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Stephanie's Kitten  
roars in Lake Placid



Tod Marks

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# here&there... at Saratoga



Tod Marks

**Agent Goat.** Nobody gets in to see Grace Hall without checking with the goat.

## WORTH REPEATING The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"I got lucky, man. The Belmont ride was luck, I took a chance and it just happened to work. It didn't work with Stephanie last time, but it worked this time. Sometimes you're better to get lucky."

**Jockey John Velazquez, who won the Belmont Stakes by being patient (or lucky) aboard Union Rags and the Lake Placid by being patient (or lucky) with Stephanie's Kitten**

"She's not leaving the gate like she used to. She was really quick from the gate last year. Now she's really relaxed, the gates open, OK, then she goes. She's older, more relaxed. That might help her someday. It helps her to relax and I don't have to be in her mouth. Going longer in some of those races later in the year, that's fine."

**Jockey John Velazquez, about Stephanie's Kitten**

"With me, yes. With Mom, yes. With (little brother) Michael . . ."

**Lerina Velazquez, about her father's patience level off the racetrack**

"I had to go get up a cup of tea."

**Bow White, on why he was briefly not at his usual Oklahoma post at 6:40 on a chilly Sunday morning**

"I didn't bring my mittens to make snowballs, but it's coming."

**Fifth Avenue Oklahoma gate security guard Gerry Foelsch, on winter being in the air Sunday morning**

"Sean, none of this is for publication."

**Allen Jerkens, to The Special's Sean Clancy, sitting down for dinner Sunday night**

"It sure beats being a greeter at Wal-Mart."

**Racing fan Mike McNair, to NYRA greeter Bob Giordano**

"Going well so far. Made a Panera stop."

"OK, we just had a bad meal at Panera."

"Long."

### Responses by the Clancy brothers

**(Ryan, Nolan, Jack) to a 'How's the drive?' text**

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**Ryan Jones, description of his Saturday recap**

"Big discussion, it's ultimately Mr. Phipps and Seth (Hancock's) decision, but we were probably looking for something back in the Roberto line because Arch had done good with Pine Island, that's what we were thinking."

**Shug McGaughey, on the decision to breed Matlacha Pass to Dynaformer, which resulted in Point Of Entry**

"It's going to snow."

**Trainer Angel Penna, on a chilly Sunday morning**

"What, you going surfing with Bruce Johnstone?"

**Trainer Rick Violette, to a shorts-wearing writer for The Special Tuesday morning**

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Nolan Clancy

Welcome to the Broomtown. Nobody told Glowing Praise which end of the broom was for sweeping.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**138,150:** Dollars awarded to 44 non-profit organizations that place registered Thoroughbreds into adoptive homes by Fasig-Tipton's Blue Horse Charities in 2012.

**105.30:** Flat \$2 win-bet profit in dollars for jockey Wilmer Garcia at Saratoga through Aug. 21. He's ridden 107 races and his nine winners have paid a combined \$319.30.

**3:** Bread Basket "Pullaparts" enjoyed by the Clancy family at the meet. Orange is the best, though each is a good choice (nobody fights over the sticky buns when you buy one variety of breakfast treat).

## NAMES OF THE DAY

**Dom, second race.** The 5-year-old is out of Pink Champagne.

**Namaskara, fourth race.** Owned and bred by Flaxman Holdings, she's out of Surya and you yoga fans out there will know this better than we but a Surya Namaskara, or "Sun Salutation" is a sequence of yoga positions which derive from the worship of Surya, the Hindu solar deity. Namaskara's half-sister (Grade 1 winner Aruna) is named for a charioteer of Surya. The horse Surya won the Ballston Spa at Saratoga in 2002 for trainer Bobby Frankel.

## WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny. High 83, low 54.  
Thursday: Mostly sunny. High 85, low 58.  
Friday: Partly cloudy. High 86, low 58.  
Saturday: Partly cloudy. High 85, low 64.



## JUST SAYIN'

*"I like Dynaformer. You would have thought people would be pouncing on this horse, because there aren't any more Dynaformers."*

— Trainer Shug McGaughey, discussing  
Point Of Entry's stallion credibility

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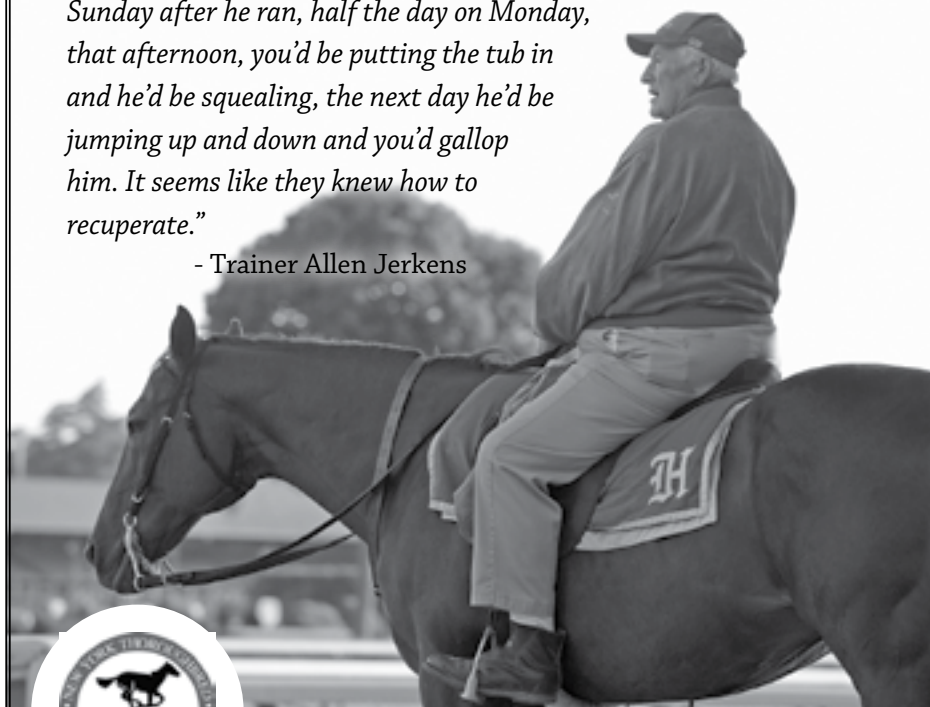
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## The Chief... Day 26

"It always seems like it's over after the Travers, same thing in Florida after the Florida Derby. You still have the Hopeful, years ago, that was the race. Tom Fool, Regret, Tom Fool got beat in it, something about his shoes. Some of those 2-year-olds would run in three or four stakes up here, I think one horse won five of them. Amazing the difference in the thinking, but I guess the horses are a little different. You'd run the horse, the next day you'd walk them, most of them would eat up, maybe leave a little, I had a horse named Handsome Boy, he would lay down all day Sunday after he ran, half the day on Monday, that afternoon, you'd be putting the tub in and he'd be squealing, the next day he'd be jumping up and down and you'd gallop him. It seems like they knew how to recuperate."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens



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# Smart Call

## Fox Rules rewards breeders for not selling

BY GABBY GAUDET

Breeders and owners often find themselves walking a fine line between the heart and the head. When it comes time to decide whether or not to sell a homebred, it can be difficult to know when to hold them and know when to fold them. Langpap Stable's Dennis and Deborah Petrisak drew the line, walked it, and came out victorious on the other side. They had a hunch about their homebred Fox Rules, and stuck to it.

The Petrisaks bred three-time stakes winner Shesastonecoldfox. Upon retirement, they bred her to Roman Ruler, producing Fox Rules. The chestnut colt would have looked good in the 2000 Fasig-Tipton New York-bred sale across Union Avenue.

"Someone suggested we could probably get 70 or 80 thousand for him at the sale," trainer Anthony Ferraro said. "And somebody close to them said 'no, he looks like he could be a decent horse.' They passed on selling him and luckily for me."



Tod Marks

Fox Rules tries to duplicate his maiden win at Saratoga last year.

So far this year, New York-bred Fox Rules has won three of seven races and placed once. With career earnings of nearly \$218,000, the 3-year-old son of Roman Ruler has more than tripled the amount of his probable selling price. For Ferraro, his expectations about the horse were solidified in his first start despite finishing seventh at Belmont.

"Right from the start he showed that he could run a little bit," said Ferraro. "We had pretty high hopes right from the start. His first race he got left a little bit and he just didn't like it in behind horses. When Jose Lezcano was able to get him out late down the lane, he just started rolling. His stride was just extremely long."

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## Albany —

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I said 'this horse is going to be fantastic.' I actually got goose bumps watching this race once he got outside, and had an idea of what he was doing."

