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as Jerkens horses go 1-2 in Travers***

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Runneth Over. Ogden Phipps (left) and Robbie Medina put their organizational skills to a test Friday morning on the backside.

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NAMES OF THE DAY

Circular Street, first race. One of the best streets in Saratoga.

Quit Smokin, third race. We usually don't go for political statements or agendas, but everybody should quit smokin.

Verismilitude, third race. Defined as the appearance of being real or true, the 3-year-old filly is out of Open Window.

BY THE NUMBERS

8: Dollars per day Bill Mott charged for the first horse he trained.

7,500: Dollars raised by the steeplechase community for bartender/drummer/friend Frank Carcaterra (see Ralph Theroux or email the Special for donation details).

49: Horses standing at the Morning Line Kitchen gap after the first break Friday morning.

LICENSE PLATE OF THE DAY

ECTBRED. We mentioned it last week; it stands for East Coast Thoroughbreds and they (horses and car) are from Virginia.

WORTH REPEATING

"Thanks for my new job Dad."

Miles Clancy, 5, after his mother read a story about The Special in the New York Times, tabbing Miles as the next paperboy

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WORTH REPEATING

“Good. Lots of meeting and stuff.”
Chief Head Honcho of Circulation Jack Clancy, when asked how college was going

“A true reporter.”
Trainer Ian Wilkes to DRF’s Dave Grening on a rainy morning this week

“I don’t think there’s a \$250,000 bonus this time.”
Mike Hushion, who missed said bonus last year when Amberjack finished second in Albany Stakes. He runs Captain Serious in this year’s edition Sunday.

“Yes, but there are no win pictures of him.”
Trainer Steve Asmussen, when asked if his pony was an ex-racehorse

“The color of a nice brown shoe.”
Tom Law, ordering coffee Friday morning

“It was such a pleasure to read Joe Drape’s piece this morning about the Clancys, and I kept thinking to myself, ‘This sounds like Tom Law.’ So it came as no surprise to find you third down on the masthead after a bit of searching. What a wonderful profile of journalists at work.”

Adam Bruns, former staff writer at Thoroughbred Times and current managing editor of Site Selection magazine in Georgia

“Are you the ‘veteran’ editor?”
Tweet from Keeneland’s Geoffrey Russell to The Special’s Tom Law, who was part of the Times article (sort of)

“Think they want something?”
Trainer Bill Mott, while getting a hug from some golf-cart borrowers Friday morning

“To be here when they deliver the paper. How can you beat that?”
Ted Haryasz, as The Special was delivered at the rec hall Saturday morning

“Where do I find the winners?”
Trainer Mike Trombetta, opening up Saturday’s Special (they’re in there)

“The Saratoga Special is like that Norman Rockwell painting, ‘Coming and Going’ when the family is excited going on vacation and tired coming home.”

Mike Grigely, as the meet winds down


“Today’s edition of The Saratoga Special is the best single day publication I can ever remember reading. Congratulations, it will be at my side all day as I watch the action on TV.”
Hickey Tree Farm’s Jim Treptow, settling in for a Saturday of watching racing

“Is it contagious?”
Ruth Clancy, matriarch of The Special, after another writer got confused about peak and peek

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“The Cotillion. I’m guessing the three of us will be in there, I have to prove that I can win going two turns. If I can do that...who knows?”

Trainer Leah Gyarmati, on Test winner Sweet Reason’s plans to tackle Stopchargingmaria and Untapable



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Dog day.

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"Summer Secretary, what a nice mare. She was so used to going in the tub, they said when they put her in the field, she put her front feet in the water trough. I would feed her every day, she would talk you into giving her a little more, sure enough, she would tie up. She tied up one morning, she won the Beaugay that afternoon. Before that, if a horse tied up, I wouldn't run them for a week. We had one tie up in the pen the day before she won, it was the only race we won at Saratoga the year before last, little bay filly, she won the last race one night. It used to be, when I first came around, the only horses that would tie up were the fillies. It would never be a male horse. Frankel said if you have a male horse tie up, he'll never be any damn good. It must be all that sweet feed we feed the horses, that must have something to do with it."

- Trainer Allen Jerkens



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Jerkens stablemates finish a nose apart in meet's signature Grade 1



Dave Harmon

V. E. Day (4) draws alongside Wicked Strong just before the Travers finish line.

BY SEAN CLANCY

If you ever wondered, the disappointment of losing outweighs the euphoria of winning. At least it did on an overcast Saturday in Saratoga when Jimmy Jerkens finished 1-2 in the 145th running of the Travers Stakes.

Jerkens watched as Wicked Strong roared to the lead and watched as V. E. Day siphoned that lead to nothing. The duo met at the wire, the accelerating V. E. Day winning a nose decision over the gallant Wicked Strong.

Jerkens watched it all unfold, silently, turning from the clubhouse big screen in disbelief, battling a battle only a horse trainer could know. Happy for one horse. Despondent for the other. Trying to find solitude in the scrum, Jerkens put his head down and walked toward the winner's circle, searching for composure as his wife, Shirley put her arm

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around his shoulder. Valets, friends, grooms, fans congratulated one of their own, Jerkens was gracious but still reeling.

Centennial Farm's Wicked Strong, who had taken Jerkens to the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes, led for a quarter of a mile. Maggie Bryant's V. E. Day, who emerged a month ago, led for a half a stride. Neither deserved to lose.

Ten 3-year-olds lined up for the \$1.25 million Grade 1 Travers. California shipper Bayern attracted favoritism after a dominant win in the Haskell. Wicked Strong and Tonalist, 1-2 in the Jim Dandy here July 26, went off as co-second choices. Beyond the big three, Grade 1 turf winner Mr Speaker returned to the dirt for Shug McGaughey. Late-running Kid Cruz tried again after finishing third in

the Jim Dandy. At 19-1, V. E. Day was mostly overlooked after winning a photo in the Curlin, a restricted stakes the day before the Jim Dandy. Commanding Curve, second in the Derby, tried to return to his best form. Ian Wilkes sent out two longshots Ulanbator and Viva Majorca. Bill Mott tried again with Charge Now, second to V. E. Day in the Curlin.

Bayern broke quicker than a pick-up line at Siro's, opening up 3 lengths as Tonalist and Wicked Strong staked claims outside the frontrunner. Martin Garcia tempered Bayern before he went a furlong, forcing Joel Rosario to shift out on Tonalist. Rajiv Maragh stayed wide on Wicked Strong. Garcia let out a notch and opened up again, posting the first quarter mile in :23.74 as Tonalist and Wicked Strong settled into their slots. Javier Castellano

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dropped V. E. Day back and over and found a comfortable grip along the rail, with just Unlanbator, Kid Cruz and Commanding Curve behind him.

Turning down the backside, Bayern led by a half-length over Tonalist. Wicked Strong lobbed along in third, alone and 4 lengths clear of Mr Speaker and Charge Now, who raced in tandem. Viva Majorca sat in sixth and V. E. Day loped along in seventh, just biding time.

"I didn't pay attention to any other horses, I just focused on my horse," Castellano said. "I didn't want to pick any horse in the race. I didn't want to follow one horse in the race. I just wanted to see what kind of stride he would give me. Just be nice and patient, move little by little, go with his rhythm."

Bayern posted a half mile in :47.31 and three quarters of a mile in 1:11.27.

Tonalist ranged up closer and Wicked Strong loomed ever closer. Mr. Speaker separated from Charge Now, who was the first under pressure. Castellano moved inside Viva

Majorca, inching closer but with a mountain still to climb.

For a moment, just a moment, the first, second and third choices (separated by 20 cents on the board) stacked three across. From a distance, it looked like the race was on, but one was flying, one was toiling and one was plummeting. Wicked Strong rolled to the lead, Tonalist churned in second and Bayern was finished.

Wicked Strong accelerated off the turn and opened up, less than a quarter mile away from pulling the Jim Dandy-Travers double. It looked over. Maragh flicked him right handed, looked over his left shoulder to measure Tonalist and opened up as he passed the eighth pole. All the while, Castellano was still peddling on V. E. Day, who split Tonalist and Mr Speaker to gain third. At the sixteenth pole, Wicked Strong led V. E. Day by 2 lengths but he had played all his cards. V. E. Day lowered and stretched, gobbling into the margin as Castellano slapped him right-handed. Inside the sixteenth pole, V. E. Day was definitely going to pass Wicked Strong, it was just when. After five right-handed strikes, Maragh switched his whip to his left and

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Cindy Curtis leads in V. E. Day after the Travers.

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swiped Wicked Strong once, maybe twice, glancing right as the plane landed. V. E. Day reached even terms a stride before the wire and clearly won the head bob.

Owned by Virginian Maggie Bryant, V. E. Day finished a mile and a quarter in 2:02.93, nearly 3 seconds off General Assembly's 35-year-old track record.

An hour later, Jerkens, watched the replay for the final time.

"I can't watch it any more, why can't that inside horse be Tonalist and Wicked Strong be winning somewhere else?" Jerkens said. "I have to admit, it's bittersweet. To finish 1-2 in the Travers and feel bad. I just feel bad for the horse and the people. Centennial has been great, they've been unbelievably loyal and it would have meant so much to them. Both horses ran great."

Purchased for \$135,000 from OBS March sale of selected 2-year-olds in training, V. E. Day made his career debut in January, finishing fifth going 9 furlongs on the turf at Gulfstream Park. He returned to finish second on the turf before winning an off-the-turf maiden at Belmont. Back to the turf, the son of English Channel won a-other-than allowance race at Belmont Park. Jerkens didn't want to try a two-other-than against older horses on the turf at Saratoga so he worked him on the dirt, loved what he saw and aimed at the Curlin. V. E. Day won the Travers prep in the final stride and booked a seat next to Wicked Strong for the Travers.

"I thought he had a shot, I wasn't forgetting about him," Jerkens said. "I thought the distance would help him. He trains so good in the morning, he acts like he can go 17 times around there. I've never had a horse like that. Nothing bothers him."

Jose Lezcano, aboard for his three wins, opted to ride Mr Speaker in the Travers. Castellano picked up the ride, watched the Curlin several times, briefly spoke to Jerkens about strategy Saturday morning, then cleared his mind and let it all happen.

"I watched his replay of the Curlin and I learned a lot, he needs a lot of ground and you need a lot of patience. Today, no pressure at all," Castellano said. "A lot of pace in the race, nice horses in front, my horse did it so easy, I didn't rush him, saved all the ground around the first turn. I just took my time, he picked it up himself and finished strong."

At the half-mile pole, Castellano thought he'd get a check. At the quarter pole, he thought he'd hit the board. At the eighth pole, he thought he'd be second. At the sixteenth pole, the math equation changed from division to subtraction.

"The last sixteenth, it was like slow motion. I see the wire — ride hard, ride hard, ride hard, focus, focus, little by little, little by little," Castellano said of his fourth Travers win. "I could see Wicked Strong was coming back a little and my horse kept running and running, really running. I said, 'I got it, I got it,

I got it.' And then, the last jump, jwwwwwoaaaa, I got it."

V. E. Day and Wicked Strong pulled up next to each other, Castellano didn't need to wait for the photo finish. He raised both hands and kissed the sky. It was about the same time, Jerkens was wrestling with the emotions of winning and losing at the same time.

Son of legendary Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens, Jimmy picked up his second Travers victory. He won his first in 2010 with Afleet Express, by a nose, with Castellano.

"That was great. What could be better than that?" Jerkens said. "I was so proud of the job we did with him, he never went around two turns until

June, then to win the Travers..."

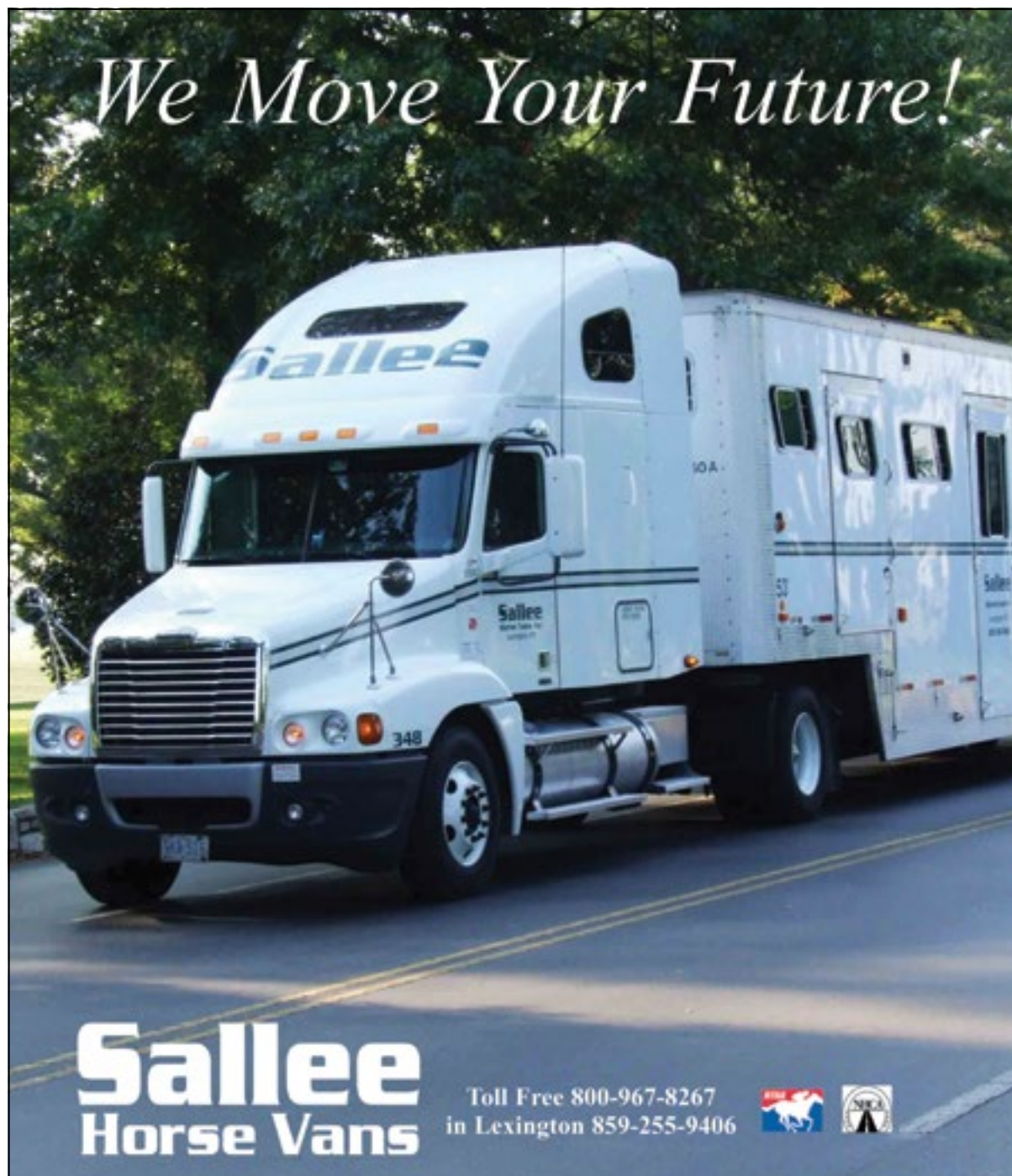
Castellano liked it too.

