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A Very Good Day. Luis Ricardo Munoz Flores celebrates – along with V.E. Day over his shoulder – a Travers victory and a 1-2 finish for trainer Jimmy Jerkens.

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NAMES OF THE DAY

Off My Cloud, seventh race. Filly is by Belong To Me out of Emotional Storm.

Shylock, 10th race. The villainous money lender from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice, Shylock is the perfect name for a son of Shakespeare and Out Of Money.

Bennett, Labrador Retriever. The future service dog was doing some training at Saratoga over the weekend and wound up in the winner's circle after the Albany. Robin Schuler, daughter of So Lonesome's owners Pat and Ed Schuler, is fostering Bennett to assist a member of the Air Force who suffered a traumatic brain injury. Bennett, 6 months old, will go to his new owner in a year.

BY THE NUMBERS

1: Loaf of bread from Mario's in the Bronx given to NYRA's Richard Migliore Sunday by a fan.

1: Johnny Bench jersey at the races Monday.

575: Steeplechaser Demonstrative's rank of 48,471 horses on the 2014 earnings list.

16,252: Average earnings per start for Demonstrative.

WORTH REPEATING

"This race gave me a headache."

NYRA's Andy Serling, trying to find a winner Monday (we're glad we're not the only ones)

"I found a hitchhiker. He was outside the gate."

Mike Luzzi, riding around in his golf cart Tuesday morning with former jockey Dale Beckner

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WORTH REPEATING

“It took a half-hour to get from Oklahoma to Clare Court.”
Van driver Keith Cooper, on navigating Travers afternoon traffic with a tractor trailer

“Jimmy Jerkens doesn’t say much, all he said was, ‘He lugged in a little the last time, just be aware, that’s all. He’s a nice horse, ride your race.’”
Jockey Javier Castellano, after winning the Travers on V. E. Day for Jerkens

“Bernardini was a lot of pressure, but he was the best horse, short field, he just galloped. Easy Travers.”
Castellano, when asked about the easiest of his four Travers victories

“You must have used a sand dial.”
Trainer Mitch Friedman, mixing metaphors, when hearing the time on one of his horses

“I gallop him when Kelvin (Pahal) doesn’t, he’s fantastic, he’s the perfect horse, easy and then he pulls your guts out for the last half-mile and walks home.”
Shirley Jerkens, wife of trainer Jimmy Jerkens, about what it’s like to gallop V. E. Day

“They were terrible, 2011 and 12. In commissions, I don’t think I made \$50,000 a year. It doesn’t take long. I don’t know, we just didn’t do any good. I thought I had decent horses, I couldn’t do anything with them. I don’t know. I can’t explain it.”
Jimmy Jerkens, when asked about two dismal seasons after winning the Travers in 2010

“If you look, you’re guilty.”
Retired jockey Angel Cordero Jr. on the art of race riding

“Give me a couple of those, everybody at the barn’s looking for them.”
Trainer Tony Dutrow, collecting Sunday’s edition of The Special, after The Big Beast won the King’s Bishop

“I’m looking for that wire.”
Mike Grigely, with a week left of the meet

“La Verdad always goes down fighting, if she ever goes down. I had to go after her hard. I beat her once before and I was riding from the five-eighths pole.”
Jockey Rajiv Maragh after Artemis Agrotera reeled in La Verdad in the Ballerina

“Everything flowed perfectly, I went in there with very positive thinking, I didn’t think of what bad could happen, I thought of all the good things that could happen, one of them did and we took advantage of it.”
Maragh, after guiding Artemis Agrotera off the rail and into a stalking spot in the Ballerina

“Hey, Never Lose.”
Trainer Mike Hushion, calling to Jimmy Jerkens (after Jerkens won the Fleet Indian Stakes a day after running 1-2 in the Travers) in the paddock Sunday

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Wicked Strong is so strong and V. E. Day is much calmer and relaxed. I thought Wicked Strong was going to win it. First and second, what else could you want? It’s an awesome feeling.”

Exercise rider Kelvin Pahal, after V. E. Day nailed Wicked Strong to win the Travers



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Dog Tired. Bennett, a future service dog (named after University of Virginia basketball coach Tony Bennett), gets an A for his behavior in the winner’s circle after the Albany.

