes Exchange Fever Beach Front	Beach Front Bettor Bank On It Gray's Image	Beach Front Rhythm Of Soul Bettor Bank On It	Rhythm With Soul Exchange Fever Quick Change
3	Almithaar Fully Vested Mac Jagger	Almithmaar Fully Invested Mac Jagger	Almithmaar Fully Vested Mac Jagger	Fully Vested Mac Jagger Almithmaar	Fully Vested Almithmaar Rubus
4	Off Topic Dance Club Filly Joel	Filly Joel Fancy That Dance Club	Dance Club Off Topic Wild Moment	Filly Joel Off Topic Dance Club	Off Topic Filly Joel Graceful Princess
5	Sweet Connie Girl She Doesn't Mind Bella's Game	She Doesn't Mind Cha Cha Heels Sweet Connie Girl	Sweet Connie Girl She Doesn't Mind Bella's Game	Bella's Game She Doesn't Mind Sweet Connie Girl	Bella's Game She Doesn't Mind Sweet Connie Girl
6	Roziere Sassy Agnes Girl Of Tosconova	Enough Love Royal Nation It's A Lovely Day	Enough Love It's A Lovely Day Royal Nation	Take Me To Hardoon It's A Lovely Day Roziere	Take Me To Hardoon Sassy Agnes Roziere
7	Takecharge Mirella Tweedie Positive Spirit	Take Charge Mirella Stand For Flag Champagne Tale	Positive Spirit Champagne Tale Stand For The Flag	Positive Spirit Takecharge Mirella Champagne Tale	Takecharge Mirella Positive Spirit Stand For The Flag
8	Congruity Killeen Double Deep	Congruity Meillor Killeen	Killeen Long Gray Line Meilleur	Killeen Spectacular Plum Congruity	Killeen Long Green Line Congruity
9	Mighty Scarlett Too Cool To Dance War Cabinet	Mighty Scarlett Too Cool To Dance Indy Union	Mighty Scarlett Too Cool To Dance War Cabinet	Mighty Scarlett Too Cool To Dance Goodbye Brockley	Mighty Scarlett Too Cool To Dance War Cabinet
10	Dream Tree Mia Mischief Dream Pauline	Mia Mischief Dream Tree Dream Pauline	Dream Tree Moonshine Memories Dream Pauline	Sower Dream Tree Win The War	Dream Tree Dream Pauline Mia Mischief
11	Out of Trouble Transaction Tax Jaunt	Out Of Trouble Excellent Sunset Jaunt	Out Of Trouble Jaunt Remarqued	Jaunt Out Of Trouble Remarqued	Excellent Sunset Out Of Trouble Transaction Tax
12	Sycamore Lane Master Plan Your Only Man	Turco Bravo Hieroglyphics Your Only Man	Your Only Man Hieroglyphics Master Plan	Hieroglyphics Your Only Man Neoclassic	Your Only Man Master Plan Hieroglyphics
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# RIDERS UP

*A conversation with Terry Meyocks about The Jockeys' Guild*

Terry Meyocks, national manager of The Jockeys' Guild, brings plenty of executive experience to the post as the former racing secretary and director of racing at Calder Race Course and Gulfstream Park in Florida, a vice president and president of the New York Racing Association and more.

His connection with jockeys runs even deeper, however. His father, Paul Blair, was a jockeys' agent for 50 years and had the book of Hall of Famer Earlie Fires, Steve Cauthen when he was an apprentice and others.

"Earlie was very close, he was like family to us," Meyocks said recently. "His brother (Jackie) got paralyzed in a riding accident in 1977 when I was about 25 years old so it was always there."

And then there's today. Meyocks' daughter Abby is married to Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano.

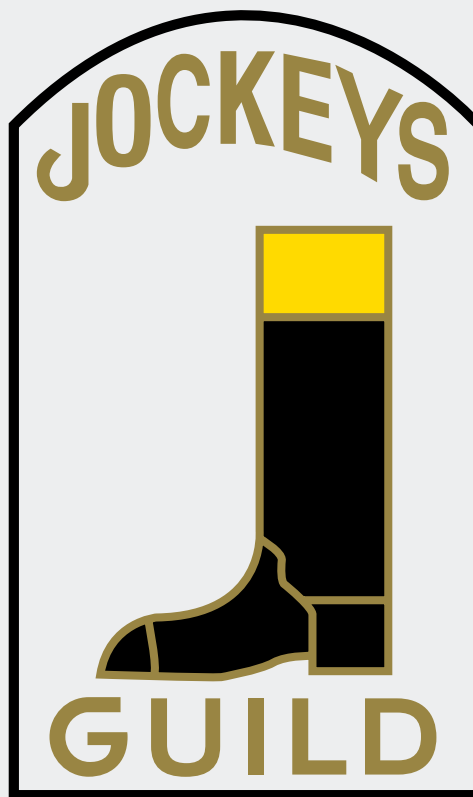
"With family, absolutely, you want them to do well but I look at it to make sure he gets home safe," Meyocks said. "The rest doesn't matter. I've become so close to all of them – Johnny (Velazquez), Julien (Leparoux), a lot of the jocks. Julien went down the other day and I thought about him and his family. You want to make sure they're OK."