"Afleet Express was very exciting, so close," Castellano said. "This morning, I said to him, 'I wish you all the luck with Wicked Strong but I hope we repeat.'"

V. E. Day made sure of it.

The son of English Channel was part of Bradley Thoroughbreds pinhooking venture. Bryant had invested in the venture and Bryant's racing manager Cindy Curtis watched V. E. Day train for six months before the OBS sale. She loved the horse and bought him outright for Bryant, who also owns



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a piece of Wicked Strong.

“He was just a big, good-mannered, always did anything you asked him. Never got upset about anything. Just always went out and trained and did his job,” Curtis said. “He has a great, big, long, flowing walk on him. We took him back to Eddie (Woods) and gave him a little time because I don’t like to take horses out of the sales and send them right to trainers. He went to Jimmy right around Christmas time for his spring campaign.”

Nine months later, he’s a Travers winner.

After wrestling with the emotions of the moment, Jerkens regained his composure, joined the press conference behind the jocks’ room and went for a glass of champagne while ignoring a vibrating phone.

Until his father called. Jerkens walked away in silence, spoke for a few minutes and returned to the celebration.

“That was The Chief, he watched it with my sister in Florida,” Jerkens said. “He said, ‘Well, that was all



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Bayern (right) shows the way early in the Travers as winner V. E. Day (light blue silks) drops back.

right...’ ”

Jerkens laughed and then went and did what his dad would do. He went back to the barn. V. E. Day was put away, burying his head nose-band deep in his hay net while Wicked Strong circled the shedrow, yet to cool out from the excursion. Typical of the two, V. E. Day was already relaxed, Wicked Strong was still revving.

Finally put away in his stall, Wicked Strong attacked his hay net, then a passing hotwalker, while waiting for

his dinner. Jerkens walked to the end of the shedrow and grabbed a rich flake of alfalfa hay and split it with his two horses, throwing it on the ground under their feedtubs.

Jerkens walked back down the shedrow and grabbed a feed scoop. His assistant pushed the feed cart and Jerkens began feeding his horses. Just a horse trainer, leaning over each webbing, checking each feed tub, scooping sweet feed and dumping it in empty feed tubs. Some got a

scoop, others got a scoop and a half, some ate out of the scoop and spilled more on the ground than in the tub. Jerkens did it by feel, without measure or method. At least that anybody else could see. It was right out of his father’s bag of tricks, all by feel, without explanation.

“Your dad must be proud of you, Jimmy,” a friend said.

“I guess so,” Jerkens said, filling his feed scoop and dropping it over House Rules’ webbing. “I guess so.”

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Big Man

The Big Beast shares winner's circle after catching Fast Anna



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The Big Beast (left) collars Fast Anna near the wire in the Grade 1 King's Bishop.

BY RYAN JONES

No, there wasn't a dead heat in Saturday's Grade 1 King's Bishop Stakes. There may have been two horses in the Saratoga Race Course winner's circle after the race, but there was one clear winner and he was hard to miss.

The big, or rather, gigantic colt, The Big Beast stood resolutely, opposite his lead pony, after his first stakes victory in the \$500,000 King's Bishop.

Lead ponies are usually relegated to the behind-the-scenes action, keeping the peace, calming recalcitrant horses. It's not often that a lead pony makes the win photo.

"You saw it, that doesn't happen much," winning trainer Tony Dutrow said of the anomaly.

The Big Beast, a namesake if you ever saw one, can be a lot to handle, and that would put any trainer on edge. He's a dominating presence who

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evokes stares, gasps and humbled awe. The Big Beast is a handful.

"I'm concerned with all the things that can happen, including just simply getting him over here to get his saddle on," Dutrow said. "He's a very rough horse, he gets loose everyday."

In a photo captured by Barbara Livingston that spread rapidly through social media channels Saturday morning, the 3-year-old colt is reared up, stretching his handler's shank taught, looking more like a giraffe than a horse.

"That's what he does everyday," Dutrow said of the photo. "I'm concerned with all of the elements that are out there waiting to happen, but I was not worried about this horse today. I was very confident that he would run the way he did."

"He was an angel. We spent a lot of time with his pony in the paddock. We were hoping it would go as well as it did."

Then with a laugh, Dutrow added, "He'll always have his pony with him in the paddock from now on."

On the track, The Big Beast was all business. It was clear jockey Javier Castellano had done his homework, rattling off stats about the competition like a baseball scout.

"The way I handicapped the race . . . two horses were my target today," said Castellano, who won four races on the card, including the Grade 1 Travers on V. E. Day. "It was Fast Anna and Wildcat Red. Nobody but those two horses were going to be sent to the lead."

"There was a lot of speed inside in the break, the

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inside horses. Wildcat Red, he's got a lot of speed, Fast Anna, he's got a lot of speed. In two races, [he went] :21 and :44. I didn't wonder who could do the speed."

When Castellano met with Dutrow in the paddock before the race, he filled the trainer in on his research.

"Javi came to the paddock and told me, 'Tony, this horse will be OK today. There are two or three inside of me that are going to go and I'm going to sit and make a run,' and that's just what happened," Dutrow said.

Sitting off the lead was certainly a risk. The Big Beast came into the King's Bishop with two wins in four starts, both victories with Castellano taking the Alex and JoAnn Lieblong's Yes It's True colt gate to wire.

"I could have gone to the lead today the way he broke out of the gate," Castellano said. "He beat the gate ... they opened [it and] I was in front in the first jump. The advantage today



Dave Harmon

The Big Beast had plenty of company — including the stable pony (left) in the winner's circle.

was outside post position. If I would have been inside, I would have gone to the lead. Today, everything worked out perfect for myself."

Castellano let the Kathy Ritvo-trained Fast Anna take command of the eight-horse field early. Fast Anna opened with a quick quarter in :22.88 and a half in :46.05. John Velazquez kept Fast Anna settled on the lead and turned for home in search of his would-be record fourth

King's Bishop crown.

"When turning for home, I see Fast Anna keeping the same rhythm," Castellano said. "I thought at one point, the eighth pole, I'm not going to catch him, but the last sixteenth he started backing out."

Fast Anna was still 1 ½ in front at the eighth pole and Velazquez implored his colt for more, pleading for every ounce of energy, every drop of sweat, but to no avail. The Big Beast

opened his stride, Castellano provided a little encouragement, and they passed a tiring Fast Anna four strides before the wire to win by a neck.

"My horse is so big [with a] beautiful stride," Castellano said. "I think he made me carry the last sixteenth."

Velazquez and Fast Anna held second, 1 ½ lengths ahead of the favored Amsterdam winner Coup de Grace.

"I just told John to play it by the break," Ritvo said. "He said he hit the side of the gate, but that's OK, I'm proud of him. I was just hoping he was going to hang on. He ran a great race. I'm very proud of him. It's a lot to ask of a young horse."

Castellano said The Big Beast is the biggest horse he's ridden, and Dutrow said he's the biggest he's trained. The colt out of V V S Flawless, by Deputy Minister, made the big jump from allowance company to Grade 1 company and was successful Saturday.

Dutrow hasn't mapped out the rest of The Big Beast's 3-year-old campaign yet, opting instead to enjoy the moment.

"It was so exciting," he said. "This is a Grade 1 at Saratoga."

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Artemis Agrotera swarms to Grade 1 score for Hushion



Tod Marks

Artemis Agrotera (left) stretches them out while drawing off in the Grade 1 Ballerina.

BY JOE CLANCY

Like any other witness Saturday, Mike Hushion was awed by Artemis Agrotera as she blasted to a runaway score in the Grade 1 Ballerina.

But Hushion is biased.

"I've loved her every day I've had her," he said while walking down the steps toward the winner's circle. "I don't know what happened the day she didn't run so well, but this is the her that I always knew she was."

The only 3-year-old in a field of eight fillies and mares navigated away from her inside post, to gain a stalking spot just outside La Verdad on the long run up the Saratoga backside. La Verdad led by a length through a quarter-mile in :23.14 and was

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still there after a half-mile in :45.78. Just galloping early, Artemis Agrotera went after the leader with gusto coming to the quarter pole and like a jet touching down on the tarmac, whooshed past at the furlong marker. She overwhelmed La Verdad and put 5 lengths on My Miss Aurelia. The winner lengthened her margin from there and coasted to the line by 6 1/2 lengths, accompanied by two right-handed pats on the shoulder from jockey Rajiv Maragh.

My Miss Aurelia finished second with Willet third after 7 furlongs in 1:21.89 (.54 faster than the King's Bishop a race earlier). Bred in New York

by her owners Chester and Mary Broman, Artemis Agrotera won for the fourth time in six lifetime starts and stayed perfect in three starts at Saratoga.

The first came in her debut last year, when she romped by 11 3/4 lengths in a state-bred maiden. She added the Grade 1 Frizette at Belmont Park, then finished fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

Hushion gave her a long break – "absolutely to do the right thing by her, 100 percent" – and she returned in the Acorn in June. She finished eighth, beaten more than 14 lengths by Sweet Reason, the day Hushion alluded to above.

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Thu., Aug. 28	Sat., Sep. 6	Dave's Friend	3 & Up	6 Furlongs	\$100,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Aug. 28	Sat., Sep. 6	Japan Racing Association	3 & Up	1 1/16 Miles (T)	\$100,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Aug. 28	Sat., Sep. 6	All Brandy (Reg. MD-bred/Sired*)	F&M 3 & Up	1 1/8 Miles (T)	\$125,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 4	Sat., Sep. 13	Jamestown (Reg. VA-bred/Sired**)	2-y-o	5 1/2 Furlongs (T)	\$60,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 4	Sat., Sep. 13	Punch Line (Reg. VA-bred/Sired**)	3 & Up	5 1/2 Furlongs (T)	\$60,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 4	Sat., Sep. 13	Oakley (Reg. VA-bred/Sired**)	F&M 3 & Up	5 1/2 Furlongs (T)	\$60,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 4	Sat., Sep. 13	Bert Allen (Reg. VA-bred/Sired**)	3 & Up	1 1/16 Miles (T)	\$60,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 4	Sat., Sep. 13	Brookmeade (Reg. VA-bred/Sired**)	F&M 3 & Up	1 1/16 Miles (T)	\$60,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 18	Sat., Sep. 27	Laurel Futurity	2-y-o	5 1/2 Furlongs (T)	\$100,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 18	Sat., Sep. 27	Selima	Fillies 2-y-o	5 1/2 Furlongs (T)	\$100,000 Guaranteed
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Thu., Sep. 18	Sat., Sep. 27	Laurel Dash (Listed)	3 & Up	6 Furlongs (T)	\$100,000 Guaranteed
Thu., Sep. 18	Sat., Sep. 27	Laurel Turf Cup (Listed)	3 & Up	1 1/2 Miles (T)	\$100,000 Guaranteed
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Ballerina —

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The trainer regrouped and the old Artemis Agrotera returned in a state-bred optional claimer, winning by a lopsided 10 1/4 lengths going 7 furlongs here July 23.

Then came the Ballerina, a Grade 1 against her elders. First, Artemis Agrotera needed a jockey as Jose Ortiz stayed with La Verdad. Hushion chose Maragh. Then the daughter of Roman Ruler drew the rail.

"When I saw the draw, I thought 'Oh ----,' but I really wasn't that concerned," Hushion said. "Seven-eighths, everybody can stay in their path and figure out where they want to be. I just left it up to Rajiv. He was my first choice when Jose took off my horse. He's riding really well. You know how that goes, when they're riding with confidence..."

