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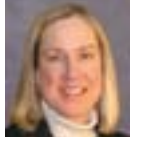
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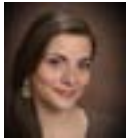
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Point Man. Paddock judge Neal Cutrone keeps them organized Friday afternoon.

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"You need a number, call me. I've got all of them, all of them."

**Jock's agent Mike Gonzalez, who came up with
Finger Lakes trainer Dan Conway's in 30 seconds**

"He rode a horse for me in Florida – a long time ago – and he won. He
remembered. That's the only business we've done together until now."

Trainer Dan Conway, on jock's agent and former jockey Mike Gonzalez

"I specialize in the ones that aren't moving."

**Nolan Clancy, amateur horse photographer
while shooting morning workouts Saturday**

"I just have to make it through the night."

**Jimmy Toner, trainer of favorite Winter Memories,
about preparations for today's Lake Placid**

"Fast horses."

Jockey John Velazquez, on the key to consistency

"I normally let Rick do the talking."

Owner Patsy Symons after winning the Yaddo with Gitchee Goomie

"Just keep on working, that's all I can do."

Jockey Alan Garcia about breaking out of a slump

"She leaves everything she has in the race."

Garcia, after winning aboard Gitchee Goomie

"My couch."

**Hotwalker Ryan Clancy, 18, pointing to Ramon Dominguez's
broken-down golfcart in front of Graham Motion's barn**

"That's an honor."

Agent Mike Kelly, taking the first copy of The Special Saturday morning

"You want them to have an energetic walk, but not too energetic."

Paddock handicapper Nolan Clancy, 10

"I Love Lucy"

Slogan on Lucy's hat at the Morning Line Kitchen

"Hey Tizway."

Yelled to jockey Rajiv Maragh Saturday morning

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"I hate Tuesday calls. No entries, no races, it can only be bad news."

Owner Alan Brodsky

"I'm going to sell ShamWows."

Craig Levites on his choice of careers

"I'm running one at Suffolk."

Trainer Will Phipps, when asked when he was going to turn one loose

LICENSE PLATE OF THE DAY

LOL, Massachusetts

BY THE NUMBERS

21: People watching Shackelford roll on the ground Saturday morning.

1, 1A, 1X: Program numbers assigned to the Motion family's dogs Sasha, Ginger and Bentley by a fan Saturday morning.

LOOSE HORSE OF THE DAY

Purest Form, who cantered around the David Fawkes/Steve Margolis shedrow after getting cast in his stall and breaking his webbing Saturday morning. The 2-year-old sidestepped any number of humans and near catastrophes, before being caught by The Special's Joe Clancy (now 2-for-2 on loose horses at the meet). Loose Horse No. 1, Don't Fooli Houli, runs in Sunday's first.

NAMES OF THE DAY

Wyomia, fourth race. We aren't sure if owner/breeder Edward Seltzer named the daughter of Vindication after Wyomia Tyus, gold medal winner in the 1964 Summer Olympics but it sure fits for the three-time winner.

Depreciable, fifth race. WinStar's homebred is out of After Taxes.

Reservation Blues, sixth race. In a repeat appearance, Ned Evans' homebred is by Indian Charlie out of Gone For Christmas.

Malla, seventh race. Birch Wood Farm's 2-year-old is by Wild Desert (Malla is in Afghanistan).

Strike Accord. We don't usually go for a play on words, but Mary and Chester Broman nailed this one, 2-year-old filly is by Smart Strike out of New Harmony.

WEATHER

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. High, 82. Low, 62.

Monday: Partly cloudy. High, 76. Low, 54.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High, 74. Low, 55.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High, 81. Low, 62.



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	GS Wins	GS Wnrs	Stk Wins	Stk Wnrs
Team Valor International	5	4	10	8
Starlight	3	1	4	2
Peachtree	3	1	4	2
Blinkers On	2	1	2	1
Dogwood	2	1	2	1
West Point	1	1	2	2
Thoroughbred Legends	1	1	1	1
Class Racing	—	—	7	4
Fantasy Lane	—	—	2	1
Pinnacle Racing	—	—	2	1
Centennial	—	—	1	1
Majestic Stable	—	—	1	1
Bongo	—	—	—	—
Elite Racing	—	—	—	—
Funky Monkey Stable	—	—	—	—
IEAH	—	—	—	—
Parting Glass	—	—	—	—
Pewter	—	—	—	—
Sackatoga Stable	—	—	—	—
Sovereign	—	—	—	—
Starview	—	—	—	—
Team Stallion	—	—	—	—
Team Victory	—	—	—	—
Three Chimneys	—	—	—	—
Victory Thoroughbreds	—	—	—	—

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Royal Delta grabs lead late, wins Grade I

BY SEAN CLANCY

Bill Mott thought about his owner, his friend.

"It's just a shame he couldn't be here to watch her," Mott said. "I don't know what happens when you leave this place but I hope he was watching."

Revelers walked to Siro's, NYRA officials walked through the paddock to go home Saturday evening. Billy Joel's New York State of Mind had long since played. And Hall of Famer Bill Mott had won the Grade I Alabama with Royal Delta. Owned and bred by HH Prince Saud bin Khaled's Palides Investments, Royal Delta provided a euphoric – and bittersweet – moment for Mott.

Khaled died in January. Royal Delta won the Alabama in August. The horses will be dispersed in the fall.

"He was a friend, he trusted you," Mott said. "He called every day, 'how you doing, how's the weather, what did you run, what race you in, what number are you?' A good guy. A good friend. He always rooted



Tod Marks

Royal Delta (7) goes after It's Tricky and Plum Pretty in the stretch of Saturday's Alabama.

for us to win."

Khaled provided plenty of wins.

Royal Delta's dam, Delta Princess, won 11 races for Mott and Khaled. Royal Delta has already won four.

Ron Wallace helped manage Khaled's Chanteclair Farm in Versailles, Ky. Wallace has worked with the three generations – Lyphard's Delta, Delta Princess and Royal Delta. The latter was always special to Khaled and Wallace.

"It's bittersweet because he was around to see her

2-year-old win, we knew from day one she was great, in fact, he always sells his yearlings and let's the market decide which ones he keeps, but I never showed this one," Wallace said. "Lane's End came by and said, 'where was this filly, we never saw her.' I said that's right, nobody saw her. When we sent her to Bill, I said, 'Bill, we've got one for you.' He called me about two months later and said, 'You're right, we've got one.' "

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Royal Delta broke her maiden by 12 lengths in October, lost the Suncoast in a troubled trip in March, won an allowance race at Keeneland in April and the Black Eyed Susan in May. Sent off at 2-1 in the Coaching Club American Oaks on opening weekend here, she fought with Lezcano for the first part, never looked comfortable and wound up a badly beaten third.

A month later, everything that did go wrong in the CCA Oaks went right in the Alabama.

The striking daughter of Empire Maker broke well from the rail and Jose Lezcano kept her in the breach rather than trying to take her back as he did in the CCA Oaks. Plum Pretty cleared Royal Delta and It's Tricky ranged up in second as Royal Delta found a sweet spot in third, inside and relaxed. Plum Pretty doled out a quarter mile in 24.54, It's Tricky sat second to her outside, Royal Delta cruised in third on the inside, Pinch Pie and St. John's River adopted spots in fourth and fifth and favorite Inglorious climbed uncomfortably outside and last.

Plum Pretty managed to sneak to a clear lead after a half in 49.31 as Lezcano emulated Royal Delta's Saratoga exercise rider Rodolphe Brisset melting his hands low and long at her withers, bracing but not fighting. Royal Delta stretched her long neck, found her rhythm, and maintained striking distance on the 1-2 finishers of the CCA Oaks.

Exactly as Mott wanted.

"We didn't know what the pace was going to be today, we knew who the likely speed horses were and that's how it set up," Mott said. "If they were going to go in 48, we were going to go in 48, I said, 'Look, just don't grab her.' And as it turned out, she wasn't that rank today, she left there, he let her go up in there, she was actually up inside the leader."

Plum Pretty went three quarters in 1:13.12 as It's Tricky began to move to her outside midway on the turn and for a moment it appeared to be a grudge match from the CCA Oaks. But only for a moment. Plum Pretty turned for home with It's Tricky latched onto her. Lezcano asked Royal Delta to launch and the daughter of Empire Maker churned for a moment, wavered to her left for another moment and then turned the switch. It took her forever to get to them and then took nothing to pass them. Under right-handed whip pressure, Royal Delta sliced left as she put her head in front, swapping to her left lead and cutting to the rail like she was pulled by a puppet master. You might want to check Lezcano's left boot for white paint.

