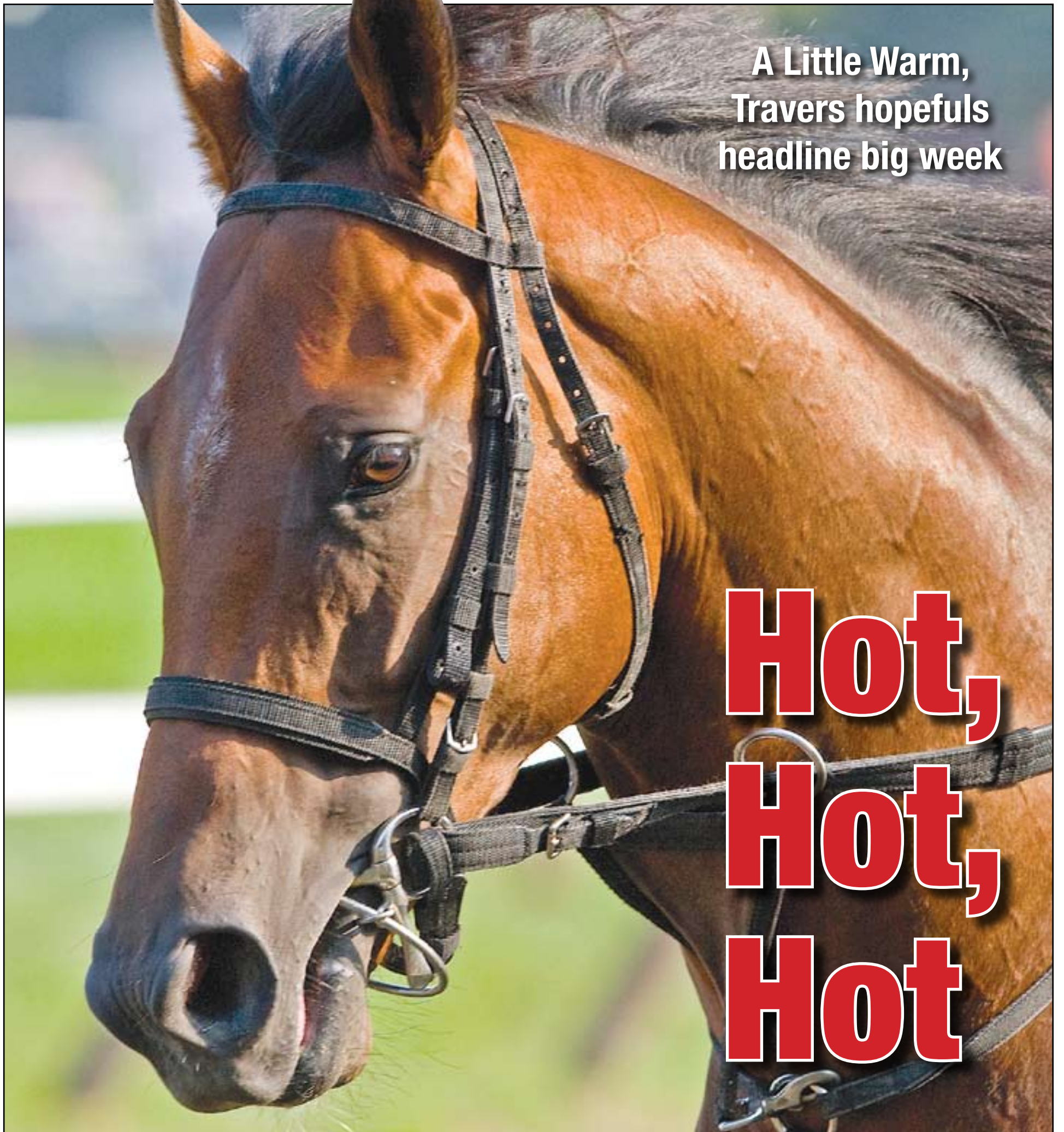


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here&there... at Saratoga



Connie Bush

Bucket Man. Somebody's got to fill all the buckets to wash all the horses.

WORTH REPEATING The Special quotes from Saratoga

"I knew I should have told him I was going fishing."

Trainer Doug Fout, as he attempted to saddle Jack Fisher's Peace Fire

"Rusty didn't worry at all. If he's not worried, I'm not worried."

Jockey Julien Leparoux after guiding Rusty Arnold-trained It's Tea Time to a victory in the off-the-turf Lake Placid Stakes Sunday

"I about died. Kind of like Baffert, his was 20 horses, mine was 14. That's what killed her in the Oaks."

Trainer Rusty Arnold about drawing the 1 post with It's Tea Time in the Kentucky Oaks. Bob Baffert drew the same post, inside 19 horses in the Kentucky Derby with Lookin At Lucky

"We'll work through it."

Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, when asked about California racing's problems

"Lord Gosden."

Hollendorfer, after trainer John Gosden upset the Arlington Million

Name of the Day

Speak Freely, first race. Owned and bred by the Robert and Beverly Lewis Trust, the name speaks for the ultimate goal of The Special. The 3-year-old filly is out of Word Of Mouth. If you want to bet the hunch exacta, box Remark with Speak Freely.

Yawkey Way, third race. Klaravich and William Lawrence's son of Grand Slam is named for the two-block street that's home of Fenway Park in Boston.

Dax, fourth race. Lee Lewis homebred is out of Mystical Honor and named after the fictional lifeform in the Star Trek universe.

By The Numbers

1: Brook Ledge trailer parked at Pine Creek miniature golf course near West Amwell, New Jersey Tuesday morning.

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"A lot going on out here."

Pat Murphy, wondering why he got out of bed on an electricity-free Sunday morning

"He can see over me."

Former jockey Jeff Carle, after Jack Clancy, 14, climbed into the clocker's stand Sunday

"My thing says light rain."

Steeplechase jockey Danielle Hodsdon, reading the weather forecast off her phone (it was pouring)

"Like a lizard on a log."

Jockey Shaun Bridgmohan, describing a riding style

"I thought it was a bad sign when the guy laughed."

Capital OTB's Anthony Mormino, after calling National Grid about Sunday's electrical problem.

"Glad you showed me Clare Court yesterday."

George Baker, looking at the flood at the bottom of the Clare Court tunnel Sunday morning

"It's kind of lonely up here without the boys."

NYRA's Joe Vernon, on life in the box seats without the Clancy Brothers (the younger), who went home over the weekend

Just Sayin'

"My alarm goes off at 4:45 in the morning, six days a week up here. They could have brought back Secretariat to breeze this morning and I wasn't getting out of bed."

Sovereign Stable's Rich Cristiano to a client when asked why he missed Sovereign's Negligee breeze Tuesday morning

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Name that Tune

The Special gave the lyrics and the readers supplied the song, "Leavin' on a Jet Plane," written by John Denver and made famous by Peter, Paul and Mary. Correct answers came from Chris O'Conner (wins the hat), Clocker Wendy, Larry Ensor, Tony Wright, Bob Buika, Bruce Friday, John Fires, Mark Murphy, Paul Fulgione, Dan Collins and Patrick Kerrison.



Connie Bush

The flowers need water – every day.

Weather

Today: Cloudiness with occasional rain showers. High 71.

Tonight: Showers in the evening clearing overnight. Low 60.

Thursday: Sun and clouds. High 75. Low 52.

Friday: Abundant sunshine. High 73. Low 51.

SEVEN 2-year-old winners in 2010



- **Third Chance at Arlington Park**
for Ron Magers and James Divito
- **Sunday Splitsville at Saratoga**
for Mike Repole and Todd Pletcher
- **Another Silver Oak, 3rd in the Sanford at Saratoga**
for Mike Repole and Todd Pletcher.
- **Loving Dove at Monmouth Park**
for Red Oak Farm and Gregory Sacco.
- **Gambline Geraldine at Belmont Park**
for Mike Repole and Todd Pletcher.
- **K.R.'s Jazz at Monmouth Park**
for A Woman's Thing and Mary Hartman.
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A Big Ask

NY-bred 3-year-olds get distance question in \$100,000 stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

Each summer, the Albany Stakes poses the same question. Which New York-bred 3-year-old can handle a mile and an eighth?

This year, six pledges stand at the bottom of the mountain – wondering and hoping that they can get the untried distance. Just one entry, the talented Stormy's Majesty, has tried it and he flopped when finishing eighth in the Grade II Jim Dandy. Of course, the Albany is no Jim Dandy; the likes of A Little Warm, Miner's Reserve and Afleet Express await the Travers while Ibboyee, Hittin The Note, Mineswept, Johannesburg Smile and Small Town await the Albany.

Owned by Majesty Stud and trained by Dominic Galluscio, Stormy's Majesty rattled off three consecutive wins against New York-breds before he waded into the deep waters of the Jim Dandy. Edgar Prado placed the son of Stormy Atlantic in a stalking position, he retreated from there. Stormy's Majesty breezed an easy 5 furlongs and a bullet half-mile since that race. Prado returns for the ride.

Todd Pletcher sends out the most accomplished runner, Anstu Stable's Ib-

boyee who totes an imposing 6-for-12 career record including wins in the New York Derby, Spend A Buck, Damon Runyon and New York Breeders' Futurity. He also sports placings in three graded stakes, when hitting the board in the Hutcheson, Swale and Withers this winter. The son of Medallist, who exits a victory in the New York Derby at 1 1/6 miles, carries topweight of 24 pounds while trying to stretch out another half-panel.

"Two concerns. The first time at a mile and an eighth and spotting significant weight to the whole field, hopefully the inside post will offset some of that by saving some ground, but we know he'll show up and try hard," Pletcher said. "He's a very fit horse, he's been running a steady program, so it's not a case of leaning on him a whole lot, just trying to maintain his fitness. This was the plan all along, we know he can compete in open company but we also want to take advantage of his New York-bred eligibility."

Pletcher mans a powerful arsenal of older horses, 2-year-olds, fillies, colts and one solid New York-bred 3-year-old.

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Tod Marks

Mineswept rides a two-race winning streak into the Albany for owner/breeder Flying Zee Stable.

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Tod Marks
Julien Leparoux and Rusty Arnold teamed up to win a rainy Lake Placid Stakes Sunday with It's Tea Time.