They do things like leave the rail immediately upon exiting the gate. From post two and three, respectively, Better Lucky and Kipling's Joy bumped and tangled. Artemis Agrotera used the room to angle out across four horses. From post six, La Verdad broke sharply and went to the front. In about a furlong, Artemis Agrotera was second and on the leader's hip — beating everybody to the race's key spot.

"That was the perfect-world scenario, that was the most ideal thing that could happen when La Verdad outsprinted me and it gave me the opportunity to get the outside, from there we were able to dictate what we wanted to do," said Maragh. "It was a very important part of the race even though it was early. If that opportunity presented itself, I was going to take it. It just happened perfect."

The stretch was more of the same. La Verdad hung tough, but the winner answered when stoked by Maragh on the turn.

"She did everything very responsive, man, the way she powered up to the quarter pole, I said if she finds another gear, she's going to blow them out of the water, she's running fast, and she sure did," said Maragh. "Being the first time on the filly, you think

of what to expect but this was some special performance, more than I expected."

Hushion said his filly thrives on a light touch in the morning and he gave it to her with two works after her win — 5 furlongs in 1:01 Aug 6 and a half-mile in :48 1/5 Aug. 16.

"She responds better keeping her really sound and training her really light," he said. "Not every Grade 1 horse has to go (5 furlongs) in :59 every six days. I know she can do that, but I'm a big believer that these animals get to a certain level of fitness and they don't need any more banging on."

Foaled on the Bromans' farm in Chestertown, north of Saratoga, Artemis Agrotera is something of a local. Farm manager Jeff Raine led her into the winner's circle Saturday and felt the moment with the Bromans' eighth win at the meet from 22 starts.

"Winning a Grade 1 at Saratoga, it gets to you," said Raine. "Chills, just thinking about it is chills. I pulled her out, that's my job there, to get them out safely. She was another foal, another event on the farm. Nothing strange happened. Last year, I took one of her Jockey Club registration photos and blew it up. She looked like she does now, only a smaller version. I remember she was a good student."

*Additional reporting
by Sean Clancy.*



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Farm manager Jeff Raine (right) leads Artemis Agrotera to the winner's circle.



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Clear Sailing

Abaco breaks through with stakes win for Phipps, McGaughey



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Abaco (left) turns aside Strathnaver late in the Ballston Spa.

BY TOM LAW

Abaco may never take up residence in one of the stalls near trainer Shug McGaughey's office in Barn 81 that's designated for the very top members of the Phipps Stable. But it's a safe bet the daughter of Giant's Causeway won't be bunking up almost under the stars like she did her first summer in Saratoga.

"I don't even know if I had her up here when she was a 2-year-old," McGaughey said after the now 6-year-old Abaco won Saturday's \$250,000 Ballston Spa in the first of four stakes on the Travers Day card. "And the first year she was up here I had her in the stalls at the end of the barn that are outside."

Abaco's first year in Saratoga was as a 3-year-old in 2011 and she finished second in her lone appearance out of her rustic-by-racetrack-standards accommodations. She came back the next year and ended a winless skein of eight when she won a 1-mile turf maiden. Abaco was on her way at that

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point, promptly won three in a row after that and inched past the level of useful allowance type to stakes caliber.

Abaco knocked on the door in stakes company plenty the last two seasons, but managed to win only once. The victory came in her seasonal finale last year when she took the Grade 3 Cardinal Handicap at Churchill Downs. Abaco lost five straight this year – although by a combined 7 3/4 lengths – until Saturday.

"This filly, her last three races, she's had some really good moves (but) we were just kind of unlucky to lose," McGaughey said, winning the Ballston Spa for the first time in his Hall of Fame career.

Abaco came into the race off a fourth in the Grade 1 Diana the first weekend of the Saratoga meet, a 1 1/2-length loss with only Grade 1 winners Somali Lemonade, Stephanie's Kitten and Discreet

Marq in front of her in the 9-furlong fixture.

Just as she did during those days in the outside stall, Abaco thrived training on the Oklahoma Training Track. McGaughey especially liked what he saw in the immediate days leading up to the Grade 2 Ballston Spa.

"I told Robbie (Medina) this week that I think she looks better than I've seen her," McGaughey said.

Abaco certainly trained to match her conditioner's assessment, firing off back-to-back bullet works in breezes on the Oklahoma turf 10 days apart. She went a half-mile in :48 Monday, the best of 30 moves at the distance and McGaughey knew he was bringing a serious player into the Ballston Spa.

McGaughey liked what he saw from Abaco in the paddock, too, as she was up to some not-so-troublesome antics that are a good tell she's ready.

"I remember I had her in Florida and we were

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thinking of taking her over to Tampa to run her,” McGaughey said, thinking back to the 2013 season around the time Abaco finished second in the Grade 3 Suwannee River in early February at Gulfstream. “She was outside standing in the sun, I went up and patted her on the back and stuff and she just stood there. Didn’t do anything.

“I looked at Jenn (Patterson) and said, ‘we’re not going’ and Jenn said, ‘yup, we’re not going.’ ”

Abaco wasn’t rambunctious by any stretch before the Ballston Spa, not as wound up as De La Rose winner and 3-5 favorite Filimbi was until Bill Mott took the shank and calmed Juddmonte Farm’s big Mizzen Mast filly. Saddled under the awning in a stall and with a pony blocking her view of the rest of the paddock, Abaco popped up a few times, not exactly rearing and not exactly standing.

“She doesn’t do anything wrong, she just sort of stands up,” McGaughey said. “In fact the valet, he said, ‘oh she still does this?’ Sometimes she’ll even do it in the gate, but she didn’t do it today.”

Abaco and Jose Ortiz dropped back to last shortly after the break with longshot Night Song taking the initiative ahead of the side-by-side-by-side trio of Nellie Cashman, Centre Court and Filimbi from the hedge out. Centre Court inched up a bit into the first turn and Joel Rosario tapped on the brakes just slightly to Filimbi wouldn’t be forced three wide.

Five lengths separated the six from front to back



Tod Marks

Jose Ortiz pumps his fist after Abaco’s stakes win.

through a half-mile in :48.99 over the drying out Mellon Turf Course.

Centre Court moved first, taking the lead from Night Song turning for home as Forest Boyce dove to the inside the Nellie Cashman and Rosario tried to get Filimbi running on the outside. Strathnaver was moving well in the lane, too, and made the lead approaching the sixteenth pole.

Ortiz had Abaco rolling out in the middle of the course, and a few quick cracks right handed got the mare on her right lead and she accelerated just enough to draw even with Strathnaver and

John Velazquez. Ortiz stayed busy, riding hard and cracking Abaco a few more times and she eventually wore down Strathnaver to win by a neck. Nellie Cashman hung on gamely to finish third, 2 lengths back and 2 ¼ clear of Centre Court.

“Down the backside I was behind (Filimbi), and that was the one I wanted to follow,” Ortiz said. “I was right there, and when I turned for home I knew she was going to give me the big move she gave me last time. By the eighth pole, I knew I had Johnny. I passed everybody else, so I knew there wasn’t anybody else coming.”

Filimbi, so good winning the De La Rose at the expense of Dayatthespa, didn’t fire. She finished last of six, beaten 6 1/2 lengths in the first off-the-board performance of her life.

Mott didn’t offer much of an excuse for Filimbi, who was coming back on three weeks rest compared to the first four coming off anywhere from five weeks to more than three months.

“She was just flat,” Mott said. “The ground might not have been preferable, but she was just flat.”

Graham Motion wasn’t dejected by another near-miss by Strathnaver, who is now winless in six straight since taking the Lady Baltimore last September at Laurel Park. She’s lost those six by a combined 7 ½ lengths, not that he’ll get much sympathy from McGaughey.

“Shug got me back for the other day I guess,” Motion said, referring to last Sunday’s Sword Dancer when Main Sequence got up late to beat Imagining. “I was very pleased with her. She ran hard. Didn’t quite catch her. It was a good effort.”



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Tough Start

Breakdown mars early part of card

The early portion of Saturday's Travers Stakes program got off to a tragic start when Ludicrous, a colt by Medaglia d'Oro out of Grade 1 winner Victory Ride, broke down in the stretch of the fourth race in front of the filling-up grandstand, clubhouse and apron.

Ludicrous was making an extended run when he suffered a compound fracture to his right foreleg approaching the sixteenth pole. Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. quickly attended to the injured colt, first cradling his leg and helping get him on the ground after the outrider arrived. Ludicrous was euthanized on the track.

"We're all devastated at the barn," said Chad Brown, who trained Ludicrous for Bob La Penta and Sheep Pond Partners. "He was moving so well during the race. It looked like he was making a run and he took a bad step. Unfortunately those things can happen, albeit very rare in this business. We don't see it happen too much. Unfortunately it happened to this horse."

Jose Ortiz was the first to check on his brother as he came off the track. Javier Castellano, who went on to win the Travers aboard V. E. Day, offered a



Irado Ortiz Jr. gets leg up on ill-fated Ludicrous.

Tod Marks



Dave Harmon

Three Alarm Fire streaks toward the wire to win Saturday's first race.

handshake and a pat on Irad Ortiz's helmet, concern etched in his face.

"I asked him if he was OK and he told me yes," Jose Ortiz said.

Irado Ortiz was checked out and released at first aid and showed his resilience when he rode Augustin Stable's Chat to victory for Jonathan Sheppard in the next race.

"It's sad what happened to the horse," he said. "I'm good. If not I wouldn't get on again. You have to get up and keep going."

Brown picked up a victory of his own in the sixth race with Powerful Instinct, but the fate of Ludicrous, a graduate of this year's Keeneland April 2-year-olds in training sale, was clearly the center of his attention.

"There's so many good things that go on with the horses everyday," Brown said. "It's what drives you to go to work, how well they're cared for and basically how happy the horses are when they're in any of these trainers' care here in Saratoga. When you go barn to barn and you see how well they're cared for and how happy the horses are, that's really the highlight of being in this sport. It's hard for everyone. Everyone loved this horse."

— Dan McDonough

• Call them duck hunters. West Point Thoroughbreds was winless at the meet heading into the opener of the Travers Day card, although the operation did have five seconds to its credit. Three Alarm Fire put West Point in the win column with a 2 1/4-length victory in the 7-furlong maiden special weight, creating a jubilant post-race scene among the syndicate's partners.

"It's good because you walk around thinking every time you make eye contact with someone all they're thinking is, 'West Point is on the duck,' but

they're really not because nobody cares," said Terry Finley, West Point's founder and president. "But that's the craziness of our business."

Rob Masiello was one West Point partner thrilled that the 3-year-old Pyro gelding was the first winner of Travers Day.

"It means a lot because we know that we're running well – I think we've got five seconds in 15 starts – but we're still on the duck and it's something that weighs on you," Masiello said.

The 11:35 a.m. first post was certainly unusual, but not too early for the West Point team.

"It's weird coming to the races at 11:30 and running, but no better way to start off the day, right?" Masiello said.

— Dan McDonough

Ocala Jim drew a big enough crowd to the winner's circle after the third race that uninformed observers might have thought the 1 1/16-mile allowance race on the grass was one of the day's stakes.

"It's a lot of fun for the owners to win on Travers Day," said David Donk, who trains Ocala Jim for the approximately 35 members of Funky Munky Stable.

Ocala Jim won by 3 lengths in his third start off the layoff. The 4-year-old E Dubai gelding finished second in a similar race July 26 at Saratoga after winning a \$40,000 claiming race June 26 at Belmont Park.

Funky Munky Stable's Rich Munk thought the \$40,000 claiming price was safe.

"If someone claimed him for that much, I'd bring the champagne," Munk said, with a promise for the near future. "He won't be in a claimer anymore."

Donk took over the gelding's training this year

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Saturday —

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from Carlos Martin.

“He’s run really well in these last couple of starts I’ve had him in,” Donk said. “I’m just so pleased that he could come back and keep revalidating it. He’s running the same kind of race every time.”

— **Katie Brush**

• And then there was one. Saturday’s finale ended the adrenaline-fueled day of fashion, socializing and gambling and the paddock looked like a wide-open field compared to the packed scene during the day’s stakes races. Only a smattering of cheers came from the remaining Travers Stakes Day crowd as the field made its way to the track and there was no rush to grab the best picture.

The eyes still left on the track and the televisions saw Morning Calm win the 14th race and bring the card to a close.

The 3-year-old son of Broken Vow won the 1 1/16-mile allowance on the grass by a half-length from Macagone for Korean-based Great Hill Stables and trainer Michelle Nihei.

Javier Castellano, about an hour removed from winning the Travers on V. E. Day and one race after winning the 13th on Invading Humor, rode Morning Calm. Castellano rode four winners on the card, also taking the Grade 1 King’s Bishop on The Big Beast.

Morning Calm won off a three-month layoff and in his second start against state-breds. He finished second, beaten three-quarters of a length by Storm,



Dave Harmon

Morning Calm (center) powers through to win the Travers Day finale for trainer Michelle Nihei.

in a similar allowance race May 22 at Belmont.

“He got sick late in the Belmont meet, missed a couple races there, missed a race here, so we were sort of squeezed,” Nihei said. “I actually felt like we were maybe a work short, but we were running out of time. He was sharp enough and good enough to run well today.”

Morning Calm was purchased for \$80,000 at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred yearling sale. The silks Castellano wore to the winner’s circle aboard Morning Calm were dark red with a gold dragon, legendary creatures in Korean mythology and images that apparently also represent the colt pretty well.

“(The dragon) actually fits his personality,” Nihei said, adding that Morning Calm was the stable’s first winner in the U.S.