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Picnic with The Chief

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The Chief . . . Day 31

"In all fairness, if you want to make a champion, you have to have it on your mind. I'm not saying I could have done it, don't get me wrong, but I never had it on my mind. Like Duck Dance, he beat everybody at sprinting and they gave sprinter of the year to Ack Ack because he won going seven-eighths in California, once. Duck Dance was a good horse, boy, he had those bunchy knees, you could hang your hat on them. Lasses rubbed him. His real name was Ernest Wells. He was one of the greatest grooms of all time. He used to put those spider bandages on him, cut a hole in the back, you know if a horse gets done up in those spider bandages, he'll finally get rubbed, he used to put the cotton around, take his scissors and cut the side of the knee and the back of the knee, then put the spider around. Lasses used to hold a horse in the ice, he'd say, 'Might as well stand still me boy, if you're going to eat this man's oats, you're going to stand in this man's water.'"

– **Trainer Allen Jerkens**



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Ancient Goddess gets acquainted with the Saratoga track.

From France, with speed

New import eyes 2YO filly stakes

BY TOM LAW

Sovereign Stable's Matt Gatsas watched a race where a filly by a hot young stallion repelled a challenge from a highly regarded colt trained by one of the best European conditioners and couldn't help but think what that same scenario would be like if it happened here in the U.S.

The filly was Ancient Goddess, a French-bred daughter of Iffraaj

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who was second in her debut about a month earlier, and the colt she beat was the Andre Fabre-trained De Treville, the first foal out of champion and multiple Group 1 winner Dar Re Mi. The race was a 7-furlong maiden on the French Oaks undercard in mid-

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June at Chantilly, and Ancient Goddess won it by 1 1/2 lengths for trainer Mauricio Delcher-Sanchez and the Spanish Racing Club.

Ancient Goddess runs today in the \$100,000 P. G. Johnson Stakes in the yellow and blue colors of Sovereign Stable after being purchased privately and syndicated to race in the states.

"I'd seen the race because it was French Oaks Day," Gatsas said. "I happened to watch a few of the other races and thought she won impressively. Looking at the form of the others it was a strong race. The horse that ran second was highly regarded, he was like 6-4 to win and a yearling who cost 850,000 guineas (close to \$1.5 million).

"I figured the form had to be pretty decent, she'd beaten somebody decent and on top of it all it was French Oaks Day. Usually a maiden race at Saratoga on Travers Day produces a pretty special horse, or a special group of horses. We inquired and they were willing to sell her. It took a few weeks to get the deal done, but we got it done, shipped her over here and she's done everything right since."

Ancient Goddess was "the most expensive horse we've ever bought," Gatsas said. She was syndicated for \$475,000 and will face six other 2-year-old



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Sunday Sonnet exits a win in the mud here July 27.

fillies in the 1 1/16-mile P. G. Johnson for roughly 25 partners.

"She was a very expensive purchase for us, but it's kind of what the ready-made horse market has become over the last year or two," Gatsas said. "She was expensive for a maiden, but at the same time she was a filly that had some pedigree and she's by a hot stallion. So at the same time you've

got to pay for things like that. And the form on that race looked good."

Ancient Goddess was challenged for the lead with about a quarter-mile to go in her maiden-breaking victory June 15 at Chantilly by De Treville, a son of the highly regarded Oasis Dream. She turned the colt away on several occasions in the stretch before drawing away to a 1 1/2-length win under Christophe Soumillon.

Ancient Goddess arrived in Saratoga about two weeks ago, taking up residence in John Terranova's barn on the main track side with the other Sovereign Stable runners he trains. Terranova saw similarities in Ancient Goddess' victory in France with her lone workout before her U.S. debut.

Working in company with the 3-year-old maiden Ireland's Eye and going a half-mile on the Oklahoma Training Track turf course last Wednesday, Ancient Goddess went clear of her workmate in the early stages. She later let Ireland's Eye catch up before she spurted clear again, finishing just ahead of him after a half in :51.11.

"She kind of re-broke, galloped out and just took off," Terranova said of the workout. "She gets in front and just kind of waits on the competition. She likes to feel that. She seems to know what she's doing."

