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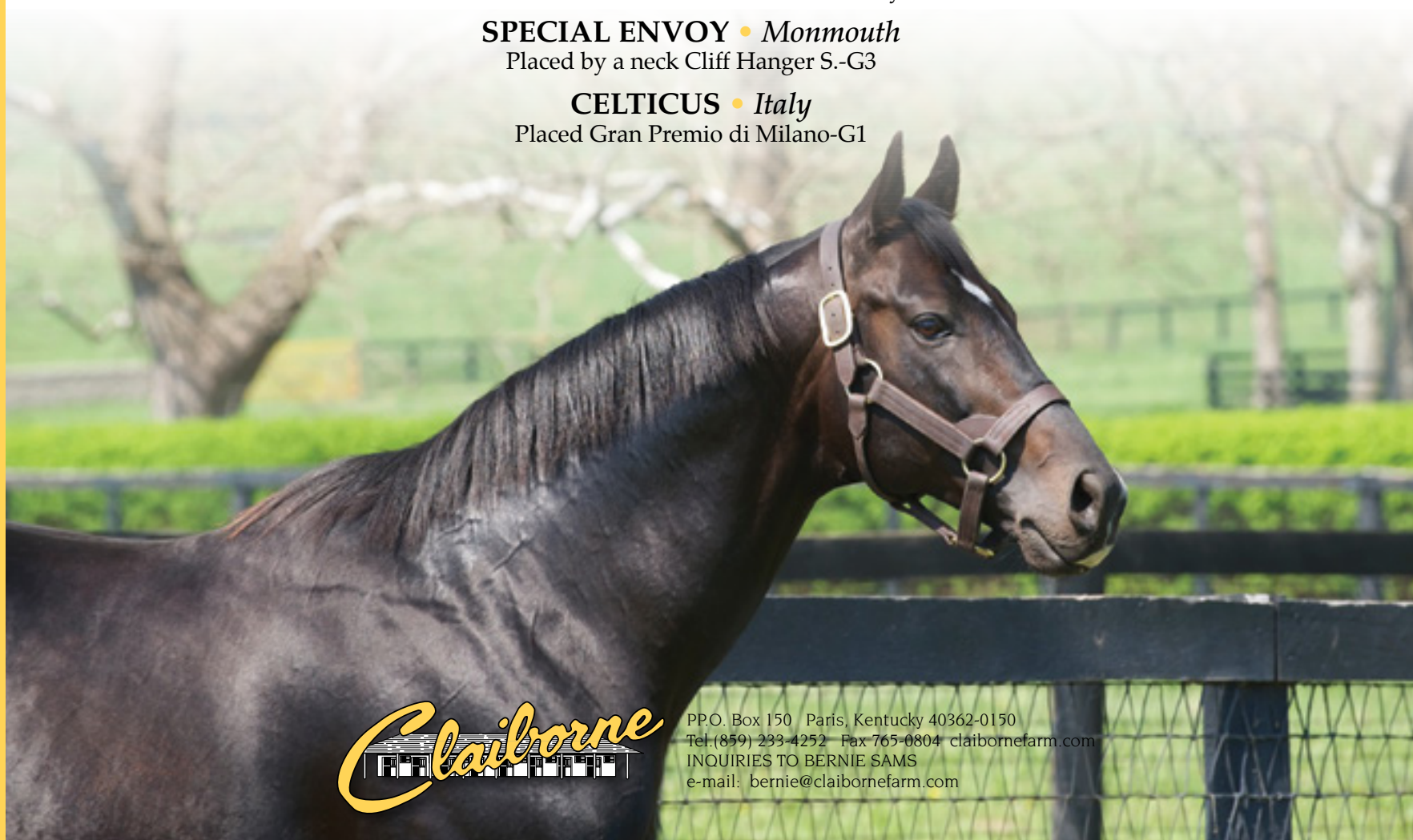
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- 29:** Percentage of winners picked so far at the meet by Gaile Fitzgerald. She's leading the way with a record of 81-for-284.
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- 1:** Hartwick Basketball hat on a post in the parking lot by the clubhouse turn.
- 1:** Springboard Mile saddle towel, for the horse High Noon Rider, in a backside dormitory window. The race is at Remington Park and he finished third.
- 27 and 22:** Years ago that trainer James "Chuck" Lawrence won the New York Turf Writers Cup as a steeplechase jockey at Saratoga. As a flat trainer, he doubled over the weekend. Lawrence's Turf Writers winners were Chief Of The Clan in 1987 and Warm Spell in 1993.

NAMES OF THE DAY

- Gem, second race.** Morgan's Ford Farm named this daughter of Elusive Quality out of Skip-stone.
- Be A Hero, sixth race.** Good advice for all of us.
- Charitable, seventh race.** Four-year-old is out of Generosity.

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WINNERS OF THE DAY

The first person to send us a photo of themselves at Camp Fire Court was NYRA whitecap Shea Sullivan, also the 17-minute bell ringer on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Artist Sharon Crute also came through with the answer. Camp Fire Court is the shady area of Horse Haven near the security office and Tony Dutrow's barns.

WORTH REPEATING

"What would make you try a puzzle in this environment?"
Anne Kontos Clancy, surveying the madness of The Special's 2015 office

"She's always made me feel good, she had some bumps in the road, but she always made me feel good."

Trainer Tony Dutrow, about Alabama winner Embellish The Lace

"She's the one out there doing it. I'm proud of a lot, our team, myself, I'm proud of a lot, but you're nowhere without the horse."

Dutrow, after Embellish The Lace won the Alabama

"He's not walking."
Trainer Bob Ribaud, after someone asked if Triple Crown American Pharoah's trip from California would be tiring

"When it's a seven-figure race and we've got a horse in there with a shot it's a safe bet I'll be there."

Twin Creeks Racing's Randy Gullatt about Red Rifle in Saturday's \$1 million Sword Dancer



Pot of Gold. Sunday winner Scatcapade flashes a rainbow while being hosed down by the Christophe Clement team.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"That's the speed-bag workout. He uses us as the heavy bag."
Trainer Michelle Nihei, about a video of Morning Calm giving a Jolly Ball a good thrashing



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NAME OF THE DAY

Laythatpistoldown, seventh race.
He's out of Trigger Happy.

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Tod Marks

Triple Crown winner faces nine in Travers

American Pharoah comes to town today, less than a day removed from being pegged as the 1-5 favorite to win Saturday's 146th running of the Travers Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

A field of 10 was entered Tuesday night at Druethers Brewing Company in downtown Saratoga Springs, with the Triple Crown winner drawing post-position No. 2. The expected main opposition to American Pharoah, Frosted and Texas Red, drew posts No. 6 and No. 4, respectively.

American Pharoah was due to depart Southern California early this morning and arrive in at the Albany International Airport at approximately 2 p.m. ET. He'll make the short drive to Saratoga from there and bed down in Barn 25 on the Saratoga backstretch.

The New York Racing Association plans to open the track for training exclusively to American Pharoah and the other nine Travers entrants from

8:45 to 9 a.m. Friday. American Pharoah's training schedule hasn't been announced for Thursday, but he's typically jogged the morning after shipping.

The nine rivals American Pharoah will meet in the Travers are all stabled locally for the current meeting and six have made at least one start at Saratoga. Texas Red, winner of the Jim Dandy last time for trainer Keith Desormeaux and the 8-1 third choice, Haskell Invitational third Upstart and Curlin Stakes winner Smart Transition have won at Saratoga

Frosted was pegged as the 6-1 second choice on the morning line for the Travers, off back-to-back seconds in the Belmont (behind American Pharoah) and Jim Dandy. The gray son of Tapit won the Grade 1 Wood Memorial and finished fourth behind American Pharoah in the Kentucky Derby.

Texas Red is the 8-1 third choice in the line. He's also faced American Pharoah, but not since finish-

ing third behind him in last fall's Grade 1 Front-Runner Stakes at Santa Anita Park. They were expected to meet again in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, but American Pharoah missed the race with an injury while Texas Red romped by 6 1/2 lengths.

Travers Stakes

The field for Saturday's 146th Travers (with trainers, jockeys) and morning-line odds:

1. Upstart (Rick Violette, Irad Ortiz Jr.), 15-1
2. American Pharoah (Bob Baffert, Victor Espinoza), 1-5
3. Mid Ocean (George Weaver, Manny Franco), 50-1
4. Texas Red (Keith Desormeaux, Kent Desormeaux), 8-1
5. Frammento (Nick Zito, Jose Ortiz), 30-1
6. Frosted (Kiaran McLaughlin, Joel Rosario), 6-1
7. Keen Ice (Dale Romans, Javier Castellano), 12-1
8. Tale Of Verve (Dallas Stewart, Gary Stevens), 30-1
9. King Of New York (Ken McPeck, Julien Leparoux), 50-1
10. Smart Transition (John Shirreffs, John Velazquez), 20-1

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WORTH REPEATING

“It was like Disney. We had Trish at the quarter pole and she rang a bell when he came by.”

Assistant trainer Neal McLaughlin, about the closing kick of Jess's Dream Monday

“Yeah, and Johnny (Velazquez) leaned up and whispered ‘Come on, Biscuit’ in his ear to really make him run.”

Trish McLaughlin, on the same topic

“Are you here this morning to see who blew the turn last night?”

Exercise rider Kelly Wheeler to The Special's Tom Law Tuesday morning

“He's was kind of squirrely when I jumped on him, I thought, ‘don't make me look bad.’ ”

Trainer Joe Sharp about hopping on Troy Stakes winner Shore Runner bareback during his Fasig-Tipton Stable Tour last week

“I'm looking for more than one.”

Trainer Michelle Nihei after being congratulated for a win at the meet

“Keep yourself in the best of company and your horses in the worst. I guess I don't find the worst company when I travel with him on a circuit to Florida in the winter and Saratoga in the summer.”

Owner/trainer/exercise rider Lilli Kurtinecz about Manchurian High, who goes in today's John's Call Stakes

“It's hot. If you're a Florida-bred you're in good shape though.”

Hall of Fame jockey Edgar Prado after being asked what it's like in Florida this time of year



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Cross-Training. John's Call entrant Manchurian High (right) and a pal do some different work Tuesday morning.



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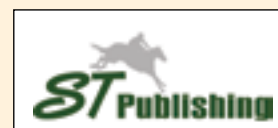
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The horses are ready for him, and stand tied to the back wall as Christophe Clement hustles in and out of stalls, speaking in French (maybe Spanish) to grooms and checking legs. It's mid-morning and between sets and Clement hesitates when questioned about a stable tour.