Wednesday's 150,000 Albany Stakes, the final leg of the Big Apple Triple, will showcase eight New York-bred 3-years-olds at 1 1/8 miles. Four of the eight starters are New York Derby returnees, the other four newcomers. Fox Rules won the New York Derby July 21 at his home field at Finger Lakes, but will have to prove himself against fresh company.

"There's actually three new ones that look pretty tough," said Ferraro. "Obviously Rick Dutrow's horse Willy Beamin, Chad Brown's Zivo and Dominick Schettino's Live For Today. All three of those horses definitely pose a threat to me, but he's actually going into this race better than he was for his last race. So far, so good. Everything has been absolutely perfect. We're expecting a very good effort from him again."

At 4-1, Fox Rules brings Pedro Rodriguez along for the ride. Saratoga locals Junior Alvarado and Cornelio Velasquez have recent experience with the gelding, but Ferraro opted to give Rodriguez the call. The jockey won all three legs of the Triple Crown for New York-breds back in 2008 with Tin Cup Chalice and looks for continued luck later today.

"You know, it was a tough call. Pedro has done most his works in the morning," said Ferraro. "Every time

there's a breeze Pedro comes over and breezes him for me. He did a super job in the Derby, he's in the Hall of Fame at Calder and he won this race with Michael Lecesse's horse a few years back, he actually won the Triple Crown (for New York bred). So he's very capable and Junior had Live For Today and the only other one I would have used was Cornelio but we just decided at the very end Pedro deserves to ride him at Saratoga."

Despite a poor performance in an optional claimer on the turf at Belmont June 20 where he was last beaten almost 20 lengths, Fox Rules' most recent races forecast a bright road ahead.

"The pace was pretty quick for him," said Ferraro about the race at Belmont. "I think I ran him back too quick. It was an extremely fast pace and the distance was a tad bit too far. We gelded him after the Bongard (in October) and gave him time off and ever since then his training has been unbelievable. He's really stepped it up, he's been moving forward in every race."

Fox Rules will need to continue to move forward against the likes of Willy Beamin, Zivo and Live For Today.

Dutrow has already mentioned wheeling back James Riccio's Willy Beamin in the Travers, three days after the Albany. The son of Suave rides a four-race win streak into the Albany, the latter three for Dutrow and Riccio who claimed him in March. Willy Beamin won the Mike Lee four days after winning an optional claimer in June. Alan Garcia rides for the first time.

Chad Brown expects Zivo to continue his ascent for owner Thomas Cole-

man and jockey Ramon Dominguez. The homebred son of True Direction broke his maiden in June before winning his first level allowance over Albany rival Live For Today.

Trained by Dominick Schettino for owners Robert Rosenthal, Michael Imperio and Sal-Lou J G Stable, Live For Today hasn't won since breaking his maiden in November but finished just a neck behind Zivo while rallying at the same distance as today. Junior Alvarado rides.

I'll Stake You exits the New York Derby where he finished second to Fox Rules. Owned by Benny Connaughton and Andrew O'Connor, the son of Utopia won the New York Stallion Series' Times Square in May. Jose Lezcano rides for trainer Derek Ryan.

Leah Gyarmati sends out Quiet Favorite for owner/breeder Ellen O'Connell. The son of Quiet American finished sixth behind Fox Rules, I'll Stake You and Smokin Candy in the New York Derby. Irad Ortiz takes the reins.

Jeremiah Englehart slipped in a race between the New York Derby and the Albany, sending out Smokin Candy to an allowance score against open company at Finger Lakes two weeks ago. Regular partner Wilfredo Rohena travels from Finger Lakes to guide the son of Smoke Glacken for Richard Nicolai and Luch Racing.

Breaking from the outside, Pearl Of Wisdom returns 13 days after breaking his maiden here for Flying Zee Stable and trainer Rudy Rodriguez. Javier Castellano picks up the ride on the son of Bob And John.

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Trainer Bruce Levine has won seven races at the meet, and smiles about it.



Tod Marks  
Trainer Phil Serpe has won six races at the meet, one more will tie Levine and perhaps bring a smile.

## Jockeys

Name	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Ramon Dominguez	199	47	35	31	\$3,132,320
Javier Castellano	184	32	27	26	\$2,578,315
Jose Lezcano	146	26	27	19	\$1,845,077
John Velazquez	88	22	8	9	\$2,190,724
Joel Rosario	156	19	21	25	\$1,505,208
Junior Alvarado	139	18	19	20	\$1,564,939
Julien Leparoux	134	17	23	8	\$1,444,658
Rajiv Maragh	150	14	16	17	\$1,180,057
Irad Ortiz, Jr.	151	12	20	18	\$1,453,787
Rosie Napravnik	152	11	16	16	\$1,238,760
Cornelio Velasquez	110	10	13	18	\$763,851
Wilmer A. Garcia	107	9	8	8	\$523,209
Eddie Castro	88	7	6	9	\$597,157
Alan Garcia	61	6	5	9	\$536,057
Shaun Bridgmohan	42	6	2	1	\$268,012
Edgar Prado	76	5	9	10	\$483,142
David Cohen	69	5	11	10	\$452,660

## Trainers

Name	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Todd Pletcher	102	25	16	10	\$1,843,258
Chad Brown	60	17	14	9	\$1,093,232
Steve Asmussen	47	10	8	4	\$679,218
George Weaver	42	8	0	6	\$386,639
Gary Contessa	50	8	6	4	\$351,099
Bill Mott	60	7	11	8	\$1,009,008
Christophe Clement	34	7	5	6	\$491,399
Rudy Rodriguez	49	7	6	10	\$443,293
Bruce Levine	31	7	8	2	\$362,258
Tony Dutrow	30	6	6	3	\$372,399
Dominic Galluscio	37	6	5	3	\$322,446
Phil Serpe	24	6	2	4	\$298,368

Through Tuesday

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Klaravich Stables	34	7	8	7	\$622,089
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Ken & Sarah Ramsey	34	6	6	2	\$468,194
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Kauai Katie	2	2	0	0	\$168,000
Spurious Precision	2	2	0	0	\$168,000
Hessonite	2	2	0	0	\$150,000
Shrewd One	2	2	0	0	\$100,200
Cosmic Energy	2	2	0	0	\$93,000
Ea	2	2	0	0	\$75,000
Jitney	3	2	0	0	\$73,386
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2	2	Epic Legend	C. Montalvo	G. Contessa	20-1
3	3	Meet the Mets	J. Castellano	B. Brown	3-1
4	4	Madam I'm Adam	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	6-1
5	5	Armed U S A	J. Alvarado	N. Zito	5-1
6	6	Ten Ed	R. Dominguez	M. Hennig	8-1
7	7	Saint Arthur	M. Luzzi	C. Martin	7-2
8	8	Sandy'z Slew	J. Velazquez	R. Schosberg	6-1

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2	2	Shmooz Talker	C. Lopez	K. Proctor	6-1
3	3	Departures	R. Maragh	N. Chatterpaul	5-1
4	4	Jess Not Jesse	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	5-2
5	5	Dom	J. Navarro	D. Kobiskie	12-1
6	6	Little Nick	W. Garcia	A. Quartarolo	3-1
7	7	Ziptronic	R. Dominguez	G. Contessa	8-1
8	8	MTO Wildcat Frankie	W. Garcia	P. Quick	3-1

### 3RD (2:06PM). \$62,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Warrior Marie	W. Garcia	K. Streicher	20-1
2	2	Ibid	C. Velasquez	L. Rice	8-1
3	3	Clear Pasaj	R. Maragh	B. Levine	7-2
4	4	Vicki's Dancer	R. Dominguez	B. Brown	5-1
5	5	Victory Island	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	5-2
6	6	Class Action Suit	E. Castro	M. LeCesse	2-1
7	7	Alison's Wyn	V. Santiago	J. Navarro	12-1

### 4TH (2:39PM). \$90,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	Eye Candy Annie	R. Napravnik	R. Moquett	10-1
2	2	Sylvestris (IRE)	R. Dominguez	R. Barbara	3-1
3	3	Lemon Tiger	R. Maragh	D. Schettino	15-1
4	4	Namaskara	J. Velazquez	H. Motion	5-1
5	5	Warm Hugs	J. Lezcano	W. Mott	7-2
6	6	Totheendoftheearth (IRE)	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Clement	6-1
7	7	Adjacent	J. Rosario	C. McGaughey III	5-2
8	8	MTO Baffle Me	J. Lezcano	M. Hennig	5-2
9	9	MTO Acting Happy	R. Dominguez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	2-1