Ancient Goddess was one of just two Terranova-

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va horses that trained on a quiet morning Tuesday, the final dark day of the 2014 Saratoga meet. She went to the track just before 8 a.m. a few minutes before River Rocks, an impressive allowance winner July 27 at Saratoga, made his way to the track.

Ancient Goddess jogged once around the wrong way with Terranova, his youngest daughter Giana and Gatsas' father Michael Gatsas, keeping tabs along the outside rail.

"Since she's come in everything's been good, real good," Terranova said. "We let her settle in and she seemed fine throughout the whole deal. Her weight is great, color is good, everything is good."

Joel Rosario gets the mount on Ancient Goddess for today's P. G. Johnson, which produced 2009 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Tapitsfly.

Terranova and Gatsas aren't thinking that far ahead just yet, or at least they're not talking about it directly.

"What I've found is the (European imports) that fail are often horses that don't like firm ground," Gatsas said. "The fact that she is by a stallion that had a horse that won the Breeder's Cup, basically on firm ground, in (2013 Juvenile Fillies Turf winner) Chrisellium. The Iffraajs have done well. It's not just like buying a horse by a soft-ground kind of stallion. That added to her appeal."

Terranova for now is anxious to see how she fares going the extra distance.

"This is her time," he said. "She's got good size and looks like she can run. I hope it's now. Hopefully we can get lucky with her right now for everybody."

Ancient Goddess is the 4-1 co-third choice with Sunday Sonnet behind 3-1 favorite Rainha Da Bateria and 7/2 second choice Magnificent Margo.

Rainha Da Bateria stretches out for Graham Motion and owner Three Chimneys Farm after winning a 5 1/2-furlong maiden race the first Monday of the Saratoga meet. The Broken Vow filly won that day by a head over Sashay, who ran poorly in her second start last week, and Partisan Politics, who is 5-1 in the P. G. Johnson for Chad Brown.

Magnificent Margo also won going 5 1/2 furlongs on the turf 18 days ago in a come-from-behind victory for trainer Mike Maker and owner Jeff Drown. The hot-riding Irad Ortiz Jr., trailing meet leader Javier Castellano by five victories heading into the final week, gets the return call on the daughter of Congrats.

Sunday Sonnet won an off-the-turf maiden race July 27 going 7 furlongs for trainer Kelly Breen and owners George and Lori Hall. A \$115,000 yearling purchase last year, Sunday Sonnet is a half sister to two-time Grade 3 turf stakes winner Pianist.

Owner Frank Jones Jr. and trainer Dale Romans, who won the 2009 P. G. Johnson with Tapitsfly, send out her full sister Flying Tipat. The daughter of Tapit finished third in her debut, beaten three quarters of a length going 1 1/16 miles on the grass here Aug. 10.

Slava, a filly by Sharp Humor owned and trained by Gennadi Dorochenko, makes her turf and New York debut after a win, a second and a third in three starts on the dirt at Gulfstream Park.

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Bruce Brown	9
Jimmy Jerkens	9
Bruce Levine	9
Rudy Rodriguez	9
Gary Contessa	8
Mike Maker	8
Kiaran McLaughlin	8
Shug McGaughey	8
George Weaver	8
Tom Albertrani	7
Tony Dutrow	7
Mike Hushion	7
David Jacobson	7
Linda Rice	7

JOCKEYS	1ST
Javier Castellano	50
Irad Ortiz Jr.	45
John Velazquez	30
Joel Rosario	30
Jose Ortiz	28
Rajiv Maragh	19
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Wednesday, August 27.

1ST (12:25PM). \$65,000, ALW, 4 YO'S & UP, 2 3/8M (HURDLE)

Exacta, Trifecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....8.....	All That Rules (GB)	.....C. Sloan.....C. Murphy.....8-1
1a	.....10.....	Frozen Four	.....J. Slater.....K. Neilson.....8-1
2	.....1.....	Casual Creeper (IRE)	.....P. Young.....J. Day.....20-1
3	.....2.....	All the Way Jose	.....W. McCarthy.....J. Sheppard.....2-1
4	.....3.....	En Fuego	.....S. Jones.....J. Fisher.....12-1
5	.....4.....	Witor (GER)	.....R. Geraghty.....T. Wyatt.....10-1
6	.....5.....	Albany Road	.....R. Walsh.....R. Valentine.....6-1
7	.....6.....	Wanganui	.....G. Dahl.....E. Voss.....7-2
8	.....7.....	Harrods Creek	.....J. Doyle.....A. Kingsley, Jr.....4-1
9	.....9.....	Overwhelming	.....B. Dalton.....J. Fisher.....20-1