By the wire, Royal Delta had streaked to a 5 1/2-length win over It's Tricky and Pinch Pie. Royal Delta finished 10 furlongs in 2:03.13.

The debacle in the CCA Oaks was forgiven and forgotten.

"I was disappointed but I realized they had gotten into a wrestling match," Mott said of the loss. "He knew where he wanted to be but instead of a 46 and

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Royal Delta hugs the rail late in the Alabama.

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change pace that they had at Pimlico, we had a 47 and change pace and she just wasn't going to relax, and she was fresh, she hadn't run in two months, she's still green, she's still not totally professional and she certainly wasn't that day, she was much more professional today, at least for the first mile and three sixteenths, the last sixteenth she was a little green."

Mott experimented with a turf breeze, 16 days after the Oaks, but for the most part wiped the slate clean and aimed at the Alabama.

It's what Khaled would have wanted, he knew that for sure.

"He would have said go to the Alabama," Mott said. "He liked to step up to the plate."

It helps when you're swinging a big, beautiful, sound, long-striding, blue-blooded filly who's just starting to get good.

Mott took his time with Royal Delta, unveiling her at a mile at Belmont in the fall where she won easily. He backed off, went to Florida and didn't run her again until March, picking out a \$55,000 stakes where the race blew up from the start when she got bounced around and Alex Solis' saddle slipped. Regrouped again, she won a first-level allowance easily at Keeneland, "I just wanted to win a race," Mott said, and then skipped the Kentucky Oaks to shoot for the Black Eyed Susan. Mott sees it at as one of the keys to the Alabama.

"I think missing the Kentucky Oaks was key, we were willing to take a step back and get a stakes win into her, in the long run, that worked out for us," Mott said, referring to the relatively easy score in the Black Eyed Susan. "When we passed the Kentucky Oaks, this was the race we zeroed in on, then you just fast forward and work back from there, what's going to get us there, 'OK, we're going to miss the Oaks, we're not seasoned enough for that, we just came off a one-other-than at Keeneland and we were on the bubble of



Royal Delta glides to the finish with a Grade I score in Saturday's Alabama.

Dave Harmon

getting in the Oaks. We just bypassed it and pointed for this."

Mott planned on running Royal Delta in the Mother Goose at Belmont when she lost two hind shoes breezing on the Belmont Park training track six days before the planned Grade I foray. It was a bump in the road but not a pothole.

"She bruised both her feet and couldn't get out of the stall for two days. I don't know why. It was weird. She came back and we thought she was tying up, she

didn't leave the stall for two days," Mott said. "By the time the Mother Goose ran, she was back on the track and she was jogging, she wasn't perfect but she was pretty good. You could have galloped her and said she's pretty good, but she wasn't right. But if we ran in the Mother Goose, four weeks to the Coaching Club, four weeks to this, maybe it would have been too much. Sometimes, Mother Nature has a way of working things out for you, it takes care of drunks, idiots and dumb horse trainers."

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Dk B/ Br Gelding 2007, by Songandaprayer - Greening by Greinton (GB) Owner: Hauman, Eugene, E., Dahlman, Ernest. Trainer: Steve Margolis. Breeder: Ernest J. Dahlman & Eugene E. Hauman (NY). Time: 1:10.37 Exacta (6-8), \$60.50; Superfecta (6-8-5-3), \$3,345.00; Trifecta (6-8-5), \$453.00					

SECOND \$46,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

5	Fox Rules	J. Grabowski	\$47.20	\$19.20	\$10.40
7	Unbridled Command	C. Velasquez		\$10.40	\$7.50
1	Western Tryst	R. Curatolo			\$12.60
Ch Colt 2009, by Roman Ruler - Shesastonecoldfox by Foxhound Owner: Langpap Stables. Trainer: M. Ferraro. Breeder: Dennis Petrisak & Deborah Petrisak (NY). Late Scratches: Educator, Goose No Fruit, Live for Today Time: 1:44.93 Daily Double (6-5), \$239.00; Exacta (5-7), \$472.50; Quinella (5-7), \$220.00; Superfecta (5-7-1-9), \$16,439.00; Trifecta (5-7-1), \$3,589.00					

THIRD \$26,120, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

3	One Way to Rock	J. Chavez	\$4.10	\$3.20	\$2.70
5	Gypsy Warrior	J. Rodriguez		\$8.30	\$5.60
6	Robbie's Turn	J. Espinoza			\$11.00
Ch Colt 2008, by Purge - Garden Party by A. P Jet Owner: Funky Munky Stable LLC. Trainer: Gary Gullo. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Nielsen (NY). Late Scratches: Stonemill Time: 1:11.03 Daily Double (5-3), \$148.00; Exacta (3-5), \$41.80; Superfecta (3-5-6-1), \$2,631.00; Trifecta (3-5-6), \$618.00; Pic 3 (6-5-3), \$764.00					

FOURTH \$20,000, CLAIMING \$15,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

4	Running Tap	R. Dominguez	\$3.00	\$2.20	\$2.10
3	Fiji Star (ARG)	J. Leparoux		\$2.70	\$2.20
1	Local Legacy	C. Velasquez			\$2.60
Gr/ro Colt 2008, by Tapit - Wild Flo by Wild Again Owner: Yinz Guyz Stable, Dunn, Christopher. Trainer: Robert Hess, Jr.. Breeder: Valerie McNeely Equivine Farm (PA). Late Scratches: Black Diablo, Raecinjasin, Take a Walk Claimed: Running Tap claimed by Imperio, Michael for \$15,000 Time: 1:24.46 Daily Double (3-4), \$5.20; Exacta (4-3), \$5.30; Quinella (3-4), \$3.60; Consolation Double (3-6), \$3.40; Pic 3 (5-3-4), \$240.50; (5-3-6), \$141.50					

FIFTH \$29,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

4	Short Shrift	J. Lezcano	\$6.80	\$3.70	\$3.10
8	Marine Officer	A. Garcia		\$5.00	\$4.30
3	Equivocation	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$7.80
Ch Gelding 2006, by Hennessy - Bank On Her by Rahy Owner: Moran, Michael, J.. Trainer: Jack Fisher. Breeder: W Lazy T Limited (KY). Late Scratches: Smart Farming, Con the Cat, Katy's Office Girl, Hurling, Medieval Sword, Cosmic King, Worth a Buck Time: 1:42.41 Daily Double (4-4), \$8.40; Exacta (4-8), \$30.80; Superfecta (4-8-3-10), \$2,060.00; Trifecta (4-8-3), \$313.50; Consolation Double (4-9), \$2.60; Pic 3 (3-4-4), \$15.00; (3-4-9), \$5.10; (3-6-4), \$9.90; (3-6-9), \$3.20; Pic 4 (5-3-4-4), \$554.00					

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SIXTH \$57,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

8	B Shanny	R. Dominguez	\$14.00	\$6.40	\$4.80
3	El Padrino	J. Velazquez		\$4.30	\$3.20
4	Grandpa Len	J. Lezcano			\$3.90
Dk B/ Br Colt 2009, by Street Cry (IRE) - Nothing But Fun by Dixie Union Owner: Schwartz, Barry, K.. Trainer: Michael Hushion. Breeder: Stonewall Farm (NY). Time: 1:24.03 Daily Double (4-8), \$70.50; Exacta (8-3), \$61.00; Superfecta (8-3-4-1), \$1,374.00; Trifecta (8-3-4), \$264.50; Pic 3 (4-4-8), \$83.50; (4-9-8), \$25.60					

SEVENTH \$35,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$50,000-\$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

7	Tapaway	J. Leparoux	\$14.40	\$7.50	\$5.40
9	Mosquito	C. Velasquez		\$6.40	\$3.90
1	The Laurels	R. Dominguez			\$3.20
B Colt 2008, by Tapit - Victory Road by Ikari Owner: Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey. Trainer: Michael Maker. Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. & WinchellThoroughbreds (KY). Late Scratches: Go to the Net, Orsonian, Tell Grant, Big Herman, Bundestag (GB) Time: 1:37.08 Daily Double (8-7), \$112.50; Exacta (7-9), \$105.00; Superfecta (7-9-1-10), \$1,331.00; Trifecta (7-9-1), \$466.00; Pic 3 (4-8-7), \$744.00					