Horses

	Record	Earnings
It's Tea Time	2-2-0-0	\$121,800
Writingonthewall	2-2-0-0	\$58,800
Bernie's Pal	2-2-0-0	\$54,000
Cody Samora	2-2-0-0	\$52,200
Bishop of Nola	2-2-0-0	\$42,600
Aquino (URU)	2-2-0-0	\$33,600
D'bigcat	2-2-0-0	\$28,800
Jim's Applemartini	2-2-0-0	\$24,000
Meese Rocks	2-1-1-0	\$56,000

Jockeys	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
John R. Velazquez	168	38	25	14	\$2,248,237
Javier Castellano	178	37	24	22	\$1,591,606
Ramon A. Dominguez	165	31	26	24	\$1,191,506
Julien R. Leparoux	126	19	14	18	\$991,548
Alan Garcia	93	17	10	4	\$734,482
Kent J. Desormeaux	79	14	13	14	\$740,521
Garrett K. Gomez	93	13	15	12	\$1,405,055
Edgar S. Prado	89	12	14	9	\$654,733
Rajiv Maragh	148	11	13	25	\$663,838
Cornelio H. Velasquez	102	8	17	14	\$442,560
David Cohen	98	7	11	14	\$389,084
Eibar Coa	62	7	9	3	\$327,501
Shaun Bridgmohan	37	7	4	6	\$412,602
Frederic Lenclud	85	6	4	10	\$269,996
Jose Lezcano	110	5	18	25	\$537,141
Channing Hill	73	5	5	4	\$179,800
Robby Albarado	53	4	4	9	\$278,477
Miguel Mena	61	4	4	4	\$324,157
Jorge F. Chavez	49	4	4	3	\$167,639
Calvin H. Borel	46	3	4	2	\$352,004

Trainers	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
Todd A. Pletcher	80	23	17	6	\$1,528,256
Linda Rice	55	15	8	7	\$496,266
Chad C. Brown	36	13	6	3	\$397,633
William I. Mott	58	9	6	14	\$775,487
Kenneth G. McPeck	42	7	6	8	\$316,678
Rudy R. Rodriguez	29	6	7	4	\$191,601
George Weaver	40	6	7	3	\$287,937
Bruce N. Levine	31	6	4	6	\$189,691
Richard A. Violette, Jr.	28	6	4	4	\$253,940
Steven M. Asmussen	31	5	5	2	\$459,349
Michael J. Maker	29	5	4	3	\$246,620
Seth Benzel	17	5	3	1	\$140,789
Dominic G. Galluscio	21	5	0	5	\$125,323
Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.	31	4	7	6	\$284,611
Kiaran P. McLaughlin	35	4	7	5	\$275,636
Carlos F. Martin	29	4	6	3	\$166,554
Anthony W. Dutrow	15	4	3	3	\$528,800
Dale L. Romans	22	4	2	2	\$135,499
Albert M. Stall, Jr.	10	4	2	0	\$549,088
George R. Arnold, II	14	4	1	1	\$205,426



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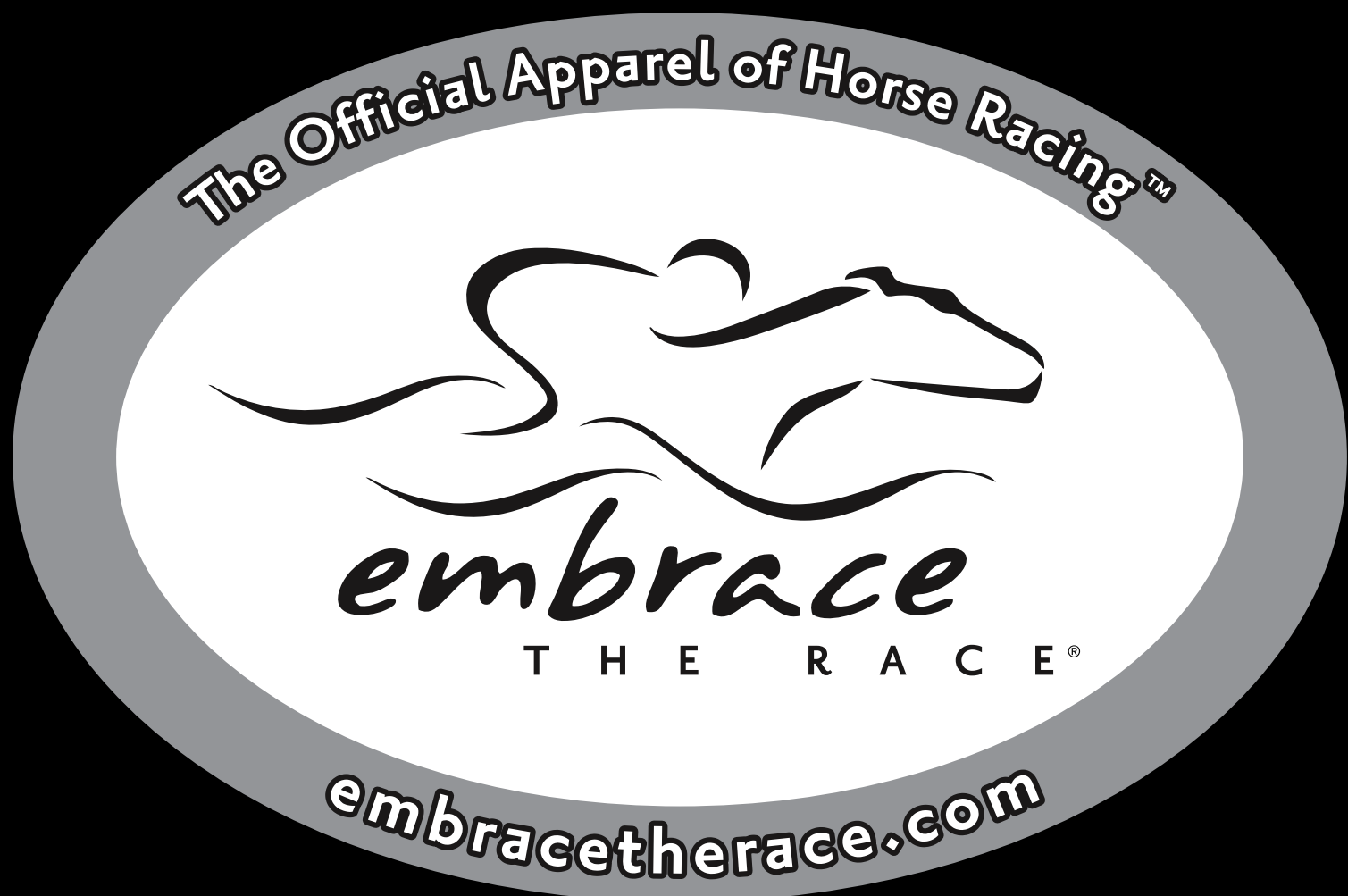


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Tod Marks

Stormy's Majesty exits the Jim Dandy and is the only horse in the race with a 9-furlong start on his resume.

Albany —

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"He's consistent, tough, durable, multi-dimensional, the kind of horse you would love a thousand of, he shows up every time regardless of where, surface, distance," Pletcher said. "He's stepped out into open company, he's just a cool horse. But it's a good race, there are some nice horses in there."

Phil Serpe entered Flying Zee Stable's homebred Mineswept. Fresh off two consecutive victories (with two months in between), Mineswept dominated on off-the-turf New York-bred allowance here July 24. The son of Mineshaft hit the board twice as a 2-year-old before chipping an ankle after finishing seventh in the Sleepy Hollow last fall. Put away until March, the bay colt carries a 2-for-4 record as a 4-year-old. Alan Garcia rides.

"He's bred to go two turns and he has a lot of ability, I hope the track is fast because he's really not keen of that slop, he won in it last time but it was an off-the-turf, he was floundering a little less than the other ones in the race. On a fast track, he's pretty awesome," Serpe said. "Like most Mineshafts, he got off a little slow last year and chipped an ankle right about the time he was figuring things out so that put him on the shelf. This was on the mark for him the whole time. The female family is strong (dam Comeon Dixie is a half-sister to two millionaires), he's one of Mr. Lizza's homebreds so that's what we try to do with these horses."

Like all the trainers in the Albany, Serpe has taken notice of the distance and is hoping for the best.

"I think horses that are bred to go long, go long. Our horses go on big gallops, he shaded 13 and went out in 27 and 4 the other day, so it's in him. He's a big, strong colt, we'll see," Serpe said. "We just have to get Alan Garcia to go from over there (the eighth pole) to over here (three-quarter pole) relaxed. Dominic's horse looks tough, he looks like a nice horse, he couldn't deal with a mile and an eighth but it always helps when the competition drops. Todd's horse is 10-for-12 in the money, it's hard to go

past that. We'll see what happens."

Serpe also entered Mineswept in the Charles Dowd, a New York-bred stakes going 7 furlongs, on Friday.

Rick Schosberg entered Clear Stars Stable's Hittin The Note. A winner of one race, Hittin The Note will try to snap a six-race losing streak. Ramon Dominguez rides.

Galluscio also entered Francis Paolangeli's Johannesburg Smile, third to Ibboyee in the New York Derby. Javier Castellano has the call on the projected front-runner.

My Purple Haze Stable's Small Town rounds out the field. A half-brother to the stakes-winning Gold And Roses, Small Town enters off five starts at Finger Lakes where he compiled a win and three thirds for Finger Lakes' ninth leading trainer John Tebbutt and fifth leading jockey Elaine Castillo.

- Five New York-bred 2-year-old fillies rumble in Wednesday's co-featured Ann Clare, carded as the third on the nine-race card.

Resounding debut winner Yawkey Way returns to take on four rivals in the \$70,000 stakes. Owned by Klaravich Stable and William Lawrence, the daughter of Grand Slam drew off to win by 5 1/2 lengths July 25 for trainer Chad Brown. Since that victory, the \$165,000 2-year-old purchase has posted three half-mile breezes in preparation for her second career start. Javier Castellano has the return call.

At the beginning of the meet, trainer Lisa Lewis arrived in Saratoga to take over William Schettine's private stable. So far, they've won one race and posted two seconds from eight starts. They will try to add to that total with private purchase Rosa Salvaje. Fresh off a big maiden score at Penn National, the daughter of Chapel Royal breezed 5 furlongs in 1:02 1/5 a week ago and picks up Garrett Gomez.

Completing the competitive race are Parting Glass Stable's Readygetgold for trainer Tom Bush and jockey Jose Lezcano, Robert Hahn's Watkins Glen for trainer Mike Trombetta and jockey Ramon Dominguez and Rick Violette's owned/trained Queen's Harbor with Shaun Bridgmohan.

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**John
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**Gaile
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**Brian
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**Dean
Keppler**

Race #	John Shapazian	John Panagot	Gaile Fitzgerald	Brian Nadeau	Dean Keppler
1	Remark Arena Elvira Super Espresso	Arena Elvira Click Your Heels Remark	Remark Super Espresso Arena Elvira	Arena Elvira Click Your Heels Remark	Arena Elvira Remark Wild Banshee
2	Cheeky Mama In Her Hey Day Private Escort	Cheeky Mama Status Pending Hunt for Colleen	Status Pending Hunt For Colleen Cheeky Mama	Hunt For Colleen Cheeky Mama Private Escort	Hunt for Colleen Cheeky Mama Status Pending
3	Yawkey Way Queen's Harbor Rosa Salvaje	Yawkey Way Watkins Glen Rosa Salvaje	Yawkey Way Queen's Harbor Readygetsgold	Watkins Glen Yawkey Way Rosa Salvaje	Yawkey Way Watkins Glen Queen's Harbor
4	Peb Hughes Pervis Yes This Is It	Iwannaiwannaiwanna Kid Curry Dax	Peb Hughes Iwannaiwannaiwanna Yes This Is It	Pervis Iwannaiwannaiwanna Peb Hughes	Peb Hughes Iwannaiwannaiwanna Yes This Is It
5	Tidal Slam Smooth Transition Lunar Puzzle	Smooth Transition Tiger Willie Doast	Doast Tiger Willie Tidal Slam	Lunar Puzzle Tidal Slam Gamblin Fever	Doast Lunar Puzzle Smooth Transition
6	Indian Lilly Orangeblackandgold Drumette	Deja Blu Drumette Blueveau	Indian Lilly Orangeblackandgold Silent Joy	Indian Lilly Drink Of The Day Orangeblackandgold	Indian Lilly Deja Blu Drink of the Day
7	Brother Nick Moon Town No Inflation	Brother Nick Followmyfootsteps No Inflation	Moon Town No Inflation Skipadate	Brother Nick Moon Town Lime Rickey	Moon Town Dubai Rainbow Endymion
8	Ibboyee Stormy's Majesty Mineswept	Stormy's Majesty Ibboyee Small Town	Ibboyee Stormy's Majesty Johannesburg Smile	Stormy's Majesty Ibboyee Johannesburg's Smile	Johannesburg Smile Ibboyee Stormy's Majesty
9	Mayday Maria Excited Too Clever by Half	Grand Style Too Clever by Half Triune	Mayday Maria Excited Harlan's Ruby	Excited Miss Alabama Royal Order	Triune Excited Harlan's Ruby
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Wednesday, August 25. Post Time 1 p.m. Entries with program number, post position, jockey, trainer, and morning-line odds.