— **Kristin Brennan**



Tod Marks

Irad Ortiz Jr. bounces back from scary incident and rides Chat to victory in the fifth.



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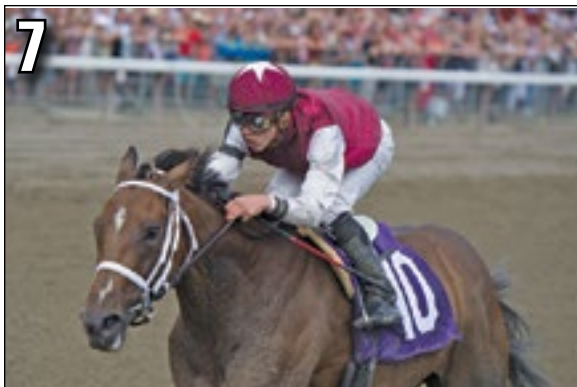
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FIRST \$98,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F					
5	Three Alarm Fire	J. Rosario	\$5.10	\$2.80	\$2.50
7	Liam's Map	J. Velazquez		\$3.60	\$3.10
6	Lucid	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$5.10
Ch Gelding 2011, by Pyro - Tres Tres Joli by Gone West Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds and Basone, Michael. Trainer: Thomas Albertrani. Breeder: Runnymede Farm & Peter J. Callahan (KY). Time: 1:24.08 Exacta (5-7), \$15.80; Trifecta (5-7-6), \$115.50					
SECOND \$98,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M					
2	Face the Music	J. Rosario	\$6.40	\$3.70	\$2.90
3	Imperia	R. Maragh		\$7.60	\$5.70
1	Incremental	J. Alvarado			\$5.80
B Colt 2012, by Stormy Atlantic - Voyage by Rahy Owner: Phipps Stable. Trainer: Claude McGaughey III. Breeder: Phipps Stable (KY). Late Scratches: Dispersion Time: 1:45.31 Daily Double (5-2), \$16.80; Exacta (2-3), \$52.50; Quinella (2-3), \$31.40; Superfecta (2-3-1-4), \$1,632.00; Trifecta (2-3-1), \$280.50					
THIRD \$90,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M					
3	Ocala Jim	J. Lezcano	\$9.70	\$4.30	\$3.30
10	Blue Pigeon	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$4.20	\$3.40
9	Iced Over	M. Franco			\$7.70
B Gelding 2010, by E Dubai - Merion Miss by Halo Owner: Funky Munky Stable LLC. Trainer: David Donk. Breeder: Berkshire Stud (NY). Time: 1:43.86 Daily Double (2-3), \$36.60; Exacta (3-10), \$37.80; Superfecta (3-10-9-8), \$7,827.00; Trifecta (3-10-9), \$566.00; Pic 3 (5-2-3), \$78.50					
FOURTH \$98,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 6F					
7	Bayerd	R. Napravnik	\$19.00	\$8.70	\$5.20
5	Frosted	R. Maragh		\$8.00	\$5.10
8	Today's Agenda	J. Castellano			\$3.60
B Colt 2012, by Speightstown - Cherokee Jewel by Cherokee Run Owner: Brewster, Clark, O.. Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY). Time: 1:11.48 Daily Double (3-7), \$87.50; Exacta (7-5), \$160.50; Quinella (5-7), \$66.50; Superfecta (7-5-8-3), \$7,286.00; Trifecta (7-5-8), \$602.00; Pic 3 (2-3-7), \$232.00					
FIFTH \$100,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M					
2	Chat	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$12.60	\$6.90	\$4.90
1	Enchanting Lisa	J. Lezcano		\$7.60	\$5.80
7	Funny Money	E. Prado			\$9.40
Dk B/ Br Filly 2010, by Dynaformer - Verbal by Kingmambo Owner: Augustin Stable. Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard. Breeder: Stone Farm (KY). Time: 1:42.06 Daily Double (7-2), \$97.50; Exacta (2-1), \$85.50; Superfecta (2-1-7-5), \$9,285.00; Trifecta (2-1-7), \$1,637.00; Pic 3 (3-7-2), \$366.50; Pic 4 (2-3-7-2), \$1,467.00; Pic 5 (5-2-3-7-2), \$5,043.00					
SIXTH \$100,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M					
8	McIlroy	J. Ortiz	\$6.90	\$3.90	\$3.20
5	Cashmere Cat	C. Lanerie		\$6.20	\$4.20
4	Shatak	R. Maragh			\$3.90
B Gelding 2010, by Modigliani - Mollyputtheketelon by Rainbow Quest Owner: Riccio, James, A.. Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY). Late Scratches: Giant Fox, Wizardly, Dyker Beach, Mr. O'Leary, Powerful Instinct Time: 1:37.13 Daily Double (2-8), \$61.50; Exacta (8-5), \$54.00; Superfecta (8-5-4-12), \$1,237.00; Trifecta (8-5-4), \$251.00; Pic 3 (7-2-8), \$488.50					
SEVENTH \$100,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F					
10	Divided Attention	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$5.00	\$3.40	\$2.50
2	Shayjolie	R. Maragh		\$4.00	\$2.80
3	Pretty Fancy	R. Napravnik			\$2.70
Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by A.P. Indy - Contrive by Storm Cat Owner: Darley Stable. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin. Breeder: Darley (KY). Late Scratches: Eddy Gourmet, Dear Mama (ARG) Time: 1:22.70 Daily Double (8-10), \$20.00; Exacta (10-2), \$17.80; Superfecta (10-2-3-4), \$94.50; Trifecta (10-2-3), \$40.00; Consolation Double (8-1/6), \$7.20; Pic 3 (2-8-10), \$112.00; (2-8-1/6), \$43.60					
EIGHTH \$105,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M					
7	Shining Copper	R. Napravnik	\$13.40	\$7.20	\$4.10
3	Brickyard Kitten	J. Velazquez		\$4.80	\$3.30
2	North Slope	J. Ortiz			\$3.60
Ch Gelding 2010, by Aragorn (IRE) - La Minuta (CHI) by Winged Victory Owner: Brewster, Clark, O.. Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: International Equities Holding Inc. (KY). Late Scratches: Star Channel, Conspiracy, For the Luv of Lil Claimed: Bad Debt claimed by Leibner, Robert for \$62,500 Time: 1:42.80 Daily Double (10-7), \$38.00; Exacta (7-3), \$86.00; Superfecta (7-3-2-4), \$627.00; Trifecta (7-3-2), \$313.00; Pic 3 (8-10-7), \$186.00; (8-1/6-7), \$54.00					
NINTH \$250,000, STAKES - BALLSTON SPA S., 3 & UP, 1 1/16M					
3	Abaco	J. Ortiz	\$10.60	\$4.40	\$3.20
4	Strathnaver (GB)	J. Velazquez		\$5.00	\$4.20
1	Nellie Cashman	F. Boyce			\$5.90
Ch Mare 2008, by Giant's Causeway - Cat Cay by Pleasant Colony Owner: Phipps Stable. Trainer: Claude McGaughey III. Breeder: Phipps Stable (KY). Late Scratches: Dayatthespa. Time: 1:42.64 Daily Double (7-3), \$81.00; Exacta (3-4), \$42.40; Superfecta (3-4-1-2), \$722.00; Trifecta (3-4-1), \$285.00; Pic 3 (10-7-3), \$268.00; Place Pix Nine (4/5/8-2/3/10-2/3/7-3), \$38.20					
TENTH \$500,000, STAKES - KETEL ONE KING'S BISHOP S., 3 YO, 7F					
7	The Big Beast	J. Castellano	\$7.70	\$4.60	\$3.20
6	Fast Anna	J. Velazquez		\$8.00	\$4.70
8	Coup de Grace	R. Napravnik			\$2.80
B Colt 2011, by Yes It's True - V V S Flawless by Deputy Minister Owner: Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn. Trainer: Anthony Dutrow. Breeder: Green Willow Farms (MD). Time: 1:22.35 Daily Double (3-7), \$24.80; Exacta (7-6), \$56.50; Superfecta (7-6-8-5), \$1,540.00; Trifecta (7-6-8), \$147.00; Pic 3 (7-3-7), \$396.00					
ELEVENTH \$500,000, STAKES - BALLERINA S., 3 YO'S & UP, 7F					
1	Artemis Agrotera	R. Maragh	\$10.60	\$5.80	\$4.00
4	My Miss Aurelia	J. Velazquez		\$4.80	\$3.50
5	Willet	J. Rosario			\$3.40
B Filly 2011, by Roman Ruler - Indy Glory by A.P. Indy Owner: Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.. Trainer: Michael Hushion. Breeder: Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY). Late Scratches: Voodoo Tales Time: 1:21.89 Daily Double (7-1), \$40.60; Exacta (1-4), \$63.50; Superfecta (1-4-5-2), \$837.00; Trifecta (1-4-5), \$235.50; Pic 3 (3-7-1), \$218.50					

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TWELFTH \$1,250,000, STAKES - TRAVERS S., 3 YO, 1 1/4M

4	V. E. Day	J. Castellano	\$41.00	\$13.20	\$7.30
7	Wicked Strong	R. Maragh		\$4.40	\$3.10
6	Tonalist	J. Rosario			\$3.40

Ch Colt 2011, by English Channel - California Sunset by Deputy Minister
Owner: Bryant, Magalen, O.. Trainer: James Jerkens. Breeder: Bluegrass Hall, LLC (KY).
Time: 2:02.93.

Daily Double (1-4), \$219.50; Exacta (4-7), \$167.50; Superfecta (4-7-6-8), \$3,049.00; Trifecta (4-7-6), \$535.00; Pic 3 (7-1-4), \$954.00; Pic 4 (3-7-1-4), \$4,614.00; Pic 6 (1/6/10-7-3-7-1-4), \$1,295.00; Pic 6 (1/6/10-7-3-7-1-4), \$79,619.00

THIRTEENTH \$100,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

3	Invading Humor	J. Castellano	\$12.80	\$6.10	\$3.80
5	Sky Painter	L. Saez		\$4.60	\$3.50
1	More Than Less	R. Napravnik			\$7.30

Dk B/ Br Filly 2010, by Invasor (ARG) - Very Funny by Distorted Humor
Owner: Bloodlines Racing Partnerships. Trainer: Bruce Levine.
Breeder: Dr. James Randall Mcglinn (NY). Time: 1:44.20.

Daily Double (4-3), \$199.00; Exacta (3-5), \$59.00; Superfecta (3-5-1-2), \$5,263.00; Trifecta (3-5-1), \$613.00; Pic 3 (1-4-3), \$1,687.00

FOURTEENTH \$90,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

5	Morning Calm	J. Castellano	\$8.80	\$4.60	\$3.40
2	Macagone	L. Saez		\$5.90	\$4.30
10	Bluegrass Flash	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$4.60

B Colt 2011, by Broken Vow - Krakowviak by Tale of the Cat
Owner: Great Hill Stables. Trainer: Michelle Nihei. Breeder: Gallagher's Stud (NY).
Time: 1:43.20.

Daily Double (3-5), \$68.00; Exacta (5-2), \$46.40; Superfecta (5-2-10-8), \$1,625.00; Trifecta (5-2-10), \$233.00; Pic 3 (4-3-5), \$1,215.00; Pic 4 (1-4-3-5), \$7,469.00

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Serious Business

Heavy favorite tackles two turns for Hushion

BY TOM LAW

ALBANY PREVIEW

One year removed from bidding for a sweep of the Big Apple Triple and its big bonus, Mike Hushion is back with another big chance in the \$250,000 Albany Stakes that headlines today's inaugural Saratoga Showcase program for New York-breds.

Barry Schwartz's homebred Captain Serious is the trainer's entrant in the 1 1/8-mile Albany. The Successful Appeal gelding is the 9-5 favorite against eight other 3-year-old state-breds as he makes his two-turn debut. Out of the rain before the big Travers weekend got underway and finding races to enter today and Monday, Hushion summed up his chances in a way only he can.

"What the heck do I know?" he joked as he scanned an overnight for extras.

Shrewd as ever, Hushion undoubtedly knows the answer to how Captain Serious will fare in the Albany and the gelding's previous five races might be an indicator, too.

Captain Serious ripped through his first three starts, including a 3-length victory in the Mike Lee Stakes during the first of three special state-bred racing cards in the May 31 Big Apple Showcase at Belmont Park. Amberjack won last year's Mike Lee and then added the New York Derby before coming to Saratoga with a chance to sweep the Big Apple Triple and take down the \$250,000 before he finished second to Escapefromreality.

Hushion had a thought that Captain Serious might handle a distance of ground even before he won the Mike Lee, going back to his knowledge of the gelding's family. He trained his dam, the stakes-placed Mr. Greeley mare Madame Diva and considers her one of his all-time favorites.

Hushion ventured to open company next with Captain Serious and he finished second, beaten three quarters of a length by Kid Cruz in the Grade 3 Dwyer going 1 1/16 miles. The Grade 2 Jim Dandy was considered for Captain Serious' next start, but Hushion opted instead for the Grade 2 Amsterdam going 6 1/2 furlongs the same day. Captain Serious finished third behind Coup de Grace and C. Zee, beaten 5 lengths, and goes back to a route of ground today.

"He's a good horse and his mile and a sixteenth race wasn't a disappointment considering everything," Hushion said in reference to the Dwyer, where Captain Serious



Lauren King/NYRA Photo

Captain Serious is unbeaten in New York-bred company and graded stakes placed.

drifted out in the stretch. "So we're going into this one positive. How's that?"

