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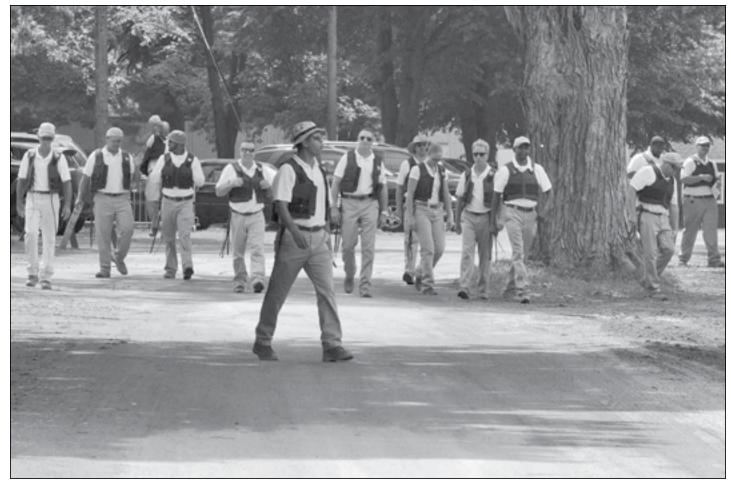
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# here&there... at Saratoga



Connie Bush

Riccio, about his son

Gaters. The starting gate crew covers the road while headed to work.

# WORTH REPEATING The Special's quotes from Saratoga

"Happy Travers Day. May the best horse win."

Dale Brichta, at the bottom of an email Friday afternoon

"He does it every time."

Jimmy Bell, watching the replay of the Jim Dandy when Alpha jumped tire tracks late

"Straight to voicemail."

Trainer Mike Trombetta, when told The Special's Sean Clancy was going to send him a horse and call every morning

"Let me guess, the Ballerina. You're so predicatable."

Trainer Todd Pletcher, to The Special's Sean Clancy who needed a Ballerina preview Thursday morning

"We'll win. If we don't get beat."

The iconic words of the late Bob Holthus, as told to trainer Ron Moquett

Agent Jim Riccio Jr., while enjoying a

champagne toast after winning the Albany

"All jobs have their perks."

orning "Nothing

pipe dream."

"Nothing but a shade-tree mechanic."

Trainer Ron Moquett, describing another racetrack expert

"When you have horses with Rick, these things can happen, it's not like a

"They used to call him Rook, agents would call the house, 'I need the Rook.' Then they'd give him two horses and he'd tell them which one was better."

"They say act like you've been there before. I'll tell you what, we'll do that the next time. If we win, we're going crazy."

Moquett, on trying to win the Test with Amie's Dini

Owner James Riccio, after winning the Albany with Rick Dutrow-trained Willy Beamin

"That's a good question."

Trainer Eddie Kenneally, on if he was thinking about the Test when he claimed Ullapool

"And he's only 5, he's still a young horse."

Jockey Robbie Walsh, about Turf Writers winner Demonstrative



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Maryland-based owner Mike Zanella, about The Special

"She only sells Jasmine tea, not Earl Grey."

Bill Hirsch, about the Morning Line Kitchen's Jasmine Sanchez (who sells both)

"He looks like he should have been born in the '30s, like those old-time horses."

Exercise rider Trina Pasckvale, about Cease (while letting him munch on some, grass, flowers, roots and dirt Friday morning)

"They usually do what they want anyway - I know I did."

Trainer (and former jockey) Wesley Ward, about giving instructions

"Sir, are you going to be standing there when I take off."

Jock's agent, and golf cart driver, Angel Cordero as a conversationalist stood in the way

"We'll leave at midnight and be there by a quarter to six. I'm duplicating that part of my trip - hopefully that's the only part that gets duplicated."

Owner/trainer Edwin Merryman, about shipping Jazzy Idea (who was fourth in the Prioress) from Maryland for Saturday's Test

"I'm a little familiar with the syndrome."

The Bell Group's Ruthie Bowen, about a control freak

# JUST SAYIN'

"We've had a good meet. We had a good Belmont meet and we had a good Churchill meet. It's hard to have all your horses run big at the previous meet and try to continue it into the toughest meet. We don't have the numbers where we can have a huge meet at every meet. We're happy enough."

- Trainer Eddie Kenneally

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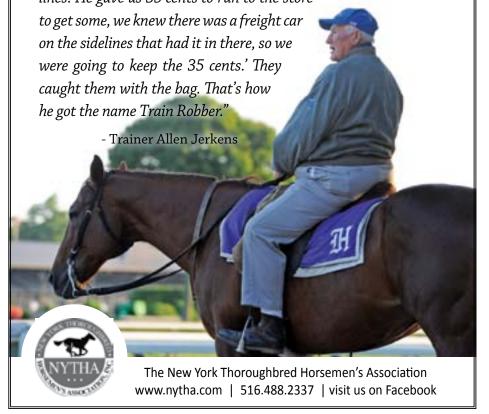
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"They all had a nickname, damn near everyone of them, Jimmy Harris didn't, Duck Butter, Paycheck, the best one was Train Robber. His mother came one day, she said, 'Is Willy Capers here?' I said, 'We ain't got any Willy Capers here.' She said, 'You know the boy they call Train Robber.' I said to him one day, 'Train, how did you ever get the name Train Robber?' He said, 'I got it when I was a little boy.' I said, 'How come?' He said, 'The coach was making the lines for the baseball field and he ran out of lime to make the base lines. He gave us 35 cents to run to the store





Watchers. Trainer James Bond and friend keep their eyes out for trouble.

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# NAMES OF THE DAY

**Bogart, second race.** The Bill Backer homebred is out of Hepburn. They starred in The African Queen together.

**Chuckle**, **third race**. Claiborne Farm's 2-year-old colt is by Distorted Humor.

Reflecting, 13th race. Phipps Stable's 3-year-old colt is out of Daydreaming.

# BY THE NUMBERS

**18:** Straw bales in the shedrow at Graham Motion's barn Friday (seven less than Thursday).

3: Wheelbarrow loads needed to clean lead pony George's stall at the Motion barn.

**10:** Claims submitted on Wandering Kitten in Thursday's fifth race. Ron Moquett won the shake for owner Michael Hui.

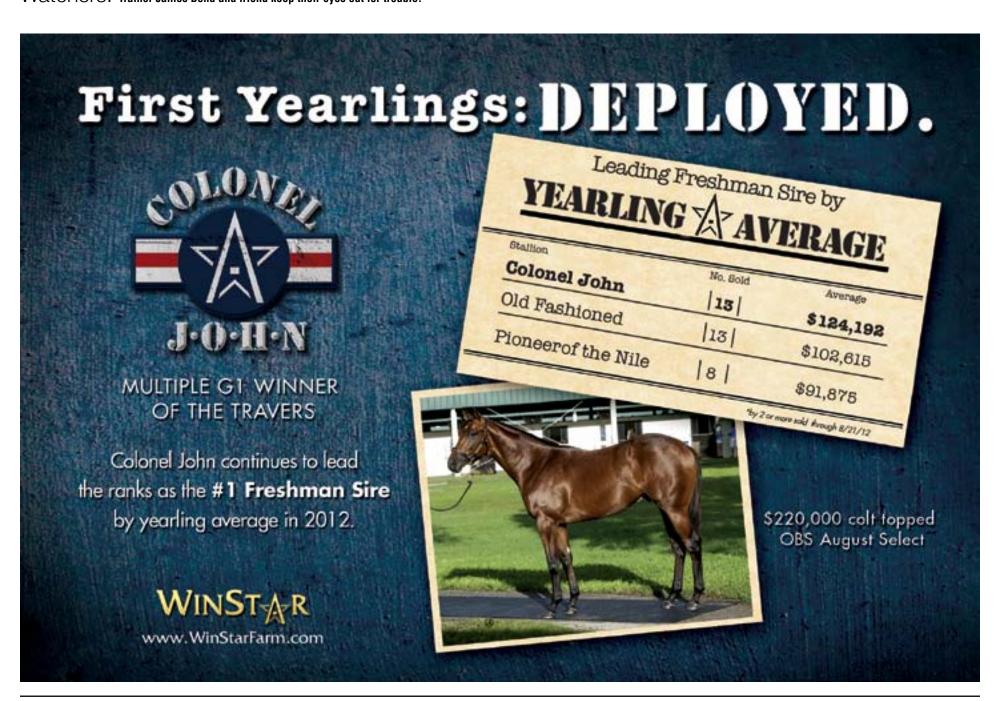
11-1: Score of Special mentions for Lucy vs. Ivan at the Morning Line Kitchen after Friday (now it's 12-2).

8:32: Time in the morning the turf sprinkers turned off Friday morning.

# **WEATHER**

Today: Partly cloudy. High 84, low 61. Sunday: Mostly sunny. High 86, low 62. Monday: Partly cloudy. High 82, low 65. Tuesday: Scattered thunderstorms. High 81, low 59.





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# Alpha Male

# McLaughlin colt looks to turn Spa 3-year-old double

Kiaran McLaughlin watched his Kentucky Derby dream slip away.

"We lost the race before the race," the trainer said. "I went to the paddock with 88 minutes to post, I sat down on a bench and was waiting. Alpha came in with 20 something minutes to post, I felt like he was a popsicle melting right before my eyes."

Godolphin's Alpha withered in the paddock and finished 12th in the Derby, beaten nearly 20 lengths by I'll Have Another.

"He got really bothered about everything," McLaughlin said. "He had excuses, having the bridle on for an hour before the race, it was 100 degrees in the paddock. Everybody had to do the same thing, but he didn't handle it well."

Five weeks later, McLaughlin was readying Alpha for the Belmont Stakes when the son of Bernardini spiked a fever and was forced to miss the third leg of the Triple Crown. McLaughlin took the blow like a seasoned horse trainer, spinning the negative into a



Alpha (here after winning the Withers in February) has bloomed in the summer for Godolphin and trainer Kiaran McLaughlin.

"His fever finally broke but we decided we had to pull the plug," McLaughlin said. "I said when it happened, it might be a blessing in disguise, we'll have a fresh horse in the summer and fall."

Like mother's milk.

Alpha returned to the races with a dominant win in the Grade 2 Jim Dandy, leading every step in the 9

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furlong stakes July 28.

Four weeks later, the four-time winner returns as the 5-2 morning line favorite in today's \$1 million Travers, the 12th race on a star-studded lineup. Nobody is ducking Alpha as 10 rivals take him on the 10-furlong classic, including Neck 'n Neck, Liaison, Atigun and Fast Falcon who followed Alpha in the Jim Dandy, California invader Nonios for Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer and Curlin one-two Street Life and Five Sixteen.

The long-striding colt hasn't missed a beat since the Jim Dandy, training like a soldier for exercise rider Rob Massey. He's breezed twice over the main track, posting nearly identical half-mile breezes in 48 and change Aug. 9 and 17.

Filled out across his back and over his hip since the Derby disaster, Alpha is poised to take over the 3-year-old division which has been decimated by the retirements of Derby winner I'll Have Another, Derby/Preakness runner-up Bodemeister, Belmont winner Union Rags and the summer postponement of Haskell winner Paynter.

Sometimes, the last man in the bar gets the girl.

"I don't know how he would have run in the Belmont, but he's a better horse now. We sent him up here and he's done very well," McLaughlin said. "We've trained him on both tracks but mainly on this main track, he's thrived up here. He's straightforward, always done everything right. We had a little problem at the gate last year, he kept breaking awkwardly and we might have overdone it, bringing him back, he gets a little anxious in there, he's a real pleasure to train and the Jim Dandy was a great win."

Jockey Ramon Dominguez turned the Jim Dandy into paint by number, easing Alpha to the lead from the inside post, slowing down the fractions (going 6



Tod Marks

Neck 'n Neck hams it up during a bath at trainer lan Wilkes' barn.

furlongs in 1:14), splashing slop on his seven rivals a half like that." and kicking away to a comfortable win.

"It's always a good thing when your jock comes in the paddock and he thinks and says exactly what you were thinking," McLaughlin said. "He broke like a bullet and answered our questions, the numbers, the class, where we are, off track, he answered everything. I don't worry about him being aggressive (this time), I just want him forwardly paced, if he's in front going the same fractions, he'll go a mile and

Sean Clancy

• Thursday morning, Jerry Hollendorfer's assistant Christina Jelm and exercise rider Lorna Chavez sat on a wooden picnic table outside Wesley Ward's barn, their feet rested on the bench seat. Travers starter Nonios circled the outdoor walking ring just

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Like most issues facing horse owners, the bottom line on horse adoption and aftercare is, 'If I don't do it, who will?'

"Horse ownership is expensive. Some expenses are up front and some are down the line. And, no horse owner knows how long their horse will be healthy and able to compete or continue to participate in the sport. At that point, responsible owners do the right thing and find or provide aftercare. Not every horse owner has a farm and staff to take care of their retired horses, but most horse owners have money we can give to aftercare programs, like New Vocations, so that they can help do the job for us."

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a few feet away, ready to go out for his first gallop around Saratoga after a long flight from California. He was in his usual gear, drop noseband, D-bit, tongue tie and leather rings. He was tall, dark and handsome with a star right smack in the center of his forehead. His chart may read dark bay or brown colt, but he's as close to black as you can get. Black Beauty's long lost

Nonios, Chavez and the lead pony made their way to the track on the paved road near Clare Court. Jelm followed closely behind and gave Chavez instructions on the walk.

Jelm and Nonios went their separate ways as they neared the track, Nonios toward the gap by the Morning Line Kitchen, Jelm to the starting gate to let them know Nonios was en route. The Kentucky-bred colt jogged to the gate, entered, stood with his ears pricked, just as a good horse should do.

Nonios' owners, Green and Kathy Smith, wanted to make the transition from Greyhound racing to Thoroughbred racing. Jelm, an already established bloodstock agent, helped them find their first superstar at the OBS April Sale in 2011. He walked into the ring and Jelm immediately knew he would be something special.

"Sometimes it can be difficult to choose horses because you are looking at conformation, then pedigree,



Tod Marks

California shipper Nonios comes off back-to-back seconds in graded stakes.

it's tough to choose heart," said Jelm. "You sometimes just have to guess, but (Nonios) had heart. He just had an obvious look and presence."

And just like that, with the sound of the gavel, the Smiths purchased their first 2-year-old for \$73,000.

By Pleasantly Perfect and out of a Touch Gold mare, Nonios has proven himself against a talented crowd. He broke his maiden first time out at Golden Gate Fields by 2 1/4 lengths in February. From there, the 3-yearold colt has been on the sweet road of success. His first big win came in the Grade 3 Affirmed Handicap at Hollywood Park when he beat Liaison. Nonios has two solid runner-up performances in the Grade 2 Swaps and the Grade 1 Haskell behind Paynter. John Velazquez will ride the second choice for the first time.

- Gabby Gaudet

 As Neck 'n Neck walked from Ian Wilkes' barn in the back of Clare Court to the main track for a light gallop Friday, Wilkes accompanied the Flower

Alley colt through the brisk morning air just as the first rays of sunlight broke through the clouds. Fog spilled from the infield onto the dirt track, making horses'legs all but invisible, their visible breath only adding to the allure of another morning at Saratoga.

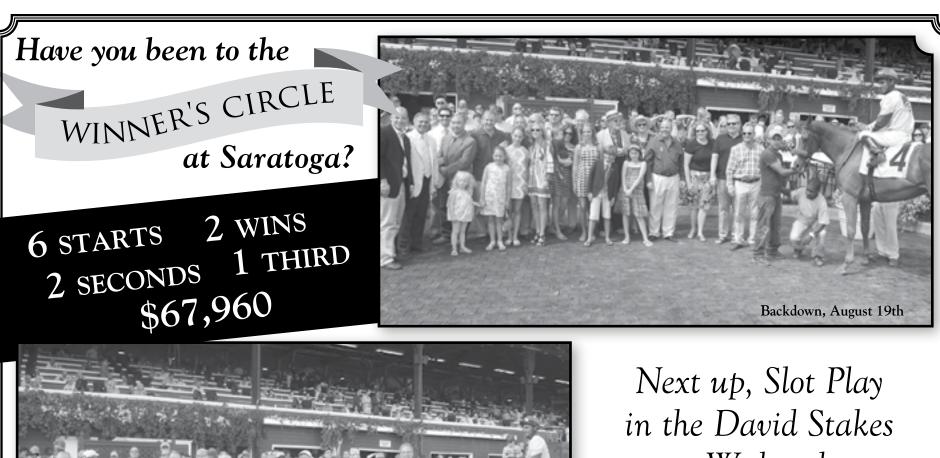
At 6:20, Neck 'n Neck galloped past the three-quarter pole as swiftly and gently as the infield American flag fluttering in the light breeze. Only a few minutes behind Alpha's morning gallop, Neck 'n Neck trotted back to the entrance to the main track near the Morning Line Kitchen awake, alert and ready.

Wilkes has a simple plan for tracking down Alpha in the Travers, the only horse to finish ahead of Neck 'n Neck in the Jim Dandy.

"Outrun him," said Wilkes. "I'm talking about just outrunning him at the finish. It's a different race. I know (Alpha) will be close to the lead. It's a different race. A mile and a quarter, mile and an eighth, they are two different types of races. The one thing I can control is my own horse and he is doing good. Now it's up to Leandro Goncalves. When the gates open it's all about the pace scenario and where you are in the race and then you just have to ride from there."