### 5TH (3:13PM). \$65,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 1 1/16M (TURF)

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

1	1	J Rose Gal	I. Ortiz, Jr.	D. Schettino	8-1
2	2	Flattermewithroses	S. Husbands	J. Antonucci	12-1
3	3	John's Mariah	W. Garcia	C. Martin	6-1
4	4	Moonlit Sonnet	M. Luzzi	L. Lewis	3-1
5	5	Our Favorite Place	J. Espinoza	M. Friedman	20-1
6	6	The Lady Says Yes	J. Castellano	C. Brown	2-1
7	7	Bourbon Twist	R. Dominguez	C. Brown	5-2
8	8	MTO Desert Traveler	I. Ortiz, Jr.	W. Badgett, Jr.	4-1

### 6TH (3:47PM). \$42,000, CLM \$35,000, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	4	Choral Society	R. Maragh	D. Ryan	10-1
1a	AE	Dubai Time	J. Lezcano	D. Ryan	10-1
2	6	Kitten's Kid	J. Rosario	N. Canani	2-1
2b	AE	King David	R. Napravnik	N. Canani	2-1
3	1	Back Catcha Eric	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Contessa	20-1
4	2	Pyro City	R. Napravnik	T. Voss	20-1
5	3	Knock Rock	J. Alvarado	S. Schwartz	8-1
6	5	Renzo Bertoni	J. Leparoux	H. Jerkens	8-1
7	7	Suspicious U	C. Lopez	W. Badgett, Jr.	20-1
8	8	Master Achievement	R. Dominguez	D. Favkes	3-1
9	9	Political Courage	S. Bridgmohan	M. Matz	6-1
10	10	Impetuous Spirit (GB)	V. Santiago	D. Manning	12-1
11	MTO	Springcourt	D. Cohen	D. Jacobson	5-2

### 7TH (4:21PM). \$47,000, MCL \$50,000, 2 YO, 5 1/2F (TURF)

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

1	1	Counting Days	S. Bridgmohan	M. Scherer	10-1
2	2	The Roofer	K. Desormeaux	W. Ward	3-1
3	3	Coach A. J.	J. Castellano	T. Pletcher	2-1
4	4	River Cruising	R. Napravnik	A. Stall, Jr.	8-1
5	5	De Enforcer	W. Garcia	E. Harty	12-1
6	6	Status Maker	C. Montalvo	J. Hertler	20-1
7	7	Bold and Ready	E. Castro	G. Weaver	6-1
8	8	Boston Proper	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	4-1
9	AE	Huggy Boy	R. Dominguez	P. Reynolds	8-1
10	AE	Victoria Shines	D. Davis	W. Ward	8-1

### 8TH (4:55PM). \$70,000, SOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	1	On Lockdown	J. Lezcano	R. Moquett	5-1
2	2	Bluember	R. Dominguez	C. Brown	7-2
3	3	Washington's Rules	A. Garcia	R. Dutrow, Jr.	4-1
4	4	Desert Storm	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	3-1
5	5	Colony Strike	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	8-1
6	6	Truetap	J. Leparoux	S. Asmussen	4-1
7	7	Money in Motion	C. Velasquez	R. Stoklosa	20-1
8	8	Just for Today	J. Rosario	A. Stall, Jr.	15-1

### 9TH (5:30PM). \$150,000, STK - THE ALBANY, 3 YO, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Daily Double

1	1	I'll Stake U	J. Lezcano	D. Ryan	10-1
2	2	Willy Beamin	A. Garcia	R. Dutrow, Jr.	9-5
3	3	Zivo	R. Dominguez	C. Brown	3-1
4	4	Live for Today	J. Alvarado	D. Schettino	5-1
5	5	Quiet Favorite	I. Ortiz, Jr.	L. Gyarmati	20-1
6	6	Smokin Candy	W. Rohena	J. Englehart	20-1
7	7	Fox Rules	P. Rodriguez	M. Ferraro	4-1
8	8	Pearl of Wisdom	J. Castellano	R. Rodriguez	12-1

### 10TH (6:04PM). \$48,000, MCL \$50,000-\$40,000, 3&UP, F&M, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta

1	1	English Notes	K. Desormeaux	R. Hess, Jr.	15-1
1a	AE	Bourbonesque	W. Garcia	D. Lukas	15-1
2	2	Coral Glade	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	4-1
3	3	Street Dreams	R. Maragh	D. Romans	8-1
4	4	Krissy Kat	R. Napravnik	R. Nicks	8-1
5	5	Snookie Slew	R. Dominguez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	15-1
6	6	Cypress Pond	J. Leparoux	G. Arnold, II	4-1
7	7	Attention	I. Ortiz, Jr.	C. Clement	15-1
8	8	What'smineismine	J. Castellano	M. Trombetta	15-1
9	9	Warm Glow	J. Rosario	J. Sheppard	7-2
10	10	Thus	J. Lezcano	M. Matz	5-1
11	AE	Race Palace	J. Castellano	B. Brown	8-1

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Canani Entry  
Master Achievement  
Ryan Entry

Canani Entry  
Political Courage  
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Canani Entry  
Master Achievement  
Renzo Bertoni

Canani Entry  
Political Courage  
Knock Rock

Springcourt  
Canani entry  
Knock Rock

7

Coach A. J.  
The Roofer  
Bold and Ready

Coach A. J.  
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De Enforcer

Coach A. J.  
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Desert Storm

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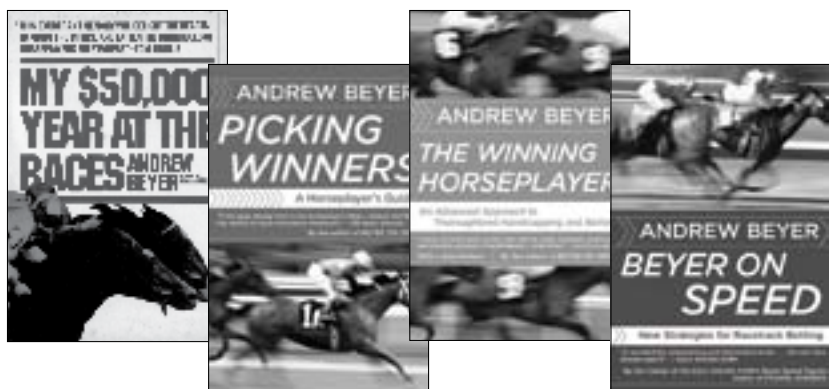
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# A New Deal

Stephanie's Kitten awaits room in stretch, wins Gr. 2

BY JOE CLANCY

Twenty-five days after enduring a tough-trip fourth in the Lake George, Stephanie's Kitten appeared destined for the same fate in Sunday's Lake Placid – stuck on the rail in the stretch, blocked by one rival in front, shut off by another to the outside.

Ken and Sarah Ramsey's 3-year-old filly would have to settle for another minor placing, a gallant effort, a moral victory. And then she settled for nothing, sliding across the heels of two horses, finding her best sprinting gear in the final yards and flying past to win by a half-length. Lake George winner Centre Court was second with Somali Lemonade a late-running third.

In less than a sixteenth of a mile, the 6-5 favorite went from third to first, conquered to conqueror.

Nobody felt better than jockey John Velazquez.

"Redemption," he said at the end of an interview. "I failed her last time. I felt bad for her. She ran a good race, deserved to win (in the Lake George). I won three races on her then got back on her and we lost. I



Dave Harmon

Stephanie's Kitten streaks past Centre Court late in Sunday's Lake Placid.

felt like I let her down."

The Lake George was more a product of bad luck and racing circumstance, but Velazquez felt the sting. His filly tried hard, ran a winning race, yet she didn't win the Lake George. In deep stretch, the jockey tried to go between two horses but the hole closed, then

dove back to the rail. His filly summoned more run to lose by a rapidly diminishing half-length.

The Grade 2 Woodford Reserve Lake Placid produced a familiar group as five of the six exited the Lake George including winner Centre Court, runner-up

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## Lake Placid —

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Better Lucky, Stephanie's Kitten, fifth-place Medolina and sixth-place Somali Lemonade. They'd finished within 1 1/4 lengths then and nearly duplicated it in the rematch as 2 1/4 separated them at the finish.

Medolina and Centre Court broke in front, but the former soon took over and produced a first quarter-mile in 23.62 seconds. Centre Court drafted into second, with Stephanie's Kitten inside and third. Breaking from the rail, Velazquez decided to save ground early — while still thinking about the previous race.

"Post one, I don't have many choices," he said. "I like being in there, we'll save the ground, we'll get out when we get out. I thought I would be 1-2-3 anyway because there was not a lot of speed. I liked where I was."