No sweep of the Big Apple Triple is in the offing today and there wasn't a bonus in place this year. The Albany still shapes up as a strong headliner to the six-stakes program that also includes the Funny Cide and Seeking the Ante for 2-year-olds, West Point and Yaddo on the grass and Fleet Indian for 3-year-old fillies on the main track.

Empire Dreams won the New York Derby July 12 at Finger Lakes after chasing Captain Serious home second in the Mike Lee. The 1 1/16-mile was the Patriot Act colt's first start around two turns and he won by 2 1/4 lengths over the subsequently disqualified Fox Rox and Eye Luv Lulu, who both return today.

"It looks like he really appreciated the two turns," said Tom Albertrani, who trains Empire Dreams for West Point Thoroughbreds. "The added distance seemed to really help him as well. We are pretty optimistic that he should run a good race this weekend."

"I looked at the race and I think we stack up right in there with the rest of them. I think he'll be pretty tough to beat myself."

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Albany —

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John Velazquez, who rode Empire Dreams in the Mike Lee, is back aboard the 3-1 second choice for the Albany.

Kathy Ritvo, who nearly won Saturday's Grade 1 King's Bishop with Florida shipper Fast Anna, is back at the plate today with Little Daddy.

The son of Scat Daddy has raced exclusively at Gulfstream Park against open company in his five starts, including back-to-back wins in March to start his career. He placed in a pair of stakes next and comes off a close fourth behind C. Zee, Casiguapo and next-out winner Victory Nor Defeat in the Cherokee Run Stakes. Little Daddy races for Priscilla Vaccarezza and was previously trained in Florida by her husband Carlo Vaccarezza, those two best known for campaigning 2012 Breeders' Cup Turf winner Little Mike.

"He's been running with open horses in Florida," Ritvo said. "I just basically brought him. The Vaccarezzas said 'if you were going up there for a stakes race, will you take him?' I have confidence that hopefully we can do a good job for them."

Ritvo breezed Little Daddy twice since he arrived in early August, including 5 furlongs in a bullet :59.50 last Sunday.

"He's honest. He's had two good works over the racetrack and he's stretching out now," Ritvo said.

Little Daddy is playful, too. At least he was Friday morning. Before Ritvo took Fast Anna to train Little Daddy played his own version of peek-a-boo as he stood with his head outside the stall and hid behind his hay net. He would briefly open his eye and lift his head up a little, and then shove it right behind the bale as if he was shy.

"Look at what he's doing," Ritvo said. "I don't know why he does that. This is what he does. He rests over in the corner same thing. He takes care of himself pretty good."

Others in the Albany field include Free Mugatu, second in a division of the New York Stallion Series Aug. 4; and Eye Luv Lulu, moved up to second in the New York Derby. So Lonesome also returns to the state-bred ranks after finishing sixth in the Grade 2 Hall of Fame on the grass. Effinex makes his first start for Travers-winning trainer Jimmy Jerkens.

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A Question of Distance

Top three from New York Oaks need an answer for 9 furlongs

BY DAN TORDJMAN

FLEET INDIAN PREVIEW

Going two turns for the first or second time can be tricky. So, it's anyone's guess how a group of nine 3-year-old New York-bred fillies will handle the challenge of 1 1/8 miles in today's \$200,000 Fleet Indian Stakes.

Well-known Finger Lakes trainer M. Anthony Ferraro, for one, has had this race circled for a while for his Bandini filly Alwaysinstilettos.

"I think her best distance is going around two turns," Ferraro said. "We will definitely be a factor."

Alwaysinstilettos started her career at Saratoga last summer with a

third behind Artemis Agrotera, who won the Grade 1 Frizette Stakes in her next start. Ferraro's filly added Lasix for her second start and won the Lady Finger Stakes for longtime Ferraro owner Langpap Stable. The connections also owned and raced Alwaysinstilettos' mother, the Belong to Me mare Always Belong, who won four times going longer than a mile.

"I had (Alwaysinstilettos') mom and her mom went long," Ferraro said. "She could go long and short."

While Alwaysinstilettos hasn't won



Tod Marks

Star Gazing seeks her second win of the meet for trainer Jimmy Jerkens.

past 6 furlongs yet, she ran a courageous race last out in the 1 1/16 miles New York Oaks at Finger Lakes. Alwaysinstilettos led early on before dueling with, and eventually getting passed nearing the wire by, fellow Fleet Indian entrant Flipcup. Storied

Lady, another filly who will go in the Fleet Indian, rallied late for third. The top three from the New York Oaks were separated by just a neck.

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Fleet Indian —

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“Both of those horses would be of concern, but that was our first time going two turns,” Ferraro said. “So, I would expect my filly to move forward, as well.”

Flipcup, trained by Bill Mott for owner and breeder Team Penney Racing and Wachtel Stable and Brous Stable, figures to be one of the favorites. The filly by Milwaukee Brew out of the Touch Gold mare Dream Affair would seem to be well suited for the 9-furlong trip. She just missed by a half-length in the Eternal Search Stakes at 1 1/16 miles on Woodbine’s Polytrack Aug. 2.

Storied Lady also has plenty of distance in her pedigree. In fact, the daughter of Read the Footnotes was running best of all in the late stages of the New York Oaks. The extra sixteenth she’ll get in the Fleet Indian might be the trick.

“I think she fits well,” said John Hertler, who trains Storied Lady for Tri County Stables. “She’s beaten most of the horses who will be in here and she’s doing really well.”

Not only did Storied Lady previ-



Adam Coglianese/NYRA Photo

Second in a stakes at Woodbine last out, Flipcup eyes her fifth career win.

ously beat Flipcup in the Bouwerie Stakes in May at Belmont, she was also 10 3/4 lengths clear of Jcs American Dream in the New York Oaks. Billy Turner sends that filly by Catienus back out for owner Shooting Star Stable.

The sizzling Chester and Mary Broman appear to have another bul-

let to fire in the Fleet Indian with Sky Mesa filly Star Grazing. Trained by Jimmy Jerkens, she aced her first test around two turns last out, winning a 1 1/8-mile allowance for state-breds Aug. 2.

The only other horse in today’s race to win at 9 furlongs is Patricia Generazio’s homebred Lucky Nancy E. for

trainer Jim Ryerson. The daughter of Disco Rico scored over a muddy track last out in a July 27 allowance at Saratoga. Canal Six, owned and bred by My Meadowview Farm, finished fifth in that race. But the Noble Causeway filly had not been out since breaking her maiden impressively last November and Canal Six enters the Fleet Indian as something of a wild card.

“She’s doing great,” said trainer Tom Morley. “She did need some time after her 2-year-old career but she’s come back in really good form. I needed to get a race into her before this stake but this has been the target all year. I knew that going into that last allowance race, she would get tired but I needed to get a race into her.”

Others entered in the Fleet Indian are the lightly raced Desert Valentine, stretching out for Gary Contessa from 6 1/2 furlongs after winning her first two races, including an allowance at Saratoga Aug. 13; and the speedy Easy Living, a daughter of Big Brown trained by Christophe Clement for Cheyenne Stables, who tries state-bred stakes company for the second time after tiring last out to finish fifth in the Saratoga Dew Stakes.

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Tod Marks

Third in the Grade 1 Diana last month, Discreet Marq eyes her first win of 2014.

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Grade 1 winners Dayatthespa, Discreet Marq look to rebound

BY DAN TORDJMAN

YADDO PREVIEW

Turning for home, it looked like a done deal. There was less than a quarter of a mile to go in the Aug. 2 De La Rose Stakes and Dayatthespa was on the lead. This was, after all, Saratoga – a track at which the 5-year-old daughter of City Zip had never lost – and everyone watching had to be experiencing déjà vu.

But unlike her three prior races at Saratoga, Dayatthespa wouldn't get her picture taken. Instead, she was run down in the final sixteenth by Filimbi. Dayatthespa held on for second, 1 3/4 lengths behind Filimbi, in her first career loss at Saratoga.

"She got a little tired there towards the end," trainer Chad Brown said of Dayatthespa. "She's fitter and stronger now going second time around here at the meet."

Her second start – and her first shot at bouncing back – comes in today's \$150,000 Yaddo Stakes for New York-bred fillies and mares. Owned by Jerry Frankel, Ronald Frankel, Steve Laymon and Pete Bradley, Dayatthespa won last year's Yaddo, covering 1 1/16 miles on the turf in 1:42.57. The mare's Saratoga resume also includes wins in the Riskaverse Stakes in 2012 and a maiden turf sprint in 2011.

"It's such a difficult meet to win at and for any horse to be able to win up here four years in a row is very hard," Brown said. "So, we'll give her a chance to do it. She loves the course up here and she seems to be rounding right back into top form."

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Yaddo —

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While Dayatthespa is winless since last year's Yaddo, she hasn't had many chances. The De La Rose was her first start of 2014. She got an eight-month break after running fourth in the Grade 1 Matriarch Stakes last December at Hollywood Park. Brown said earlier this meet that Dayatthespa came out of the Matriarch with some issues.

Dayatthespa, who was entered and scratched from Saturday's Grade 2 Ballston Spa because her connections wanted to run the mare on firmer turf, looked like her old self in the De La Rose.

Any improvement off of that effort should again put her in the thick of the Yaddo.

She will get stiff challenges from several classy mares entered in the race and some who might contest the pace with her. One of those is fellow Grade 1 winner Discreet Marq. The Christophe Clement-trained Discreet Cat filly finished third last out, beaten just a half length, in the Grade 1 Diana Stakes July 19.

"I know we got beat but it was a good effort," said Christophe Lorieul, Clement's assistant. "She just got beat the last sixteenth of a mile and she always tries hard. So, we're just trying to get her back to an easier spot."

Discreet Marq, bred and owned by Patricia Gen-
erazio, has faced Grade 1 competition in each of



Tod Marks

Dayatthespa seeks her second consecutive Yaddo.

her last four starts dating back to last year's Matriarch. She finished second in that race, a mere nose behind the winner Egg Drop. The gray filly experienced some more tough luck in the Jenny Wiley in April at Keeneland when she was second and a half length shy of Hard Not to Like.

"Since she is a New York-bred, this seems like a logical spot to try and win a race this year," Lorieul said. The move to state-bred company doesn't bring much class relief though with the likes of Dayatthespa and stakes winner and graded stakes-placed

Effie Trinket also in the field.

Owned by Patsy Symons and trained by Rick Violette, Effie Trinket finished sixth last out in the Grade 3 Dr. James Penny Memorial Handicap July 8 at Parx. Prior to that race, the 4-year-old Freud filly ran out of ground, trying to chase down Mah Jong Maddnes in the Mount Vernon Stakes, going 1 mile on the turf during the Big Apple Showcase card May 31 at Belmont.

After winning the Mount Vernon gate-to-wire, Mah Jong Maddnes came back to finish second over a yielding turf in the July 4 Perfect Sting Stakes at Belmont.

"She looks as good physically right now as she's ever looked," said John Morrison, who trains Mah Jong Maddnes for owner/breeder Very Un Stable. "But this is a pretty salty field from top to bottom. This is a New York-bred stake and between (Discreet Marq, Dayatthespa), Effie Trinket and us, this is more like a graded stakes, to be honest with you."

A 5-year-old daughter of Freud, Mah Jong Maddnes has racked up six wins in 24 starts. Four of the wins have come in the past year and five of the wins have been at Belmont. Mah Jong Maddnes has yet to hit the board in four tries at Saratoga.

Others entered in the Yaddo include the Mike Maker-trained Miz Owell, who finished 7th in the Mount Vernon Stakes; and Unbelievable Dream, winless in her last 11 starts dating back to last April when she took the Grade 3 Appalachian Stakes on the turf at Keeneland for Barclay Tagg.

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Fouled Up

Evrybdymstgetstonz earns a second chance for Contessa barn

BY KRISTIN BRENNAN

If Gary Contessa played soccer he would have thrown the yellow card at the break of the Grade 3 Schuylerville on Opening Day of Saratoga.

"She got absolutely destroyed at the break we should have called foul," said Contessa of his New York-bred 2-year-old filly Evrybdymstgetstonz. "If you watch the head-on of her race she lost her race at the break, given a fair break I think she's going to be very tough."

A fair break and a drop in class could make the difference. Owned by McConnell Racing Stable's and Darlene Bilinski, Evrybdymstgetstonz returns to the New York-bred division in today's fifth race, the Seeking The

SEEKING THE ANTE PREVIEW

Ante, a stakes for New York-bred 2-year-old fillies.

After being bumped on both sides coming out of the gate in the Schuylerville, Evrybdymstgetstonz finished fourth. The daughter of Bustin Stones won her first start at Belmont July 2 by breaking on top and never looking back to win gate-to-wire by 6 lengths. With her performance in her first race, Contessa has no concerns breaking on the rail in the Seeking The Ante.

"I don't mind," Contessa said. "The first time I was like, 'damn we have the one post,' but she just jumped right out of there, very fast gate horse."



Tod Marks

Evrybdymstgetstonz exits a troubled try in the Schuylerville for trainer Gary Contessa.

The filly bolstered Contessa's confidence Friday morning when she shot out of the gate like a baseball from the hand of Mariano Rivera.

"Hopefully she's back in business," Contessa said. "I would expect her to be on the lead and hopefully that's the

game plan."

John Velazquez rides for the first time.