Which is where The Jockeys' Guild comes in. Founded in 1940 in response to a racing injury to Sammy Renick and other issues. Fellow jockey Eddie Arcaro visited the injured Renick in the hospital and their discussion led to the creation of The Jockeys Community Fund and Guild. Dues were \$30 a year plus 25 cents per mount. Much has changed since those early days, but the premise is still the same – represent jockeys' health, welfare, safety and more.

Meyocks talked about The Guild's role with The Special's Joe Clancy in Saratoga last week.

## Is every jockey a member of The Guild?

Two years ago, when we last really looked at it, there were roughly 2,000 jockeys licensed in the country who rode at least one race. If you 100 mounts or more, it brought it down to about 800 or 900 jockeys and we're over 1,250 active and retired jockeys who are members. There are probably 1,000 active Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Jockeys who are members. The majority of the top 100 jocks are in The Guild in the U.S. Dues are \$100 a year and the jocks pay \$4 per mount – capped at \$1,000 – each year (in addition, funding comes from racetrack contributions).



## Safety is obviously a big concern for The Guild. Can you narrow that focus into some specific areas?

- For jocks, one big concern has been making sure horses are examined pre-race, knowing the horse they're riding is covered. That's very important and it's something that continues to improve all the time.

- Concussion protocols are important. We've been trying for the last seven, eight years to get concussion protocols and return-to-ride guidelines in place everywhere. We got to first base this year. In Kentucky, we started a pilot program working with the University of Kentucky. We've come up with the guidelines through UK, Med-Star Health in Maryland (which oversees the Maryland Jockey Club tracks' medical issues) and New York Institute of Technology. They came up with guidelines and return-to-ride guidelines. We had our board sign off on them. We went to regulators to try to get model rules passed, but each jurisdiction has to adopt its own protocols. So we sent our protocols to other regulators and it's been coming along. It's been adopted in Kentucky, Maryland, Indiana Grand and we're in the process in other places. It's something that needs to happen, and we're optimistic about the direction. It's important. It will come, it's not going to cost that much more money either. It will take somebody

trained in concussion management. Baseline testing, we want that. It's important to have one place, the jockey health information system we have, so when you travel it's in the system and it can be looked at and reviewed.

- We have to come up with a helmet that's affordable for the jocks and the exercise riders as well. A lot of them cost anywhere from \$600 to \$1,000. In the long run, it's in everybody's best interests to have a better understanding of the helmets and the vests and come up with a product that works for the jocks and the exercise riders. We're not the only country having these problems. Ireland, the U.K., Australia, it's a worldwide situation but we all should be working together as a group to make it as safe as possible. We joined the ASTM (testing standards organization). We decided years ago to try to take other standards – Australia, New Zealand, European models – so you can get a broad range of approved helmets and vests. That's one of the important things we've done but we still need to do more.

- We're trying to get the scale of weights raised, everywhere. People in the United States are bigger than they were even just a few years ago. Ryan Moore came over and rode a horse on the Derby card at Churchill. In Europe it's typically 126 pounds. He had to ride a horse at 119 that day and he had to work at it. That's not in anybody's best interests. We've been able to increase the scale. It started here at Saratoga. In California a year and a half ago the scale of weights was increased. Jocks are happier, healthier, stronger, they're not dehydrated, they're not in the box as much as they used to be. You have to draw the line somewhere, but if you can keep jocks riding longer that's good for everyone. A lot of guys don't have problems with the weight, but it's still better for them this way. They increased it at Saratoga. Basically, it's 118 now. It changes depending on the distance and things but that's what it's based on. It's a compromise, the riders agreed to it. There will be some exceptions but that's where we are.

- Paramedics at each racetrack are something we're proud of and we think it will save lives. Johnny doesn't say it might have saved his life he said it did save his life (at the 2013 Breeders' Cup). Believe me, it matters. You need paramedics in the morning and in the afternoon. The majority of the states do, but some of them aren't trained in concussion management and some other things. You want to make sure there's coverage. It's an issue and it's been one of the biggest things for The Guild over the years.

## What else can The Guild do?

One thing we want to see more of is the jockeys being more of a face of the game. They can be the face of the sport. They're the human athletes. I think everybody's got to come

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# Jockeys —

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back and say, 'What can we do to improve the sport?' and jockeys should be part of that. Johnny (Velazquez), Mike Smith, G.R. Carter, Gary Stevens, Javier, they mean a lot to the fans. In my opinion, they relate to the fans and get the respect from the fans. The jockeys are important to that. We've got a great colony here (in New York) and it's the same in California. We need to raise awareness of the jocks with fans and that raises awareness for our industry.