A. Stevens Miles' colt rode a tworace win streak into the Jim Dandy after victories in an allowance and in the Grade 3 Matt Winn Stakes, at Churchill, Neck 'n Neck just couldn't quite dig in and get a grip over a slop-

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py and sealed track the day of the Jim Dandy, finishing 2 lengths behind Al-

"I expected him to run good, and he did," said Wilkes. "I was just second best that day. Ramon and Kiaran summed up the situation and went to the lead, an easy lead in a sloppy track. Their horse loved the slop. My horse, he laid close enough, I was only 2 1/2 lengths off of him. Made a run at him at the top of the stretch, just not enough."

With the weather forecasted to be 84 degrees and sunny, expect the track to be lightning fast, a situation that Wilkes believes gives him an advantage.

After his gallop, Neck 'n Neck stood in the corner of his stall. Wilkes walked past, he stopped and peered in the stall.

"He's tucked away in the stall, preparing for the Travers," said Wilkes.

– Ryan Jones

• Early Friday morning, Golden Ticket and Atigun walked single file as they made the long trip from Ken McPeek's barn in the Oklahoma Annex, through the maze of barns on the Oklahoma side, across Union Avenue, around the far turn, through the Saratoga backyard and finally into the paddock. It was a long trip, but both Travers runners stayed patient and collected the entire way. After a short

school in the paddock, the duo headed to the main track for a light gallop, entourage in tow.

Golden Ticket enters the Travers off a 3 1/2-month layoff. One of two Speightstown colts in the race, Golden Ticket stretches out to 1 1/4 miles for the first time. David Cohen gets the mount for the first time, as the Magic City Thoroughbred Partners colt breaks from post three.

"We backed into this race with Golden Ticket," McPeek said. "He was entered in an allowance race 10 days prior to the Travers that we had been pointing to all summer and it didn't fill; it only had two horses. Then we entered in the Bernardini Stakes, which was supposed to be run Friday, and it didn't fill. He has been working bullets and Hansen backed out so we went for it. The horse is just doing good."

McPeek's other entry in the race, Atigun, is certainly more versed when it comes to the big stage than his counterpart. The Travers marks the third Grade 1 for the son of Istan. Third in the Belmont in June, Atigun next appeared in the Jim Dandy, using the 1 1/8-mile Grade 2 as a prep for the Travers. After a disappointing sixth behind fellow Travers contenders Alpha, Neck 'n Neck and Liaison over a sealed and sloppy track, the Shortleaf Stable 3-year-old gets an extra furlong to work with today. Mike Smith ships in from Del Mar for his first ride aboard Atigun.

- Ryan Jones



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The Bob Baffert-trained Liaison has been training at Saratoga for weeks.

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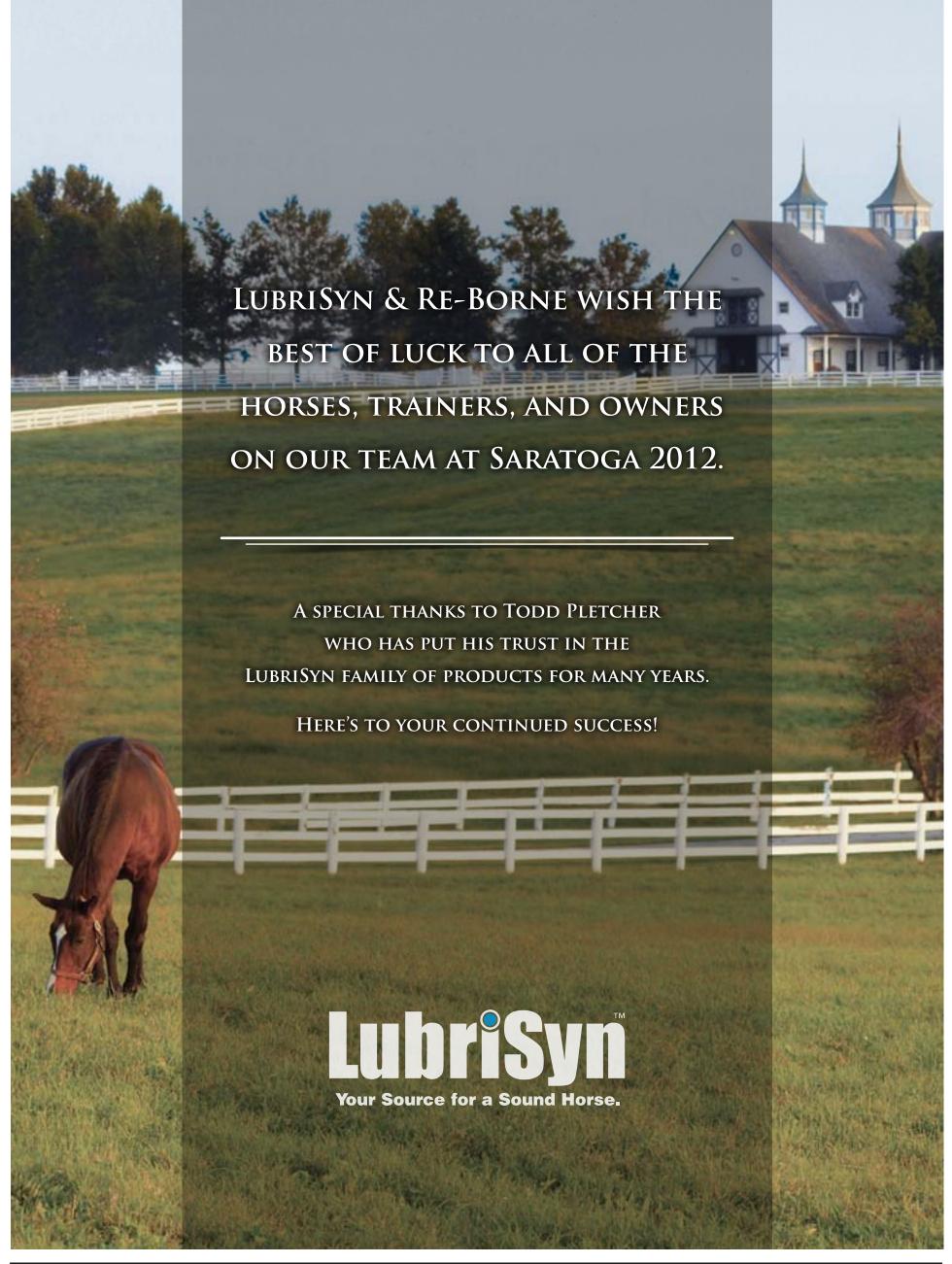
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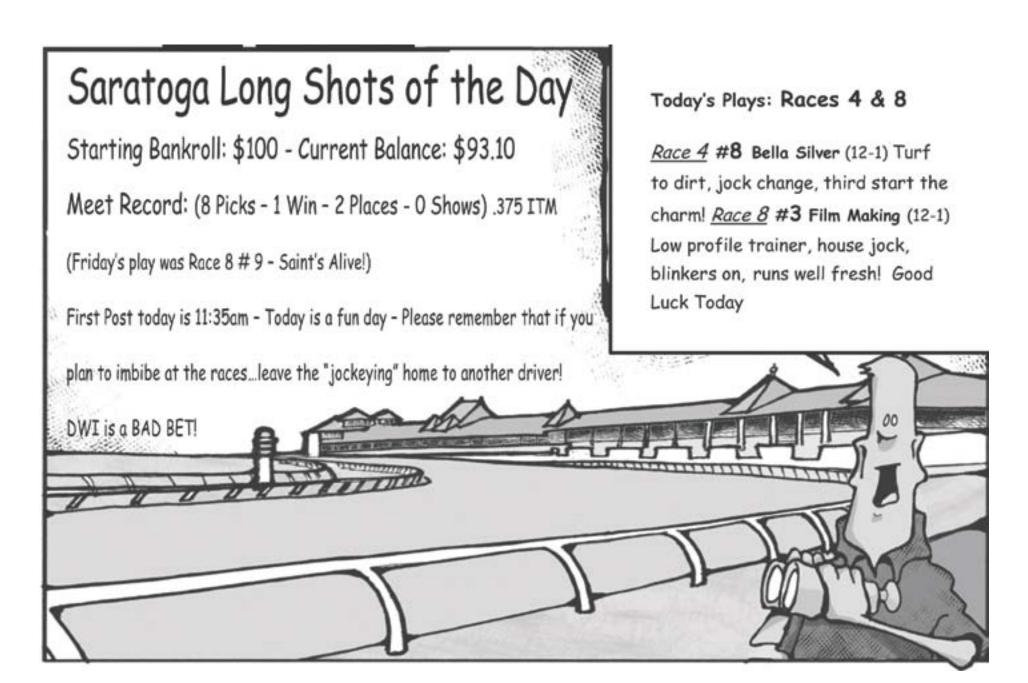
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#### **Laurel Park Fall Stakes Schedule** Tue., Aug. 28 ..... Wed., Sep. 5 ...... Jameela (Reg. MD-breds) . F&M 3 & Up .......6Furlongs (T) .....\$100,000 Guaranteed Thu., Aug. 30.....Sat., Sep. 8......Japan Racing Association.. . 3 & Up.... ......11/1. Miles (T) ......\$125,000 Guaranteed Thu., Sep. 6......Sat., Sep. 15......All Brandy (Reg. MD-breds) . . F&M 3 & Up ......11/1, Miles (T).......\$100,000 Guaranteed Thu., Sep. 27.....Sat., Oct. 6......MD Million Classic. .....11/, Miles ......\$150,000 Guaranteed .. 3 & Up..... Thu., Sep. 27 .....Sat., Oct. 6 ......MD Million Nursery. Thu., Sep. 27.....Sat., Oct. 6.....MD Million Sprint. ...6 Furlongs ......\$100,000 Guaranteed Thu., Sep. 27 .....Sat., Oct. 6 ......MD Million Lassie . . Fillies 2-y-o ......6 Furlongs .. Thu., Sep. 27 .....Sat., Oct. 6 ......MD Million Distaff .... . F&M 3 & Up .......7 Furlongs ........\$100,000 Guaranteed Thu., Sep. 27.....Sat., Oct. 6......MD Million Starter Handicap... Thu., Sep. 27.....Sat., Oct. 6.......MD Million Distaff Starter Handicap...... F&M 3 & Up .......1 Mile... Thu., Sep. 27 .....Sat., Oct. 6 ......MD Million Oaks . Thu., Sep. 27.....Sat., Oct. 6......MD Million Turf Sprint . ...57 Furlongs (T) ...\$100.000 Guaranteed Thu., Sep. 27 ..... Sat., Oct. 6 ......... MD Million Turf . ......17, Miles (T)......\$100,000 Guaranteed F&M 3 & Up ......11/1, Miles (T) .......\$100,000 Guaranteed Thu., Sep. 27.....Sat., Oct. 6......MD Million Ladies. Thu., Oct. 18.....Sat., Oct. 27......Laurel Futurity. ...57, Furlongs (T) ..\$150,000 Guaranteed Thu., Oct. 18.....Sat., Oct. 27......Selima Fillies 2-y-o ......57, Furlongs (T) ..\$150,000 Guaranteed\* Thu., Oct. 18.....Sat., Oct. 27......Laurel Dash. .. 3 & Up......6Furlongs (T) .....\$150,000 Guaranteed Thu., Oct. 18.....Sat., Oct. 27.....Lady Baltimore Stakes . F&M 3 & Up .......1<sub>1/18</sub>Miles (T) .......\$150,000 Guaranteed Thu., Oct. 18.....Sat., Oct. 27......Laurel Turf Cup ... . 3 & Up.. .....17 Miles (T).......\$150.000 Guaranteed Thu., Oct. 18.....Sat., Oct. 27......Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash...... 3 & Up. Thu., Oct. 25.....Sat., Nov. 3 ......Smart Halo .... Fillies 2-v-o .......6 Furlongs ......\$125,000 Guaranteed Thu., Nov. 1 ......Sat., Nov. 10 .....James F. Lewis III Thu., Nov. 8 ......Sat. Nov. 17 ......Safely Kept.... ....\$125,000 Guaranteed Fillies 3-y-o ......7 Furlongs ... Thu., Nov. 15 ..... Thu., Nov. 22 ....... Geisha Handicap (Reg. MD-breds) ....... F&M 3 & Up ....... 1 Mile ..... Thu., Nov. 15 ..... Sat., Nov. 24 ...... Gin Talking ... Fillies 2-v-o .......7Furlongs ......\$125,000 Guaranteed Thu., Nov. 22 .....Sat., Dec. 1 .......Jennings Handicap (Reg. MD-breds) ...... 3 & Up .. ..7Furlongs... Thu., Nov. 22 .....Sat., Dec. 1 .......Marylander ..\$125,000 Guaranteed<sup>-</sup> Thu., Nov. 29 .....Sat., Dec. 8 .......City of Laurel ...7 Furlongs... .....\$125,000 Guaranteed Thu., Dec. 6......Sat., Dec. 15......Willa on the Move. . F&M 3 & Up .......6 Furlongs .........\$125,000 Guaranteed Thu., Dec. 13.....Sat., Dec. 22......Thirty Eight Go Go. . F&M 3 & Up ......1 Mile...... Tue., Dec. 18 .....Wed., Dec. 26 .....MD Juvenile Filly Ch. (Reg. MD-breds). Thu., Dec. 20.....Sat., Dec. 29......MD Juvenile Ch. (Reg. MD-breds)........ 2-y-o.... ...71, Furlongs......\$100,000 Guaranteed ...6Furlongs......\$125,000 Guaranteed Thu., Dec. 20.....Sat., Dec. 29...... Dave's Friend.......

\*Includes \$25,000 from the MD-bred Fund. \*\*Includes \$50,000 from the MD-bred Fund. ^Restricted to MD Million nominees



Thu., Dec. 20.....Mon., Dec. 31 .....Broad Brush ......

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Exa	acta,	Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily I	Double		
1	1	Half Nelson	J. Lezcano	T. Albertrani	8-1
2	2	Sky Music	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Contessa	20-1
3	3	Dehere of the Cat	R. Maragh	M. Trombetta	5-1
4	4	Iron Lou	C. Velasquez	C. Englehart	12-1
5	5	Quiet Power	E. Castro	T. Bušh	30-1
6	6	Bruce's Choice	A. Garcia	B. Anderson	20-1
7	7	Wishingonastar	W. Garcia	E. Barker	30-1
8	8	Southbeachsandy	J. Alvarado	A. Dutrow	12-1
9	9	Siete Machos	J. Rosario	B. Levine	20-1
10	10	Overextended	J. Castellano	D. Jacobson	10-1
11	11	Jeter	R. Dominguez	R. Dutrow, Jr.	4-1
12	12	Preachintothedevil	D. Cohen	G. Contessa	8-1
13	13	Brigand	R. Bejarano	B. Baffert	5-2
		2:05PM). \$80,000, N			
Exa	acta,	Quinella, Trifecta, Pic	3, Pic 4, Daily Do		
1	4	Make Your Move	R. Maragh	K. McLaughlin	5-1

<b>2ND (12:05PM). \$80,000, MSW, 2 YO, 6F</b> Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double								
1	4		R. Maragh	K. McLaughlin	5-1 5-1			
1a	ΑE	Transparent	I. Ortiz, Jr.	K. McLaughlin	5-1			
2	1	Bogart	R. Napravnik	J. Sheppard	12-1			
3	2	Subsonic	S. Bridgmohan	C. McGaughey III	12-1			
4	3	Delhomme	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	2-1			
5	5	Rapsandtaps	A. Lezcano	T. Voss	20-1			
6	6	Honorable Dillon	J. Lezcano	E. Kenneally	4-1			
7	7	Howie's Tiz	J. Rosario	B. Levine	8-1			
8	8	Hot West	J. Alvarado	N. Zito	7-2			
9	ΑE	Casino Day	R. Napravnik	J. Guerrero	6-1			
10	ΑE	Archwarrior	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	6-1 4-5			

# **3RD (12:37PM). \$85,000, MSW, 2 YO, 1 1/16M (TURF)** Exacta. Trifecta. Pic 3. Daily Double

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1	1	Soulsinging	J. Leparoux	W. Mott	5-
2	2	Slamarama	R. Napravnik	T. Pletcher	7-
2 3	3	Secretive	J. Rosario	C. McGaughey III	12-
4	4	Saint Vigeur	J. Castellano	C. Brown	4-
5	5	Chuckle	J. Alvarado	W. Mott	3-
6		Mo Jo	A. Garcia	J. Baker	15-
7	7	His Honour (GER)	I. Ortiz, Jr.	T. Albertrani	15-
8	8	Security Analysis	R. Maragh	T. Pompay	8-
9	9	O'Prado Ole	J. Lezcano	D. Romans	12-
10	10	Cumberland Chief	E. Prado	D. Lukas	15-
11	ΑE	Fredericksburg	J. Lezcano	M. Matz	5-2
12	ΑE	Summer Shiner	K. Desormeaux	K. McPeek	7-
13	ΑE	Newfound Zapper	K. Desormeaux	W. Ward	4-
14	ΑE	Brickyard Kitten	J. Castellano	M. Maker	6- 5-
15	ΑE	Draw Two	R. Dominguez	M. Nihei	5-
16	MT0	Brother Bob	R. Dominguez	M. Trombetta	7-
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# **4TH (1:10PM). \$60,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M, 6F** Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