"Meet me at 8:15 by the rail with the next set," he says and keeps walking – one stall, then another, then the next.

At 8:15, he's on the rail and ponders how to start a tour of a barn with 11 wins at the meet, 75 total wins on the year, a recent hot streak and a slew of quality runners going in all directions this summer from 30 stalls at Saratoga and another batch at Belmont Park.

"Stable tour, stable tour, where to start, where to start . . ."

Tonalist: "Even if he finished third (in the Whitney Aug. 8) I think he ran a great race. He was third best on the day. Obviously the winner was very impressive, but I'm not worried – maybe I should be. I'll take him on again. The idea was to go to the Jockey Club Gold Cup but he came out of his race in such good form I'm thinking about running him back in the Woodward (Sept. 5). Thinking about it."

Hard Not To Like: "She's been a fun acquisition in the stable. She's never run a bad race. She's won two Grade 1 races (the Gamely at Santa Anita and the Diana at Saratoga) and we'll try to go for a third sometime in September either in California or New York. I raced against her last year and I thought she was purely a mile, mile-and-a-sixteenth, close to the pace, and she's been a better filly since we took her back from the pace a little bit."

Stormy Regatta: "She was bought privately by Cheyenne Stable and came to the barn (after two wins at Gulfstream Park in April). She finished third in a stakes at Belmont and came back and won a stakes at



Monmouth. She's going to run in the Riskaverse (Thursday). She's doing well, improving all the time. She'll get better through the year and even better next year as a 4-year-old."

Lubash: "He's one of my favorites, amazingly consistent, really a fun horse to have. He's a difficult horse to train, believe it or not, because he gets very anxious in his training. He got loose a month ago at Belmont Park and we thought that his racing career was over. He came back, he was very lame, very sore. He walked for two weeks and we just got lucky. He was just bruised all over. He had an easy work last week, easy work (Sunday), he's running in the West Point Friday."

Discreet Marq: "She has been running with the top-class fillies in the country for two years now. She might not be the best, but she's right there with the best. She brings her A game, a lot of natural speed. She doesn't look like a filly. She's like a body builder, she's very powerful. She sold for a lot of money (\$2.4 million) at the Fasig-Tipton November sale last year to Moyglare Stud who have been supporting the stable for years. It would be nice to win a big race for them. Let's start with the Yaddo (Friday) and we can be more ambitious after that."

Pure Sensation: "Very, very, very fast horse. He's going to be trained for one of these stakes coming up in the fall sprinting on the grass. He belongs to (Frank and Patricia) Generazio, who have been very good to the barn. They send me good horses."

Red Vine: "He's got bad feet, and I could not keep him sound breezing on dirt so I thought the grass was kinder to him. Last year, from late August and early September on, his works on dirt started to be really good. One race came off the turf and he won (at Aqueduct in December). He won three in a row, he got beat in a stakes at Monmouth and even if he got beat (third in the Pacific Classic) he ran a very good race."

Too Discreet: "Two races, two wins. I've been running him in sprints because of the program, but I think he will turn out to be a lovely miler next year. He came back from his last race and probably needs a bit of time. You probably won't see him anymore this year. We'll turn him out for 60 days and bring him back for next year."

Middleburg: "He's a homebred for Mr. and Mrs. (Bert and Diana) Firestone, and has kept getting better. We ran him in maiden and

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allowance as a 3-year-old and started to be in stakes as a 5-year-old. Maybe it's because I'm a bad trainer and it takes me two years to get it right, but I love it when a horse develops. He may not be the best horse, but he tries amazingly hard (and won the Cliff Hanger at Monmouth Park Sunday)."

Iron Power: "He belongs to Barry Schwartz, came from the Mike Hushion barn in the spring. Nobody wants to get a horse this way. Whenever they feel like it, the horse can go back. The most important thing is for Mike to feel better and it's good to see him here. I need to find a stakes somewhere. I think he loves soft ground so something good should happen in the fall."

Pine Needles: "She is a homebred for (Jon and Sarah) Kelly. She's been very consistent, a touch unlucky last time out when she finished second in a stakes. We will find another race in the fall. She should be able to win a stakes at a mile-and-an-eighth to a mile-and-a-quarter."

Saratoga Dreamer: "He's been a fun horse. He won a stakes in the winter on dirt. I think he's a better turf horse actually. He won off the turf (Friday). That's great, he's good enough to compete on both. There's a stakes in New York September 13 – 6 furlongs turf, straight 3-year-olds. He'll be there that day."

Italian Charm: "Two-year-old by Gio Ponti out of Voodoo Dancer. I like him. He's probably a month away from a race. We won quite a few stakes with the parents so just because of the pedigree he's a fun horse to be around. Right now, he's more the mother than the father. I'd love to run him probably at Belmont Park seven-eighths of a mile and then we go from there."

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"The regular routine would be jog them back to about the three-sixteenths pole on the main track, shoot ducks on them from the wire to the mile pole, then say 'whoaaaaa,' and if they weren't getting them pulled up by the seven-eighths pole, you'd grab them the pony. You want to do it short and fast to sharpen one up, if they're going a two-minute lick a quarter-of-a-mile before the pole, then it takes them another quarter to pull up after it, you've (screwed) it all up. Old studs who had too much of it, we'd jog them, blow them out an eighth-of-a-mile, jog them, blow them out an eighth-of-a-mile, then when they went three-eighths in :35 before you could pull them up, we'd put them in. They'd usually run good. Nothing works for them all, naturally."

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Nihei's Morning Calm looks for right mix

BY TOM LAW

Michelle Nihei didn't mince words and chose five to describe Morning Calm's run in the Grade 2 Bowling Green Handicap Aug. 1 at Saratoga Race Course.

"It was an unplanned disaster," Nihei said as she watched one of the other five horses she brought to Saratoga this summer from a viewing stand on the backstretch Monday morning.

Morning Calm, one of eight entered in today's John's Call Stakes, finished fifth of nine in the Bowling Green after breaking well and racing just off the lead under Junior Alvarado. He was 11 lengths behind runaway winner Red Rifle at the end of the 1 3/8-mile Bowling Green and stretches out another quarter-mile today for the \$100,000 turf stakes.

Nihei hopes for better luck for the 4-year-old New York-bred son of Broken Vow, who won at Saratoga on the grass last year in the finale on Travers Day.

JOHN'S CALL STAKES PREVIEW

"He looks like an easy horse to ride but he's tricky," she said. "He does things. He breaks sharp and then he wants to lay at the back. If you don't get him covered up quickly he'll suddenly find himself in front and he never runs well in the front. I spent most of my time talking to Junior talking about how to ride him from (the back). And then we broke sharp and he couldn't get him back and we were done."

The last two times Morning Calm won he came from last, taking an early April allowance-optional from ninth and the May 25 Raymond Earl Stakes from sixth. Both of those races were at Gulfstream Park, where Nihei keeps a majority of her stable year round.

Morning Calm was fifth, beaten 4 3/4 lengths by Innovation Economy, in the 2-mile

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Joe Clancy

Morning Calm will try to relax early in the John's Call.

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Belmont Gold Cup 10 days after the Raymond Earl and the day before this year's Belmont Stakes. He was off for nearly two months before the Bowling Green.

"In so many ways he's pretty straight forward and in so many others he's a horse you really have to know to ride well," said Nihei, who will keep Alvarado aboard for today's John's Call. "Eddie Castro kind of had it easy at Gulfstream because he was so much the best. Eddie also had the advantage to be in the position to be able to spend a little time with him. I don't like to overdo the instructions, which maybe is a bad point of mine, but it usually works."

The instructions this time around will most likely involve keeping contact with the pack chasing 9-5 favorite Global Strike before making a run in the stretch.

Global Strike, disqualified and placed third after crossing the finish first in an allowance-optional July 31 at Saratoga, might not come back if he doesn't get any pressure. The race doesn't look like it features a ton of early speed, although Holiday Star and Rum Tum Tugger were both forwardly placed in their most recent winning efforts.



Tod Marks

Manchurian High returns to the John's Call for the second consecutive year.

"We just have to watch how far back we get from Global Strike and make sure we don't compromise our position from the quarter-pole," Nihei said. "The rest of the race will hopefully play out the way it usually does. The thing is you know, he (Global Strike) might not come back to you. He may, at a mile and five-eighths.

"Yes the extra quarter-mile might make a difference, but I wouldn't discount that trainer or that

rider under any circumstances. We'll just try to run our race this time, make it feel a little better for all of us. He's a nice horse, training really well and I expect him to show up."

Trained by Todd Pletcher for Stonestreet Stables, Global Strike has crossed the finish first or second in his four starts this year and is the 9-5 choice on the morning line.

The connections of the 4-year-old son of Smart Strike flirted with the spring classics last year, running him in the Grade 3 Sunland Derby and Grade 3 Illinois Derby, before he went to the sidelines. Global Strike returned from a nearly year-long layoff in April to win an allowance-optional in his turf return.

Global Strike was second going 1 1/2 miles on the grass May 28 and second again to the Sword Dancer-bound Messi going 1 1/4 miles July 2, both races at Belmont.

Lilli Kurtinecz is bringing Manchurian High back off 18 days rest after a fourth in the restricted Lure Stakes on the Whitney undercard. The 7-year-old son of The Daddy, winner of the Sunshine Millions Turf and fourth in the Grade 1 Gulfstream Park Turf Handicap earlier this winter, gave Kurtinecz all she could handle during turf training on the infield of the Oklahoma

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Training Track turf course Monday morning.

"I need to walk a little myself," Kurtinecz said, taking a deep breath after untacking the compact chestnut gelding. "He makes it harder on himself out there, he always puts too much into it. I probably should gallop him more out there."

Manchurian High was third, beaten only a neck by Tricky Hat and Holiday Star in last year's John's Call. Kurtinecz owns, trains and rides the gelding and is offering him some sweet incentive in today's race.

"Off until December, until we head to Florida," she whispered to the gelding as he walked between the barns in the Oklahoma Annex.

Kurtinecz will head home to Maryland after the Saratoga meet, regardless of how Manchurian High runs in the John's Call. He'll get some turnout there and reunite with an old friend.

"His field at home is probably at least 30 acres, it's as big as this whole annex," she said. "It's rolling hills

and he has his best friend at home, a miniature pony named Little Dude. Everything they do they mirror each other."