## Jockeys on the major circuits can be very successful athletes. How does The Guild work for all jockeys?

Ramon Dominguez was on top of the game when he got hurt. He won three Eclipse Awards in a row and gets injured, almost dies and he's 36 years old. He's got a wife and two kids and hopefully he lives a long life. He was very frugal, but that's a jockey at the peak. He might have enough saved to be able to support his family. I'm concerned about Ramon taking care of his family and if that happens to another jockey on another circuit, the concern is that much more. We have to do everything we can to protect the jocks in our industry. In Florida, we got a \$25 increase to the losing-mount fee and a number of riders elected to put that money into a retirement account. We got a pension plan passed in California in 2008. Education is a big part of it, just like any other career.

## The Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund is visible with fundraisers and events. What does it do?

When they're injured, they're taken care of by The Guild (with insurance and other mechanisms). Beyond that, the PDJF supports jockeys who are permanently disabled. Right now there are 60 disabled jockeys who get \$1,000 a month. We're working on events — karaoke, the telethon we did this year, lots of things — but guaranteed funding would make a big impact. There is no guaranteed funding for the PDJF.

## Like all things in racing, working together seems like a goal. Where do jockeys fit?

The industry needs to do more, not only for the benefit of the riders but to benefit the entire industry — keeping racetracks solvent throughout the country, keeping owners in the game, keeping trainers in the game. The cost of workers' comp and insurance is astronomical for horsemen, insurance is very costly to tracks. We need to get owners in the game and keep owners in the game. The more we can do working together as an industry, the better. We know it's a dangerous game. Accidents are going to happen. What can we do to prevent injuries and what works and what doesn't work? There's an influx of track owners that are more or less on the casino side. Hopefully, they realize this is an important industry and it brings a lot of excitement and ambiance to the fans. There's value there. It's a great industry.



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## Ring Weekend

Bernard Baruch 2016

BY JOE CLANCY

He won six graded stakes, ran in the Preakness and earned more than \$1.5 million, but people who know Ring Weekend frequently talk about something other than his races.

They talk about visits to Clare Court at Saratoga Race Course. Trainer Graham Motion and assistant/exercise rider Alice Clapham frequently utilized the small training track and its infield for a change of scenery for the chestnut turf standout.

“One of the most fun things is be around horses when they train and he was such a delight,” said Terry Finley of West Point Thoroughbreds, which campaigned Ring Weekend with St. Elias Stable. “They would take him over to Clare Court and he just loved it. He’d do figure-eights around the trees and just have a ball. I have great memories of him running well, but enjoying himself at Clare Court will always be a vivid memory too.”

Michael Hernon of Gainesway Farm, which bred the son of Tapit, had a similar reaction.

“I saw him train over there a couple years ago and he seemed to really like that,” said Hernon. “It was interesting to the horse and he was bouncing along.”

Ring Weekend bounced along in his races too. Purchased by West Point and St. Elias for \$310,000 at Keeneland September in 2012, he didn’t win until February of his 3-year-old season – at Gulfstream Park going 1 1/16 miles on the dirt. He added the Tampa Bay Derby in his next start, to start a dalliance with the Triple Crown trail. Second in the Calder Derby in April, he missed the Kentucky Derby with a fever but finished fifth behind California Chrome in the Preakness. Sent to the turf in Saratoga, Ring Weekend finished second to Tourist in the Sir Cat and won the Grade 3 Saranac before adding the Grade 3 Hill Prince at Belmont Park.



Nolan Clancy  
Ring Weekend takes  
a spin around Clare Court.

At 4 in 2016, the gelding was even better with wins in the Grade 1 Frank Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita, Grade 2 Bernard Baruch here and the Grade 2 Seabiscuit at Del Mar. The Baruch was a breakthrough performance as he dug in late to defeat Jay Gatsby and Take The Stand in a three-way photo finish while setting the 1 1/16-mile course record of 1:38.29 for the Mellon turf course.

“He took us all over,” said Finley. “A lot of good things happened with him. You knew he was going to show up. He was never going to mail it in.”

Finley hoped for such results when making the purchase at Keeneland, but horses come with plenty of question marks.

“He was a homebred by Gainesway, which made you pay attention, and Tapit was just on the cusp of a breakout,” Finley said. “We had a nice, well-bred, top-end colt with the St. Elias group. You’ve got to get hold of those kinds of horses because they give you a shot. If they’re as good as you think they are they give you a shot to get on center stage.”

For West Point, the Grade 1 winner acted like a billboard.

