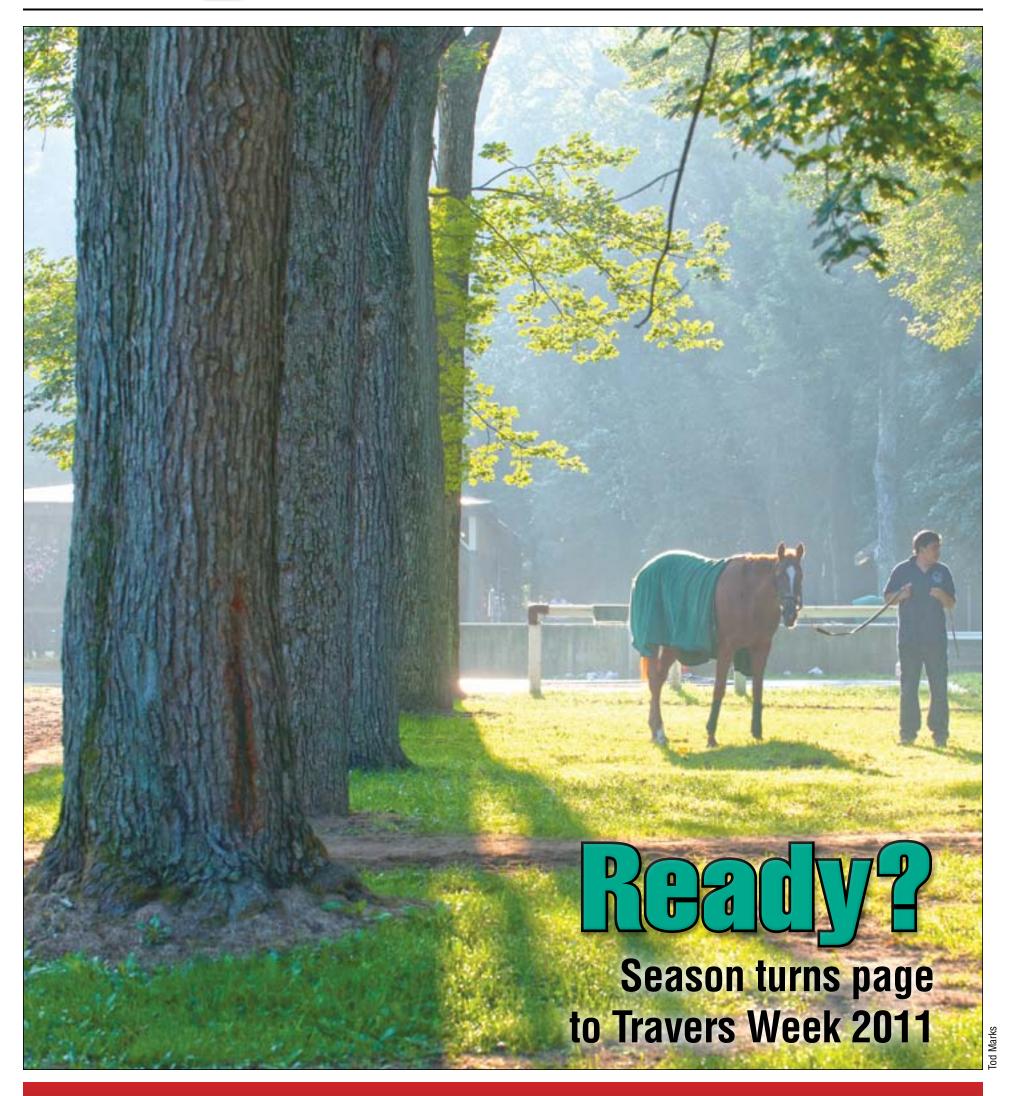
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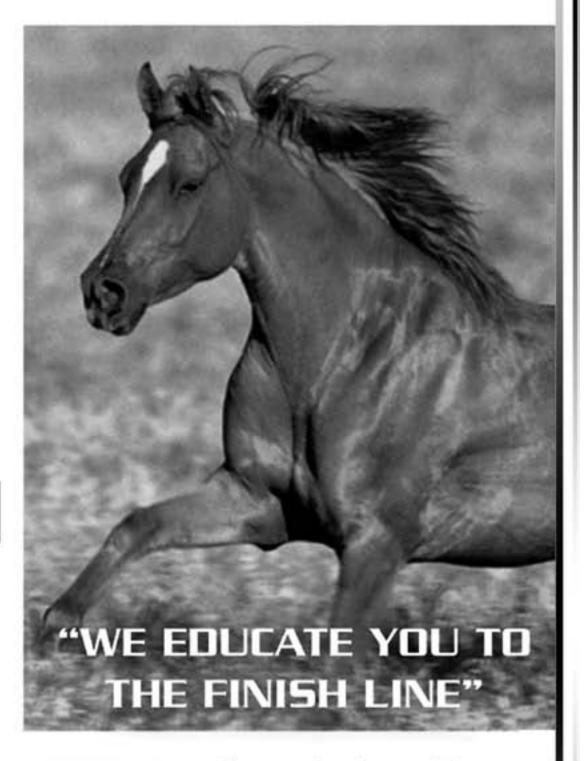
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Tod Marks

Public Shower. Sunday's rain caught some fans unprepared – and others a little more so.

WORTH REPEATING The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"Are you going to train in the morning?"

Bill Mott, to Doc Richardson and Brant Laue Saturday evening

Bill Mott, signing a photo of Ajina for a fan after the Alabama

"She always had the eye."

Palides Investment's Ron Wallace, about Alabama winner Royal Delta

"That's something I would do."

Trainer Shug McGaughey, after a fan fell - loudly - up the steps to the boxes Sunday

"Most of the calls came from the prison."

Trainer Mark Hennig, on an early job as a telephone operator

"Is that the same helmet you had when you galloped for Van Berg?" Trainer Billy Badgett to trainer Bill Mott (the consensus was yes)

"Blasphemy."

Assistant trainer Michael McCarthy when seeing a Saratoga Special in the dirt "She could have handed me the baton and we could have finished faster." Nolan Clancy, 10, on a tired horse from Sunday

"I know some trainers who might be looking for work."

At the clockers' stand, when The Special asked for distribution help

Photographer Adam Mooshian, on what he does the rest of the year

"What, you guys have choir practice or something? You were dressed normally this morning on the backside.

Radio host Paul Jolovitz, spying a set of Clancys in coats and ties Sunday at the races

"Eleven-thirty is the new 9:30."

John Hennig, on the schedules of teenagers

"Dark day. Trivia Day.

Allen Jerkens, after talking history Tuesday morning

"You don't think Tom Durkin's job is in jeopardy?"

Trainer Neil Howard after commentating Monday's first race to his owner on the phone

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You Think It's Easy? Trainer Dominick Schettino earns his money after Motion Lounge won Sunday's seventh in a flash monsoon.

BY THE NUMBERS

6: Bottles of champagne consumed in the Trustees Room after the Alabama.

11:32: Time Jonathan Sheppard's van was headed south on I-87 (between 21A and B) Tuesday morning after dropping off another load of steeplechase winners - most likely - at Saratoga.

20,995: Dollars bet on Winter Memories to show at first blink Sunday. No other horse in the Lake Placid had drawn more than \$800 to that point. She finished fourth.

NAMES OF THE DAY

Alstom, seventh race. David Clark's 3-year-old is by Silver Train. Alstom Transport is a leader in the high-speed train sector, employing 27,000 people.

Isabella Bella, sixth race. Owned by Bree-N-Me, the 4-year-old daughter of Western Expression and Bellanique is named after the protagonist of the Twilight Series, Isabella "Bella" Swan, born in Forks, Wash.

WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny. High, 83. Low, 64. Thursday: Scattered thunderstorms. High, 79. Low, 63. Friday: Partly cloudy. High, 78. Low, 60. Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High, 80. Low, 65.



JUST SAYIN'

"I've got a lot of respect for Jimmy, a lot of respect for his filly. Today was our day. He was probably coming back a little quicker than he wanted to, she didn't get as clear a run as they might have wanted. She's a good filly, and she's going to have her day again."

> - Shug McGaughey, on beating Jimmy Toner's Winter Memories with Hungry Island

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Two Guys

Preachintothedevil, Socialsaul carry Contessa's flag into feature

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

"You can make this as quick and painless as you want to, guys, as far as I'm concerned."