Quick Reward made a 1,500-mile trip for the Seeking The Ante, arriving

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Wednesday from Miami. There was one newly bedded stall in the stakes barn with the red webbings representing Shadybrook Farm of Ocala. Trainer Michael Yates awaited the filly's arrival. Quick Reward broke her maiden first time out in June only to fail in the Cassidy Stakes a month later. The daughter of Grand Reward trailed the field in the 5 ½-furlong stakes finishing last of 12.

"She kind of fell asleep in the gate and got left, shuffled back and it was over before she knew it," Yates said.

The stretch in distance of one furlong from the stakes is the only concern Yates has for Quick Reward.

"I'm not convinced the distance is going to be in her favor but she's trained really well for it otherwise she wouldn't be shipping up to run," Yates said.

Quick Reward is running for owner and breeder Robert Ross, a long-time family friend and client of Yates'.

"My father broke and trained horses for him when I was a kid," Yates said. "I actually broke my first racehorse for him when I was maybe 12 or 13 years old, that was a long time ago, he's a wonderful man."

A few years ago Yates recommended moving Ross' mares to New York for the New York-bred program. Ross did as suggested. The weanlings



Nonna Jo enters off a win here July 30 for trainer Neil Terracciano.

ship down to Ocala to continue growing and in the following year start breaking and training. Being back in her native state, Quick Reward hopes to notch her first stakes win.

Yates wanted an outside post for the filly to be able to break and stalk the pace, he drew the four post but still hopes the filly can get up in time. Angel Arroyo will be riding the filly in her Saratoga Debut.

Rick Violette saddles a second 2-year-old for owner and breeder Ralph Evans on the Sunday

stakes card. Graeme Crackers broke her maiden at the spa in mid July in a 5 ½-furlong sprint.

"The longer distance will suit her better, she was very professional first time out and got headed down on the inside and was pretty valiant and went on," Violette said. "She still won it and kind of drew off. I think the further we go the better."

Violette hopes the daughter of Macho Uno will be sitting behind the pace again for the Seeking The Ante.

"I hope there are a couple of serious speed horses so they can kind of work on each other and we can sit in the cat bird seat," Violette said. "I guess Jimmy Jerkens has a pretty fast filly who won first time out and kind of sprinted away from everybody so I hope there's somebody there to entertain her for a while."

Jerkens does indeed have a fast filly for owners Chester and Mary Broman. Hard to Stay Not-go won wire-to-wire, drawing away by an easy 5 lengths in 1:11.56. Junior Alvarado who guided the More Than Ready filly to her first victory earlier this month will be aboard again.

Completing the field is Nonna Jo who like many in this race broke her maiden earlier at the meet. It was a glorious victory for owner and breeder Vincent Vivolo of Lianna Stables who named the filly in honor of his grandmother. Breaking from the outside post Rick Schosberg sends out Clear Stars Stable's Myfourchix who finished second to Nonna Jo in the 5-furlong maiden. The Henny Hughes filly set the pace in the previous race, giving way to Nonna Jo in the final furlong.

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King Kreesa makes his first start for trainer David Donk in today's West Point.

Back Class

Graded winner King Kreesa ends layoff in 1st start for Donk

BY DAN TORDJMAN

WEST POINT PREVIEW

David Donk has been around for long enough and won in enough big spots that you might not expect the longtime New York-based trainer to experience much stress heading into a race. But as he sends out graded stakes winner King Kreesa for the first time in today's \$150,000 West Point Stakes, Donk feels the weight of expectation.

"He's a horse with an awful lot of class," Donk said earlier this week. "(Former trainer) Jeremiah (Englehart) did a very good job with him. The pressure is on me to equal that."

The 1 1/16-mile turf test for older New York-breds will be King Kreesa's first race since a disappointing 12th place finish in a field of 14 in

the Group 1 Hong Kong Mile at Sha Tin Racecourse last December. Owners Gerald and Susan Kresa moved the 5-year-old son of King Cugat to Donk's barn a few months later. Shortly thereafter, Donk discovered that the horse had a quarter crack, which would limit his training in late spring and the early part of this summer.

"Once I started breezing him, I wasn't sure how long it would take to get him into conditioning to run," Donk said. "But he's come to hand pretty quickly. His last few breezes have gone pretty well."

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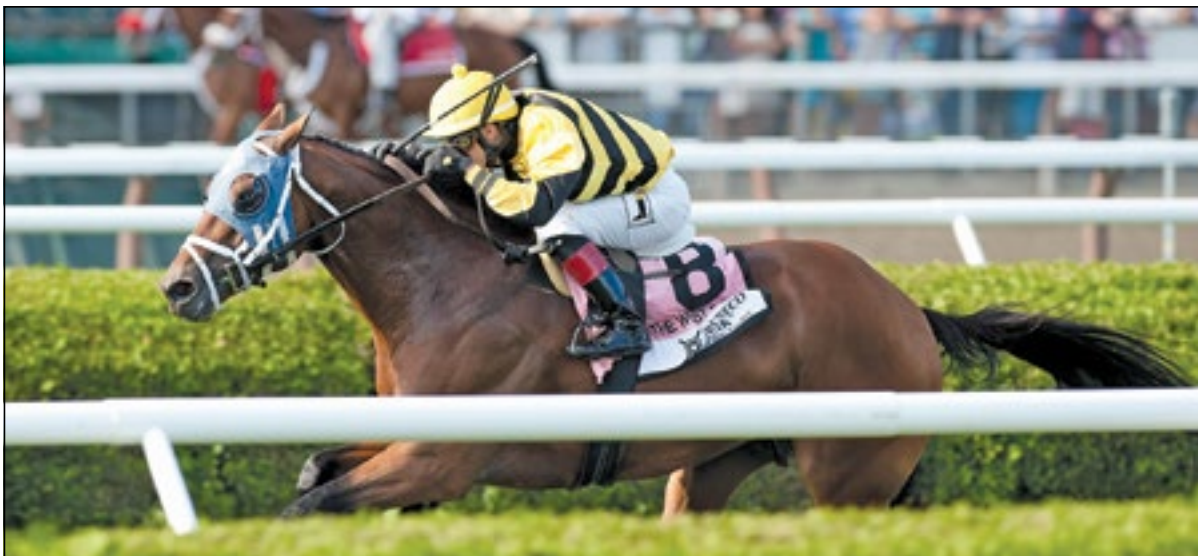
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The West Point is the time to see how that work translates into actual race competition, which the gelding hasn't seen in more than eight months. He does have plenty of back-class to call on, having won the Grade 3 Poker Stakes last July at Belmont and finishing second and 1 1/4 lengths behind two-time Horse of the Year Wise Dan in the Grade 2 Fourstar-dave Handicap on the Saratoga turf last August.

"It's obviously his style to be on the pace, which is a little harder to do off the layoff ... but listen, he's trained very well," Donk said. "He's obviously a horse with a lot of quality and with a very good record behind him."

While winless in three starts at Saratoga, King Kreesa's career record includes five stakes wins and lifetime earnings of \$657,370 in 18 starts. His earnings per race (\$36,257) is best of any entered in the West Point, including last year's winner Hangover Kid. That 6-year-old son of Lemon Drop Kid, owned by Four Tags Stable and trained by Jason Servis, is back again this year off of an impressive score in the Grade 2 Bowling Green Handicap July 12 at Belmont.

Another contender is Lubash, the winner of the 2012 West Point Stakes. Trained by Christophe Clement for owner and breeder Aliyu Ben J Stable, Lubash finished fourth in this race last year, beaten 1 1/2 lengths. In six races since then, the 7-year-old turf warrior by Freud hasn't finished off the board.



Tod Marks

Hangover Kid seeks a repeat win in the West Point.

He comes out of an easy \$75,000 allowance score against state-breds July 13 at 1 1/16 miles on the Belmont turf.

Barrel of Love and Notacatbutallama, second and third, respectively, in the same race Lubash exits, are also entered in the West Point. A 7-year-old gelding by Not for Love out of the Broad Brush mare Wide Barrel, Barrel of Love will be making his 40th career start for owner and breeder Tri County Stables. He finished last in this race in 2013 and hasn't placed in stakes company since the 2012 Mohawk Stakes at Belmont. However, trainer John

Hertler was impressed by the horse's runner-up finish earlier in the Saratoga meet to Notacatbutallama going 1 mile on the turf.

"He's 7 years old and has never been any sharper," Hertler said. "He finished second his last two starts and they were both excellent fields. We're hoping for a good trip and the same kind of performance."

Rounding out the West Point field is the Michelle Nevin-trained Street Game, who finished fifth in 2012 West Point and eighth in 2013. Sir Leslie is entered for the main track only for Phil Serpe.



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Three Year Olds & Up	1 1/8 Miles Turf

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Runs Sat., Nov. 15	Closes Oct. 29
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Fillies, Three Years Old	1 1/16 Miles Turf

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Runs Sat., Nov. 15	Closes Oct. 29
\$100,000	(\$100 nomination Fee)
Three Year Olds	1 1/16 Miles Turf

CARDINAL HANDICAP (GIII)

Runs Sat., Nov. 22	Closes Nov. 5
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Fillies and Mares, Three Years Old & Up	1 1/8 Miles Turf

FALLS CITY HANDICAP (GII)

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Fillies and Mares, Three Years Old & Up	1 1/8 Miles

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Bustin It aims to duplicate his easy stakes win at Belmont July 13.

Sweet Seeker

Stakes winner Bustin It among field of five impressive winners

BY KRISTIN BRENNAN

FUNNY CIDE PREVIEW

It was rainy and quiet Thursday morning on the Oklahoma side of the Saratoga Race Course grounds and a small pond formed near the hot walking area of Barn 42, ripples forming on the surface from water falling off surrounding trees.

A chestnut colt stuck his head out of his stall, a white stripe going from forehead all the way through the left nostril, ears pricked, looking for one thing.

"He wants you to give him a mint," trainer Michael Mareina said of Bustin It, one of five juveniles entered for today's \$200,000 Funny Cide Stakes. "He won't walk if he sees me here. He'll stop until he gets it. The hotwalkers, they would try to pull him and I would just tell them, 'wait, he's not going to go anywhere till he gets his mint, he's smarter than you guys.'"

Bustin It is not only smart enough to pause for his treat, he is a professional at giving an innocent look that says, "just one more please," and anyone who looks at the begging eye seems to oblige.

The 2-year-old son of Bustin Stones also has a soft spot with Mareina.

"He's even tempered," Mareina said. "Nothing fazes him. He's one you would like to train a bunch of them. He never does anything wrong, always a good boy."

Mareina purchased Bustin It for himself, Kuehne Racing and Stephen Barberino owner of SJB Stable for \$70,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred yearling sale. The colt was the trainer's his first New York-bred purchase.

"He was small when I bought him and he's grown up nicely," Mareina said. "He was a late May baby. When my owner first saw him he said, 'that's nice, you bought a midget.' When he saw him after he was broke I said, 'don't worry about this midget, he can run.'"

Mareina bought Bustin It's full-brother at this year's New York-bred sale for \$80,000. He's small,

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Funny Cide —

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too, and Mareina hopes he can run like his older brother.

Bustin It was second in his debut, finishing 5 ½ lengths behind the Todd Pletcher-trained Nonna's Boy in an open-company maiden June 13 at Belmont Park.

"He ran into a real speedy horse there of Todd's and that horse actually led for 5 or 5 1/2 in the (Grade 2 Saratoga Special before finishing seventh) here so he's extremely quick," Mareina said.

Bustin It bounced back from that race to win the \$122,000 Rockville Centre Stakes for state-breds July 13. The mint-seeking colt won gate-to-wire, leaving runner-up International Star 7 lengths behind. The Rockville Centre was the type of performance that gave Mareina the confidence to enter the colt in the inaugural Funny Cide going 6 ½ furlongs.

Bustin It has been training in Saratoga since May so all his prep for the Funny Cide has been done in his "backyard" according to Mareina.

"He's coming into this really good," he said. "Everything is the same, I haven't done anything radically different with him. I gave him a real easy work after his first work back from that race, then I tightened the screws a little bit."

Bustin It will face another Pletcher trainee in the Funny Cide in Bullheaded Boy, a son of Whitney winner Bullsby who won his debut July 31 as the odds-on favorite. Bullheaded Boy is the 7-2 third choice behind the 2-1 Bustin It and the 8-5 favorite Upstart.

Like Bullheaded Boy, Upstart and Tax Package, Good Luck Gus broke

his maiden at the meet. The son of Lookin At Lucky runs back for trainer Rudy Rodriguez and one of the meet's leading ownership partnerships of Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and The Elkstone Group.

Rodriguez has small cutout pictures of each of his winners at the meet on a wall in his barn office. There were nine and eight are for partnerships with Dubb involved.


Three days before the Funny Cide, Rodriguez was busy taking calls and training horses. The office was filled with McDonald's bags filled with pancakes, gifts for the barn staff after Wednesday's victory by Pancakesandbatter, one of the partnership's horses. Looking at the nominations for the Funny Cide, Rodriguez reflected on the decision to run Good Luck Gus back in the stakes.

"It's the best opportunity to run him and try to figure out a little more about him," Rodriguez said. "I guess that would be a good race for him, he look's like a little bit more of a distance horse but I think the 6 1/2, that's the step ahead to go with him."


Upstart runs back in nine days after breaking his maiden Aug. 15. Trainer Rick Violette said he wouldn't normally run a horse back as quickly.

