

AT KEENELAND SEPTEMBER BOOK 1-2

BOOK 1

HIP 18

F. War Front - Haka, by Dynaformer

HIP 41

F. War Front - Long View (IRE), by Galileo (IRE) Regally-bred first foal O/O a young mare.

HIP 92

C. Lemon Drop Kid - Spellbound, by Bernardini

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F. First Samurai - Exploremore, by Five Star Day

HIP 207

C. Distorted Humor - Fashion's Flight, by Dixie Union

HIP 120

C. Arch - Worshipper, by Awesome Again

HIP 138

F. War Front - Bend, by Arch Half-sister to **BENDABLE**, winner of the Desert Stormer S. (**G3**), & **CLEARLY NOW**, multiple GSW and **G1**-placed.

SELLING TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

SELLING MONDAY, SEPT. 11

HIP 217

F. Curlin - Flagrant, by Rahy

HIP 266

C. Into Mischief - Go for Glamour, by Pine Bluff By a red-hot sire O/O a **G1**-placed mare.

SELLING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

HIP 609

C. Medaglia d'Oro - Pleasant Home, by Seeking the Gold O/O Breeders' Cup Distaff (**G1**) winner, half-brother to stakes-placed **Hereditary**.

HIP 790

C. War Front - Stanwyck, by Empire Maker First foal O/O graded stakes-winning half-sister to **G1** winners **TIAGO** & **GIACOMO**.

HIP 613

C. Orb - Plenty, by Boundary

HIP 632

F. Blame - Profess, by War Front

HIP 793

F. War Front - State, by Johannesburg

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HIP 1003

C. Pioneerofthe Nile - Applauding, by Congrats

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NAMES OF THE DAY SUNDAY

Carve, third race. The 7-year-old millionaire is by First Samurai.

Overnegotiate, eighth race. Repole Stable's homebred 3-year-old filly is by Overdriven out of Contractual.

Cross Multiply, 11th race. Owned by John and Alyssa Moirano and Monty Foss, the 2-year-old colt is by The Factor out of Class Break.

NAMES OF THE DAY MONDAY

Dirty, first race. Tom O'Grady's 2-year-old colt is out of Martini.

Night Owl, fifth race. Klaravich Stable's 2-year-old filly is by Animal Kingdom out of No Curfew.

WORTH REPEATING

"Hey Glenn, turn the lights on."

Trainer Bill Mott to NYRA's Glenn Kozak after winning the Glens Falls at dusk Saturday with Harmonize

"I should be OK, we can go run at Winnipeg at night now."

Mott after winning the Grade 3 Glens Falls in the gloaming Saturday with Harmonize

"We figured we'd wait for you and just keep drinking."

Owner Barry Schwartz (who won the Saranac) to owner Mike Dubb (who won the Spinaway) in the Saratoga Room

"Best stuff on the market."

Trainer Gary Contessa, taking a copy of The Special



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"They're still selling bikinis at Target, but we can't find any gloves around here. Bikinis and Halloween stuff."

Assistant trainer Melissa Cohen early Saturday morning with the temperature barely above 40 degrees



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WORTH REPEATING

"When we left the house he was asleep, curled up like a ball on the couch."

Joe Clancy Sr. reporting on the status of his son Sean between the finish of the Run for the Horses 5K and start of the races Saturday

"The finish line is nigh."

Email from Horse Racing Radio Network's Jude Feld, today's quest handicapper

"I need to bring my horses to school in the winner's circle."

Trainer Jeremiah Englehart after Scarf It Down, winner of Friday's fifth, proved uncooperative getting his picture taken

"You don't even have to change the headline. The McGaughey Stable Tour; the little McGaughey right here."

Shug McGaughey pointing to his son and assistant Reeve as The Special's crew combed the harness track for today's Fasig-Tipton Stable Tour with The Little Guys

"I don't have anything to say. You guys are the kiss of death."

Marialice Coffey when The Special's crew rolled up as she mucked out the pony stall at the end of her barn Saturday morning; not true we tell you, not true

"That's so sad."

Exercise rider Emma Clifton after The Special's Tom Law joked about being demoted (or promoted) to paper boy Saturday morning

"You've gone from legend to paper boy. I know the feeling."

Trainer Ian Wilkes to Law (see above)

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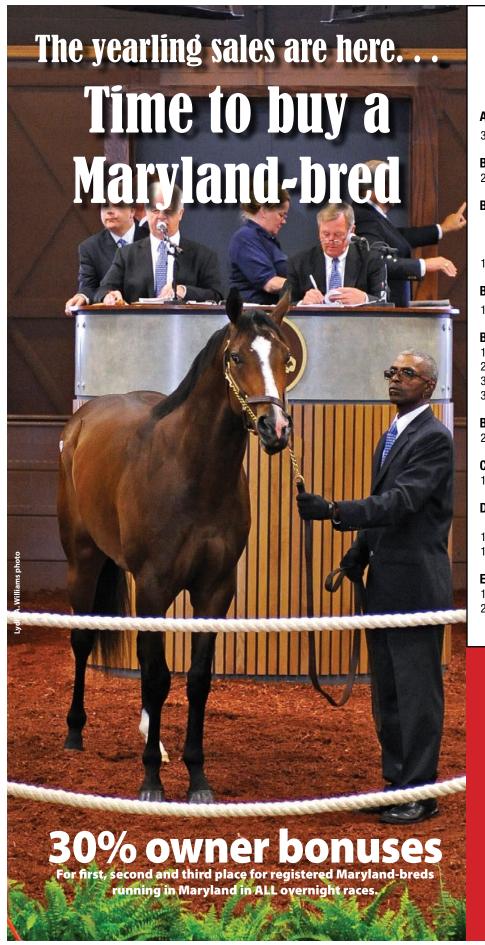
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WORTH REPEATING

"Get in the shower, brush your teeth and put on good clothes, we're going to Saratoga."

Trainer Catherine Day Phillips on her instructions to her son
who came home from camp the day they were leaving for Saratoga

"Needless to say, we did not open his bag from camp. It's in the garage, we'll open it Monday."

Phillips, on the camper and his gear

"We'll have to deal with The Beatles in the background, but we've had worse."

Peter Thomas Fornatale, hosting his handicapping show from the Pavilion Tent Saturday morning

"I'm on the vet's list."

Trainer Rick Schosberg, after powering through the Run for the Horses 5K

"I have to beg for my own seat."

Trainer Pat Reynolds, while trying to convince his dog to move

"I lost my train of thought, but I'm not sure the train was ever in the station."

Reynolds; it's been a long meet, we know the feeling

"It took him longer to learn everything."

Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin, good-naturedly explaining why Dallas Stewart stayed longer at the D. Wayne Lukas Academy

"This one is trying to get me in trouble with the grooms' union."

Trainer John Morrison, as his 2-year-old filly Pas de Deuce tried to pull a rake into her stall Saturday morning

"It's Grace's bedtime and I'm in the paddock for the last."

NYRA's Maggie Wolfendale, getting ready to analyze the 12th race Saturday (and not putting her daughter to bed)

RUN FOR THE HORSES RESULTS

The Special crew took part – along with about 250 other runners – in the eighth annual Run for The Horses 5K at the state park Saturday. As predicted, heavy favorite Tom "Gun Runner" Law took the intra-office challenge in 23:59, followed by Joe "Bet to Place" Clancy (24:30) and Sean "Trifecta" Clancy (26:16).

Some other racing names included Adam Newman (23:25), Linda Myers (24:07), Dominick Labetti (26:02), Andrew Hammack (26:27), Dan Collins (27.17), Michael Sternklar (27:35), Rick Schosberg (28:01), Rich Newman (28:50), Rob Masiello (32:39), Najja Thompson (33:48), Barry Ostrager (34:24) and we're sure we missed a few. Most importantly, the runners helped raise money for Thoroughbred aftercare.

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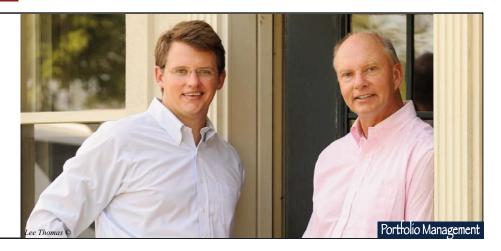
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"Kelly Kip had that extra gear, the good ones have that extra gear. One thing about Jean Luc when he was breezing, he would look over to me and see if I was going to wave him on, he was working here one day, he was literally flying anyway. I still to this day don't know whatever made me wave him on, and he still put those legs out further. He must have gone that eighth in 10 and change. God, he was a runner. Why I waved him on, I don't know. I guess I just wanted to see it."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens 1929-2015



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with the Little Guys

Around every corner, tucked into a stall here and there and in barns across Nelson Avenue at the harness track are the horses trained, owned, bred and sometimes even ridden by the men and women whose names don't get the headlines and full features in this or any publication.

They're no less important though than the high-volume program trainers, since they fill races all year long, in Saratoga, downstate at Belmont Park and Aqueduct and elsewhere at tracks like Finger Lakes, Presque Isle Downs and Suffolk. They're what we call The Little Guys and for the third year in a row they get top billing in this space.

Glenn DiSanto epitomized the Little Guy, breeding, owning and training his horses in New York. He appeared in our first two editions of The Little Guy Stable Tour. He passed away in January at 62 after a quiet and brave battle with cancer. His presence can still be felt in the Saratoga barn area, during the offseason and at the meet. To honor him in our small way we proudly present the Fasig-Tipton Glenn DiSanto Stable Tour with The Little Guys.

Bart Hone (Smokin Platinum): The New York-bred finished second in his debut here July 28 and returned in the Funny Cide Stakes Aug. 25. Assistant trainer Eddie Cruz spoke about the son of Mission Impazible. "We come from New Mexico, then we went to lowa, then we came here. The boss is in New Mexico now. We came here because of our New York-bred, he was working good times, we worked him in company, he beat the horse from here to that tree. I told the boss, 'You have a really nice horse.' He ran second the first time, then we ran him the stakes, he got a little too nervous going to the holding barn, he was dragging me, then he didn't run the way he did the first time. I thought we had a good chance in the stake."

Melvin Winney (Claude'salleycat): The unraced 2-year-old son of Desert Party has trained here all meet, strolling from the harness track to the main track and the training track, with Winney following on his bicycle. "I was hoping to make the meet, but he got a little shin sore on me, then last week he got sick, spiked a temperature of 1:04 ½, the first one was early July, the shin soreness, I had to back off for three and a half weeks, I went the old-fashioned way with a working blister. Then late August, he got sick with whatever was floating around on the other side of the street, he happened to get



it, another setback. I think I'll have him ready by the end of this month to race at Belmont. He's got a nice way of going, we'll see what he's made of anyway."

Kerry Metivier (Francis Freud): Owned and trained by Metivier, the son of Freud cost \$85,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred sale. "There are so many horses I like but he's the barn favorite, he ran second here, beaten less than a hair (Aug. 10), we've been dying to run him back but it just hasn't come together."

Kerry Metivier (Harbor King): Owned by Youngs Racing, the 6-year-old New York-bred finished eighth here Aug. 24. "He's been nothing but a moneymaker his whole life, ran here, we retired him sound. The owner said he's gotten everything and more, excitement wise, he's ready to relax and go in a second career. He's such a cool guy, he doesn't really want to retire, I put him on the trailer Friday, he looked back, he looked at me and I was like, 'Come on, let's go check the farm out.' He wasn't really sure about the whole thing, I bet by next week, he'll be happy as hell, he'll put this in his rearview and never look back. He's been really fun to have in the barn."

Kerry Metivier (Danielle's Pride): A graduate of the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga fall mixed sale in 2015, the daughter of Mission Impazible finished second here Aug. 7 and fourth in the Fleet Indian Aug. 25. "She jumped up in her second start and nearly won, we're excited about her future, because she's a young horse."