Gary Contessa stood at the chute on the Oklahoma track and watched his starters in the 1 1/8-mile New Yorkbred Albany stand in the gate. Preachintothedevil, the problem child, goes first while Socialsaul finishes his gallop.

'Socialsaul (doesn't care). Preachintothedevil is a horse, whatever you're doing with him, you kind of want to get it over with and get him home safe," Contessa said. "In the paddock, they're exact polar opposites. Socialsaul gets a little worked up and Preachintothedevil is a good boy.'

Preachintothedevil rolled back and forth from toes to haunches as if to emphasize Contessa's point.

Crossed Sabres Farm's 3-year-old son of Pulpit broke his maiden first out in November of his 2-year-old year, then won the \$60,000 Champagneforashley two starts later. Preachintothedevil meandered on the Triple Crown trail for a while, looking for graded earnings in the Spiral (sixth behind Animal King-

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dom) and the Wood Memorial (eighth behind Toby's Corner).

"In the early part of the year, you start scrambling for graded stakes earnings, you go here, you go there," Contessa said. "As a Pulpit, you assume he might like the Polytrack, so we go to the race at Turfway, and that was a weak race. We come back to the Wood and the Wood is Uncle Mo and a bunch of allowance horses. Everyone was guaranteed \$10,000 just to show up and even there, it was a very subpar Wood Memorial. It wasn't Bellamy Road, it wasn't a stellar group and Uncle Mo gets beat, so the Triple Crown picture is wide open. We tried all that and he just wasn't up to the task, so we went back to New York-breds and he's found himself again."

Preachintothedevil won the \$100,000 Mike Lee June 26 at Belmont, then finished second to Socialsaul in the New York Derby at Finger Lakes. Contessa hopes the Albany will clear up a slightly muddled picture of the colt's ability.

"I think we're going to find out



Tod Marks

Preachintothedevil battles stablemate Socialsaul in today's Albany.

where we're at with him right now," Contessa said. "This race is going to tell us if he wants to be a mile and an eighth on the dirt. He appears he wants to be more of a one-turn horse, seven eighths or a mile, but there really isn't another option. If there was a seven-furlong New York-bred race, I might have split them."

Preachintothedevil partners with Ra-

mon Dominguez this afternoon.

"He really needs a clean trip," Contessa said. "Hopefully he's somehow in the clear, rather than sitting behind a slow pace. That would not be to his liking.'

While Preachintothedevil regains his footing, Samotowka Stables' Socialsaul

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hasn't missed a step since making his debut in May. The lightly-raced son of Read The Footnotes has strung together three victories in his last three starts, the last being his 4-length defeat of Preachintothedevil in the New York Derby. Javier Castellano rides Socialsaul.

"Preachintothedevil broke poorly from the rail, he's a very headstrong horse, he checked off heels going into the first turn," Contessa said. "At the eighth pole, Socialsaul and Preachintothedevil were head and head and Socialsaul, who had a dream trip, kicked away from him."

Contessa has only had the 3-year-old gelding in his barn since the spring.

"Kenny McPeek sent him to me because he was a New York-bred," Contessa said. "And he said, 'I think he'd be better off training with you in New York.' He was immature, big horse, they gave him a chance to develop."

Preachintothedevil backed out of the gate, cavorted around in his draw reins, then finally got to the business of his gallop. Socialsaul, also a strong bay horse, jogged into the chute. Contessa, like the rest of today's punters, is waiting to find out what's going to happen.

"Socialsaul has only run four times in his life and each race he's improved," Contessa said. "We went into the New York Derby with Preachintothedevil as the favorite and Socialsaul as the second choice. I'm sure Socialsaul will be the favorite and Preachintothedevil will be second or third choice, but maybe he'll turn the tables. If Preachintothedevil gets a good trip it will be very interesting to see what happens."

Tom Albertrani enters Mike Lee fourth Bound By Humor. Owned by Parker Lightfield Farm and Malvern Burroughs, the Sharp Humor colt is 2-for-3 this year, breaking his maiden May 18, running fourth in the Mike Lee, then winning a first-level state-bred allowance last out. The Albany will be the colt's first start around two turns.



Dave na

Bound By Humor (right) brings a win over the track this summer into the Albany.

"It's more or less of an experiment to see how he's going to handle the two turns," Albertrani said. "I think he will, he looks like the kind of horse that wants to stretch out a little bit. He ran in the one overnight stake two races back, I was a little disappointed with him that day, but the way he's coming up to this race, he's training a lot better. He came out of that last race in great shape, he's been showing a lot of energy."

"Energy" is perhaps a little bit of an understate-

"He's very strong, he's a very strong horse on the racetrack, he'll really take a good hold of the rider," Albertrani said. "He'll really test you out there, but that's all good, good signs he's training well."

Bound By Humor has drawn the 2 hole and will go

to post under Rajiv Maragh.

"There's some speed on the outside of us, and he's been sprinting, so I think naturally he's just going to come out with some speed," Albertrani said. "If Rajiv could manage to get him to settle, I would rather see him just sitting off the leaders into the first turn."

John Kimmel enters the 7-2 third choice Sailmate.

John Kimmel enters the 7-2 third choice Sailmate. The son of Friends Lake broke his maiden on the third try, then returned to take a first-level state-bred allowance June 4. David Cohen will ride the Goldmark Farm color-bearer.

Alstom, Sky Music, Pin Number, Bigger Is Better, This Hard Land complete the field.

The Albany is carded as the seventh race of the day and will go off at 4:21.

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1 John Velazquez189	41	28	22	\$2,141,490	22%	8 Irad Ortiz Jr97	10	5	12	\$352,640	10%
2 Javier Castellano194	36	32	20	\$2,479,808	19%	10 David Cohen80	9	9	9	\$367,988	11%
3 Ramon Dominguez191	33	35	28	\$1,663,192	17%	10 Kent Desormeaux36	9	3	2	\$240,460	25%
4 Julien Leparoux121	22	12	18	\$1,085,886	18%	12 Alex Solis91	8	8	10	\$784,840	9%
5 Rajiv Maragh142	17	15	25	\$1,344,652	12%	13 Corey Nakatani44	7	3	3	\$235,088	16%
6 Cornelio Velasquez122	14	20	14	\$945,306	11%	14 Robby Albarado64	6	14	7	\$361,340	9%
7 Jose Lezcano106	11	12	15	\$1,012,451	10%	14 Ryan Curatolo66	6	11	7	\$297,664	9%
8 Eddie Castro108	10	14	15	\$816,580	9%	16 Alan Garcia61	5	7	7	\$433,620	8%



Karaoke stars (from left) John Velazquez, Mike Luzzi and Javier Castellano sing at Club Vapor Monday night in a fundraiser.

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1Todd Pletcher	97	27	10	14	\$1,642,020	28%
2Chad Brown	51	16	12	3	\$942,300	31%
3Rudy Rodriguez	38	11	5	6	\$329,220	29%
4Steve Asmussen	31	9	4	7	\$482,840	29%
5Bill Mott	55	8	10	6	\$822,780	15%
5Mike Hushion	23	8	0	4	\$258,807	35%
7Kiaran McLaughlin	33	7	7	2	\$540,860	21%
8Shug McGaughey	23	6	3	1	\$337,040	26%

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2Flying Zee Stable	46	6	7	8	\$249,240	13%
3Ramsey, Ken and Sarah	20	5	0	4	\$241,960	25%
4Darley Stable	21	4	2	2	\$181,720	19%
4Klaravich Stables & Lawrence, V	√m25	4	3	2	\$165,880	16%
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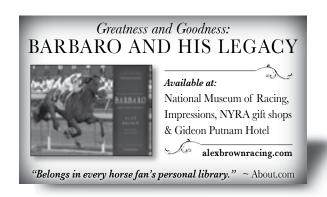


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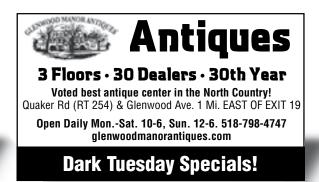
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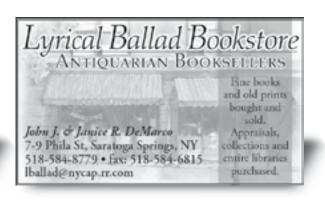
