EIGHTH \$55,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

10	Fantastic Song	J. Castellano	\$20.40	\$9.70	\$7.20
1	Animal Spirits	R. Albarado		\$9.50	\$7.10
4	Ancil	J. Leparoux			\$6.80
B Colt 2009, by Lemon Drop Kid - Fantastic Shirl by Fantastic Light Owner: Dell Ridge Farm. Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY). Late Scratches: Politicallycorrect, My Adonis, Seve, Daddy Nose Best Time: 1:43.84 Daily Double (7-10), \$117.00; Exacta (10-1), \$151.00; Superfecta (10-1-4-3), \$4,172.00; Trifecta (10-1-4), \$1,320.00; Pic 3 (8-7-10), \$1,224.00					

NINTH \$59,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

5	La Reine Lionne	J. Leparoux	\$5.10	\$3.10	\$2.50
2	Exclusive Love	S. Bridgmohan		\$5.40	\$3.90
9	Crescenda	R. Maragh			\$6.60
B Filly 2007, by Leroidesanimaux (BRZ) - Unbridled Lover by Unbridled Owner: Pompa, Jr., Paul, P., Hidden Brook Farm. Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Liberation Farm & Stonewall Farm (KY). Late Scratches: Precious Soul, Connie and Michael, Full of Gut Time: 1:35.52 Daily Double (10-5), \$55.00; Exacta (5-2), \$22.60; Superfecta (5-2-9-8), \$781.00; Trifecta (5-2-9), \$188.00; Pic 3 (7-10-5), \$359.00					

TENTH \$500,000, STAKES - TVG ALABAMA S., 3 YO, 1 1/4M

1	Royal Delta	J. Lezcano	\$13.00	\$6.40	\$4.50
4	It's Tricky	E. Castro		\$3.90	\$3.30
2	Pinch Pie	J. Velazquez			\$5.20
Dk B/ Br Filly 2008, by Empire Maker - Delta Princess by A.P. Indy Owner: Palides Investments. Trainer: William Mott. Breeder: Palides Investments N.V., Inc. (KY).Time: 2:03.13 Daily Double (5-1), \$37.40; Exacta (1-4), \$40.40; Trifecta (1-4-2), \$408.50; Pic 3 (10-5-1), \$356.50; Place Pix Nine (1/7/9-1/4/10-2/5/9-1), \$161.50					

ELEVENTH \$49,000, NY-BRED AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

3	Midnight Billy	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$10.40	\$5.30	\$3.20
5	Talk Therapy	R. Dominguez		\$6.20	\$5.30
2	Westside Corral	J. Lezcano			\$3.90
Dk B/ Br Gelding 2007, by Captain Red - Midnight Show by Joyeux Danseur Owner: Kondilas, Nikolas. Trainer: Juan Ortiz. Breeder: Nikolaos Kondilas (NY). Late Scratches: Shrewd One, Wee Freudian, Iron Lou, Guns and Religion, Royal Majesty, Fight for V L T's Time: 1:36.78 Daily Double (1-3), \$63.50; Exacta (3-5), \$70.00; Superfecta (3-5-2-1), \$789.00; Trifecta (3-5-2), \$328.50; Consolation Double (1-10), \$9.00; Pic 3 (5-1-3), \$209.00; (5-1-10), \$27.40; Pic 4 (10-5-1-3), \$2,397.00; Pic 6 (8-7-10-5-1-3), \$1,576.00; Pic 6 (8-7-10-5-1-3), \$366,144.00					

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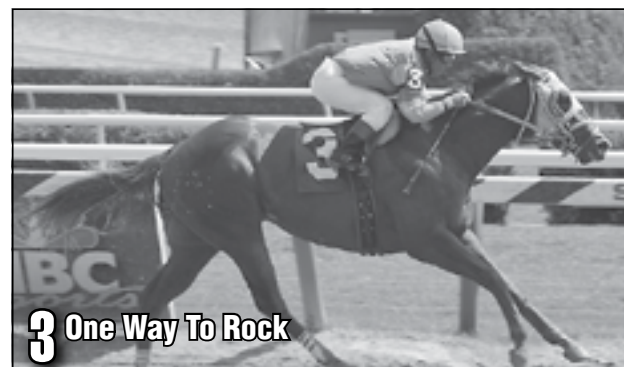
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Fox Rules (center) stays clear in Saturday's second for trainer Anthony Ferraro.

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Fox Rules pulls upset

Ferraro ships in for win

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

Saturday's second race turned out to be a good spot for shippers when Finger Lakes-based Fox Rules took command of the 1 1/16-mile turf maiden special weight.

The son of Roman Ruler escaped notice in the paddock, going off at 22-1 and giving trainer Anthony Ferraro his first winner (out of two runners) at the Saratoga meet.

Langpap Stables' 2-year-old colt identified himself from the beginning to Ferraro.

"I had him in Infields Training Center in Tampa in January, that's what I usually do, I have a bunch of horses there and get them ready for the season," Ferraro said. "I knew right away. His first work, he just showed a lot of promise to us."

Ferraro ran Fox Rules in a maiden special weight at Belmont July 14. The chestnut finished up the track, but Ferraro was smart enough to see a positive performance.

"Once he got outside and he got clear of the dirt, he

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Saratoga Leaders

Through Saturday

Jockeys1st

John Velazquez	41
Javier Castellano	32
Ramon Dominguez	28
Julien Leparoux	20

Rajiv Maragh	17
Cornelio Velasquez	14
Jose Lezcano	11
David Cohen	9
Kent Desormeaux	9
Irad Ortiz Jr.	9
Eddie Castro	8
Corey Nakatani	7
Alex Solis	7

Trainers.....1st

Todd Pletcher	26
Chad Brown	16
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Rudy Rodriguez	9
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made a real nice run so the race was a lot better than what it actually seemed,” Ferraro said.

Saturday’s effort was Fox Rules’ first start on the grass. The turf was an unknown quantity, but Ferraro took a calculated risk.

“His three-quarter brother (\$163,000 earner Elusive Fox) has made most of his money on the grass and I knew after his first race that he wants to go long, that was his ticket,” Ferraro said. “Whether he liked the turf or not was the question mark.”

There were no question marks in the winner’s circle, as Ferraro celebrated with rider John Grabowski, also based at Finger Lakes and now 1-for-1 at Saratoga.

• “Mile and a quarter,” Barry Schwartz said. Zero hesitation. Schwartz’s homebred, B Shanny, just bolted through a 7-furlong maiden special weight in Saturday’s sixth, streaking under the wire carrying Ramon Dominguez and Schwartz’s 2012 Kentucky Derby dreams.

“I’ve told people for weeks now, I think he’s the best horse I’ve ever bred, physically. And probably on pedigree too,” Schwartz said. “His dam (Nothing But Fun) won the Cotillion and was placed in two Grade Is, his sire is Street Cry, one of the top sires in the world right now.”

Schwartz and trainer Mike Hush-

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B Shanny (inside) prevails in a 2-year-old maiden race for trainer Mike Hushion.

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Fantastic Song (left) rallies past Animal Spirits to win the eighth and start a double for trainer Chad Brown.

Dave Harmon

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ion stood in the winner's circle long after the race was over, watching and re-watching the replay. The press was gone, the jockey was gone, the horse was gone, but Schwartz and Hushion barely took their eyes off the big screen. B Shanny broke like a grown-up, carved out the pace and carried a comfortable 2-length advantage in the stretch. El Padrino made up ground late, but B Shanny coasted under the wire unthreatened.

One of only two horses with pre-existing form, B Shanny was second in a maiden special weight at Belmont July 14, surprising his number one supporter.

"I expected him to do it the first start," Schwartz said. "He was a little green, the race was probably too short for him. Ramon got off him and said, no problem running this horse back seven eighths."

- It was hard to know who to pay attention to after Saturday's opener. An absentee Steve Margolis lodged his first win of the meet with Green Monster and Rick Violette successfully brought Cribnote back to a there's-more-where-that-came-from third.

Shaun Bridgmohan and Green Monster didn't have the straightest of paths to the winner's circle, but they got the job done in the state-bred allowance. The 4-year-old son of Songandaprayer lugged out on the turn, dallied with a move inside of Cribnote at the five-

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sixteenths pole, gave up, dove wide and got up in the last jumps.