1ST (1:00) 1 1/8 MILES F&M 3&UP MAIDEN PURSE: \$51,000

1	1	Remark.....	Dominguez R A....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	9-5
2	2	Arena Elvira.....	Desormeaux K J....	Mott William I.....	8-5
3	3	Wild Banshee.....	Santiago V.....	Kimmel John C.....	8-1
4	4	Click Your Heels.....	Garcia Alan.....	Duggan David P.....	6-1
5	5	Super Espresso.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	5-1
6	6	Speak Freely.....	Mena M.....	Dollase Wallace.....	20-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (1-3), Daily Double

2ND (1:33) 5 1/2 FURLONGS FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN CLAIMING (\$35,000) PURSE: \$25,000

1	1	Hunt for Colleen.....	Mena M.....	Scherer Merrill R.....	5-1
2	2	Status Pending.....	Gomez G K.....	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	4-1
3	3	Private Escort.....	Santiago V.....	Tannuzzo Michael.....	6-1
4	4	In Her Hey Day.....	Velazquez J R.....	Martin Carlos F.....	7-2
5	5	Cheeky Mama.....	Dominguez R A....	Rice Linda.....	5-2
6	6	Favorite Note.....	Lenclud F.....	Contessa Gary C.....	15-1
7	7	Riona.....	Desormeaux K J....	Cesare William.....	10-1
8	8	Ten Till Mid Nite.....	Velasquez C.....	Hough Stanley M.....	10-1

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (2-4)
 Pick 4 Races (2-5), Daily Double

3RD (2:06) ANN CLARE STAKES. 6 FURLONGS NY BRED FILLIES 2YO PURSE: \$70,000

1	1	Readygetsgold.....	Lezcano J.....	Bush Thomas M.....	12-1
2	2	Rosa Salvaje.....	Gomez G K.....	Lewis Lisa L.....	5-2
3	3	Watkins Glen.....	Dominguez R A....	Trombetta Michael.....	3-1
4	4	Yawkey Way.....	Castellano J J.....	Brown Chad C.....	6-5
5	5	Queen's Harbor.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Violette, Jr. R A.....	6-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Pick 3 Races (3-5), Daily Double

4TH (2:40) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) 2YO MAIDEN CLAIMING (\$75,000) PURSE: \$36,000

1	1	Dax.....	Lenclud F.....	Hennig Mark.....	20-1
2	2	Summer in Giza.....	Maragh R.....	Allard Edward T.....	20-1
3	3	Yes This Is It.....	Velazquez J R.....	Phipps William.....	8-1
4	4	Santo Gato.....	Mena M.....	Nihei Michelle.....	12-1
5	5	Kid Curry.....	Velasquez C.....	Hough Stanley M.....	15-1
6	6	Peb Hughes.....	Dominguez R A....	Motion H Graham.....	5-2
7	7	Pervis.....	Castellano J J.....	Brown Chad C.....	4-1
8	8	Iwannaiwannaiwanna.....	Leparoux J R.....	McPeck Kenneth.....	7-2
9	9	Read the E Mail.....	Cohen D.....	Contessa Gary C.....	15-1
10	10	Love That Dude.....	Gomez G K.....	Ward Wesley A.....	6-1

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (4-6) Pick 6 Races (4-9), Daily Double

5TH (3:14) 1 MILE (INNER TURF) 3&UP CLAIMING (\$25,000) PURSE: \$28,000

1	1	Lunar Puzzle.....	Maragh R.....	Ryan Derek S.....	7-2
2	2	Tidal Slam.....	Garcia Alan.....	Rice Linda.....	3-1
3	3	Millennium Jet.....	Hill C.....	Pringle Edmund.....	8-1
4	4	Tiger Willie.....	Castellano J J.....	Parisella John.....	6-1
5	5	Hooligan's Delight.....	Espinoza J L.....	Barbara Robert.....	15-1
6	6	Slamm'n Lou.....	Lenclud F.....	Badgett William.....	20-1
7	7	Gamblin Fever.....	Velasquez C.....	Ortiz Paulino O.....	12-1
8	8	Kick Up Your Heels.....	Lezcano A.....	Martin Frank.....	30-1
9	9	Doast.....	Dominguez R A....	Rice Linda.....	4-1
10	10	Parkinson Field.....	Santiago V.....	Lostritto Joseph.....	10-1
11	MTO	Smooth Transition.....	Hill C.....	Martin Carlos F.....	7-2

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 Daily Double

6TH (3:48) 5 1/2 FURLONGS (TURF) FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$50,000

1	1	Blueveau.....	Lenclud F.....	Wilkes Ian R.....	5-1
2	2	Drumette.....	Coa E M.....	Weaver George.....	6-1
3	3	Orangeblackandgold.....	Lezcano J.....	Proctor Thomas F.....	7-2
4	4	Dance Card Filled.....	Dominguez R A....	Contessa Gary C.....	20-1
5	5	Rochitta.....	Velazquez J R.....	Harty Eoin.....	9-2
6	6	High Velocity.....	Leparoux J R.....	Arnold George R.....	8-1
7	7	Drink of the Day.....	Desormeaux K J....	Mott William I.....	4-1
8	8	Silent Joy.....	Castellano J J.....	Nihei Michelle.....	8-1
9	9	Pretty Tune.....	Bridgmohan S X....	Ritvo Timothy.....	15-1
10	MTO	Indian Lilly.....	Lezcano J.....	Brown Chad C.....	9-2
11	MTO	Five Mach Speed.....	Castellano J J.....	Benzel Seth.....	5-1
12	MTO	Deja Blu.....	Leparoux J R.....	Mott William I.....	4-1

Exacta, Trifecta, Super (.10), Pick 3 Races (6-8), Pick 4 Races (6-9)
 Daily Double

7TH (4:22) 1 1/16 MILES (INNER TURF) 3&UP ALLOW/OC (\$75,000) PURSE: \$57,000

1	1	Veiled Prophet.....	Mena M.....	Arnold George R.....	20-1
1A	MTO	A Diehl.....	Mena M.....	Arnold George R.....	20-1
2	2	Followmyfootsteps.....	Maragh R.....	Voss Thomas H.....	10-1
3	3	No Inflation.....	Gomez G K.....	Proctor Thomas F.....	5-1
4	4	Dubai Rainbow.....	Hill C.....	McLaughlin Kiaran ..	6-1
5	5	Lime Rickey.....	Velasquez C.....	Alexander Frank A.....	15-1
6	6	Pleasant Strike.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	6-1
7	7	Sudden War (ARG).....	Desormeaux K J....	McPeck Kenneth.....	4-1
8	8	Pulpit Point.....	Dominguez R A....	bin Suroor Saeed ..	12-1
9	9	Skipadate.....	Castellano J J.....	Romans Dale.....	12-1
10	10	Moon Town.....	Leparoux J R.....	McPeck Kenneth.....	3-1
11	MTO	Endymion.....	Leparoux J R.....	Dutrow, Jr. R E.....	6-1
12	MTO	Seniors Pride.....	Tannuzzo Michael.....		6-1
13	MTO	Brother Nick.....	Desormeaux K J....	Jerkens James A.....	5-1

A-Coupled: Veiled Prophet and A Diehl

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8TH (4:56) ALBANY STAKES 1 1/8 MILES NY BRED 3-YEAR-OLD PURSE: \$100,000

1	1	Ibboyee.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	1-1
2	2	Stormy's Majesty.....	Prado E S.....	Galluscio Dominic ..	5-2
3	3	Hittin the Note.....	Dominguez R A....	Schosberg Richard.....	12-1
4	4	Mineswept.....	Garcia Alan.....	Serpe Philip M.....	6-1
5	5	Johannesburg Smile.....	Castellano J J.....	Galluscio Dominic ..	5-1
6	6	Small Town.....	Castillo E.....	Tebbutt John.....	20-1

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9TH (5:30) 1 1/16 MILES (TURF) FILLIES 2YO MAIDEN PURSE: \$51,000

1	1	Too Clever by Half.....	Castellano J J.....	Brown Chad C.....	9-2
2	2	Praviana.....	Velasquez C.....	Hough Stanley M.....	8-1
3	3	Miss Alabama.....	Maragh R.....	Mott William I.....	12-1
4	4	Excited.....	Velazquez J R.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	5-1
5	5	Wear Red.....	Desormeaux K J....	Mott William I.....	8-1
6	6	Harlan's Ruby.....	Leparoux J R.....	McPeck Kenneth.....	7-2
7	7	Triune.....	Garcia Alan.....	Jerkens James A.....	8-1
8	8	Royal Order.....	Gomez G K.....	Harty Eoin.....	10-1
9	9	Mount Holiday.....	Lezcano J.....	Hennig Mark.....	20-1
10	10	Grand Style.....	Hill C.....	Arnold George R.....	6-1
11	AE	Mayday Maria.....	Cohen D.....	Pletcher Todd A.....	3-1
12	MTO	Empress of Gold.....	Cohen D.....	Mott William I.....	5-1

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Chicago Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville (left) presents the Arlington Million trophy at Arlington Park Saturday. His horse Aces Mark ran at Saratoga Sunday.

Aces Mark represents Blackhawks coach at Saratoga

BY PHIL JANACK

As a gelding, it isn't surprising that Aces Mark is still racing at the age of 6. Considering his past, it is extraordinary that the bay son of Gold Case is racing at all.

Owned by Team Power Play Racing, a partnership that includes Joel Quenneville, head coach of the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks, Aces Mark ran a strong third in Sunday's fifth race, a 5 1/2-furlong New York-bred allowance that was moved from the grass to the main track.

Named for Garnet "Ace" Bailey and Mark Bavis, scouts for the Los Angeles Kings who were aboard United Airlines flight 175 when it crashed into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, Aces Mark was making his seventh start this year.

It was the 20th lifetime start for Aces Mark, 18 of them coming since 2009 after missing two years with physical issues.