2ND (1:00PM). \$56,000, MCL \$75,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Hi Speed Chase	.....J. Rosario.....G. Sciacca.....10-1
2	.....2.....	Marsh Creek	.....J. Castellano.....T. Pletcher.....2-1
3	.....3.....	Ireland's Eye	.....M. Luzzi.....J. Terranova, II.....8-1
4	.....4.....	War of Honor	.....R. Napravnik.....M. Maker.....8-1
5	.....5.....	Sherifco	.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....J. Terranova, II.....9-5
6	.....6.....	Alexndeed	.....L. Saez.....N. Zito.....5-1

3RD (1:32PM). \$100,000, STK - THE P. G. JOHNSON, 2 YO, F, 1 1/16M (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Ancient Goddess (FR)	.....J. Rosario.....J. Terranova, II.....4-1
2	.....2.....	Sunday Sonnet	.....J. Ortiz.....K. Breen.....4-1
3	.....3.....	Partisan Politics	.....J. Castellano.....C. Brown.....5-1
4	.....4.....	Flying Tipat	.....R. Albarado.....D. Romans.....8-1
5	.....5.....	Magnificent Margo	.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....M. Maker.....7-2
6	.....6.....	Rainha Da Bateria	.....R. Maragh.....H. Motion.....3-1
7	.....7.....	Slava	.....A. Murgia.....G. Dorochenko.....20-1

4TH (2:04PM). \$75,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/8M

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Beyond Empire	.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....K. McLaughlin.....8-5
2	.....2.....	Roaring Conquest	.....J. Castellano.....C. Englehart.....9-5
3	.....3.....	Gridley Here	.....J. Alvarado.....K. McPeck.....6-1
4	.....4.....	Alcolite	.....D. Davis.....J. Antonucci.....8-1
5	.....5.....	Chrisandlorisposse	.....T. Rice.....T. Bush.....15-1
6	.....6.....	Royal Posse	.....J. Ortiz.....G. Contessa.....5-1

5TH (2:37PM). \$73,000, MSW, 2 YO, F, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Majestic Bloom	.....J. Velazquez.....G. Weaver.....6-1
2	.....2.....	Midnight Champagne	.....D. Davis.....J. Antonucci.....20-1
3	.....3.....	Forma's Joy	.....R. Maragh.....D. Prine.....20-1
4	.....4.....	In Spite of Mama	.....J. Castellano.....M. Maker.....4-1
5	.....5.....	Jessica's Ride	.....J. Rocco, Jr.....J. Lawrence, II.....15-1
6	.....6.....	Perfect Freud	.....J. Rosario.....G. Gullo.....7-2
7	.....7.....	First Charmer	.....S. Bridgmohan.....M. Dilger.....5-1
8	.....8.....	Divine Guidance	.....W. Garcia.....R. Ubillo.....20-1
9	.....9.....	Jamaalaree	.....L. Mejias.....W. Ward.....12-1
10	.....10.....	Hot Like Hepburn	.....C. Velasquez.....L. Rice.....3-1
11	.....AE.....	Harlans Six	.....J. Ortiz.....T. Morley.....8-1
12	.....AE.....	Madison Blues	.....J. Castellano.....C. Martin.....12-1
13	.....AE.....	She's Marvy	.....A. Arroyo.....J. Coronel.....12-1
14	.....MTO.....	Q T Bird	.....A. Worrie.....O. Barrera, III.....20-1
15	.....MTO.....	Temper Mint Patty	.....D. Romans.....6-1
16	.....MTO.....	My Super Nova	.....J. Rosario.....G. Weaver.....7-2