The order didn't change as Medolina passed a half-mile in 48.88 and 6 furlongs in 1:13.25. Turning for home, Medolina briefly kicked away. Centre Court responded, taking away Velazquez's option of going between them. Centre Court drew even at the sixteenth pole as Stephanie's Kitten finally left the rail behind the leaders and lengthened stride. She needed 16 to make the lead, 20 to reach the finish — nearly running out of her saddle, which slid back to the middle of her back by the end. Final time for the 1 1/8 miles (a sixteenth longer than the Lake George) was 1:48.51.

Trainer Wayne Catalano let the Lake George cross his mind, briefly, in the

stretch but had confidence in Velazquez.

"You know, everybody's thinking deja vu at that point," he said. "I wasn't worried just yet. I knew we had more time. We had a first-class jockey up, he's a Hall of Famer, that's why he's up there."

Velazquez paid credit to his filly and the race's extra distance, but some homework didn't hurt.

"Last time, the spot opened up between horses, Julien's horse gets out a little bit and when I gunned my horse there, it pushed Julien out a little but the horse inside came back out and I got stopped. Today I did it little by little, little by little. I thought about splitting, but Julien had his horse where he wanted her. She was not going to come out. I jumped her heels and went to the outside. Instead of gunning to that inside spot, I took another sixteenth of a mile — but I had it today. I didn't have it last time."

Stephanie's Kitten allowed all that to develop, and responded when asked — though Velazquez never turned over his whip.

"Last time, everything happened and I went back inside and she almost got there anyway," Velazquez said. "Today I thought if she can do that maybe I can get there with her without getting stopped even if I have to wait. She has lots of fight when you need it."

Bred by the Ramseys, Stephanie's Kitten did not meet her reserve at Keeneland September 2011 and that quickly proved fruitful last year as she won three times including the Alcibiades and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies

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John Velazquez and trainer Wayne Catalano talk strategy in the paddock.

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Turf. She opened her 3-year-old season with a third in Keeneland's Ashland on Polytrack and a win in the Edgewood Stakes at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Oaks Day. Now a millionaire, she nearly swept both of Saratoga's major turf stops for 3-year-old fillies and heads to

the Queen Elizabeth II at Keeneland in October. Catalano briefly thought about the Del Mar Oaks run the day before, but opted to leave his filly in Saratoga.

"She was training well out of the other race," he said. "Instead of flying all the way to California, we decided to stay right here. It's like home court for her to come back and run another race here. There's no sense in shipping if you don't have to."

**Hey, Wayne Catalano, what's with the saddle sliding back on Stephanie's Kitten?**

"I put it on, and had it real good because I know it does slip with her some. I don't know what happened. She's so fast she ran right out of her saddle. It's got to be the case, right?"

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# Piper Pepper

Levine upsets New York-bred maiden turf

Sometimes for a horse, it's all about the pedigree. No matter how much you may want to run her on the dirt, she might just be bred for the turf. It would be like putting ice skates on a cheetah. Even though it's the fastest animal on land, it won't get far on the ice.

Chasing Piper started the same way. She started on the dirt. Even though she wasn't bad, finishing fourth and seventh in her first two starts, she just didn't seem comfortable on the dirt at Belmont Park. So trainer Bruce Levine took a look at her pedigree and moved her to the turf.

"It wasn't so much what we saw in training," said Levine. "The sire is Noble Causeway, a Giant's Causeway. I just thought she was half ordinary on the dirt. I said 'let me try the grass, see if it moves her game up.'"

When you see European turf star Giant's Cause-



Tod Marks

Chasing Piper pulls away late in Sunday's second, a New York-bred maiden, for trainer Bruce Levine.

See **SUNDAY RECAP** page 22 ►

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Sunday August 19.

### FIRST \$80,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

1A Kimono	J. Castellano	\$2.40	\$2.30	\$2.10
1 Kansas	K. Desormeaux	\$2.40	\$2.30	\$2.10
3 Liberty Girl	J. Leparoux			\$3.50

B Filly 2010, by Bernardini - Runnin Ute by Gone West  
Owner: Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael and Smith, Derrick.  
Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: Bloodstock Holdings LLC (KY).  
Time: 1:24.07

Exacta (1-3), \$12.40; Trifecta (1-3-6), \$68.00

### SECOND \$65,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M

2 Chasing Piper	J. Castellano	\$22.20	\$8.00	\$5.10
4 Fast and Strong	J. Lezcano		\$3.00	\$2.40
9 Clever Spirit	W. Garcia			\$3.20

Ch Filly 2009, by Noble Causeway - Olympic Champion by Olympio  
Owner: My Meadowview Farm. Trainer: Bruce Levine.  
Breeder: My Meadowview LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: Sugar Beach, Pennymine  
Time: 1:42.61

Daily Double (1-2), \$27.40; Exacta (2-4), \$52.50; Quinella (2-4), \$19.60;  
Superfecta (2-4-9-10), \$527.00; Trifecta (2-4-9), \$227.00

### THIRD \$37,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

4 Backdown	R. Maragh	\$4.50	\$3.00	\$2.60
1 Side Party Ralph	J. Rosario		\$5.50	\$3.70
6 Trickey Guy	C. Velasquez			\$3.80

Ch Gelding 2008, by Gulch - North Park Legend by Affirmed  
Owner: Sovereign Stable. Trainer: John Terranova, II.

Breeder: Donald R. Dizney (KY).

Late Scratches: Tough All Day  
Time: 1:09.87

Daily Double (2-4), \$61.00; Exacta (4-1), \$30.80; Superfecta (4-1-6-5),  
\$837.00; Trifecta (4-1-6), \$113.00; Pic 3 (1-2-4), \$74.00

### FOURTH \$70,000, SOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

1 Cosmic Energy	R. Dominguez	\$7.50	\$4.70	\$3.30
5 Arsenal	C. Velasquez		\$20.00	\$7.00
2 Wet One (IRE)	J. Alvarado			\$5.40

Gr/ro Filly 2009, by Unbridled Energy - Cosmic Secrets by Stalwars  
Owner: Susi, Robert. Trainer: Timothy Hills.

Breeder: Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr. (KY).

Late Scratches: Private Council

Time: 1:42.56

Daily Double (4-1), \$17.40; Exacta (1-5), \$111.00; Quinella (1-5), \$67.00;  
Superfecta (1-5-2-3), \$3,576.00; Trifecta (1-5-2), \$556.00; Pic 3 (2-4-1),  
\$248.00

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

5 Broken Spell	R. Maragh	\$15.80	\$6.70	\$4.10
9 Always Kitten	R. Napravnik		\$13.20	\$6.90
8 J'esprit	R. Dominguez			\$3.50

Ch Filly 2010, by Broken Vow - Rich Find by Exploit

Owner: Bluegrass Hall LLC. Trainer: D. Lukas.

Breeder: Shadowfax Stable (KY).

Time: 1:42.28

Daily Double (1-5), \$97.50; Exacta (5-9), \$229.50; Superfecta (5-9-8-1),  
\$10,673.00; Trifecta (5-9-8), \$1,089.00; Pic 3 (4-1-5), \$161.50; Pic 4  
(2-2/4-1/9-5), \$2,014.00

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### SIXTH \$70,000, SOC \$65,000, 3 YO, 1 1/16M

10 Key to Power	J. Alvarado	\$8.30	\$4.00	\$3.00
1 Our Entourage	R. Maragh		\$3.60	\$2.90
5 Gaelico	J. Castellano			\$4.00

B Colt 2009, by A.P. Indy - Exotic Wood by Rahy  
Owner: Martin and Pam Wygod. Trainer: William Mott.  
Breeder: Pam and Martin Wygod (KY).

Late Scratches: Truetap, Hobbs

Claimed: Our Entourage claimed by Bruce Golden Racing for \$65,000

Time: 1:43.28

Daily Double (5-10), \$107.50; Exacta (10-1), \$32.40; Superfecta (10-1-5-4), \$1,283.00; Trifecta (10-1-5), \$139.50; Pic 3 (1-5-10), \$482.50

### SEVENTH \$37,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

9 Wish to Opine	R. Dominguez	\$4.50	\$3.40	\$3.10
11 Phantasticus	C. Velasquez		\$5.10	\$3.80
3 Pegasus Diamond	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$8.30

Ch Filly 2009, by Purim - Flying Gal by Flying Chevron

Owner: Pompa, Jr., Paul, P. Trainer: Chad Brown.

Breeder: Richland Hills (Nathan Fox) (KY).