Holiday Star will try to emulate his last race, a victory in the 1 ½-mile Cape Henlopen at Delaware Park. The 5-year-old son of Harlan's Holiday led until the final stride of last year's John's Call, losing by a nose to Tricky Hat, then lost another heartbreaker in the \$200,000 PTHA President's Cup at Parx before a half-length win over Red Rifle in the Grade 3 Sycamore going 12 furlongs at Keeneland.

Trained by Graham Motion, Holiday Star is the 7-2 second choice for the John's Call with Edgar Prado getting the return call.

The others in the John's Call are Da Big Hoss, a \$50,000 claim two back and put up on the disqualification of Global Strike last time for Mike Maker; Sharp Omar, victorious in a \$35,000 claiming race going 1 ½ miles on the grass here Aug. 1; Rum Tum Tugger, who makes his stakes debut off a win going 1 3/8 miles on the grass July 25 for Jonathan Sheppard; and Atherton for John's Call's owner Douglas Joyce and trainer Elizabeth Voss.

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SARATOGA ENTRIES

Wednesday, August 26.

1ST (1:00PM). \$25,000, CLM \$12,500, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 6 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double					
1	.....1.....	Keep Bustin.....	K. Carmouche.....	B. Levine.....	6-1
2	.....2.....	Time for Angie.....	J. Castellano.....	G. Gullo.....	3-1
3	.....3.....	Darling Bridezilla.....	M. Franco.....	R. Falcone, Jr.....	4-1
4	.....4.....	Unrepented.....	J. Lezcano.....	G. DiPrima.....	12-1
5	.....5.....	Colonel Juanita.....	L. Saez.....	J. Sharp.....	5-1
6	.....6.....	D'princess.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Rodriguez.....	2-1
7	.....7.....	Rock Show.....	F. Jara.....	J. Parker.....	20-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$83,000, MSW, 2 YO, F , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double					
1	.....1.....	Miss Pac N Ship (GB).....	J. Ortiz.....	T. Morley.....	10-1
2	.....2.....	Scatoosh.....	L. Saez.....	L. Gyarmati.....	7-2
3	.....MTO.....	Play Unified.....	M. Franco.....	G. Weaver.....	4-1
4	.....4.....	City Siren.....	T. Rice.....	L. Rice.....	8-1
5	.....5.....	Brinkley.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	4-1
6	.....6.....	Orzo.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Rodriguez.....	6-1
7	.....7.....	Outsider Art.....	E. Cancel.....	J. Sheppard.....	15-1
8	.....8.....	Fired Up Sensation.....	J. Rosario.....	C. Clement.....	3-1
9	.....9.....	Gem.....	J. Castellano.....	E. Kenneally.....	6-1

3RD (2:06PM). \$52,000, MCL \$50,000, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	.....1.....	Argyle Gal.....	R. Hernandez.....	W. Ward.....	5-1
2	.....2.....	My Man Al.....	E. Cancel.....	E. Barker.....	8-1
3	.....3.....	Steve's Image.....	K. Carmouche.....	C. Martin.....	15-1
4	.....4.....	King Dublin.....	F. Jara.....	G. Contessa.....	12-1
5	.....5.....	Cannot Stop.....	J. Lezcano.....	G. Delgado.....	6-1
6	.....6.....	Chromark.....	A. Arroyo.....	C. Martin.....	20-1
7	.....7.....	Threeskills.....	J. Rosario.....	S. Asmussen.....	3-1
8	.....8.....	Bluegrass Prevails.....	E. Trujillo.....	G. Gullo.....	6-1
9	.....9.....	Linkapplayard.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Nevin.....	7-2

4TH (2:39PM). \$32,000, CLM \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	.....1.....	Excellent Royale (IRE).....	L. Saez.....	G. Weaver.....	6-1
2	.....2.....	Fit to Keep.....	A. Arroyo.....	E. Barker.....	5-1
3	.....3.....	Who's Z Daddy.....	R. Silvera.....	D. Jacobson.....	8-5
4	.....4.....	Limerick Lightning.....	M. Franco.....	T. Bush.....	12-1
5	.....5.....	Unlock the Glory.....	E. Cancel.....	J. Terranova, II.....	7-2
6	.....6.....	Royal Burgh.....	K. Carmouche.....	T. Pletcher.....	6-1
7	.....7.....	Cosmo Storm.....	R. Hernandez.....	G. Contessa.....	15-1
8	.....8.....	Tottie Royer.....	F. Jara.....	D. Adel.....	30-1

5TH (3:12PM). \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double					
1	.....1.....	Stormy Rocit.....	E. Cancel.....	G. Weaver.....	8-1
2	.....2.....	Bottle Rocket.....	L. Saez.....	K. McLaughlin.....	12-1
3	.....3.....	Boot Scootn Daddy.....	J. Bravo.....	B. Perkins, Jr.....	12-1
4	.....4.....	Tetradrachm.....	C. Velasquez.....	D. Jacobson.....	15-1
5	.....5.....	Tripski.....	J. Leparoux.....	E. Kenneally.....	6-1
6	.....6.....	Rapid Dan.....	J. Castellano.....	D. Capuano.....	6-1
7	.....7.....	Dreamsgonewild.....	T. McCarthy.....	B. Alexander.....	5-1
8	.....8.....	Sandy'z Slew.....	J. Alvarado.....	R. Schosberg.....	3-1
9	.....9.....	Dowse's Beach.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	C. Clement.....	7-2
10	.....MTO.....	Manhattan Mischief.....	A. Arroyo.....	S. Klesaris.....	4-1
11	.....MTO.....	Blame Jim.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	5-2
12	.....MTO.....	Doubledown Again.....	J. Ortiz.....	M. Nevin.....	3-1
13	.....MTO.....	Be a Hero.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Rodriguez.....	5-1

6TH (3:45PM). \$55,000, STR \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	.....1.....	African Fighter.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	5-1
2	.....2.....	Total Joint.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	J. Servis.....	3-1
3	.....3.....	Tapitsphere.....	J. Ortiz.....	S. Asmussen.....	7-2
4	.....4.....	U. S. S. Boxer.....	E. Trujillo.....	D. Farrell.....	8-1
5	.....5.....	Sean and Matt.....	L. Saez.....	D. Schettino.....	10-1
6	.....6.....	Send It In.....	J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....	5-2
7	.....7.....	Quimet.....	C. Sullivan.....	N. Zito.....	10-1

7TH (4:18PM). \$50,000, CLM \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double					
1	.....9.....	Lucky Kitten.....	J. Velazquez.....	M. Maker.....	3-1
1a	.....11.....	Branded Hand.....	K. Carmouche.....	J. Sharp.....	3-1
1x	.....MTO.....	Playing a Joke.....	J. Castellano.....	M. Maker.....	3-1
2	.....1.....	Bim Bam.....	J. Leparoux.....	R. Moquett.....	12-1
3	.....MTO.....	Charitable.....	A. Arroyo.....	R. Legall.....	15-1
4	.....3.....	Mills.....	J. Rosario.....	D. Jacobson.....	5-1
5	.....4.....	Permanent Campaign.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	R. Violette, Jr.....	15-1
6	.....5.....	Mr Rosenthal.....	R. Hernandez.....	A. Adsit.....	20-1
7	.....6.....	Compliance Officer.....	J. Castellano.....	B. Brown.....	8-1
8	.....7.....	Escapist.....	S. Bridgmohan.....	B. Brown.....	12-1
9	.....8.....	Depeche Chat.....	J. Lezcano.....	J. Navarro.....	5-1
10	.....10.....	Put It Forward.....	L. Saez.....	D. Gargan.....	6-1
11	.....12.....	Laythatpistoldown.....	J. Ortiz.....	P. Farro.....	4-1
12	.....MTO.....	Gentrify.....		L. Lewis.....	5-1
13	.....MTO.....	Oliver Rush.....	R. Silvera.....	R. Metivier.....	20-1
14	.....MTO.....	I'm Steppin' It Up.....	L. Saez.....	R. Barbara.....	4-1

8TH (4:52PM). \$93,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double					
1	.....2.....	Frivolity.....	C. Velasquez.....	D. Jacobson.....	6-1
1a	.....8.....	Aireofdistinction.....	K. Carmouche.....	D. Jacobson.....	6-1
2	.....1.....	Milam.....	J. Castellano.....	E. Kenneally.....	10-1
3	.....3.....	Wavell Avenue.....	J. Rosario.....	C. Brown.....	3-1
4	.....4.....	Sweet Whiskey.....	J. Velazquez.....	T. Pletcher.....	2-1
5	.....5.....	Medaglia d'Argento.....	L. Saez.....	G. Weaver.....	20-1
6	.....6.....	Katie's Garden.....	J. Alvarado.....	J. Shirreffs.....	4-1
7	.....7.....	Irish Nuggets.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	I. Mason.....	6-1

9TH (5:26PM). \$100,000, STK - THE JOHN'S CALL, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 5/8M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double					
1	.....1.....	Global Strike.....	J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....	9-5
2	.....2.....	Sharp Omar.....	J. Velazquez.....	J. Toscano, Jr.....	10-1
3	.....3.....	Morning Calm.....	J. Alvarado.....	M. Nihei.....	5-1
4	.....4.....	Holiday Star.....	E. Prado.....	H. Motion.....	7-2
5	.....5.....	Rum Tum Tugger.....	K. Carmouche.....	J. Sheppard.....	15-1
6	.....6.....	Da Big Hoss.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Maker.....	4-1
7	.....7.....	Atherton.....	C. Velasquez.....	E. Voss.....	30-1
8	.....8.....	Manchurian High.....	L. Saez.....	L. Kurtinecz.....	12-1

10TH (6:00PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta					
1	.....1.....	Starship Hostility.....	E. Cancel.....	A. Iwinski.....	30-1
2	.....2.....	Your Turn.....	A. Arroyo.....	L. O'Brien.....	20-1
3	.....3.....	Arana.....	C. DeCarlo.....	J. Kimmel.....	6-1
4	.....4.....	Break Away.....	J. Velazquez.....	G. Contessa.....	7-2
5	.....5.....	Summer Chant.....	L. Saez.....	T. Pletcher.....	6-1
6	.....6.....	Zenne.....	C. Sullivan.....	P. Meadow.....	50-1
7	.....7.....	Cape Ann.....	M. Franco.....	G. Weaver.....	15-1
8	.....8.....	Belpiana.....	J. Leparoux.....	D. Carroll.....	10-1
9	.....9.....	Violet Road.....	K. Carmouche.....	M. Coffey.....	15-1
10	.....10.....	Lightning Rosie.....	J. Alvarado.....	T. Bush.....	15-1
11	.....11.....	Pointe Class.....	J. Castellano.....	T. Pletcher.....	3-1
1212.....	Kitten's Angel.....	I. Ortiz, Jr.....	M. Maker.....	5-1
13AE.....	Mama's Red Hat.....	C. Velasquez.....	J. Quiles.....	15-1

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Orzo

3

Threeskills
My Man Al
Linkapleyard

Argyle Gal
My Man Al
Chromark

Threeskills
Linkapleyard
Cannot Stop

Cannot Stop
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Send It In
Total Joint
Tapitsphere

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I'm Steppin' It Up
Depeche Chat
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Sweet Whiskey
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Global Strike
Da Big Hoss
Holiday Star

Holiday Star
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Morning Calm

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Da Big Hoss
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Da Big Hoss
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Sharp Omar

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Kitten's Angel
Pointe Class
Break Away

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Kitten's Angel
Summer Chant
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Pharoah's Storm

Host Terranova ready for Wednesday arrival of Triple Crown winner

BY TERESA GENARO

John Terranova's barn was among the most tranquil spots on the Saratoga Race Course backstretch late Monday morning. The yard canopied by rows of leafy trees, the horses fed and in their stalls, Terranova seemed unperturbed by the frenzy that is now just hours from descending on him when American Pharoah arrives at his barn.