6TH (3:10PM). \$50,000, MCL \$50,000, 2 YO, F, 5 1/2F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	She's Roman	.....J. Velazquez.....M. Dilger.....3-1
2	.....2.....	Laura's Patriot	.....J. Rosario.....G. Gullo.....4-1
3	.....3.....	Shangala	.....O. Gomez.....D. Breed.....20-1
4	.....4.....	Rhody Rendezvous	.....J. Davis.....J. Ferraro.....10-1
5	.....5.....	Miss Potenza	.....C. DeCarlo.....M. Lerman.....7-2
6	.....6.....	That Warrior Girl	.....A. Arroyo.....R. Ubillo.....10-1
7	.....7.....	Cosmic Tale	.....M. Luzzi.....C. Baker.....10-1
8	.....8.....	Club O R	.....J. Ortiz.....R. Violette, Jr.....5-1
9	.....9.....	Ms Eileen	.....D. Davis.....L. Lewis.....10-1

7TH (3:43PM). \$58,000, STR \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Isn'tlovejustgrand	.....J. Alvarado.....M. Friedman.....3-1
2	.....2.....	Street Shark	.....L. Saez.....I. Wilkes.....10-1
3	.....3.....	Relentless Move	.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....H. McMahon.....12-1
4	.....4.....	Stormy Rocit	.....J. Rosario.....G. Weaver.....5-1
5	.....5.....	Off My Cloud	.....L. Mejias.....N. Esler.....20-1
6	.....6.....	Console	.....J. Castellano.....M. Maker.....1-1
7	.....7.....	Fast Time	.....D. Davis.....R. Rodriguez.....8-1
8	.....MTO.....	Bug Juice	.....J. Rosario.....S. Klesaris.....9-5
9	.....MTO.....	Attractive Ride	.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....R. Falcone, Jr.....2-1

8TH (4:16PM). \$58,000, STR \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....MTO.....	For the Luv of Lil	.....G. Contessa.....2-1
1a	.....MTO.....	Conspiracy	.....G. Contessa.....2-1
2	.....10.....	Desvelo (ARG)	.....A. Serpa.....K. Rubley.....6-1
2b	.....11.....	Saint Pierre	.....A. Serpa.....K. Rubley.....6-1
3	.....1.....	Pernicious	.....B. Hernandez, Jr.....I. Wilkes.....20-1
4	.....2.....	Treasury Devil	.....J. Velazquez.....R. Rodriguez.....5-1
5	.....3.....	Apex	.....A. Worrie.....D. Lalman.....12-1
6	.....4.....	Manchurian High	.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....L. Kurtinecz.....3-1
7	.....6.....	Sayler's Creek	.....J. Castellano.....M. Maker.....7-2
8	.....7.....	Kiss of Thunder	.....J. Lezcano.....M. Miceli.....12-1
9	.....8.....	Media Kid	.....J. Ortiz.....T. Morley.....6-1
10	.....9.....	Zane	.....J. Rocco, Jr.....M. Nihei.....12-1
11	.....12.....	Mythical Man	.....T. McCarthy.....K. O'Connell.....20-1
12	.....MTO.....	M J Plus	.....D. Jacobson.....5-2

9TH (4:49PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	American Progress	.....J. Velazquez.....L. O'Brien.....15-1
2	.....2.....	Spartiatiss	.....L. Saez.....L. Blusiewicz.....8-1
3	.....3.....	Cap'n Raymond	.....J. Ortiz.....G. Sciacca.....20-1
4	.....MTO.....	Run for Logistics	.....M. Chaves.....G. Contessa.....2-1
5	.....5.....	Gottalovethedrake	.....R. Maragh.....T. Tullock, Jr.....12-1
6	.....6.....	Casa Creek	.....J. Rocco, Jr.....M. Nihei.....3-1
7	.....7.....	Let's Go Ben	.....J. Leparoux.....C. LoPresti.....15-1
8	.....8.....	Big Sugar Soda	.....R. Napravnik.....S. Asmussen.....6-1
9	.....9.....	Pirate's Pleasure	.....I. Ortiz, Jr.....M. Nevin.....10-1
10	.....10.....	Ziptronic	.....J. Castellano.....B. Levine.....8-5