Late Scratches: Kellster, Bridgetta, Believe in Betty, Sucre

Time: 1:02.81

Daily Double (10-9), \$23.00; Exacta (9-11), \$34.20; Superfecta (9-11-3-8), \$1,018.00; Trifecta (9-11-3), \$252.00; Pic 3 (5-10-9), \$302.00;  
(5-10-12), \$81.50

### EIGHTH \$200,000, STAKES - WOODFORD RESERVE LAKE PLACID S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M

1 Stephanie's Kitten	J. Velazquez	\$4.20	\$3.10	\$2.20
2 Centre Court	J. Leparoux		\$3.70	\$2.70
6 Somali Lemonade	J. Rosario			\$3.10

B Filly 2009, by Kitten's Joy - Unfold the Rose by Catienus

Owner: Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey. Trainer: Wayne Catalano.

Breeder: Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY).

Time: 1:48.51

Daily Double (9-1), \$11.20; Exacta (1-2), \$16.00; Superfecta (1-2-6-3),  
\$164.00; Trifecta (1-2-6), \$53.00; Pic 3 (10-9-1), \$80.00

### NINTH \$65,000, SOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

1 Molly Morgan	J. Lezcano	\$8.50	\$4.60	\$3.40
2 Fiftyfour Forever	R. Napravnik		\$5.60	\$3.70
3 Royal Sighting	R. Dominguez			\$4.20

B Filly 2009, by Ghostzapper - Capitulation by Distorted Humor

Owner: Cubbedge, W., D.. Trainer: Dale Romans.

Breeder: Mike Lauffer, Bill Cubbedge & Greg McDonald (KY).

Late Scratches: Ode to Sami, Full of Intent

Claimed: Marvelous Margaret claimed by Dubb, Michael for \$50,000

Time: 1:23.16

Daily Double (1-1), \$19.00; Exacta (1-2), \$49.00; Superfecta (1-2-3-8),  
\$698.00; Trifecta (1-2-3), \$184.50; Pic 3 (9-1-1), \$51.50; Place Pix Nine  
(1/5/10-3/9/11-1/2/6-1), \$29.40

### TENTH \$36,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

1 Read the Research	J. Castellano	\$6.10	\$3.70	\$2.90
7 Rodinia	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$4.30	\$3.40
11 Tahoe Tigress	S. Husbands			\$5.90

Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Freud - Fast Read by Touch Gold

Owner: Jacobson, David, Drawing Away Stable and Auricchio, Dominick.

Trainer: David Jacobson. Breeder: MDS Farms, LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: Centrique, Granby Girl, Destination Moon

Claimed: Read the Research claimed by Repole Stable for \$20,000

Time: 1:23.39

Daily Double (1-1), \$27.00; Exacta (1-7), \$26.40; Superfecta (1-7-11-9),  
\$1,570.00; Trifecta (1-7-11), \$307.00; Pic 3 (1-1-1), \$67.50; Pic 4  
(9/12/13/15/16-1-1-1/4/6/12), \$259.00; Pic 6 (5-10-9/12/13/15/16-1-1-1/4/6/1), \$92.00; Pic 6 (5-10-9/12/13/15/16-1-1-1/4/6/1), \$5,935.00



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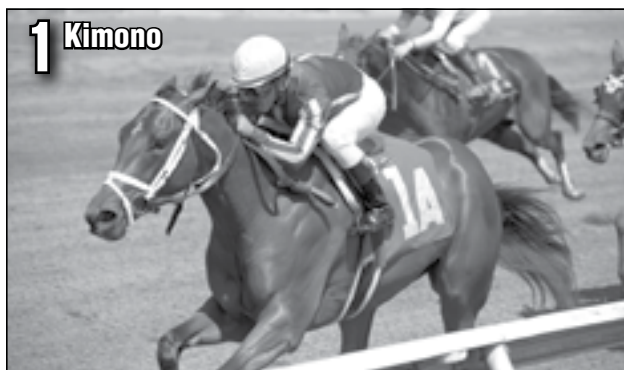
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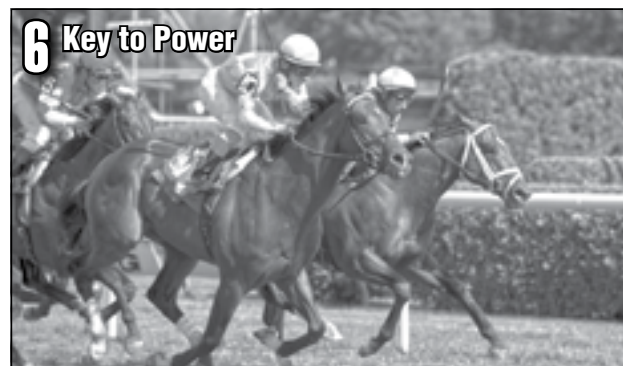
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way in the pedigree of a horse, turf comes to mind. Short or long on the grass, you may not be able to tell, but at least the surface is known.

"I wasn't sure about the distance but being a Noble Causeway, I figured turf for sure," said Levine.

In Sunday's second race, a New York-bred maiden going 1 1/16 miles on the turf, the 3-year-old filly broke her maiden for owner/breeder My Meadowview Farm.

"She ran huge today, she got trapped on the rail the whole turn, like last time," said Levine. "She didn't get out then she came flying. I couldn't believe she was such a big price because she ran so well last time."

She certainly got the job done, despite a stumble at the gate and the last spot in a field of 11 through a half-mile. Jockey Javier Castellano watched the race from the back and readied his filly for a break around the far turn. With 2 1/2 furlongs to go, Chasing Piper opened up. Like the launch of the space shuttle, she let loose, accelerating all the way through the wire, clearing the field by 1 1/2 lengths at better than 10-1. Favorite Fast And Strong finished second with Clever Spirit third.

After a convincing win, there's no doubt she'll be back for more this fall at Belmont, only this time there will be no messing around. She'll most certainly be on the turf running long.

— Ryan Jones



Tod Marks

Broken Spell hits the wire with a maiden win for trainer D. Wayne Lukas Sunday.

• Just as pedigree affects a horse's ability to compete, so does the competition it's up against. In order to compete at the highest level, a horse has to rise through the ranks. Like climbing the stair flights of a building, you can't get to the top floor without first reaching every one below it.

For Wish To Opine, this was precisely the problem. Early in her career, she was forced up against stronger horses; she didn't have the time to come into her own. Bounced from trainer to trainer, course to course, she couldn't find the right race, that is, until Sunday.

Fresh of a seven-month layoff, Paul

Pompa's 3-year-old Purim filly under new trainer Chad Brown bettered the competition in a 5 1/2-furlong maiden claimer at the \$25,000 level.

"This is a huge class drop, and we put her into today at the level which she

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belongs, that's the bottom line," Brown said. "There's nothing I did differently. We just placed her at the right level given her condition currently."

Although she had lost her first two races and had last run seventh at Santa Anita in January, Wish To Opine was still sent off as the betting favorite. Jockey Ramon Dominguez settled her just off the lead and decided it was time to move at the three-eighths pole. The pair grabbed the lead and thwarted any attempts by Phantasticus and Pegasus Diamond who finished second and third respectively.

Brown put it best when he said, "Horses change. Where she's at in her career right now, this is where she belongs."

— Ryan Jones

- D. Wayne Lukas' maiden walked around the paddock like a pro. Dressed in his distinguishable sunglasses and buttoned up suit, Lukas saddled Broken Spell in the shaded saddling stalls.

Broken Spell stood quietly while the Hall of Famer placed her white blinkers over her ears, Velcroed the straps under her jaw and gave her two pats on the neck. Assistant Bas Nicholl led her out onto the crowded grassy area directly in front of her stall. Those who stood close by scurried away while the filly circled.

"We're ready when you are 5," yelled the paddock judge.

Broken Spell made her way to the limbo line of horses as they exited the paddock. There was one unusual piece of equipment on the filly that caught an onlooker's eye, a white and green crochet pad underneath the saddle. It looked similar to a placemat that your grandmother might have knitted.

"That's called a pommel pad," said Lukas. "That's old school all the way. Years ago in the '50s and '60s everybody used that. It gives a little bit more cushion to the saddle. These riders nowadays have a really light saddle and the tree is a little bit too narrow and so we use them all the time. We are one of the few."

The field of 10 broke from the starting gate for Sunday's fifth, a 1 1/16 miles maiden on the turf for 2-year-old fillies, half of them making their career debuts. Rajiv Maragh, aboard the filly for the first time, guided Broken Spell three wide around the first turn and into third. Maragh tucked patiently in behind Mariel N Kathy to save ground. He took another cross, pulled the right rein out wide, put his head down and started driving. Owned by Bluegrass Hall, Broken Spell broke her maiden in her fourth attempt, winning by 1 1/4 lengths over first-timers Always Kitten and J'esprit.


"First of all, she's strictly a two-turn filly," said Lukas. "We ran her where she didn't belong a couple of times to give her some seasoning, dirt, short, that wasn't the idea. Once we get some of these horses that we run short that are bred to run long in the right spots, we'll do a little better."