"I'd never been on him but he seems like he's a pretty honest horse, he tries," Bridgmohan said. "He's got his little quirks, he's pretty high strung but he was able to hold it together and I think it shows because he ran off the wall."

Eugene Hauman and Ernest Dahlman's gelding was making his first start for Kentucky-based Margolis. Bridgmohan emphasized the effort and attention it took to get Green Monster to the paddock, to the gate and to the winner's circle with his faculties still intact. The rider referred to an incident two weeks ago in which Green Monster flipped in the paddock here with Javier Castellano and had to be scratched.

"He came over in an iron halter and we left it on him all the way until we got to the gate and he still wanted to be a little erratic, but Steve's done such a great job schooling him," Bridgmohan said. "I think he kept his composure and that made the difference, because he needed every bit of it in the end because he just barely got there. He didn't waste a lot of energy like he always did in the post parade beforehand."

Rajiv Maragh returned to a saddle he left three years ago and was delighted to find that not much had changed. Crib-note broke like a horse going places and made a late surge to nab third for Red Diamond Stable. The horse drifted greenly in the stretch, reminding backers that this is only his fifth lifetime

start, but still validated the choice to bring him back to the racetrack.

"He was happy, fresh, he was excited about running today, he left the gate like a rocket and he ran a very good race," Maragh said. "He came with the intention to run, he had his game face on and he tried really hard. I would definitely expect him to move forward out of that race."

Maragh stood in the shade of the jock's room and recalled the race that, in his opinion, marked the colt as the best of his generation at the time (as a 2-year-old in 2008).

"In the Hopeful, when he started drifting out, I was just hoping we were going to be safe and didn't crash into the outside fence," Maragh said. "The fact that he recovered from all that to be second, with all the ground that he lost and all the lengths that he lost and get beat only a few lengths at the end, that's why I thought he was probably the best."

"Inside the eighth pole, he was really wide but he stopped drifting, and at that point I was like, 'Man. I've got a shot, he's coming back,'" Maragh recalled, shaking his head.

- Tapaway won the seventh race decisively for trainer Mike Maker, powering home in the mile inner turf maiden claimer.

Assistant trainer Jordan Blair missed most of the race.

"I was looking at the ground," Blair admitted.

Coming into the clubhouse turn, Tapaway was nearly taken out by a hard knock from Totemtale and blew out almost to the outside rail.

"I didn't figure we had a shot, so I started watching about the three-eighths pole," Blair said. "I saw him coming and I thought he'd make a run and kind of stop because that takes some air out of them when they get bumped like that. That was a fantastic turn of foot, he's been training amazing, probably the best in the barn."

The Gainesway-bred son of Tapit is a recent claim for Maker and Ken and Sarah Ramsey, making his first start for that stable Saturday.

Tapaway came into the race off five

starts, all of them troubled. His form included the comments steadied, five wide, carried out, clipped heels and bumped.

Maker added blinkers for the first time Saturday, but Blair and rider Julien Leparoux were reluctant to attribute that as the impetus behind Tapaway's lights-out run.

"I asked Julien the same thing about the blinkers and he said, 'I don't know,' " Blair said. "Nobody knows. The horse woke up, maybe he likes this turf course, maybe he's a different horse."

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Bourbonstreetgirl (right) wins her debut at Saratoga.



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Sunday, August 21.

2ND (1:33PM). \$50,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 7F						
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double						
1	1	Siberian Wildcat	R. Maragh	G. Contessa	4-1	
2	2	Spare Change	J. Leparoux	C. McGaughey III	2-1	
3	3	Klondike Kate	J. Velazquez	W. Mott	5-1	
4	4	Grace Like Rain	R. Albarado	D. Lukas	6-1	
5	5	Street Savy	R. Dominguez	C. Brown	5-2	
6	6	Shoshana	C. Nakatani	N. Zito	8-1	

3RD (2:06PM). \$29,000, CLM \$17,500-\$15,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F					
Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	1	W. W.'s Lady's Man	R. Dominguez	R. Rodriguez	2-1
2	2	The Zipster	J. Espinoza	R. Metivier	6-1
3	3	Turnpike Token	J. Grabowski	M. Ferraro	12-1
4	4	Digger Karakorum	A. Lezcano	J. Odintz	15-1
5	5	System Restore	R. Maragh	D. Balsamo	4-1
6	6	Lil O's Expression	M. Mena	O. Barrera, III	6-1
7	7	Hero Figure	J. Castellano	C. Englehart	5-2

4TH (2:39PM). \$150,000, WOODFORD RESERVE LAKE PLACID STAKES				
3 YO, F, 1 1/8M (TURF)				
Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	MTO	Believe in A. P.	R. Dutrow, Jr.	3-1
1a	MTO	Tiz the Argument	R. Dutrow, Jr.	3-1
2	1	Bellamy Star	J. Velazquez	8-1
3	2	Trac N Jam	J. Bridgmohan	20-1
4	3	Wyomia	F. Lenclud	10-1
5	4	Winter Memories	J. Lezcano	4-5
6	5	Kathmanblu	J. Castellano	8-1
7	6	Hungry Island	A. Solis	5-1
8	7	Dynamic Holiday	R. Dominguez	6-1
9	MTO	Indian Tale	R. Dutrow, Jr.	5-1

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5TH (3:13PM). \$50,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/8M (INNER TURF)					
Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double					
1	1	Springcourt	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	6-1
2	2	Rivendell	M. Cruz	C. Lopresti	12-1
3	3	Deposit Slip	R. Maragh	P. Fout	3-1
4	4	Wanganui	E. Castro	T. Voss	20-1
5	5	Smokin Star	J. Castanon	M. Nihei	10-1
6	6	Depreciable	C. Velasquez	S. Ritter	15-1
7	7	Colossal Gift	R. Dominguez	C. Clement	4-1
8	8	Easy Reach	J. Lezcano	J. Fisher	15-1
9	9	Cease	M. Mena	A. Stall, Jr.	5-2
10	10	Empiricist	J. Castellano	J. Toner	12-1
11	AE	Magnificent Moon	J. Castellano	R. DeMola	8-1
12	AE	Majesty's Pilgrim	A. Solis	A. Tschan	30-1
13	AE	Dream Man	J. Leparoux	W. Mott	12-1
14	AE	Bonded (IRE)	M. Cruz	J. Day	30-1

6TH (3:47PM). \$50,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 5 1/2F (TURF)						
Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double						
1	1	Sweet Cat	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher		5-2
2	2	Tanglewood Tale	R. Dominguez	D. Romans		6-1
3	3	Fly to the Sky	E. Castro	D. Fawkes		15-1
4	4	Richbelle	C. Velasquez	G. Weaver		8-1
5	5	Woodford Lady	M. Cruz	K. McPeck		15-1
6	6	Chessrate	J. Sanchez	C. Englehart		15-1
7	7	Run a Risk	F. Lenclud	G. Arnold, II		10-1
8	8	Singin On Themoon	D. Cohen	G. Contessa		8-1
9	9	Cattaraugus	A. Solis	L. Lewis		6-1
10	10	More Than Love	J. Castellano	J. Terranova, II		7-2
11	AE	Zucchini Flower	R. Dominguez	H. Motion		6-1
12	AE	Spring Breeze	R. Curatolo	C. Martin		10-1
13	MTO	Star Vesta	C. Velasquez	G. Weaver		5-1
14	MTO	Reservation Blues		T. Pletcher		2-1

7TH (4:21PM). \$40,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 6F					
Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double					
1	1	Suave N Sassy	J. Samyn	J. Hertler	15-1
2	2	Motion Lounge	E. Castro	D. Schettino	4-1
3	3	Ave's Halo	R. Dominguez	L. Rice	5-2
4	4	Beautiful But Blue	J. Castellano	T. Bush	3-1
5	5	Raffie's Chance	R. Maragh	T. Albertrani	12-1
6	6	Malla	I. Ortiz, Jr.	L. Gyarmati	20-1
7	7	Flavor Girl	R. Curatolo	C. Martin	6-1
8	8	Read the Research	J. Velazquez	W. Mott	5-1