10TH (5:22PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			
1	.....1.....	Eight Cents	.....R. Maragh.....D. Divitto.....8-1
2	.....MTO.....	Strueves Star	.....L. Saez.....P. Serpe.....5-2
3	.....3.....	Carson's Ten	.....T. McCarthy.....K. O'Connell.....15-1
4	.....4.....	Shylock	.....M. Luzzi.....G. DiPrima.....20-1
5	.....5.....	Romans Paradise	.....J. Rosario.....G. Weaver.....2-1
6	.....6.....	Morse	.....S. Bridgmohan.....D. Cannizzo.....6-1
7	.....7.....	Mach Seven	.....L. Mejias.....J. Parker.....30-1
8	.....8.....	Dynamon	.....E. Prado.....D. Cannizzo.....12-1
9	.....9.....	Retire Fifty Five	.....J. Ortiz.....R. Violette, Jr.....8-5
10	.....10.....	Bold Runner	.....J. Castellano.....A. Quartarolo.....10-1
11MTO.....	A Touch of PoetryL. Saez.....N. Zito.....4-1
12MTO.....	Americas GuestR. Rodriguez.....3-1

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Albany Road

All the Way Jose
Harrods Creek
Albany Road

All the Way Jose
En Fuego
Harrods Creek

Albany Road
All The Way Jose
Naylor entry

Harrods Creek
All the Way Jose
En Fuego

2

Sherifco
Marsh Creek
War of Honor

Marsh Creek
Sherifco
Alexndeed

Sherifco
Alexndeed
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Marsh Creek
Alexndeed
Hi Speed Chase

Hi Speed Chase
Marsh Creek
Ireland's Eye

3

Rainha Da Bateria
Magnificent Margo
Sunday Sonnet

Partisan Politics
Sunday Sonnet
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Jessica's Ride

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Club O R
Laura's Patriot

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Laura's Patriot
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Bug Juice
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Treasury Devil
Rubley entry
Manchurian High

Contessa Entry
Sayler's Creek
Treasury Devil

Sayler's Creek
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Treasury Devil
Media Kid
Sayler's Creek

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Run for Logistics
Casa Creek
Ziptronic

Ziptronic
Casa Creek
Big Sugar Soda

Ziptronic
Let's Go Ben
American Progress

Run For Logistics
Ziptronic
Cap'n Raymond

American Progress
Casa Creek
Spartiatitis

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Strueves Star
Retire Fifty Five
Romans Paradise

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Up & Down

Demonstrative wins
Grade 1 jump race
as Makari falls at last

BY JOE CLANCY

Saratoga winners usually return to applause, pumped fists, smiles, the occasional shout of joy. The aftermath of Monday's Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup steeplechase included no such signs of celebration.

Instead there were tears and pain and questions and doubt amid air made heavy by the death of a racehorse doing something brave.

Demonstrative – gallant and seemingly back to his form of 2012, won by a half-length for owner Jacqueline Ohrstrom, trainer Richard Valentine



Tod Marks

Demonstrative (second from left) turns back three challengers late in the Turf Writers.

and jockey Robbie Walsh. It was the 7-year-old's second triumph in the \$150,000 race and came 25 days after a nose loss in the A.P. Smithwick at Saratoga. The horse that beat him that day, Makari, fell at the last fence while making a run and died of a broken neck.

"I've never been in a winning situation that solemn," said Laird George, Valentine's assistant and Demonstrative's somewhat constant companion. "You could just see it on everybody."

Everybody truly meant everybody this time as
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the Turf Writers was run in memory of trainer Tom Voss, who died this winter. His daughter, Elizabeth, took over the stable and won her first race at Saratoga with Makari in the Smithwick. Monday, she might have been accepting the Turf Writers trophy from her mother Mimi and brother Sam. Instead, they presented it to Ohrstrom, Valentine and Walsh.

"It makes it hard to get excited about," Valentine said of the win, his third from 10 jump races of the meet. "I'm excited and happy for the horse because he deserves it but nobody needs to see that and nobody deserves to feel the way you feel after that happens. They don't need that. It's just a kick in the knees.

"But that's why we work so hard at it. It can happen. They're animals. You can do everything right, and it can still happen. It's what you deal with, somehow, but you also know that you're giving them a chance, a second chance in steeplechasing, and we prepare them the best possible way we can."