"Our guys have seen it before, so they're good and ready," he said.

Terranova's relationship with Bob Baffert goes back to 1991, when his now-wife, then-girlfriend was working for Brian Mayberry in California. When the Terranovas moved east after training on the West Coast for a few years, Baffert began shipping his horses to them for their East Coast races.

"We've had all the good ones he's sent over the years," Terranova said. "He's even left a small string with us at times."

American Pharoah was in Terranova's Belmont barn before the Belmont Stakes, and while Saratoga isn't quite as expansive as the downstate track, Terranova is confident that the next few days will go smoothly.



Tod Marks

This sort of attention will be on American Pharoah at Saratoga this week.

"There's world-wide attention on this horse and obviously a lot of fans – and even a lot of us on the backstretch – want to see him, but hopefully NYRA will do a good job of keeping the people and the horses safe," Terranova said. "He's got a great crew around him, (Baffert assistant) Jimmy (Barnes) and all the guys coming in from California."

A few months ago, Terranova expected to be running against American Pharoah in the Kentucky Derby with another Zayat Stables horse, El Kabeir, who won two of New York's Derby preps early this year and placed in the other two.

"The Zayats have been great to us," he said. "We've known them for a lot of years and Bob has sent us several of the Zayat horses over the years."

Last year they called us up and wanted to send us a group of 2-year-olds. It worked out to be a great thing."

El Kabeir was scratched with a foot issue the day before the Derby and is back in training, though yet to resume serious workouts.

"He was up here the first week," Terranova said, "but it got to be too much. He wanted to get on with it and do way too much, so we sent him back to Belmont. Tonya was just telling me this morning that he's an absolute beast. We hope to have him back to the races this fall."

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Epona made the 2014 Saratoga winner's circle with Island Candy.
(Tod Marks photo)

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• Two days after the Grade 1 Alabama Stakes, the connections of Embellish The Lace were still glowing from the victory.

Though veterans of multiple Grade 1 wins, owners Alex and JoAnn Lieblong and trainer Tony Dutrow and his wife Kim said that the Alabama was a whole new experience.

“It’s kind of special, up here at Saratoga,” Kim Dutrow said. “It took a while for it to sink in.”

“The fillies that have won this race, that’s a pretty select group,” Alex Lieblong said.

“I read that I’ve won eight Grade 1 races,” Tony Dutrow said. “But I’d never won a race like the Alabama. It’s one of the oldest 3-year-old filly races in the country, and I think everyone in horse racing holds the Alabama as a very, very big race.”

He’s run in it three times before, his best finish a neck loss to Blind Luck with Havre De Grace in 2010.

“Throughout my career, especially as every day I get a day older, I’ve always thought, ‘I want to win a really big race,’ and now I feel I have,” Dutrow said.

“That’s why I was so humbled, so happy,” he continued, his voice full of emotion even two days later, pausing at times to find the right words. “I’m 57, and I’ve been doing this every day

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Trainer Tony Dutrow

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of my life, and to finally win, through all the hard work and disappointment, was simply overwhelming for me.”

A bit of a high-maintenance filly, Embellish The Lace is carefully tended to by Kim Dutrow, who admits to a special bond with the half-sister to 2010 Travers winner Afleet Express.

“She needs a lot of attention,” Tony Dutrow said. “She needs a lot of time spent with her, and Kimmie has done that, and there have been others that have, too. None of us did any of this by ourselves. It’s been tremendous teamwork to get this filly to be the way she’s been at Saratoga.”

“She liked it here, she trained fantastic here. Not that she didn’t do some great stuff beforehand, but she’s a different horse here.”

- For Jenny Kellner, NYRA’s assistant director of communications and media relations, covering a Triple Crown winner at Saratoga is nothing new. It’s just a vastly different experience from the last time she did it.

Kellner was a year into covering racing for United Press International in 1978, when Affirmed came to renew his rivalry with Alydar. Kellner covered the two during their 2-year-old campaigns and Triple Crown and was in Saratoga for their Travers.

“I had this odd feeling of not so much excitement as apprehension about the race,” she said. “There was the switch to Laffit Pincay aboard Affirmed, and I’m up in the press box and I’m watching the race with my binoculars, and all of a sudden Affirmed cuts off Alydar. I thought, ‘Argh! The most anticipated race of the summer is going to be tainted.’”

Affirmed crossed the wire in front of Alydar, as he’d done in each of the Triple Crown races, but the victory went, via disqualification, to Alydar.

She’s been back for the Travers many times since then, as a reporter for a variety of publications and news agencies, and as a writer in NYRA’s press office. This year, she’s doing less writing and more operational planning.

“Preparing for a Triple Crown winner coming here is amazing,” she said. “When I covered it in 1978, Saratoga wasn’t as big as it is now. The races weren’t as well attended, and downtown was much smaller.”

“The build-up to that race, of Alydar and Affirmed, I don’t think we’ll ever see that again. This is almost like a victory tour by the Triple Crown winner, while in 1978 it was like a clash of the titans. It was a whole different vibe.”

Also wholly different is her job. Kellner coordinates security, traffic, travel and media plans, but despite focusing on logistics, she still expects to enjoy Saturday as a fan.

“I’m dying to see if this is as exciting a race, or as exciting to me, as was Rachel Alexandra’s Wood-

ward,” Kellner said. “The whole building was shaking, people were standing up on tables and screaming. If it’s anything like that, it’s going to be great.”

NOTES: Javier Castellano leads the jockey standings by money earned through 28 days of racing, but Irad Ortiz Jr. is in front with 46 wins. Castellano is second with 37. Ortiz flew to England last week to ride Wesley Ward’s 2-year-old filly Acapulco to a second against older males and females in the Group 1 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes at York . . . Chad Brown is two up on Todd Pletcher in the trainers’ race with 24 wins . . . The owners’ race is tight – Klaravich Stables and William Lawrence lead with eight wins, followed by Patricia Generazio with seven and Godolphin with six . . . The Belmont Child Care Association hosts its annual fundraiser tonight to raise money for Anna House, which offers child care, education, tutoring, summer and after-school programs for the children of backstretch workers. This year’s honorees are Jo Ann and Paul Orrefice and among the auction items are box seats for Saturday’s sold-out Travers Stakes. Call (516) 924-2499 for tickets . . . Next Tuesday, Sept. 1, the New York State Gaming Commission will hold day-long summit on Thoroughbred aftercare at Fasig-Tipton. In 2011, the New York Task Force on Retired Racehorses offered a series of recommendations, which will be discussed and reviewed. The forum is free and open to the public and begins at 10 a.m.

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Wednesday, Race 3

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2YO gelding by Frost Giant

Wednesday, Race 3

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Big Rebound

Catch My Drift aces return to Saratoga

BY TOM LAW

Catch My Drift's run in last year's Grade 1 Alabama weighed on the mind of Chad Brown as his team got the filly ready for her return to Saratoga Race Course in Monday's \$100,000 Summer Colony Stakes.

Brown, sitting atop the trainer standings with a two-win lead over Todd Pletcher with two weeks to go in the meeting, probably didn't need to worry that much since the race wasn't a true indicator

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Dave Harmon

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Summer Colony —

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of the filly's ability. The Alabama was only the third career start for the Pioneer of The Nile filly — and her first in New York — and not altogether terrible since she wound up just 5 lengths behind Stopchargingmaria that afternoon. She'd also bounced back with a victory and a Grade 3 placing in the fall before Hidden Brook Farm put her away for the winter.

"In hindsight she just wasn't ready for (the Alabama) at that point," Brown said after Catch My Drift took advantage of a softened up Tiz So Sweet to win the Summer Colony by 6 ¼ lengths for her first stakes victory.

A bigger concern for Catch My Drift going into the Summer Colony was some missed training that led to a missed prep for the 1 1/8-mile stakes.

Catch My Drift spent the winter at Hidden Brook in Paris, Ky., and returned to Brown in time to get going on her 4-year-old campaign. It didn't start great — she finished fifth as the 3-2 favorite in the Monmouth Beach Stakes in late May at Monmouth Park — but started to come around in June.

Catch My Drift finished second in a stakes-caliber allowance-optional June 24 at Belmont, 3 lengths behind Hot Stones and 2 lengths ahead of La Madrina going 1 mile. She'd run well at Belmont in 2014, finishing second by a half-length behind eventual Grade 1 winner Dame Dorothy in the Grade 3 Turnback The Alarm.

Brown targeted another race at Belmont for Catch My Drift as a prep for Saratoga, but she missed it.

"It was a race downstate; I remember between her allowance race and this race we had another one scheduled for her and she came up sick," Brown said. "She missed some training and had to miss that prep."

The two-month layoff would be the next question mark, that and meeting Tiz So Sweet, who walloped an allowance-optional field Jul 27 for Bill Mott off a nearly 14-month layoff.