8TH (4:55PM). \$23,000, MCL \$25,000, 3&UP, F&M , 1M (INNER TURF)					
Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	1	Cindy's Joy	R. Maragh	J. Carroll	12-1
2	2	Sundae's a Meese	I. Ortiz, Jr.	E. Barker	12-1
3	3	Silver Screamer	J. Castellano	G. Weaver	5-2
4	4	Vertical Lift	J. Leparoux	J. Scott	8-1
5	5	Vintage Heirloom	R. Curatolo	P. Serpe	5-1
6	6	Roses for the Star	J. Espinoza	P. Kelly	8-1
7	7	Le Grand Fromage	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	6-1
8	8	Malibu Spice	J. Velasquez	S. Benzel	7-2
9	9	She's for Real	J. Rodriguez	G. DiSanto	30-1
10	10	Turbo Tweaked	A. Solis	L. Lewis	15-1
11	AE	Mecanique	F. Lenclud	C. Clement	10-1
12	AE	Struck With Luck	J. Blake-Baeza	O. Hosang, Jr.	50-1
13	AE	Tulane Up	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Terranova, II	20-1
14	AE	Gone At Once	C. Velasquez	T. Bush	20-1
15	AE	Sunny Smiles	A. Solis	D. Donk	20-1
16	AE	Eleven of Hearts	J. Castanon	M. Nihei	20-1

9TH (5:30PM). \$54,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F					
Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double					
1	1	Understatement	D. Cohen	D. Jacobson	6-1
1a	7	Sun Dance Moon	J. Leparoux	D. Jacobson	6-1
2	5	Bojan	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	7-2
2b	9	Have You Ever	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	7-2
3	2	Saginaw	C. Nakatani	D. Schettino	8-1
4	3	Just Hold On	J. Lezcano	R. Barbara	6-1
5	4	Almighty Silver	J. Espinoza	P. Ortiz	20-1
6	6	Will's Wildcat	R. Albarado	J. Baker	5-1
7	8	Mine Over Matter	C. Velasquez	R. Hernandez	5-1
8	10	Slevin	R. Dominguez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	3-1

10TH (6:04PM). \$41,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 1 1/16M (TURF)					
Exacta, Trifecta					
1	AE	Stock Fund	R. Curatolo	C. Martin	3-1
1a	MTO	Harbor Mist	R. Curatolo	P. Serpe	3-1
2	1	Court of Dreams	J. Sanchez	W. Badgett, Jr.	10-1
3	2	Strike Accord	D. Cohen	J. Kimmel	9-2
4	3	Landlubber	J. Leparoux	M. Maker	9-2
5	4	Wholelottashakin	C. Velasquez	T. Bush	15-1
6	5	Shesabronxbomber	C. Nakatani	L. Rivelli	4-1
7	6	Arizona Tammy	M. Cruz	E. Reed	10-1
8	7	Goldie's Reward	J. Velazquez	G. Weaver	8-1
9	8	Royal Bonnie	J. Castellano	G. Weaver	10-1
10	9	Alwaysinmycircle	E. Castro	D. Schettino	15-1
11	10	Ladywell Court	A. Solis	P. Serpe	7-2
12	AE	Hlao Roo	I. Ortiz, Jr.	N. Saville	20-1
13	AE	Desert Bliss	M. Cruz	K. DePasquale	12-1
14	MTO	Sally's Dream	C. Velasquez	M. Hennig	5-2

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Street Savy
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Klondike Kate

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Sweet Cat
Singn On the Moon

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Tanglewood Tale
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More Than Love
Tanglewood Tale

Reservation Blues
Sweet Cat
Woodford Lady

Street Cat
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Beautiful But Blue
Read The Research
Ave's Halo

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Motion Lounge

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Silver Screamer
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Slevin

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Handicapper Scorecard

Gaile Fitzgerald and Erin Finley had four winners (the same four) each Saturday to make up some ground on John Shapazian, who had two. Shapazian still leads by 10 as The Special nears the final two weeks of the meet. Dean Keppler had just two, but came up with \$13 Alabama winner Royal Delta. Charles Bedard also scored a double, led by \$14 winner B Shanny in the sixth.

The two-day Pick Six carryover turned into a big pool Saturday with two winning tickets worth \$336,144 each.

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Time for Winter

Flashy Lake George winner returns as favorite in Lake Placid

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

Has it really been 3 1/2 weeks?

Winter Memories, the performer of the month, returns for her encore in today's Grade II Woodford Reserve Lake Placid. Fresh off a spectacular performance in the Lake George, the gray filly faces six rivals in the Grade II turf stakes. Trained by Jimmy Toner and owned by Phillips Racing Partnership, Winter Memories aims for her sixth win in seven career starts.

Toner gave the daughter of El Prado an easy half-mile breeze over the Oklahoma turf a week ago, she bounded through a 49 3/5-second move, and appears ready to defend her crown as the best 3-year-old turf filly in the country.

"Everything's been good, she's done everything right since her last race and showed no signs that it took anything out of her," Toner said. "The work was just what we wanted, we tried to go a nice easy half, well within herself, physical-wise, mental-wise, it looks like she's going into it as good as you can ask for."

Like always.

Winter Memories hails from the deep line of Darby Dan line broodmares and

LAKE PLACID STAKES PREVIEW

hasn't let down the family tree, winning her first two starts at 2, before finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. This year, she won the Appalachian at Keeneland, the Sands Point at Belmont and the Lake George at Saratoga. Jose Lezcano has been aboard for all her starts.

"She's easy to train, does everything you want her to do," Toner said. "She has an attitude to her in the stall and outside, which is good, that's what you want, she'll chase you out of her stall, she's all business on the track."

Toner appreciates the fortune of having Winter Memories in his barn, but will appreciate it even more when it's over.

"It's fun afterwards," Toner said. "The whole thing is, 'did we do this, did we do that?' There's a checklist of all the things you want to do going into the race, you just want to make sure everything's been done and been done right, and you bring her into it as good as you can possibly do. So far, so good. The checklist is done."

The 4-5 morning line favorite, Winter Memories takes on six rivals, includ-



Tod Marks

Winter Memories gallops at Saratoga this week.

ing Lake George runner-up Bellamy Star, three-in-a-row winner Hungry Island, five-time winner Kathmanblu and the nation-traveling Wyomia.

Saturday morning, trainer Curtis Garrison held the shank in one hand and unraveled Wyomia's right front

polo with the other. Her rider unreeled the back polo. Wyomia cocked a hip, rested a foot and thereafter moved little more than her ears under the deluge of soapy water.

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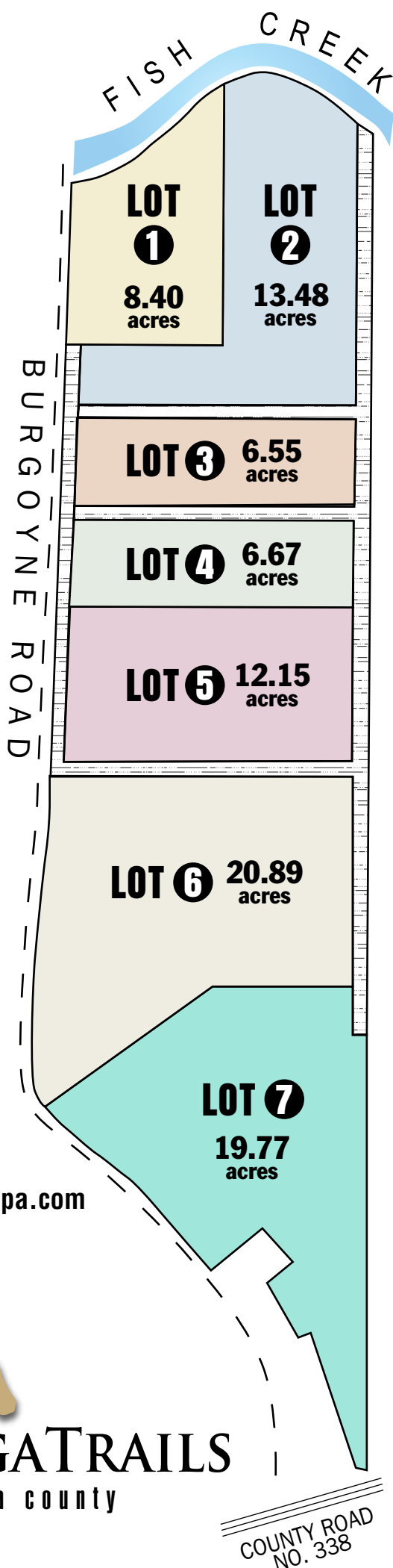
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Lake Placid —

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The 3-year-old daughter of Vindication rollicked leisurely around the main track the day before the Lake Placid. A big-moving, pitch-dark filly without a mark on her, Wyomia galloped easily, her rider never touched his stick Saturday, never needed it, let it jut out of his back pocket like a bicycle flag.