"He's pretty amazing," said Quenneville, in town to watch Aces Mark run. "It's kind of a neat story that he ended up running here at Saratoga. He was out a long time between starts, and was at the point where we weren't looking for anything more than hopefully having a nice life."

Trained as a 2-year-old by Linda Rice, Aces Mark underwent surgery to remove a bone chip, a routine procedure that was complicated when the horse developed a severe infection.

After he recovered, he suffered from breathing problems and had another operation to correct an entrapped epi-

glottis. In the meantime, Aces Mark was moved from Rice to Philadelphia Park-based trainer Diane Day.

"He's doing great," said Lew Mongelluzzo, a Northeast-based amateur scout for the National Hockey League's Ottawa Senators and founder of Team Power Play Racing. "It's a good story. He's 6 now, and he's running well. He's got a lot of courage, just like Mark and Ace did, too."

Sunday's race was the first for Aces Mark with trainer Gary Gullo, who took over from Day after the horse ran second in his turf debut, a 5-furlong sprint at Philadelphia Park on July 27, to Access Love, who came back to win his subsequent start.

Rain forced the \$50,400 allowance off the grass and onto a sloppy main track, where Aces Mark made an inside bid at the top of the stretch and settled for third.

"We wanted to run on the turf. We thought he'd move way up on that," Mongelluzzo said. "He's got a foot as big as your head, so that was something we looked at. He's a big horse. We just thought we'd take a chance."

Gullo said there was no thought of scratching Aces Mark when the race came off the turf. He wound up the fourth choice in the field of eight at more than 6-1.

"I would have liked to have seen it on the grass, to be honest with you, because I think he's got a damn good shot on the grass," Gullo said. "We really [had] nothing to lose by running him. He's ready to run and, up here, if you scratch you're not going to get him back

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on the grass again.”

Despite his early health issues, Aces Mark maintains a positive demeanor around the barn, Gullo said.

“Right now, the horse is healthy and looks great,” he said. “He really has that desire. He’s kind of a cool horse to be around. He wants to please you. He’s a horse that tries everything and just does whatever you want him to do. He’s pretty cool. He acts like a 2-year-old.”

• A native of Windsor, Ontario, Quenneville has been a lifelong fan of Thoroughbred racing, and has held season tickets at Saratoga for years. He even hit a six-figure Pick Six in 1992, clinched when Great Navigator won the Hopeful Stakes.

The day before Aces Mark ran, Quenneville presented the winner’s trophy at Arlington Park for the Arlington Million.

“It was great. I felt very fortunate to be in that spot,” he said. “It was a great crowd, and it turned out to be a great day. What a race. We got to meet all those great jockeys: Pat Day, Jerry Bailey, Laffit Pincay, Randy Romero. That was cool.”

Quenneville, 51, played in the National Hockey League for Toronto, Colorado, New Jersey, Hartford and Washington from 1978-91. Since 1996, he has served as head coach in St. Louis, Colorado and for the past two seasons, Chicago, where the Blackhawks cap-



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Take The Points has been retired by Starlight Partners

tured their first Stanley Cup since 1961.

“It’s fun being in Chicago. It’s been a fun summer, for sure. We’ve got the permanent grin on,” he said. “It was a great run. There were some lean years before that. I was in St. Louis, and we’d go in there and the place would be almost empty and you had as much support as the home team did. It’s a major turnaround.”

As is hockey tradition, Quenneville had his time with the Stanley Cup this summer, taking it back to his hometown to visit childhood schools, rinks and the local hospital before gathering with family and friends to celebrate.

“It was a great party. Everyone gets a little goofier when they see the Cup,” Quenneville said. “It’s been insane. Chicago has really gone crazy for the Cup.

They really have. They’ve gone nuts. The complexion of the team is going to change going forward a little bit with some new guys coming in, but I still like the core of our team and these guys should still be getting better.”

• Don Lucarelli was looking forward to running Take The Points at his home-
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town track this weekend. Now, the Schenectady native is trying to find his multiple Grade I winner a new home.

A 4-year-old son of Even The Score, Take the Points has been retired from racing with a fractured splint bone in his right front leg. Trained by Todd Pletcher, he was being pointed to Friday's Grade II Bernard Baruch Handicap.

Along with Jack Wolf, Lucarelli is a founder and managing partner of Starlight Partners, which owns Take the Points.

"It's unfortunate, but we're going to do what's right by the horse," Lucarelli said. "It's not about us, it's about whatever we think is good for him. He's been good to us, and it's the right thing to do. We don't want to give him the time off and operate and then bring him back. He's done enough. We're not going to put him through that."

X-rays revealed the injury following a routine gallop, Pletcher said. His team was already closely monitoring Take the Points, who missed potential starts

in the Grade I Sword Dancer at Saratoga and the Grade I Arlington Million at Arlington Park this month with a wrenched ankle.

Pletcher said Take The Points could recover with surgery and return to racing, but his age – and potential second career as a stallion – made retirement the best call.

"Obviously, it's disappointing, but he's had a good run and, hopefully, his credentials will find him a good stallion home," the trainer said.

Lucarelli said there has already been some interest from breeders, and anticipates that Take the Points will wind up standing overseas, where turf racing is more plentiful.

"We're talking to a few people now," he said. "I would think it's going to be either in South America or Europe somewhere, wherever he has the best chance, because of the turf breeding, to succeed as a stallion."

Purchased for \$160,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Kentucky select yearling sale in 2007, Take the Points won the Secretariat (G1) at Arlington Park and Jerome Handicap (G1) at Belmont Park in successive starts last year, both on grass, after finish-

ing 13th behind Rachel Alexandra in the Preakness (G1). He retires with four wins and \$943,590 in purses from 16 lifetime starts on turf, dirt and synthetics at tracks in New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Illinois, Virginia, Maryland and the United Arab Emirates.

"He's an overachiever, there's no doubt about it," Lucarelli said. "He worked through issues in the past and just keeps coming at you. It was a good ride while it lasted, and he gave us a lot of joy. In this game, you know how it goes. Nothing's forever."

• Billed as the Double Day Spectacular, the New York Racing Association is gearing up for one of the biggest weekends in Saratoga's 142-year history.

On Saturday, the track will host the 141st running of the \$1 million Travers Stakes, which is expected to draw its largest field in nearly two decades, including Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver.

On Sunday, reigning Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra headlines the Grade I Personal Ensign, her first start at Saratoga since beating older males in last year's Woodward to cap a perfect 8-0 campaign.

"There are always a lot of great races up here, and I have a lot of great memories," NYRA president and CEO Charlie Hayward said. "But, I can't look ahead and think of a time when we had a weekend with the kind of races we're going to have."

Light poles along Broadway in downtown Saratoga Springs have been festooned with flags honoring the Travers and Rachel Alexandra, and a Travers Eve party is scheduled for Friday, with live music and entertainment and a one-hour autograph session with Saratoga's leading jockeys at the Downtowner motel.

NYRA has also created a Travers-Personal Ensign double wager, and is selling various merchandise along with 50 limited edition "Were You There?" posters autographed by the connections of Rachel Alexandra, with proceeds going to charity.

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Hilda's Passion makes it look easy

BY SEAN CLANCY

Todd Pletcher and Wayne Lukas converged on the way out of the track Monday evening, minutes after the Bennington Stakes.

"All right, boss?" Pletcher said to his mentor.

"Whew, that filly sure liked the mud," Lukas said.

"Yeah, she did," Pletcher said.

Pletcher's Hilda's Passion had just dominated the Bennington, running her rivals ragged; she won by nearly 9 lengths over the late-running Malibu Moon Dance and the Lukas-trained Decelerator.

Owned by Starlight Partners, Hilda's Passion broke a step slowly under Javier Castellano, but quickly rushed past her six inside opponents to open up through a quarter in 22.31. By the time she posted a half-mile split of 45.58, the envelope was in the mail. She scampered home on her own, finishing 5 1/2 furlongs in 1:03.84 over the sloppy going.

Pletcher had a fork stuck in the Bennington, a \$70,000 stakes for 3-year-old fillies scheduled for the turf, at entry time

and at scratch time. The meet's leading trainer entered Breeders' Cup Turf Juvenile Fillies runner-up Rose Catherine for the stakes on the turf. When it was switched to the main track, Pletcher countered with Hilda's Passion, entered for main track only. The daughter of Canadian Frontier had never run in the slop and had just one start on the dirt, a fourth in a Fair Grounds allowance when trained by Jeff Thornbury.

"With her pedigree, I'm not surprised she could run in the mud," Pletcher said. "I was never going to run Rose Catherine off the turf, she's too special of a turf filly to take a chance with, we were 3-5 on the program with Rose Catherine so you're not necessarily wanting it to come off but it worked out OK. She was a good backup."

Hilda's Passion made her first four starts with Thornbury, winning her debut at Turfway Park in January. She lost two straight allowance tries at Fair Grounds and Keeneland before taking an allowance over Arlington's synthetic surface. Switched to Pletcher, she made her turf debut at Monmouth and the front-runner never got untracked for Garrett



Dave Harmon

Hilda's Passion rolls home to win the Bennington Stakes by 9 lengths.

Gomez. Since then, she posted a quick turf breeze and another strong half-mile over the main track five days before the Bennington.

"She was supposedly a quirky filly to ride, I thought we got along with her well, Monmouth was just a nightmare, she didn't get away well, Garrett had to steady her and she's got no mouth to begin with," Pletcher said. "She's not too bad in the morning, more tricky to ride in the races, it's usually the opposite, they're usually trickier to gallop in the mornings than to ride when you turn their head loose, in her case, she just doesn't want any contact with her mouth."

Pletcher dug into his tack trunk and equipped her with a neckstrap and a snaffle bit. He left the noseband at home

and hoped for the best.

"Just trying to keep her happy," Pletcher explained. "What really helped her was the outside post, she's got a really sensitive mouth, you've got to stay out of her way."

That's easy when you're as fast as Hilda's Passion. Castellano took note of Pletcher's instructions and enjoyed the ride.

"She wasn't too bad today, very funny mouth, the key was he told me to not take any contact with her mouth, leave her alone, very light ride, don't push her, don't take anything away, wherever she wants to be," Castellano said. "It worked out great, she hesitated a little, then she took the lead and I left her alone, she enjoyed the trip, it was beautiful."

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Sweet Music

Meese Rocks comes through for Barker

BY SEAN CLANCY

Eddie Barker walked out of the winner's circle after Monday's Union Avenue Stakes and said it felt like he was walking on eggs.

Then he imitated the feeling, doing what looked like an Irish jig.

Hey, it was a big moment.

Meese Rocks did what she always does, battling on the lead before running off to an easy win in the \$70,000 New York-bred stakes. Owned by Henry, Joe and Jamie Terranova, Meese Rocks won for the seventh time in her 15-race career and increased her earnings to \$267,410.

Jorge Chavez, who has been aboard the daughter of Rock And Roll for her past 13 starts, let her do her thing from the start. Meese Rocks sat just off La Concerto before engaging her from the outside through a quarter in 22.65. Gold For The Queen joined the fray between the two front-runners and

the trio scorched down the backside through a half in 45.55. By then, Meese Rocks shrugged off her pace company and turned for home in complete control. She rolled through the lane to win by 6 1/4 lengths over Gold For The Queen and City Broad.