“Horses like that keep you relevant,” Finley said. “With an organization likes ours, we owe a lot to those types of horses. You’ve got to make sure you’re fighting and scratching to be in the big events. People put a lot of money into an

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# Ring Weekend —

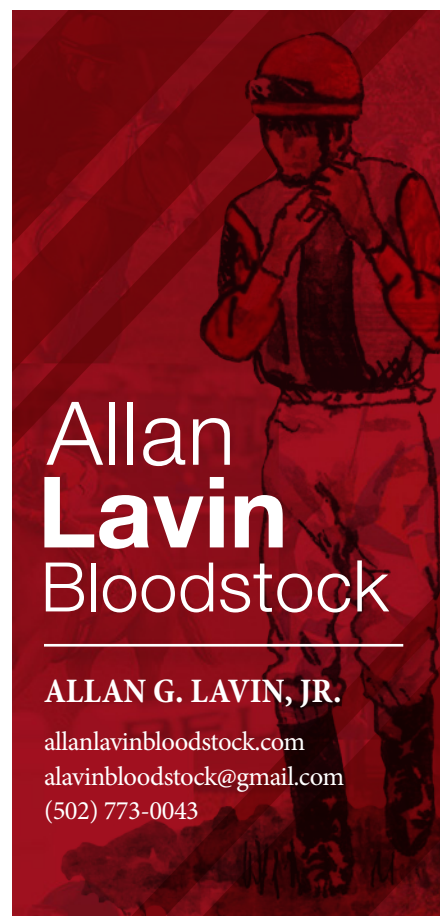
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organization likes ours, and others, with the intent to run on the big days and it's important."

Named for the senior-class ring ceremony at the United States Military Academy at West Point in late August or early September, Ring Weekend lost all eight starts last year but still managed to place in the Grade 2 Baltimore Washington International. He opened this year with an allowance win at Gulfstream, but lost his next four and was recently retired.

He's not finished however, as Olympic gold medalist Phillip Dutton — who was involved in the horse as a West Point partner — recently started training Ring Weekend for a career in eventing.

"We sent Phillip Commanding Curve and it just didn't work, but he's been very bullish about Ring Weekend," said Finley. "He's stamped himself as a pretty good prospect in that world. He's a big, beautiful, strong horse, maybe it's something he can do."



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## Sporting Chance

Hopeful 2017

BY JOE CLANCY

Hunter Valley Farm sells horses, that's the whole point of the operation just down the road from Keeneland. As co-owner Adrian Regan put it, "If we see a selling moment, we sell. We're commercial."

And that's why a dark bay weanling by Tiznow was part of Hunter Valley's Keeneland November consignment in 2015. The colt looked the part with the size and length of his sire and the finer points of his dam Wynning Ride, a daughter of Candy Ride.

"As a whole, we sell the majority of ours as foals and we've been lucky doing it," said Regan last week. "The babies that are born January through the end of April borderline we tend to sell as weanlings if they're forward enough and have a trouble-free run up to the sale. It cuts out the risk of carrying them through to the yearling sale – until we screw it up we'll keep doing it."

They didn't screw up with the Tiznow colt, who brought \$275,000 on a bid by Peter O'Callaghan for Lapis Bloodstock. In turn, O'Callaghan sold the colt as a yearling at Keeneland September as Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas went to \$575,000 to land the colt for William Mack and Robert Baker.

"He was a lovely mover and a beautiful foal," said Regan. "It was a no-brainer to go to the sale. One of the best judges of foals bought him as a foal and then one of the best judges in the world bought him as a yearling. That speaks for itself and tells you you raised a lovely foal."

The colt became Sporting Chance, who won twice at Saratoga in 2017 including an eventful edition of the Grade 1 Hopeful on Closing Day for Lukas and his clients.

A length clear late, Sporting Chance shifted sharply to his right and had to hang on to win by



Tod Marks  
Sporting Chance wins  
the Hopeful in 2017.

a neck over Free Drop Billy.

The Grade 1 win finished his 2-year-old season, but Sporting Chance started early in 2018. He finished third behind My Boy Jack and Combatant in the Grade 3 Southwest at Oaklawn Park in February. He was third again in the Grade 2 Blue Grass at Keeneland, before being moved to fourth for interfering with Free Drop Billy in the stretch. Fourth in the Pat Day Mile on Kentucky Derby Day, Sporting Chance finished sixth behind Justify in the Preakness and headed to Saratoga.

In the Jim Dandy July 28, Sporting Chance was pulled up by jockey Luis Saez after veering out on the far turn. The colt was sent back to

Kentucky for a veterinary evaluation and a break.

None of that was in play when Sporting Chance was a young horse.

At the weanling stage, O'Callaghan saw developmental potential.

"He was very a clean cut and refined sort of a horse with a lot of good muscle to him too," O'Callaghan said. "He had all the right shapes and he was a lovely mover. Maybe being out of the Candy Ride mare gave him a bit more refinement. The Tiznows are lovely horses, but they just aren't the most refined all the time especially as foals."