Valentine has seemingly prepared Demonstrative for a second ascension to the top of the steeplechase ranks. Bred in Kentucky by Gainsborough Farm, the son of Elusive Quality was an Eclipse Award finalist in 2012 with two Grade 1 wins.

He won twice at Saratoga that summer, a novice stakes early in the meet and the Turf Writers late. He capped the season with a win in the Colonial Cup but lost the Eclipse ballot to Pierrot Luneaire.

Demonstrative opened 2013 with another Grade 1 win, but lost his next four starts that year before off-season wind surgery. The bay gelding returned in 2014 and tossed in another dull effort when sixth in the Grade 1 Iroquois. He announced his return with the second in the Smithwick.

Monday, he blew the trumpet.

Sent off as the slight favorite at 2-1, the Tattersalls July graduate was keen early when third behind front-running Pleasant Woodman and For Non Stop as Walsh found a spot tucked away on the inside after breaking from post eight in a nine-horse field. The winner got shuffled back slightly and was fifth after a mile. Like a teenager

driving a Ferrari, Walsh nudged the gas pedal and reclaimed third with a circuit to go and followed the leading pair up the backside the final time. Walsh asked for more on the turn and Demonstrative easily slipped through on the inside of Pleasant Woodman and carried the momentum off the final bend.

Behind him, Makari was making steady progress on the inside and drew nearly even as they took off at the last.

Both horses jumped it well, Makari perhaps a touch better despite the later takeoff point. Demonstrative touched down and pushed off for another stride. Makari landed steeply, couldn't quite get that next stride with his front legs and fell on his neck. He was likely going to be first or second, despite strong finishes from the Jonathan Sheppard entry of Barnstorming (second) and Italian Wedding (third). The winner covered 2 3/8 miles in 4:34.78 and won for the ninth time in 25 jump starts. The \$90,000 winner's share lifted his steeplechase earnings to \$569,800.

"Turning for home, (Italian Wedding) was going well enough to hem me down, the plan was to get a lead down to the last, I had to go," said Walsh. "I'm hoping Gerard (Galligan, aboard Pleasant Woodman) would give me the room he gave the other lad last time. My lad was going so well, it's hard to protect it. Hit the front, gone, pricked his ears at the last, popped the last, once Barnstorming got to my boot, he was never going to let him get past."

Walsh was thrilled with his third Turf Writers in four years, but also knew the impact behind him.

"At the last, I could hear him the last three or four strides," Walsh said of Makari. "It would have been a similar battle, it's a shame."

After the way the horse's 2013 campaign ended, Demonstrative had plenty of question marks. Was his short run of success just that? Was there something wrong physically? He made a breathing noise pulling up after two runs last fall, but showed no such signs during the race or exercising.

At the suggestion of veterinarian Dr. Jeff Witwer in South Carolina, Valentine had Demonstrative examined with an overland scope, a device

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Laird George greets Demonstrative after winning the Turf Writers Monday.

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used to examine a horse's airway at exercise. The test showed Demonstrative's problem, clearly, and a tieback procedure was done at Cornell University.

After two months of stall rest, he went back to work. His run in the Iroquois (which he won a year earlier) was so-so, a sixth behind Divine Fortune. Valentine and Walsh left encouraged, however. Their horse had no breathing issues, and was beaten about a dozen lengths.

"He wasn't fit enough for the Iroquois, in hindsight I shouldn't have run him," Valentine said. "He's a horse that loves to train and loves to run. I looked at the training charts and his race records and when he was good, he was running and training all the time. I gave him two weeks off after Iroquois and started prepping for Saratoga."

The result was a fitter, more active Demonstrative. A year earlier, he trained here and was quiet and composed. George and Valentine chalked it up to maturity when in reality it was probably the wind issue. This year, Demonstrative dragged George around — on the farm in Virginia and at Saratoga.

"I took him on the grass over there at Oklahoma the day before the Smithwick and I'm not saying how much I can or can't ride but I don't think I've ever had to pull one up because I was going to get run off with but I had to pull him up because I was going to get run off with," George said. "Sometimes you could say, 'Well, I'll

let him go on a stride and then he'll come back.' I didn't think that for a second. We took him over there the day before he ran, just to give him a little gallop on the grass. There wasn't any galloping him."