Anthony Quartarolo (Forge): Claimed for \$30,000 by Loooch Racing out of a dominant win against \$30,000 maiden claimers Aug. 31. "I like him, it looks like it could have been a good claim. The owner and even myself have had bloodstock agents looking to buy him, he doesn't want to sell him,

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he says, 'I don't sell horses, I buy them.' He's a great guy, he flew these veterans here (Saturday), he's got limos picking them up, putting them up in hotels, taking them to the races, he says to me, 'We wouldn't even have a country if it wasn't for the vets, wouldn't have horse racing.' He puts his money up."

Ken Streicher (Inventor's Gate): Veteran turfer finished 12th in Saturday's fourth race. "I only got one. He's a character, he begs for peppermints, sticks his tongue out, I've had him three years. He's a funny type of horse, he can't go to the front, he loves the rail, but he drew in Saturday. Ruben Sierra won on him, I said, 'Stay on the rail, don't come off the rail, if you get trapped, it's my fault.' He won going away by 5. He's a turf horse so I gave him the winter off,

ran him off the layoff, he ran fourth, had him in, rain, came off the turf, I scratched, ran him in a starter allowance, I said take him back and he's in front by 5, then I had him back in, rains again, I scratch him, I ran him in a starter allowance going short, wasn't his distance."

Eddie Barker (Yorkiepoo Princess): Well, here's the best horse to ever be featured in the Little Guy Stable Tour. The daughter of Kantharos won three stakes in a row this winter before losing four in a row. She aims at today's Grade 2 Prioress for owner Danny Chen. "She's had a couple of little setbacks but she's really training awesome, she breezed here (Aug. 25), I caught her in a minute and two fifths, they caught her in 1:01. She loves it up here, she's really training great, I'd be tickled pink if I could get her graded stakes placed. She swallowed a pound of clay in the Black Eyed Susan, it was all down in her trachea. I ran her on the grass up here, I'm out of conditions with her, I wouldn't be shocked if she hits the board. She's actually training better than she did in the winter time, she's put on weight, she's thrived up here. She's made my year, they paid \$8,000 for her, she's given a lot of joy and excitement and joy to the owner, he's a small owner, he's had a ball with her. To win those kind of stakes, at that time of year, she met some good horses in the Busher, they were no flakes. It's hard to keep a young horse in form and I think she's back to her best now."

Marialice Coffey (Flora Dora): Coffeepot Stables' 4-year-old First Dude filly is a returnee to the Little Guys Stable Tour and in the hunt with Yorkiepoo Princess. A two-time stakes winner and third to Songbird in last year's Coaching Club American Oaks, she scratched from last weekend's Grade 1 Personal Ensign. "She got sick. Can you imagine? That's the problem, when you have a horse like that and you don't get to run them very often and it's got to be right on that day, and the

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race passes us by. We missed a little bit of time, enough to cost us the race. She was sick that day so we've been taking our time. She's getting antibiotics. We'll find something in the fall. She runs long dirt, so there aren't a lot of choices. End of September, end of October there are two spots so hopefully we'll be ready by the end of September. She's still here, and that's a good thing."

Robbie Davis (Dublin Green): Davis leads the 3-yearold Dublin, looking happy and covered in dust and dirt after a roll on the ground, back with his string in Barn 4 at the harness track. He started once, finishing 10th in a New York-bred maiden at Aqueduct in April. "He was running off with me this winter so I had my son Eddie get on him. And he ran off with Eddie. He asked me what was going on, so I jogged him four days the wrong way because I know he's going to take off. Then I started breezing him halfs, going slow, and he figured it out and took off. One time I breezed him he was being real tough, didn't want to slow down so we got the wire I said, 'let's go buddy.' He took off again. I finally started to get him pulled up, he picks his head up, sees the half-mile pole again and takes off again. I didn't get him stopped. The clockers came out and said they'd never seen anything like it. I told them, 'I can't hold him.' They asked what time I wanted, that the first time he went around he went in 46 and 2 and the second time in 50 and 3. I've never seen anything like it. He twisted his ankle in May so I gave him a little time off. He's soft, big soft sucker. I gave him a month off, he was good, no chips, no tears, just a little strained."

Robbie Davis (Jumpinjack): A \$14,500 buy as a yearling at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga October mixed sale, New York-bred by Court Vision didn't draw in off the also-eligible list in Friday's 11th race. "I'm glad he didn't get in the last race. He was first on the AEs. He's a turf horse, doing pretty good and we're looking to run him on the turf again if we can get in. The maiden New York-breds are so full."

Robbie Davis (Ribbonite): The big horse in the string, she won the \$116,775 Lady Finger Stakes last fall at Finger Lakes. Winless in four tries this year, she finished 12th in state-bred allowance Opening Day. "She had a little setback, she injured herself a little bit. She might have done it last year. We didn't X-ray her to find out but we ran her a couple races this year and she wasn't herself. She had some stuff done to her knee. We're bringing her back but she's on the shelf. She's got like 90 days off. We did some orthroscopic on the knees;



Connie Bush

Trainer and exercise rider Robbie Davis.

it was an undisplaced chip, but it was bugging her. Two out of 5 lame when she came back so we said let's take care of her. Solid little filly."

Robbie Davis (Splash Of Sass): Owned by Davis and Paddock Proud, 5-year-old Langfuhr mare is 2-for-22 with two seconds and four thirds. "She's working on \$90,000 for us. We have trouble getting races to go; it's every six weeks so I have to train, train, train. The book isn't too fair to her. It's a never-won-three \$35,000, seven-eighths. A mile is a little too long, 6 1/2 is too short, she always gallops out in front. She's doing really well."

Robbie Davis (Stunning Beauty): A \$1,000 buy at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga October mixed sale, 2-year-old filly is by Get Stormy out of winning A.P. Indy mare A. P. Amazon. "She's got a real nice future. She's a good mover and I really like her. She might be my best one. She was on NYRA's Facebook page galloping on Clare Court the other day. She'll probably be this fall. I haven't pushed her real hard. Most likely turf. Fantastic mover, she moves so good. Jaqueline got on her and said, 'Dad, I think this is going to be your best one.' Get Stormy is throwing runners."

Peter Pugh (Burkie): The New York-bred 2-year-old colt, an \$18,000 purchase at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's 2-year-old sale in May, finished fourth here Aug. 16 for owner Wendy Hendriks and is on the also-eligible list for today's 11th race. Son of Shanghai Bobby is named for famed show rider Bobby Burke, who died this spring. "This colt ran well the first time. I've never seen a horse in behind horses like he was down the lane. Nice type, he'll be OK. I hope he gets in because he's

doing well. I think he's OK in the mud too."

Peter Pugh (Fairy Link): Another 2-year-old for Hendriks, the Data Link filly finished seventh here Aug. 11 and is in Monday's fifth race. Pugh likes the idea of stretching out to 1 1/16 miles. "She ran once going 5 1/2 on the turf and got stuffed on the turn really bad and made another little rally and got beat 6 lengths. She did that well enough to make you think she'll be OK too."

Peter Pugh (Buntline Special): Three-year-old gelding owned by Margaret Duprey's Cherry Knoll Farm has yet to start, but has been working steadily on the Oklahoma training track here. The Ohio-bred son of Tale Of The Cat is ready to run. "I put him in for Monday and the race didn't go. The Buntline Special was the pistol that Wyatt Earp carried, a long-barreled pistol, and Margaret was going with a western theme since he's out of a Carson City mare."

John Morrison (Carrera Cat): Two-year-old filly finished fourth behind future stakes winner March X Press here Aug. 2. New York-bred daughter of Courageous Cat is called "All Business" and "Where Fun Comes to Die" around the barn in a good way. Let exercise rider Laura "Tils" Tilbury tell it: "Her owner's daughter went to law school at the University of Chicago and the motto of the law school is 'where fun comes to die.' That should be her motto because she wants to have absolutely no fun at all. She wants to go to the track and train, she's not a bucker or a player. She's difficult first thing in the morning but as soon as you get the tack on and go to the track she's the best. She doesn't like anything but eating and training." Morrison agreed, and thinks there's some potential in filly owned by Stone Bridge Farm and Very Un Stable. "I think she'll be more than OK. It looked like she got in a lot of trouble in her first start. Donna Freyer had her in Camden and did a real good iob with her."

John Morrison (Kitty Maddnes): Very Un Stable's 4-year-old filly is nothing like her younger full-sister and will "have a little fun," according to Tilbury. Morrison sent her out to a maiden win in 2015 and a \$40,000 claiming score in June at Belmont Park. She finished third here, at 33-1, in a New York-bred turf allowance Aug. 24. "Her main problem is she didn't grow from 2 to 3. Now she's growing again and catching up. We'll look for a spot for her at Belmont."

John Morrison (Pas de Deuce): Stone Bridge's New York-bred 2-year-old filly is by Curlin out of Acey Deucey, who won the Grade 1 Prioress and Grade 2 Comely for Morrison. "This is the first Acey Deucey that I've gotten to train and I like here. She'll be a (good) 3-year-old. There's a lot of horse there."



Perfect Weapon

Gun Runner adds another Gr. 1 victory to fast-growing resume BY SEAN CLANCY WOODWARD STATES DECAD

Steve Asmussen walked and waved. Then stopped.

"This is unbelievable," Asmussen said. "So Saratoga."

Rows and rows of fans in section A in the reserved clubhouse seats stood and cheered for Asmussen, moments after Gun Runner and jockey Florent Geroux rolled past in complete control of the 64th Woodward Stakes. Old men in sport coats called Asmussen's name. Young women in jeans clapped. A man in a Joshua Tree T-shirt yelled for Asmussen like he was his kid brother. A teenager bellowed, "Gun Runnnnnnnner," over and over.

It was a cacophony of whistling, clapping, yelling and saluting.

Asmussen looked across the seats again. "So Saratoga," he said, awed by the crowd.

But it was Gun Runner who had awed the crowd.

Owned by Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm, the 4-vear-old son of Candy Ride toved with four rivals, drawing off to win his third consecutive Grade 1 stakes by 10 1/4 lengths over Todd Pletcher's pair of Rally Cry and Neolithic. Gun Runner finished 1 1/8 miles in 1:47.43.

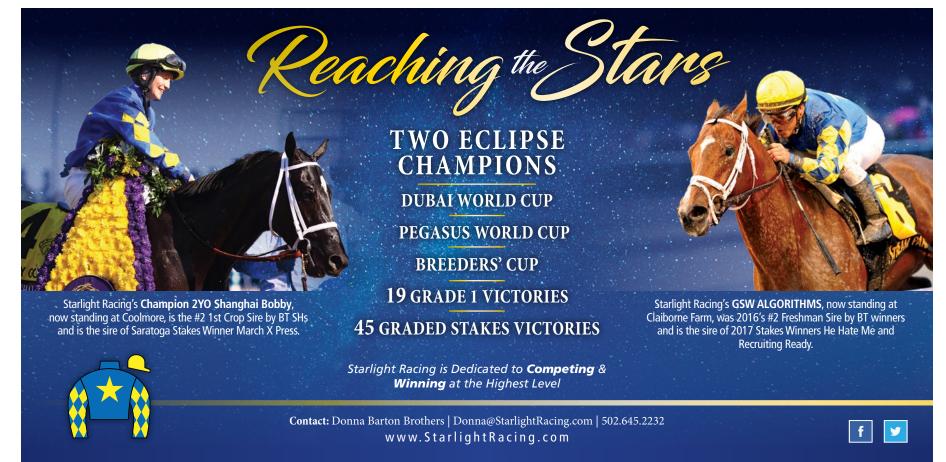
"He's awesome, isn't he?" Asmussen said as he entered the winner's circle, a month after Gun Runner did the same thing in the Grade 1 Whitney.