λc	ibla, i	Quillella, Illiecia, Fic	o, Dally Double		
	1	<b>Hundred Acre Wood</b>	l. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Sciacca	10-
)	2	Milkyyourway	R. Napravnik	D. Schettino	6-
}	3	Typhoon Teri	C. Velasquez	D. Galluscio	8-
ļ	4 5	One Pretty Cat	J. Rosario	C. Englehart	15-
)	5	Rapidize	M. Luzzi	G. DiŠanto	15-
;	6	Rakin' Gold	J. Alvarado	D. Schettino	12-
,	7	Fundsalo Jones	D. Davis	R. Ubillo	30-
}	8	Bella Silver	A. Garcia	J. Ferraro	12-
)	9	Bank On Basta	M. Studart	P. Quick	30-
0	10	Bonita Sonata	W. Garcia	H. Bond	10-
1	11	Cinematize	R. Dominguez	A. Dutrow	8-
2	12	Ms. True Way	J. Espinoza	M. Winney	30-
3	13	Divadora	D. Cohen	J. Lawrence, II	10-
4	14	Thetrainwasgone	E. Castro	T. Bush	15-
5	ΑE	Islarama	R. Maragh	J. Vazquez	4-
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# 5TH (1:45PM). \$82,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

LXc	ıcıa,	iffiecia, Pic 3, Pic 4, 1	Dally Double		
1	1	Sage Valley	R. Bejarano	R. Rodriguez	15-1
2	2	Ascauga	E. Prado	H. Motion	6-
3	3	American Legend	R. Maragh	B. Parboo	20-
4	4	Mulheb	A. Garcia	K. McLaughlin	12-
5	5	Thunder Chief	I. Ortiz, Jr.	L. Gyarmati	30-
6	6	This Hard Land	W. Garcia	R. Ubillo	30-
7	7	Major Gain	J. Lezcano	W. Catalano	12-
8	8	Nevada Kid	R. Napravnik	N. Zito	20-
9	9	Cajun Breeze	J. Alvarado	M. Yates	3-
10	10	Hon. de Leon	J. Castellano	R. Dutrow, Jr.	8-
11	11	Cribnote	J. Rosario	R. Violette, Jr.	20-
12	12	Rigby	R. Dominguez	S. Asmussen	5-
13	13	Reload	J. Velazquez	C. McGaughey III	7-2

#### 6TH (2:20PM). \$85.000. MSW. 2 YO. F. 1 1/16M (TIIRF) Exa

UII	01H (2.20FM). \$65,000, M3W, 2 TO, F , T 1/10M (10HF)							
Exa	acta, 1	Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily [	Double					
1	1	Wave Theory	J. Lezcano	C. Brown	3-1			
	2	Anita Chica	M. Smith	W. Mott	6-1			
3	3	Flashy Gal	J. Castellano	C. Brown	7-2			
4	4	Scat Scan	R. Maragh	J. Baker	20-1			
5	5	She's Not Lazy	R. Napravnik	H. Motion	8-1			
6	6	Worthwhilepursuit	J. Velazquez	T. Pletcher	6-1			
7	7	Summer of Fun	E. Castro	G. Weaver	15-1			
8	8	Tap Twenty One	J. Leparoux	G. Arnold, II	4-1			
9	9	Cloture	S. Bridgmohan	C. McGaughey II	I 15-1			
10	10	Flash Forward	I. Ortiz, Jr.	D. Schettino	15-1			
11	ΑE	Everything Sweet	A. Garcia	R. Violette, Jr.	12-1			
	ΑE	Hitechnoweenie	D. Cohen	K. McPeek	15-1			
13	ΑE	Coarsegold	J. Castellano	M. Hennig	8-1			
14	ΑE	Derby Eve	R. Bejarano	E. Harty	8-1			
15	ΑE	Emotional Kitten	K. Desormeaux	W. Ward	7-2			
16	MTO	Marcellina d'Oro		T. Pletcher	5-2			

# 7TH (2:55PM). \$67,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF) Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double

	LAdola,				
	1 1	Alarmed Ndangerous		L. Rice	12-1
	2 2 3 3	Sneaky Kitten	J. Castellano	M. Maker	7-2
	3 3	Mad Bomber	C. Montalvo	R. Lugovich	30-1
	4 4	Sandyinthesun	D. Davis	R. Davis	30-1
	2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 7 7	Jet Set Cat	J. Rosario	C. Englehart	15-1
	6 6	Kharafa	J. Leparoux	T. Hills	5-1
	7 7	Cientifico	R. Maragh	J. Terranova, II	8-1
	8 8	Anaphylaxis	J. Alvarado	P. Hizo	15-1
	9 9	Gossip Column	R. Dominguez	J. Orseno	9-5
	10 10	Mr. Vantastic	I. Ortiz, Jr.	E. Barker	20-1
	11 11	Stephen's Revenge	E. Prado	B. Tagg	10-1
	12 12	Mr Algebra	W. Garcia	A. Quartarolo	15-1
	13 AE	Warrior Up	W. Garcia	R. Ubillo	20-1
	8TH (3:	30PM). \$87,000, AO	C \$35,000, 3 YO'S	& UP. 1 3/16M (TU	RF)
)		Trifecta, Pic 3, Pic 6,		a o., . o, .o (. o	,
			J. Lezcano	A. Stall, Jr.	6-1
	1 1	Allillai odillis			0- I
-	1 1 2 2	Animal Spirits Alburi	I. Ortiz. Jr.	J. Elliot	15-1
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-			I. Ortiz, Jr.	J. Elliot J. Baker	15-1
-		Alburj Film Making	I. Ortiz, Jr. E. Prado A. Garcia	J. Ellioť	15-1 12-1 5-1
_	2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6	Alburj Film Making Which Market Tiz Moe	I. Ortiz, Jr. E. Prado	J. Elliot J. Baker K. McLaughlin M. Nihei	15-1 12-1
_	2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 7 7	Alburj Film Making Which Market Tiz Moe Villandry	I. Ortiz, Jr. E. Prado A. Garcia C. Velasquez J. Velazquez	J. Elliot J. Baker K. McLaughlin	15-1 12-1 5-1 20-1
-	2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 7 7 8 8	Alburj Film Making Which Market Tiz Moe	I. Ortiz, Jr. E. Prado A. Garcia C. Velasquez J. Velazquez J. Castellano	J. Elliot J. Baker K. McLaughlin M. Nihei C. Lopresti	15-1 12-1 5-1 20-1 12-1
-	2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 7 7	Alburj Film Making Which Market Tiz Moe Villandry Kanagaro Devon Rock	I. Ortiz, Jr. E. Prado A. Garcia C. Velasquez J. Velazquez	J. Elliot J. Baker K. McLaughlin M. Nihei C. Lopresti T. Albertrani	15-1 12-1 5-1 20-1 12-1 6-1
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# 9TH (4:05PM). \$250,000, BALLSTON SPA , 3&UP, F&M, 1 1/16M (IN TURF)

J. Leparoux

D. Cohen

J. Lezcano

J. Sheppard

M. Trombetta J. Kimmel

C. Brown

15-1

Exa	acta, 1	Frifecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, I	Daily Double		
1	1	Heavenly Landing	J. Řosario	E. Kenneally	8-
2	2	Zagora (FR)	R. Dominguez	C. Brown	5-
3	3	Thundering Emilia	A. Clemente	M. Matz	20-
4	4	Hungry Island	J. Velazquez	C. McGaughey III	3-
5	5	Summer Soiree	J. Leparoux	H. Motion	9-2
6	6	Tapitsfly	J. Castellano	D. Romans	7-
7	7	Ruthenia	J. Lezcano	C. Clement	12-
8	8	Mykindofladyfriend	R. Napravnik	D. Seyler	30-
9	MT0	Acting Happy	·	R. Dutrow, Jr.	2-

## 10TH (4:38PM). \$500,000, STK - THE TEST, 3 YO, F, 7F

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Quantity

13 AE

14 AE

15 AE

16 AE

Bluegrass Summer E. Castro

Change of CommandJ. Castellano

EX	acta,	Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily	Double		
1	1	Well Kept	I. Ortiz, Jr.	L. Gyarmati	20-
2	2	Aubby K	E. Prado	R. Nicks	5-
3	3	Book Review	J. Castellano	C. Brown	5-2
4	4	Yara	R. Napravnik	J. Guerrero	20-
5	5	Beautiful But Blue	J. Alvarado	T. Bush	10-1
6	6	Jazzy Idea	J. Lezcano	E. Merryman	15-
7	7	Gypsy Robin	J. Velazquez	W. Ward	15-1
8	8	Contested	R. Bejarano	B. Baffert	2-
9	9	Ullapool	J. Rosario	E. Kenneally	15-
10	10	Amie's Dini	D. Cohen	R. Moquett	8-

# 11TH (5:10PM) \$500 000 STK - THE FOXWOODS KING'S RISHOP 3 7F

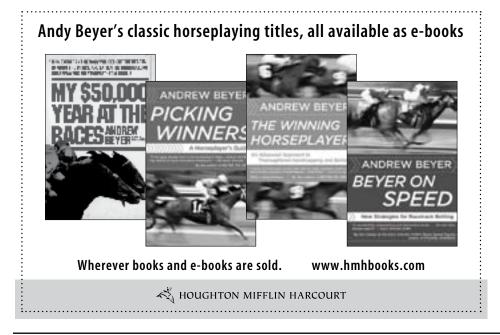
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Ex	acta,	Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily	Double		
1	1	Willy Beamin	A. Garcia	R. Dutrow, Jr.	10-1
2	2	Gun Boat	R. Bejarano	B. Baffert	5-1
3	3	Currency Swap	R. Máragh	T. Pompay	5-2
4	4	Fort Loudon	J. Alvarado	N. Zito	12-1
5	5	Laurie's Rocket	J. Rosario	D. Lukas	20-1
6	6	Spin Out	R. Napravnik	N. Zito	20-1
7	7	Ever So Lucky	J. Velazquez	J. Sheppard	12-1
8	8	Unbridled's Note	J. Leparoux	S. Asmussen	10-1
9	9	Trinniberg	W. Martinez	B. Parboo	7-2
10	10	Doctor Chit	R. Dominguez	T. Pletcher	5-1

	5: <b>46PM). \$1,000,0</b> Trifecta, Daily Dou	00, STK - THE TRAVE	RS, 3 YO, 1 1/4M	
1 1	Speightscity	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Contessa	30-1
2 2	Five Sixteen	R. Napravnik	D. Schettino	15-1
3 3	Golden Ticket	D. Cohen	K. McPeek	20-1
4 4	Stealcase	S. Bridgmohan	M. Casse	15-1
5 5	Street Life	J. Lezcano	C. Brown	5-1
6 6	Alpha	R. Dominguez	K. McLaughlin	5-2
7 7	Atigun	M. Smith	K. McPeek	12-1
8 8	Nečk 'n Neck	L. Goncalves	I. Wilkes	9-2
9 9	Liaison	R. Bejarano	B. Baffert	8-1
10 10	Nonios	J. Veľazquez	J. Hollendorfer	4-1
11 11	Fast Falcon	J. Alvarado	N. Zito	20-1

137	TH (6:	:20PM). \$85,000, MS	SW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 <sup>·</sup>	1/16M (INNER TUI	RF)
Exa	icta, 1	Trifecta			
1	1	Candy Feat	C. Velasquez	J. Toner	6-1
2	2	Ruthless Alley	W. Garcia	R. Ubillo	10-1
3	3	Maserati (BRŽ)	K. Desormeaux	K. McPeek	15-1
4	4	Reflecting	J. Velazquez	C. McGaughey III	5-1
5	5	Act of War (IRE)	E. Castro	J. Guerrero	12-1
6	6	Amber Coast	R. Maragh	M. Hennig	15-1
7	7	Night Site	J. Lezcano	W. Mott	3-1
8	8	Artistic Director	J. Rosario	T. Bush	12-1
9	9	Rollingwiththetide	R. Napravnik	A. Stall, Jr.	10-1
10		Viva Litalia	I. Ortiz, Jr.	G. Sciacca	20-1
11	11	Lure of the South	J. Espinoza	P. Kelly	30-1
12	12	Kris Royal	J. Leparoux	C. Lopresti	7-2
13	ΑE	Hogue	M. Smith	K. McPeek	12-1
14	ΑE	Know Sense	R. Napravnik	N. Zito	20-1
15	MT0	Joking	R. Maragh	T. Albertrani	8-5

*16* SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2012 THE SARATOGA SPECIAL

the <b>Powe</b> l gric					
Race #	John	Gaile	Erin	Dean	Charles
	Shapazian	Fitzgerald	Finley	Keppler	Bedard
1	Brigand	Brigand	Brigand	Jeter	Iron Lou
	Dehere Of The Cat	Dehere Of The Cat	Jeter	Dehere Of The Cat	Overextended
	Jeter	Overextended	Half Nelson	Brigand	Brigand
2	Archwarrior Delhomme Honorable Dillon	Delhomme Archwarrior Honorable Dillon	Archwarrior Subsonic Delhomme	Hot West Delhomme Darley Entry	Delhomme Honorable Dillon Make Your Move
3	Chuckle	Chuckle	Fredericksburg	Slamarama	Slamarama
	Slamarama	Fredericksburg	Saint Vigeur	Security Analysis	Chuckle
	Saint Vigeur	Security Analysis	Chuckle	Saint Vigeur	Soulsinging
	Cinematize	Cinematize	Cinematize	Milkyyourway	Cinematize
4	Milkyyourway Rapidize Rigby	Bonita Sonata Divadora Rigby	Rapidize Rapidize Islarama Cajun Breeze	Cinematize Rapidize Cajun Breeze	Rakin' Gold Divadora Cajun Breeze
5	Cajun Breeze Reload Flashy Gal	Hon. de Leon Cajun Breeze Emotional Kitten	Mulheb Ascauga Flashy Gal	Rigby Reload Worthwhilepursuit	Rigby Cribnote Marcellina d'Oro
6	Wave Theory	Tap Twenty One	She's Not Lazy	Wave Theory	Tap Twenty One
	She's Not Lazy	Wave Theory	Tap Twenty One	She's Not Lazy	Flash Forward
	Sneaky Kitten	Gossip Column	Sneaky Kitten	Sneaky Kitten	Gossip Column
7	Gossip Column	Sneaky Kitten	Gossip Column	Gossip Column	Sneaky Kitten
	Cientifico	Alarmed Ndangerous	Kharafa	Kharafa	Anaphylaxis
	Animal Spirits	Arc Above	Kanagaro	Devon Rock	Arc Above
8	Which Market	Which Market	Quantity	Animal Spirits	Quantity
	Arc Above	Alburj	Arc Above	Arc Above	Which Market
	Zagora	Zagora	Tapitsfly	Hungry Island	Zagora
9	Hungry Island	Hungry Island	Hungry Island	Summer Soiree	Ruthenia
	Summer Soiree	Heavenly Landing	Zagora	Zagora	Hungry Island
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	Night Site	Night Site	Ruthless Alley	Candy Feat	Night Site
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2012 Records	92/279	98/279	78/279	72/279	64/279







# The Travers

Grade 1 \$1 million 1 1/4 miles 3-year-olds

# 1 Speightscity

Longshot drew the inside post. The Speightstown colt hasn't run since early February but gets three-time Grade 1 winning jockey of the meet, Irad Ortiz Jr., for the first time.

Trainer Gary Contessa: "(We've got) Mr. Grade 1. Honestly, to me, with the defection of Hansen I'm the speed from the rail and that's always a good thing to have. That's kind of my game plan, and let's see if we can win. I've never seen a horse win the Travers with this much time between his last race. We weren't going to the Travers, we were going to the Bernardini and when that didn't go we called an audible and went to the Travers. The owner would surely like to run in the Travers and this is surely not the field it could have been so why not? If the horse run's good, it was all my idea. If he doesn't run good, the owner wanted me to do it."

# 2 Five Sixteen

Fifth behind Union Rags, Paynter and Atigun in the Belmont for MeB Racing Stables. Trained by Dominick Schettino, the Invasor gelding has one career win in a maiden race at Aqueduct March 14.

Jockey Rosie Napravnik: "Huge improvement. He's grown in size. He's really started to develop, get bigger and mentally completely more focused. He's going to be more forwardly placed and he's just starting to understand what it's all about. There's a lot less speed in there than when everybody thought Hansen was going to run. Coming from the inside we'll get to save some ground. There are a couple of horses that like to stalk that are going to shoot for the lead. I think we'll be sitting just behind the speed, forwardly place and in good contention to win."

# 3 Golden Ticket

Winner of just one race, the son of Speightstown has kept good company since his maiden breaker in February, finishing second in the Tampa Bay Derby, fifth in the Lexington and second in a tough allowance at Churchill Downs. Away since May, he was aimed at lesser rungs but they failed to fill.

**Trainer Ken McPeek:** "They pay good in the Travers and you end up making money even if you run last. I think there's more to gain than to lose."

# 4 Stealcase

Chestnut son of Lawyer Ron finished third in the Haskell and tangled with some of the division's best for owner John Oxley. Struggled with behavior issues and poor starts in several races. Finished fourth in career debut here last summer. Won in a hailstorm at Churchill Downs in May, so might welcome some Birdstone weather or a quick return of last year's hurricane.

Trainer Mark Casse: "We were just talking about how happy he is and if there was only one horse happy in the barn right now he'd be the one you'd want. He needs to behave himself and have everything go his way. I was so mad at him at the Haskell. He lost it in the paddock and then he was worked up in the post parade and then he ran into the side of the gate. He can't do any of those things if he wants to be successful in the Travers. As soon as they broke (in the Haskell) I just sat down and shook my head. Then he ran OK. He has a lot of ability, he just hasn't been able to put it all together. He's always trained well over this track, and looks good to us."