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6TH (3:47PM), \$23,000, MCL \$25,000, 3&UP, F&M, 1M (INNER TURF) L. Rice J. Velazquez O. Hosang, Jr. 50-1 J. Blake-Baeza R. Dominguez L. Rice 4-1 M. Nihei J. Castanon 15-1 R. Curatolo P. Serpe 2-1 C. Brown 7-2 J. Castellano J. Espinoza B. Callejas 15-1 I. Ortiz, Jr. G. Sciacca 15-1 F. Lenclud C. Clement 8-1 C. Velasquez 12-1 T. Bush 7TH (4:21PM). \$100,000, STK - THE ALBANY, 3 YO, 1 1/8M Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double D. Lukas 8-1 R. Albarado T. Albertrani 12-1 R. Maragh G. Weaver 12-1 C. Velasquez J. Lezcano D. Galluscio 8-1 A. Lezcano R. Ubillo 15-1 J. Castellano G. Contessa 2-1 R. Dominguez G. Contessa 3-1 J. Velazquez R. Ubillo 20-1 D. Cohen J. Kimmel 7-2 8TH (4:55PM). \$56,000, AOC \$75,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 7F D. Lukas 6-1 C. Velasquez R. Albarado 4-1 G. Arnold, II T. Pletcher E. Prado 5-2 J. Velazquez W. Mott 3-1 J. Castellano E. Kenneally 2-1 9TH (5:30PM). \$25,000, CLM \$20,000, 3&UP, F&M, 1M (INNER TURF) 20-1 J. Chavez P. Kelly J. Lezcano M. Hennig 8-1 A. Solis L. Lewis 6-1 D. Jacobson D. Cohen 6-1 J. Samyn P. Meyer 50-1 T. Bush R. Dominguez 7-2 G. Weaver J. Castellano 3-1 J. Sanchez D. Schettino 15-1 R. Maragh F. Alexander 5-1 W. Badgett, Jr. J. Rodriguez 6-1 C. Englehart A. Garcia 8-1 S. Bridgmohan S. Margolis 15-1 L. Rice J. Velazquez 7-2 J. Sanchez R. Rodriguez 12-1 M. Casse S. Bridgmohan 5-1 10TH (6:04PM). \$23,000, MCL \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M (TURF) J. Scott 8-1 J. Leparoux P. Kopaj 20-1 E. Castro B. Brown 15-1 A. Solis J. Rodriguez C. Doran 20-1 S. Bridgmohan M. Maker 3-1 C. Nakatani D. Lukas 10-1 Bundestag (GB) E. Prado J. Day 5-1 Griffin Rock 15-1 8 8 J. Sanchez R. Sedlacek 20-1 Fu Pegs Baby S. Everett 30-1 J. Castanon 10 10 12-1 J. Velazquez N. 7ito Alvito 11 11 Forty Tears D. Cohen E. Barker 6-1 Allen's Star K. McPeek 7-2 12 12 M. Cruz

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5	Silver Max	Silver Max	Silver Max	My Wahoo	My Wahoo
	Bunker's Ledge	My Wahoo	Bunker's Ledge	Silver Max	Silver Max
	Malibu Wave	Malibu Wave	Malibu Wave	Bunker's Ledge	Bunker's Ledge
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	Molly Molly Molly	Grace And Courage	Grace and Courage	Lakeside Chapel	Molly Molly Molly
	Grace and Courage	My Nan Nell	Split Pot	Grace and Courage	My Nan Nell
10	Last Out of Panama	Last Out Of Panama	Newman Rocks	Last out of Panama	Last Out Of Panama
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	Gunman	Gunman	Last Out of Panama	Allen's Star	Riki Mcd
Records	72/224	65/224	52/224	59/224	46/224

Handicapper Scorecard

We have a race.

Much like the battle for the Saratoga jockey championship, The Special's handicapper race has tightened considerably headed into the final two weeks of the meet.

Defending champion John Shapazian had two winners on a

scratch-filled Sunday card while Gaile Fitzgerald countered with four including \$11 horse Tanglewood Tale and the \$17.60 early double.

Dean Keppler had three Sunday, led by Lake Placid winner Hungry Island (\$21.40).

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Passing Grade

Lovely Lil makes up for '10 Test with win

BY SEAN CLANCY

"Not yet."

Barry Schwartz answered when asked how long it took him to get over the 2010 Test.

Schwartz and trainer Mike Hushion still want the Grade I 3-year-old filly stakes back. Their New Yorkbred filly, Lovely Lil, fresh off two easy scores, broke to the right, jockey Alan Garcia nearly fell out the side door and she ran hard every step before being nailed late for third.

"I still can't get over her race in the Test, she was right for that day," Hushion said. "You don't get many chances when things come together, she obviously could have been third."

No black type, missed opportunity, months to recover.

Considere her recovered.

The 4-year-old daughter of Tiznow earned her deserved first line of black type by easily winning the Union Avenue Monday. Under Ramon Dominguez,



Dave Harmon

Lovely Lil pulls away from Nicole's Miss El late in Monday's Union Avenue Stakes.

Lovely Lil sat off the pace before drawing off to an easy win over Finger Lakes shipper Nicole's Miss El and Lady Gracenote. Lovely Lil finished 6 furlongs in 1:10.59.

Lovely Lil broke a bit slowly and was squeezed back to last – briefly.

Dominguez negotiated his way to the inside and Lovely Lil quickly reached the peloton, sitting fifth as My Sire's Fire and Nicole's Miss El led the field through a quarter mile in 22.15. Lovely Lil cruised into fourth leaving the backside, then third on the turn. After a half in 45.12, Dominguez eased her outside Nicole's Miss El as My Sire's Fire faded on the rail. Lovely Lil reached the lead at the eighth pole and ambled to an

easy 1 3/4-length victory as Dominguez did nothing more than snap his right wrist twice. Lovely Lil won with her ears pricked and whip uncocked.

After last year's Test, Lovely Lil shipped to Philadelphia Park for a \$72,800 allowance where she got bumped and wound up second. She returned 19 days later in the Grade II Gallant Bloom but failed to threaten in seventh. A month later, she suffered another rough trip when fading to finish fifth in the statebred Iroquois. Hushion said she was "beat up" and sent her back to her birthplace, Schwartz's Stonewall Farm in Granite Springs, N.Y.

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Dave Harmon

Lovely Lil and her people pose after the Union Avenue.

Union Avenue —

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"Mike just figured give her a lot of time which we did," Schwartz said.

Lovely Lil returned sharply, toughing out a neck victory over Yawkey Way in a New York-bred optional claimer here July 27. She battled hard on the front end to get her third win.

If you're calling the charts, Lovely Lil won her first two starts from the front end, lost her next four while racing from off the pace, then won her 4-yearold debut here, while again battling on the lead.

Hushion wasn't worried about the audible in the Union Avenue.

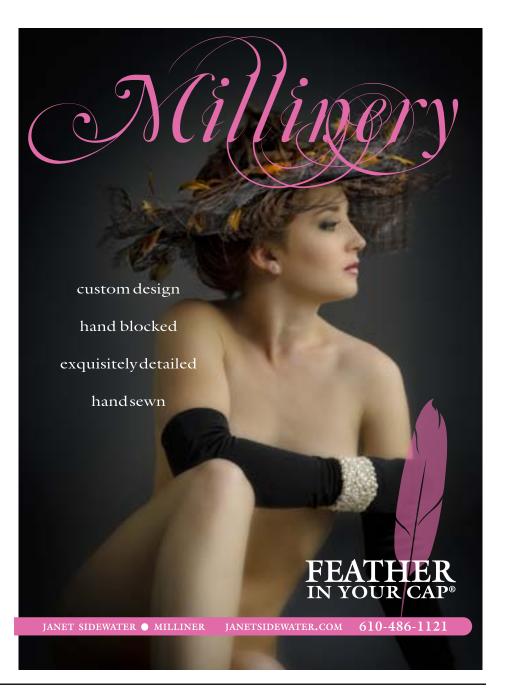
"I really wasn't, if she was going to be the best today I figured it didn't matter where she was," Hushion said. "I've never thought of her as a three-quarter or seven-eighths horse, I think a mile is well within her range, we'll try that for

Schwartz won the Schuylerville with Lovely Lil's dam, How About Now.