Sent off as the 1-5 favorite, Gun Runner broke well from stall two as Geroux urged him lightly to make sure he kept his position between Neolithic on his left and Rally Cry on his right. Jose Ortiz asked Neolithic to take control and the third choice rolled into the first turn with a length

advantage over Gun Runner. With his foot firmly in the door, Geroux dialed it back a notch and sat still as a pillar, allowing Gun Runner's natural speed to keep the perfect spot. John Velazquez kept Rally Cry on

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Gun Runner's quarter as War Story drifted back to fourth and longshot Discreet Lover lagged last.

Neolithic posted the first quarter-mile in :23.20 and the half in :46.56 as Gun Runner settled 2 lengths off the pacesetter. Velazquez tried to keep in touch with Rally Cry but he had slid 2 lengths off Gun Runner as the field left the backstretch. After three-quarters of a mile in 1:10.45, Gun Runner rolled to and past Neolithic while the others tried to go up the down escalator.

Past the quarter pole, Geroux let smoke off the flame and Gun Runner rolled into the stretch in complete control. Geroux looked to his left at the big screen in the infield, the lead was 3 and widening. Past the eighth pole, he pulled his whip from his right hand to his left and teed it up just in case.

There was no case.

Waiting for next big screen to come into view, Geroux looked again, the lead was widening without effort...6...7...8...He waved his whip and then turned it down as Gun Runner rolled to his most dominant win.

On the way back to the winner's circle, Geroux pumped his left fist, gave Gun Runner a pat on the neck, waved like he was riding on a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and pointed at Gun Runner for appreciation from the crowd. In



Tod Marks

Florent Geroux shows Gun Runner some love.

the winner's circle, Asmussen kissed his big horse right between his eyes.

"He is a tremendous talent, a tremendous talent, a tremendous talent," Asmussen said. "I'm just proud of him, proud of the whole team, getting it done. When you're in the middle of it, you feel the responsibility. He has won three Grade 1s after coming back from Dubai in pretty emphatic fashion. It's there in black and white, it's true. It's rare that they do it that often."

Gun Runner has entered rarified company in 2017. After winning four races, including the Grade 1 Clark Handicap last year, Gun Runner began this season with an easy score in the Grade 3 Razorback at Oaklawn Park. An otherworldly effort from Arrogate relegated Gun Runner to second in the Dubai World Cup in March. Freshened, he won the Grade 1 Stephen Foster by 7 lengths, the Whitney by 5 1/4 and the Woodward by 10 1/4. If you're keeping score, that's three Grade 1 stakes by a combined 22 1/2 lengths. A natural frontrunner, Gun Runner proved yet again that he's versatile enough to stalk the pace if there's pace.

"He's the perfect weapon," Ron Winchell said. For Winchell, the Woodward was nerve-wracking as the final big piece of the puzzle that leads to the Breeders' Cup in November.

"I was a little bit more nervous today because it's a prep race for the Breeders' Cup and there have been some really good horses, Songbird and Arrogate, who have gotten beat and today seemed less formful than other days, so you come into it getting a little worried," Winchell said. "Consistency is not the norm in horse racing, for him, to be as consistent as he is and pull off as many wins as he has, it's just great."

Asmussen credits Winchell for part of Gun Runner's consistency. The owner was amenable to a conservative plan last year, opting for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile instead of the Classic. Gun Runner finished second in the Dirt Mile, then came back to win his first Grade 1, the Clark Handicap, three weeks later.

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"It doesn't always work, more times not, but when you look at his management we've tried to put him in the right spots where he can win and get him right for the next race and let him tell us when he's going to run," Winchell said. "Just like last year when he ran in the Breeders' Cup, we were not going to run in the Clark but then he was breaking the barn down wanting to run so it was like, 'Let's go.' "

With Songbird retired, Arrogate skidding in two starts at Del Mar and the 3-year-old division as chaotic as Caroline Street on a Saturday night, Gun Runner has become the most consistent, most dynamic horse in training. For his career, he's now 10-for-17 with \$5,738,500 million in earnings.

After a glass of champagne, Asmussen had already begun to navigate how to get to Del Mar in November.

"He'll train up to the Breeders' Cup," Asmussen said. "I'm thinking about going to Churchill with him for about three weeks, I was going to stay here and then go to California, but it's getting too damn cold here, I don't want to grow a winter coat and it's 100 (degrees) out there and I don't want any of that. We'll make sure we're 100 percent here, then decide, but it was impossible not to notice this week, he's had a night sheet on the last two nights."

With Curlin and Rachel Alexandra as past Woodward winners, Asmussen appreciates the company that Gun Runner has joined.

"Having him nine and 10 years after them, there's no comparison. They're so special and unique that you would never disrespect them by comparing them," Asmussen said. "It's just so special, when one comes around who's just that much better than the majority of everything you're around. You temper your enthusiasm as much as you can because of the multitudes, the billions of things that can happen with a racehorse."

As Asmussen walked toward the Union Avenue gate in the dying light of a Saturday at Saratoga, fans stopped the Hall of Famer for autographs, selfies and basic implorations for the fall.

"Best horse in the country," a fan yelled. "See you at the Breeders' Cup." Asmussen waved.

"Hoping," he said. "Hoping."

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Big Moment

Three times an RNA at sales, 2YO filly Lady Ivanka wins Gr. 1

BY TOM LAW

Susan Montova went to the OBS March sale of selected 2-year-olds in training with a ballpark number in her head about what an Oklahoma-bred filly by Tiz Wonderful she owned in partnership with Scott Pierce was worth. She breezed the bay filly in :10.20 during presale workouts, and started to feel more conviction in that amount.

After receiving little interest at the barn in the days after the breeze show and later from veterinarians doing final checks for their clients, Montova scratched the filly.

"I didn't even run her through the ring at OBS," Montoya said Saturday at Saratoga Race Course. "I told

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Scott, 'go along the ride with me, she's a better filly than that, she's worth more than this."

Montoya took the filly back to Eclipse Training Center, where she and her boyfriend Andy Pickerrell rent stalls and use Nick de Meric's training track to prep between 40 and 45 2-year-olds a year for the market. The next target was the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale, where again the filly performed well on the track but didn't generate through-the-roof interest. Not even close.

"We took her to Maryland, she **Continued On Page 15**



Tod Marks

Lady Invanka returns to the winner's circle after winning Saturday's Grade 1.



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bullet works and honestly I thought she'd bring north of \$100,000," she said. "That was a number I told Scott. People sat on their hands and she RNA'd. I'm like, 'well, what do you do now?' "

Back at the barn Montoya got a visit from Kim Valerio, who was interested in the filly for her client Michael Dubb. They negotiated a sale, Montoya and Pierce agreeing to take \$80,000 for the filly. Dubb, locked in a battle for leading owner honors at the Saratoga meeting, was impressed with Montoya's belief in the filly and offered to let her stay in for 10 percent.

The filly, subsequently named Lady Ivanka, rewarded Dubb's gesture and validated Montoya's convictions with a victory in Saturday's Grade 1 Spinaway Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. Coming back off 24 days' rest following an impressive maiden win Aug. 9 going 5 1/2 furlongs, Lady Ivanka won the Spinaway over the demanding 7-furlong trip by three-quarters of a length from Maya Malibu with 3-5 favorite Separationofpowers third and previously unbeaten Grade 2 Adirondack winner Pure Silver fourth in the field of five.

Nearly a half-hour removed from the post-race festivities in the winner's circle and after celebrating for a bit in the Saratoga Room with Sheryl and Barry Schwartz and trainer Linda Rice, who teamed to win the Grade 3 Saranac on Saturday's Woodward undercard, Dubb still felt the weight of the moment.

"I don't even know what to say, I need to knock my head on the wall to make sure I wasn't dreaming," he said, sniffling and teary-eyed. "This is the third time we've won the Spinaway and two of them with Tiz Wonderfuls. We've had so much luck with him.

"But the story is the horse. She was an RNA. Susan here broke the horse, raised the horse and wanted \$100,000. We wanted the horse, too and went back and eventually made a deal. She's in on the deal, she's from Ocala, came up for the race and she's in tears, too. She said it's the greatest day of her life. That's something. When you can touch people like that and have such an impact in their life, it means a lot."

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Montoya, who sells in the name of SBM Training & Sales, rides all the horses she sells. She also rotates with three other riders back home, watches them breeze at the training center and relies on Pickerrell to be her "visual for me from the pony" when she's aboard.

Montoya described Lady Ivanka, who she bought into privately with her breeder Pierce when she RNA'd for \$11,000 at last year's Keeneland September yearling sale, as "easy" during her early training.

"Put your kid on her, she could care less," she said. "Whatever you ask her to do, she's like, 'I'm in.' That's her mentality. You ask her to give you a little more, she gives you a little more. You ask her to take back, she's takes back. She's got a chill attitude."

Trainer Rudy Rodriguez couldn't agree more with Montoya's assessment.

He remembered the filly as "quiet" when she showed up in his Belmont



Tod Marks

Lady Invanka (left) battles with Maya Malibu in the stretch of Saturday's Spinaway.

Park barn shortly after the sale. He breezed her eight times downstate, including twice after the Saratoga meet opened July 21, before shipping her up for her Aug. 9 debut.

"A lot of class," he said. "Showed

us a lot of talent. When we ran her the first time I thought she was going to run good, but you don't know until they run. She did it very, very impressive. After that she's been training really well. So good, so good."

Rodriguez watched the race from his usual spot on the outside rail in the winner's circle just a few feet before the finish line. He stopped for a TV interview and posed for a picture before leaning over the rail to watch the race.

"You have to be in it to win it," he said when asked about his chances, alluding to the short field.

Rodriguez watched still as a statue as Lady Ivanka and jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. tracked dueling leaders Separationofpowers and Pure Silver early. Rodriguez didn't move, even as Lady Ivanka tipped wide off the turn and advanced toward the favorites. He still didn't move as Lady Ivanka passed the furlong pole on the lead. But as he watched his filly open up at the sixteenth pole, Rodriguez came to life. He smacked the rail with his hand and it shook and rang, like the bell in the winner's circle, but with a more vicious tone.

"Come on, baby girl," Rodriguez screamed. "Come on, baby girl."

Lady Ivanka crossed the wire and Rodriguez leapt into the air. He started high-fiving everyone in sight and ran to the back of the winner's circle. He began doling out hugs to anyone who would take one and lifted a man twice his size into the air.

Lady Ivanka ran the 7 furlongs in 1:24.97 to run her record to 2-for-2, increase her earnings to \$259,800 and earned an automatic berth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar through the "Win And You're In" program.

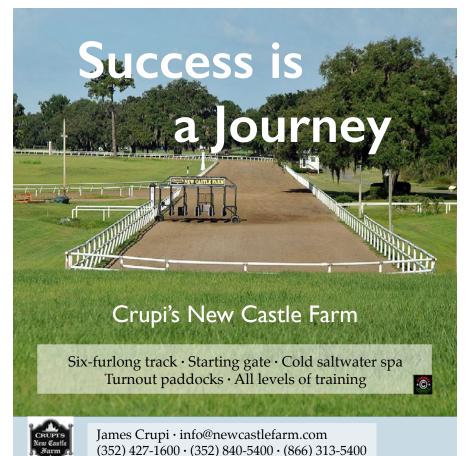
After taking a call and talking with Dubb in the Saratoga Room just minutes from post time for the Woodward, Montoya clutched Lady Ivanka's blue and white saddle towel in one hand, with her cell phone and glass of champagne in the other.

She thought about the moment Dubb described as the "greatest day of her life" and didn't offer a rebuttal.