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# Sporting Chance —

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The progress continued through Sporting Chance's yearling year.

"He was good month to month all the way through to the sale and maybe better month to month," O'Callaghan said. "He just kept improving. At the sale, he got a lot of attention, a lot of play."

And Sporting Chance was a model student on the farm, and at the sale, in everything he did.

"His temperament was tremendous as a foal and a yearling, as quiet and calm a horse you could meet," said O'Callaghan. "You wouldn't know he was in the barn. He was just one of those horses in the background who did everything he was supposed to do. He's obviously a talented horse, and maybe he's not finished yet."



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Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Eliav.....	J. Alvarado.....5-1
2	.....2.....	Fly Away Birdie.....	J. Ortiz.....7-2
3	.....3.....	Honey Parade.....	J. Castellano.....8-1
4	.....4.....	Bizness Beauty.....	J. Rosario.....12-1
5	.....5.....	Gump.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....5-2
6	.....6.....	Honor Run.....	M. Franco.....12-1
7	.....7.....	Catch Me If U Can.....	R. Santana, Jr.....4-1
8	.....8.....	Retreiving.....	L. Saez.....6-1

2ND (1:03PM). \$48,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Charnley River (AUS).....	J. Lezcano.....O. Barrera, III.....20-1
2	.....2.....	Heldatgunpoint.....	R. Santana, Jr.....D. Cannizzo.....8-1
3	.....3.....	All Clear.....	J. Rosario.....D. Gargan.....8-1
4	.....4.....	Scatsuku.....	J. Velazquez.....L. Rice.....12-1
5	.....5.....	McErin.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....J. Servis.....2-1
6	.....6.....	Source Control.....	J. Alvarado.....R. Rodriguez.....15-1
7	.....7.....	Mad Munnys.....	L. Reyes.....R. Rodriguez.....30-1
8	.....8.....	Be Gone Daddy.....	L. Saez.....G. Weaver.....6-1
9	.....9.....	Fast Getaway.....	J. Ortiz.....L. Rice.....9-2
10	.....10.....	Moses Supposes.....	R. Maragh.....T. Morley.....30-1
11	.....11.....	La Maquina Gris.....	M. Franco.....J. Toscano, Jr.....10-1
12	.....12.....	Wegotoldyougotsold.....	J. Castellano.....M. Maker.....12-1
13	.....MTO.....	Dedicated.....	R. Santana, Jr.....R. Moquett.....9-2
14	.....MTO.....	Class Won.....	D. Cohen.....R. Diodoro.....3-1
15	.....MTO.....	Comeoncomeoncat.....	Rider TBA.....R. Schosberg.....10-1
16	.....MTO.....	La Cat Warrior.....	R. Maragh.....G. Gullo.....6-1

3RD (1:36PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....2.....	Southern Phantom.....	J. Rosario.....E. Guillot.....4-1
1a	.....7.....	Stock Chain.....	L. Saez.....D. Lukas.....4-1
2	.....1.....	Complexity.....	J. Ortiz.....C. Brown.....8-5
3	.....3.....	Binary.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....R. Violette, Jr.....5-1
4	.....4.....	Harvey Wallbanger.....	D. Davis.....K. McPeek.....15-1
5	.....5.....	Azrael.....	J. Castellano.....C. Brown.....6-1
6	.....6.....	Dealin' Stelen.....	D. Cohen.....N. Zito.....20-1
7	.....8.....	King for a Day.....	J. Velazquez.....T. Pletcher.....5-2

4TH (2:09PM). \$50,000, CLM \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Rockford.....	J. Rosario.....B. Levine.....6-1
2	.....2.....	Joy Drive.....	L. Saez.....J. Englehart.....7-2
3	.....3.....	Imperatore.....	D. Cohen.....P. Reynolds.....5-1
4	.....4.....	Deep Sea.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....J. Servis.....2-1
5	.....5.....	Bitumen.....	J. Ortiz.....D. Duggan.....10-1
6	.....6.....	Full Salute.....	R. Maragh.....G. Gullo.....3-1
7	.....7.....	Win With Pride.....	M. Franco.....C. Englehart.....12-1

5TH (2:43PM). \$48,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Looking Ready.....	R. Santana, Jr.....B. Levine.....15-1
2	.....2.....	Jo's Bold Cat.....	L. Saez.....R. Violette, Jr.....10-1
3	.....3.....	Jimbo Five.....	L. Reyes.....L. O'Brien.....30-1
4	.....4.....	Dominant Strategy.....	J. Ortiz.....C. Brown.....7-2
5	.....5.....	Honey Dont.....	J. Alvarado.....W. Mott.....8-1
6	.....6.....	Danny California.....	D. Davis.....T. Morley.....20-1
7	.....7.....	Conscripted.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....L. Rice.....6-1
8	.....8.....	Elenzee.....	J. Castellano.....M. Maker.....10-1
9	.....9.....	Kulin Rock.....	M. Franco.....B. Tagg.....3-1
10	.....10.....	Gosilently.....	J. Rosario.....R. Falcone, Jr.....9-2
11	.....11.....	There Goes Ben.....	J. Lezcano.....R. Rodriguez.....20-1