"It's hard to believe her dam won the Schuylerville 15 years ago. I love the breeding," Schwartz said. "I keep saying this is the best filly I've ever had without any black type and at least she got it today. Her dam has been a very good producer for me, she's had some very nice horses. Hopefully she'll be a good producer too."

Hushion continued a prolific meet, winning his eighth race from 23 starts, maintaining the best win percentage of any trainer who has saddled more than 10 runners at the meet.

"It's funny the way it comes together sometimes and sometimes it doesn't," Hushion said. "Crazy game. Crazy game."



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Talking Horse

Wilkinson, Howard roll through opener

BY SEAN CLANCY

Neil Howard sat in a clubhouse box, staring at his phone, a few minutes before Monday's opener where 3-year-old Wilkinson was due to make his turf debut.

The trainer was due to commentate the race to Wilkinson's owner, Ed Gaylord. Make no mistake, Howard is no Tom Durkin, but he delivered good news to Gaylord as Wilkinson rallied from fourth in the four-horse race to win comfortably over Chad Brown's pair Asphalt and War Hoot. Sent off the longest price in the field, Wilkinson won for the fourth time in his career and first time on the turf, finishing 1 1/16 miles over soft turf in 1:47.85.

Owned and bred by Gaillardia Stable, Wilkinson dabbled on the Triple Crown Trail this spring, winning the Lecomte at the Fair Grounds, finishing sixth in the Louisiana Derby and 10th in the Blue Grass. Dropped back to an allowance race, the son of Lemon Drop Kid won a two-other-than off-the turf allowance



Dave Harmon

Wilkinson pulls away late to win Monday's first for trainer Neil Howard.

at Churchill Downs and then finished last in the Ohio Derby June 4. Two days after the Ohio Derby, he underwent throat surgery and came to Saratoga with an

He finished fourth in a tough three-other-than optional claimer July 29 before Howard decided to finally give the well-made colt a chance on the turf.

As the fain fell Sunday, Howard figured he would wind up in a short field on the main track. He called the racing office and track superintendent Glen Kozak

who moved the race from the inner turf to the Mellon turf and convinced Howard that everything would be all right.

"I thought it was going to come off but when I called the racing office and I talked to Glen, there was no doubt in their mind, they put me at ease, they said with the race being moved to the Mellon, the course is in good shape. I only walked out there as a matter of

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policy, when I walked out there, I had to agree with them, the course was in great shape. It's hard to differentiate walking on it yourself as opposed to a thousandpound horse being on it."

Wilkinson glided over it like he was the weight of Howard; relaxing comfortably for Julien Leparoux before moving around War Hoot, Asphalt and Followmyfootsteps in systematic rhythm.

"We had been talking about this turf thing for a while," Howard said. "I would say we'd stay on that avenue and see where it takes us and if it comes off, you have the best of both worlds."

Howard has plenty of confidence in Wilkinson but was disappointed in how things went this spring, especially after he finished last in the Ohio Derby. The surgery seemed to put Wilkinson back on track.

"When we discovered that he needed to have throat surgery, we felt like we had something to hang our hat on," Howard said. "It's been good ever since. You know when something's bugging them, when you're around these horses every day, all day. He's one of those horses that gets a little hot anyway, that comes from inside him because he's a real good, sturdy, sound horse, but he's much happier in the paddock, ready to go, happy to be there, all those little things you look for."

Just don't ask Howard to announce



Dave Harmon

American Angel (4) prevails in Monday's seventh for trainer Allen Jerkens.

• Trainer Allen Jerkens upset the seventh when American Angel rallied to nail second choice World Harmony in the 7-furlong maiden for fillies and mares.

Sent off third choice behind secondtime starter Vivere and World Harmony, American Angel relaxed in sixth before wearing down World Harmony to draw off to a 1 3/4 length win for owner/breeder Irving Cowan. Vivere attracted favoritism but pulled early and wound up a tired fifth.

By Ghostzapper out of Society Selection, American Angel finished fourth in her debut at Belmont July 3, ninth on the turf here July 24, fourth going a mile and an eighth Aug. 8.

"She's learning how to run a little bit," Jerkens said. "She didn't like the turf, the jock said she's got to like the grass and she didn't, she just galloped around there. She did run better the last time, even though they ran the last eighth of a mile in a two-minute lick, they ran a mile in 1:40 and a mile and an eighth in 1:56, I've never seen that. This time, she beat the other six, she might come around."

Jerkens and Cowan campaigned Society Selection to win the Frizette, Comely, Test, Alabama and Shuvee in a six-win career that garnered \$1.9 million.

"It's hard to compare them," Jerkens said. "Society Selection was workmanlike."

Society Selection won her debut at Saratoga going 5 furlongs Aug. 18 and won her second start, the Frizette, going 1 1/6 miles October 4.

'Maybe the most phenomenal thing of all the things I think of that have happened, training wise, for her to win going five-eighths here and two months later to win the Frizette going a mile and a sixteenth, that was great, she came rolling along, it was unbelievable," Jerkens said. "We wanted to run her in between but the race didn't go and we figured a 6-furlong race wouldn't help her, so we worked her in company with two other horses a couple of times, Ray (Ganpath) put her right in between horses and it worked out. That was a big thrill. I didn't win that many 2-yearold races, the Cowdin twice, we got taken down in the Spinaway, Kelly Kip won the Sanford, not too many."

• Six horses were claimed on the 10-race card including winners Sensational Sam, Networking, Al Muhtasib and Orsonian.





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J. Leparoux Wilkinson \$4.20 J. Castellano Asphalt \$2.50 J. Velazquez War Hoot

Dk B/ Br Colt 2008, by Lemon Drop Kid - Tasha's Delight by Afternoon Deelites. Owner: Gaillardia Stable. Trainer: Neil Howard. Breeder: Gaillardia LLC (KY).

MONDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

Late Scratches: Frazil, Evolutionist, Northern Giant, Slews Answer Time: 1:47.85 Exacta (1-4), \$28.60

SECOND \$37,800, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

J. Castellano Sunnybrook \$4.40 \$3.20 More Is Better A. Solis \$5.30 \$4.40 In Her Hey Day A. Lezcano \$8.40

B Filly 2007, by Chief Seattle - Shirley Temper by Miswaki Owner: Dubb, Michael, Joscelyn, Robert. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez. Breeder: DJR Thoroughbreds (NY).

Late Scratches: Magic Tune, Isn't She Grand, Lady Rizzi, Aprilmayjune,

Time: 1:04.68 Daily Double (1-1), \$55.50; Exacta (1-2), \$33.20; Quinella (1-2), \$17.00; Superfecta (1-2-6-3), \$2,483.00; Trifecta (1-2-6), \$297.50

THIRD \$31,000, CLAIMING \$35,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

11 Quay Lime Guy I. Ortiz, Jr. \$5.20 \$3.70 2 Quiet Assault R. Albarado \$5.80 \$4.20 \$5.00 Upper Afleet A. Solis

Dk B/ Br Colt 2007, by Limehouse - Radcliffe Yard by Boston Harbor Owner: NYKY Thoroughbred Stable. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Breeder: Martha Buckner (KY)

Late Scratches: Ahgogo, Cobalt Cat, Binks Forest, Quick Recovery, Logical Order, Ocean Seven (IRE), Get A Grip (IRE)

Claimed: Perfect Joiski claimed by Winning Move Stable for \$35,000

Daily Double (1-11), \$27.20; Exacta (11-2), \$41.40; Trifecta (11-2-1), \$272.50; Pic 3 (1-1-11), \$176.00

FOURTH \$57,000, AOC \$75,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

J. Castellano Despite the Odds \$3.70 \$2.60 Flat Bold R. Maragh \$5.00 \$3.00 R. Albarado \$2.60 Gr/ro Horse 2006, by Speightstown - Lady Aloma by Cozzene Owner: Johnson, R., Larry, TYB Stable (Michael J. Ryan), Dilger, Jerry. Trainer: Michael Trombetta. Breeder: Walton Breeders (KY). Claimed: Flat Bold claimed by Dubb, Michael for \$75,000

Daily Double (11-1), \$31.20; Exacta (1-3), \$20.60; Quinella (1-3), \$12.60; Trifecta (1-3-5), \$37.00; Pic 3 (1-11-1), \$77.50

FIFTH \$77,000, NY-BRED STAKES - UNION AVENUE S., 3 YO'S & UP. 6F

3 Lovely Lil R. Dominguez \$2.80 \$2.40 Nicole's Miss El E. Castro \$7.00 \$4.70 5 Lady Gracenote D. Cohen \$5.80

B Filly 2007, by Tiznow - How About Now by Pentelicus Owner: Schwartz, Barry, K.. Trainer: Michael Hushion.