— Gabby Gaudet




Tod Marks

Backdown exits a winner for Sovereign Stable and John Terranova Sunday.



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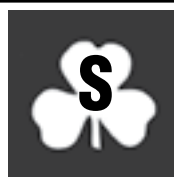
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Risky Rachel blasts down the stretch en route to a stakes win Monday.

Dave Harmon

## UNION AVENUE STAKES RECAP

# No Risk

## Coronel wins first race, first stakes at Spa

BY GABBY GAUDET

Risky Rachel stood in her saddling stall for Monday's \$100,000 Union Avenue Stakes, neck stretched out, ears pricked, eyes scoping the competition. In a dark suit and a muted pink tie, trainer Juan "Manny" Coronel placed Javier Castellano's saddle on for the first time.

Castellano entered the paddock and met Coronel near the middle of the paddock. Coronel put his right hand on Castellano's right shoulder and they started toward Risky Rachel. Whatever plan the two devised, whatever the instructions were, they worked.

Risky Rachel rocketed out of the gate and chose her position in second willingly. Final Mesa led the pack for the first quarter in 22.75 seconds while Risky Rachel stalked. Castellano had his hands full until the half-mile pole. He rated, pulled and used a little elbow grease to get his odds-on favorite to relax. Risky Rachel looked like dynamite, just waiting for someone to light the fuse. As the six horses turned for home Castellano struck the match, and away they soared to a 3 1/2-length victory over Willet with Paper Plane third in the \$100,000 stakes for New York-bred fillies and mares. The winner covered 6 furlongs in 1:09.02.

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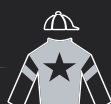
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# Union Avenue —

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Coronel greeted Risky Rachel on the racetrack before they made the procession into the winner's circle. The 5-year-old daughter of Limehouse knew she had done well, she could probably tell from the wide-eyed, ear-to-ear smile on her trainer's face.

Fans roared from behind the winner's circle, photographers caught the excitement through their lenses, writer's scribbled down notes and grasped recorders. It's difficult to describe just how appreciative and truly happy Coronel was for this win; onlookers couldn't help but vicariously feel the same. Photographer Barbara Livingston was one of them. She shot her photos, released her camera so it fell hanging around her neck and turned around. She clapped her hands softly, shook her head while looking down, smiled and muttered to herself, "Great people. Great people."

After the winning celebrations, interviews and photos, Coronel left the winner's circle, his wife Aimee by his side.

The trainer detoured around conversation about his horse, the race, or the jockey change. Rather, he started off with what he felt was the most important topic, thanking those who got him here.

"Thanks God I'm around nice people," said Coronel. "People try to advise me and tell me what I have to do in the next step, from my father to Frank Martin Sr., Angel Penna, James Bond, everybody, and support, my wife."

And then he got into the nitty gritty



Dave Harmon

Risky Rachel brought a crowd to the winner's circle afterward.

of the race. Risky Rachel opened 2012 with back-to-back wins in similar races, then finished a well-beaten seventh in a turf experiment before finishing second in the Chaldea Stakes at Belmont and the 7-furlong Fleet Indian Stakes here.

"Finally, after two seconds," said Coronel. "We just got lucky today, first of all back to 6 furlongs. She came today better than ever. We got lucky, this filly is very consistent. I love this filly, everything she does. In the stall never wrong, on the track she's a little bad but

controlled. She always does the right thing. I'm very pleased with her."

Cornelio Velasquez was aboard Risky Rachel for her last five starts. For Coronel and owner Sanford Bacon, it was a difficult decision to make the jockey change, but they were pleased by the results.

"Love it, love it," said Coronel. "I've known Javier for a couple years. Javier and Cornelio are two great jockeys, Cornelio is my friend, always going to be my friend. Nothing changed. But

sometimes it doesn't work."

Track attendees weren't the only ones who witnessed the win. Coronel's family huddled around the computer screen back in Argentina to root on Risky Rachel to the finish.

"His family logs on to my NYRA account and watches the race from Argentina," said Coronel's wife Aimee. "His father couldn't watch the race because he was so nervous."

Turns out, Dad had nothing to worry about.

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## Hertler, Desormeaux team up for another win

BY RYAN JONES

Entering the winner's circle after Monday's fourth, jockey Kent Desormeaux twirled his whip like a baton. Then, with the skill and precision of an Olympic javelin thrower, he tossed the whip, 20 feet, straight into the outstretched hand of a valet.

Desormeaux had just ridden 2-year-old colt Half Wildcat to his first victory. Although just a short sprint on the turf, 5 1/2 furlongs, Desormeaux had to ride Half Wildcat perfectly in order to guide the colt to the wire first.

Wide around the turn and sitting in third down the stretch, Desormeaux broke out the whip to encourage Crossed Sabre Stable's son of Discreet Cat.

"I think the win had to do with the way Desormeaux rode him," said trainer John Hertler as he watched the replay in the clubhouse. "He got him to settle down and then he just got him to the outside and he accelerated. He was looking all over the place. He controlled him even when his head was moving around."



Dave Harmon

Half Wildcat (1) turns back Everydoghashisday in Monday's fourth for trainer John Hertler.

After a disappointing start to his career in which Half Wildcat finished fifth in a 7-furlong maiden on the dirt at Saratoga nearly three weeks ago, the New York-bred came back strong Monday on the turf.

"I always thought he would be good on turf," said Hertler. "He's got a good foot, I just thought that it

would be easier on him. He wants to run. Eventually he'll be a two-turn horse."

For now at least, Half Wildcat can enjoy his first victory. After a clean break from the gate, Desormeaux was able to settle his colt off the pace and in behind

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### Public Syndicate Groups - Stakes Stats for 2012

	Stakes Wins	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes Wins	Individual Gr. Winners
Team Valor International	9	6	4	3
Eclipse TB Partners	5	4	2	1
Pinnacle Racing	4	2	3	2
Peachtree	3	3	2	2
Starlight	3	3	2	2
Dream Team Stable	2	2	1	1
Donegal Racing	1	1	1	1
Class Racing	1	1	1	1
Let's Go Stable	1	1	1	1
Thoroughbred Legends	1	1	1	1
West Point	1	1	1	1
Three Chimneys	1	1	0	0
Dogwood	1	1	0	0
IEAH	1	1	0	0
Live Your Dreams	1	1	0	0
Majestic Racing	1	1	0	0
Summit Racing	1	1	0	0
Blinkers On	1	1	0	0
Bongo	0	0	0	0
Centennial	0	0	0	0
Fantasy Lane Stable	0	0	0	0
Funky Monkey Stable	0	0	0	0
Magdalena Racing	0	0	0	0
Parting Glass Racing	0	0	0	0
Sackatoga Stable	0	0	0	0
Sovereign	0	0	0	0
Starview	0	0	0	0
Thoroughbred Futures	0	0	0	0

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## MONDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

Monday August 20.

### FIRST \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

1A	Suns Out Guns Out	R. Dominguez	\$3.60	\$2.10	\$2.10
6	Tiz Yankee	W. Garcia		\$2.40	\$2.30
1	Flashy Sunrise	J. Velazquez	\$3.60	\$2.10	\$2.10
B Colt 2009, by Empire Maker - Angel Arch by Smart Strike Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds. Trainer: Dale Romans. Breeder: Shunji Izumi (KY). Time: 1:50.17 Exacta (1-6), \$6.00; Trifecta (1-6-3), \$24.60					

### SECOND \$64,000, NY-BRED AOC \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

1	Mineswept	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$6.30	\$3.40	\$2.60
4	Precious Metal	R. Dominguez		\$5.50	\$3.50
2	Tug of War	J. Lezcano			\$3.10
Dk B/ Br Horse 2007, by Mineshaft - Comeon Dixie by Mr. Greeley Owner: Sisters in Racing Stable and Siskin, Jeff. Trainer: Leah Gyarmati. Breeder: Flying Zee Stables (NY). Time: 1:22.12 Daily Double (1-1), \$14.20; Exacta (1-4), \$41.40; Quinella (1-4), \$17.80; Superfecta (1-4-2-3), \$303.00; Trifecta (1-4-2), \$119.00					

### THIRD \$38,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

5	Rangey	J. Castellano	\$4.90	\$3.20	\$2.60
8	Here Comes Drz	W. Garcia		\$5.20	\$3.90
1	Santonio d'Oro	A. Garcia			\$3.60
Gr/ro Gelding 2009, by Mizzen Mast - Deep in Dixie by Dixie Union Owner: Kupferberg, Saul J. and Max. Trainer: John Parisella. Breeder: Aaron Sones (KY). Late Scratches: Espiritu Libre Time: 1:36.41 Daily Double (1-5), \$18.60; Exacta (5-8), \$23.40; Superfecta (5-8-1-7), \$148.00; Trifecta (5-8-1), \$70.00; Pic 3 (1-1-5), \$36.40					