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Tod Marks

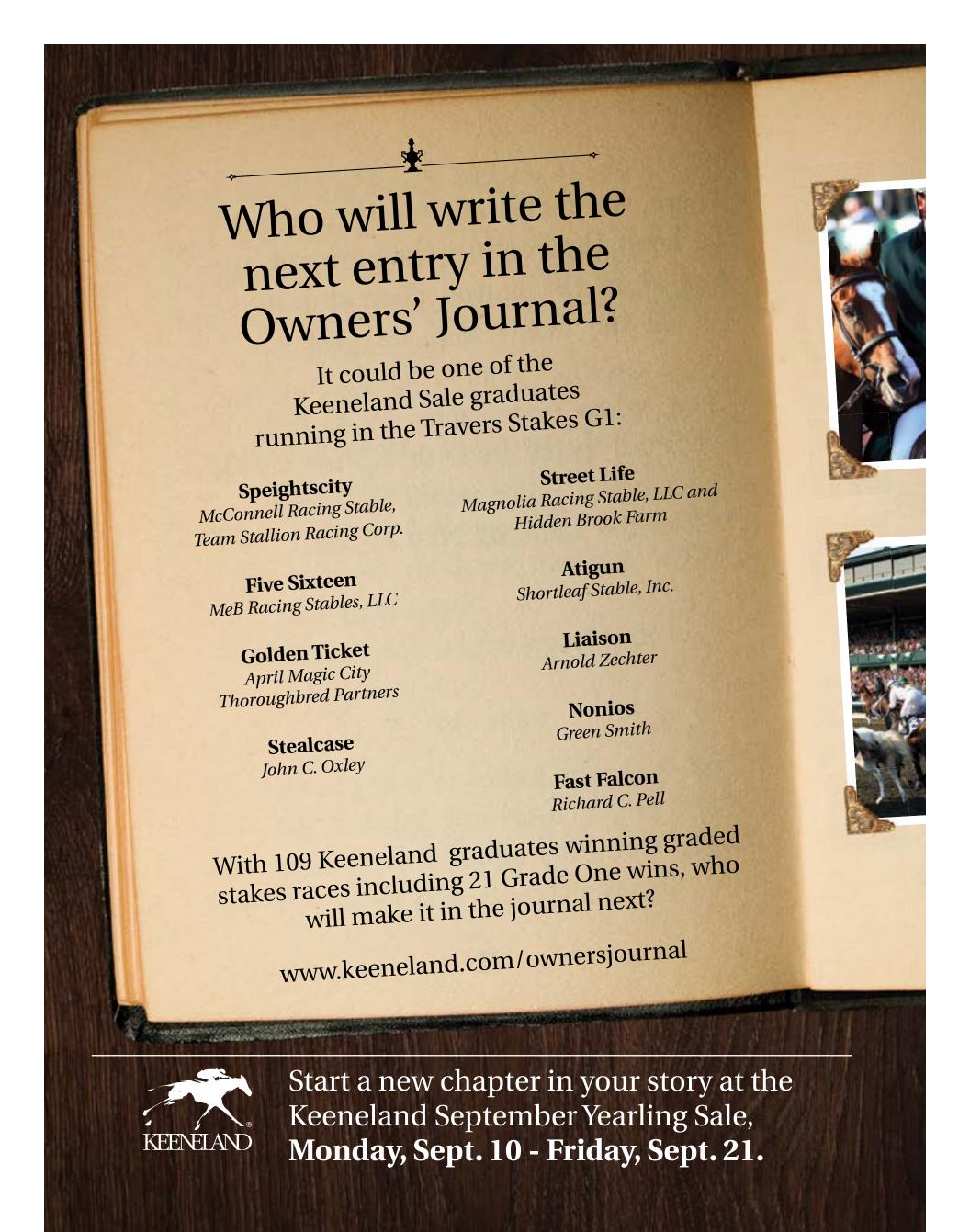
Behind Alpha in his last two, Speightscity (who worked a mile in 1:39 Aug. 17) breaks from the inside.



Second in the Curlin, Five Sixteen breaks from post two in the Travers.

Tod Marks

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# The Travers

Grade 1 \$1 million 1 1/4 miles 3-year-olds

# 5 Street Life

Three-time winner has gradually rounded into a player at the top of the division after decent efforts in the Wood Memorial, Peter Pan and Belmont. Produced a polished effort to win the Curlin earlier in the meet.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "He's lazy, makes one run, everybody knows it and he's in the Travers."

# 6 Alpha

Disappointed in the Kentucky Derby and scratched from the Belmont Stakes with a fever, the Godolphin runner emerged as the horse to beat when wiring seven rivals in the Jim Dandy. Long-striding colt has trained forwardly all meet.

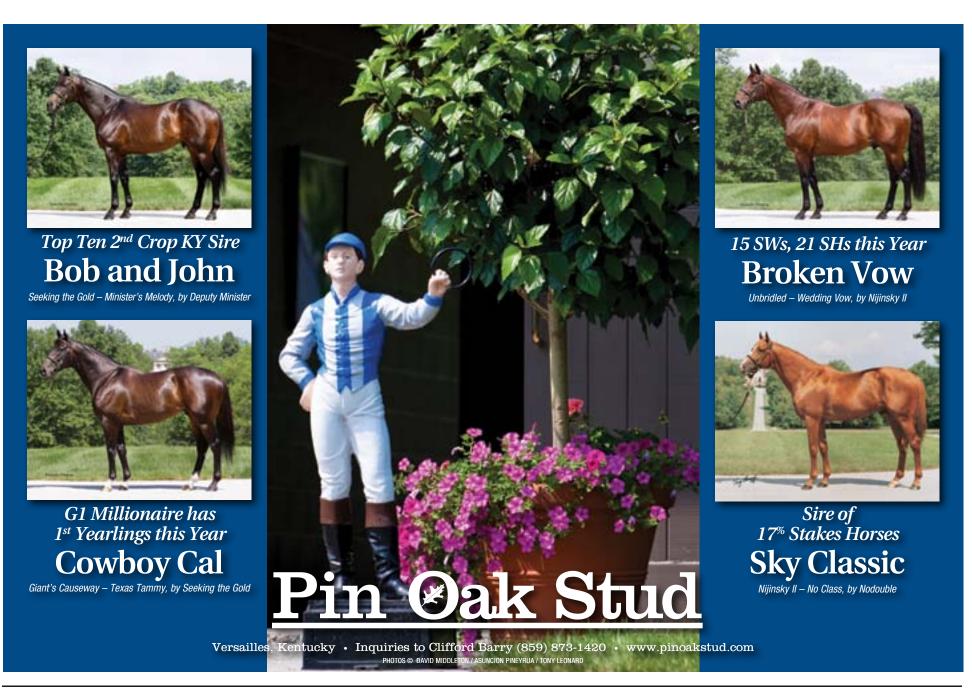
Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin: "We sent him up here in June and he's put on weight and trained very well since. Missing the Belmont was probably a blessing in disguise, I hoped we'd have a fresh horse for the summer and fall."

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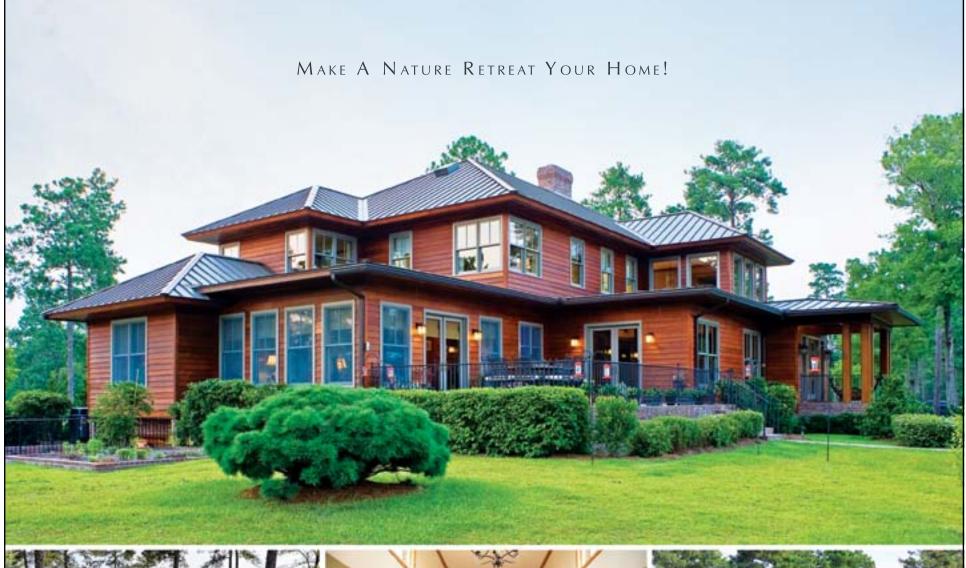


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Stealcase works over the main track last week.



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# The Travers

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# 7 Atigun

Robust colt has won his last three conditioned races while sandwiching stakes losses in between. Son of Istan owns three wins and five losses in his last eight races, one of those in the Belmont Stakes, where he ran hard to be third behind Union Rags and Paynter. They're on the sidelines and Atigun tries again, this time with Hall of Famer Mike Smith.

**Trainer Ken McPeek:** "His races haven't been timed all that great. We brought Mike in to town to see if he can time it. He needs a one run punch, he needs a good trip. Mike's shown he's really good at that on Zenyatta so we're using him."

# 8 Neck 'n Neck

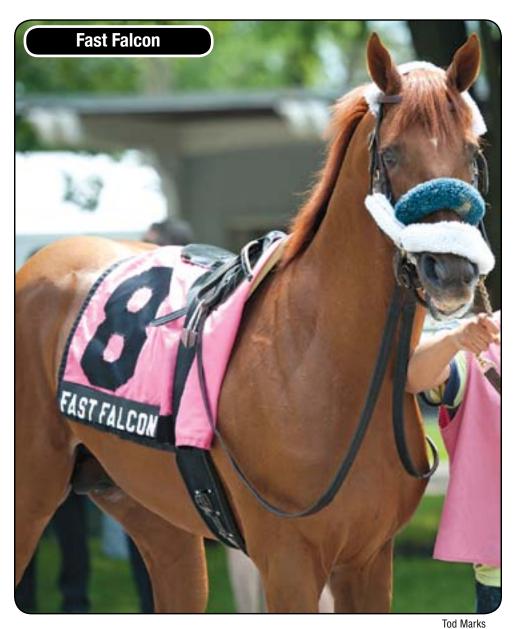
Three time winner by Flower Alley has gradually come to hand for Ian Wilkes, who's searching for his second Grade I stakes score of the meet after taking the Whitney. Wilkes tried the Florida stakes but the dark bay colt couldn't threaten top players back then. Since, he's won an allowance, the Matt Winn and finished second to Alpha over a sloppy track in the Jim Dandy.

**Trainer Ian Wilkes:** "I think I'm a little better on a good track and since the race the horse has done well. He's trained well and everything is going the right direction."



Nolan Clancy

Atigun looks for his first career stakes win in the Travers.



Fast Falcon looks for an upset for trainer Nick Zito.

# 9 Liaison

Certainly one of Bob Baffert's bench players throughout the year, son of Indian Charlie finished third in the Jim Dandy, third in the Swaps, second in the Affirmed, sixth in the Kentucky Derby, sixth in the Santa Anita Derby . . . yes he dances all the dances.

Assistant Jimmy Barnes: "If you asked me in December, I would have told you he was one of our top 2-year-olds going into this year. I don't know what happened. Nothing really happened with him, he just didn't progress, but he's always right there, he's always close. His last race, he had never been on an off track, they walked around there, he ran decent to be third. This race didn't come up as tough as it could have come up, I think we're in good shape."

# 10 Nonios

Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer returns to Saratoga with emerging 3-yearold who has never finished off the board in six starts. Stamina-bred colt has handled Liaison in his three most recent starts and gets Hall of Famer John Velazquez.

**Jockey John Velazquez:** "I don't know much about him other than the races I've watched. I'm just waiting a little bit to talk to the trainer and see what happens. I've got to follow what he tells me about the horse. I know what to do with the horse, whether we'll be on the same page, we'll find out."

# 11 Fast Falcon

Awesome Again colt breaks from the outside at 20-1 off a sluggish seventh in the Jim Dandy over a sloppy track. Before that, he was bitten twice by Teeth Of The Dog – finishing second in the Easy Goer and Dwyer (by a neck).

**Trainer Nick Zito:** "Never say never in this business. The horse just got beat in the Dwyer, to Teeth In The Dog, and he'd be one of the choices right? He got a muddy track (in the Jim Dandy), I'm just hoping we put a line through it and if he comes back to that Dwyer race he'll have a shot to get a big piece of it. Who knows? It can happen. If you don't run in these races, you're never going to win a big race."

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# **Talking** Horse

Trinniberg speaks of speed, promise before Gr. 1

## **BY GABBY GAUDET**

Certain stables have a style. Linda Rice and James Bond's horses always go out in packs; cadres, if you will. Anyone who has spent a few mornings at Oklahoma can spot Christophe Clement's horses lined up on the rail facing the infield. Whether or not it's the

intention, people notice, people remember.

Bisnath Parboo Stables' eye-catching trait is the uniquely adorned horses that prance around in the afternoon and the mornings. It's hard to wipe the memory of the horse with the flashy red and yellow gear and pom-pom on his forelock leading up to the Kentucky Derby this past year.

Trinniberg stood in his stall Friday morning and nibbled on his hay net. His groom, Oscar Sotelo, was doing him up in poultice and plastic wrap. The King's

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Tod Marks

Trinniberg (and his pom-pom) will be in action in today's King's Bishop.

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# The Foxwo

Grade I \$500,000 3-Year-Olds 7 Furlongs

# 1 Willy Beamin

Trainer Rick Dutrow has been known to wheel horses back on short rest, he entered the New York-bred on the same day he won the Albany, three days ago.

Owner James Riccio: "It's all up to Rick. The horse will tell him what to do. He knows what he's doing, he knows exactly what he's doing. If he comes back the right way and they're happy, he'll run. We don't like the post. I knew I had the post, because I'm driving up and I'm going, '12:45 and they haven't called, 1:00 and they haven't called . . . 'I called at 1:30, 'So, we got the 1 post.' There's a lot of speed in the race, he's going to come from behind, you never know."

# **Gun Boat**

California shipper stumbled at the start, losing all chance in the Amsterdam. Two-time winner has yet to win a stakes for trainer Bob Baffert who adds blinkers to the son of Congrats who breezed 5 furlongs from the gate in 58 2/5 seconds six days ago.

Assistant Jimmy Barnes: "You just draw a line through his last race, those things happen. I don't know if the ground breaks out from under him or what actually happens but he lost all chance. We took him back to the gate, gave him a sharp work out of the gate, put blinkers on him, a lot of times that will make him focus and put race on his mind."

# **Currency Swap**

Enters with convincing form off win in the Grade 2 Amsterdam to stay perfect at Saratoga. Defeated today's rivals Doctor Chit and Unbridled's Note there. Also won the Hopeful last Septem-

**Trainer Terri Pompay:** "My favorite thing about Currency Swap is his giant heart. He's just got a huge heart. We're very excited to try to go 4-for-4 at Saratoga with him."



Gun Boat adds blinkers after finishing sixth in the Amsterdam, where he stumbled leaving the gate.

# Fort Loudon

Florida-bred son of Awesome Of Course carries a gaudy 7-for-15 lifetime mark including three stakes wins this year at Calder. Fifth in the Amsterdam three weeks after winning Grade 3 Carry Back.

Trainer Nick Zito: "He has a lot of credentials, he beat Trinniberg (in the Carry Back) and I think they'll mix it up pretty good again. Last time, he just came off the plane, he had run three weeks before, it was hot and it was a tough race. Maybe the three weeks were too much for him. Hopefully he's got his composure and he's back to himself."

# Laurie's Rocket

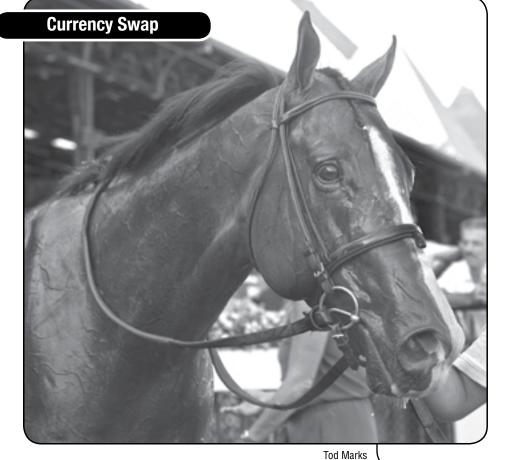
Bluegrass Cat colt finished fourth in the Amsterdam after winning a stakes at Oaklawn Park and finishing second in the Chick Lang on Preakness Day. Broke his maiden here last summer.

Trainer D. Wayne Lukas: "I don't think he could make the lead if he wanted to, but that's fine. I think he'll run one of his best races. Whether it's good enough we'll see. I've had him a little longer now, I feel comfortable that he's getting better. He's had a real good month. We're going to have to step it up a little bit. Off his best race I think he's got a chance to compete."

# 6 Spin Out

Son of Hard Spun makes his stakes debut off a runner-up effort behind next-out winner Shrewd One in allowance company at today's distance.

Trainer Nick Zito: "Another longshot situation, I've been with (owner Bob LaPenta) a long time. He's not going to be up front, he'll make a run. You never know, we just play the game. If he's good and runs good, he could be right there."