The bettors pegged Tiz So Sweet as the one to beat and hammered her down to 9-10 favoritism in the field of six fillies and mares. The Tiznow filly looked like the controlling speed and she was once the field left the starting gate. Tiz So Sweet set the pace under Junior Alvarado, clicking off a strong

opening half-mile in :46.98 under some pressure from 35-1 longshot Holiday's Jewel. Tiz So Sweet still led through 6 furlongs in 1:11.15.

Irad Ortiz Jr. kept Catch My Drift in third early, with a view of what was going on up front. They cut a 6 1/2-length deficit after a half-mile to 3 lengths around the far turn and reached even terms past the quarter pole. Catch My Drift spun off the turn, drifting out slightly and got straightened out after a few hard cracks of Ortiz's right-hand whip. They drew off from there, running the final eighth in :12.64 under a hand ride.

"One horse (went) ahead with the favorite and give a little fight on the lead, so I waited and then it worked out good at the quarter pole," Ortiz said. "I let her roll and my filly was great."

Tiz So Sweet was well clear in second, 5 ¾ lengths in front of the 31-1 Imposing Grace. The winning time was 1:48.72.

Catch My Drift, bred in Kentucky by Fred Hertrich III and John Fielding, improved to 4-for-9 lifetime and boosted her earnings to \$240,540.


"She was graded stakes placed before this and now she's a stakes winner," Brown said. "It's a good win. It's a really good ownership that is in control of her, they decided to give her the winter off and treat her like a good horse for next year. Hopefully she'll reward us. She's just finally finding her stride now, is healthy and hopefully we can build off this."

Saratoga Leaders





Jockey	1st
Irad Ortiz Jr.	46
Javier Castellano	37
John Velazquez	33
Jose Ortiz	24
Luis Saez	22
Joel Rosario	19
Junior Alvarado	17
Jose Lezcano	13

Trainer	1st
Chad Brown	24
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Dream On

First foal out of Rachel Alexandra charges to victory

Well worth the wait.

Jess's Dream overcame a sluggish start and made what looked like an impossible last-to-first rally around the far turn and in the stretch to win his highly anticipated debut for Stonestreet Stables and trainer Kiaran McLaughlin at Saratoga Race Course.

The first foal out of 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra broke a step slowly and John Velazquez guided him to the rail heading to the first turn of the sixth race, 1 1/8-mile maiden special weight for 3-year-olds and up. The colt by two-time

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Dave Harmon

Jess's Dream (3) powers clear of the field in his maiden win Monday.



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Horse of the Year Curlin was isolated on the backstretch at least a dozen lengths back of the field.

Jess's Dream was so far back early that he wasn't visible in the pan shot of the televised feed until the horses hit the quarter pole. Even then, the glass appeared half empty.

Jess's Dream filled the grandstand and clubhouse with excitement as he mowed down his rivals in the lane to win by 1 length over Securitiz.

"We knew he was plenty fit because he's been training for a year without any injuries," McLaughlin said. "He just had some pharyngitis that kept setting him back."

Jess's Dream breezed four times in Saratoga and three times at Belmont Park after arriving back in McLaughlin's care following a stint at Stonestreet's Ocala training center.

"Johnny deserves a lot of credit," McLaughlin said. "He was patient and he persevered. It worked out great."

Velazquez also rode Jess's Dream's half-sister, the 2-year-old Bernardini filly Rachel's Valentina to a winning debut Aug. 2 for Stonestreet and trainer Todd Pletcher.

"Once I got to the backstretch, I thought I was overdoing it a little bit," Velazquez said about the trip on Jess's Dream. "Maybe I was leaving him a bit too relaxed."

Jess's Dream completed the nine furlongs in 1:49.06.

McLaughlin joked about running back in Saturday's Grade 1 Travers Stakes, but the dream will most likely continue in an allowance race this fall at Belmont.

Stonestreet Stables' Barbara Banke couldn't be at Saratoga to see Rachel Alexandra's first baby make his first start because she was home waiting for the arrival of her second grandchild.

"My oldest daughter Katie was due last Saturday," said Banke late Monday afternoon. "It's a five-hour trip [from California] at a minimum, and I didn't want to risk it."

She was watching, though, as Jess's Dream made his long-awaited debut.

"We didn't really even see him



Dave Harmon

Fans of Irad Ortiz Jr. save a homemade sign after his 1,000th career victory.

through most of the race," she said. "He wasn't even in the picture. We thought, 'That's too bad, we hope he makes a good run,' then we were screaming our heads off. It was awesome."

Stonestreet held a naming contest for Rachel Alexandra's first foal when he was born, announcing his name in the Saratoga winner's circle in 2012.

Curlin and Rachel Alexandra were owned by Stonestreet, and both spent significant time at Saratoga. Rachel Alexandra won the Woodward in 2009 in a race for the ages, the first filly to do so, and finishing second in the 2010 Personal Ensign, her final start.

Curlin won the Woodward the year before Rachel Alexandra did.

"They both liked it at Saratoga," said Banke. "Jess's Dream reminded me of them."

— Billy Blake and Teresa Genaro

- Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. started the celebrations early Monday with a Frosty Margarita.

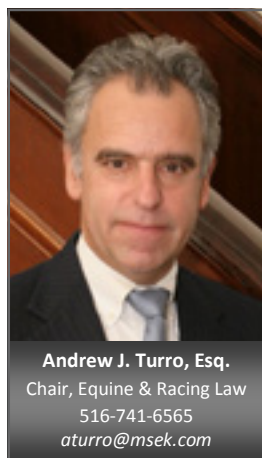
Ortiz won the first race aboard the second-time starting 2-year-old Frost Giant filly of that name, giving him his 1,000th career victory (917 in North America and 83 in Puerto Rico).

"One thousand wins is a lot of winners," Ortiz said following a winner's circle celebration with his fellow riders, including his younger brother Jose. "I praise God and try stay healthy and keep going. It's great."

Although Ortiz has proven to be among the strongest and most consistent riders on the NYRA circuit over the past few years, he is quick to credit his success to his entire team.

"My agent does a great job and the trainers give me great opportunities

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on their horses,” Ortiz said. “That’s all I have to do. I feel unbelievable right now, amazing.”

Ortiz, 23, is in the midst of a career year. He enters Wednesday’s card atop the rider standings with 46 victories and is ranked second in North America by earnings.

Ortiz, who came to the U.S. from Puerto Rico in 2011, said he didn’t see all of his success coming.

“No,” he said. “You have to keep positive. Anything can happen and that’s great.”

— **Brandon Valvo**

- The third race may have been short on horses, with just six fillies leaving the gate, but it was high on excitement as the deep-closing Callista and pace-stalking Paris Bikini hit the wire together in a head-bobbing finish.

After examining the photo, the judges put Callista’s number up, giving trainer David Carroll his first Saratoga winner in several years.

“I actually asked John Shirreffs and he said, ‘You got beat.’ I’m glad



Dave Harmon
Callista (2) charges to a win.

he was wrong. We’ve been up here the last three years in a row,” said Carroll, whose last win at Saratoga came in 2008. “Won races here before. Won the Forego a long time ago (in 1994 with American Chance). Today was terrific.”

Callista entered the 6-furlong allowance off a troubled fourth July 25 at Saratoga, where she stumbled at the break and was the last of 11 early before rallying to finish 1 length behind Paid Up Subscriber.

“We’ve thought a lot of her and she was a little bit unlucky last time and we were looking for a bit more

distance,” Carroll said. “But the way the race came up, we decided to run and we just about got there. Got a great ride from Julien. Super ride.”

Monday’s shorter field allowed Callista to race closer to the pace and it presented challenges of its own.

“I was happy with the short field, but sometimes with more horses there’s a faster pace,” Carroll said. “They went 22 and 3 today, which is slow enough fractions for the distance. Once I saw her turning for home, I knew she was going to come.

It was just a question of whether she had enough time to get there, and she just did.”

A 3-year-old filly by Tapit, Callista was bred by longtime Carroll client Don Adam’s Courtlandt Farm and raced in the name of his wife Donna.

“She’s a beautifully bred filly owned by great people and a great farm,” Carroll said. “The last couple of years I’ve been lucky enough to get great people to train for. They breed great horses. Mr. and Mrs. Adam have got a summer home here and Mrs. Adam, she loves grays and she’s always wanted to have a horse in her name. So this filly came along, she trained beautifully and she was worthy of carrying Mrs. Adam’s name.”

— **Brandon Valvo**

- My Sweet Girl, Tapitry and Dating Lady Luck finished in a three-way photo in the fifth. My Sweet Girl nosed out Tapitry who had a head on favorite Lady Luck. Bred and owned by Joyce Young and trained by Barclay Tagg, the winner is out Young’s homebred Bit Of Whimsy. A daughter of Distorted Humor, Bit Of Whimsy won the Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth at Keeneland in 2007.

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6	Frosty Margarita	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$4.00	\$2.60	\$2.10
2	Gregorian Gold	C. Sullivan		\$8.40	\$4.20
5	Flatware	J. Rosario			\$2.40

Dk B/ Br Filly 2013, by Frost Giant - Mango Margarita by Not For Love
Owner: Gabrielle Farm. Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez.

Breeder: Gabrielle Farm (NY).

Time: 1:17.03

Exacta (6-2), \$60.50; Superfecta (6-2-5-1), \$369.40; Trifecta (6-2-5), \$175.00

SECOND \$50,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

5	Make My Saturday	J. Velazquez	\$18.20	\$7.20	\$3.90
1	Great Attack	C. Velasquez		\$3.60	\$2.70
8	Liberal Spin	J. Ortiz			\$3.30

B Gelding 2010, by Any Given Saturday - Exciting Justice by Glitterman

Owner: Everett, J., Christopher. Trainer: David Donk.

Breeder: WinStar Farm, LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Rockford, Doc Almon

Claimed: Liberal Spin claimed by Aprahamian, Ara for \$25,000, Thomas Hill claimed by Winning Move Stable for \$25,000

Time: 1:01.99

Daily Double (6-5), \$39.40; Exacta (5-1), \$58.00; Quinella (1-5), \$24.40; Superfecta (5-1-8-6), \$611.00; Trifecta (5-1-8), \$218.50

THIRD \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

2	Callista	J. Leparoux	\$6.40	\$3.50	\$3.20
6	Paris Bikini	J. Castellano		\$5.60	\$4.20
4	Full of Sugar	J. Ortiz			\$5.30

Gr/ro Filly 2012, by Tapit - Sweet Talker by Stormin Fever

Owner: Adam, Donna. Trainer: David Carroll.