### FOURTH \$60,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

1	Half Wildcat	K. Desormeaux	\$12.20	\$6.40	\$4.30
6	Everydoghashisday	R. Maragh		\$7.00	\$5.00
8	Birchwood Road	E. Prado			\$3.00
Dk B/ Br Colt 2010, by Discreet Cat - Light Wave by Turkoman Owner: Crossed Sabres Farm. Trainer: John Hertler. Breeder: First Class Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). Late Scratches: Our Pedroia, Meet the Mets, Comandante, Goodtolook Time: 1:03.21 Daily Double (5-1), \$30.40; Exacta (1-6), \$89.00; Quinella (1-6), \$30.00; Superfecta (1-6-8-7), \$2,315.00; Trifecta (1-6-8), \$396.50; Pic 3 (1-5-1), \$94.00					

### FIFTH \$100,000, NY-BRED STAKES - UNION AVENUE S., 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

6	Risky Rachel	J. Castellano	\$3.40	\$2.20	\$2.10
2	Willet	R. Dominguez		\$2.90	\$2.50
5	Paper Plane	J. Lezcano			\$3.50
B Mare 2007, by Limehouse - Dancin Renee by Distinctive Pro Owner: Bacon, Sanford. Trainer: Juan Coronel. Breeder: Sanford Bacon (NY). Late Scratches: Funky Munky Mama Time: 1:09.02 Daily Double (1-6), \$26.00; Exacta (6-2), \$8.80; Superfecta (6-2-5-3), \$132.50; Trifecta (6-2-5), \$43.60; Pic 3 (5-1-6), \$68.00; Pic 4 (1-5/10-1- 1/6), \$179.50					

Attendance: 14,584  
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Intra-State Handle: 1,794,151  
Inter-State Handle: 5,861,868

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### SIXTH \$90,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

5	Jimmy Simms	J. Leparoux	\$4.70	\$3.20	\$2.50
1	Midnite Silver	J. Castellano		\$5.20	\$3.00
9	Voodoo Storm	J. Rosario			\$3.00
B Horse 2005, by Lost Soldier - Queen of America by Quiet American Owner: Alexander, Elisabeth, H.. Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Sarum Farm (KY). Late Scratches: Followmyfootsteps, Tonto Fontenot, Ea Claimed: Midnite Silver claimed by Run Hard Stables for \$50,000 Time: 1:42.62 Daily Double (6-5), \$9.30; Exacta (5-1), \$27.60; Superfecta (5-1-9-4), \$606.00; Trifecta (5-1-9), \$71.00; Consolation Double (6-7), \$3.30; Pic 3 (1-6-5), \$64.50; (1-6-7), \$23.40					

### SEVENTH \$65,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

9	Notacatbutallama	J. Velazquez	\$4.00	\$2.90	\$2.50
4	Irish Jade	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$4.70	\$4.10
1	Arctic Missile	D. Cohen			\$7.80
B Colt 2010, by Harlan's Holiday - Self Rising by Hansel Owner: Repole Stable. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: Happy Hill Farm (NY). Late Scratches: Can't Catch Me Now Time: 1:43.67 Daily Double (5-9), \$11.40; Exacta (9-4), \$26.00; Superfecta (9-4-1-5), \$1,043.00; Trifecta (9-4-1), \$290.00; Pic 3 (6-5-9), \$19.00; (6-7-9), \$7.40					

### EIGHTH \$85,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

10	Holiday's Jewel	J. Lezcano	\$19.80	\$7.20	\$4.30
8	Geisha Gal	J. Velazquez		\$4.00	\$3.00
2	Conquesta	A. Garcia			\$5.00
B Filly 2009, by Harlan's Holiday - Denali Red by Crafty Prospector Owner: Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday). Trainer: Carlos Martin. Breeder: WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). Late Scratches: South Shore, Dynaverse, Normative Appeal Time: 1:49.47 Daily Double (9-10), \$58.00; Exacta (10-8), \$92.50; Superfecta (10-8-2- 6), \$2,779.00; Trifecta (10-8-2), \$517.00; Pic 3 (5-9-10), \$145.00					

### NINTH \$90,000, AOC \$75,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

9	Little Drama	R. Maragh	\$4.50	\$3.10	\$2.70
8	Zero Rate Policy	J. Rosario		\$8.50	\$6.60
3	Gallant Fields	E. Castro			\$4.20
Ch Gelding 2008, by Burning Roma - Riveting Drama by Notebook Owner: Queen, Harold, L.. Trainer: Michael Mareina. Breeder: Harold L. Queen (FL). Time: 1:21.98 Daily Double (10-9), \$73.00; Exacta (9-8), \$43.00; Superfecta (9-8-3-6), \$743.00; Trifecta (9-8-3), \$187.50; Pic 3 (9-10-9), \$140.50; Place Pix Nine (1/5/9-1/4/9-2/8/10-9), \$15.80					

### TENTH \$42,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 3/16M

8	Grand Rapport	R. Dominguez	\$5.40	\$2.80	\$2.50
2	Pocket Cowboys	J. Velazquez		\$3.00	\$3.10
3	Elder Skatesman	K. Desormeaux			\$6.50
Ch Gelding 2007, by Grand Reward - Dance Moccasin by Native Uproar Owner: Earle I. Mack LLC. Trainer: Gary Contessa. Breeder: Barry Hardison & Debra Hardison (KY). Late Scratches: Ground Frost, Bail Out the Banks, Gamblin Fever Claimed: Grand Rapport claimed by Balsamo, Diane for \$25,000, Pocket Cowboys claimed by Dunn, Christopher T. for \$25,000 Time: 1:53.26 Daily Double (9-8), \$10.40; Exacta (8-2), \$12.20; Superfecta (8-2-3-6), \$2,384.00; Trifecta (8-2-3), \$280.50; Pic 3 (10-9-8), \$225.00; Pic 4 (9/10- 10-9-8), \$463.00; Pic 6 (1/6-2/5/7-9/10-10-9-8), \$11.00; Pic 6 (1/6- 2/5/7-9/10-10-9-8), \$665.00					



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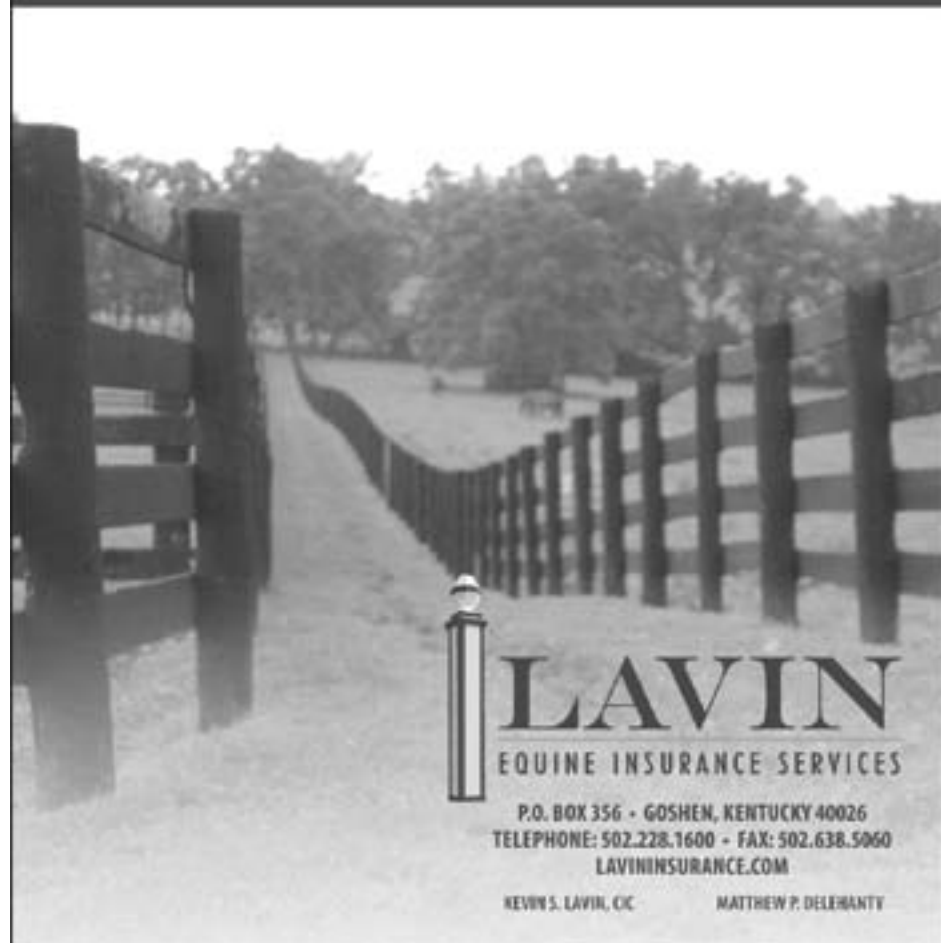
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# Monday Recap —

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the leaders. Deciding to head wide around the turn, the jockey used his Hall of Fame abilities to fend off a hard charging Everydoghashisday and Rajiv Maragh to win by a half-length.