"I've been blessed," she said, welling up. "I got the opportunity to ride American Pharoah, I've been on Goldencents. I broke and trained Off The Tracks, Mind Your Biscuits came from me. Awesome Speed I broke and trained. We break about 40 horses a year and we always sell them. This one I own a small piece of.

"We're just a small consignor, we don't have a lot of money, but our back story is we've got really good clients and we just try. We try really hard."

Additional reporting by Brandon Valvo





Voodoo Song adds Grade 3 turf stakes to meet for the ages

BY BRANDON VALVO

After Voodoo Song won his first race at the 2017 Saratoga meeting for a \$40,000 tag July 22, owner Barry Schwartz felt the son of English Channel was back on the right track.

"Maybe this race will wake him up as we move forward," he said at the time.

Schwartz always thought highly of his homebred, who started his career with a second and a win last fall for Mike Hushion, but whose form had dropped off in three races over the winter and spring. After Voodoo Song failed to get into a race on the final day of the Belmont Park spring-summer



Tod Marks

Voodoo Song laughs it up after winning again.



Tod Marks

Voodoo Song holds on to win Saturday's Saranac, his FOURTH win of the meet.

meeting (which doubled as Hushion's retirement party), new trainer Linda Rice convinced Schwartz to drop Voodoo Song in for a tag.

"I just picked up the horse to train and when I watched him, I thought, his form's not great right now, Saratoga is a tough place to win a race, let's find a race we can win," Rice said. "Barry said, 'Jeez, I thought he might be better than that.' I said, 'Well Barry, that's why I think we should run him in there now and let him prove it.'

Voodoo Song proved it.

Although he was rank throughout, the colt blazed through blistering fractions and sprinted unwaveringly through the stretch to win the 1 1/16-mile claimer. Rice entered Voodoo Song back four days later in a New York-bred allowance going 1 3/8 miles and he won again. Voodoo Song won his third start of the meet Aug. 23 in another state-bred allowance and Rice looked to enter back quickly again.

She pointed Voodoo Song to an allowance slated for Saturday, but Schwartz had other ideas.

"Actually, I marked this race in my condition book, (Linda) knows that," Schwartz said of Saturday's Grade 3 Saranac. "But then the Grade 3, it's going to be a tough race, I said, 'Fine, let's go in the allowance race.'

Rice told Schwartz the allowance race was the obvious choice, but figured they might wind up on the also-eligible list.

"I just said, 'The hell with it, we'll just put him in the Saranac, give him another opportunity,' "Rice said. "I wasn't positive we would elect to run him, he had to train well into the race, but he did, so we gave it a go." The decision to run Voodoo Song in the \$300,000 Saranac proved fruitful when he again went gate-to-wire, beating open company and putting an end to favorite Bricks And Mortar's undefeated streak. In doing so, Voodoo Song became the first horse since Native Dancer in 1952 to go 4-for-4 at the Saratoga meet. That legend won that year's Flash, Saratoga Special, Grand Union Hotel and Hopeful.

This summer, Rice trained New York's Finest to a 3-for-3 campaign at Saratoga and conditioned City Zip to the Sanford-Saratoga Special-Hopeful triple in 2000.

"There's not many horses who can do it. You have to pick out the right ones," Rice said. "New York's Finest loves this course. I ran him three times, we got three wins out of him. City Zip was a great 2-year-old at the time. You just have to pick the right ones and we've been very fortunate to win. It's really quite special."

At the start of the 9-furlong Saranac, Voodoo Song raced quickest out of the gate while Bricks And Mortar came out slowly to his inside. Voodoo Song broke in and Master Plan broke out from post three, leaving Bricks And Mortar pinched to the back of the field in the opening strides.

With his ears pricked and head high for Jose Lezcano, Voodoo Song did what he does best and streaked away from the pack. He led at the quarter by 5 1/2 lengths. Caviar Czar put a neck in front of Mr Havercamp in second while Bricks And Mortar raced in sixth, 10 1/4 lengths from the lead.

"You only have to worry about breaking out of the gate very clean," Lezcano said. "You break out

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of the gate and let him go and be comfortable. He's the kind of horse where there's not too much to do, you just kind of let him be himself."

Voodoo Song maintained his margin past the half, but approaching the far turn, the field started to close in. Joel Rosario let Bricks And Mortar rush up on the outside and entering the bend, they were only a neck behind. Voodoo Song angled his right ear back, listening to his approaching rival. He picked up his tempo again and turned the 2-1 favorite away at the quarter pole.

"He kind of relaxed a little bit on the backside and the other horses caught up to him, and when I asked he opened up and got away from the other horses," Lezcano said.

Voodoo Song pinned his ears and opened a 2-length advantage at the furlong pole. Lezcano gave his mount a few reminders on his right shoulder, twirled his stick into a firmer grip in his right hand, and gave two smacks. Bill Mott's Yoshida charged at Voodoo Song down the center of the course and was determined to make it close. Lezcano gave two more smacks on Voodoo Song's right side as his horse drifted out to meet the competition. Voodoo Song held off Yoshida by a neck in 1:46.18. Bricks And Mortar finished third.

Although he is still a loose-running leader, Voo-



Tod Mark

Linda Rice (left), Barry Schwartz and Sheryl Schwartz can't believe what they just saw.

doo Song didn't show the same rankness Saturday that he did in his first two Saratoga races. Rice worked with Voodoo Song over the past month to get the horse more comfortable and give Lezcano more control. Like New York's Finest, Voodoo Song was at ease training on Clare Court.

"I changed bits on him. I've been training him the day of the race," she said. "The one thing that I've found, he was very rank to train when I got him. I found that he trains beautifully on Clare Court here. They are horses that would over train otherwise and they don't over train on that track. I just had a snaffle on him before and we just put a ring bit on him. It's a pretty strong bit."

For Schwartz, Voodoo Song's success vindicates the owner's high opinion of his mare, Mystic Chant. After Mystic Chant set a half-mile fraction of :42.78 in a March 2006 allowance on the downhill course at Santa Anita Park, Schwartz saw potential in her as a broodmare who could produce talented turf offspring. Voodoo Song is her first stakes winner from seven foals.

"I just love grass horses," Schwartz said. "I breed for the grass all the time. If you look at the pedigrees of my horses, all my homebreds have just so much grass.

"We bred her to a lot of good horses. The first one, I sold the foal as a yearling, that was close to 10 years ago, for \$250,000. So she's always had good looking foals, but they just never really panned out. This one has. It means I was right in keeping her all this time."

Schwartz entered Mystic Chant into the Keeneland November breeding stock sale. After Voodoo Song's victory, he isn't sure he will sell. Schwartz's wife Sheryl, however, is sure they won't.

"I've bred this mare so many times to good stallions and I've been disappointed. Now I've got to decide, I've got her in Keeneland November, the mare," Barry said as Sheryl gritted her teeth and shook her head sharply. "I guess I've got to rethink that sale."

Additional reporting by Shayna Tiller.





Dave Harmon

Harmonize (left) battles with Grateful in the final stages of Saturday's Glens Falls.

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Perfect Tune

Harmonize, Velazquez arrive in time to win Gr. 3 turf marathon

BY JOE CLANCY

John Velazquez calls the crop of young jockeys he rides with kids, and jokingly says they don't give him any respect. He thinks back to when he was the kid battling for space in a talented colony. He admires their work, and salutes their talent.

But he enjoys beating them.

In Saturday's Grade 3 Glens Falls Stakes, the 12th and final race on a card that started in the sun at 1 p.m. and ended in the twilight at 7:20, the 46-year-old Velazquez willed Harmonize to victory over Grateful and Manny Franco, 22. The final margin was a neck, but it felt closer – especially the way Velazquez described it.

"I know her and I'm being really careful with her, so careful with her,"

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said the Hall of Famer. "I'm going to time it just perfectly but that's not easy. Don't get there too early. She's not easy to ride. I was trying to measure it properly and when I got head and head with him I didn't know if I was going to pass her or not.

"He came out and bumped me, so now I'm leaning back on him and she turns her head just to see her, to see the horse inside and I'm like, 'Aaagh, come on Mama, come on, pay attention damn it.' It worked out in the end."

That it did. Trained by Bill Mott for Larkin Armstrong, Harmonize lis-

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tened to Velazquez, dug in over the final yards and edged the pacesetter after 1 3/8 miles in 2:15.59. The race's second choice paid \$9.40 as favorite War Flag settled for third in the field of nine.

Grateful and Franco broke a step slow from post five, but rolled around Happyness and Summersault to take over on the first turn. The 7-1 shot got the first quarter in :25.53, ears pricked and loping along. Harmonize found a spot, wide and on hold, in fourth. Grateful put up a half in :51.13, followed by Estrechada. Harmonize was third around the second turn, still wide and still on hold.

Estrechada applied a little pressure up the backstretch as the field compressed and War Flag advanced to sixth through 6 furlongs in 1:16.83. Still, Harmonize waited. Coming into the final turn, Grateful slipped away as German raider Sarandia moved up inside Harmonize to take third. Behind them War Flag revved up some more. Velazquez pushed Harmonize around Estrechada, as Sarandia struggled with the turn and lost her position, and went after the leader. He still played it carefully, however.

"I came down the lane and I don't want to even hit her yet," Velazquez said. "I'm close to him, close to him, I don't want to hit her."

Franco urged Grateful for another furlong, Harmonize ranged along-side and finally felt Velazquez's whip. Grateful answered, and led by a head at the sixteenth pole. She switched leads, finally showed the first sign of fatigue and fought on as Velazquez went to pretty much everything in the final strides – channeling his Hall of Fame agent Angel Cordero Jr.

"I yelled, I hit her on the shoulder, everything, just keep riding her," the jockey said. "It's like Angel says, I lose my personality (in a stretch drive)."

For her part, Harmonize won for the fifth time in 16 career starts. The \$80,000 Keeneland September purchase won two stakes (including Saratoga's P.G. Johnson as a maiden) at 2, and won the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks at 9 furlongs last summer. She lost her next six, including a head loss to Time And Motion in the Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at

Keeneland in October and a second in the Mrs. Revere to end her 3-year-old season.

This year, the daughter of Scat Daddy lost four times including fourths behind Antonoe in the Just A Game in June and Lady Eli in the Diana here July 22.

Mott stretched his filly, bred in Kentucky by Jack Swain III, an extra quarter-mile from the Diana, and was rewarded.

"She's been lacking a little closing turn of foot so we thought she's been grinding a bit more than she has in the past," said the trainer. "I started her at a mile and she'd close, but not with enough energy. Lady Eli outclassed her in the Diana and we had an option to go to California but I thought 'You know what, let's try the mileand-three and we get firm ground.' Stayed at home and it worked out well for her."

Like everybody else, Mott leaned through the photo and paid credit to his jockey.

"I will say one thing, Johnny Velazquez is tough in a photo," Mott said. "He beat me in a photo last week then he won a photo for us like this. When it comes down to the inches, man, he's tough."

Velazquez, who won four Saturday, likes the chance to ride for Mott.

"Every time he puts me on a horse it's a live horse and I always kind of bug on him and remind him," the jockey said. "I say to him, 'Remember this is Saratoga, one or two winners for the meet and then I'm happy.'"

The win was Velazquez's 900th at Saratoga, a figure he didn't know.

"I don't go for the numbers, I just want to win races," he said when informed of the milestone, which further pads his record total. Jerry Bailey is second all-time with 693. Someday, Velazquez might be the guy in second place and he knows it.

"I've been doing it for that long, you see it coming," he said. "Jerry was here when I came around and late '90s and 2000s. I started battling with him and he felt the same way. I was a young guy coming around, doing the same thing that he used to do. Now, they're the younger riders and I'm the older rider. It doesn't mean that I still don't have it and that I can't win races. I'm going to battle them."

Additional reporting by Tom Law.