Breeder: Stonewall Farm (NY).

Daily Double (1-3), \$10.60; Exacta (3-2), \$21.00; Superfecta (3-2-5-7), \$661.00; Trifecta (3-2-5), \$151.50; Pic 3 (11-1-3), \$47.40; Pic 4 (1-11-1-3), \$157.00

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SIXTH \$30,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

J. Castellano \$3.30 13 Sensational Slam \$4.40 15 Fuhrlang C. Velasquez \$8.20 \$3.60 Fight for V L T's E. Castro \$2.60

Ch Colt 2008, by Grand Slam - Roman Romance by San Romano Owner: Flay, Bobby. Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: Hill 'N' Dale Farms (ON). Late Scratches: Hooligan's Delight, Paul's Ace, Glory Game, Isn'tlovejustgrand, Coronation Day, Welchtown, Jet to Classics, Judge Well, Ruhtro

Claimed: Sensational Slam claimed by Baker, Charlton for \$25,000 Time: 1:04.24

Daily Double (3-13), \$8.90; Exacta (13-15), \$41.00; Trifecta (13-15-8), \$81.50; Pic 3 (1-3-13), \$25.20

SEVENTH \$52,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

American Angel R. Dominguez \$4.30 World Harmony D. Cohen \$3.10 \$2.30 R. Albarado Avolo \$3.80 6

Dk B/ Br Filly 2008, by Ghostzapper - Society Selection by Coronado's

Owner: Cowan, Irving, M.. Trainer: H. Jerkens.

Breeder: Irving Cowan (KY).

Time: 1:25.07

Daily Double (13-4), \$31.40; Exacta (4-1), \$30.20; Superfecta (4-1-6-3), \$712.00; Trifecta (4-1-6), \$98.00; Pic 3 (3-13-4), \$58.50

EIGHTH \$26,120, CLAIMING \$15,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

9 Networking \$3.60 A. Lezcano \$4.40 Social Statement R. Dominguez \$5.40 \$8.00 4 My Snookie's Pal C. Velasquez Dk B/ Br Filly 2008, by Officer - Zealous Connection by Unreal Zeal \$6.30

Owner: Jay Em Ess Stable. Trainer: Richard Dutrow, Jr..

Breeder: Mace Siegel & Samantha Siegel (KY).

Claimed: Networking claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$15,000

Time: 1:24.04

Daily Double (4-9), \$54.50; Exacta (9-3), \$78.00; Superfecta (9-3-4-5), \$5,758.00; Trifecta (9-3-4), \$664.00; Pic 3 (13-4-9), \$157.50

NINTH \$57,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Al Muhtasib A. Garcia \$2.60 \$2.30 Odds On (BRZ) M. Cruz \$4.00 \$3.20 Eltish Star J. Espinoza \$4.10 B Colt 2007, by Distorted Humor - A. P. Interest by A.P. Indy

Owner: Shadwell Stable. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Breeder: R. S. Evans (KY).

Claimed: Al Muhtasib claimed by Scherer, Merrill R. for \$50,000

Time: 1:51.43 Daily Double (9-7), \$16.00; Exacta (7-1), \$12.80; Superfecta (7-1-3-4),

\$243.00; Trifecta (7-1-3), \$67.00; Pic 3 (4-9-7), \$98.00; Place Pix Nine (8/13/15-1/4/6-3/4/9-7), \$21.40

TENTH \$29,400, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

5 Orsonian R. Albarado \$2.80 \$2.30 \$4.10 Conway Hillbilly 3 J. Lezcano \$6.20 \$4.30 Whistlin' Dixie \$2.90 R. Dominguez

Ch Colt 2008, by Officer - Miss Speed by Forty Niner

Owner: Spence, James, C.. Trainer: Ralph Nicks.

Breeder: G. C. Bewall, Arthur Fulmer & Taylor Made Farm, Inc. (KY). Late Scratches: European Roulette, Bourbon Bandit, Shoutout, Face Card, Roman Thunder, Gudahi

Claimed: Orsonian claimed by Schosberg, Paul A. for \$25,000

Time: 1:03.82

Daily Double (7-5), \$7.60; Exacta (5-3), \$26.60; Superfecta (5-3-9-14), \$303.40; Trifecta (5-3-9), \$64.00; Pic 3 (9-7-5), \$40.80; Pic 4 (4-9-7-1/2/4/5/8/10/11), \$307.48; Pic 6 (3-13-4-9-7-5), \$17.20; Pic 6 (3-13-4-9-

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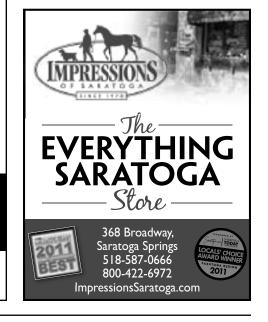
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Eat and Run

Hungry Island devours field in Gr. II turf stakes

BY JOE CLANCY

Alex Solis went into the Lake Placid with a simple plan – follow Winter Memories.

At least for a while.

The jockey and 9-1 fourth choice Hungry Island were behind the heavy favorite at every call but the last as Emory Hamilton's homebred sprinted clear late to win the \$150,000 turf stakes for 3-year-old fillies Sunday. Run over a yielding turf course thanks to heavy rain earlier in the day, the Grade II race turned into a sprint in the stretch and nobody sprinted like Hungry Island. She won by 2 1/2 lengths over Kathmanblu with Dynamic Holiday third. Lake George winner and 2-5 favorite Winter Memories settled for a troubled fourth.

"I was going to track (Winter Memories) the whole way and if she had a good trip I was going to have a good trip," said Solis. "If she was better than my filly in the stretch, then let it be."



Dave Harmon

Hungry Island kicks to the finish in Sunday's Lake Placid Stakes.

Bellamy Star jumped to the early lead and coasted through fractions of 26.07 and 51.91 seconds while leading Wyomia and Kathmanblu.

Behind them, Winter Memories found a stalking spot – behind horses and inside. Dynamic Holiday raced to the favorite's outside while Hungry Island

was last through a half-mile, 6 lengths behind the leader. On the turn, Bellamy Star and Wyomia weakened as Kathmanblu rolled forward and Dynamic Holiday and Winter Memories moved as a team. The

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Lake Placid —

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former won the race to the quarter pole, forcing Winter Memories to wait, then dive for the rail in the stretch.

With a furlong to go, Kathmanblu claimed the lead, Dynamic Holiday staved on and Winter Memories finally found room on the rail. Outside everybody, Hungry Island roared into contention, then kicked off the starting-gate path near the sixteenth pole to win going away. The daughter of More Than Ready covered 1 1/8 miles in 1:53.77 while winning her fourth consecutive start for trainer Shug McGaughey.

Before the race, the trainer left simple instructions with his jockey. "You know your filly, do your thing," the trainer

"It's so easy when they give you those kind of instructions, you can do whatever you want," Solis said. "She's very professional. I saved ground all the way, got her out at the quarter-pole and she did her thing. She can really close on horses.'

Small but mighty, Hungry Island added a graded-stakes score to a progressive 2011. She finished second in her seasonal debut at Gulfstream Park in April, broke her maiden in May at Belmont, won a first-level allowance in June and added the ungraded Recording Stakes in July. McGaughey skipped the Lake George early in the meet, and aimed for the Lake Placid because of the extra 3 1/2 weeks to prepare.

Hungry Island has always appreciated time - improving in nearly every start. Her 2-vear-old season included a third to Winter Memories, a second to future stakes winner Ruthenia and a third to next-out winner Parting Words. Rested for the winter, Hungry Island returned with the second at Gulfstream and hasn't lost since.

"She got beat, but right away I liked her," said Solis of his first ride. "She's a tiny little thing but she's got a big run."

Hungry Island's half-brother Soaring Empire has won stakes on the dirt, but his sister headed right to the turf based on an early opinion.

"I can't really remember why I put her on the turf right away, but Niall Brennan had her down in Ocala and I remember him saying that she was fine on the dirt but she was better on the turf," said McGaughey. "Who knows, right? I'm going to keep her there for a while though."