Meese Rocks finished 6 furlongs in 1:11.46 over the sloppy going.

"I'm walking on eggs right now, I can't believe it," Barker said. "Honestly, she trained so good coming into this race, she breezed in 47 and change out here, like nothing. I mean, like nothing. Even the rider came back and said, 'God almighty Eddie, if I asked her I don't know what she would have done.' She's good right now, I know she loves Saratoga, I take her out and graze her for an hour and a half every morning, I don't care if a car backfires, she wouldn't pick her head up, she's got a lot of class."

Barker took over the training from Dominic Galluscio after Meese Rocks made two fruitless starts here in 2008. She didn't reappear until 11 months later when she upset a state-bred turf sprint while running for the Terranovas for the first time. Since then, she's never finished worse than fifth.

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Meese Rocks, with Jorge Chavez, won the Union Avenue on Monday.



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Cody Uncorked

Filly improves to 3-for-3 with win for Morrison

BY MIKE KANE

Think of Cody Samora as the “un” filly, as in unwanted, somewhat uncontrollable and, most importantly, undefeated.

After acting up before the race, the Mayakovsky filly attended to business once the gates opened and rolled to a 7 3/4-length victory in Monday’s fourth, an allowance/optional claimer for New York breds. It was run at 7 furlongs on the dirt rather than a mile on the turf because all the grass races were switched to the muddy main track.

Cody Samora improved to 3-0 with a typical performance that could be described as double trouble. She’s a problem for her handlers beforehand and a nightmare for the competition once the race begins. She won her debut last October by 16 1/4 lengths at 25-1 and returned from a long layoff to win by 2 1/4 at Saratoga July 25. She earned her Spa double by controlling the show again Monday, leading all the way after breaking outward.

“She’s got a lot of talent,” trainer John Morrison. “She’s still learning. There is still room for improvement yet, but hopefully she keeps moving forward.”



Dave Harmon

See **MONDAY** page 19 ► Cody Samora, with Javier Castellano, wins her third straight career race in the fourth on Monday for John Morrison.

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Some better manners would help because she is a handful.

"She's always been like that," Morrison said. "That's the challenge. If we can get her to just calm down and relax a little bit, I think she'll be even better."

Cody Samora broke her maiden at a mile and a sixteenth in a race washed off the grass and won at the Spa the opening weekend over a track rated good. Morrison entered her as main track only and his gamble paid off when the rain arrived over the weekend and six of the nine grass runners scratched. The main-track-only horses, Cody Samora and Big Brownie, drew in and ran first and second.

"I don't think the surface makes a difference," Morrison said. "I think she'll run over anything, grass, Poly. If it ain't broke we're not going to fix it. The reason we went in here is that I was pretty sure that the long race wasn't going to go. This just worked out."

Sue and Gary Lundy board horses at their farm in Pine Plains and decided to try breeding Thoroughbreds. They bought the mare Ceil Cody, bred her to Mayakovsky when he was still standing in New York and she produced Cody Samora.

"We had tried to sell her, but we didn't even get a bid on her," Sue Lundy said. "It was, 'OK, fine. OK John . . .'"

She said that it was even hard to transport Cody Samora because she didn't want to walk onto the trailer.

"She's been difficult about everything," Morrison said, "but the first time we breezed her we knew she had some talent. Then you kind of put up with everything."



Dave Harmon

Kent Desormeaux guides Mine Over Matter to a last-to-first win on Monday.

Javier Castellano rode the winner, his first of three on the day.

- Kenny McPeck picked up his seventh win of the meet when Karen's Joy took the third, a 7-furlong maiden claimer for older fillies and mares.

Making her third career start, the Teton Forest filly owned by Raymond Cottrell, bounced out on the lead and kept on going. She won by 4 1/4 lengths for Julien Leparoux.

McPeck said he has trained for Cottrell for 22 years and was pleased that the 3-year-old filly got her maiden win.

"She's been a good, solid filly," McPeck said. "It took a little while to get it all together. I guess she likes the mud."

- After four consecutive victories by horses apparently taking advantage of a speed bias, Mine Over Matter made a last-to-first dash under Kent Desormeaux and won the fifth by 6 3/4 lengths. The chart footnotes described the finish it as "the mildest of hand rides" in the stretch.

The 3-year-old son of Mineshaft broke his maiden in January and won an allowance race in his next start in March, but

lost four in a row by more than 30 total lengths before Monday's victory.

"It's the rider," trainer Ramon "Mike" Hernandez said. "He knows what he's doing and we changed the strategy a little bit. You can see that he looked very calm today. The other day he was nervous. We've been working on him."

At 85, Hernandez is the oldest active trainer in New York. He won his first race in Mexico City in 1951. In 1967 he relocated to the U.S. and has worked as a farm manager and a trainer. He said he won his first race at Saratoga about

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Team Bernie's Pal celebrates on Monday.

Dave Harmon

Monday —

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30 years ago. Mine Over Matter, bred and owned by Chester and Mary Broman, was his first winner at Saratoga this year.

• Bernie's Pal brought several members of the Preferred Pals Stable and trainer Linda Rice to the winner's circle after the first race for a photo in the rain. None of them seemed to mind getting wet.

Preferred Pals, based in Glens Falls and managed by Larry Paltrowitz, has been in business for nearly a decade and has found a lot of success. Bernie's Pal, a 3-year-old New York-bred Hook And Ladder filly, won for the second time this season and provided the syndicate with its 14th Saratoga victory.

"It's the first time that we've had two wins by the same horse in the same meet," Paltrowitz said. "It was great. It was fantastic."

Both of the filly's wins at Saratoga have come in 5 1/2-furlong races switched from turf to dirt by wet conditions.

"It was good that they took it off because actually I think she is stronger on the dirt than she is on the turf," Paltrowitz said. "But Linda is the expert and if she thinks she can run on the turf, that's fine with me."

Allan Iwinski was Preferred Pals' original trainer. He stepped away from the business for a while to deal with some health issues, but re-opened his operation in the Mid-Atlantic region and has four Preferred Pals horses. Rice has the syndicate's five New York-breds that in training. Paltrowitz said a couple more of the stable's runners may start before the meet ends.

Union Avenue —

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She makes her bed early, rattling on the front end. She just missed winning earlier in the meet when nailed late in the Fleet Indian, going 7 furlongs July 30.

"I thought she could win the race but I didn't think she'd win like that. Her last race we got beat a head, seven-eighths of a mile was maybe a tad too far, she ran her guts out last time. At the eighth pole I thought she was going to win but that horse came and got us, it's not because she didn't try, she tries every time," Barker said. "We are thrilled to death, I wish I had more of them."

For the father (Henry) and sons (Joe and Jamie) team, Meese Rocks has provided a wild ride. She was their first horse they bought last summer; they now have six with Barker.

"We knew she was good but she made it look easier than we expected. Eddie Barker's doing an outstanding job with her," Henry Terranova said. "She's been outstanding since we bought her. I can't say enough about him. I had seen her training, the owner decided to sell her, she had that look in her eye, like she could do this."

Barker trains nine horses at Saratoga. That's his whole string. He'll leave here and go back to Aqueduct for the rest of the year. Stabled deep in the Oklahoma backside, Barker doesn't get many chances to win stakes at

Saratoga. Meese Rocks rewarded her trainer and owners yet again.

She provided the Terranovas with their first victory when she won here last summer. She's given them six more.

"I'm fortunate to have a horse like her and have owners like them, the whole family comes out, because of her we've got five or six more horses in the barn, she's carried the load," Barker said.

"To win up here with their first horse was really something, but today was better. Every owner should have a horse like her. I'm a meat and potatoes trainer, I don't get the stock, but I've had some really good horses, claimers, in the past, but nothing to this level. I've never had the opportunity to get the higher-echelon horses, but who knows, maybe some day."

Meese Rocks has certainly done her part, providing four wins (of Barker's 13) for the year. She's won twice and had two seconds at Saratoga over the past two summers. Barker believes she's the only stakes winner by the sire and knows she's the best to come from the family.

"This is where you want to win races, especially a stakes. I was really disappointed she got beat a head last time, she just ran too good to lose, I thought, 'How can you run that hard and lose,' " Barker said. "Let me tell you something, she gains 50 pounds between races. You come here tomorrow morning and the tub will look like somebody washed it, she cleans up everything, she gains weight in between, she's an amazing mare."

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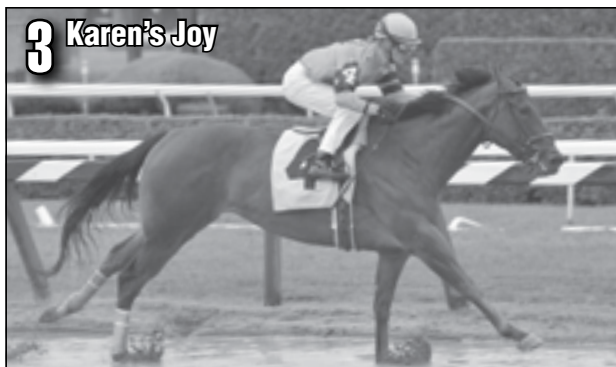
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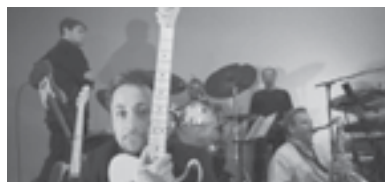
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Monday, August 23, 2010

1ST 5 1/2 FURLONGS 3 & UP ALLOWANCE PURSE: \$42,000

8	Bernie's Pal	Garcia Alan	5.50	3.60	2.30
12	Catchapenny K.	Lenclud F		6.10	3.00
9	Spirit of Rose	Dominguez R A			2.10

Time 1:06.22

Trainer: Rice Linda - Owner: Preferred Pals Stable

Dk. b. or br. f. 3 by Hook and Ladder - Highly Capable by High Yield

Breeder: Thomas-Narlinger LLC & Dennis Repp

\$2 Exacta (8-12) Paid \$32.80

\$2 Trifecta (8-12-9) Paid \$64.00

2ND 1 1/8 MILES 3 & UP MAIDEN CLAIMING (\$25,000) PURSE: \$22,540

1A	Black Pen	Dominguez R A	4.20	2.10	
11	Sea of Liquidity	Castellano J J		2.10	
1	Arrr Pirates Booty	Velazquez J R	4.20	2.10	

Time 1:54.11

Winning Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Repole Stable

B.c.3 by Tiznow - Exotic Elegance by Storm Cat

Breeder: Hertich/McCarthy Livestock

\$2 Exacta (1-11) Paid \$5.10

\$2 Quinella (1-11) Paid \$2.20

\$2 Daily Double (8-1) Paid \$12.80 Daily Double Pool \$133,626

3RD 7 FURLONGS 3 & UP MAIDEN CLM (\$20,000) PURSE: \$22,000

4	Karen's Joy	Leparoux J R	6.50	3.60	2.50
1	Royalstraightflush	Chavez J F		8.10	4.50
3	Alwaysinmydreams	Dominguez R A			3.40

Time 1:27.69

Trainer: McPeck Kenneth G - Owner: Cottrell, Sr. Raymond H.