Breeder: Courtlandt Farm (KY).

Time: 1:09.99

Daily Double (5-2), \$77.00; Exacta (2-6), \$45.40; Superfecta (2-6-4-1), \$839.00; Trifecta (2-6-4), \$266.00; Pic 3 (6-5-2), \$171.50

FOURTH \$39,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$25,000, 3&UP, 6F

8	Shotgun Love	J. Alvarado	\$5.30	\$3.00	\$2.70
3	Glare Ice	J. Ortiz		\$3.40	\$3.10
2	Yourcreditgood	I. Rodriguez			\$3.80

B Filly 2011, by Posse - Lemon Drop's Love by Lemon Drop Kid

Owner: Joemar Racing Stables. Trainer: Dominick Schettino.

Breeder: Joemar Racing Stables, LLC (NY).

Late Scratches: She's All Even, Twisted Cat Tail, Offlee Good

Claimed: Little Mary Ellen claimed by Chevalier Stable for \$25,000

Time: 1:10.41

Daily Double (2-8), \$21.80; Exacta (8-3), \$14.00; Quinella (3-8), \$7.50; Superfecta (8-3-2-9), \$179.40; Trifecta (8-3-2), \$54.00; Consolation Double (2-7), \$7.40; Pic 3 (5-2-8), \$287.50; (5-2-7), \$68.50

FIFTH \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO, 1 1/8M

3	My Sweet Girl	J. Ortiz	\$11.20	\$5.80	\$2.60
1	Tapitry	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$5.30	\$2.50
4	Dating Lady Luck	J. Rosario			\$2.10

B Filly 2012, by Bernardini - Bit of Whimsy by Distorted Humor

Owner: Young, Joyce, B.. Trainer: Barclay Tagg.

Breeder: Bonner Young (KY).

Time: 1:49.83

Daily Double (8-3), \$34.60; Exacta (3-1), \$45.80; Superfecta (3-1-4-5), \$213.00; Trifecta (3-1-4), \$74.50; Pic 3 (2-8-3), \$143.50; (2-7-3), \$46.80; Pic 4 (5-2-1/6/7/8-3), \$1,152.00; Pic 5 (6-5-2-1/6/7/8-3), \$3,428.00

SIXTH \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

3	Jess's Dream	J. Velazquez	\$8.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
8	Securitiz	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$4.20	\$2.80
5	Godrevy	J. Castellano			\$4.50

Dk B/ Br Colt 2012, by Curlin - Rachel Alexandra by Medaglia d'Oro

Owner: Stonestreet Stables LLC. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin.

Breeder: Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC & The Estate of Harold T. McCormick (KY).

Late Scratches: Chase the Love

Time: 1:49.06

Daily Double (3-3), \$51.00; Exacta (3-8), \$34.00; Superfecta (3-8-5-1), \$310.50; Trifecta (3-8-5), \$161.00; Pic 3 (8-3-3), \$196.50

SEVENTH \$78,000, NY-BRED AOC \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

5	Readtheprospectus	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$6.00	\$4.10	\$2.90
11	Make a Decision	J. Ortiz		\$8.50	\$5.20
8	Three for Me	J. Castellano			\$3.20

B Gelding 2009, by Read the Footnotes - Near Bethany by Affirmed

Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc. and Lawrence, William H..

Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Howard Nolan Jr. (NY).

Late Scratches: Iced Over, Saturday Appeal, Escape to the Moon, Glowing Ember, Bug Juice, Captain Gaughen

Claimed: Readtheprospectus claimed by Jacobson, David for \$40,000, Make a Decision claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$40,000

Time: 1:35.36

Daily Double (3-5), \$38.20; Exacta (5-11), \$45.00; Superfecta (5-11-8-3), \$953.00; Trifecta (5-11-8), \$148.00; Pic 3 (3-3-5), \$198.00

EIGHTH \$100,000, STAKES - SUMMER COLONY S., 3 & UP, 1 1/8M

3	Catch My Drift	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$7.20	\$3.10	\$2.60
1	Tiz So Sweet	J. Alvarado		\$2.40	\$2.30
2	Imposing Grace	K. Carmouche			\$4.70

Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by Pioneerof the Nile - Drift to the Lead by Yonaguska

Owner: Hidden Brook Farm. Trainer: Chad Brown. B

reeder: Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY).

Time: 1:48.72

Daily Double (5-3), \$27.00; Exacta (3-1), \$16.00; Superfecta (3-1-2-5), \$397.50; Trifecta (3-1-2), \$142.50; Pic 3 (3-5-3), \$110.00; Place Pix Nine (1/3/4-3/5/8-5/8/11-3), \$14.40

NINTH \$45,000, NY-BRED MDN CLAIMING \$40,000, 3&UP, 1 1/8M

7	Confessa	E. Cancel	\$15.40	\$7.10	\$4.10
6	Sugar Mags	J. Velazquez		\$15.60	\$7.00
2	Cosmic Tale	J. Ortiz			\$2.70

Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by Repent - Wonderously by Awesome Again

Owner: Callahan, Peter, J.. Trainer: John Toscano, Jr..

Breeder: The Peter J. Callahan Revocable Trust Dated 2/28/02 (NY).

Time: 1:49.91

Daily Double (3-7), \$86.00; Exacta (7-6), \$211.50; Superfecta (7-6-2-3), \$3,211.00; Trifecta (7-6-2), \$1,040.00; Pic 3 (5-3-7), \$251.50; Pic 4 (3/5,6,12,13,14,15,16/3/7), \$1,221.00; Pic 6 (1,6,7,8/3/5,6,12,13,14,15,16), \$162.50; Pic 6 (1,6,7,8/3/5,6,12,13,14,15,16), \$18,134.00

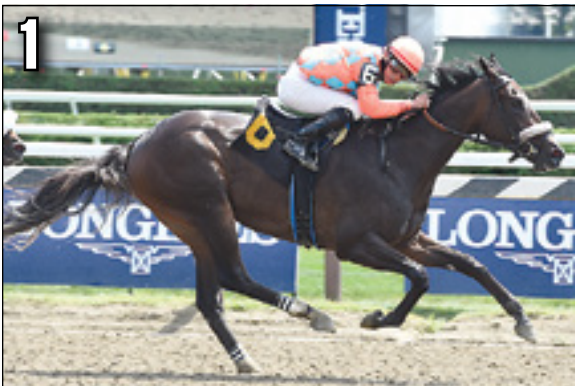
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People's Horse

Busy Stallwalkin' Dude continues climb in sprint

BY JOE CLANCY

Owner/trainer David Jacobson exited the winner's circle after Stallwalkin' Dude won Sunday's Tale Of The Cat Stakes, and bumped into a fan.

"My husband had to come back because he loves your horse," she said. "We went home because it was hot, went back to Caroline Street, made some pasta salad and then we came back just to see him."

Jacobson laughed, thanked her, cautioned her about smoking cigarettes and invited her into the

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Stallwalkin' Dude (left) battles Scarly Charly (center) and Fast Anna in Sunday's Tale Of The Cat Stakes.

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winner's circle the next time Stallwalkin' Dude wins. Which could be any day now the way things are going. The 5-year-old gelding made his 13th start of 2015, to go with just as many in 2014, and collected his eighth win since Jacobson spent \$16,000 to claim the horse at Gulfstream Park last September.

"He's a fan favorite, people like him," Jacobson said. "He was a cheap claimer, he's on his way now, people follow him. 'I went home, I came back, we love your horse,' you don't hear a lot of that with many horses."

Stallwalkin' Dude has been on a tear since April. He won a \$50,000 claimer at Aqueduct to start a four-race winning streak that included the Diablo Stakes at Belmont Park May 10. The races got tougher from there as he finished second or third in four consecutive stakes — including a runner-up effort to Rock Fall in the Grade 2 True North June 5.

He got back to winning Sunday, prevailing by a nose for leading jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. over Scarly Charly and Fast Anna in a three-horse photo at the end of the 6-furlong stakes.

Restricted to horses which had not won a graded stakes this year, the \$100,000 race lured seven entrants, headed by Fast Anna and A. P. Indian. The former finished second in last year's King's Bishop and competed in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. The latter had won three of four this year including a win over Stallwalkin' Dude in a stakes at Parx in June.

The start was key as Stallwalkin' Dude, who broke from post six, stayed out of a melee to his inside. Scarly Charly broke in from post six, Fast Anna broke out from the rail. The squeeze affected them all, but cost co-favorite A. P. Indian, Weekend Hideaway and Catron the most.

The winner broke straight and fast and could have gone to the front. Instead, he waited a beat as Fast Anna recovered and zipped to the lead. He was 2 lengths clear after a furlong and still there after a quarter-mile in :22.41. Scarly Charly and Weekend Hideaway sat second and third, with Stallwalkin' Dude just behind them around the turn. Ortiz gave him

a nudge coming to the quarter pole, and Stallwalkin' Dude joined the leaders at the top of the stretch after a half-mile in :45.08. From there, it was a street fight. On the inside, Fast Anna answered the challenges while drifting out slightly. Between horses, Scarly Charly dug in. Uncoiling long strides on the outside, Stallwalkin' Dude prevailed — eventually — winning by a nose over Scarly Charly with Fast Anna a head back in third after 1:09.06.

"Irada said he broke on top, he could have went right to the lead but he just sat and it worked out," said Jacobson. "On the outside, that's an advantage with a horse like this who is not one-dimensional. He's a big, long, lanky horse. Once he gets going, it's momentum."

Stallwalkin' Dude won for the sixth time this year (to go with three seconds and two thirds) while pushing his seasonal bankroll to \$443,250. Jacobson likes the success, but wouldn't have predicted it when he made the claim from Hardacre Farm and trainer Angel Penna Jr.

"He had good form, and it looked like I could make a few bucks with

him," he said. "You never expect this."

The busy schedule seems to agree with the Florida-bred, whose sire City Place (an unraced half-brother to Grade 1 winner Political Force) now stands in Australia.

"Stallwalkin' Dude, I do nothing with him," Jacobson said. "He's so fit because he's run so many times. He comes in here, he's like on vacation. Seriously. With another horse, coming back from a layoff or something you've got to drill them, you've got to get them fit, just fit enough to run but not too fit where they can't run the way you want them to."

"Hopefully we've got a lot more starts to go, but you never know. It's totally up to the horse."

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Hey, David Jacobson, does Stallwalkin' Dude walk the stall?