Ed Seltzer and Beverly Anderson's filly may have to face Winter Memories today, but Wyomia is no stranger to tough company: she won the Grade III Mazarine at 2, bested subsequent Grade I winner Her Smile in the \$55,000 Suncoast March 12, and ran a length second to Lilacs And Lace in the Ashland and a length third to Excited in the Virginia Oaks.

She's also had some rough trips along the way. Not counting her debut, the only two off-the-board starts Wyomia has thrown came at the behest of the vindictive and capricious racing gods.

"She's always had to make her own luck," Garrison said. "(Freddie) Lenclud lost his iron in the Ashland, I thought she could have won, got beat a length. Up there in Pimlico, she showed no signs of it in the Black-Eyed Susan, but after the race when I scoped her she was showing a respiratory deal."

Then there was the Breeders' Cup. Wyomia ran sixth, nine lengths behind More Than Real, Winter Memories and Kathmanblu.

"She got loaded up in the wrong gate, they loaded up all but three horses then realized they had put them in the wrong stalls, so they had to back everyone out and reload," Garrison said. "She was the first one in the gate that day and she just stood there when they opened and got in a lot of trouble all the way around there."

It would be easy for Garrison to claim foul against the universe, but the Florida native speaks in a steady, even tone, without ire or complaint. The even-handed trainer runs Ed Seltzer's farm in Williston — 41 horses in training, 18 mares, 15 foals and 32 yearlings, for anyone who's counting — and takes an almost reserved approach to entering his star performer in the Lake Placid.

"It come up kind of on the light side," Garrison said, "compared to what it could have been."

Lenclud will take the reins again.

Nestled between Donnie Von Hemel and Will Phipps, Andrew Hansen's shipper Trac N Jam also emerged for a gallop Saturday morning. The bay filly is a winner of her last three, including the \$125,000 Indiana Distaff July 13. A \$20,000 OBS purchase, Trac N Jam is the elusive big horse for Hansen, both literally and figuratively.

"When I got on her, I loved her," Hansen said. "After galloping her a week I said, I think she's it. Even now, I think, she can't get any better, and when I think that, she gets better. 'Wow, where'd that come from, Mom?' Twice this week at Arlington, she's tough to gallop, but she flat run off with me for about a quarter of a mile. I just couldn't hold her. But if you got to get this tough, now's the right time to get this tough."

Hansen was looking for a grass race longer than a mile in August for the daughter of El Corredor when he lighted on the Lake Placid. The big filly won over a mile at Arlington before the

Indiana Distaff, but Hansen insists the distance is too short for her.

"When she won two starts ago, they turned for home and my heart sank, (rider Jermaine Bridgmohan) is hitting her and she's not going anywhere," Hansen said. "He got her outside and he said, when she's inside a horse, behind horses, not that she's scared, but she kind of runs with them. He said, 'You swing her out and she sees some grass, she's gone.'"

Hansen took Trac N Jam through the gate and the paddock Saturday morning, but knew his filly would take her new surroundings in stride.

"She's the smartest horse I've ever been around," Hansen said. "There's not a mean bone in her body, although sometimes she likes to make you think she is. She takes everything, nothing bothers her, she's pretty mature."

Owned by Ted and Jean Barlas and Michael Porcaro, Trac N Jam will partner with Bridgmohan again today.

Graham Motion enters Grade III Herecomesthebride winner Dynamic Holiday. The daughter of Harlan's Holiday broke her maiden at Keeneland last October then strung together three stakes wins, culminating at Gulfstream. Given a break from March until July, the 3-year-old returned to run 2 lengths fifth in the Virginia Oaks under Julien Leparoux.

"After Florida, I decided to give her a break just because I thought it's a long year and you've got all these nice races in the summer and the fall," Motion said. "I can give her a little bit of an excuse in the Virginia Oaks. She'd had a break, she was a little fresh, she was a little closer to the pace than Julien would have liked to have been. She wasn't as settled as I would have liked to have seen her. Hopefully that race did her some good."

Motion also pointed to the weight difference between Dynamic Holiday and the first three finishers of the race, all of whom carried 116 to Dynamic Holiday's 122.

The trainer insisted that he does not send Ramon Dominguez and Dynamic Holiday into the race with a target on Winter Memories' back.

"Ramon knows her really well, he's going to let her run her race," Motion said. "You're not going to go out strategizing on how you're going to beat that one horse. If my filly's good enough and the other filly has a tricky trip or something, maybe you take advantage of it."

George Strawbridge's homebred walked around the shedrow after her constitutional on Saturday. The filly looked placid, but Motion remarked on the temperament that contributed to the Virginia Derby outcome.

"She's a little bit of a handful," Motion said. "I brought her up here on Wednesday so that she had three or four days here to get settled in and we paddock schooled her. She does plenty every morning and she gets fit pretty easily, but she is a little tightly wound."

Three other fillies go to post for the Lake Placid, including Kathmanblu for Five D Thoroughbreds and Ken McPeck, Hungry Island for Shug McGaughey and Emory Hamilton and Bellamy Star for Todd Pletcher and Paul Pompa. Hungry Island starts as the shortest price of these at 5-1. A winner of her last three, the daughter of More Than Ready annexed the \$60,000 Recording at Belmont July 2.

Additional reporting by Sean Clancy.

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Out of Towner

Finger Lakes filly tries Monday's Union Avenue stakes

BY JOE CLANCY

Trainer Dan Conway ships 3-year-old filly Nicole's Miss El to Saratoga for Monday's feature, the \$75,000 Union Avenue, but worries about the decision.

"She's a May 10 foal and I've tried to make it as easy as possible for her, but now I feel like I'm throwing her to the wolves a little bit," said Conway, son of Finger Lakes Hall of Fame trainer Dan Conway Sr. "But the races haven't been going here, so we've got to go to the next level. She's as good as she's ever been, so it's worth going, worth the shot."

Ron Kiser's homebred brings a 5-for-8 lifetime record against six rivals including \$238,000 earner and Finger Lakes neighbor Gold For The Queen, stakes winner Sentimental Lass and Saratoga meet winner Lovely Lil. The 6-furlong stakes for New York-bred fillies and mares goes as the fifth race at 3:13 p.m. Monday.



Tod Marks

Lovely Lil makes her second start of the meet in Monday's Union Avenue for trainer Mike Hushion.

Nicole's Miss El started her career last fall at Finger Lakes, taking a maiden and a first-level allowance against open company. Conway went to Aqueduct in November for the Swirlaway Stakes and she finished a troubled fourth, beaten 3 lengths, going a mile in what Conway called a "huge race." Fourth in another Aqueduct stakes in December, she took a winter break and returned to Finger Lakes with a 4 1/2-furlong score in April. She stretched to 6 furlongs this spring

and summer and has won her last two in state-bred allowance company. She elevates to stakes company, and Saratoga.

Conway likes the way the daughter of Eltish is improving.

"She's been very immature all the time, but she's still growing and improving," he said. "I went and looked at four horses Ron Kiser had and I picked her out as a young horse. She has a way about her, she takes care of herself, does what she needs to do. She's a little slow to get in the gate, that's her only bad habit."

Eddie Castro rides the 6-1 shot, who breaks from post two.

Like Nicole's Miss El, Gold For A Queen ships from Finger Lakes for the stakes. The 5-year-old mare brings a much more established resume, however. Francis Paolangel's daughter of Gold Token finished second in last year's Union Avenue and won here in 2009. Trainer Charlton Baker has engineered stakes scores in the New York Oaks and Susan B. Anthony Stakes with the 5-year-old mare.

John Velazquez takes the riding assignment on the 9-2 shot, who makes her second start of 2011.

Barry Schwartz's Lovely Lil tries to win her second of the meet for trainer Mike Hushion. The 4-year-old daughter of Tiznow returned from a nine-month layoff to win a state-bred optional claimer by a neck in 1:10 2/5 for 6 furlongs.