Happy Group

Hall of Famer Lukas celebrates birthday with Warrior's Club

BY SHAYNA TILLER

"Happy birthday, coach," shouted a member of the Churchill Downs Racing Club that gathered in Saratoga Race Course's winner's circle Saturday as Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas strolled in.

In celebration of his trainer's 82nd birthday, 3-year-old colt Warrior's Club flew down the stretch to win the seventh by 3 lengths.

"Bill Mott always wins on his birthday, so I guess that's what you're supposed to do," Lukas said.

The Churchill Downs Racing Club was formed last year, offering 200 memberships for a single \$500 buy in. After selling all spots within the first week of its establishment, the partnership started an additional club. Overall, the program totals 400 members and four horses in training with Lukas.

"We probably made a lot of people happy today," said Lukas. "It was great. Every bit."

Lukas purchased the son of Warrior's Reward on behalf of Churchill Downs Racing Club last year.

"I bought him off a video, believe it or not," said Lukas. "A dear friend of mine, Jimmy Gladwell, who has a great eye for a horse told me about him and sent me the video and I studied it and his motion and everything made me buy him off the video."

Warrior's Club has three wins, three seconds and three thirds along with \$239,299 in earnings from 16 starts. He broke his maiden in the Spendthrift Stallion Stakes at Churchill in October, and placed third in the Grade 2 Kentucky Jockey Club at Churchill in November. He finished second by a neck to Neolithic in his last start at Saratoga Aug. 5.

"I was kidding, I said, 'we're in the wrong race,' "said Lukas, as Neolithic finished third in the Woodward four races later. "He ran so good the first time we ran him here, the second out I thought he might be pretty solid. I thought he was a little uncomfortable early on and I was concerned, but once he kind of got into stride on the turn I thought he was going to be tough."

Joel Rosario and Warrior's Club broke well to



Tod Marks

Warrior's Club pulls away to win Saturday's seventh for trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

the inside and chased comfortably behind the pace until rounding the turn into the stretch. They pulled away in the lane to win the 6 1/2-furlong allowance in 1:15.89.

"It's really worked out," said Lukas. "He has a great mind. Easy to train. Every bit."

• Mike McMahon led the crowd of partners and family comprising Bourbon Lane Stable as they shuffled into the winner's circle for their photo next to Bourbon Resolution following his victory in the sixth. The 2-year-old colt's maiden-breaking victory also secured the partnership their first win at the meet.

Bourbon Lane had eight previous starters, earning a second and three thirds. Their horse Pray For Bourbon lost by a neck to Joe and Anne McMahon's, True Charm, in an allowance at Saratoga July 31.

"It's our first win of the summer at Saratoga," said McMahon. "We've had a lot of starters, we've been second and third, got beat by my parents but haven't really had a bad race. It finally went all the right way, it's so much fun to win here at home and to be here is special."

With his partner Jamie Hill, McMahon purchased the son of New Year's Day at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale of selected yearlings for \$125,000.

"He was a top horse for us in the July yearling

sale. My partner Jamie and I bought him," said McMahon. "We loved his presence, we loved his athleticism.

"We thought with a sire like New Year's Day he wouldn't be as expensive as another sire's horses might be just because New Year's Day wasn't a horse that everybody picked to be a freshman sire but he was a Grade 1 winner at two and we just liked the physical and thought why not? Why couldn't this be a 2-year-old type?"

Trained by Ian Wilkes, Bourbon Resolution finished second in his debut in a 6-furlong maiden special at Churchill Downs June 28. He followed that effort with a third in a similar spot at Saratoga July 29.

"He wasn't quite where I wanted him last time, he was kind of chasing," said Wilkes. "Today he was a better horse. He acted better. He didn't rear up in the paddock, he was just a better behaved horse and was much more in control of what he was doing.

"The horse has been training well, I'm very pleased with the way he's trained. I really thought he's improved a lot. He was going through a growth period. He's taller. He's a big horse but he's gotten taller."

Based in Kentucky, McMahon could not agree more with the trainer's impression of his colt.

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Saturday —

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"I haven't been here since August 11th and I swear he's grown an inch since then," said McMahon. "He's taller. His stride is long and beautiful and he really looks fantastic. He was so good in the paddock, he's a super intelligent horse. We have all the hopes for all of our horses but it's nice when they do this at Saratoga."

• George Weaver took Malibu Stacy to the Oklahoma late last Friday morning for turf training. The trainer decided to test the filly on the grass for the first time since placing ninth in her only start on the surface last fall.

The 4-year-old filly posted a half-mile breeze in :49 to earn a spot in Saturday's eighth race, a 1-mile allowance on the inner turf.

"She worked really well on the grass last year and we tried it and it didn't go well," said Weaver. "I worked her again on the grass about a week ago and she worked excellent again and I needed to try her again, I didn't know if it was going to work but I needed to try it."

The daughter of Tizway and Malibu Pier is a full sibling to stakes winner and 2016 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up Coasted, who started her career on dirt before switching to the turf. Malibu Pier was also a multiple graded stakes winner on both surfaces.

Weaver decided to follow suit, switching Jim and Susan Hill's multiple graded stakes-placed filly to the grass for the second time in her 15-start career.

With Luis Saez aboard, the filly left the gate at 19-1. She broke in front of the pack and cruised to the finish line, winning by 2 1/2 lengths in 1:33.98.

"The guy that owns these horses isn't crazy about them being on the lead, he likes to see them finish strong which is fine," said Weaver. "There's nothing worse than seeing your horse weaken in the stretch, you want to see them finishing up.

"When you dictate the pace sometimes they can catch you or you can get tired doing it. Once you go to the front it's all right and you just have to make the best of it. Luckily she finished up strong and got the job done."

Despite her odds, Weaver felt con-

fident and optimistically looks to her next step.

"I knew she would be (at a high price)," said Weaver. "As a handicapper myself, she had one start on the turf and didn't pick her feet up so that'd be too much of a risk, I bet.

"What's nice about her is that she can do both, not many can so that leaves us with a bunch of options. I'm glad she proved that what we saw in the morning wasn't a fluke."



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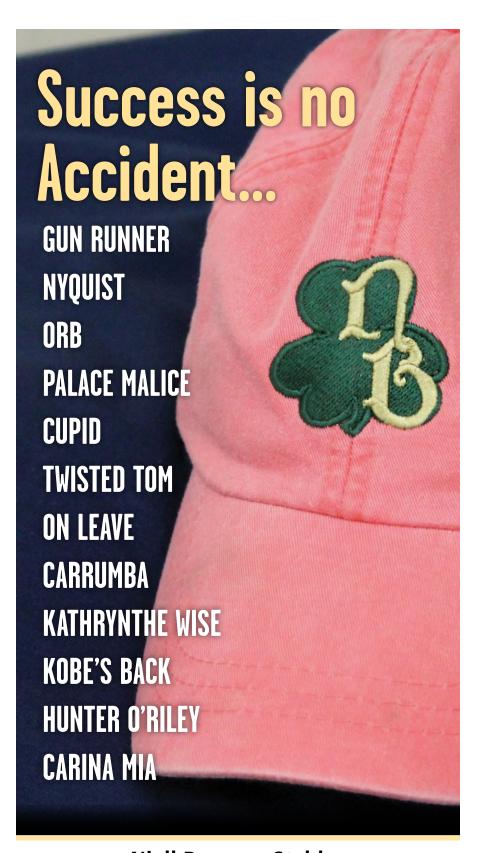
Bourbon Resolution wins the sixth.

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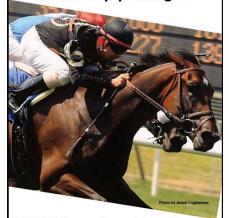


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SARATOGA RESULTS

Saturday September 2.

FIRST \$42,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

 1
 Driven by Thunder
 J. Velazquez
 \$3.40
 \$2.70
 \$2.30

 3
 Reedini
 A. Arroyo
 \$8.20
 \$5.20

 6
 Guick
 M. Franco
 \$3.60

B Colt 2014, by Overdriven - My Friend Melini by Trippi

Owner: Repole Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: Marion G. Montanari (FL). Late Scratches: Lookin At Blessing Claimed: Driven by Thunder claimed by Randall Manor Racing for \$25,000, Reedini claimed by Loooch Racing Stables, Inc. for \$25,000, Borsa Vento claimed by Schera, Matthew for \$25,000. Time: 1:16.49 Exacta (1-3), \$13.60; Superfecta (1-3-6-2), \$39.95; Trifecta (1-3-6), \$30.62

SECOND \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

10 Maraud J. Velazquez \$4.90 \$3.60 \$3.10 7 Desert Stone (IRE) L. Saez \$8.90 \$6.80 5 Mr. Discretionary D. Davis \$6.80

B Colt 2015, by Blame - Unbridled Empire by Empire Maker Owner: Treadway Racing Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher.

Breeder: John R. Penn & Frank Penn (KY). Late Scratches: Get the Facts, Outvoted, Bet It All to Win, Campaign, Voting Control, E J's Revenge. Time: 1:41.85

Daily Double (1-10), \$4.75; Exacta (10-7), \$33.50; Quinella (7-10), \$25.00; Superfecta (10-7-5-8), \$450.80; Trifecta (10-7-5), \$210.50

THIRD \$75,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

3 Bluegrass Jamboree J. Velazquez \$5.10 \$2.90 \$2.50 1 Might Be R. Maragh \$8.80 \$5.30 7 Never Hungover L. Saez \$5.00

Dk B/ Br Filly 2014, by Bluegrass Cat - Anjorie by A. P Jet

Owner: Sugar Maple Farm and Baker, Charlton. Trainer: Charlton Baker. Breeder: Sugar Maple Farm (NY).

Late Scratches: Palladian Bridge. Time: 1:11.29

Daily Double (10-3), \$7.90; Exacta (3-1), \$17.90; Superfecta (3-1-7-2), \$94.15; Trifecta (3-1-7), \$57.25; Pic 3 (1-10-3), \$11.70

FOURTH \$50,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

 5
 Slim Shadey (GB)
 M. Franco
 \$7.40
 \$4.10
 \$2.90

 11
 Turbo Street (AUS)
 I. Ortiz, Jr.
 \$4.60
 \$3.10

 7
 Dancetrack
 J. Lezcano
 \$2.90

Dk B/ Br G 2008, by Val Royal (FR) - Vino Veritas by Chief's Crown Owner: Dubb, Michael. Trainer: Jason Servis.