The trainer likes Hungry Island's strong late kick and came into the Lake Placid hopeful of a repeat – despite the deeper competition.

"She's got a quarter-of-a-mile run and in her other races this year she's been catching horses, getting to horses in a hurry," he said. "I was kind of anxious to see how she would stack up against some of the better fillies. She deserved a chance. This was the next step, what I had on my mind after the Belmont race."

Hamilton finally got a chance to see Hungry Island race live, and liked what she saw.

"You have to wait on her, then she gets there," said the owner/breeder. "She circles the field, just kind of the way she does it. I worry about her ever getting an inside post and getting in a traffic jam or something, but that hasn't been the case so far. She's fabulous."



Dave Harmon





















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All Stops

Still learning, Cease charges to maiden tally for Claiborne, Stall

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS

On a day when most horses returned from battle coated in a layer of gray, Cease trotted up clean-faced and almost clean-legged after the fifth, an off-the-turf 1 1/8-mile maiden. Adele Dilschneider and Claiborne Farm's 4-year-old sat three wide of the leader through the opening stages, neatly avoiding the flying muck, then glided into the lead before the turn. At the wire, there was no one to toss mud in his face: it was 13 lengths back to Springcourt.

It was actually the second time Al Stall's charge has broken his maiden. The gelded son of War Chant finished first July 3 in a turf maiden at Churchill Downs, but drifted in the stretch and was demoted to third by the powers that be.

"He doesn't know a thing, he's just learning," Stall said. "He's completely lost out there. Absolutely lost. It wasn't the whip, he was just going along fine, all of the sudden he just decided to go right. He wouldn't come to the winner's circle, he saw the flowers and he's just like that. He trains pretty normal, but on race day, he gets his blood boiling, he sees dead people, I guess."

Although Cease did not make his debut until October of last year, Stall hopes that the gelding can go on



Tod Marks

Cease blazes to a maiden win for trainer Al Stall and jockey Miguel Mena Sunday.

to be a useful older horse.

"You hear the story all the time," Stall said. "You had a few nagging type things, nothing major, and you miss five months here and five months there, next thing you know you're a 4-year-old maiden."

The fifth race was originally carded at 1 3/8 miles on the grass, but the driving rain forced the gate to the dirt. Although Cease had never run over a traditional dirt surface until Sunday, Stall felt the horse, who is

out of a Cox's Ridge mare, was entitled to be a good mudder

"He's got a lot of Cox's Ridge in him, if you look at him," Stall said. "Cox's Ridge was a famous wet track horse long on the dirt, so we weren't too worried about that. You can drive a bus underneath his belly, he's very, very long-legged. Cox's Ridge was all

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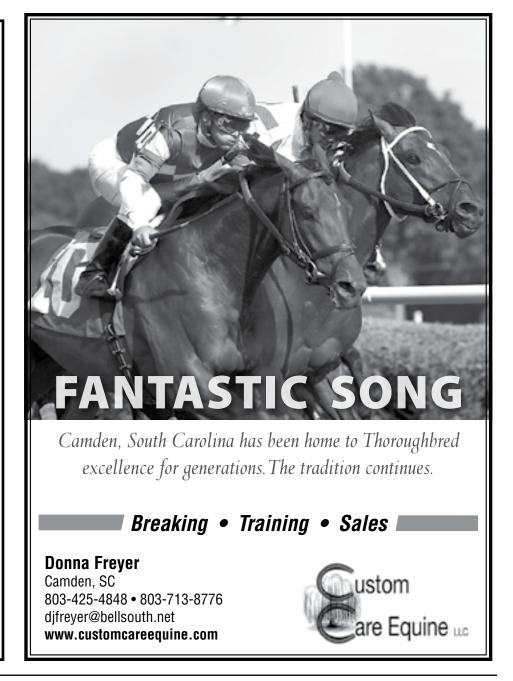
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Sunday August 21.

FIRST \$50,000, STARTERS ALLOWANCE \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Those Wer the Days E. Castro \$7.20 \$4.20 \$2.90 Brown Indian C. Velasquez \$7.90 \$3.60 Sour A. Garcia

B Gelding 2007, by Thunder Gulch - Arch's Gal Edith by Arch Owner: Clarke, Harvey, A.. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Breeder: Harvey Clarke (KY).

Late Scratches: Don't Fooli Houli, J Isle, Regal Strike, Crepe Au Sucre, Time Trial, Bwana Brave, Concert Stage, Launch N Relaunch Time: 1:25.15

Exacta (3-2), \$40.20; Trifecta (3-2-7), \$133.00

SECOND \$51,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

Spare Change J. Leparoux \$5.80 \$2.60 \$2.30 Street Savy R. Dominguez \$2.90 \$2.60 Siberian Wildcat R. Maragh \$4.00 Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Bernardini - Finder's Fee by Storm Cat Owner: Phipps Stable. Trainer: Claude McGaughey III.

Breeder: Phipps Stable (KY). Time: 1:26.48

Daily Double (3-2), \$17.60; Exacta (2-5), \$13.20; Quinella (2-5), \$6.00; Trifecta (2-5-1), \$49.60

THIRD \$29,000, CLAIMING \$17,500-\$15,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

R. Dominguez \$2.40 W. W.'s Lady's Man \$3.40 Lil O's Expression M. Mena \$6.50 \$3.10 System Restore R. Maragh \$2.60

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2007, by Wild and Wicked - Ladyote by Capote Owner: Dubb, Michael, Bethlehem Stables LLC. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez. Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Robert David Randal (KY).

Late Scratches: Digger Karakorum, Turnpike Token Claimed: W. W.'s Lady's Man claimed by Drawing Away Stable for \$17,500, Hero Figure claimed by Castle Village Farm for \$17,500 Time: 1:12.69

Daily Double (2-1), \$14.20; Exacta (1-6), \$23.40; Pic 3 (3-2-1), \$43.20

FOURTH \$150,000, STAKES - WOODFORD RESERVE LAKE PLACID S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M

A. Solis Hungry Island \$21.40 \$8.50 J. Castellano \$7.00 \$12.00 6 Kathmanblu Dynamic Holiday R. Dominguez \$11.00 B Filly 2008, by More Than Ready - Flying Passage by A.P. Indy Owner: Hamilton, Emory, A.. Trainer: Claude McGaughey III. Breeder: Emory A. Hamilton (KY).

Late Scratches: Believe in A. P., Tiz the Argument, Indian Tale Time: 1:53.77

Daily Double (1-7), \$78.50; Exacta (7-6), \$136.50; Quinella (6-7), \$54.50; Superfecta (7-6-8-5), \$743.00; Trifecta (7-6-8), \$760.00; Pic 3 (2-1-7), \$167.50

FIFTH \$51,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

\$2.60 9 Cease M. Mena \$5.00 \$2.80 \$2.80 Springcourt J. Velazquez \$3.10 8 Easy Reach J. Lezcano \$3.30

B Gelding 2007, by War Chant - Limit by Cox's Ridge

Owner: Dilschneider, Adele, B., Claiborne Farm. Trainer: Albert Stall, Jr.. Breeder: Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY).

Late Scratches: Wanganui, Deposit Slip, Dream Man, Magnificent Moon, Colossal Gift, Smokin Star, Majesty's Pilgrim, Bonded (IRE) Time: 1:51.93

Daily Double (7-9), \$55.00; Exacta (9-1), \$13.20; Trifecta (9-1-8), \$48.00; Pic 3 (1-7-9), \$148.50; Pic 4 (2-1-7-9), \$503.00

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SIXTH \$63,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

2 Tanglewood Tale \$5.80 R. Dominguez \$11.00 \$14.40 Fly to the Sky E. Castro \$6.30 Woodford Lady M. Cruz \$6.70

Gr/ro Filly 2009, by Tale of the Cat - Dreambride by Unbridled's Song Owner: Crossed Sabres Farm. Trainer: Dale Romans.

Breeder: Ron McCauley (KY).