Currency Swap has not lost in three Saratoga tries.

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# The Foxwoods IKing's Bishop

Grade I \$500,000 3-Year-Olds 7 Furlongs

# **7** Ever So Lucky

Indian Charlie colt finished third behind Street Life at 9 furlongs on a sloppy track here Jully 27. Cuts back in distance, which should help his stalking style.

**Trainer Jonathan Sheppard:** "The distance would probably be ideal for him, I'm not quite so sure about the company. They're the fastest 3-year-olds in the country. I do think our horse is doing extremely well. He's maturing. He's learning not to go so fast early. It used to be you couldn't just ease up to horses because as soon as he saw he was catching them he wanted to just run right by them right away even though it's a quarter-mile from home or even down the backside. He's coming up to the race really well, it's just a question of whether he's good enough and who gets the trip."

# 8 Unbridled's Note

Finds himself up against first and second place finishers in the Amsterdam, Currency Swap and Doctor Chit. Back at 7 furlongs, the distance he won at in June, the Mike McCarty owned colt aims for his first graded stakes win.

**Trainer Steve Asmussen:** "He ran reasonable in the Amsterdam. I feel that seven-eighths is the ideal distance for him and we're influenced by the shot at a Grade 1 and \$500,000."

# 9 Trinniberg

Practice Limited to Horses

As fast as any 3-year-old on the grounds, the four-time winner exits a tough loss in the Grade 3 Carry Back at Calder in July. Before that, he handled Currency Swap in the Grade 2 Woody Stephens at Belmont. Proving horses are resilient, son of Teuflesberg finished 17th in the Kentucky Derby when stretching to 10 furlongs.

**Assistant Shivananda Parboo:** "He's one of the fastest horses we've trained. I mean Giant Ryan was fast but this guy is even more fast than him. I know he can run 1:08 and still keep going, they're going to have to catch him."

# 10 Doctor Chit

Pumped out fast fractions in the Amsterdam and managed to hold off everbody but Currency Swap. Ramon Dominguez returns on the three-time winner.

**Trainer Todd Pletcher:** "He's consistently run well every time, I thought he ran a big race the last time, we just need to slow him down a touch in the beginning to have a little something left at the finish. I don't know how we make up the ground, we've got to slow him down a little bit, we have a favorable post where we don't have to commit to anything. As you would expect for the King's Bishop, it's a salty group."



Tod Marks

Trinniberg looks to carry his speed 7 furlongs, where he's won three of four tries.

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# Trinniberg

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Bishop entrant stared at the happenings outside his barn, nestled between D. Wayne Lukas and Shug Mc-Gaughey on the Oklahoma side.

A golf cart zoomed past, Trinniberg's ears pricked as he followed it with his eyes. A horse acted up on the blacktop and the sound of scuffing horseshoes made everyone spook. Trinniberg didn't move a muscle. He was simply people-watching. The 3-year-old stood one stall over from the office as the radio played. One ear went forward, the other one back as Kelly Clarkson's voice filled the shedrow. Trinniberg's red pom-pom lay on top of his forelock in between his wobbling ears.

The pom-pom was Soleto's idea. He tried it out and the style stuck. Trinniberg isn't the only horse that gets the treatment. Soleto does it for every horse before a stakes race.

"He put it on him yesterday and it will stay on until the race," said trainer Bisnath Parboo's son Shivananda. "When the race finishes, two days after we take it off."

From an early age, Trinniberg exuded lots of talent and a clear liking for speed. Parboo believed in him from the beginning. One of Trinniberg's greatest attributes is his ability to talk, through gestures of course. He's the type or horse that lets you know when he's right and when he's wrong.

'When he broke his maiden at Calder, I never wanted to run him back at Calder," said Parboo. "They had an allowance race and I told them, 'no, I'm going to Saratoga.' We didn't get the weather we wanted, it started to rain in the Saratoga Special. We didn't know how he was going to run, five wide in a six-horse field," Parboo said of last year's fifth. "We breezed him after that race, he went in 35 (seconds) and that's why we decided to run him back in the Hopeful. If he didn't breeze good, I would have taken him back to Florida, but he breezed good, he was happy. So I said, 'OK, let's go back for the Hopeful.' "



Tod Marks

Trinniberg gallops at Oklahoma earlier this meet.

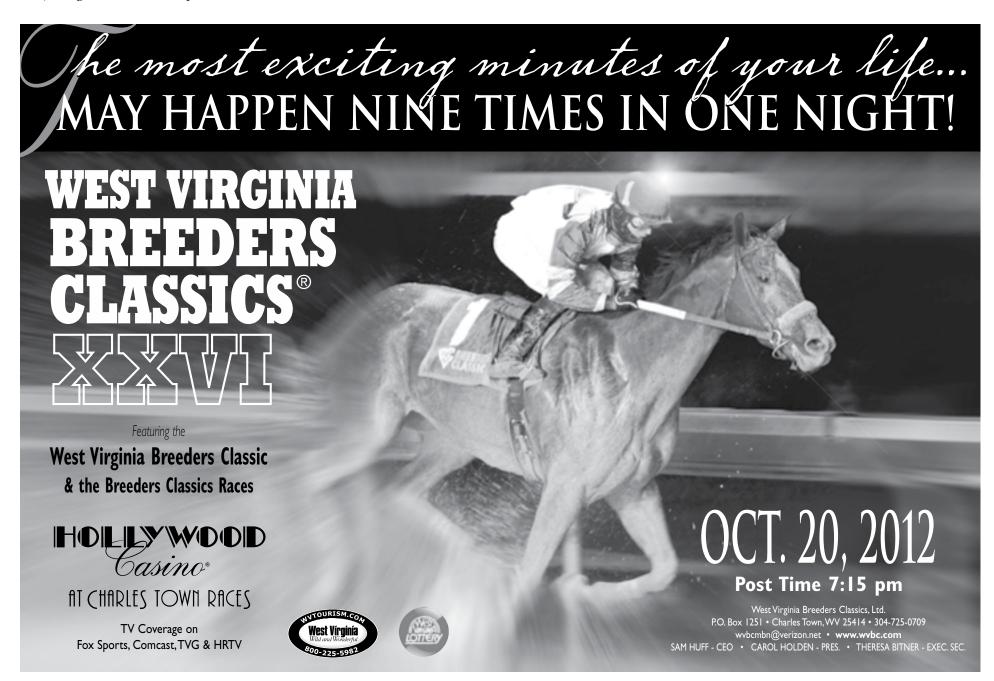
Trinniberg finished second at 68-1, behind today's rival Currency Swap in the Grade I stakes for 2-year-

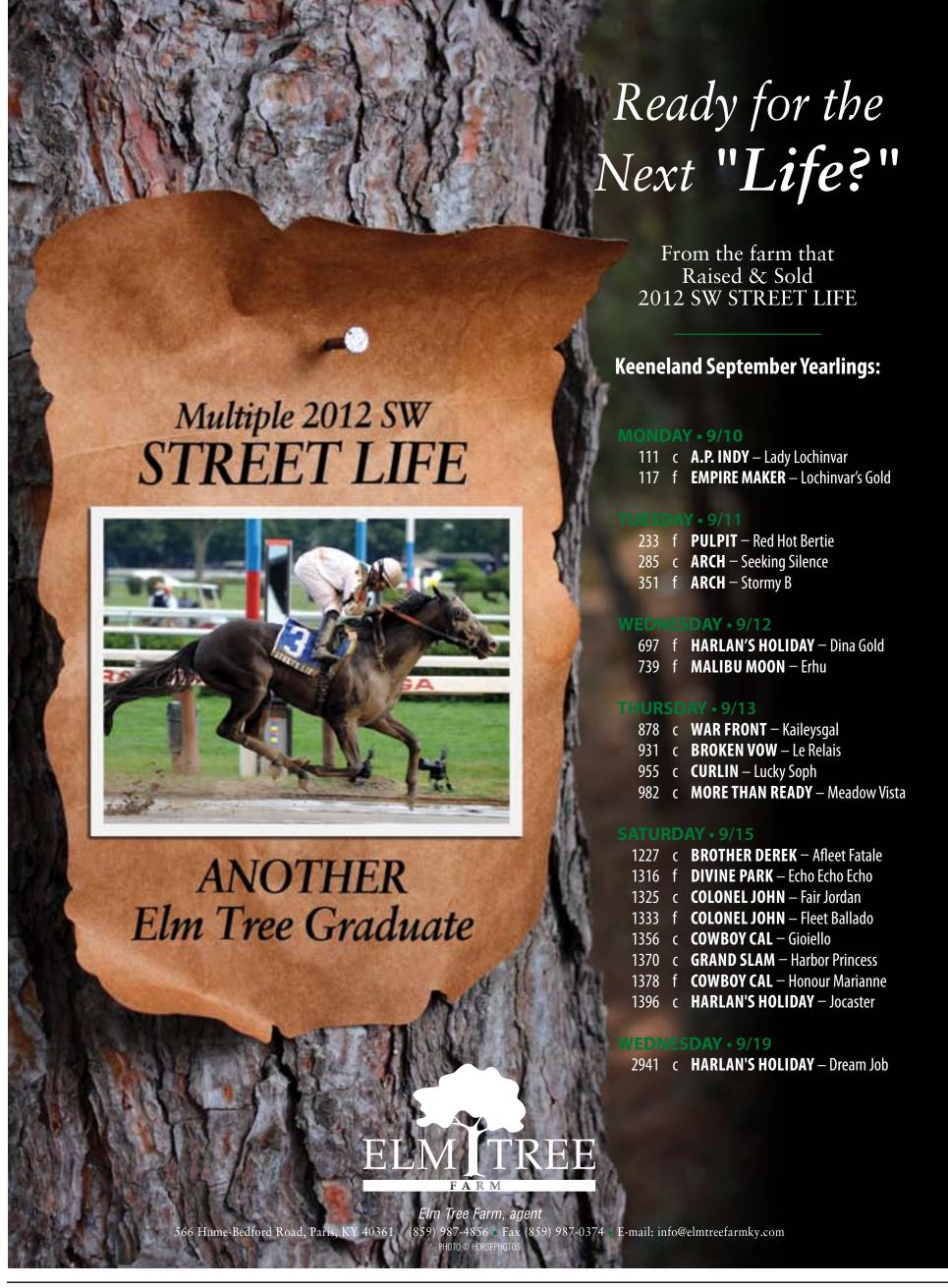
In the days leading up to the King's Bishop, Trinniberg has been talking, and whatever he's been saying seems to be good.

"When he works and comes back, you're going to know exactly what to do with him the next day," Parboo said. "If he's just a little bit off or tired, you're going to see it."

Parboo is confident his 7-2 shot will run well, in fact, he's confident he'll win.

"He's going to do what he has to do Saturday and I don't think they're going to beat him," said Parboo. "They won't catch him. They are going to have to run really, really hard to stay with him."





# Big Swinger

# Summer Soiree gets off bench in Grade 2 turf stakes

#### **BY JOE CLANCY**

As a loose horse played keepaway with some humans in the barn next door Friday morning, Summer Soiree walked the shedrow under exercise rider/assistant trainer Heather Craig. The 4-year-old filly didn't seem to mind the commotion as she prepped for some work.

Loose horse corralled and safely in his stall, Summer Soiree placidly caught up with trainer Graham Motion on lead pony George and headed to the track via the Union Avenue horsepath, and the quarter-pole gap. She went to the paddock, took a few turns, came back to the track. Eleven minutes later, at a light-footed gallop, Team Valor International's daughter of War Front floated past where she started, leaning into the turn for Craig and heading toward the stretch. After a long walk back to the barn, she looked like a different horse - sweaty, on the muscle, chewing the elevator bit in her mouth, walking/jigging for a few laps of the barn before calm-

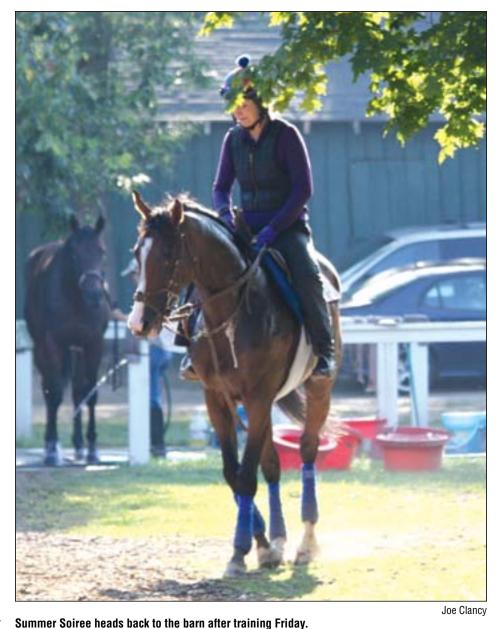
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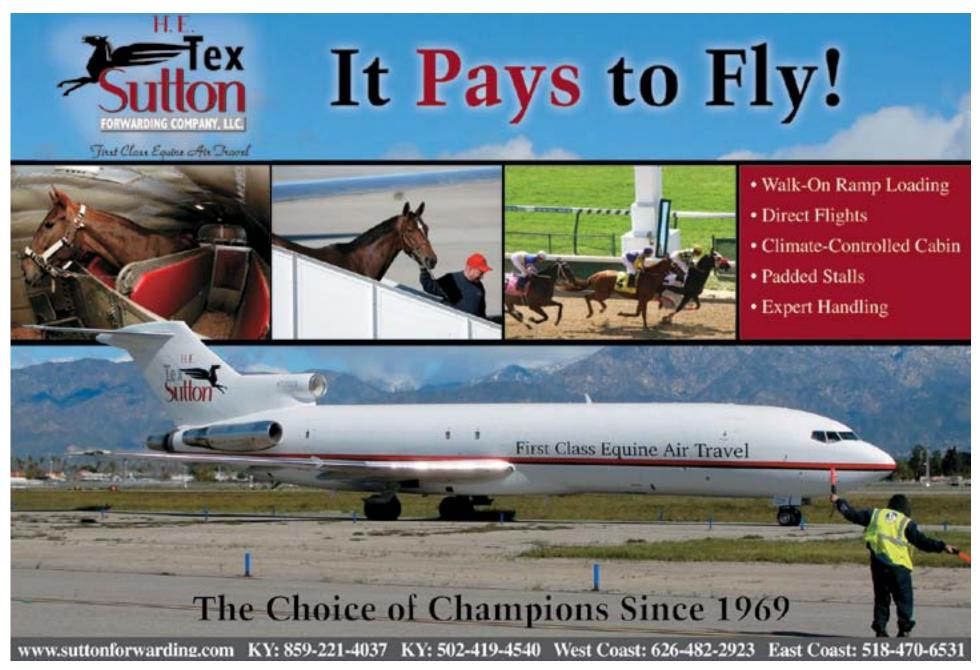
"That's her, she's nervous, that's why her running style is what it is," said Motion of his Grade 1 winner and 9-2 fourth choice in today's Ballston Spa at 1 1/16 miles on the inner turf. "I wanted to have a day with her to do the walk. We waited until the track was quiet, walked her around the paddock. I didn't want her to be up here for too long but wanted her to have a day to get settled in and take in everything."

On paper, Motion picked a tough spot for Summer Soiree's first start of 2012. The \$250,000 Grade 2 attracted millionaires Tapitsfly and Zagora, Grade 2 winner Hungry Island, Grade 3 winners Heavenly Landing and Ruthenia and seven-time winner Thundering Emilia. Summer Soiree would have fit in an overnight stakes somewhere, or per-

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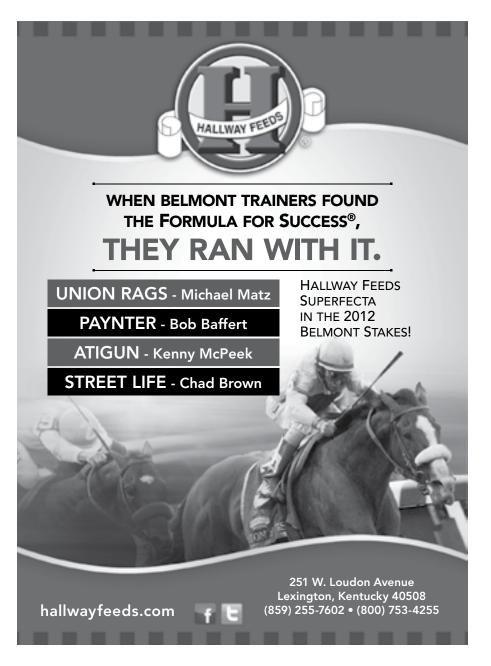
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# Ballston Spa —

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haps the trainer could have convinced a racing secretary to write an allowance race as a prep for something more important.

Then again, Summer Soiree might not care. The Kentucky-bred front-runner normally attacks her races – be they major or minor. Four of her five lifetime wins have come by more than 6 lengths and she's twice ended layoffs with lopsided victories.

"She always runs very hard; as much as she puts into it I hate to waste a race with her," said Motion. "You can go look for a little overnight race or an allowance race, but she's going to run just as hard wherever she goes. A prep isn't really a prep with her. Maybe I'm crazy, I always had this race in mind."

Motion nearly won the 2010 Ballston Spa with Silver Reunion, who (in her first start in 10 months) led every call but the last when beaten a half-length by Dynaslew. Summer Soiree hasn't run in nine months, likes the front end and could prove as tough to catch as her predecessor.