6TH (3:17PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Seventh Planet.....	E. Cancel.....R. Nicks.....6-1
2	.....2.....	Peace Corps.....	J. Rosario.....H. Motion.....8-1
3	.....3.....	Blue Jean Kitten.....	J. Lezcano.....D. Gargan.....12-1
4	.....4.....	Princesa Carolina.....	R. Santana, Jr.....K. McPeek.....10-1
5	.....5.....	Teletype.....	J. Alvarado.....W. Mott.....10-1

6	.....6.....	Bambalina.....	J. Velazquez.....J. Jerkens.....8-1
7	.....7.....	Toy Moon.....	J. Leparoux.....M. Casse.....9-2
8	.....8.....	Seek and Destroy.....	J. Castellano.....C. Brown.....3-1
9	.....9.....	Bacchanalia.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....C. Brown.....5-1
10	.....10.....	She's a Black Belt.....	M. Franco.....M. Nevin.....15-1
11	.....AE.....	Here Comes Jackie.....	L. Saez.....M. Dini.....20-1

7TH (3:51PM). \$77,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Discreet Mission.....	J. Lezcano.....J. Kimmel.....3-1
2	.....2.....	Kerry Boy.....	A. Lezcano.....G. Goodwin.....20-1
3	.....3.....	Freud's Affair.....	J. Rohena.....C. Prognos.....12-1
4	.....4.....	Neverindicted.....	J. Davis.....M. Coffey.....50-1
5	.....5.....	Sicilia Mike.....	D. Davis.....G. Sciacca.....10-1
6	.....6.....	Charlie McCoy.....	M. Franco.....M. Nevin.....9-2
7	.....7.....	Barely Impazible.....	J. Castellano.....C. Brown.....2-1
8	.....8.....	Call Me a Star.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....J. Englehart.....8-1
9	.....9.....	Presence of Mind.....	L. Saez.....G. Weaver.....10-1
10	.....10.....	Wild Colonial Boy.....	J. Ortiz.....L. Rice.....6-1

8TH (4:26PM). \$48,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Saratoga Colonel.....	J. Castellano.....G. Weaver.....7-2
2	.....2.....	Bootlegger (FR).....	L. Reyes.....R. Rodriguez.....10-1
3	.....3.....	Major Attitude.....	J. Ortiz.....M. Vitall.....8-1
4	.....4.....	Jegos Fire.....	A. Lezcano.....K. Laudati.....30-1
5	.....5.....	The Dow.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....J. Abreu.....8-1
6	.....6.....	Pocket Player.....	J. Lezcano.....T. Bush.....5-1
7	.....7.....	Whendowerunpappy.....	M. Luzzi.....C. Baker.....20-1
8	.....8.....	Won't Be Missed.....	D. Davis.....J. Ferraro.....15-1
9	.....9.....	Four Knights.....	L. Saez.....J. Sharp.....4-1
10	.....10.....	Long Night.....	R. Maragh.....C. Summers.....15-1
11	.....11.....	Ten Eyck.....	E. Cancel.....T. Morley.....9-2

9TH (5:02PM). \$250,000, STK - THE BERNARD BARUCH, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Voodoo Song.....	J. Lezcano.....L. Rice.....1-1
2	.....2.....	Projected (GB).....	J. Castellano.....C. Brown.....9-2
3	.....3.....	Forge (GB).....	M. Franco.....W. Mott.....10-1
4	.....4.....	Synchrony.....	J. Rosario.....M. Stidham.....3-1
5	.....5.....	Inspector Lynley.....	J. Ortiz.....C. McGaughey III.....4-1
6	.....6.....	Qurbaan.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....K. McLaughlin.....12-1

10TH (5:38PM). \$350,000, STK - THE HOPEFUL, 2 YO, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Sombeyay.....	J. Castellano.....T. Pletcher.....5-1
2	.....2.....	Mind Control.....	J. Velazquez.....G. Sacco.....5-1
3	.....3.....	Nitrous.....	R. Santana, Jr.....S. Asmussen.....7-2
4	.....4.....	Thatwouldbegrand.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....D. Capuano.....20-1
5	.....5.....	Dream Maker.....	J. Leparoux.....M. Casse.....4-1
6	.....6.....	Backtohisroots.....	D. Davis.....J. Terranova II.....20-1
7	.....7.....	Mucho.....	J. Ortiz.....W. Mott.....8-5
8	.....8.....	Derby Date.....	L. Saez.....D. Lukas.....15-1