- With the sun beaming on a gorgeous day at the Spa, it seemed fitting that the day began with a horse named Suns Out Guns Out taking the first.

The 3-year-old son of Empire Maker finally found his footing going long on the dirt, breaking his maiden in his 11th start.

“He’s definitely a two-turn horse and he’s finally getting it together,” said trainer Dale Romans. “A mile-and-an-eighth was great. He showed a little more speed today. I think he’s going to go on and have a big future.”

Dressed in the recognizable West Point Thoroughbreds silks, Saratoga leading jockey, Ramon Dominguez guided the favorite to a 1 1/2-length victory over Tiz Yankee with West Point entymate Flashy Sunrise third.

After a troubling and uncertain beginning to his career that included races on the dirt, turf, and synthetic surfaces, eight jockeys and six tracks, the colt finally found a way to win in his third start at the meet.

“We’ve been experimenting with him a lot,” said Romans. “We’re trying to get him to wake up. We knew he was a better horse from the way he trains in the morning and the way he’s been running. We’re trying a few different things



Dave Harmon

**Suns Out Guns Out streaks to the finish of Monday’s first race for trainer Dale Romans.**

but it looks like long on the dirt is going to be the thing.”

Indeed, and it looks like Suns Out Guns Out has finally woken up as well. After trailing Tiz Yankee for much of the race, Dominguez didn’t need to tell Suns Out Guns Out it was time to go, as soon as the pair hit the three-eighths pole, the colt started his move. Dominguez worked both the right-handed and left-handed whip, and Suns Out Guns Out responded, bee-lining it to the wire.

As he paraded in the winner’s circle, flashing his muscles to the fans at Saratoga, Suns Out Guns Out lived up to his name.

- Seconditis. It’s a dangerous, contagious and a sometimes deadly disease. It can lead to frustration, anxiety, and even insanity. Symptoms may include; getting beat by a nose at the wire, being the lead horse a stride before the finish line and a stride after, but second in the photo finish picture, and inexplicable streaks of misfortune. The only known cure for seconditis . . . winning.

Monday, trainer Carlos Martin as well as his 3-year-old filly Holiday’s Jewel both cured their cases of seconditis with a trip to the winner’s circle in the eighth.

For Martin, this year’s meet has been

filled with near misses. Prior to Monday’s eighth, Martin only had one win from 18 starts, with six seconds. His horse, Holiday’s Jewel, had yet to break her maiden in seven attempts but had finished second in five races, ranging from a half length behind, all the way to 11 lengths.

In only her third time on the turf, and first try at a mile and an eighth, the Harlan’s Holiday filly cured what was quickly becoming a curse for trainer and horse.

“It was fun to win a race,” said Martin. “It was only our second of the meet. This horse is like me, we’ve got seconditis. Someone I was talking to was telling me that I was having a good year, ‘getting a lot of seconds’. I was like, ‘I don’t want to have a lot of seconds. I don’t want second anymore.’”

After breaking from the gate and settling into fourth in the early going, it didn’t appear Holiday’s Jewel was going to find a way to capture the elusive win. However, jockey Jose Lezcano would have a little something to say about that.

“We finally got her to settle,” said Martin. “She’s been second five times now where we always put her on the lead so we said let’s try something different. We switched it up and Lezcano is a great rider so it turned out. We’re fortunate to have one of the best owners in racing, Blue Devil Racing, they do a good job, and our general manager, James O’Reilly, it’s a good team. I’m blessed to have them as owners. They’re guys who are passionate about the game. They give me better and better horses and we’re excited about it.”

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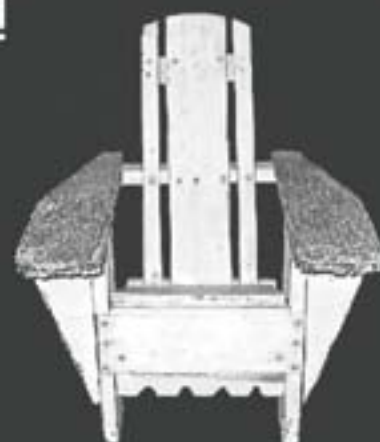
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by Sean Clancy

I knew it would happen. Didn't know when. Didn't know why. Didn't know how long it would last. Hoped nobody would notice.

Then it happened three times. Monday morning. Must be that time of year, when summer begins to fade, the reality of what you haven't accomplished wins the photo from what you wanted to accomplish.

Steve Rushing and Ramon Dominguez have made career decisions around their families. I've watched the agent and jockey wrestle with personal and professional balance, constantly weighing man's responsibility to provide monetarily and man's responsibility to provide emotionally. Time on the job vs. time at home. They've done it better than most, relying on their wives who have kept the oars in the water when the tide comes in and when the tide goes out. They're not alone, the racetrack life takes its toll.

I have one son (the kids with me over the years are my nephews, Joe's boys, and Jane Motion, daughter of Anita and Graham Motion). I haven't seen Miles Clancy, 3, since Tuesday, July 17. Five weeks. I've talked to him on the phone a couple of times, he asks and demands innocently, "Datt, when are you coming home? Datt, where are you? Datt, come home soon."

How do parents go to war?

I've been in Saratoga for five weeks and I feel like I've been to Afghanistan, breathing sand, wondering how my boy's doing, how my wife's doing.

Monday morning, Dominguez asks me about my family.

Rushing, Dominguez and I share that look of missing family.

Dominguez asks me innocently, "Do you listen to country music?"

I don't.

"Have you ever heard that song, the Dollar, by Jamey Johnson."

I haven't.

Dominguez begins to fiddle with his iPhone. Rushing, a veteran of the missing-children club, chimes in, "Don't do it, Sean. I'm telling you, don't listen to it. Not, until you're going home. Don't do it."

Dominguez hands me his phone and I listen.

Good thing for sunglasses. My first tears of Saratoga.

Half an hour later, turf works are winding down. I'm in search of a horse to discover, bet when it makes its turf debut. Callous. I scribble down a few trainer names, descriptions of horses who impress me, on a loose piece of paper. The last pair turn for home and the outside horse stumbles, falls, flips in the air.

The siren blares. Men disperse.

She limps, somehow cantering, to the outside rail. Her rider writhes in pain a furlong away. Two men go to him. I go to her.

In a matter of seconds, I'm holding her, grass wedged in the buckles of her bridle, blood coming from her nose, bandages pushed down to her pasterns, saddle pushed to her stifle, underneath her belly, irons clanging together. Her sweaty head pushes into me. I unbuckle the girth, untie her tongue tie, both fall to the ground, useless. An outrider appears quickly, holds her left leg in place. No words are exchanged. The horse

ambulance and human ambulance begin to rumble down the backside.

I pat her head as she breathes heavily into my chest. I keep saying to her, "It's all right. It's all right. It's all right."

Knowing it's not.

She's gone in minutes, falling from my hands, thudding to the ground.

I walk away, hiding the pain behind sunglasses, hating the sport. That's two sets of tears.

An hour later, Heather Craig organizes a pizza party for my nephew Ryan, who finishes his 42nd straight day of work at Graham Motion's barn. Steve Margolis left money, after shipping Hurricane Bertie to Motion's barn for the Alabama. The filly stares over her screen while Motion's team, Dave Donk, Dr. Luis Castro and other comrades and friends gather for a cup of Pepsi and slices of pizza. It always tastes better at the barn. Castro talks about flying, the mistakes John F. Kennedy Jr. made when he crashed off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. Three Labrador Retrievers lounge and scrounge for scraps. It takes my mind off the other stuff, at least, for a few moments.

The first race goes to the start, I watch Suns Out Guns Out roll around the turn, about to take over and win the 9-furlong maiden. Nolan Clancy, 11, snaps a couple photos, the pizza party is cleaned up, extra pizza dispensed to other barns, and my nephews, Ryan, Jack and Nolan, get in their parents' car. Time to go home, school's starting, summer's over, suddenly I feel another year older. I make them get out of the car, hug each one of them, knowing they're becoming men, drifting away. I tell them I love them, I don't think they hear.

I cry for the third time.

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