Dk. b. or br. f. 3 by Teton Forest - Siphonophora by Siphon (BRZ)

Breeder: B. Wayne Hughes

\$2 Exacta (4-1) Paid \$47.80

\$2 Trifecta (4-1-3) Paid \$151.50

\$2 Pick 3 (8-1-4) 3 Correct Paid \$36.40 Pick 3 Pool \$71,710

\$2 Daily Double (1-4) Paid \$14.00 Daily Double Pool \$52,748

\$2 Superfecta (4-1-3-5) Paid \$639.00

4TH 7 FURLONGS 3 & UP ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING (\$35,000) PURSE: \$44,100

11	Cody Samora	Castellano J J	4.00	2.90	2.10
10	Big Brownie	Hill C		4.60	2.60
7	Two Moons	Leparoux J R			2.50

Time 1:26.19

Trainer: Morrison John - Owner: Lundy, Susan and Gary

B. f. 4 by Mayakovsky - Ceil Cody by Sky Classic

Breeder: Cedar Ridge Farm LLC

\$2 Exacta (11-10) Paid \$20.40

\$2 Quinella (10-11) Paid \$13.40

\$2 Trifecta (11-10-7) Paid \$52.50

\$2 Pick 3 (1-4-11) 3 Correct Paid \$32.80 Pick 3 Pool \$46,980

\$2 Daily Double (4-11) Paid \$13.80 Daily Double Pool \$44,896

5TH 6 FURLONGS 3 & UP ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING (\$35,000) PURSE: \$44,000

4	Mine Over Matter	Desormeaux K J	39.60	14.00	5.90
1	Stormin Bolt	Coa E M		4.40	2.90
2	That's Rich	Dominguez R A			3.70

Time 1:11.84

Trainer: Hernandez Ramon. Owner: Broman, Sr., Mary and Chester

Ch. c. 3 by Mineshaft - Hansel's Girl by Hansel

Breeder: Chester & Mary Broman

\$2 Exacta (4-1) Paid \$193.50

\$2 Trifecta (4-1-2) Paid \$807.00

\$2 Pick 3 (4-11-4) 3 Correct Paid \$427.00 Pick 3 Pool \$51,840

\$2 Pick 4 (1-4-11-4) 4 Correct Paid \$1,160.00 Pick 4 Pool \$158,132

\$2 Daily Double (11-4) Paid \$106.00 Daily Double Pool \$55,386

\$2 Superfecta (4-1-2-6) Paid \$2,203.00

6TH 5 1/2 FURLONGS 3 & UP CLAIMING (\$20,000) PURSE: \$30,000

9	Sugar Trade	Castellano J J	13.80	5.00	3.40
11	Rock Hall Honey	Hill C		2.80	2.60
10	Sorority Sister	Maragh R			3.70

Time 1:06.25

Trainer: Jerkens James A - Owner: Weis, Albert and Pepi

Ch.f.3 by Performing Magic - Hopephilly by Thunder Gulch

Breeder: Albert & Pepi Weis

\$2 Exacta (9-11) Paid \$35.60

\$2 Trifecta (9-11-10) Paid \$117.50

\$2 Pick 3 (11-4-9) 3 Correct Paid \$856.00 Pick 3 Pool \$51,414

\$2 Daily Double (4-9) Paid \$418.00 Daily Double Pool \$47,219

\$2 Superfecta (9-11-10-6) Paid \$477.40

7TH UNION AVENUE S. 6 FURLONGS 3 & UP STAKES PURSE: \$70,000

6	Meese Rocks	Chavez J F	8.80	4.20	2.90
5	Gold for the Queen	Maragh R		5.80	3.60
7	City Broad	Dominguez R A			2.60

Time 1:11.46

Trainer: Barker Edward - Owner: Terranova, Henry, Joseph and Jamie

B.m.5 by Rock and Roll - Meeses Pieces by Grindstone

Breeder: Robert Misa Jr.

\$2 Exacta (6-5) Paid \$50.50

\$2 Trifecta (6-5-7) Paid \$129.50

\$2 Daily Double (9-6) Paid \$67.00 Daily Double Pool \$57,584

\$2 Pick 3 (4-9-6) 3 Correct Paid \$2,714.00 Pick 3 Pool \$42,113

\$2 Superfecta (6-5-7-2) Paid \$648.00

8TH BENNINGTON S. 5 1/2 FURLONGS 3 YO STAKES PURSE: \$70,000

8	Hilda's Passion	Castellano J J	8.80	5.10	4.00
5	Malibu Moon Dance	Leparoux J R		5.70	4.70
1	Decelerator	Maragh R			6.30

Time 1:03.84

Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Starlight Partners

B. f. 3 by Canadian Frontier - Executrick by El Prado (IRE)

Breeder: Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Kuster

\$2 Exacta (8-5) Paid \$71.50

\$2 Trifecta (8-5-1) Paid \$526.00

\$2 Grand Slam (1,2,4-9,10,11-5,6,7-8) Paid \$44.80

\$2 Pick 3 (9-6-8) 3 Correct Paid \$369.50 Pick 3 Pool \$40,140

\$2 Daily Double (6-8) Paid \$41.00 Daily Double Pool \$59,916

\$2 Superfecta (8-5-1-3) Paid \$2,269.00

9TH 1 1/8 MILES 3&UP CLAIMING (\$20,000 - \$18,000) PURSE: \$34,000

7	El Real Madrid	Dominguez R A	5.70	3.40	2.90
5	Clear Faith	Castellano J J		3.80	3.00
9	Web Gem	Velazquez J R			4.10

Time 1:52.62

Trainer: Dutrow Richard E Jr - Owner: Celis Rafael

Ch. h. 5 by Boundary - Miss Mercedes by Mercedes Run

Breeder: John Follmer

\$2 Exacta (7-5) Paid \$18.40

\$2 Trifecta (7-5-9) Paid \$94.50

\$2 Superfecta (7-5-9-8) Paid \$356.40

\$2 Daily Double (8-7) Paid \$28.40 Daily Double Pool \$152,773

\$2 Pick 3 (6-8-7) 3 Correct Paid \$125.50 Pick 3 Pool \$108,850

\$2 Pick 4 (9-6-8-3/4/7) 4 Correct Paid \$1,116.00 Pick 4 Pool \$228,916

\$2 Pick 6 (11-4-9-6-8-7) 5 Correct Paid \$793.00 Pick 6 Pool \$294,258

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\$2 Consolation Pick 3 (6-8-3) Paid \$36.00

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It's Tea Time splashes home with an easy win in the sloppy Grade III stakes, originally a Grade II on the turf.

It's Tea Time revels in surface switch as favorite in Gr. III stakes

BY SEAN CLANCY

Traffic lights were out. Barn lights were out. Grandstand lights were out. Pools of water, some a foot deep, emerged in minutes. Security locked some people out of the track and others inside the track. All the while, six trainers agonized over a decision Sunday morning.

The racing office cancelled turf racing except for the featured Grade II Lake Placid as rain kept falling, then opted to move the race to the Mellon Turf Course, in hopes of finding better footing. And so came the first decision – whether to run over soft turf that had been shredded during the first part of the season.

Graham Motion, with favorite Check The Label, wrestled over that one. Rusty Arnold, with It's Tea Time, knew right away that he was not running if it stayed on the turf. The rest were debating the choice.

At about 10 o'clock, management moved the \$150,000 stakes off the turf and onto a sloppy main track. Motion's

decision was made; he scratched Check The Label and was, in a way, relieved that the decision was made for him.

Arnold, on the other hand, was back in with It's Tea Time.

As for the other trainers, Canadian-based Roger Attfield and Mark Casse opted out immediately, scratching Exclusive Love and No Explaining.

That left three.

Kiaran McLaughlin, searching for black type for Hatheer, stayed in and hoped the two-time winner could rely on Storm Cat on the top of her pedigree while trying the main track for the first time. Jimmy Toner, with one-time winner Triple Cream, felt his chances had improved even though she had never tried anything but turf or synthetic. As for Arnold, he was counting his blessings and getting ready to count the money.

It's Tea Time earned her first stakes win by dominating the Woodford Reserve Lake Placid.

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Lake Placid —

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Hattheer broke sharply and jockey Alan Garcia, avoiding the rail, floated Triple Cream into the six path. Julien Leparoux rated It's Tea Time off the leading pair, well off the rail as well, through a quarter 24.37 and a half in 48.99.

After three quarters in 1:14.46, Triple Cream wilted, leaving Hattheer on her own for a moment before It's Tea Time circled into the fore. She joined Hattheer for a matter of strides and then brushed her off like lint on a sleeve and galloped easily to the wire. Leparoux smacked It's Tea Time once with his whip turned down and finished under wraps.

Owned and bred by Alex Campbell, the 3-year-old daughter of Dynaformer completed 1 1/8 miles in 1:54.52 over the sloppy track.

"I was happy, she broke good, I let her relax and she was much the best," Leparoux said. "The only part I was worried about was if they went very slow but that didn't matter. She felt good today, happy. It was an easy race with only two other horses. I think she would have won on the turf, when I saw 10-1 in the program, I was like, 'Oh, that's not right.' I liked her on either surface."

Priced at 10-1 on the morning line, It's Tea Time wound up the favorite and ran like the it. She earned her third career victory to go along with a second, picked up in the Grade I Ashland last fall. After the Ashland, Arnold tried the Grade I Kentucky Oaks for her first start on the dirt. She finished ninth, beaten just 10 lengths by Blind Luck, while trying to negotiate 9 furlongs from the inside post. After that, Arnold went back to the turf, where It's Tea Time finished fourth in the Grade III Regret at Churchill before sweeping an easy allowance here Aug. 1.

"Her race in the Oaks wasn't a bad race, she had the 1 hole in a 14-horse field, covered up, it was only her fourth start, she was in the race until the three-sixteenths pole, right there. She got beat

"She's a fireball, a feel-good fireball, not difficult, not hard to handle, just feels good, jump, kick, not bad."

— Trainer Rusty Arnold

probably 12 lengths and eight were in the last eighth of a mile," Arnold said. "I was not going to run on the turf today, when the rain came. This morning, I would have never run her on that boggy turf, nobody's fault, but we had no rain, it's all churned up, I talked to two riders and they felt like it might even be a little dangerous. I was not going to run her."

Arnold had already circled the Twin Lights Stakes Sept. 4 as a back-up plan. He was happy to not have to audible that deep in his playbook. It's Tea Time earned her first stakes victory in Lake Placid, downgraded to a Grade III because of the surface switch and the scratches.

"She was Grade I placed, but she wasn't a stakes winner, this makes it stand up a lot more," Arnold said. "She was a little more fired up in the paddock than she's ever been, I was surprised, that Storm Cat (her broodmare sire) comes out of them every now and then, it helps them run but it comes out in the paddock sometimes. It's good to have, but you have to deal with it."

Arnold trained It's Tea Time's second-dam, the Grade I stakes winning Rootentootenwooten, winner of the Demoiselle. He seems some similarities between the two.