Summer Soiree won three times for her breeders Brereton and Bret Jones in 2010 and early 2011 – while trained by Larry and Cindy Jones. Off a win in the Bourbonette Oaks at Turfway Park last year, Team Valor purchased her as a Kentucky Oaks prospect. She finished a distant 10th after getting banged at the start and racing rankly on the front end.

Moved to the turf, she won the Boiling Springs at Monmouth Park and added the Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks before finishing a dull fifth in the Queen Elizabeth at Keeneland. Sent back to California late in the year to tackle older fillies and mares, she was beaten a half-length by Star Billing in the Grade 1 Matriarch.

Given a winter break, she returned to work with spring goals but went back to the sidelines with a stomach problem.

"When we brought her back in January I just thought she didn't look like a horse that had time off," Motion said. "We did some research and she had a stomach infection. We had started her breezing in February or March, then we decided to back off, treat her for that and let her get over it. She looks really well now. You wouldn't say she looks like a filly that hasn't done well. Her coat's good, she'd lost that gleam in her coat."

It's back, thanks to the pause in her schedule and steady training at Fair Hill Training Center in Maryland. Summer Soiree has breezed eight times since going back to work in late May. Twice this month, Motion sent her 7 furlongs over the Tapeta track at Fair Hill – a two-turn work he used to dial up for now retired turf star Better Talk Now as he got close to a race.

"Those are a little different works than what you'd normally do at the racetrack," Motion said. "Seveneighths is a once-around breeze at Fair Hill. She's good. We are going against seasoned older horses, but she did it in the Matriarch and that was a good effort that day."



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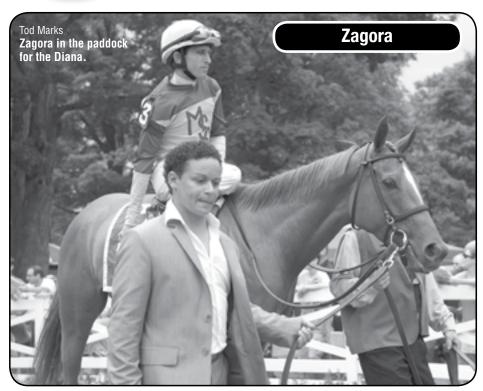






# The Ballston Spa

Grade 2 \$250,000 Fillies and mares 1 1/16 miles on the turf







# 1 Heavenly Landing

Daughter of Pulpit won three in a row when switched to the turf last fall, performed creditably in graded stakes tries since, including runner-up finishes in two most recent starts.

Trainer Eddie Kenneally: "She's good right now, she likes a firm turf course, she's beaten Tapitsfly already this year, on her best day, she fits. We freshened her since the Monmouth race and she's done really well here. I'll think she'll run huge."

# 2 Zagora

One of two millionaires in the field, French-bred has produced four graded stakes wins since coming to America. Missed time after winning the Gallorette in May, finished third in Diana earlier in the meet.

**Trainer Chad Brown:** "She came out of the Diana in really good shape and I expect her to move forward. Looking back on it, off that lengthy of a layoff, she probably needed the race, but she seems better for it now. She's had two works subsequently, the works were very good, she's given me every indication that she's fitter and sharper coming out of that race. She bounces out of her races well, why I don't know, but she has. I was pretty confident going into the Diana, I had a question mark surrounding her layoff, and it proved to be a little too much for her to handle. She's a very consistent filly who gives you a lot of confidence in the morning, I'm confident every time I run a horse like that, she's a rare piece."

# 3 Thundering Emilia

Seven-time winner exits a fourth in the Red Carpet at Penn National and has yet to threaten in five graded stakes attempts since emigrating from Chile. Daughter of Thunder Gulch won the John Rooney Memorial at Delaware Park in June.

**Trainer Michael Matz:** "She finished third in a stake up here last year. We're aiming high but she's a nice filly and runs her race every time."

# 4 Hungry Island

Five-time winner has vanquished the likes of Winter Memories and Tapitsfly but comes off her worst career performance when finishing fifth in the Diana under today's pilot John Velazquez.

Trainer Shug McGaughey: "I don't know, really I don't. It's the first time she's thrown in a clunker like that, she did displace (her palate into her airway), whether that was it or not, I don't know. Johnny just said he was following the winner and he didn't have any horse. I thought everything was perfect. Since, I haven't done anything that different, tried to keep going with what I was doing, maybe slowed her works down a little, she's aggressive, just letting her 2-minute lick the last half mile, she'd do 54 or something like that."

# 5 Summer Soiree

The War Front filly makes her 2012 debut in a tough spot, but won four times last year including Grade 1 Del Mar Oaks and was solid second vs. older in the Matriarch in November. Front-runner will be a pace factor.

**Trainer Graham Motion:** "I would say she'll be in front, that's her. She's extremely talented. Her one bad race was at Keeneland (in the Queen Elizabeth last year) and it was kind of a funny turf course that day. I think that's a throw-out race."

# 6 Tapitsfly

The 5-year-old mare has a solid resume including victories in the 2009 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, the Grade 2 Honey Dew and the Grade 1 Just A Game June 9. Tapitsfly enters after a 5-length defeat in the Grade 1 Diana behind Ballston Spa entrant Zagora July 28.

**Trainer Dale Romans:** "We need firm ground and shorter distance, both of those things will help her run better. Every time she goes over there, you know she's going to try."

# The Ballston Spa

Grade 2 \$250,000 Fillies and mares 1 1/16 miles on the turf

# 7 Ruthenia

Dimunitive 4-year-old makes her fourth start of 2012, which includes a Grade 3 score at Monmouth in May. Full-sister Rutherienne earned \$1.2 million, won a Grade 1 and placed in this race in 2008 and 2009.

**Trainer Christophe Clement:** "It's an ambitious spot, it's a very good race. The filly is doing well, she has improved from 3 to 4. Mentally, she's more switched off now than she's ever been. She has to be to run in races like this. She's still very much on the muscle, she's a lot more manageable than she used to be."

# 8 Mykindofladyfriend

Six-year-old daughter of Friends Lake ships in from Delaware Park for her first graded stakes. She returns off a 4-length victory last time out in a \$30,000 claimer at Delaware Park.

Owner/trainer Douglas Seyler: "She's coming off a win, I know it's for a claiming price but it was a big race and she's doing exceptionally well right now, better than she's ever been. I entered in a bunch of allowances and they didn't go. She's going to the breeding shed later this year and I just thought there was a possibility she could get some black type. I also thought looking at the race, my filly's got a lot of speed and she can basically sprint out the entire one mile and a sixteenth. With Tapitsfly really the only other speed in the race, I thought I could just sit right off her and if she didn't go, I would go. And they won't catch her. If she gets that lead she'll be very tenacious and won't give it up."



Tod Marks

Ruthenia tries to do one better than her sister Rutherienne, who placed in the Ballston Spa twice.



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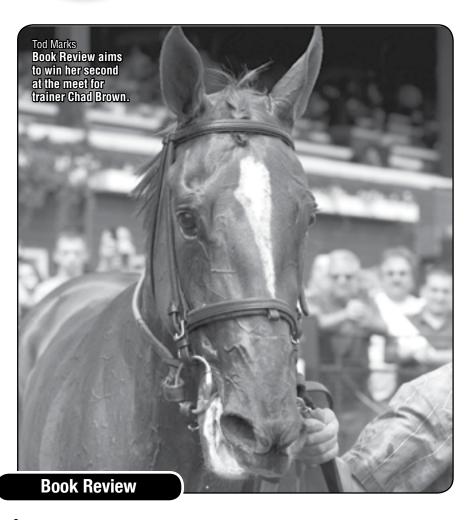
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# The Test

# Grade 1 • \$500,000 3-year-old fillies 7 furlongs



# 1 Well Kept

Overachiever has lost four in a row the hard way, just missing in the Pandera, finishing second to Agave Kiss in the Ruthless, fourth in the Dearly Precious and third behind champ My Miss Aurelia in her comeback.

Trainer Leah Gyarmati: "We worked her five-eighths behind a 2-year-old filly, then gradually went on another eighth and galloped out seven-eighths. There aren't a lot of options for 3-year-old fillies going short, she's OK, she's a nice little filly. I know there are a lot of nice fillies in this race, but it's a lot of even fillies, after Baffert's filly (Contested). It's worth taking a chance for this kind of money, she's doing great, why not do it now when you can run against 3-year-olds, any of them can go forward or backward. I don't like the post but the Chief would say, 'What's wrong with the 1? Why does everybody think they have to gun it from the inside anyway? Just break, and sit, let them go and find your spot.'

# 2 Aubby K

Undefeated at 6 1/2 furlongs or shorter, with her best effort coming in an allowance at Gulfstream Park in March. Comes off distance races in the Acorn and Delaware Oaks.

**Trainer Ralph Nicks:** "She's a much better sprinter. I backed off her training a little bit, a little lighter on her day-to-day routine, spaced her works out a little further. If she runs the Gulfstream race back, they're going to just have to outrun her. She did that in hand. Let's hope we haven't taken her speed trying to stretch her out."

# 3 Book Review

Fresh off an allowance score over Test rival Ullapool, the daughter of Giant's Causeway would be undefeated in her last three if it wasn't for dual Grade 1 winner Questing who handled her in an allowance race at Belmont.

**Jockey Javier Castellano:** "There's a lot of speed and she can sit off of it, she's easy to ride, the distance should be perfect. The horse to beat is Contested, I used to ride her, I don't know the reason why she stopped the last time, maybe the mile and sixteenth was too far for her. I can take advantage of how the race develops, she's a nice filly."

# 4 Yara

Yara gets her second start under her new trainer Juan Carlos Guerrero trained for Peras International. The 3-year-old filly by Put It Back scales back to 7 furlongs after a failed attempt at 9 furlongs in the CCA Oaks five weeks ago. Jockey Rosie Napravnik gets the mount for the first time.

Trainer Juan Carlos Guerrero: "She's going to enjoy the distance because now that she's got the blinkers she picked up a little more concentration. She's very focused right now and she's going to lay close to the lead. She looks great and she looks ready. The first race she ran for me, I didn't know her that well. She's not an easy filly to get to know. Up to today everything is perfect. It's a tough race but I expect a really good performance from her."

# **5** Beautiful But Blue

Makes big jump from New York-bred stakes to Grade 1, but ran away with Fleet Indian Stakes against older. Three wins in four starts this year, with only loss coming in lone turf try.

Trainer Tom Bush: "If you look at my best race, I'll be lucky to finish third. Her last race was her best race though, so that's on her side. She ran big over the track, there isn't anything until the end of September for her. Chester and Mary (Broman) own the mare, they're breeders, it's important. It's straight 3-year-olds and the filly who was second to her (Risky Rachel) came back and won impressivley the other day. We have a right to run in this race, but it's deep. She's got to run every bit as good as she did last time. If she takes another step forward that would be monstrous. It's such a great race. The Test is one of my favorite races. I never dreamed I'd be running in it. It's been a favorite one to watch, not participate in. She's doing great. She's a hardy thing. She eats really well, she's a real good feeling filly."

# 6 Jazzy Idea

Maryland-bred and -based daughter of Great Notion returns after finishing fourth in Grade 1 Prioress three weeks ago. Switches jockeys to Jose Lezcano and 6-for-7 in the exacta this year.

Owner/trainer Edwin Merryman: "There's a stakes on Opening Day at Laurel, \$100,000 going three-quarters on the turf, but it's not the Test. I think she belongs with the company. She hadn't run in five weeks (before the Prioress) and she was too sharp. Her kick is her best effort, hopefully she can use it. She's done nothing but move forward since the race. She's pulling me there."

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Tod Marks

New York-bred Beautiful But Blue exits a win over the track in the Fleet Indian Stakes.

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# The Test

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# **Gypsy Robin**

Finished a well-beaten sixth in the Victory Ride at Belmont after starting 2012 with back-to-back wins at Keeneland and Presque Isle. Starts without blinkers for the first time.

Co-owner and trainer Wesley Ward: "I don't know what happened last time, she had a perfect trip, got a good ride, had the outside post, she was training like a bomb before it, but she never ran. She came back to Saratoga that night and two days later was tearing the barn down. She's working as well as a horse can work, I know she likes the racetrack, the only problem is the race is seven-eighths. I think she's better at three-quarters. I like to take the blinkers off at this stage of their careers, but you can't take them off after a win. It might help her relax a little bit."

# Contested

The horse to beat. Daughter of Ghostzapper won four straight including the Grade I Acorn in May before flopping as the favorite in the Grade I Mother Goose at 1 1/16-miles at Belmont Park. Trainer Bob Baffert shipped her home to his Del Mar base after that disaster and she's trained forwardly since. Rafael Bejarano makes the trip from California to ride her for the first time.

Assistant Jimmy Barnes: "She's doing well coming into this race, she runs well fresh, she's had some time

since the Mother Goose, going into the Acorn the track was like this road, for the Mother Goose it was drying but it was still deep, she didn't like it at all. She was exhausted, that's not her. We were there, Bob was thinking 'Should we run?' In hindsight, we should have scratched. She's coming in fresh, I like her chances."

# 9 Ullapool

Gray daughter of Langfuhr will be in the running for claim of the year if she pulls off this upset. Claimed for \$25,000 from Chad Brown in May, she won an allowance by nearly 10 in her next start before finishing second to Book Review in an Opening Day allowance.

Trainer Eddie Kenneally: "She's been a good claim. She's a good, sound filly, taking a shot, got to take a shot when there's one proven horse, the rest aren't really proven in Grade I company. It's 500, Grade I, if she hits the board she's worth a lot more than what she was claimed for. She had kept good company in Florida, I thought she was well worth the money, there were six in for her when we got her."

#### Amie's Dini 10

Another filly shortening up after trying two turns in her last five starts. Daughter of Bandini cost \$3,000 as a yearling, broke her maiden for \$50,000 last fall and finished second in the Grade III Honeybee and Grade II Fantasy at Oaklawn Park this spring.



Contested tries to return to her Acorn form in the 7-furlong Test.

## Trainer Ron Moquett:

"We've been wanting to shorten her back up and we've been looking for a quality race to do it. We always thought we were asking something out of her comfort zone to go two turns, but we're closer now. We started pointing her to a shorter race, freshening up, just trying to put a little more speed into to her. Light. She's a cool girl, easy to train, make her happy and she tries her hardest."

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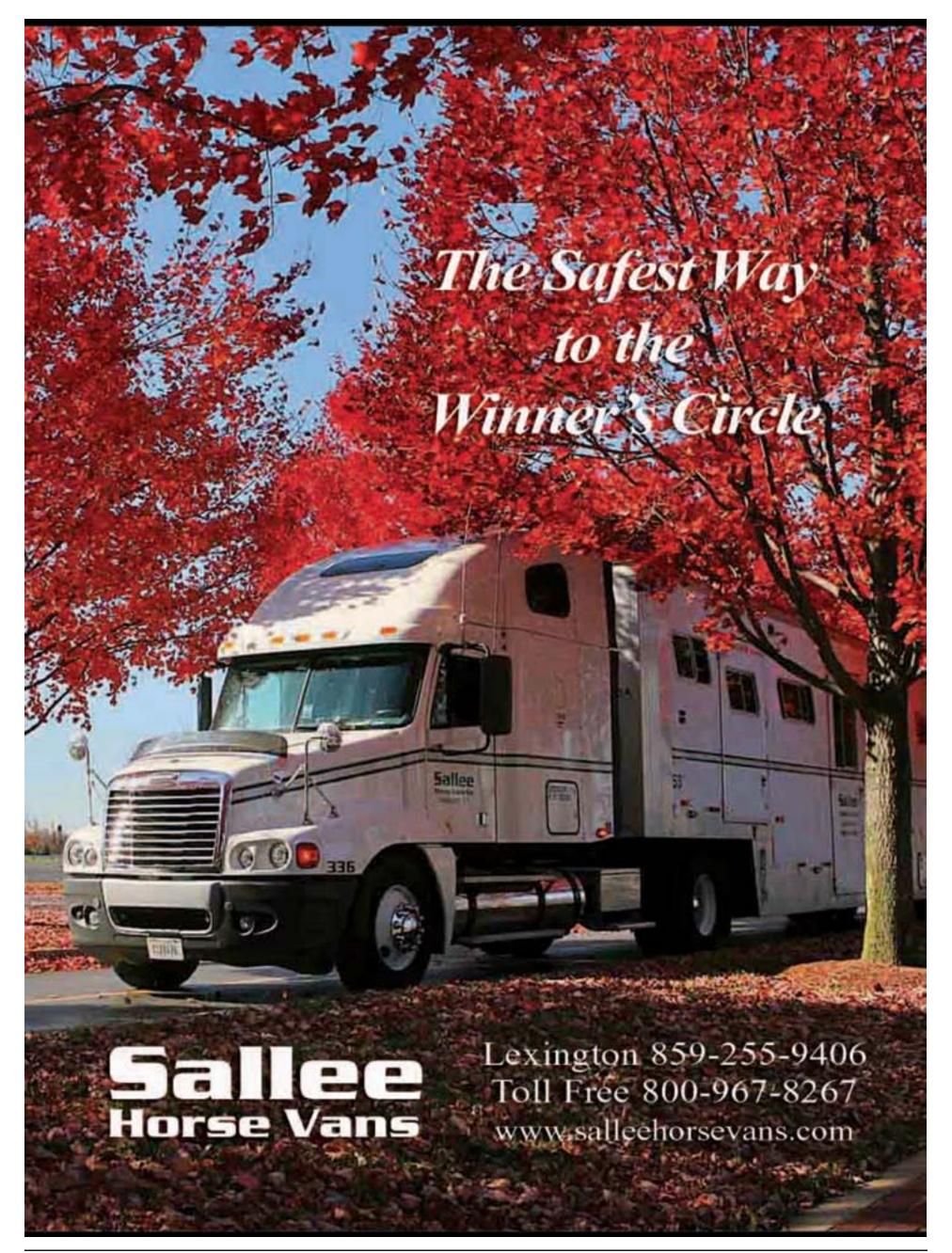