11TH (6:13PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			
1	.....5.....	Handle With Care.....	J. Alvarado.....B. Brown.....15-1
1a	.....MTO.....	Dancingwthdaffodils.....	Rider TBA.....B. Brown.....15-1
2	.....1.....	Lady Camille.....	M. Franco.....M. Nevin.....5-1
3	.....2.....	Crater Rim.....	J. Leparoux.....J. Pregman, Jr.....8-1
4	.....3.....	Spiral Bound.....	L. Saez.....J. Englehart.....10-1
5	.....4.....	Sardonyx.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....D. Donk.....3-1
6	.....6.....	Low Is Laine.....	R. Maragh.....G. Sciacca.....30-1
7	.....7.....	Sophie N.....	A. Lezcano.....C. Caiazza.....20-1
8	.....8.....	Protect the King.....	L. Reyes.....L. O'Brien.....30-1
9	.....9.....	Forever Rising.....	D. Davis.....A. Adsit.....15-1
10	.....10.....	Grand Banks.....	J. Ortiz.....J. Englehart.....5-2
11	.....11.....	One Wise Lady.....	E. Cancel.....M. Lauer.....30-1
12	.....12.....	Sunshine Gal.....	R. Santana, Jr.....D. Gargan.....8-1
13	.....AE.....	Wild With Style.....	L. Reyes.....L. O'Brien.....50-1
14	.....AE.....	Spring Drama.....	J. Lezcano.....K. McLaughlin.....7-5
15	.....AE.....	Super Mama.....	J. Castellano.....J. Abreu.....9-5

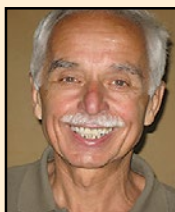
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# MONDAY HANDICAPPING



the  
**Power**  
grid



**John  
Shapazian**



**Charles  
Bedard**



**Tom  
Law**



**Donald  
Phillips**



**Pete  
Finley**

Race #	John Shapazian	Charles Bedard	Tom Law	Donald Phillips	Pete Finley
1	Fly Away Birdie Gump Honey Parade	Gump Fly Away Birdie Catch Me If U Can	Gump Retreiving Catch Me If You Can	Fly Away Birdie Catch Me If U Can Gump	Gump Fly Away Birdie Retreiving
2	McErin Fast Getaway All Clear	Fast Getaway All Clear Wegotoldyougotsold	McErin Fast Getaway All Clear	McErin Fast Getaway Be Gone Daddy	La Maquina Gris Source Control Be Gone Daddy
3	Complexity Binary King For A Day	Calumet entry Binary King For A Day	Complexity Southern Phantom King For A Day	King For A Day Complexity Southern Phantom	Complexity Azrael Binary
4	Deep Sea Full Salute Imperatore	Deep Sea Joy Drive Imperatore	Deep Sea Imperatore Full Salute	Rockford Full Slate Win With Pride	Deep Sea Imperatore Full Salute
5	Dominant Strategy Kulin Rock Conscripted	Kulin Rock Dominant Strategy Gosilently	Dominant Strategy Kullin Rock Conscripted	Dominant Strategy Kulin Rock Conscripted	Dominant Strategy Gosilently Conscripted
6	Seek And Destroy Bacchanalia Bambalina	Toy Moon Peace Corps Teletype	Toy Moon Seventh Planet Bacchanalia	Bambalina Seventh Planet Seek And Destroy	Seek And Destroy She's A Black Belt Peace Corps
7	Barely Impazible Charlie McCoy Discreet Mission	Barely Impazible Charlie McCoy Discreet Mission	Barely Impazible Call Me A Star Discreet Mission	Sicilia Mike Discreet Mission Barely Impazible	Barely Impazible Wild Colonial Boy Discreet Mission
8	Saratoga Colonel Four Knights The Dow	Saratoga Colonel Four Knights Ten Eyck	Saratoga Colonel Four Knights Ten Eyck	Ten Eyck Four Knights Saratoga Colonel	Four Knights Saratoga Colonel Major Attitude
9	Voodoo Song Projected Inspector Lynley	Qurbaan Projected Voodoo Dancer	Voodoo Song Inspector Lynley Synchrony	Inspector Lynley Projected Voodoo Song	Voodoo Song Synchrony Inspector Lynley
10	Mucho Nitrous Dream Maker	Dream Maker Sombeyey Nitrous	Mucho Nitrous Sombeyay	Dream Maker Mucho Backtohisroots	Sombeyay Mucho Nitrous
11	Spring Drama Lady Camile Handle With Care	Grand Banks Brown entry Spring Drama	Sardonyx Grand Banks Lady Camille	Sardonyx Sophie N Lady Camille	Grand Banks Sardonyx Lady Camille
2018 Records	<b>107/381</b>	<b>97/381</b>	<b>88/381</b>	<b>69/381</b>	<b>56/285*</b>

Our fifth handicapper will be a special guest each day.