"No. No. I put him next to stallwalkers, he settles them down."

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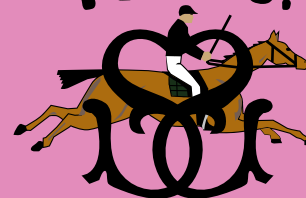
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Parker, Magee get first wins at Saratoga

Joe Parker felt confident that Kate Is A Ten would win the first race Sunday at Saratoga Race Course.

The filly entered the state-bred allowance-optional off a nearly two-month layoff, was stretching out around two turns and gave the field between two and eight pounds. Despite the challenges – and the fact that he'd never won a race at Saratoga – Parker still expected a big effort. Kate Is A Ten delivered, winning from off the pace by a half-length

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Tod Marks

Kate Is A Ten (right) wins Sunday's first for trainer Joe Parker.

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Sunday —

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over Perfect Freud.

“First Saratoga win,” Parker said. “It feels like you won the Kentucky Derby.”

Fernando Jara, who picked up his first win of the meet Friday on Saratago, rode the winner for Parker.

“Really, really, I thought she would win this race,” Parker said of the 5-year-old Tenpins mare, who last won Jan. 22 going 1 mile around two turns on Aqueduct’s inner track. “I knew she would come up on them. She’s a grinder. She grinds hard and she grinds away right to the wire. So, we got it done.”

A Saratoga winner in 2013 for trainer Phil Serpe, Kate Is A Ten is perhaps best known for a shadow-jumping win for Parker and owner Wilfred Johnson at Belmont Park last October. Photos of the maneuver — which looks like a horse jumping an invisible fence — were briefly an Internet sensation, earned an Eclipse Award honorable mention and even inspired a song by the racing-connected band Mediocrime (Google it all for a smile).

— **Brandon Valvo**

• Maryland-based trainer Kieron Magee made his first trip to Saratoga to start Jack O Liam in the fourth, a \$32,000 claimer going 7 furlongs. The reason for the trek north from Pimlico was simple.

“Purses. Purses,” Magee said after Jack O Liam hung on by a nose over Power Nap. “The purse is \$56,000. We had to come.”

The trip proved fruitful as the 3-year-old Lookin At Lucky gelding led the field gate-to-wire with Javier Castellano aboard, giving Magee a perfect record at Saratoga.

“First-time runner,” Magee said. “I’ve never run here, never been here. What a great first time. It’s tremendous. Incredible. It’s beautiful. It’s awesome. It stands out.”

Jack O Liam came in off a victory Aug. 12 at Delaware Park. He was gelded after that start, something Magee said was necessary.

“The race came up and he had a break before then and we took a shot,” Magee said of wheeling Jack

O Liam back quick. “So, it worked out and paid off. He needed it (gelding). It needed to be done. They were getting in the way.”

Jack O Liam improved to 4-for-13 with his second straight win. Jack O Liam was a hot item at the claim box, too, and he was claimed out of the race by trainer Steve Klesaris and owner Winning Move Stable in a nine-way shake.

— **Brandon Valvo**

• Bugle Blues went to the front in the sixth and led every stride of the 1 1/16-mile state-bred maiden special weight on the inner turf.

Owned and trained by Roy Lerman, the 3-year-old Lion Hearted gelding controlled the modest pace through an opening quarter-mile in :24.88 and half in :50.67. Cornelio Velazquez went to the whip with a few right-handed cracks in the stretch and Bugle Blues responded to hold off Talladega by a neck.

“He’s eligible for a Maryland Million race because (Lion Hearted) was a Maryland sire,” Lerman said after his first victory of the meet. “Last year I was looking to run him there but he got hurt so I didn’t.”

Bugle Blues was broken and trained at Lerman’s Lambholm South in Ocala for a longtime client. Lerman wound up with the gelding after unpaid bills.

“My yearling manager said, ‘There’s a really good looking horse,’ ” Lerman said. “He told me to take him and don’t try to get the money.”

— **Billy Blake**

• Christophe Clement doubled on Sunday’s card, sending out Scatcapade to win the seventh and Width to win the eighth. The Clement double paid \$136.50.

Width made her debut for breeders Claiborne Farm and Adele Dilschneider. A daughter of Blame and the Pulpit mare, Extent, Width drew off to win by 2 ½ lengths over favorite True Pleasure. Width is a half sister to Size, winner of the Iowa Oaks in 2014.

Scatcapade continued a prolific meet for Frank and Patricia Generazio, taking an allowance turf sprint. Bred and owned by the Generazios, the son of Scat Daddy broke his maiden at Gulfstream Park in April, 2014.


A strong Saratoga stand has

pushed Patricia Generazio to 30th in the national owner’s standings for purses earned.


• Tin Type Gal won her turf debut for My Meadowview Farm and Graham Motion. The daughter of Saratoga heroine Miss Shop rebounded from a seventh in an off-the-turf maiden at Saratoga in July. Bred and owned by My Meadowview, Tin Type Gal vanquished favorite Rebelle who led through most of the journey. Miss Shop, trained by Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens, won the Grade 1 Personal Ensign at Saratoga in 2007.

• Trainer Chuck Lawrence won his third race at the meet when Matt Schera’s Great Dancer upset favorite Team Colors in the ninth. Imported from Ireland, the winner rallied from last to win by a half-length.

• Trainer Kathleen Feron ousted any remaining Pick 6 tickets by upsetting the finale with Strolling Down. Making his debut, the son of Stroll paid \$58.50. Owned and bred in New York by Peggy Vandervoort, the 4-year-old showed two breezes before his debut.



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SUNDAY'S SARATOGA RESULTS

Sunday August 23.

FIRST \$78,000, NY-BRED AOC \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

1	Kate Is a Ten	F. Jara	\$17.20	\$6.70	\$3.90
2	Perfect Freud	E. Cancel		\$5.00	\$3.30
5	Familyofroses	C. DeCarlo			\$5.10

Ch Mare 2010, by Tenpins - Crypto Kate by Tabasco Cat

Owner: Johnson, Wilfred. Trainer: Joseph Parker.

Breeder: Rojan Farms Inc (NY). Time: 1:50.85

Exacta (1-2), \$76.00; Superfecta (1-2-5-4), \$1,145.00; Trifecta (1-2-5), \$335.50

SECOND \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 1 1/16M

3	Tin Type Gal	L. Saez	\$16.60	\$5.80	\$5.30
2	Rebelle	J. Alvarado		\$3.20	\$2.50
6	Pricedtoperfection	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$4.20

Ch Filly 2013, by Tapit - Miss Shop by Deputy Minister

Owner: My Meadowview Farm LLC. Trainer: H. Motion.

Breeder: My Meadowview LLC (KY). Late Scratches: Wembley.

Time: 1:43.20

Daily Double (1-3), \$131.00; Exacta (3-2), \$61.00; Quinella (2-3), \$28.20; Superfecta (3-2-6-7), \$919.00; Trifecta (3-2-6), \$300.00

THIRD \$51,000, CLAIMING \$50,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

4	Towering Moon	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$16.60	\$6.50	\$3.80
2	Cleancut Kid	J. Velazquez		\$3.80	\$2.80
1	Forest Boy	C. Velasquez			\$6.10

Ch G 2009, by Malibu Moon - Towering Escape by Giant's Causeway

Owner: Dubb, Michael, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Aisquith, Gary.

Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez. Breeder: Albert Fried, Jr. (NY). Time: 1:10.07

Daily Double (3-4), \$114.50; Exacta (4-2), \$59.50; Superfecta (4-2-1-6), \$1,266.00; Trifecta (4-2-1), \$366.00; Pic 3 (1-3-4), \$1,037.00

FOURTH \$56,000, CLAIMING \$32,000, 3 YO, 7F

3	Jack O Liam	J. Castellano	\$5.40	\$3.50	\$2.70
4	Power Nap	J. Ortiz		\$5.30	\$4.00
6	Forge Ahead Franki	C. Hill			\$4.00

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2012, by Lookin At Lucky - Fapindy by A.P. Indy

Owner: Gumpster Stable LLC and Berch, Neal. Trainer: Kieron Magee.

Breeder: Mt. Joy Stables, Inc. (KY).

Claimed: Jack O Liam claimed by Winning Move Stable for \$32,000, Combat Diver claimed by Three Diamonds Farm for \$32,000, Sunny Puzzle claimed by Sulley, Andrew for \$32,000, Bessie's Boy claimed by Bennett, Glenn for \$32,000. Time: 1:23.57

Daily Double (4-3), \$54.00; Exacta (3-4), \$45.40; Quinella (3-4), \$24.20; Superfecta (3-4-6-7), \$861.00; Trifecta (3-4-6), \$269.00; Pic 3 (3-4-3), \$571.00

FIFTH \$50,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

8	S'maverlous	R. Silvera	\$9.60	\$4.60	\$3.20
5	One More Night	I. Rodriguez		\$7.20	\$5.10
4	Bellarmine	J. Castellano			\$3.40

B Gelding 2010, by Tiz Wonderful - A. P. Petal by A.P. Indy

Owner: Balsamo, Diane. Trainer: Diane Balsamo.

Breeder: Spendthrift Farm, LLC (KY).

Late Scratches: Longfor the City

Claimed: One More Night claimed by Crossed Sabres Farm for \$25,000, Bellarmine claimed by Brewster, Clark O. for \$25,000, Slan Abhaile claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$25,000, Regulus claimed by Midwest Thoroughbreds, Inc. for \$25,000. Time: 1:08.97

Daily Double (3-8), \$38.80; Exacta (8-5), \$76.00; Superfecta (8-5-4-1), \$1,490.00; Trifecta (8-5-4), \$467.50; Pic 3 (4-3-8), \$351.50; Pic 4 (3-4-3-8), \$3,298.00; Pic 5 (1-3-4-3-8), \$30,381.00

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SIXTH \$73,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M

7	Bugle Blues	C. Velasquez	\$24.40	\$9.90	\$4.90
4	Talladega	J. Alvarado		\$7.40	\$3.80
5	Mohican Chief	J. Castellano			\$2.50

B Gelding 2012, by Lion Hearted - Shoot the Bugler by Yes It's True

Owner: Lerman, Roy, S.. Trainer: Roy Lerman.

Breeder: D-Marleigh Stables (NY). Late Scratches: River of Magic.