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Breeder: James T Dresher (MD). Late Scratches: Emotional Kitten, Judy G, Indian Splendor, Jane of All Trades, Speaking Role (GB), Sensational Appeal Time: 1:02.14

Exacta (3-6), \$17.60; Superfecta (3-6-1-4), \$166.50; Trifecta (3-6-1), \$48.20

SECOND \$42,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$35,000, 2 YO, 6F

No More Fives J. Castellano \$3.10 \$5.20 \$2.50 Go the Distance \$2.90 \$2.40 J. Alvarado Star Black A. Lezcano \$5.20 B Filly 2010, by J Be K - Sobe's Choice by Northern Afleet Owner: Zayat Stables, LLC. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez. Breeder: Zayat Stables (KY)

Late Scratches: Bozique, Chifa

Claimed: Go the Distance claimed by Rase Stables for \$35,000

Time: 1:12.94

Daily Double (3-1), \$19.60; Exacta (1-7), \$11.20; Quinella (1-7), \$6.40; Superfecta (1-7-2-3), \$291.00; Trifecta (1-7-2), \$138.00; Consolation Double

THIRD \$45,000, CLAIMING \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

Reserved Quality R. Dominguez \$3.20 \$2.70 \$2.40 Professor Fate J. Lezcano \$2.70 Fusa Code J. Leparoux \$4.50 Ch Colt 2009, by Elusive Quality - Ed's Holy Cow by Bet Big Owner: Dutrow, Jr., Richard, E.. Trainer: Richard Dutrow, Jr. Breeder: Liberation Farm, Oratis & Darley (KY). Late Scratches: Big Creek, Charlie's Quest Claimed: Professor Fate claimed by Rontos Racing Stable Corp. for

\$50,000, Dangerous Trick claimed by Run Hard Stables for \$50,000 Time: 1:15.58 Daily Double (1-9), \$20.00; Exacta (9-4), \$17.60; Superfecta (9-4-6-5),

\$204.50; Trifecta (9-4-6), \$67.00; Pic 3 (3-1-9), \$59.50; (3-6-9), \$19.40

FOURTH \$35,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 & UP, 6F

\$2.10 8 Bridgetta R. Napravnik \$2.50 \$3.30 Esthers Classy Las S. Husbands \$3.60 **Carrot Thief** M. Studart

Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Roaring Fever - Fabulous Gin by Go for Gin Owner: Manhattan Racing Stable. Trainer: Bruce Brown.

Breeder: Manhattan Racing Stable (NY).

Late Scratches: My Zealous Storm

Time: 1:11.41

Daily Double (9-8), \$13.20; Exacta (8-4), \$12.40; Quinella (4-8), \$8.30; Superfecta (8-4-1-3), \$56.50; Trifecta (8-4-1), \$29.40; Pic 3 (1-9-8), \$33.20

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Owner: Evans, Ralph, M.. Trainer: Richard Violette, Jr. Breeder: Ralph M. Evans (NY).

Time: 1:40.55

Daily Double (8-8), \$15.00; Exacta (8-2), \$30.60; Superfecta (8-2-1-6), \$659.00; Trifecta (8-2-1), \$108.50; Pic 3 (9-8-8), \$58.00; Pic 4 (1/4/6-9-2/8-8), \$138.00

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\$2.90 Revenue J. Alvarado \$3.70 Purely Love J. Velazquez \$6.50 B Filly 2009, by Castledale (IRE) - Ballet Partner (GB) by First Trump (GB) Owner: Nutmeg Stable. Trainer: Cam Gambolati. Breeder: Raintree Thoroughbred Farm, Inc. (MD).

Late Scratches: Smokin' Alice, Hot Roots, Victoria Lynn, Curlina, Media Starlett, North Freeway, Bessie M

Claimed: Catinatree claimed by Wounded Warrior Stables for \$50,000

Daily Double (8-9), \$41.60; Exacta (9-3), \$25.60; Superfecta (9-3-7-2), \$2,098.00; Trifecta (9-3-7), \$321.00; Pic 3 (8-8-9), \$70.00

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6 Sally's Dream R. Maragh \$7.50 \$5.20 \$19.60 Forever Vow E. Prado \$4.70 \$3.20 I. Ortiz. Jr. Little Red Rider \$3.20

B Filly 2009, by Utopia (JPN) - Linda Britt by Cormorant

Owner: Brodsky, Alan and Gessler, Jr., Carl. Trainer: Mark Hennig.

Breeder: McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, John & Kate McMahon (NY). Late Scratches: Robinera's Afleet, Cypress Isle

Claimed: Sally's Dream claimed by Winning Move Stable for \$20,000, Frivolous Alex claimed by Asmussen, Steven M. for \$20,000 Time: 1:42.11

Daily Double (9-6), \$85.50; Exacta (6-1), \$87.50; Superfecta (6-1-5-3), \$1,000.00; Trifecta (6-1-5), \$321.50; Pic 3 (8-9-6), \$422.50

#### EIGHTH \$37,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

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1	Isn'tlovejustgrand	J. Castellano	\$4.70	\$3.40	\$2.90
6	Chernobyl's Hero	C. Velasquez		\$15.60	\$9.80
9	Saints Alive	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$4.20
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B Colt 2008, by Grand Reward - Story of Love by Not For Love Owner: Repole Stable. Trainer: Bruce Levine.

Breeder: Quiet Woman Farm, Brigitta Stephanis & Michael Spielman (NY). Late Scratches: Rudy Rudy, Fastest Magician, Chasing Moonlight, All Class, Isthmus, Tawaared, Wishingonastar

Claimed: Isn'tlovejustgrand claimed by Calcanes, James for \$20,000 Time: 1:02.74

Daily Double (6-1), \$63.00; Exacta (1-6), \$65.00; Superfecta (1-6-9-2), \$1,487.00; Trifecta (1-6-9), \$462.50; Pic 3 (9-6-1), \$247.00

#### NINTH \$500,000, STAKES - BALLERINA S., 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

Turbulent Descent J. Velazquez \$4.00 Derwin's Star D. Cohen J. Rosario \$5.10 2 All Due Respect

B Filly 2008, by Congrats - Roger's Sue by Forestry

Owner: Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael and Smith, Derrick.

Trainer: Todd Pletcher. Breeder: Ocala Stud (FL).

Late Scratches: It's Tricky

Time: 1:22.13

Daily Double (1-6), \$6.90; Exacta (6-7), \$10.60; Superfecta (6-7-2-4), \$354.50; Trifecta (6-7-2), \$86.50; Pic 3 (6-1-6), \$130.50; Place Pix Nine (3/7/9-1/5/6-1/6/9-6), \$17.40

#### TENTH \$38,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

10 Bluegrass Rumor J. Rosario \$6.10 \$3.70 \$13.20 Let the Kitten Run J. Castellano \$4.60 \$3.20 3 Picture Book R. Dominguez \$2.80 Dk B/ Br Filly 2009, by Bluegrass Cat - Reason to Talk by Sabona Owner: Romans, Jr., Jerry. Trainer: Dale Romans.

Breeder: Ronald Kirby, Tom Kirby & Racehorse Management, LLC (KY). Late Scratches: Romolo's Juliet, Comment, Pooh Corner, Irish Wedding Claimed: Let the Kitten Run claimed by Mr Amore Stables LLC for \$25,000, Picture Book claimed by Parbhoo, Sherry for \$25,000, Fun and Gains

claimed by Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc. for \$25,000 Time: 1:42.42

Daily Double (6-10), \$23.20; Exacta (10-1), \$61.00; Superfecta (10-1-3-4), \$4,285.00; Trifecta (10-1-3), \$140.50; Pic 3 (1-6-10), \$51.50; Pic 4 (6-1-6-10), \$668.00; Pic 6 (8-9-6-1-6-10), \$115.00; Pic 6 (8-9-6-1-6-10), \$9,234.00



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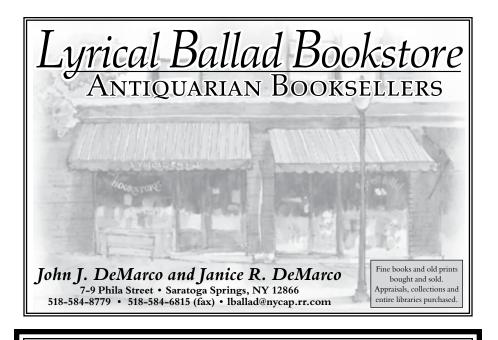
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# Guest -

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pation, the wait is just a few months away. Then, as we knock on summer's door, on Memorial Day, well the Spa season is just around the corner.

Then, Opening Day, Tom Durkin and an excitable crowd yell, "There off at Saratoga." I pause a moment, startled at how quickly the year really passed. A surreal sense overtakes me, while another Saratoga racing season is actually underway.

As I get older, time seems to move much too quickly. Sometimes I just want to slow things down. It seems strange because when I was younger, my thoughts were just the opposite. I possessed all the time in the world and events could not occur fast enough.

Once the season is underway, the days move along at warp speed – a passing flash of light. Before you take a deep breath, the Jim Dandy, the Whitney, the sales, the Sword Dancer, the Alabama and the Travers have passed in what seems like the blink of an eye.

Guests, visitors and locals all continuously come and go on their favorite designated days and weekends; the unending wave of humanity that seems, somehow, to find that same section or that favorite picnic bench in the park to claim as their own for an afternoon.

When I look around the Spa, it is really all familiar faces that I see. They trek to Saratoga for their own special moments. Once the connection is

linked, it is a sure bet that they will undoubtedly return.

Naturally, as the years go on, there are faces missing. The passing of time creates some empty chairs, some holes in the wind. But, inexorably, someone will take their place; most likely their child, grandchild or friends that have been introduced to the Saratoga Sum-

And then September arrives, with the dreaded turn of that calendar page. The Woodward and the Hopeful take flight. The crowd thins towards the end of the racing meet and the summer season will soon be put to rest.

I think many people choose not to be here for the finale; at least, that is what I use to do. There is inevitably an overwhelming sense of melancholy and loss that pervades my senses when the Spa turns out the lights for another year

Fortunately, Saratoga is forever. So too are all her enchanting characteristics and irresistible pleasures she affords her guests. She remains the great elixir. Maybe it's in the water, maybe it's in the air or just maybe, it's in our hearts.

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With regards to Al Stewart and is "Time Passages" song of 1978, Jimmy Dintino is a longtime fan and reader of The Special.

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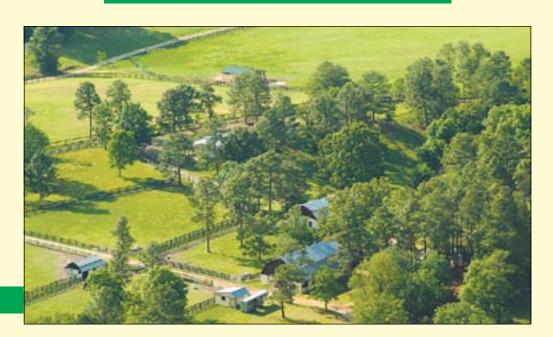
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Turbulent Descent rockets to the finish of Friday's Ballerina Stakes.

#### Tod Mark

# Same Dance, New Partner

# Turbulent Descent rolls in Grade 1

#### **BY SEAN CLANCY**

In the photo, you can count the treads on John Velazquez's boots. Braced like the anchor man in a tug of war, his feet are angled at 45 degrees, his hands eight inches off Turbulent Descent's neck, her ears are pinned back as she rips through a half-mile breeze on the main track, 20 days before the Grade 1 Ballerina.

"She was working very relaxed until I started working her for whatever reason," Velazquez explained. "We put her in company the first time I worked her, we galloped to the pole really easy, I left her alone, left her alone, when I got to the pole, I kind of let her know she was breezing and that was it."

Velazquez learned a lot that day, putting the tutorial to good use in Friday's Ballerina, his first afternoon trip aboard the multiple grade one stakes winner. She made most of the decisions, Velazquez went along with them and they secured the \$500,000 stakes by 1 1/4 lengths over late-running Derwin's Star and pacesetter All Due Respect. Turbulent Descent won for the eighth time, eclipsing the \$1 million mark in career earnings and rewarded owners Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith for their summer purchase of last year's Test winner.

Turbulent Descent broke cleanly, bounced lightly off Nicole H to her in-

## BALLERINA STAKES RECA

side and Velazquez sat as still as a beekeeper, hoping she would relax for the first stages as All Due Respect cut out the first quarter in 23.02. Island Bound and Nicole H stayed inside Turbulent Descent as the trio tracked the longshot leader. Velazquez kept Turbulent Descent on the outside, in the clear and about 2 lengths off the leader. Velazquez, remembering the morning breezes, tried to cajole Turbulent Descent to the quarter pole, but the stout filly came up with her own plan after bouncing with Nicole H in the turn. Taking over the decisions, Turbulent Descent sparred with Nicole H and engaged All Due Respect midway on the turn. The trio rolled into the stretch on even terms but it was obviously over as Turbulent Descent accelerated away from her tiring rivals. Velazquez relied on an aggressive hand ride, switching his whip to his left hand past the eighth pole before staying on to win by 1 1/4-length from Derwin's Star who had three quarters of a length on All Due Respect. Turbulent Descent finished 7 furlongs in 1:22.13.

After the race, Pletcher leaned on the rail of the winner's circle and watched the replay of a race that played out as it was drawn up.

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# **Ballerina** —

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"We kind of knew from watching her races and watching her train what to expect, more or less, she showed us what we expected. One thing that we talked about was that you want to be a little careful when you really pull the trigger it doesn't last that long, we wanted to be careful not to get there too soon because she might wait a little bit when she makes the lead," Pletcher said. "She idled a little bit the last part, nonetheless it was a big win. It's pretty rare that you get an opportunity to acquire one like this and we're appreciative of the opportunity."

Pletcher and bloodstock agent Steve Young put the deal together to purchase the three-time Grade I stakes winner from California-based trainer Mike Puype.

"We talked about it, called Mr. Tabor and told him, he talked about it with his team and everyone agreed based on her accomplishments that she was a valuable commodity as a broodmare and with some races still to come that it made sense," Pletcher said. "I flew out to California and watched her train, Mike Puype couldn't have been any nicer, he told me everything about her, watched her train with him and we got the deal done with this race in

mind. We're fortunate that everything went according to plan."

Fresh off a win in the Desert Stormer, a \$72,000 stakes at Hollywood Park in June, Turbulent Descent looked like a cinch in her return to Saratoga where she had dominated the Test last summer.

Pletcher took over, gave her a series of breezes, employing Velazquez for two of them and aimed at the biggest sprint stakes for fillies and mares at Saratoga.

"I don't think you want to be too cute with one like this. She's one of those fillies that she's so kind to train



Turbulent Descent exits the winner's circle with a Grade 1 win at Saratoga.

and so idle, that if you didn't know who she was, she wouldn't tout you until you breeze her in company," Pletcher said. "We were happy we got the amount of time we did with her, Johnny got to breeze her a couple of times and we got comfortable with her, we felt like she was coming into this race in top shape. I told Mr. Tabor I'd be disappointed if she doesn't run really well, but that's to be expected when you buy one that's now a Grade 1 winner at 2, 3 and 4."

Velazquez had seen her Grade 1 stakes score at 3, up close and personal, finishing nearly 4 lengths behind her on Pomeroys Pistol in the Test last summer. That experience, lessons learned by watching replays

and the morning insight she provided had the Hall of Fame jockey well prepared to keep her at the top of the game.

"I knew her, I watched how David Flores rode her, she's not very good from the gate, he puts her on the outside and kind of drops the reins, I think the reason is when you grab her, she gets in the bridle," Velazquez said. "This time, in the clear, she was going to be on the bridle. Today, she broke OK, got bumped a little, got into the bridle a little bit, I put my hands down and she relaxed pretty good the first part, she got strong but not crazy aggressive. I never got her covered up where I could throw the reins at her."

Pletcher warned Velazquez that she would be taking the reins rather than the jockey throwing them.

"Todd told me she was going to be sharp today, 'just watch her, when you ask her, she's going to be quick.' I was expecting what she did today, I knew she would be sharp today. Now that she ran, I expect her to be easier the first part of the race. She's like a little bull, she's so smooth when she runs. As big as she is, she's smooth in her stride, hopefully we can keep her that way."

With the first test taken and aced and Turbulent Descent walking to the test barn in her brand-new Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare

Challenge cooler, Pletcher had already begun to think about the next question, whether to go straight to the Breeders' Cup or try to pick off another stakes between now and then.

"The question is whether we are going to have one more or no more and go straight to the Breeders' Cup," Pletcher said. "She seems to run well fresh, we won't overthink it, ultimately she'll tell us if she wants to run once in between. Ultimately, with one like her, you wouldn't want to jeopardize her chances at the Breeders' Cup by getting greedy in between. We would like to peak on that day."