"I really think he's got a shot to be a very nice horse and didn't want to just give away the fall," Violette said. "There's a lot of nice races. I'm thinking about running in the Champagne and really didn't want to run in the Champagne after a 5 1/2 race and only one race. Win, lose or draw ... we still have another five or six weeks to get to (the Champagne) so that timing works out well."

Tax Package, who won July 20 for Chad Brown and Klaravich Stables and Bill Lawrence, breaks from the rail.



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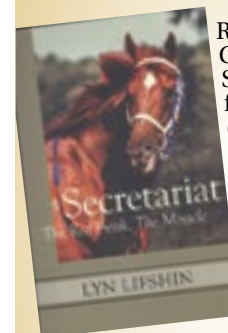


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22.....	Very Accomplished.....	S. Bridgmohan C. Baker 3-1
33.....	Girlaboutown.....	J. Ortiz..... M. Hushion 8-5
44.....	Saythreehailmary's.....	T. Rice..... J. Morrison 6-1
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88.....	Blithely.....	J. Rosario..... M. Hennig 5-1

2ND (1:32PM). \$200,000, STK - THE FUNNY CIDE, 2 YO, 6 1/2F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
11.....	Tax Package.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... C. Brown 6-1
22.....	Upstart.....	J. Ortiz..... R. Violette, Jr. 8-5
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44.....	Bullheaded Boy.....	J. Velazquez..... T. Pletcher 7-2
55.....	Bustin It.....	R. Maragh..... M. Mareina 2-1

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1MTO.....	Saharan Serenade.....	A. Worrie..... J. Toscano, Jr. 30-1
22.....	Quit Smokin.....	T. Rice..... J. Hertler 10-1
3	.....3.....	Super City.....	A. Arroyo..... C. O'Brien 15-1
4	.....4.....	Warm Front.....	J. Ortiz..... D. Duggan 10-1
5	.....5.....	Verismilitude.....	R. Napravnik..... S. Asmussen 7-2
6	.....6.....	Graceful Gal.....	J. Velazquez..... L. O'Brien 10-1
7	.....7.....	Offlee Good.....	C. Lanerie..... L. Fisher 20-1
8	.....8.....	Gu Gu Beans.....	J. Castellano..... A. Quartarolo 5-1
9	.....9.....	Roman Reign.....	D. Davis..... P. Pugh 10-1
10	.....10.....	Barrier to Entry.....	R. Maragh..... P. Kelly 6-1
11	.....11.....	Southern Sunshine.....	J. Rosario..... P. Miller 3-1

4TH (2:37PM). \$150,000, STK - THE WEST POINT PRESENTED BY TRUSTCO BANK, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Notacatbutallama.....	J. Velazquez..... T. Pletcher 5-1
2	.....MTO.....	Sir Leslie.....	A. Lezcano..... P. Serpe 4-1
3	.....3.....	Barrel of Love.....	M. Franco..... J. Hertler 12-1
4	.....4.....	King Kreesa.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... D. Donk 2-1
5	.....5.....	Hangover Kid.....	J. Lezcano..... J. Servis 5-2
6	.....6.....	Lubash.....	J. Alvarado..... C. Clement..... 3-1
7	.....7.....	Street Game.....	J. Ortiz..... M. Nevin..... 12-1

5TH (3:10PM). \$200,000, STK - THE SEEKING THE ANTE, 2 YO, F , 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Evrybdymstgetstonz.....	J. Velazquez..... G. Contessa 8-1
2	.....2.....	Hard to Stay Notgo.....	J. Alvarado..... J. Jerkens..... 9-5
3	.....3.....	Graeme Crackers.....	J. Ortiz..... R. Violette, Jr. 6-1
4	.....4.....	Quick Reward.....	A. Arroyo..... M. Yates 15-1
5	.....5.....	Nonna Jo.....	R. Maragh..... N. Terracciano 2-1
6	.....6.....	Myfourchix.....	C. Velasquez..... R. Schosberg 4-1

6TH (3:44PM). \$88,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Coviello.....	S. Bridgmohan R. Violette, Jr. 20-1
2	.....2.....	Slew's Brew.....	D. Davis..... J. Falk 7-2
3	.....3.....	Chasin Chama.....	J. Castellano..... B. Brown 12-1
4	.....4.....	Forever Utopia.....	J. Ortiz..... J. Terranova, II 4-1
5	.....5.....	Sounds of Saratoga.....	A. Arroyo..... C. Martin 30-1
6	.....6.....	Hushhushmushmush.....	J. Rosario..... C. Brown 6-1
7	.....7.....	Fidelius.....	M. Franco..... G. Weaver..... 20-1
8	.....8.....	Vischer Ferry.....	J. Alvarado..... A. Kingsley, Jr. 10-1
9	.....9.....	Talladega.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... E. Barker 3-1
10	.....10.....	My Friend Keith.....	R. Maragh..... G. Weaver..... 5-1

7TH (4:18PM). \$150,000, STK - THE YADDO, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Effie Trinket.....	J. Ortiz..... R. Violette, Jr. 8-1
2	.....2.....	Miz Owell.....	R. Napravnik..... M. Maker 20-1
3	.....3.....	Unbelievable Dream.....	R. Maragh..... B. Tagg 15-1
4	.....4.....	Dayatthespa.....	J. Castellano..... C. Brown 7-5
5	.....5.....	Discreet Marq.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... C. Clement..... 6-5
6	.....6.....	Mah Jong Maddnes.....	T. Rice..... J. Morrison 10-1

8TH (4:52PM). \$200,000, STK - THE FLEET INDIAN, 3 YO, F , 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Alwaysinstiletos.....	P. Rodriguez..... M. Ferraro 5-1
2	.....2.....	Lucky Nancy E.....	M. Franco..... J. Ryerson..... 10-1
3	.....3.....	Storied Lady.....	J. Castellano..... J. Hertler 7-2
4	.....4.....	Flipcup.....	R. Maragh..... W. Mott 3-1
5	.....5.....	Star Grazing.....	A. Arroyo..... J. Jerkens..... 5-1
6	.....6.....	Canal Six.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... T. Morley 15-1
7	.....7.....	Desert Valentine.....	L. Saez..... G. Contessa..... 6-1
8	.....8.....	Jcs American Dream.....	C. Velasquez..... W. Turner, Jr. 20-1
9	.....9.....	Easy Living.....	J. Rosario..... C. Clement..... 8-1

9TH (5:27PM). \$90,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Missy Bay.....	J. Ortiz..... D. Schettino 8-1
2	.....2.....	Manhattan Gin.....	R. Napravnik..... B. Brown 20-1
3	.....3.....	All Mine Tonight.....	J. Castellano..... E. Kenneally..... 7-2
4	.....4.....	Porvoo.....	W. Garcia..... J. DeMola 50-1
5	.....5.....	Cryptic Comet.....	J. Rosario..... J. Terranova, II 15-1
6	.....6.....	Court Dancer.....	J. Rocco, Jr. G. Weaver..... 4-1
7	.....7.....	Given Fire.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... M. Nihei..... 3-1
8	.....8.....	Summerdale.....	M. Franco..... J. Englehart..... 15-1
9	.....9.....	Lakeview Lady.....	A. Worrie..... J. Hertler 20-1
10	.....10.....	Nonnie Connie.....	L. Saez..... G. Contessa..... 10-1
11	.....11.....	Rumble Doll.....	R. Maragh..... R. Falcone, Jr. 5-1
12	.....12.....	Lady Rhubarb.....	T. Rice..... G. Gullo 20-1
13	.....AE.....	Baby B.....	J. Alvarado..... R. Schosberg 12-1
14	.....AE.....	So Smart.....	S. Husbands..... P. Barrow..... 30-1
15	.....AE.....	Aesthetique.....	J. Lezcano..... R. Ribauda 7-2

10TH (6:04PM). \$250,000, STK - THE ALBANY, 3 YO, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Eye Luv Lulu.....	M. Luzzi..... C. Martin 10-1
2	.....2.....	Little Daddy.....	J. Rosario..... K. Ritvo 4-1
3	.....3.....	Free Mugatu.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... J. Terranova, II 8-1
4	.....4.....	Empire Dreams.....	J. Velazquez..... T. Albertrani..... 3-1
5	.....5.....	Effinex.....	R. Maragh..... J. Jerkens..... 20-1
6	.....6.....	Captain Serious.....	J. Ortiz..... M. Hushion 9-5
7	.....7.....	So Lonesome.....	J. Lezcano..... T. Bush 10-1
8	.....8.....	Fox Rox.....	P. Rodriguez..... M. Ferraro 12-1

11TH (6:36PM). \$52,500, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

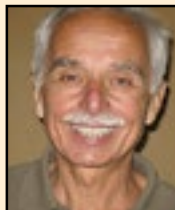
Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			
1	.....1.....	Bold Senator.....	L. Saez..... N. Zito 4-1
2	.....2.....	Cody's Notes.....	D. Davis..... J. Morrison 8-1
3	.....3.....	Butkennyrun.....	W. Garcia..... R. Metivier..... 50-1
4	.....4.....	The Frood Dude.....	T. Rice..... B. Brown 20-1
5	.....5.....	Born in Brooklyn.....	M. Franco..... D. Schettino 15-1
6	.....6.....	Royalty Reigns.....	A. Arroyo..... G. Gullo 20-1
7	.....7.....	Leatherhead Lurie.....	C. Velasquez..... G. DiPrima..... 12-1
8	.....8.....	Lotza Heat.....	J. Castellano..... G. DiSanto..... 3-1
9	.....9.....	Tsonga.....	A. Lezcano..... W. Ward 15-1
10	.....10.....	My Papa D.....	L. Mejias..... D. Schettino 30-1
11	.....11.....	Invasion Point.....	R. Napravnik..... M. Maker 7-2
12	.....12.....	Dreamboat.....	P. Rodriguez..... M. Ferraro 5-1
13	.....AE.....	Patrolikeachampion.....	A. Arroyo..... J. Lostritto..... 20-1
14	.....AE.....	Sole Train.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... P. Serpe 3-1
15AE.....	Mad With Fever.....	M. Luzzi..... R. Lugovich..... 20-1
16MTO.....	Keen's Cupla.....	L. Saez..... G. Contessa..... 2-1

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Very Accomplished

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Upstart
Bustin It
Good Luck Gus

Upstart
Bullheaded Boy
Bustin It

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Tax Package
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3

Verismilitude
Gu Gu Beans
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Sir Leslie
Hangover Kid
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Discreet Marq
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Flipcup
Storied Lady
Star Grazing

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All Mine Tonight
Court Dancer
Rumble Doll

All Mine Tonight
Given Fire
Court Dancer

Aesthetique
All Mine Tonight
Manhattan Gin

Missy Bay
Summerdale
Lady Rhubarb

Court Dancer
Rumble Doll
All Mine Tonight

10

Captain Serious
Little Daddy
Empire Dreams

Captain Serious
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Monday, August 25.

1ST (1:00PM). \$150,000, STK - NEW YORK TURF WRITERS CUP, 4&UP, 2 3/8M (HURDLE)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....2.....	Barnstorming	W. McCarthy.....	J. Sheppard.....	5-1
1a	.....9.....	Italian Wedding	B. Dalton.....	J. Sheppard.....	5-1
2	.....3.....	Charminster (IRE)	C. Sloan.....	C. Murphy.....	7-2
2b	.....6.....	For Non Stop (IRE)	R. Geraghty	C. Murphy.....	7-2
3	.....1.....	Makari (GB)	J. Doyle.....	E. Voss.....	2-1
4	.....4.....	Staying On (IRE)	P. Young.....	J. Fisher.....	12-1
5	.....5.....	Pleasant Woodman	G. Galligan.....	P. Fout.....	15-1
6	.....7.....	All Together	S. Jones.....	J. Fisher.....	8-1
7	.....8.....	Demonstrative.....	R. Walsh.....	R. Valentine.....	3-1

2ND (1:35PM). \$90,000, ALW, 3 YO’S & UP, 6F

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

1	.....1.....	Say Mr. Sandman.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Englehart.....	10-1
2	.....2.....	Swell	C. DeCarlo	P. Pugh.....	3-1
3	.....3.....	Broadway Bay	J. Bravo	B. Brown.....	8-1
4	.....4.....	Station Chief	J. Leparoux.....	G. Contessa.....	12-1
5	.....5.....	Thnxtomyuncle	L. Saez.....	G. Sciacca.....	20-1
6	.....6.....	Giantinthemoonlite.....	J. Castellano.....	B. Brown.....	2-1
7	.....7.....	Cuantos.....	R. Maragh.....	M. Hennig.....	9-5

3RD (2:08PM). \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO’S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

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

1	.....1.....	Macaroon.....	L. Saez.....	K. McLaughlin.....	8-1
2	.....2.....	Magical Moon	R. Napravnik.....	A. Stall, Jr.....	5-2
3	.....3.....	Double the Energy.....	C. Velasquez.....	L. Rice.....	12-1
4	.....4.....	Indian Splendor.....	J. Ortiz.....	J. Servis.....	2-1
5	.....5.....	Spun Silky	J. Castellano.....	N. Saville.....	4-1
6	.....6.....	Persnickity.....	R. Maragh.....	J. Toscano, Jr.....	20-1
7	.....7.....	Good So Far.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Clement.....	5-1