Late Scratches: Run a Risk, Zucchini Flower, Chessrate, Sweet Cat, Star Vesta, More Than Love

Time: 1:06.56

Daily Double (9-2), \$44.20; Exacta (2-3), \$103.00; Superfecta (2-3-5-12), \$3,725.00; Trifecta (2-3-5), \$528.00; Pic 3 (7-9-2), \$343.50

SEVENTH \$43,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F

\$14.20 2 Motion Lounge \$6.50 E. Castro \$38.00 Raffie's Chance R. Maragh \$11.60 \$6.50 Flavor Girl R. Curatolo \$4.30

B Filly 2009, by Rockport Harbor - Purely Surprized by Pure Prize Owner: Brooklyn Boyz Stables. Trainer: Dominick Schettino.

Breeder: IEAH Stables & Andrew Cohen (NY).

Time: 1:14.36

Daily Double (2-2), \$191.00; Exacta (2-5), \$268.00; Superfecta (2-5-7-4), \$5,865.00; Trifecta (2-5-7), \$1,488.00; Pic 3 (9-2-2), \$327.00

EIGHTH \$25,080, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

J. Castellano 3 Silver Screamer \$5.40 \$3.90 \$3.00 Cindy's Joy R. Maragh \$4.00 \$3.10 8 Malibu Spice J. Velazquez \$2.90

Gr/ro Filly 2008, by Cozzene - West Sider by Gone West

Owner: Repole Stable. Trainer: George Weaver.

Breeder: Palides Investments N.V., Inc. (KY).

Late Scratches: Tulane Up, Eleven of Hearts, Turbo Tweaked, Sunny Smiles, Le Grand Fromage, Gone At Once, Mecanique, She's for Real, Struck With Luck

Time: 1:26.41

Daily Double (2-3), \$128.00; Exacta (3-1), \$29.60; Superfecta (3-1-8-4), \$237.40; Trifecta (3-1-8), \$64.50; Pic 3 (2-2-3), \$478.50

NINTH \$57,000, AOC \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

8 Slevin R. Dominguez \$5.50 \$3.80 Will's Wildcat \$4.00 R. Albarado Mine Over Matter C. Velasquez \$3.90 Dk B/ Br Gelding 2006, by Belong to Me - Silverbobbin by Silver Deputy

Owner: Sullivan Lane Stable, Scuderi, Vincent, S.

Trainer: Richard Dutrow, Jr.. Breeder: Eric Brophy (NY). Late Scratches: Sun Dance Moon, Have You Ever

Time: 1:24.71

Daily Double (3-8), \$28.60; Exacta (8-6), \$60.00; Superfecta (8-6-7-3), \$1,513.00; Trifecta (8-6-7), \$235.00; Pic 3 (2-3-8), \$597.00; Place Pix Nine (2/3/5-2/5/7-1/3/8-8), \$230.50

TENTH \$53,200, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 7F

1A Harbor Mist R. Curatolo \$12.00 \$6.50 \$4.40 5 Wholelottashakin J. Castellano \$11.00 \$6.60 4 Landlubber J. Leparoux \$6.30

Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Rockport Harbor - Jaramar Miss by Risen Star Owner: Flying Zee Stables. Trainer: Philip Serpe.

Breeder: Saratoga Select Broodmares LLC (NY)

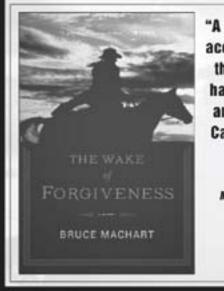
Late Scratches: Stock Fund, Hlao Roo, Ladywell Court, Royal Bonnie, Arizona Tammy, Desert Bliss

Time: 1:26.50

Daily Double (8-1), \$74.50; Exacta (1-5), \$144.00; Superfecta (1-5-4-14), \$7,395.00; Trifecta (1-5-4), \$994.00; Pic 3 (3-8-1), \$156.00; Pic 4 (2-3-8-1), \$2,261.00; Pic 6 (9-2-2-3-8-1), \$125.50; Pic 6 (9-2-2-3-8-1), \$10,111.00

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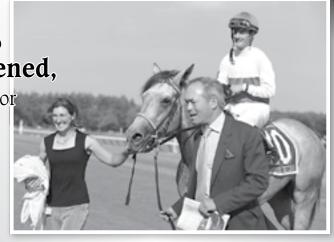
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Attendance through week five (28 days) was 632,600, up 3.7 percent from 609,943 in 2010. On-track handle totaled \$85,582,029, up 9.9 percent from \$77,862,507 last year.

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All-sources handle, which includes wagers on Saratoga races both on-track and from simulcast outlets nationwide, was \$365,549,443, off just a fraction (0.2 percent) from \$366,178,939 in 2010.

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Tod Marks

Tanglewood Tale pulls away to win Sunday's sixth race.

Sunday —

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legs and big-bodied too, and that's what he is."

• Tanglewood Tale caught Dale Romans and Carolyn Vogel a little by surprise when she streaked home 7 lengths to the good under a hand ride in the off-the-turf sixth race.

"I was expecting it on the turf, I didn't know what to expect on the mud," Romans said. "She worked really good on the grass course, and I don't know, maybe she doesn't need it."

Vogel, who purchased the steel gray daughter of Tale Of The Cat for \$60,000 as a weanling at Keeneland, pointed to a single turf work here August 3 as the impetus behind the decision to try her filly on the weeds. Tanglewood Tale moved through 4 furlongs in 49 seconds.

"We tried her on the turf, just worked her on the turf and she seemed to like it a lot better," Vogel said. "We wanted to start her on turf races, but we decided to just let her go on the dirt. It was almost like turf, soft."

Vogel took Tanglewood Tale's decisive victory under Ramon Dominguez in stride, refusing to be swept up in the excitement of winning a maiden special weight at Saratoga.

"Dale, not that he disliked her, she never did anything wrong, but we just didn't perceive her as a superstar," Vogel said. "I think people need to lower their expectations a little bit sometimes."

• A crack of thunder reverberated through the grandstand as the eight horses in the seventh race, a 6-furlong New York-bred filly and mare maiden stepped on the track. Hustled to post before the lightning, the race went off in a soup of rain and mud.

The slop didn't bother Dominick Schettino's Motion Lounge. The 2-year-old daughter of Rockport Harbor skimmed to the front under Eddie Castro, bellied down in the stretch and drew away to win by 6 1/4 lengths.

The sky had opened up in earnest and the Brooklyn Boyz connections hovered underneath the grandstand as Motion Lounge came into the winner's circle. Finally screwing up their courage, the party shrieked and ran into the rain to stand with their victorious charge.

A \$93,000 Keeneland September purchase, Motion Lounge had breezed three times at Saratoga, including a 3-furlong turf move nine days before making her debut.

• George Weaver started his second horse for Mike Repole in Sunday's eighth race, and won the off-the-turf

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Tod Marks

Slevin wears his mud with pride after winning Sunday's ninth.

Sunday —

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maiden claimer for New York racing's biggest personality. Weaver, who entered Be Bullish to be a troubled second for that stable in the John Morrissey here August 3, opened his ledger with Repole when he claimed both horses at Belmont this spring.

"I think Mike got to know me a little bit last year, he knows that I worked for Todd Pletcher and obviously he has a big presence there," Weaver said. "He got to know me and wanted to give me a shot with a couple of higher-end claiming horses that he wanted to claim and take it from there. Hopefully I can build more with him."

Sunday's winner, Silver Screamer, started her career for Bill Mott and HH Prince Saud bin Khaled, knocking on the door in a few maidens before Weaver and Repole took her home out of a mile turf maiden claimer in June.

"To be honest with you, we claimed her for 65,000 and we ran her for 25 today, so I was just glad to turn it into a win," Weaver said. "Mike is really big about winning in New York, especially Saratoga. We got to know her and we like the filly a lot and we think she's better on the grass. When they took it off (the turf), I didn't know if it was the right thing to do or not, but when I talked to Mike, he said, 'This is a bad field, I think we can win, let's run.' "

Silver Screamer went to post under Javier Castellano, breaking on the lead and off the rail. The 3-year-old daughter of Cozzene opened up into the turn, putting as much as 5 lengths between herself and the opposition in the stretch and holding on to score by 2 1/4 lengths. The 7-furlong contest was originally carded as a mile on the inner turf.

Repole has been a forceful – and welcome - personality in Weaver's stable.

"He's a lot of laughs," Weaver said.
"He knows the game very well, he knows how to play it. Makes my job easy. Part of a trainer's problem some-

times is trying to tell owners, you need to run here, you need to run there. I tell him what I'm seeing, I tell him where we think that he can run and he knows how to play the game and we run where we can try to win. It doesn't mean we're going to win all the time, but he knows how to play the game and knows how to win."