She also won her debut here in 2009 and finished fourth in the Grade I Test here last summer. Ramon Dominguez, 50-percent with Hushion over the past two years, rides the 9-5 favorite from post three.

Chester and Mary Broman's My Sire's Fire makes her stakes debut for trainer Rodrigo Ubillo. The daughter of Hook And Ladder won a first-level New York-bred allowance at Aqueduct in February, then placed in two optional claimers. The 15-1 shot returns from a nearly five-month break today from the rail under Abel Lezcano.

J Z B Racing Stable's Sentimental Lass finished second in her debut here last summer at 29-1 and won Belmont's Maid Of The Mist Stakes last fall for trainer Dave Duggan. The 3-year-old filly returned in 2011 to finish sixth in a stakes at Belmont, then won a state-bred optional claimer in the slop July 7. Rajiv Maragh takes the call on the 5-2 second choice.

Trainer Gary Contessa brings Lady Gracenote, a 4-year-old daughter of Read The Footnotes. Claimed in July, she finished sixth in open allowance company here Aug. 15 and won twice last year. David Cohen rides the 10-1 shot.

Fox Ridge Farm's Bailzee breaks from the outside for Jose Espinoza and trainer Pat Kelly. The 4-year-old Grand Slam filly finished third behind Lovely Lil here July 27.

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Monday, August 22.

1ST (1:00PM). \$57,000, AOC \$75,000, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	1	Wilkinson	J. Leparoux	N. Howard 12-1
2	2	War Hoot	J. Velazquez	C. Brown 5-1
3	3	Followmyfootsteps	R. Maragh	T. Voss 4-1
4	4	Asphalt	J. Castellano	C. Brown 7-5
5	5	Evolutionist	E. Castro	W. Mott 5-1
6	6	Slews Answer	R. Dominguez	H. Motion 9-2
7	MTO	Northern Giant	C. Nakatani	D. Lukas 7-2
8	MTO	Frazil	C. Velasquez	L. Rice 2-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$29,000, CLM \$25,000, 3 & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double				
1	7	Sunnybrook	J. Castellano	R. Rodriguez 5-1
1a	MTO	Isn't She Grand		R. Rodriguez 5-1
2	1	More Is Better	A. Solis	L. Lewis 5-1
3	2	My Lucky Penney	J. Rodriguez	P. Ortiz 20-1
4	3	Must Be Love	R. Curatolo	D. Fawkes 6-1
5	4	Amirahy	I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Toner 12-1
6	5	In Her Hey Day	A. Lezcano	F. Martin, Sr. 20-1
7	6	Aprilmayjune	R. Dominguez	S. Benzel 6-1
8	8	Lady Rizzi	C. Velasquez	L. Rice 5-2
9	9	Magic Tune	J. Sanchez	C. Englehart 20-1
10	10	Karakorum Fugitive	E. Prado	J. Odintz 5-1
11	MTO	Neat Lightning	R. Curatolo	R. Dutrow, Jr. 7-2
12	MTO	Judicial Leader		G. Sciacca 15-1

3RD (2:06PM). \$30,000, CLM \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	1	Upper Afleet	A. Solis	P. Kelly 10-1
1a	AE	Ahgogo	J. Chavez	P. Kelly 10-1
2	2	Quiet Assault	R. Albarado	D. Lukas 8-1
3	3	Quick Recovery	R. Maragh	D. Romans 5-2
4	4	Get A Grip (IRE)	E. Prado	H. Motion 6-1
5	5	Cobalt Cat	E. Castro	T. Hamm 15-1
6	6	Binks Forest	F. Lencud	W. Phipps 20-1
7	7	Perfect Joiski	M. Cruz	K. McPeek 9-2
8	8	Logical Order	J. Rodriguez	F. Martin, Sr. 30-1
9	9	D'oro Dancer	R. Dominguez	L. Rice 12-1
10	10	Ocean Seven (IRE)	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher 3-1
11	MTO	Quay Lime Guy	I. Ortiz, Jr.	K. McLaughlin 3-1
12	MTO	Captain My Captain	J. Castellano	G. Weaver 7-2

4TH (2:39PM). \$56,000, AOC \$75,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	1	Despite the Odds	J. Castellano	M. Trombetta 5-2
2	2	Schoolyard Dreams	J. Velazquez	D. Ryan 4-1
3	3	Flat Bold	R. Maragh	T. Albertrani 3-1
4	4	Strapping Groom	R. Dominguez	C. Domino 8-1
5	5	China	R. Albarado	E. Kenneally 3-1
6	6	Radiohead (GB)	K. Desormeaux	J. Chapman 8-1

5TH (3:13PM). \$75,000, STK - THE UNION AVENUE, 3 & UP, F & M , 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double				
1	1	My Sire's Fire	A. Lezcano	R. Ubillo 15-1
2	2	Nicole's Miss El	E. Castro	D. Conway, Jr. 6-1
3	3	Lovely Lil	R. Dominguez	M. Hushion 9-5
4	4	Sentimental Lass	R. Maragh	D. Duggan 5-2
5	5	Lady Gracenote	D. Cohen	G. Contessa 10-1
6	6	Gold for the Queen	J. Velazquez	C. Baker 9-2
7	7	Bailzee	J. Espinoza	P. Kelly 8-1

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6TH (3:47PM). \$29,000, CLM \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	1	Welchtown	J. Velazquez	S. Benzel 5-2
2	2	Judge Well	C. Velasquez	P. Farro 15-1
3	3	Hooligan's Delight	I. Ortiz, Jr.	R. Barbara 10-1
4	4	Coronation Day	J. Castellano	G. Weaver 6-1
5	5	Paul's Ace	R. Curatolo	K. Ritvo 12-1
6	6	Glory Game	R. Dominguez	L. Rice 3-1
7	7	Irish Emperor	C. Nakatani	D. Lukas 12-1
8	8	Fight for V L T's	E. Castro	R. Rodriguez 5-1
9	9	Jet to Classics	J. Rodriguez	J. Campo, Jr. 20-1
10	10	Wascally Rabbit	J. Espinoza	G. Contessa 12-1
11	AE	Isn'tlovejustgrand	R. Maragh	J. Aquilino 6-1
12	AE	Ruhtro	S. Bridgmohan	M. Casse 7-2
13	MTO	Sensational Slam	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher 2-1
14	MTO	One Cool Dude (ARG)	R. Dominguez	M. Hushion 7-2
15	MTO	Fuhrlang		C. Englehart 8-1

7TH (4:21PM). \$50,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double				
1	1	World Harmony	D. Cohen	W. Mott 9-5
2	2	Shandrea	I. Ortiz, Jr.	L. Blusiewicz 10-1
3	3	Mary Cole	A. Solis	L. Gyarmati 15-1
4	4	American Angel	R. Dominguez	H. Jerkens 3-1
5	5	Vivere	S. Bridgmohan	A. Stall, Jr. 4-1
6	6	Avolo	R. Albarado	D. Lukas 6-1
7	7	Vindicated Ghost	R. Maragh	T. Albertrani 6-1

8TH (4:55PM). \$22,000, CLM \$15,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double				
1	1	Seeing Clearly	A. Solis	J. Morrison 15-1
2	2	Thunderin Your Ear	J. Sanchez	J. Campo, Jr. 30-1
3	3	Social Statement	R. Dominguez	R. Dutrow, Jr. 8-1
4	4	My Snookie's Pal	C. Velasquez	L. Rice 8-1
5	5	Alykela	J. Rodriguez	G. DiSanto 12-1
6	6	Stanford Dolly	J. Velazquez	B. Levine 5-2
7	7	Aregulationhottie	J. Castellano	E. Kenneally 4-1
8	8	Miss Dolan's Rose	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. DiSanto 6-1
9	9	Networking	A. Lezcano	R. Dutrow, Jr. 3-1

9TH (5:30PM). \$55,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double				
1	1	Odds On (BRZ)	M. Cruz	K. McPeek 4-1
2	2	Atoned	R. Albarado	N. Howard 8-1
3	3	Eltish Star	J. Espinoza	P. Ortiz 8-1
4	4	Westshore	E. Prado	J. Baker 10-1
5	5	Joe Corrigan	A. Lezcano	R. Ubillo 20-1
6	6	Thomas Got Even	C. Nakatani	N. Zito 3-1
7	7	Al Muhtasib	A. Garcia	K. McLaughlin 7-5