4TH (2:41PM). \$50,000, MCL \$50,000, 2 YO, 6F

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

1	.....1.....	Overthespeedlimit	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	A. Dutrow.....	7-2
2	.....2.....	Hundred Percent	J. Rosario.....	C. Englehart.....	10-1
3	.....3.....	Mr Classic Seneca.....	R. Napravnik.....	S. Asmussen.....	3-1
4	.....4.....	Dinner Time	J. Castellano.....	B. Brown.....	12-1
5	.....5.....	Skerkis	J. Alvarado	K. McPeck.....	15-1
6	.....6.....	G Five.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	5-1
7	.....7.....	Banker’s Boss	A. Arroyo.....	R. Rodriguez.....	6-1
8	.....8.....	Kool Kat Strut.....	C. Lanerie.....	E. Kenneally.....	8-1
9	.....9.....	Grandpa’s King.....	M. Luzzi.....	C. Martin.....	6-1

5TH (3:14PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 1 1/16M (TURF)

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

1	.....1.....	My Senses	R. Maragh.....	H. Motion.....	3-1
2	.....2.....	Scottish Sweetie	J. Campbell.....	J. Scott.....	12-1
3	.....3.....	Mozambique Gold.....	C. Velasquez.....	G. Weaver.....	12-1
4	.....4.....	Puca.....	J. Alvarado	W. Mott.....	8-1
5	.....5.....	Keen Pauline	J. Rosario.....	D. Romans.....	8-1
6	.....6.....	Classy Teacher	J. Castellano.....	M. Maker.....	5-1
7	.....7.....	Ocean Foam	C. Lanerie.....	G. Weaver.....	15-1
8	.....8.....	Complicated	R. Napravnik.....	C. McGaughey III.....	15-1
9	.....9.....	Lady Eli	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Brown.....	4-1
10	.....10.....	Hail Cornell	J. Lezcano.....	W. Mott.....	6-1
11	.....AE.....	Thebeatofthestreet	J. Rosario.....	C. Brown.....	5-1
12	.....AE.....	Zeezee Zoomzoom	J. Rocco, Jr.....	A. Tarrant.....	20-1

6TH (3:47PM). \$40,000, CLM \$20,000, 3 YO’S & UP, 7F

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....6.....	Readthebyline	J. Velazquez.....	B. Brown.....	5-2
1a	.....9.....	Ancient Rome	C. Velasquez.....	B. Brown.....	5-2
2	.....1.....	Love to Run	J. Alvarado	J. Kimmel.....	7-2
3	.....2.....	Volastic	R. Maragh.....	R. Barbara.....	15-1
4	.....3.....	Joan’s Choice.....	J. Rosario.....	D. Jacobson.....	4-1
5	.....4.....	Capital City.....	E. Prado.....	D. Green.....	15-1
6	.....5.....	Bemata.....	J. Castellano.....	M. Maker.....	3-1
7	.....7.....	Road Agent	T. Rice.....	M. Trombetta.....	12-1
8	.....8.....	Able Baker Charlie.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Pino.....	8-1

7TH (4:20PM). \$47,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO’S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

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

1	.....1.....	Saratoga Karaoke.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Domino.....	5-1
2	.....2.....	Lady Luciano.....	W. Garcia.....	J. Vazquez.....	12-1
3	.....3.....	Zamquick	J. Leparoux.....	E. Kenneally.....	2-1
4	.....4.....	Ever Awesome	J. Rosario.....	L. Lewis.....	8-1
5	.....5.....	Corinthian’s Glory	J. Castellano.....	G. Iadisernia.....	8-1
6	.....6.....	Benny’s Bullet	J. Ortiz.....	G. Gullo.....	4-1
7	.....7.....	Bossanova Lady.....	L. Saez.....	K. Grusmark.....	20-1
8	.....8.....	Dattts Da Boss	T. Rice.....	J. Toscano, Jr.....	6-1
9	.....9.....	Courageous Karen.....	C. DeCarlo	M. Shevy.....	20-1

8TH (4:53PM). \$88,000, MSW, 3 YO’S & UP, F & M , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Traipse in Utopia	J. Lezcano.....	M. Hennig.....	5-1
2	.....2.....	Piccolo Flats.....	C. Lanerie.....	D. Gargan.....	7-2
3	.....3.....	La Dama de Hierro	A. Lezcano.....	M. Shevy.....	30-1
4	.....MTO.....	Shades of Indygo.....	J. Lezcano.....	J. Ryerson.....	7-2
5	.....5.....	Resolutely	A. Serpa.....	J. Milne.....	30-1
6	.....6.....	Dixie Gem	A. Arroyo.....	J. Hertler.....	15-1
7	.....7.....	Escape to Malibu.....	M. Luzzi.....	B. Brown.....	12-1
8	.....8.....	Jennys Creek.....	J. Castellano.....	C. Martin.....	4-1
9	.....9.....	Rose Quartz	J. Bravo.....	J. Orseno.....	10-1
10	.....10.....	Maura’s Pass.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Clement.....	3-1
11	.....11.....	Lil’ Zilla	C. DeCarlo	T. Morley.....	6-1
12	.....MTO.....	Confessa	T. Rice.....	D. Gargan.....	5-2

9TH (5:26PM). \$100,000, STK - THE SMART N FANCY, 3 YO’S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double

1	.....1.....	Kune Kune (GB).....	C. Velasquez.....	J. Nicol.....	30-1
2	.....2.....	Quay	J. Ortiz.....	R. Ribauda.....	8-1
3	.....3.....	To My Valentine (FR).....	P. Lopez.....	W. Ward.....	4-1
4	.....MTO.....	Angel’s Glory.....	J. Castellano.....	G. Iadisernia.....	6-1
5	.....MTO.....	Munnings Sister.....	C. Velasquez.....	B. Tagg.....	2-1
6	.....6.....	Goldstryke Glory	J. Campbell.....	K. Callaghan.....	12-1
7	.....7.....	Believe in Charlie.....	J. Lezcano.....	T. Bush.....	20-1
8	.....8.....	Free as a Bird.....	J. Rosario.....	I. Wilkes.....	5-2
9	.....9.....	Stars Above Me (GB)	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	H. Motion.....	6-1
10	.....10.....	White Sangria	J. Rocco, Jr.....	T. Bush.....	15-1
11	.....11.....	Madame Giry	E. Castro.....	C. Gambolati.....	5-1
12	.....12.....	Speedinthruthecity	J. Leparoux.....	S. Asmussen.....	6-1

10TH (5:59PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO’S & UP, F & M , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta

1	.....1.....	Miss Motivation	J. Bravo.....	G. Sciacca.....	7-2
2	.....2.....	Dance for Joe.....	M. Luzzi.....	D. Schettino.....	15-1
3	.....3.....	Kevin’s Steel.....	T. Rice.....	G. Gullo.....	8-1
4	.....4.....	Sheepish	A. Lezcano.....	M. Shevy.....	30-1
5	.....5.....	Kelly’s Prize	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	D. Donk.....	3-1
6	.....6.....	Truericepudding	S. Bridgmohan	R. Violette, Jr.....	15-1
7	.....7.....	Aviendra	J. Alvarado	M. Hennig.....	15-1
8	.....8.....	Lovely Lanie.....	C. Velasquez.....	C. Englehart.....	10-1
9	.....9.....	Bi Light of Day	A. Arroyo.....	J. Hertler.....	6-1
10	.....10.....	Lutheran Miss	J. Ortiz.....	J. Servis.....	4-1
11	.....11.....	Taramislew.....	J. Rocco, Jr.....	J. Schoeneman.....	12-1



Tod Marks

Much to the apparent glee of 2013 race winner Italian Wedding, the Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup was rescheduled for Monday as the first race. Post time is 1 p.m.

Turf Writers back on schedule

Rained out last week, the Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup steeplechase kicks off Monday's card with a first post of 1 p.m. The \$150,000 stakes lured the same field of nine, though entries and post positions were redrawn.

Favoritism goes to Makari, who won the A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga July 31 and seeks to turn the first Smithwick-Turf Writers double since 1999. Owned by Merriebelle Stable and trained by Elizabeth Voss, the 7-year-old English import is 2-1 and breaks from the inside under Jack Doyle.

Demonstrative (3-1, Robbie Walsh) was a nose behind Makari in the Smithwick and returns with an eight-pound shift in the weights under allowance conditions. The 2012 Turf Writers winner looks to pass \$500,000 in career earnings for Jacqueline Ohrstrom and trainer Richard Valentine, while looking to halt a losing streak at six.

The Irv Naylor/Cyril Murphy entry of Charminster and For Non Stop are 7-2. The former comes off a neck loss

to Virsito while racing for a \$30,000 tag here July 30. Carol Ann Sloan rides the 8-year-old at 142 pounds. Irish-bred For Non Stop won his American debut in April by 27 1/2 lengths and finished third in the Grade 1 Iroquois going 3 miles in May. The 9-year-old hasn't run since, but kept good company in England and also gets in light at 142 with Ross Geraghty aboard.

Owner/trainer Jonathan Sheppard entered Barnstorming and Italian Wedding, who are 5-1 on the morning line. Both won at Saratoga last year and were ninth and sixth respectively in the Smithwick. Italian Wedding won last year's Turf Writers and teams up again with jockey Bernie Dalton.

Pleasant Woodman (15-1, Gerard Galligan) exits a third in the Smithwick and will likely be in front early. All Together (8-1, Sean Jones) finished fourth in the Smithwick and was second in last year's Turf Writers. Fifth in the Smithwick, Staying On (12-1, Paddy Young) looks to give Jack Fisher his fourth jump win at the meet.

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Mott smiled.

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She bounded to the lead around the first turn, loped along on the lead while posting legitimate fractions and overwhelmed six rivals including four-time Grade 1 winner Princess Of Sylmar. Her talent matches her physique, combining to produce the best 4-year-old filly in the country.

Yes, she's just that good.

Of course, O'Rourke has known that since the daughter of First Defence slid into the world at Juddmonte's Lexington, Ky. farm.

"Some of them are born that way and other ones change and get better," O'Rourke said. "She was obvious from the day she was born, she was everybody's pick, 'That one will be the star.'"

Think you can't see stardom early? Juddmonte named Frankel Frankel didn't they? You don't waste that honor on a doubt.

"The obvious ones you can tell. Frankel, everybody raved about him from the day he was born, Empire Maker the day he was born," O'Rourke said. "When you do a mating, you have the idea of what the ideal would be when you match this stallion to this mare and all the physical traits you want to match when they come out. So many times you're disappointed and then one day, bang, out they come."

Juddmonte matched Rising Tornado, a sizeable daughter of Storm Cat to their homegrown stallion, First Defence. Bang – scope, size and class meet scope, size and class. Out comes Close Hatches. Rodin couldn't have done better.

"She's as big as most colts. She's special," O'Rourke said from the Trustees' Room after the Personal Ensign. "She looks like First Defence, personality wise she has a lot of Storm Cat in her, that aggressive, 'let's fight,' she gets like that even when she's exercising. I think that's why Bill is so comfortable spacing out her races because when she starts to exercise in the morning, she puts so much into her daily routine, she gets fitter than the average horse."

And she's only getting better.

Last year, Close Hatches won big races, including two Grade 1 stakes, and finished second behind Beholder in the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

This year, she's undefeated in four starts, over three tracks against the best in the game. Physically, she was hard to fault last year, if you were inspecting her, you would have written, "good bone, medium size, nice walk, great eye" across her pedigree page. This year, you wouldn't write a thing. You wouldn't need a reminder, you'd never forget her. She's exactly what O'Rourke and Juddmonte had hoped for when they came up with the mating, when they broke her, when they sent her to Mott, when they managed her 3-year-old season with precision and patience.

"From the size of her, yes, we thought she'd mature. This much of an improvement, no, this would have been our absolutely best-case scenario. I wasn't expecting this," O'Rourke said. "I will say when I saw Princess Of Sylmar and her out there in the paddock, the progression from 3 to 4, this filly has definitely advanced. Beholder might whip us in November but Beholder hasn't grown, she looked great at Belmont, but our filly is a much bigger filly."

Back at the farm, Juddmonte is dreaming about a full-brother yearling and a full-sister foal.

"He's really nice, he's big and strong but probably not quite as big as she was when she was a year-



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Garrett O'Rourke and Close Hatches.

ling," O'Rourke said. "She has a full-sister foal who is a clone of her. A clone."

Once a week, O'Rourke walks through the foal barn, going from stall to stall, evaluating the 2014 Juddmonte crop.

"You're nice."

"You're nice"

"You're nice."

Then he gets to the full-sister, stops, takes a deep breath and looks back at all the others.

"Let me reevaluate all of you guys."

But, still, this is horse racing. Guarantees don't exist, heartbreak does.

"If the full-sister goes out and does this as well, whew...anybody who is around horses gets that feeling," O'Rourke said. "But, still, an awful lot of those don't go on, some get injured, there's still a lot of wastage along the way. The ones who go the whole way, like this one, you sure do learn to appreciate it."

Close Hatches notched the 200th Grade/Group 1 victory for Juddmonte, arguably the greatest breeding/racing stable of our generation.

Of those 200, some were obvious from day one, "...Frankel, everybody raved about him...Empire Maker the day he was born...Close Hatches...that one will be the star."

Frankel won 10 Group 1 stakes. Empire Maker accounted for three. Close Hatches has five. And counting.



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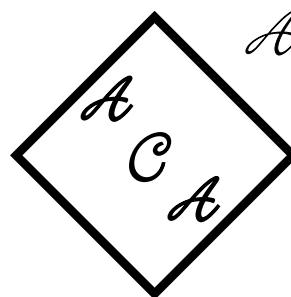


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