Time: 1:44.74

Daily Double (8-7), \$142.00; Exacta (7-4), \$121.50; Superfecta (7-4-5-10), \$1,800.00; Trifecta (7-4-5), \$362.50; Pic 3 (3-8-7), \$506.00

SEVENTH \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

5	Scatcapade	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$9.70	\$5.10	\$2.80
6	Lady of Victory	J. Alvarado		\$6.30	\$4.10
4	Diva Express	J. Leparoux			\$3.90

Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by Scat Daddy - Concorde Escapade by Wild Escapade

Owner: Generazio, Patricia, A.. Trainer: Christophe Clement.

Breeder: Patricia Generazio (FL).

Late Scratches: Full of Sugar. Time: 1:01.98

Daily Double (7-5), \$136.50; Exacta (5-6), \$45.00; Superfecta (5-6-4-2), \$1,010.00; Trifecta (5-6-4), \$220.50; Pic 3 (8-7-5), \$831.00

EIGHTH \$83,000, MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

9	Width	J. Ortiz	\$9.10	\$4.50	\$3.60
3	True Pleasure	J. Lezcane		\$3.90	\$2.80
1A	Libreta	L. Saez			\$2.70

B Filly 2013, by Blame - Extent by Pulpit

Owner: Claiborne Farm and Dilschneider, Adele B..

Trainer: Christophe Clement.

Breeder: Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY).

Late Scratches: Devilish Kitten. Time: 1:04.31

Daily Double (5-9), \$55.50; Exacta (9-3), \$40.60; Superfecta (9-3-1-8), \$301.50; Trifecta (9-3-1), \$99.00; Pic 3 (7-5-9), \$873.00

NINTH \$85,000, ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

1	Great Dancer (IRE)	K. Carmouche	\$19.60	\$8.00	\$4.60
3	Team Colors	J. Castellano		\$3.80	\$3.10
7	Macagone	J. Lezcane			\$3.40

B Colt 2012, by Lord Shanakill - Enchanted Empress (IRE) by Holy Roman Emperor (IRE)

Owner: Schera, Matthew. Trainer: James Lawrence, II.

Breeder: Maurice Regan (IRE). Time: 1:47.42

Daily Double (9-1), \$133.50; Exacta (1-3), \$87.00; Superfecta (1-3-7-6), \$1,651.00; Trifecta (1-3-7), \$402.50; Pic 3 (5-9-1), \$1,010.00

TENTH \$100,000, STAKES - TALE OF THE CAT S., 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

7	Stallwalkin' Dude	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$8.40	\$3.60	\$2.80
6	Scarly Charly	J. Ortiz		\$9.20	\$4.50
1	Fast Anna	C. Hill			\$2.80

B Gelding 2010, by City Place - Chelle Spendabuck by Dare and Go

Owner: Jacobson, David. Trainer: David Jacobson.

Breeder: Maria M. Haire (FL). Late Scratches: Saturday's Charm.

Time: 1:09.06

Daily Double (1-7), \$107.50; Exacta (7-6), \$58.00; Superfecta (7-6-1-4), \$1,756.00; Trifecta (7-6-1), \$289.00; Pic 3 (9-1-7), \$863.00; Place Pix Nine (4/5/6-1/3/9-1/3/7-7), \$30.80

ELEVENTH \$45,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$40,000, 3 & UP, 5 1/2F

3	Stroll On Down	R. Silvera	\$58.50	\$21.20	\$11.40
8	Pine Ridge Forest	L. Saez		\$5.70	\$3.90
6	Said No One Ever	A. Arroyo			\$4.10

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2011, by Stroll - Jet Set Jazz by A. P. Jet

Owner: Vandervoort, Peggy. Trainer: Kathleen Feron.

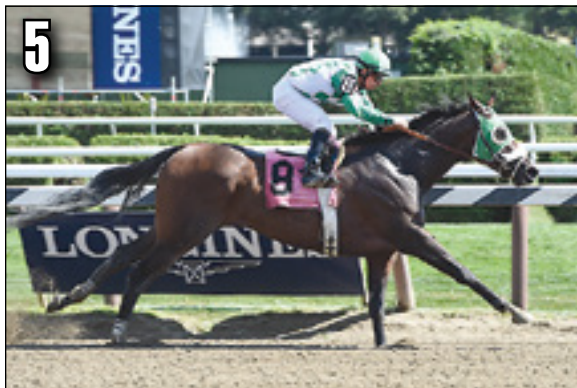
Breeder: Peggy Vandervoort (NY).

Late Scratches: Enchanted Forest, Call Me Stoney, My Tommy Boy, Leo's Legacy, Junger, Frontier Scout. Time: 1:03.80

Daily Double (7-3), \$204.50; Exacta (3-8), \$306.50; Superfecta (3-8-6-5), \$3,940.00; Trifecta (3-8-6), \$2,107.00; Pic 3 (1-7-3), \$2,327.00; Pic 4 (9-1-7-3), \$18,131.00; Pic 6 (7-5-9-1-7-3), \$10,306.00

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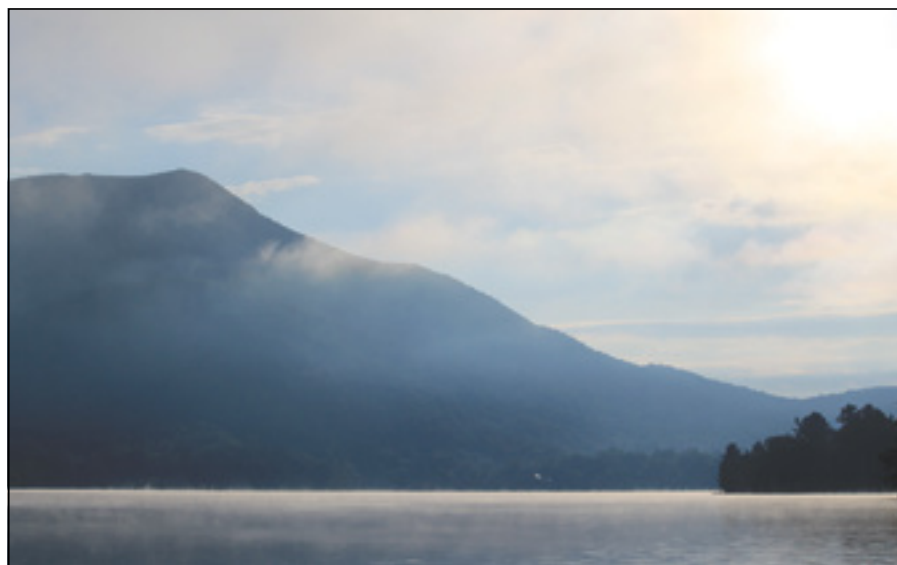
Blue Mountain

All I hear are birds. That's it. I don't know what types of birds, maybe a blue jay in the tree next to me, a swallow hopping along the edge of the porch, a hummingbird, for sure, in the yellow flowers, flits. Round wooden beams, rails and posts frame my view, there is only one place for Adirondack buildings and that's in the Adirondacks.

Coffee's hot, the cup resting on the wide arm of the wooden chair. Mist rises off the lake, drifting above but with the current. A loon fishes, its black head disappears into the water, ripples disperse in circles, then he rises again. Everybody seems to go fishing, but don't seem to catch anything, well, other than the loon, he must be catching something.

I feel like I'm tainting the scene, by typing on a keyboard, I wish I could type quieter. There are days I wish I wrote longhand, with a plume pen and parchment paper. It would be more romantic, but not as productive.

An early morning kayaker sets out, his paddle scoops up the water and it splashes down, in perfect motion, rhythm. In a flannel shirt, beard, life preserver tucked in the webbing on the back of his royal blue kayak. Off he goes, through the mist, the red of his shirt, the yellow ends of his paddle slowly fading. Then like that, the lake turns pink, yellowish, like a flashlight has been shined through a box of pastels, above the water, but below the mist, I wonder if the kayaker can see it, being in it. The mist turns blue, changing colors before I finish typing a sen-



tence. I wish I could paint. The kayaker disappears, through a swath between the pine trees across the lake. I see his paddles, up and then down, fading like dots from a pen. Then he stops, drifts.

The pine trees across the lake, lean, the wind altering their balance. There is no wind today, and still they lean, like hitchhikers as trucks pass on the highway, perpetually bracing against the wind. It must be cold up here in the winter. I shudder.

Monday, I joined the Early Morning Swim Club, the water jolting at first descent, then refreshing. We swam out, until our breath labored, then swam back to the floating dock. I had an omelet for breakfast, another cup of coffee, I didn't know where my phone was, didn't know who worked well on the

turf or how many newspapers were in the plastic box by the Oklahoma Training Track. We went kayaking, Miles in the front. Annie, Chris and Laurie Ambrose floating, drifting, paddling around us, we paddled far, through narrow channels, across the lake, under a bridge, out to another lake, waved to a man and his dog in a sail boat. I jumped off a rock, just high enough to make me take a deep breath or 10, well, until an 8-year-old boy jumped off it, laughing all the way. I still get water up my nose when I land in the water.

Miles and I played air hockey in the game room, climbed on the boulders, scared sleeping ducks on the beach. I took a nap, we ate dinner and drank wine at a picnic table on a porch, we pulled on sweaters halfway through

dinner. We listened to Steve Borst play his guitar and sing next to the campfire – if I closed my eyes, he could have been Pete Seeger, John Prine or James Taylor. He took some requests, played two songs for his encore, it was 10 o'clock at night, it could have been 2 in the morning. Miles stretched out in the dirt, hoodie as a pillow, and listened, then fell asleep in his mom's arms. I carried him to his bed, my little boy who used to fit between my elbow and fingertips.

That was Monday.

Water drips off the eaves of the porch roof. I hear flip-flops. A screen door slams. I hear dishes clanking in the kitchen. A girl and her dad, carrying fishing poles, walk to the chairs on the edge of the lake. Dad casts, a long, slow sleepy cast, the hook and bait plunk into the water. The girl drops her fishing pole on the ground, shrieks. Dad says, "I don't know how to tell you this, but you're supposed to be quiet." She asks, "Why?" He whispers. I can't hear his reasons, but I hope she's listening.

The kayaker reappears, in the distance through the mist, under the mist. He isn't gone long but I know he's transformed. He climbs out of his kayak, grabs a cup of coffee and walks through the wet grass, "Beautiful out there." Beautiful here.

The mist, almost gone a few minutes ago, returns, thicker, blanketing the lake. I can't see the pine trees, rock island or the mountain in the distance.

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