"She's a fireball, a feel-good fireball, not difficult, not hard to handle, just feels good, jump, kick, not bad. The second dam was a handful. I think she's the only Diesis to win a Grade I on the dirt," Arnold said. "I always thought this filly could run well on the dirt, so I ran her in the Oaks, and I didn't think that race was that bad, then she came back to the grass but I would not hesitate to run her on the dirt again."

Or the slop.



Tod Marks

It's Tea Time (left) powers out of the gate on her way to winning Sunday's Woodford Reserve Lake Placid Stakes.

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SUNDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

Sunday, August 22, 2010

1ST 7 FURLONGS 3 & UP ALLOWANCE PURSE: \$42,000

2	A Smart Judge	Castellano J J	10.00	3.50	2.80
1A	Under the Rainbow	Desormeaux K J		2.70	2.20
4	DQ-Laylaben	Velasquez C			4.10

Time 1:27.40
 Trainer: Hertler John O - Owner: Crossed Sabres Farm
 Dk. b. or br. f. 4 by Judge T C - Smart Punch by Whiskey Wisdom
 Breeder: Barbara Brewer
 \$2 Exacta (2-1) Paid \$20.40
 \$2 Trifecta (2-1-4) Paid \$80.50

2ND 6 FURLONGS 3 & UP CLAIMING (\$15,000) PURSE: \$19,600

2	Jim's Applemartini	Dominguez R A	5.50	3.60	2.40
1A	Smooth Transition	Chavez J F		5.60	3.70
8	Smokin Conrad	Espinoza J L			2.70

Time 1:13.62
 Trainer: Hushion Michael E - Owner: Repole Stable
 Dk. b. or br. g. 3 by Say Florida Sandy - Miss L by Skywalker
 Breeder: Team Party Stable
 \$2 Exacta (2-1) Paid \$24.80
 \$2 Quinella (1-2) Paid \$13.60
 \$2 Trifecta (2-1-8) Paid \$56.50
 \$2 Daily Double (2-2) Paid \$23.40 Daily Double Pool \$185,464

3RD 7 FURLONGS 3 & UP CLAIMING (\$35,000) PURSE: \$29,000

1	Hillswick	Desormeaux K J	4.10	2.70	2.20
7	Kid Tornado	Garcia Alan		3.10	2.40
2	On Vacation	Velasquez J R			3.10

Time 1:25.15
 Trainer: Albertrani Thomas - Owner: Melnyk Racing Stables, Inc.
 B. g. 4 by Grand Slam - Up An Eighth by Ferdinand
 Breeder: Eugene Melnyk
 \$2 Exacta (1-7) Paid \$10.60
 \$2 Trifecta (1-7-2) Paid \$34.20
 \$2 Pick 3 (2-2-1) 3 Correct Paid \$55.00 Pick 3 Pool \$86,415
 \$2 Daily Double (2-1) Paid \$13.20 Daily Double Pool \$60,116

4TH WOODFORD RESERVE LAKE PLACID STAKES (G3) 1 1/8 MILES 3YO FILLIES PURSE: \$135,000

6	It's Tea Time	Leparoux J R	3.50		
1	Hattheer	Garcia Alan			
2	Triple Cream	Maragh R			

Time 1:54.52
 Trainer: Arnold George R II - Owner: Campbell, Jr. Alex G.
 B.f.3 by Dynaformer - Prof. McGonagall by Storm Cat
 Breeder: Alex Campbell Jr.
 \$2 Pick 3 (2-1-6) 3 Correct Paid \$31.00 Pick 3 Pool \$44,992
 \$2 Daily Double (1-6) Paid \$12.40 Daily Double Pool \$54,216

5TH 5 1/2 FURLONGS 3 & UP ALLOWANCE PURSE: \$50,400

11	Heavenly Blaze	Samyn J L	27.00	9.60	5.60
10	Fight for V L T's	Velasquez C		4.10	3.20
2	Aces Mark	Desormeaux K J			4.20

Time 1:05.57
 Trainer: Ferraro James W
 Owner: Sessler, Jane, Bogsted, Roger C. and Flatley, Thomas M.
 Dk. br. or b.c.4 by Judge T C - Halfway to Heaven by Comet Shine
 Breeder: Circle of Friends Stable
 \$2 Exacta (11-10) Paid \$102.00
 \$2 Trifecta (11-10-2) Paid \$591.00
 \$2 Pick 3 (1-6-11) 3 Correct Paid \$239.50 Pick 3 Pool \$75,220
 \$2 Pick 4 (2/6/7-1/6-6-11) 4 Correct Paid \$635.00 Pick 4 Pool \$172,092
 \$2 Daily Double (6-11) Paid \$49.60 Daily Double Pool \$106,877
 \$2 Superfecta (11-10-2-8) Paid \$1,419.00

6TH 6 1/2 FURLONGS 3 & UP CLM (\$30,000 - \$20,000) PURSE: \$36,000

3	Cave's Valley	Dominguez R A	24.60	8.50	4.30
2	Rocketing Returns	Velasquez C		5.10	3.60
4	Samhoon	Cohen D			3.80

Time 1:18.44
 Trainer: Trombetta Michael J - Owner: Meyerhoff, Harry and Tom
 Dk. b. or br. g. 4 by Stephen Got Even - Kamaal by Irgun
 Breeder: Murray Smith
 \$2 Exacta (3-2) Paid \$98.00 \$2 Trifecta (3-2-4) Paid \$461.50
 \$2 Pick 3 (6-11-3) 3 Correct Paid \$582.00 Pick 3 Pool \$72,735
 \$2 Daily Double (11-3) Paid \$297.50 Daily Double Pool \$67,145

7TH 5 1/2 FURLONGS 2 YO MAIDEN CLM (\$50,000) PURSE: \$29,000

1	Linear Motion	Lezcano J	27.80	14.20	9.10
2	For Wes	Cohen D		8.60	5.80
7	Disco Capote	Leparoux J R			6.90

Time 1:08.13
 Trainer: Serpe Philip M - Owner: Flying Zee Stable
 Ch. g. 2 by Essence of Dubai - Gracefully Done by Deputy Commander
 Breeder: Flying Zee Stable
 \$2 Exacta (1-2) Paid \$207.50 \$2 Trifecta (1-2-7) Paid \$1,654.00
 \$2 Daily Double (3-1) Paid \$347.00 Daily Double Pool \$73,572
 \$2 Pick 3 (11-3-1) 3 Correct Paid \$2,829.00 Pick 3 Pool \$74,480

8TH 5 1/2 FURLONGS 3 & UP CLAIMING (\$20,000) PURSE: \$30,000

14	Aquino (URU)	Studart M	5.90	3.90	3.00
2	Keechi Bullet	Hill C		19.20	9.10
5	Close to the Vest	Chavez J F			4.20

Time 1:04.52
 Trainer: Violette Richard A Jr
 Owner: Team Valor International and Barber, Gary
 Ch.h.6 by First American - Perla Fighter (BRZ) by Irish Fighter
 Breeder: Stud TNT & Don Alfredo
 \$2 Exacta (14-2) Paid \$104.00 \$2 Trifecta (14-2-5) Paid \$625.00
 \$2 Pick 3 (3-1-14) 3 Correct Paid \$1,047.00 Pick 3 Pool \$80,658
 \$2 Daily Double (1-14) Paid \$139.50 Daily Double Pool \$65,449
 \$2 Superfecta (14-2-5-6) Paid \$3,147.00

9TH 1 1/8 MILES 3 & UP MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$40,180

5	I Dreamt I Was	Velasquez J R	8.80	4.80	3.10
8	Poppy Day	Desormeaux K J		6.10	3.20
4	My Honey Laurie	Lezcano J			2.80

Time 1:56.72
 Trainer: Serpe Philip M - Owner: Flying Zee Stable
 Ch. f. 3 by Western Expression - Seeyouinmydreams by Comet Shine
 Breeder: Flying Zee Stable
 \$2 Exacta (5-8) \$44.80 \$2 Grand Slam (2,3,4-1,2,7-2,5,14-5) \$209.50
 \$2 Pick 3 (1-14-5) 3 Correct Paid \$422.50 Pick 3 Pool \$52,220
 \$2 Daily Double (14-5) Paid \$35.00 Daily Double Pool \$68,524

10TH 7 FURLONGS 2 YO MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT PURSE: \$61,200

4	Street Chimes	Cohen D	8.30	5.40	3.40
14	Grace Alley	Lenclud F		14.40	7.30
10	Tapit Dancer	Bridgmohan S X			5.20

Time 1:27.49
 Trainer: Pletcher Todd A - Owner: Evans Edward P.
 Dk. b or br. f. 2 by Street Cry (IRE) - Pleasant Chimes by Pleasant Tap
 Breeder: Edward Evans
 \$2 Exacta (4-14) Paid \$135.00 \$2 Trifecta (4-14-10) Paid \$1,118.00
 \$2 Superfecta (4-14-10-13) Paid \$4,835.00
 \$2 Daily Double (5-4) Paid \$43.20 Daily Double Pool \$182,680
 \$2 Pick 3 (14-5-4) 3 Correct Paid \$147.00 Pick 3 Pool \$127,819
 \$2 Pick 4 (1-14-5-4) 4 Correct Paid \$3,192.00 Pick 4 Pool \$281,707
 \$2 Pick 6 (11-3-1-14-5-4) 5 Correct Paid \$15,714.00 Pick 6 Pool \$75,082 Carryover Pool \$47,144

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Jean-Luc Samyn guides Heavenly Blaze home with a win in Sunday's fifth.

Veteran jockey Samyn steers Heavenly Blaze home in slop

BY BEN MEYERS

On the day when one of Saratoga's youngest jockeys took her first steps into a larger world, one of its most veteran riders reminded everyone why he is still here.

Maylan Studart won her first race at Saratoga in Sunday's eighth aboard Aquino, but after trailing most of the field in the early going of the fifth, Jean-Luc Samyn got Heavenly Blaze to fire. The rider guided the 4-year-old son of Judge T C into a three-wide spot on the turn and ultimately found a home in the middle of the track for the stretch. Eventually, Heavenly Blaze came splashing home with a 3-length win in the 5 1/2-furlong allowance for New York-breds that was run on the main track after being removed from the turf in 1:05.57. Heavenly Blaze, who paid \$27, was 0-for-6 on wet tracks and only 1-for-5 at Saratoga coming into Sunday.

"I have won here every year since '77, so I didn't really want to make this one an exception," Samyn said about the ride that turned into his first win of the meet. "Business has been on the light side this year and it has been a tough meet, but this time things worked out great. Just great."

Samyn, 53, overcame a bit more than just slow business and tough conditions on Sunday.

The jockey had an encounter with a wasp on his face Saturday morning and, other than a few minutes of discomfort, didn't really pay the matter any mind.

That was until swelling and pain woke him up at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday. Trying to shake off the problem he went back to sleep, but by 6 a.m. it was too much to bear.

"I thought to myself, 'I better get to the emergency room. I might be in a lot of trouble here,'" Samyn said. "I didn't think much of it at first, but it came up so suddenly."

He received a shot and some over-the-counter medication from doctors at the hospital and made it to the races to climb aboard Heavenly Blaze for owners Thomas Flatley, Jane Sessler and Roger Bosted. Jimmy Ferraro trains the winner, who broke his maiden here last year.