Breeder: P. M. Cunningham (GB). Late Scratches: Carve, Bow Tie Affair, Shalako, Indebted. Claimed: Turbo Street (AUS) claimed by Brewster, Clark O. for \$25,000. Time: 1:39.24

Daily Double (3-5), \$10.10; Exacta (5-11), \$17.00; Quinella (5-11), \$9.40; Superfecta (5-11-7-6), \$66.65; Trifecta (5-11-7), \$21.75; Pic 3 (10-3-5), \$29.25

FIFTH \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO, 1M TURF

J. Castellano \$3.30 5 Let's Get Loud \$6.10 \$4.00 J. Rosario \$9.10 \$6.60 Lunaire J. Alvarado \$19.60 Capitaine Dk B/ Br Ridgling 2014, by More Than Ready - Don't Cry for Me by Street Cry (IRE). Owner: Gunther, John, D.. Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: John D. Gunther (KY). Late Scratches: Bird's Eye View, Phi Beta Express, Lucullan. Time: 1:34.77

Daily Double (5-5), \$12.40; Exacta (5-1), \$31.00; Superfecta (5-1-9-12), \$1,669.90; Trifecta (5-1-9), \$638.50; Pic 3 (3-5-5), \$37.25; Pic 4 (10-3-5-5), \$59.62; Pic 5 (1/5-10-3-5-5), \$164.75

SIXTH \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

\$5.10 6 Bourbon Resolution L. Saez \$10.60 \$3.10 5 Slot J. Castellano \$4.80 \$3.00 9 Lionite J. Ortiz Dk B/ Br Colt 2015, by New Year's Day - Vindicated Ghost by Vindication. Owner: Bourbon Lane Stable. Trainer: Ian Wilkes. Breeder: Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY). Late Scratches: Can Go, Lone Sailor,

My Chinumado, Arrival, Pete Marwick. Time: 1:23.51
Daily Double (5-6), \$19.80; Exacta (6-5), \$21.50; Superfecta (6-5-9-

3), \$38.90; Trifecta (6-5-9), \$24.50; Pic 3 (5-5-6), \$96.50

SEVENTH \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

3 Warrior's Club J. Rosario \$16.20 \$7.70 \$5.70 4 Always a Suspect J. Alvarado \$8.00 \$5.50 2 Alex the Terror K. Carmouche \$9.60 Dk B/ Br Colt 2014, by Warrior's Reward - Thirty Eighth St. by Citid-

Owner: Churchill Downs Racing Club. Trainer: D. Lukas. Breeder: John O'Meara (KY). Late Scratches: Top Brass

Claimed: Still Krz claimed by Repole Stable for \$62,500. Time: 1:15.89 Daily Double (6-3), \$42.25; Exacta (3-4), \$58.00; Superfecta (3-4-2-9), \$413.05; Trifecta (3-4-2), \$310.50; Pic 3 (5-6-3), \$148.25

EIGHTH \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

3 Malibu Stacy L. Saez \$41.20 \$13.20 \$7.10 6 Thais (FR) I. Ortiz, Jr. \$3.90 \$3.50 2 Wild About Harry J. Ortiz \$4.60

Dk B/ Br Filly 2013, by Tizway - Malibu Pier by Malibu Moon Owner: Jim and Susan Hill. Trainer: George Weaver.

Breeder: Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). Late Scratches: Thirstforthecup, Literata. Time: 1:33.98

Daily Double (3-3), \$153.75; Exacta (3-6), \$101.00; Superfecta (3-6-2-4), \$222.65; Trifecta (3-6-2), \$294.25; Pic 3 (6-3-3), \$770.50

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

Voodoo Sona J. Lezcano \$14.40 \$7.20 \$4.30 Yoshida (JPN) I. Ortiz, Jr. \$4.20 \$3.00 Bricks and Mortar J. Rosario \$2.60 Ch Colt 2014, by English Channel - Mystic Chant by Unbridled's Song Owner: Schwartz, Barry, K., Trainer: Linda Rice, Time: 1:46.18 Breeder: Stonewall Farm (NY). Late Scratches: Mo Maverick Daily Double (3-5), \$228.75; Exacta (5-2), \$28.75; Superfecta (5-2-4-9), \$27.20; Trifecta (5-2-4), \$37.25; Pic 3 (3-3-5), \$2,107.00; Pic 4 (6-3-3-5), \$3,925.25

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

 3 Lady Ivanka
 I. Ortiz, Jr.
 \$12.40
 \$5.40
 \$3.60

 5 Maya Malibu
 J. Castellano
 \$7.70
 \$4.90

 1 Separationofpowers
 J. Ortiz
 \$2.10

B Filly 2015, by Tiz Wonderful - Lady Leftennant by Officer

Owner: Dubb, Michael, Bethlehem Stables LLC, Imperio, Michael and Montanye, Susan. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez.

Breeder: Scott Pierce (OK). Time: 1:24.97

Daily Double (5-3), \$55.00; Exacta (3-5), \$35.00; Superfecta (3-5-1-4), \$11.77; Trifecta (3-5-1), \$37.12; Pic 3 (3-5-3), \$1,231.00

ELEVENTH \$750,000, STAKES - WOODWARD S. 3 & UP, 1 1/8M PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS,

2 Gun Runner F. Geroux \$2.70 \$2.10 3 Rally Cry J. Velazquez \$2.70 1 Neolithic J. Ortiz

Ch Colt 2013, by Candy Ride (ARG) - Quiet Giant by Giant's Causeway Owner: Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm. Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Besilu Stables, LLC (KY).

Time: 1:47.43. Daily Double (3-2), \$9.10; Exacta (2-3), \$2.50; Superfecta (2-3-1-4), \$.66; Trifecta (2-3-1), \$2.27; Pic 3 (5-3-2), \$96.25; Place Pix Nine (2/3/6/11-2/4/5/7-1/3/5-2), \$4.95



















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12TH \$200,000, GLENS FALLS S., 3&UP F&M, 1 3/8M TURF

8 Harmonize J. Velazquez \$9.40 \$4.70 \$3.20 5 Grateful M. Franco \$7.20 \$4.10 4 War Flag J. Ortiz \$3.20 Dk B/ Br Filly 2013, by Scat Daddy - Mesa Fresca by Sky Mesa

Owner: Armstrong, Larkin. Trainer: William Mott. Breeder: Jack Swain III (KY).

Daily Double (2-8), \$7.60; Exacta (8-5), \$39.75; Superfecta (8-5-4-6), \$88.70; Trifecta (8-5-4), \$86.87; Pic 3 (3-2-8), \$60.00; Pic 4 (5-3-2-8), \$213.50; Pic 5 (3-5-3-2-8), \$6,150.75; Pic 6 (3-3-5-3-2-8), \$794.00; Pic 6 (3-3-5-3-2-8), \$94,187.00

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Sunday, September 3.

1ST (12:30PM). \$50,000, CLM \$25,	NN 3 YN'S & 11P 6F		
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pi	ic 5, Daily Double		
1 1Smokem's Charm			
2 2Mighty Zealous	M. Franco	G. Contessa	5-1
3 3Pegasus Red	J. Lezcano	B. Levine	10-1
4 4Sudden Surprise			
5 5Big Zip	I. Ortiz, Jr	R. Rodriguez	2-1
6 6Proper Freud	R. Santana, Jr	D. Jacobson	12-1
2ND (1:03PM). \$73,000, MSW, 3 Y	0'S & UP, F & M , 1 1/1	6M (TURF)	
Exactà, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta			20.4
1 5Land Mine			
1a AESpa Treatment	IVI. FIZIICO	I. AIDELLIAIII	30-1
2 1Halcyon			
3 2La Moneda			
4 3Kat O Mine			
5 4Dream Passage			
6 6Bayshore Beauty	J. Velazquez	C. Baker	12-1
7 7Got the Gist	K. Carmouche	D. Gargan	8-1
3 8Danielle's Pride			
9Words of Love	J. Leparoux	J. Sheppard	30-1
0 10Way Smart			
1 11Piquet			
2 12Smart and Sassy			
3 AEReconsider It			
4 AEHardly Mate	K. Carmouche	M. Maker	12-1
BRD (1:36PM). \$56,000, CLM \$32,0	በበበ 3 Vበ'ς ይ IID 1 1/8	M	
Exactà, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Da	aily Double		
I 1Conquest Bigluck E	A. Arroyo	R. Diodoro	2-1
2 2Flash Trading	J. Leparoux	M. Tomlinson	6-1
3 3Rich Daddy	J. Ortiz	E. Kenneally	3-1
4 4Rockport Kat	I Ortiz Jr	D Cannizzo	8-1
5 5Turco Bravo (CHI)	M Franco	G Contessa	7-2
6 6Carve			
4TH (2:09PM). \$47,000, CLM \$40,0) 100. 3 YO'S & UP. F & N	1 . 7F	
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta	, Pic 3, Daily Double		
1 1Say Cin Cin	E. Cancel	A. Adsit	10-1
2 2Anna Rae			
3 3Short Kakes	M. Franco	D. Cannizzo	5-1
1 4Fairybrook			
5 5Enterprise Value	J. Ortiz	L. Gaudet	8-1
6 6Jump for Joy	I. Ortiz, Jr	T. Pletcher	5-2
7 7Sand Shark	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	4-1
5TH (2:43PM). \$56,000, CLM \$32,0	000, 3 YO, F , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)	
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Da	aily Double		
1 1Missy's Storm			
2 2Mo Promise			
3 3Courtly Kitty	E. Cancel	D. Donk	10-1
4 4Woundwithhereyes			
5 5Feed Me Carats			
6 6Can'tcatchtheraxx			
7 7Cashless Society			
3 8Unbridledadventure			
9 9Gold Lace			
10 10Cha Cha Heels			
6TH (3:17PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO	0. 1 1/16M (TURF)		
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pi	ic 6, Daily Double		
1 3Voting Control	J. Castellano	C. Brown	9-2
1a MTOTransfer Pricing	J. Castellano	C. Brown	9-2
2 1			
3 2Lone Sentry	F. Geroux	K. Rublev	7-2
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4 4Tejas Ranger (IRE)	J. Bravo	
		K. McLaughlin 12-1
		M. Casse 10-1
		J. Englehart
		T. Pletcher 5-1
		C. McGaughey III 6-1
		T. Pletcher 3-1
13 IVITULone Sallor	F. Geroux	T. Amoss 4-1
7TH (3:51PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3 1 1	Pic 5, Daily Double	B. Cox
2 2Miss Aliphant	I. Ortiz, Jr	J. Englehart 10-1
3 3Wicked Obsession	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher 4-1
		W. Mott 10-1
5 5Dancing	J. Leparoux	M. Casse 8-1
6 6Fingerpaint	F. Geroux	J. Terranova, II 20-1
		R. Nicks 12-1
8 8Pink Sands	J. Castellano	C. McGaughey III 6-1
		J. Englehart 9-2
		R. Violette, Jr 8-1
11 AEMockery	J. Rosario	K. McLaughlin 3-1
12 AEMy Bronx Tail	M. Franco	W. Mott 4-1
13 AENorma's Charm	E. Cancel	U. St. Lewis20-1
8TH (4:26PM). \$85,000, AOC \$8 Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3.	Pic 4. Daily Double	•
1a MTOThirstforthecup	Rider TBA	T. Pletcher 7-2

13 AERiley's Choice	R. Santana, Jr	H. DePaz	8-1
9TH (5:02PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3			
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3,			
1 1Stormy's Song	J. Rosario	B. Lynch	5-1
2 2Stay Fond	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	6-1
3 3Mizz Tutu			
4 4Tasteful	R. Maragh	K. McLaughlin	15-1
5 5Bow Town Cat			
6 6Luz Mimi			
7 7Libby's Tail	,	· ·	
8 8Kirby's Penny			
9 9Sheplaysthefield			
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10	ITH (5:38PM). \$250,000, STK - TH	ie prioress, 3 y	O, F , 6F		
E>	acta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Do	uble			
1	1Student Body	J. Graham	C. Dav	is6-1	1
2	2Sister Kan	R. Albarado	B. Flin	t 12-1	1
3	3Golden Mischief	R. Santana, Jr.	S. Asn	nussen15-1	1
4	4Nonna Mela	J. Castellano	T. Plet	cher 5-2	2
5	5Vertical Oak	J. Velazquez	S. Asn	nussen 3-1	1
6	6Dawn the Destroyer	J. Rosario	K. Mcl	_aughlin 4-1	1
7	7Royal Inheritance	M. Franco	D. Can	nizzo 10-1	1
8	8Downtown Mama	J. Ortiz	L. Rice	98-1	1
9	9Yorkiepoo Princess	I. Ortiz, Jr	E. Barl	ker 20-1	1