10TH (6:04PM). \$22,000, MCL \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta				
1	1	European Roulette	R. Curatolo	P. Serpe 10-1
2	2	Roman Thunder	D. Cohen	L. Rice 8-1
3	3	Conway Hillbilly	J. Lezcano	D. Fawkes 6-1
4	4	Shoutout	J. Castellano	J. Terranova, II 9-2
5	5	Orsonian	R. Albarado	R. Nicks 3-1
6	6	Victoryoutothegate	M. Mena	O. Barrera, III 20-1
7	7	Chase On Home	J. Rodriguez	M. Shevy 12-1
8	8	Gudahi	J. Sanchez	D. Fawkes 8-1
9	9	Whistlin' Dixie	R. Dominguez	K. Ritvo 7-2
10	10	Bourbon Bandit	I. Ortiz, Jr.	B. Levine 15-1
11	AE	Face Card	J. Valdivia, Jr.	E. Coletti, Sr. 15-1
12	MTO	Marcellus Shale	S. Bridgmohan	R. Violette, Jr. 7-2
13	MTO	Trinity Warrior	A. Lezcano	R. Ubillo 20-1
14	MTO	Ambassador Bridge	E. Prado	L. Gyarmati 8-1

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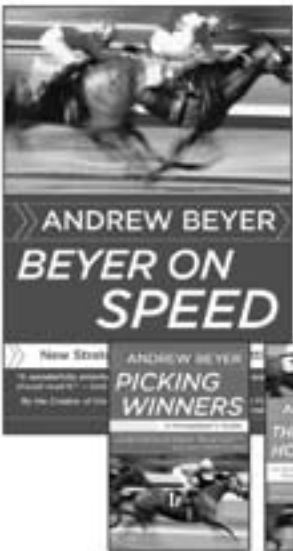


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Trash Day



by Joe Clancy

Dan Conway hesitated a beat, then dove right into the subject of what he did for 10 years away from the racetrack.

"You're not going to believe it," said the trainer, who runs Nicole's Miss El in Monday's Union Avenue. "I worked for the city of Canandaigua as a garbage man. My daughter was growing up and we couldn't travel as much. Things got lean here for a while, you've got to do what you've got to do and as long as you come out on the other side it's OK, right?"

But he's back with a barn full at Finger Lakes, in his hometown and former employer the city of Canandaigua.

His daughter, Katie, is in her final year at Nazareth College. He and his wife Grace, a veterinary assistant at Finger Lakes, have been married 25 years.

Conway took the hiatus, and the city job, in 1993. The son of Finger Lakes Hall of Fame trainer Dan Conway Sr. needed to make a living, needed to stay close to home, needed to get away from racing. His training operation was struggling, money was tight, Finger Lakes was not exactly a thriving hub of potential at the time.

Conway had never done anything else, but every day for a month, he went to the city offices to ask about openings. Over and over, the answer was no un-

til they gave him a part-time job reading water meters. That led to the full-time assignment on the garbage truck.

"Those jobs are hard to get because people don't leave," he said. "We plowed snow all night in the winter, pitched garbage during the day. I needed to provide for my family, that's what I did. The first time I went to dump the truck, we were on this mountain of garbage and I got out to dump it and went up to my waist, my waist, in garbage. It was very educational."

But it was a job – with a steady paycheck, benefits, overtime and without the pitfalls of being a horse trainer.

"At the end of the day, you turn the key off and go home, it's nothing like training horses," said Conway, 58. "No late-night colic call or anything like that. It was the most relaxing job I ever had. No stress, no nothing."

Of course, even a garbage truck can't match a Thoroughbred for horsepower.

"It's not the same thrill," Conway said. "The horse business gets you. They say horses are dumb, but I think they're smarter than their trainers. I love the horses, I love being part of it, it's my life."

Again.

After 10 years on the truck (he didn't start a horse between 1994 and 2005), Conway came back to the track.

The stable now numbers 40. He wins at Finger Lakes all year, Aqueduct in the winter and makes rare forays to Saratoga. His Lady's Lunar Luck was third here Aug. 14, and Nicole's Miss El can give the trainer his first win at the track since the 1980s.

Conway grew up with horses – his father started in the show world, then moved to Thoroughbreds, winning three Finger Lakes championships in the 1960s and saddling six winners of the New York Breeders Futurity. Son worked for father, and became a trainer in 1976.

"He was a good trainer, one of those old-school guys," Conway said of his father. "I learned everything – everything – from him. I still use what he taught me 40 years ago. The basics are the same. It's all in knowing your horses. You've got to know them, really know them, to do as well as you can."

Conway rode the business up and down, winning more than 40 races a year from 1980-86 but never topping 27 from 1987-94. Faced with a struggling business and all the bills that come with it, the trainer became a garbage man.

Then became a trainer again. He credited New York breeder Daniel Burke with helping re-start the shedrow and is happy with his current stable including the 5-for-8 Nicole's Miss El for owner/breeder Ron Kiser.

"The percentage is pretty good (.16), we're winning races," said Conway, ninth in the Finger Lakes standings this year. "I've got one in a stakes at Saratoga."

The garbage-truck days seem like a long time ago.

"Out of 30 days a month, I'm glad I came back 29 of them," he said. "There's always that one day where you're thinking about doing something else. I'm in this because I love it and it worked out amazing when you think about it now. I wouldn't change it for anything, especially the part where I had to suck it up and work on the truck."

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by Sean Clancy

I wish, I wish, I wish . . .
I wish I asked Bobby Frankel, P.G. Johnson, Mack Miller, Sidney Watters, Carl Hanford and Frank Whiteley to sign a cover of The Special.
I wish I bought a house here back in 1989, my first summer.
I wish we bought stock in all the companies that made this paper possible – Apple and Google at the top of the list.
I wish I took photos of all the good horses, just to look back and see what makes a horse fast.
I wish I took a photo of every office and every house we’ve occupied since 2001.
I wish I galloped for Todd Pletcher and Bill Mott one summer.
I wish I worked the sales after galloping horses back when I had so much time on my hands.
I wish my family was here for the summer.
I wish Ryan Clancy good luck on his first year of college.
I wish I knew the name of that bay horse who worked on the grass Friday.
I wish we didn’t make mistakes at The Special.
I wish somebody knew the correct totals of The Special handicappers.
I wish somebody could cook my wife’s Greek chicken and Greek salad, just to tide me over until I get home.

I wish Miles a long and happy life.
I wish my nephews the same.
I wish for Jane Motion to find something that inspires her and challenges her.
I wish the jumpers would never fall.
I wish I knew the next Dynaformer.
I wish Jack Fisher and Jose Lezcano would win a flat race together (they did a half hour later when Short Shrift won the fifth Saturday).
I wish for more long turf races.
I wish for safe trips.
I wish for rainy Tuesdays.
I wish for one trip to the lake.
I wish for one life-changing superfecta.
I wish for the days before Twitter.
I wish for all the parents to instill in all the children, that it’s just a horse race, no matter how much we think otherwise.
I wish for uniform medication rules in every state.
I wish America would breed for stamina and turf again instead of watching Cape Blanco come here and take all our turf money.
I wish for the weights to be raised.
I wish trainers would go back to the Saratoga pillows in front of the stalls.
I wish some jump trainer would come along and challenge Jonathan Sheppard.
I wish somebody organized a “Leaving Saratoga” party for the boys (they leave Monday).
I wish you could make a living as a freelance writer in Thoroughbred racing.
I wish somebody would clean the dishes, sweep the floor, take out the recycling at the house.
I wish there were no sore horses.



Tod Marks

I wish my friend Tim Keefe good luck in his ironman triathlon in September.
I wish people would donate to his fundraiser for two good charities (www.timkeeferacing.com).
I wish Keith O’Brien a happy birthday on Tuesday.
I wish I could have ridden on the flat.
I wish (insert name here) didn’t have my cell number.
I wish racing had a leader.
I wish we couldn’t put corticosteroids into a horse’s joints.
I wish they could all live happily ever after.
I wish I didn’t feel so old.
I wish some buyers would go to Goffs with me in the fall (Sept. 27-29).
I wish Katie Bo Williams all the good luck she deserves.
I wish I had another hour in the day.
I wish they wouldn’t make Saratoga any longer.
I wish Saratoga never changes.
I wish everybody a safe trip home.

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