**Monday's** guest handicapper is Pete Finley, a native of Saratoga Springs who fell in love with racing as a youngster working at the Spuyten Dyvil. Pete also serves as The Special's official unofficial poet laureate, contributing various pieces throughout the season. Saturday, Paul Matties picked one winner.

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

**Top Guest Handicapper for 2018:** Patrick McGoe with five wins.



# Good Bye

It's 10:42 Saturday night. I just went for a run around the block. Our block. Right on East Avenue, right on Mitchell Street, right on Case, right on George, right on East. Around the sawhorses, through the no parking signs, under Fasig's newly planted saplings, and past the shuddered sales pavilion. Music plays in the distance, I slow down enough to hear the words, well, numbers, 867-5309...867-5309...867-5309. I sing it out loud.

This was my second run of the day, after the 25:52 slog in the Run for the Horses 5K this morning. It's what Joe, Tom and I do on the last Saturday of the meet. In between delivering thousands of newspapers and scouring the harness track for the little guys for the final edition of the Stable Tour, we run a 5K. Yes, we must be crazy.

My second run wasn't a slog and it certainly didn't take 25 minutes. No, this was just a jaunt around the block to stoke the fire, rev the engines for another 850 words to call it a season. This is all there is left to do, the last move in the six week odyssey. It always goes like this, sitting in front of an empty screen, hoping for words of closure. It should be easy, get in, get out, see you next year.

But, they never come easy.

I've written this one 17 times. I could probably cut and paste a paragraph from each one and complete another column.

Last year, it started like this...

*You'd think this would be the easy one. I've written this one every year since 2001, the final blank page, the final goodbye. The old feel-good, get-out-of-town farewell, the last swipe across the canvas, push back the chair, marvel for a moment and turn off the lights. As my Uncle Lew always said, "When you get up to go. Go."*

*I'm going.*

Well, I'm still going.



How could it have been a whole year since that one?

To quote another relative, my grandmother, Granny Nora, used to tell me, "When I was young the days were so short and the years were so long. Now, that I'm old, the years are so short and the days are so long."

I didn't know what she meant back then, I was just a kid, sitting on her couch while she drank tea and told me life lessons that I didn't know were life lessons. Now, I know what she meant. The days are so long, especially here in Saratoga and especially at The Saratoga Special. We walked out of the office at 1 Saturday morning, loaded papers on golf carts at 5:30 a.m., ran a 5K at 8:30, watched four stakes in the evening and here we are, still digging the ditch. We're not complaining. As for the years, they're flying past like ticker symbols. We'll be back here in no time, wondering where the year went. Next July seems so far away, then we'll be here next July and think that was nothing.

Walking out of the track in the waning light after the Woodward, I checked my phone and skimmed through an email sent from Michael Pawluk. He said we've met, he said he jinxed my career in 2000 when I broke my leg at the Saratoga Open House. Perhaps, he did, I doubt it, but I like his sentiment. His email was from the heart, he must have been feeling the Closing Day blues like so many others.

I skimmed it as I walked along East Avenue with the rest of the Woodward Day revelers. When I got back to the office, I flopped down in my desk chair and read it again.

*It's 2001 now, and I'm sitting in the box at Saratoga and a kid hands me a paper. It's thin, just a few pages, but it's got a catchy name, The Saratoga Special. I open it and read it and realize, this is the new venture of the jockey whose career I ended. My God, this little paper, this is what he's going to exist on? I say a prayer, please let this work somehow... The Special by now has become an institution, I keep praying anyway. The Special becomes as much a part of Saratoga as The Travers. Saratoga opens and the first Special is out. There's a touching story from the guy I jinxed about his father-in-law, who passed away. Life is funny, nobody knows what's going to happen. The guy I jinxed in the paddock that day in 2000 is now doing what he was obviously meant to do. Thousands of people draw pleasure from the institution he and his brother founded. If I happened to cause that by placing that subconscious "jinx" in his head, it's one of the best things I ever did.*

Thanks for the prayers and thanks for the note and thanks for the jinx, I guess.

As I finish these words, I think about my dad and my sister, here in Saratoga for the final week. We had dinner Tuesday night, watched a few races together but for the most part, they did their thing and we did ours. Theirs is to enjoy Saratoga. Ours is to produce this crazy newspaper. Somehow, they tie together. One couldn't be without the other.

So over the next 10 ½ months (please don't open July 4), sure, the days will feel so long, but remember, the years will feel so short.

See you in a lot of long days and a very short year.

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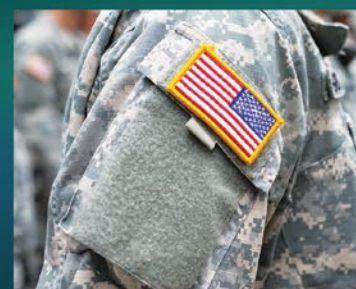


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