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11TH (6:13PM). \$73,000, MSW, 2 YO, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta	, ,		
1 AELake Party	K. Carmouche	G. Contessa	15-1
1a MTOStoney Bennett	J. Velazquez	O. Figgins, III	15-1
2 1Zigmund	R. Maragh	K. McLaughlin	9-2
3 2Fair Archer	J. Lezcano	G. Sciacca	15-1
4 3Brockmoninoff	E. Cancel	G. Weaver	6-1
5 4Engineers Report	M. Franco	R. Rodriguez	8-1
6 5Scoopsie Patato	J. Castellano	J. Orseno	6-1
7 6Crusader Cat	A. Arroyo	G. Sciacca	20-1
8 7Cross Multiply	J. Leparoux	G. Contessa	5-1
9 8Anything Pazible	K. Carmouche	R. Falcone, Jr	20-1
10 9Blue Atlas	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	2-1
11 10Ambition Mission	L. Saez	T. Albertrani	20-1
12 AEBurkie	F. Geroux	P. Pugh	8-1
13 AEConforto	J. Bravo	T. Hills	20-1
14 AEForty Lengths	P. Lopez	S. Duffy	20-1
15 AEDisco Outlaw	J. Ortiz	G. Weaver	8-1

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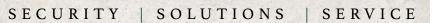
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1	Sudden Surprise Big Zip Smokem's Charm	Smokem's Charm Sudden Surprise	Sudden Surprise Smokem's Charm Big Zip	Big Zip Sudden Surprise Mighty Zealous	Big Zip Mighty Zealous Smokem's Charm
2	Bayshore Beauty Dream Passage La Moneda	Mighty Zealous Danielle's Pride Way Smart Smart And Sassy	Dream Passage La Moneda Way Smart	Way Smart Dream Passage Piquet	La Moneda Got The Gist Piquet
3	Conquest Bigluck E Rich Daddy Turco Bravo	Rich Daddy Conquest Bigluck E Flash Trading	Turco Bravo Flash Trading Rich Daddy	Conquest Bigluck E Rich Daddy Carve	Rich Daddy Flash Trading Turco Bravo
4	Sand Shark Jump For Joy Anna Rae	Jump For Joy Sandshark Fairybrook	Anna Rae Sand Shark Jump For Joy	Jump For Joy Sand Shark Anna Rae	Jump For Joy Enterprise Value Sand Shark
5	Cashless Society Unbridledadventure Mo Promise	Cashless Society Woundwithhereyes Cha Cha Heels	Cashless Society Feed Me Carats Unbridledadventure	Cashless Society Unbridledadventure Gold Lace	Unbridledadventure Cashless Society Gold Lace
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GUEST HANDICAPPER UPDATE

Today's guest handicapper is Jude Feld, analyst and paddock report for the Eclipse Award-winning Horse Racing Radio Network since 2007. Jude got his start in racing making charts for Daily Racing Form at Ellis Park and later became a trainer in California, sending out 23 stakes winners that include graded stakes winners Pewter Grey, Steff Graf and Vieille Vigne. Part of two

production teams that won Eclipse Awards. Saturday, Jesse Ullery picked two winners.

*The guest win total does not include Monday or Wednesday, when only The Special's regular handicappers picks appeared at thisishorseracing.com.

For Closing Day Monday, check out our team's selections on page 31.

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Monday, September 4.

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1ST (12:30PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO). 6F	
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic		
1 1Enticed	.I Alvarado	K McLaughlin 3-1
2 2Egyptian Prince	R Maragh	C Summers 5-1
3 3Sand Dancer	.I Bravo	T Hills 12-1
4 4Can Go		
5 5Mind Bottling		
6 6Pete Marwick		
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8 8Marzo		
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2ND (1:03PM). \$47,000, CLM \$40,00	በ 3 VN'S & IIP 1 1	I/RM (INNER TIIRE)
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, I	Pic 3 Pic 4 Daily Do	nuble
1 1You Like That		
2 2Son of Oahu		
3 3Itsabigboy		
4 4Muhaawer	IVI. I Talloo	K Mel aughlin 6-1
5 5Rollin Smoke		
6 6Unexplained		
7 7Sutter's Mill	N. Iviai ayii	C Paker 20.1
8 8Eucalyptus		
9 9There Goes Ben		
10 10Carbon Data		
11 11Baseline	L. Saez	B. COX
12 12Independent Worker		
13 AECuckoo's Saloon	J. Alvarado	A. Quartarolo 30-1
14 AEBunyaan	I. Ortiz, Jr	L. Rice 15-1
15 MTOEscape Velocity	J. Ortiz	C. Brown 7-2
3RD (1:36PM). \$32,000, CLM \$16,00		
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Dail	ly Double	
1 1	C. McMahon	A. Quartarolo 12-1
2 2No Hiding Place		
3 3Evolution		
4 4Drover Crazy		
5 5Driving Me Crazy		
6 6Sir Bond	J. Alvarado	R. Rodriguez 2-1
4TH (2:09PM). \$90,000, AOC \$62,50		м, 6 1/2F
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, I	Pic 3, Daily Double	
1 1Myfourchix	J. Lezcano	R. Schosberg 6-1
2 2Ring Knocker	A. Arroyo	G. Gullo 4-1
3 3Chorus Line	J. Rosario	E. DeLauro 12-1
4 4Cursor	J. Alvarado	M. Hennig 7-2
5 5Miss Wilby		
6 6Kelsocait		
7 7Your Love		
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5TH (2:43PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO,	F . 1 1/16M (INNER	R TURF)
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic		
1 1Coffee Crush		I Toner 12-1
2 2Jody's Song	F Cancel	Ι Δhreu 15-1
3 3Critique		
4 4Wild and Funny		
5 5Secretsof the Nile		
6 6Daddy Is a Legend		
77Tropical Wave		
8 8Rushing Fall		
9 9Fairy Link	J. Bravo	
10 10Kickin Kimberly		
11 AECyrielle		
12 AENight Owl		
13 AESureis		
14 MTOLady by Choice		
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15..... MTOMy Bronx Tail Rider TBA W. Mott 5-2

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6TH (3:18PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO,			
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5	5, Daily Double	C Caianan 20	4
11Call the Cat 22Impact Player	A. Arroyo J. Velazquez	G. Sciacca	·1 ·2
3 3Regalian	R. Maragh	C. Summers 20-	-1
4 4Wellwest 5 5He's Bankable			
6 6Bet It All to Win	F. Geroux	N. Zito	-1
7 7Kilroy Was Here	J. Lezcano	A. Stall, Jr	-1
8 8Home Run Maker 9 9Engage	L. Saez J. Ortiz	J. Englenart 6- C. Brown 8-	· 1 ·5
7TH (3:53PM). \$250,000, STK - THE B	BERNARD BARUCH, 3	3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (TURF)	
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4	1. Daily Double	•	_
1 1Heart to Heart	I. Urtiz, Jr I. Rosario	B. Lyncn5- C. Brown 5-	·2 ·1
3 3Delta Prince	J. Velazquez	J. Jerkens 6-	-1
4 4Ring Weekend	J. Ortiz	H. Motion	-1
5 5 American Patriot 6 6 Forge (GB)			
7 7	J. Lezcano	C. Martin	1
8 8Highland Sky	R. Maragh	B. Tagg 12-	-1
9 9Projected (GB)	F. Geroux	C. Brown7-	-2
8th (4:28PM). \$78,000, AOC \$40,000, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily	3 yo's & up, F & M , 1 / Double	M (Inner turf)	
1 1Free N Clear	J. Alvarado		
2 2Driven by Speed	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	-2
3 3Iron Mizz 4 4 Tizzelle			
5 5Rockin Alli			
6 6Style Drift	I. Ortiz, Jr	C. Brown 5-	-1
7 7Bareeqa	J. Lezcano	D. Gargan	1
8 8Lady Joan 9 9 Belle of the Spa			
10 10Barrier to Entry	F. Geroux F. Cancel	B. Blowii	· i ·1
11 11B Rockett	J. Bravo	G. Arnold, II 12-	-1
12 12Flattermefabulous	M. Franco	C. Martin	-1
13 MTOLegally Bay 14 MTOJcs American Dream			
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9TH (5:05PM). \$350,000, STK - THE F Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Doub	le		
1 1Mojovation			
2 2Oskar Blues 3 3Firenze Fire			
4 4Psychoanalyze			
5 5National Flag	J. Ortiz	<u>T</u> . Pletcher 9-	2
6 6Sporting Chance			
7 7Givemeaminit 8 8Free Drop Billy	J. Rosano R Albarado	D Romans 4-	· I · 1
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10TH (5:40PM). \$73,000, MSW, 3 YO Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			4
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3 3Connie A	L. Saez	T. Pletcher 5-	i
4 4It Ain't Easy	J. Lezcano	L. Rice8-	-1
5 5Justenuff Hope			
6 6Something Joyful 7 7Toni the Tigress			
8 8Lulu's Pom Pom			
9 9Elegant Jem	M. Franco	T. Morley 15-	-1
10 10Nothingbutasmile	J. Bravo	M. Maker 15-	∙1
1111Live That Fantasy	E. Cancel	M. Shevy 30-	.1 .2
12 12Andretta 13 AEObjective Complete			
14 AESandy Belle			
15 AEGrandpa's Arianna	J. Velazquez	G. Weaver 6-	
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MONDAY HANDICAPPING

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1	Marzo Dirty Enticed	Marzo Egyptian Prince Enticed	Marzo Enticed Dirty	Dirty Marzo Sand Dancer	Marzo Dirty Pete Marwick
2	Carbon Data Itsabigboy Escape Velocity	Carbon Data Muhaawer Escape Velocity	Escape Velocity Son Of Oahu Itsabigboy	Escape Velocity Unexplained Carbon Data	Unexplained Baseline Son Of Oahu
3	Driving Me Crazy No Hiding Place Sir Bond	Driving Me Crazy No Hiding Place Sir Bond	Driving Me Crazy Sir Bond No Hiding Place	Sir Bond Driving Me Crazy No Hiding Place	No Holding Place Drover Crazy Sir Bond
4	Your Love Cursor Miss Wilby	Ring Knocker Chorus Line Your Love	Your Love Ring Knocker Myfourchix	Ring Knocker Kelsocait Your Love	Kelsocait Your Love Ring Knocker
5	Lady By Choice Rushing Fall Critique	Wild And Funny Critique Daddy Is A Legend	Coffee Crush Rushing Fall Critique	My Bronx Tail Wild And Funny Rushing Fall	Daddy Is A Legend Rushing Fall Fairy Link
6	Engage Impact Player Kilroy Was Here	Impact Player He's Bankable Engage	Kilroy Was Here Impact Player Engage Heart To Heart	Engage Impact Player Home Run Maker	Engage Home Run Maker Impact Player American Patriot Projected Forge Bareeqa Style Drift Tizzelle Sporting Chance Givemeaminit
7	Heart To Heart Projected Delta Prince Jcs American Dream	Projected Delta Prince Ring Weekend	Projected Delta Prince	Forge Glorious Empire Delta Prince Jcs American Dream	Projected Forge Bareega
8	Driven By Speed Tizzelle	Driven By Speed Bareeqa Belle Of The Spa	Driven By Speed Belle Of The Spa Lady Joan	Free N Clear Bareeqa	Style Drift Tizzelle
9	Mojovation National Flag Firenze Fire	Mojovation Givemeamint National Flag	Free Drop Billy Givemeaminit Mojovation	Firenze Fire Givemeaminit Free Drop Billy	
10	Lulu's Pom Pom Amanda Lane Andretta	Lulu's Pom Pom Andretta Amanda Lane	Andretta Lulu's Pom Pom Connie A	Grandpa's Arianna Andretta It Ain't Easy	Lulu's Pom Pom Something Joyful Andretta
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GUEST HANDICAPPER UPDATE

Monday's guest handicapper is John Fahey, a Louisville native and former trainer who won with his first Saratoga starter July 25, 2008 when Fort Apache Star won a starter allowance going 6 1/2 furlongs on the main track. Fahey worked for Hall of Famers D. Wayne Lukas and Steve Asmussen and at Overbrook Farm and Taylor Made Farm in Kentucky during college.