"I look a little bit worse than I feel right now," Samyn said while dodging raindrops on his way to the jockeys' room and pointing at his still swollen right cheek. "It was scary, but to get a win and keep things going is something that is very special and it does help a little bit."

And winning salves all wounds.

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Sunday —

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• By the narrowest of margins, literally, Jose Lezcano picked up his fifth win of the meet on Flying Zee Stable's Linear Motion in the seventh, a 5 1/2-furlong sprint for 2-year-old New York-bred maiden claimers.

Even after the photo of the win over For Wes was revealed, it was hard to tell that the son of Essence Of Dubai had gotten his nostril to the wire first, and even the jockey wasn't sure.

"It was a really close one," Lezcano said. "I thought I got it, but then he might have gotten there too. Sometimes you just don't know."

A homebred, the winner was one of eight first-time starters in the race, for \$50,000 claimers.

Trainer Phil Serpe prepped Linear Motion with a string of workouts at Saratoga and Belmont including a 3-furlong blowout two days before the race, and the chestnut gelding responded by scoring at almost 13-1. For Wes settled for second after leading every step but the last, and Disco Capote finished third.

Lezcano, who oddly leads the meet in third place finishes with 25, didn't mind the close call.

"I just have to keep racing," he said. "Keep working, keep going, keep trying, that is what I am going to do."

• It looked a lot more like a mafia-movie funeral than an afternoon at Saratoga Sunday, but Melnyk Racing Stable's Hillswick made the slop shine.

Coming off a second in the slop on Opening Day, the 4-year-old gelding sloshed his way to a 3 1/4-length win in the 7-furlong third race for \$35,000 conditioned claimers on a rainy Umbrella Giveaway Day.



Tod Marks

Linear Motion (center) fights off For Wes (right) and Disco Capote to win Sunday's seventh.

"It is just kind of by coincidence that he has run so well on muddy tracks both times," said trainer Tom Albertrani, who saddled Hillswick for the second time since getting him from Malcolm Pierce late last year. "We haven't had him too long, but he seems to like it though and that works out really well for us."

The win was a slight step up for Hillswick, whose second came against \$25,000 claimers, and the tactics didn't change much from the previous effort. After a stumble at the start, Hillswick (Kent Desormeaux) contested the lead of On Vacation before dueling with Kid Tornado in the stretch and eventually pulling away for the score.

Kid Tornado was second and On Vacation held for third.

On Opening Day, Hillswick was also at the front throughout before giving way at the quarter pole.

"He ran a race that was very similar to last time, but it was a little bit of a step up, so we were hopeful to come out with a win," Albertrani said. "He got the job done today."

The son of Grand Slam gave Albertrani his first win of the Saratoga meet, but was claimed by Western Resources Racing and trainer David Jacobson.

• Jim's Applemartini seems to have found a home on the Saratoga dirt, but the winner of the second had a new home to go back to after he left the oval.

The gelded son of Say Florida Sandy found his way home 4 lengths in front in the 6-furlong race before he was claimed from owner Repole Stable and trainer Mike Hushion by Bruce Golden Racing and trainer David Jacobson.

"Being a veteran of this game, that is what the claiming game is all about," Hushion said. "You do whatever you can to get them ready and find the proper level, but if someone wants to roll the dice that is their business."

Jim's Applemartini improved to 2-for-3 for Hushion this year with his other win coming in a \$20,000 maiden claiming race here July 31. The only time he didn't win for the trainer was a second in a \$10,000 maiden claimer at Belmont June 17.

• In Sunday's first, a 7-furlong allowance, Laylaben appeared to find an extra gear in the final few strides to get the win.

That extra speed came at the expense of Under The Rainbow though as the apparent winner forced the rival from her path en route to the wire.

Ultimately, Laylaben was placed third, Under The Rainbow second and A Smart Judge, who was not involved in the fray, was given the win. John Hertler trains the winner (Javier Castellano) for Crossed Sabres Stable.

The disqualification was the first for a win this year. Laylaben's owner Ken Rubinstein filed an appeal and, pending a decision, both horses are considered winners of the race for conditions purposes.

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Tod Marks

Maylan Studart smiles through the rain drops after winning Sunday's eighth aboard Aquino.

Young jockey Studart gets first Spa win with Aquino

BY BEN MEYERS

SUNDAY RACING RECAP

When Maylan Studart jumped off Aquino she paused for a heartbeat – an insignificant stop on a significant day.

It was impossible to tell if she was taking a split second to just soak in what had happened or if the moment was a combination of excitement, adrenaline and relief that rendered her motionless.

"This is so awesome," she said while heading to the jockeys' room after winning Sunday's eighth race, a 5 1/2 furlong sprint on the main track for Team Valor Internatoinal and Gary Barber and trainer Rick Violette. The 21-year old jockey found a spot along the rail and picked off horses one-by-one on her way to her first win at historic Saratoga and she couldn't go more than two steps without accepting congratulations from fans.

"I always wished it would come and it would come soon," she said about her first Spa winner. "This is a dream come true. Only a handful of jockeys can say that they have won a race at Saratoga. It is just so awesome. Oh my God."

The dream started seven years ago when her father took to see the Grande Premio Brasil near Rio De Janeiro when she was 14. Already with 10 years of experience on horses as a show jumper, Studart was hooked on racing after seeing her country's most important Thoroughbred contest. She waited two more years, entered jockey school and eventually found her way to the United States. She made her biggest steps under the guidance of fellow Brazilian jockey Manoel Cruz at Calder. The veteran taught her how to handle working with trainers and the subtleties between the American and Brazilian racing styles.

So far this year Studart, who has been acting as her own agent since the final two weeks of the Belmont spring season, came into the race with 18 mounts at the Spa this season, but that has not been her only work this season. She has been exercising horses for Nick Zito and Allen Jerkens. It is a tough way to make it through a season at Saratoga.

"A while ago I felt pressure," she admitted. "Nowadays I just put the horse

in the best position I can to win. I try my best and I am doing my best. There is a little pressure still, but I am just myself out there in the post parade."

The win came from a 6-year-old and fellow South American, now 3-for-5 this year and 3-for-4 with a second at Saratoga. Studart got the ride in Sunday's \$20,000 claimer after going to dinner with Team Valor's Barry Irwin and his wife, Kathleen.

"She is a very faithful friend to my wife and after following her on Facebook for a while I knew that she needed a break," Irwin said. "She works really hard. I was happy to be in a position to help her out."

Irwin had earmarked Uruguayan-born Aquino for Studart.

"They are both from South America so we thought that they would be a good fit. We also had a spot that he would be live in," said Irwin, whose horse got into the race thanks to the rain. "He is a mud freak too that loves Saratoga and she did everything the trainer said too. He just kept getting stronger."

Studart appreciated the chance.

"Every jockey wants this in their life," she said. "The people at Team Valor and trainer Rick Violette made this all possible. You need a good horse to get to this point and man was he running. They gave me a shot. Everyone wants the best riders, trainers, and horses here. They gave me a shot to show my talent all I can do is thank them so much. This is definitely going in my history book."

As she finally got back within sight of the jocks' room there were a few fans that asked for some racing goggles as souvenirs. Even though she didn't want to part with her own small piece of memorabilia, she was caught up in the moment.

"I usually don't give out any goggles, but today why not?" she said handing a over mud-crusted set.

She then took off the two pairs that remained on her helmet – hopefully she kept one for herself.



by Sean Clancy

Joe and Jamie Terranova work together in midtown Manhattan.

They're in the bond business. They live and breathe the financial world – and horse racing. Last summer, the brothers joined their father, Henry, in owning a couple of horses.

Their first purchase was Meese Rocks. In a year's time, she's provided the family with their first victory at Saratoga, their first stakes triumph and their first stakes win at Saratoga.

All because Henry Terranova took the boys to the trotting track on Saturdays and to Belmont Park every Fourth of July. Racing can get into anybody's blood, but when a father introduces it to a son, well, it's a natural transfusion.

"I used to hitch up the bike on Saturdays and take my sons with me," Terranova said. "They always remembered that, now they're young men, they're working, they're doing fairly well, they said, 'Pop, why don't we get a couple horses?'"

Meese Rocks was the first. They now have six with trainer Eddie Barker.

Hooked? They're hooked, lined and sunk.

After Meese Rocks won the Union Avenue Monday, the family celebrated but also contemplated how fortunate they are to own a mare like Meese Rocks, winner of more than \$250,000 since the Terranovas bought her last summer.

"Every father should have the opportunity to do something like this with their sons, it doesn't have to be racing, but it's all a parent could ask for," Henry Terranova said from the first floor of the clubhouse. "These horses came along and they said, 'Let's go.' Now, here we are, a stakes race at Saratoga. This is as good as it gets, if you can take a win picture in the winner's circle with your kids, I wish it on everyone."

Dad's emotion isn't lost on the sons.

"We get to interact with one another pretty much every day, which is really the benefit of doing this," Joe said. "To have a real horse is gravy, it's a lot of fun. It's been great."

"My father had been involved a long time back – 15, 20 years ago, we were interested in it growing up," Jamie said. "Now that we're on our own, we wanted to get back involved so we entered the venture together. It's been fun, like you said, to have a real horse is gravy."

Yes, they finish each other's sentences.

Joe lives in Manhattan while older brother Jamie resides in Hoboken. They work together, both in bonds and horses. They discuss everything and rarely disagree with the direction of the stable.

Young men, new owners, old school.

"It's a thrill. Keeps you close, keeps you involved, gives us a common ground to stand on," Joe said. "It's fun, gives us something to do, we were at the stable this morning and saw the horses, it's a good hobby. It's an unbelievable feeling, it's a great feeling, an amazing feeling."

"We never thought it would get to this point, it's a bonus," Jamie said. "It's been fantastic. She puts forth an honest effort every single time."

It's hard to tell who's more enthusiastic, the father

or the sons. Henry compared owning horses to playing golf.

Just listen.

"I always had an affinity for horses, it's a tough game, but these are the times that make it worth it," Henry said. "It's like a good golf shot, when you hit a good drive, it keeps you coming back. Something like this is like a great drive."

With his sons caddying.

"We get to talk about more than work stuff," Joe said.

"It's also a good reason to come to the Spa," Jamie said.

Jamie came to Saratoga for the first time last summer, when Meese Rocks wired state-bred maidens, finishing 5 1/2-furlongs in 1:02.10 and paying paying double digits.

The hook sunk deeper.

"As a family, we've been going to Belmont Park every Fourth of July for probably 20 years or so, it's a family tradition, we had the bug already, the clincher was when he wanted to get back in and work with Eddie, a lot of fun," Joe said. "It was a business that he was involved in, he knew a little bit about it already, he was able to usher us in, the ins and outs, how the process works."

They're learning fast. The family visited Meese Rocks Monday morning, spending time with their big horse, then spent the afternoon at the races, relishing in all that is right in the sport. Two successful brothers join their father in the sport, their first horse has banked over \$250,000 and put them in the winner's circle at Saratoga for two consecutive summers.

"We're outsiders, per se," Jamie said.

Joe answered, "Now, we're insiders."

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