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# **Nifty Fifty**

# Dominguez hits half-century mark with Reserved Quality

#### **BY TOM SANTOMARCO**

Ramon Dominguez got the usual pats on the back and handshakes after winning Friday's third race with owner/trainer Rick Dutrow's colt Reserved Quality. Nothing out of the ordinary for the meet's top jockey

There was, however, one question in the post-race interview that's only been asked a few times in Spa history.

Did he know that the win in the \$50,000 claimer was his 50th of the meet?

"I'm aware of it and very happy to get to 50 wins here," said Dominguez. "It's big for me. I'm just very happy and fortunate to have the support that I get to be able to ride these horses."

Dutrow's 3 year-old made the milestone win a comfortable one. The son of Elusive Quality led by a head after a half-mile in 44.82 seconds and built it from there, winning the 6 ½-furlong race by 2 ¾ lengths in 1:15.58.

"We had to make a short move at the three-eighths pole when the rail opened up," Dominguez said. "I was afraid it would close up, but he kept on coming and finished up strong."

#### FRIDAY RACING RECAP

• Speaking in the winner's circle after their victory with Ampersand in the fifth, owner-breeder Ralph Evans and trainer Rick Violette had one common theme: luck.

While luck may have had something to do with the 3-year-old's win in the New York-bred optional claimer, the horse's ability to rally played a role as well. The 3-1 shot started from the outside post in the eight-horse field and took his time, sitting in last as late much of the way.

"At the three-eighths pole it looked like we had horse, then we needed some racing luck to get through a couple of times, but it was a terrific ride by Alan (Garcia) to get him there," Violette said.

The colt lived up to Evans' billing as a "come-from-behind horse" as they hit the stretch, moving to the middle of a tight pack and showing enough burst to win it by a neck over Gimme Credit, with Hear The Footsteps just a neck back in third.

"He's been a little unlucky and has been shut off a couple of times, which



Tod Marks

Reserved Quality leans toward the finish in Friday's third.

I guess is the problem you have with a horse like this," Evans said. "The pace was pretty quick, so I thought we had a good chance if we got lucky."

Luck or not, the homebred's win was a thrill.

"I've been in this game a long time and I can count on one hand the races I've won at Saratoga," said Evans, "but this one's a little extra today."

• Al Stall said he didn't know what to make of filly Magical Moon after a fifth in her first start at Churchill Downs in June.

Though the trainer called the 2 yearold "quirky," the trainer thought a lack of maturity contributed to the debut defeat. One thing he never questioned was her ability. The daughter of Malibu Moon showed it for Stall and Columbine Stable in Friday's first, a 2-year-old turf maiden, romping to an easy win.

"She's just starting to get it together," Stall said. "From the beginning she had it in her. They were calling me from the farm this spring to tell me. I'm thrilled to death that it came out today."

Ahead by 4 ½ lengths as they hit the stretch, Magical Moon left no doubt. She rolled home in the 5 ½-furlong turf race by 10 ¼ lengths in 1:02.14.

The win was so sweet for Stall that he immediately headed into the club-

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# Friday Recap —

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house to watch it again.

"She's in behind a flight of horses (early) getting a little education, but that didn't last long," he said, talking through the replay. "She's so forward and aggressive, but this is the first time she's ever had a chance to let it rip. Hopefully this makes her happy and satisfied."

• Alan Brodsky was in a good mood when Sally's Dream, the filly he co-owns with Carl Gessler, won the seventh, a \$20,000 claimer.

The owner, who had a winner in the seventh at Monmouth about an hour earlier, was met with a bit of sad news when he hit the winner's circle. Trainer Mark Hennig told his owner the 3 year-old had been claimed by Dominic Galluscio.

"I'm sad to see her go," Brodsky said. "We had a lot of fun with her."

It was quite a way to go. The New York-bred led out of the gate and let Frivolous Alex set the pace, sitting just behind the speedster most of the way before taking over as they turned for home. Sally's Dream ended up a winner by a length.

"The race played exactly liked Rajiv (Maragh) and I thought with the 3 showing speed inside," Hennig said. "We wanted to keep that horse in our sights. Rajiv said in the paddock that he might take an early run at her, but we had enough horse to do it today."



Tod Marks

Sally's Dream gets to the wire first in Friday's seventh for trainer Mark Hennig.

• It took a few races to figure it out, but Nutmeg Stable's Madame Giry prefers her races short. The 3-year-old won her third straight for trainer Cam Gambolati in the sixth, at 5 ½ furlongs on turf.

"She wants to sprint and she proved it again today," Gambolati said. "We tried her long, and no one's saying she can't do it, but she's a better filly sprinting."

ing."

The filly started from the outside post under Eddie Castro and bided her time, bursting ahead by 3 lengths at the stretch. The Maryland-bred hung on to win it by 1 ¾ lengths in 1:01.86. The win came 20 days after her last win here.

"We didn't want to run her back

so quickly, but we wanted to run her here," Gambolati said. "You've got to run them when the weather is good for turf races."

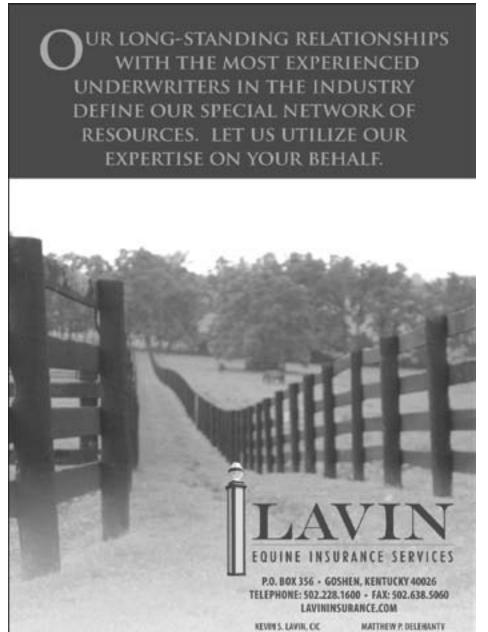
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The 10 horse Bluegrass Rumor broke her maiden in the 10th race, which just so happened to be her 10th career start. For jockey Joel Rosario, who rode Jerry Romans' filly to a second here July 29, it was about time.

"We got beat by a good horse last time," Rosario said. "Today we just waited for it to open up and went for it. Luckily, she held on."

The filly, trained by Dale Romans, led from gate to finish, winning the

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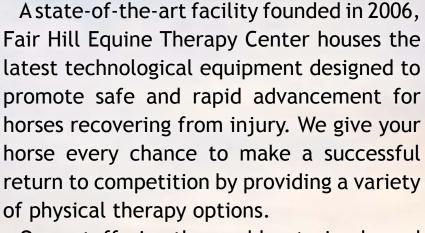


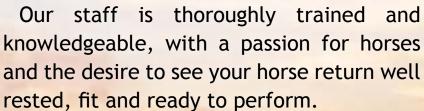
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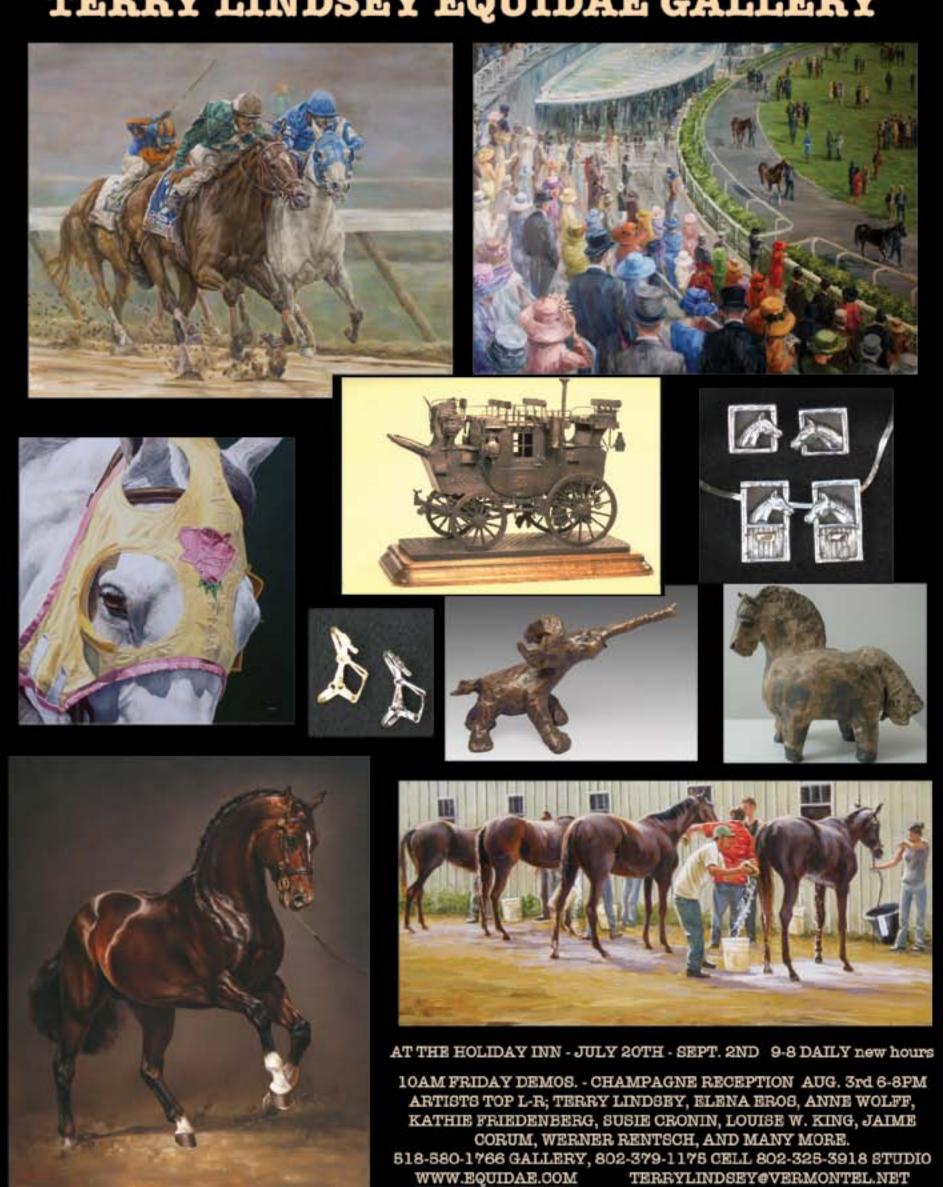


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# **Friday** —

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\$25,000 maiden claimer by three-quarters of a length in 1:42.42.

Informed of the horse's apparent lucky number, the jock said, "Perfect 10, right?"

• At this rate, maybe Repole Stable should make 4-year-old Isn'tlovejustgrand a Saratoga-only horse. The colt came through with his first win since last Sept. 2 here in the eighth race, a \$20,000 claimer.

The horse's preference for Saratoga was hardly lost on trainer Bruce Levine.

"I claimed the horse because he likes it here," he said. "We did it just to get him in here."

Isn'tlovejustgrand was in a close one with Chernobyl's Hero and Saints Alive, hitting the right stride at the right time to win the 5 1/2-furlong turf race by

"He's been training good," said Levine, "so I took my best shot and it worked out well today."

• Zayat Stables' No More Fives broke her maiden the first time out in the second, turning in a wire-towire win for trainer Rudy Rodriguez. Their was no drama, as the 2 year-old started on the inside post and had a steady lead throughout.

"She hasn't shown me too much in training, but we put her in a spot where she could win," Rodriguez said. "She was good, especially at the end."

The filly might have had more of a challenge, but Go The Distance was restless at the gate and couldn't get it together in time to make a real threat, finishing second by 1 ½ lengths in the 6-furlong maiden

Javier Castellano praised No More Fives on the way back to the jocks' room.

"She was like 'boom!' as soon as she broke out of the gate," he said. "Rudy had her ready and she made it easy."

# Saratoga Leaders Through Friday

Jockeys	1St
Ramon Dominguez	50
Javier Castellano	38
Jose Lezcano	27
John Velazquez	24
Joel Rosario	21
Junior Alvarado	19
Julien Leparoux	18
Rosie Napravnik	15
Rajiv Maragh	15
Irad Ortiz, Jr	13
Cornelio Velasquez	11
Wilmer Garcia	9
Trainers	1st
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• With three seconds to her credit, Manhattan Racing Stable's Bridgetta seemed poised to break through for trainer Bruce Brown at some point.

A run here three weeks ago proved fruitless for the filly, but she responded well enough to convince Brown that she'd be good to go for another run - which came in Friday's fourth.



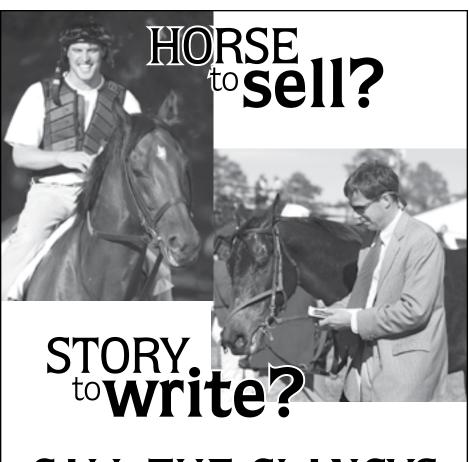
Ampersand exits the winner's circle after Friday's fifth.

"We tried her on grass last time, but she didn't really take to it," Brown said. "It didn't take too much out of her though, so she was fresh and ready to roll

The 3-year-old clearly had enough left in the tank for this one, making a strong showing all the way through. She started strong on the outside and had the lead at the halfway point.

The heavy favorite won the 6-furlong maiden claimer by 3 lengths over Esthers Classy Las, earning 'good job" from Brown's son Nicholas.

The win was the second of the day for jockey Rosie



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# **cup**of**coffee**

# Like This



by Sean Clancy

"We are not doing this like this again."

The over/under on that statement was issue #11, as sales week began to inhale us. It's the first tell-tale sign of stress, you can't get to the cleaners, you're out of razor blades, you forgot an ad, you put the wrong stakes name on the cover, you get kicked around by a Saratoga star who was born in 1978, you lay on your horn as the old lady tries to walk across the crosswalk and you're late for the races.

Joe, the logical, steady brains of the operation (according to Indian Charlie), was even money to say it first. I was 9-5. I used to be 99-1, funny how things

Indeed, Joe said it first, well under the over/under set before the meet started. Joe might have uttered it the day after he danced like nobody was watching at 13. Either way, he just said it again, as he finished page, "32 plus 8, I think 40, maybe 43," of this 56-page Sasquatch of a newspaper that is the Travers Edition. For the 12th time, the Travers Edition ties/ breaks the record for pages. The first year, Point Given was on the cover, this year it's Alpha. So many in between (we used to get creative with the trophy and the names and collages).

And, alas, we are doing this like this again.

Digging ditches as fast as we can as the civilized world walks the streets, goes to dinner, anticipates the four graded stakes on Saturday's 13-race extrava-

ganza. First race goes at 11:30, we'll be working on ply don't care.

he and I somehow dreamed up the idea of getting an exclusive quote about every horse in every stakes for Travers Day. An all-American lacrosse goalie, Kessenich loved the challenge. I'll never forget Kessenich seeing D. Wayne Lukas on his pony and saying, "There's D. Wayne, this ought to be good." He was off in a flash, returning with scribbled notes on the back of his Form. We have kept the Kessenich tradition, hitting the streets and scouring the grounds for exclusive quotes long after he went on to better

we quoted Dominic Galluscio's goat one year, Shoeshine Chico another and might have ad-libbed a quote from Bill Mott a few years ago. The Hall of Famer said "fine," when asked how his horse was doing and, I must confess, we added some words, making it, "He's doing fine." One year, the last quote came from Cornelio Velasquez as he cut through the silks room after the last race on Friday. Yes, there have been a few falls down the steps, but this year, it went relatively smoothly, with 39 individual quotes from Todd Pletcher to Shivananda Parboo, Shug McGaughey to Jimmy Barnes, John Velazquez to Douglas Seyler, Kiaran McLaughlin to Juan Carlos Guerrero. Please don't let it rain, as we skipped Rick Dutrow and main-track only entrant Acting Happy.

Don't ask us what the quotes actually say and please don't point out any mistakes in this issue, chances are we already know about them and/or sim-

Graphic artist Erin McNamee just uttered the I blame Quint Kessenich for the Travers Edition, words, "My computer's doing something funny." That's right up there with the groom walking out of the stall and saying, "Boss, you might want to take a look at this."

> Either way, it can't be good as we continue to do this like this.

> Once the 56th page goes to the printer, there will be six remaining issues of The Special for the season and, as much as Joe believes his words, it's highly improbable that anything will change before Labor Day.

Actually, it looks more daunting as Gabby Gaudet and Ryan Jones go back to school – tomorrow – and We haven't failed yet, in 12 years, although I think other summer help have long since succumbed to the Saratoga spell, simply disappearing into the library or the Parting Glass. Four back-to-back stakes Saturday will have us scurrying. Sunday, I promised Mike Muscato an all-morning tour in The Special's golf cart. My wife, son and sister-in-law are coming to town and there's a bag of peanuts, five beers, a crate of clementines and a lemon in the fridge and two bikes

> So, yeah, I'm with you Joe, "We are not doing this like this again."

> I've already made a to-do list. We are setting a cutoff date for advertisers, if you're not in by Opening Day, you're not in. We are hiring young, intelligent, diligent journalism/racing experts. I will not agree to any non-paying, it'll-be-great-for-your career assignments. We will not go out and get exclusive quotes about every horse in every stakes on Travers Day.

OK, we might do that.

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