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Every horse starts somewhere, even Saratoga superstars. Keeneland Sales helps The Special look back at some memorable graded stakes winners – and Keeneland graduates – at the Spa. We'll look back, re-connect and dig up some memories. Enjoy.

Practical Joke

The Hopeful 2016

BY JOE CLANCY

Kyle Crupper was at the Walmart in Paris, Ky., the other day and got stopped by a Practical Joke fan.

"Man, I so enjoy watching that horse," the man said.

And that is the reach of a good horse. You can be at Walmart shopping for whatever and some-body you don't know will talk to you about a horse your family raised. Crupper is the 28-year-old son of Keith Crupper, who co-owns Whispering Oaks Farm with his brother Allen.

The Cruppers bred Practical Joke – now a three-time Grade 1 winner for Klaravich Stable and Bill Lawrence. Trained by Chad Brown, the bay colt flew onto the scene with two wins here last summer – a maiden score Aug. 6 and the Grade 1 Hopeful on closing day. Since then, he's added the Grade 3 Dwyer, finished third in the Haskell and won the Grade 1 H. Allen Jerkens Stakes here on Travers Day.

The success is not lost on anyone at Whispering Oaks, or the good people of Paris.

"Oh man, it's hard to describe a feeling like that," said Keith this week when asked what it was like to watch Practical Joke win some of the country's most storied races. "It's that graduating-high-school moment or something. It's a moment in your life where you've accomplished something you've been after for a while. Obviously, this is the first horse of this magnitude that we've bred and raised. We're very proud of him."

Staked by money earned on the racetrack by four-time winner V.I.P. Princess, Whispering Oaks spent \$130,000 to buy the broodmare Halo Humor at the 2008 Keeneland January sale. She was carrying a Fusaichi Pegasus foal, who never raced. A 2009 foal by Bluegrass Cat, Cat On,



never got out of the claiming ranks. A 2009 Colonel John filly, Humor Me Colonel, ran once. A 2012 Badge Of Silver filly, Oops Times Two, lost three starts (cheap). Then came Practical Joke. Keith Crupper stuck with his belief in Storm Catline sires and bred Halo Humor to Into Mischief in 2013. The bay colt was the goods from the beginning.

"He was always a bit of a leader, you do watch them out there and horses have a pecking order," Crupper said. "We pushed him out of (Keeneland November) to January because we thought he would be a little better there in terms of book placings and things."

Clear Ridge Stables spent \$135,000 on the freshly turned yearling, then pinhooked him to

Keeneland September where Mike Ryan went to \$240,000 on behalf of Aquinnah Ventures for Klaravich and Lawrence.

"He was a very mature, very impressive physical," Ryan said after the Jerkens win. "Had a boldness about him, masculine head, a very stoic horse. You watch him now and his mental constitution is extraordinary, and his physical. He really has a constitution that is mental and physical. And he's a fighter."

That's fairly evident. He won his debut by 5 lengths, then prevailed in a three-way photo in the Hopeful. He had to battle again in the Grade 1 Champagne at Belmont, fighting off Syndergaard by a nose for a third consecutive win.

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Practical Joke —

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Third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Practical Joke finished second in two Kentucky Derby preps and wound up fifth in the Derby itself. He then won the Dwyer in July, and finished third when beaten a half-length in the Grade 1 Haskell.

Shortened up to 7 furlongs in the Jerkens, which used to be the King's Bishop, Practical Joke went from 5 lengths down to winning by 1 1/4 lengths in 3 furlongs – his third Grade 1 win and fifth triumph from 10 starts. He's been worse than third once, in the Derby.

"The horse doesn't quit," said Crupper. "They may outrun him like they did in the Derby, but they're not going to outwork him."

The Cruppers sold the best horse they've ever raised, but that's what they do. There's no (well, not much) looking back, even if they keep the occasional homebred to race. It's a business, the colt sold well, the pinhooker made money and the end users are thrilled. And there's always room in the equation for another star. Halo Humor, who hasn't had a foal since Practical Joke, is carrying a full-sibling to the earner of \$1.6 million (and counting) and could be on the market this fall.

"We're not Lane's End," Crupper said with a laugh. "Zenyatta is not turned out here. We've got five or six of our own mares, and some for clients. They're all in one field, gathered up. They get cared for and we do a good job, but we've got to look at moving the mare or selling that foal. We ran into some bad luck with her (and didn't have a foal) but she's back in foal to Into Mischief and it's exciting."

And if Practical Joke, arguably the most consistent 3-year-old of 2017, keeps on rolling up major wins, the prices will only rise.

"We keep moving her closer to the house so we can keep an eye on her," Crupper joked of Halo Humor. "One more go and she's going to be in the garage. I remember when I was a kid and we'd sit around watching these races with my parents. We didn't daydream we'd be associated with horses in races like this. It's an amazing feeling."



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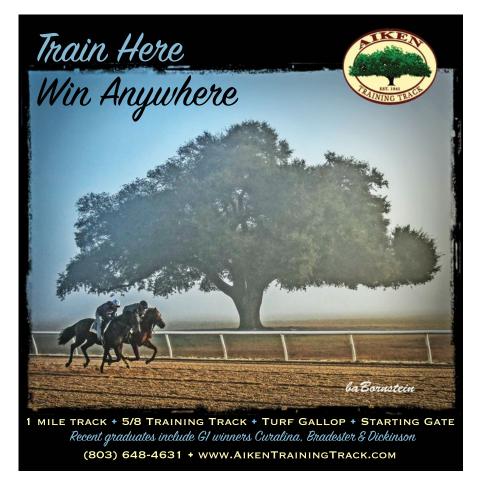
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BY SEAN CLANCY

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-outof-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.

At The Special, 28 editions are in the books, strewn together with all the effort, creativity and pizzazz we could muster. The 29th is on the ledge, just another 700 more words and the curtain will come down.

None of the issues are as good as we would have liked, but they are as good as we could do. There's a difference.

When I was a kid at Saratoga, I thought galloping six horses a day for the likes of Mike Hushion, Leo O'Brien, P.G. Johnson, John Hertler, Vinnie Blengs, Robbie Laurin and Leroy Jolley and riding two jump races a week was the best I could do. While here, I felt like I worked hard, played hard, gave it my all. Then I would get in my car at the end of the meet and face the dread of underachievement, wasted opportunity, squandered moments. Coming home to an empty room didn't help (now Annie and Miles wait for me, what a difference that makes) but it was always a long drive home. Broke and busted and hours of thinking, whew, I never felt lower. It was strange, I loved my summers here and hated what they did to me or, more like, what I did to them.

faced with a blank slate.

At 30, blank slates aren't nearly as captivating as when you're 20. When you're starting over at 30, you can't afford to get it wrong. Saratoga held a funny spot, it made sense when I was galloping horses and riding races, when I was young and free, that's where I belonged, but once that was over, I

Good Bye

At the end of the meet, when there is just one issue still to go, the little moments seem to linger longer, seem to register deeper.

didn't feel like I had a reason to be here. I'm not a great tourist. I couldn't come here on vacation, I'm not a handicapper, I didn't work the sales and I knew I didn't want to be a horse trainer. I knew I needed a role or a project if I was coming back to Saratoga the following summer.

Joe and I kicked around ideas. After eight years of the niche of all niche publications, Steeplechase Times, it was time to punt or plan. We huddled and came up with The Saratoga Special. Since that first summer in 2001, I've never left Saratoga with a feeling of underachievement.

This year, sure, I would have liked to have gone to dinner with Phil Serpe and Jimmy Jerkens and breakfast with Mike Hushion. Of course, a round of golf and a ride around the stable area on Wabbajack would have been fun. And, no that life-changing Pick 6 didn't come to fruition, but I'll be OK doubt. But, squandered opportunity, a mad-at-myself shroud, nah.

Now, the drive comes easy. Yes, exhausted and When I retired from riding races in 2000, I was spent but there is no dread or malaise. We are proud of what we accomplished. Yes, we could have done it better and yes there are things we missed and things we fumbled, but we did it. Whether you're training horses, riding horses, betting horses, writing newspapers, flipping burgers, directing traffic, selling tip sheets or shining shoes, I hope you feel the same way when you leave this magical place.

At the end of the meet, when there is just one issue still to go, the little moments seem to linger longer, seem to register deeper.

Earlier in the day, a man grabbed The Special out of our paper box on East Avenue, held it in the air and smelled it, sucking in the essence of the printed newspaper, the essence of Saratoga, the essence of another summer coming to a close.

Hours later, Gun Runner earned his way to his second consecutive cover, dominating the Woodward for his third consecutive Grade 1 stakes score. Steve Asmussen walked out, took a selfie with a New England Patriots' fan, met up with jockey Florent Geroux who was heading back to the barn to greet the 4-year-old colt who made an indelible mark on Saratoga this summer. Fans funneled out in the dark, applauded Asmussen and Geroux, wishing them luck in the Breeders' Cup and headed for their cars. That's Saratoga, where you don't feel crazy for being a racing fan.

Longtime Special photographer and friend, Dave Harmon, dropping off his final batch of photos, thanked us for another season. I looked up from 843 words into the Woodward recap and thanked him for 17 years of belief. "Has it been that long?" Dave asked. "Somebody asked me today, I knew it had been awhile. Hey, I love it."

Adam Newman, an owner and a longtime reader. leaving. Bittersweet, of course. Melancholic, no running partner and fan of The Special, walked in with a bottle of champagne. Told us to have a toast later. We'll see how we feel.

> Ray Swift, a longtime reader of The Special walked in the door as Tom, Tiller, Valvo, Joe and I hammered tired fingers on tired keys on tired computers. Swift brought Augie's To Go, another morsel of Saratoga goodwill to keep us going late into the night. Swift knew not to stay long, waving, "Keep doing what you're doing, we love you."

> We'll try. In a day or two, I'll hit the Northway, another year older, another Saratoga richer.





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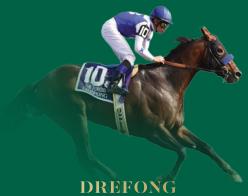
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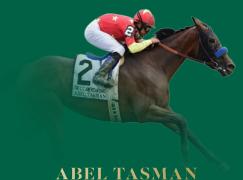
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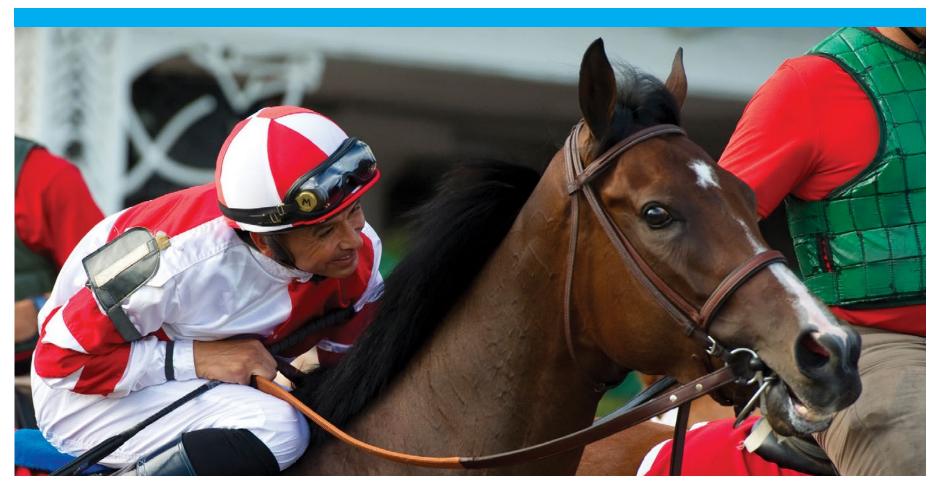
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