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by Sean Clancy

The last race goes off, audible in the distance but only when the light turns green and the cars fade, heading to town or to the Northway, the harness track or the eastside of town.

In a matter of minutes, the traffic builds, by foot and by rubber.

A kayak goes one way, a horse van goes the other. Rain lies in the crevices, pooling in the holes.

A man in a Lakers T-shirt, pulling his son's Radio Flyer with a cooler and a chair wedged into it, smoking, then flicks the butt into the grass, he obviously lost today.

A groom rides a yellow bike the wrong way of traffic, plastic bags dangling from the handlebars, hoof pick still in his pocket.

Captain Giveaway, Saratoga T-shirt on his back and new Saratoga bag in his hand, so proud, like a dog who stole a bone.

Two tanned girls wait for their tanned mother; one sings, "Talking about my girl, I've got sunshine on a cloudy day ... "

in his hand.

A woman in a blue dress eats chocolate chip cookies, still in a napkin.

Bearded man looks like he stepped off the Appalachian Trail and can't find his way back.

Old men, Hawaiian shirts.

Three college kids, one in a Duke shirt, talking golf. world of his chase.

Porch Day

Brownies and drunks. A man in a denim shirt opens up his giveaway bag, like he's expecting a genie to

Three boys, chairs on their shoulders, talking about their next night out.

Binoculars hanging around necks of old men.

Beautiful woman, peach skirt, carrying a Form, my kind of woman.

A man with a clipboard, a chair and a sandwich bag. "I enjoyed your column today," a random reader says as he walks past, never breaking stride.

A woman shakes the sides of her flowery dress as his shirt, summer's nearly over. her man talks on his phone.

Two yellow-shirt clad boys, still nursing their last wrap, it's sunny. cans of Bud Light.

A Range Rover, a low-in-the-back Suburban, a man pers off the porch, "thanks for the paper." No problem. smoking a cigar, puffing, puffing.

A slow-walking couple, stroll, it's funny how couples adapt their own tempos, their own speeds.

A Hyundai with American flags fluttering.

"Andrea stop at the driveway. Stop at the driveway. Stop at the driveway." She stops.

Three drunk kids yell to a friend driving, I hope he's had less to drink than they have. He beeps the horn

I wish I invented the folding chair in a bag. Or the rolling cooler. Or the giveaway totebag.

The coolers grittily rumble down the sidewalk, you Tevas, cargo shorts, checking his phone, new Form can hear them from the Hall of Fame, gaining ground, getting closer and then going out of sight.

The lemonade stand is doing good business.

Two couples, women in front, men in back, sucking the last drag from a cigar, carrying their cooler into the Brunswick Bed and Breakfast.

A cop goes whizzing past, siren whirring to alert the

"I was up until the last, I only lost 40. I think."

Cars. So many cars. A Pontiac drops off a shavedhead, notebook carrying, madras-shorts wearing 20-something, he jaywalks over the grass median and disappears out of sight.

A runner in cotton, sweating through his gray Tshirt runs in place, waiting for the light to change.

A Pinkerton scuffs past, looking lost, eating a brownie, then walks into traffic and hitches a ride, folding into the back of a red Infiniti.

A kid, rolls up his apron, rips off his tie, pulls out

A woman wears a blue plastic sheet, like saran

A guy wearing an Embrace the Race hat grabs two pa-

Every kind of music pumps and blares, the younger

the driver, the louder the beat. Noise pollution. A burned-out artist rides his 10-speed down the

sidewalk, handlebars upside down.

A cook, checkered pants, in a Boston Red Sox hat, counts his money, looks up to cross Nelson Avenue, then counts some more, must have been a good day.

Siro's starts to wind up the music. A waitress carries a tray of Heinekens to a table in the garden of the Reading Room.

Five fat men waddle through the Reading Room parking lot and get in a clown car.

Cell phones glued to ears, men cursing, showing the world they lost at the track today.

Billy Castle drives by in his convertible Porsche, Jerry Maguire.

The Clancy Boys, ties loosened, shirt tails out, Saratoga's over. No more, man."

I let out a yawn and check the word count – another column written, another race day in the books.

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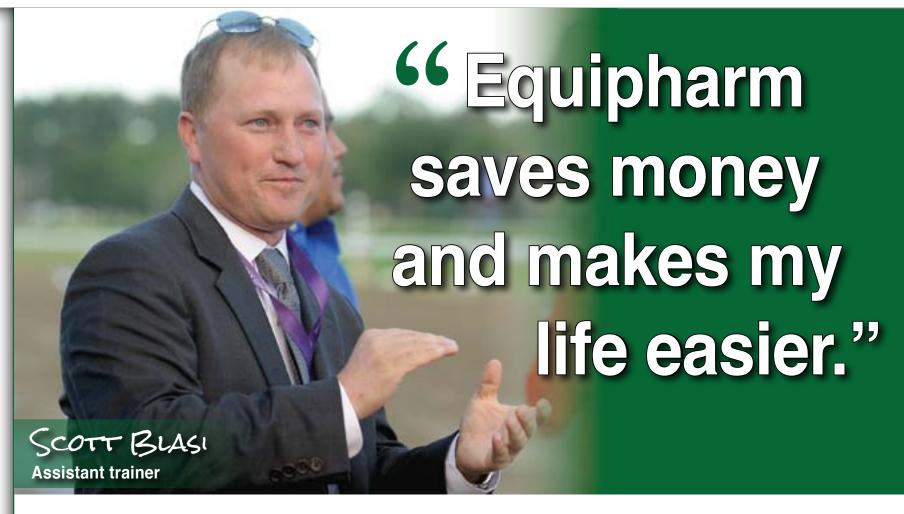


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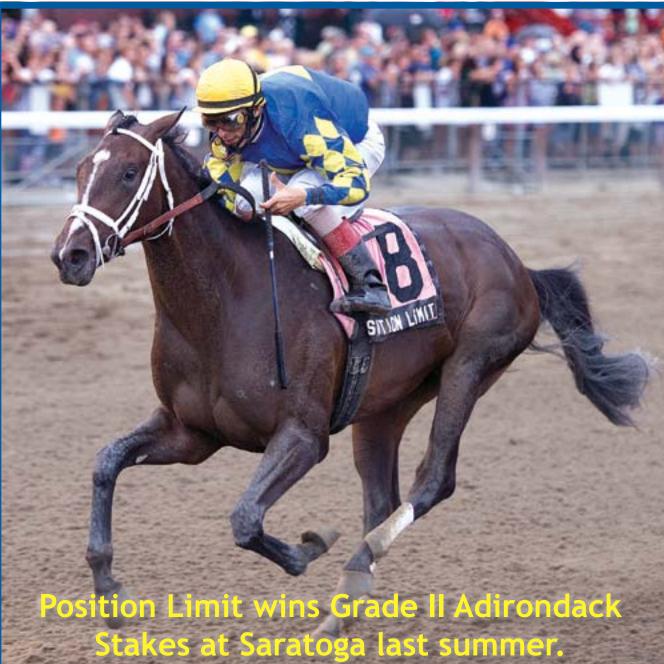
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Year	Starts	Wins	Places	Shows	Stakes Wins	Stakes Places	Purse Earnings	Win %	% in the Money
2011	45	16	5	2	4	2	\$729,637	35.56 %	51.11 %
2010	72	13	6	12	6	4	\$1,127,321	18.06 %	43.06 %
2009	66	14	5	8	4	8	\$1,098,854	21.21 %	40.91 %
2008	66	11	12	8	3	3	\$970,677	16.67 %	46.97 %
2007	62	13	13	7	4	13	\$1,778,494	20.97 %	53.23 %
2006	53	14	12	6	2	6	\$1,255,959	26.42 %	60.38 %
2005	40	10	5	7	5	7	\$1,600,815	25.00 %	55.00 %
2004	58	15	7	9	7	10	\$3,135,138	25.86 %	53.45 %
2003	79	20	17	11	5	6	\$2,674,742	25.32 %	60.76 %
2002	48	7	12	6	3	4	\$1,832,540	14.58 %	52.08 %
2001	31	5	9	2	4	1	\$438,401	16.13 %	51.61 %
Totals	620	138	103	78	47	64	\$16,642,578	22.26 %	51.45 %

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