Stabled in a barn at the harness track when in Saratoga, Demonstrative went nowhere near the Oklahoma turf the day before the Turf Writers. Instead he took a hacking tour of what George called "the perimeter of the place." It involved the main track, paddock, Horse Haven barn area, Oklahoma track and the backside of the main track. They crossed two streets (maybe three), twice each, and were out for more than an hour.

"He was great, happy, sharp," said George. "It was just to let him do something. He's not the greatest work horse in the world, but he has been in the last six months."

By Monday afternoon, the four-time Grade 1 winner was back in his stall enjoying some attention. His legs were poulticed, he'd had a roll in the sand, a blacksmith had removed a sprung hind shoe, dinner was on the way.

George stepped back for a better view.

"This is the best horse I've worked with by far in my life," said George, who trained on his own and learned the game with David and Frank Whiteley. "It's great fun to work with a horse like that and in an environment like we do — the farm, with Richard, coming up here and doing well. It means something."

"I worry about them getting hurt in general, I worry about their legs, not falling. Those are accidents, you can't prepare for them, and when they happen they hurt everybody."

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Free as a Bird battles along hedge to win

BY TOM LAW

Free as a Bird can dish it out as good as she can take it and the 5-year-old daughter of Hard Spun proved it winning Monday's \$100,000 Smart And Fancy Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

Trapped between rivals to her outside and the Mellon Turf Course's hedge to her inside with less than an eighth of a mile to run in the 5 ½-furlong Smart N Fancy, Free as a Bird amazingly got through to not only win but win going away. She overcame a couple bumps, a savaging attempt by a rival after she appeared to try to do first, and a nearly 2 1/2-length deficit in deep stretch to win her second stakes of the meet for owner Elizabeth Valando, trainer Ian Wilkes and jockey Joel Rosario.

Free as a Bird's stretch run to win the Smart N Fancy was pretty amazing and impressed her trainer, who said he was "speechless on that race."

"Boy, what an acceleration," Wilkes said as he watched the replay. "She was getting bumped around there. She was down on the fence, took the rough of it. Got turned sideways. Wow. Amazing. Got a hole there."

The hole that did open up came very late in the game, but Free as a Bird shot through it and ran down Woodbine shipper Goldstryke Glory and held off late charges from five opponents.

"I thought we were going to run a good third, fourth," Wilkes said. "And she won by a half a length."

The margin was officially a neck, with Kune Kune a head in front of Speedinthruthcity, who was a nose in front of Quay, who was a half-length in front of Madame Giry. One length separated the first five and 2 ¾ lengths separated the first eight.

Free as a Bird improved to 5-for-7 with two seconds on the season and continued her transformation from a headstrong horse going long on the grass to one of the best female turf sprinters. She's still plenty headstrong, so much so that Tracey Wilkes, the trainer's wife who gets on the mare in the mornings, isn't too keen on taking her to the main track.



Dave Harmon

Free as a Bird (8) fights off a slew of rivals in deep stretch of Monday's Smart And Fancy Stakes.

"I can't gallop her on the main track," Tracey Wilkes said. "She's not mean or anything, she's just very, very strong. I love breezing her because you jog all the way around back to the gap over there, turn around and just let her go ... then she'll go in like 47 seconds for a half mile, just like that."

Ian Wilkes kept Free as a Bird in Saratoga all spring, training her on the Oklahoma Training Track and later around Clare Court when it opened for the summer. Free as a Bird trains regularly on Clare Court's half-mile track and her routine includes plenty of leisurely strolls.

"She loves to wander though the trees," Tracey Wilkes said. "So I'll do four laps around Clare Court and then she just takes me on a ride through the trees. She doesn't worry about other horses

out on Clare Court. Out here though, if I turned around here she'd be gone. There's no way."

Free as a Bird raced toward the back of the field early and won the Caress from off the pace. She did the same in the Smart N Fancy, albeit with much more traffic in the stretch.

To My Valentine and Goldstryke Glory battled through the early stages and flew through the opening quarter-mile in :21.32. Rosario guided Free as a Bird to the inside early and raced eighth of 10 through that early fraction with Speedinthruthcity, Quay and Kune Kune also racing toward the rear of the field.

Goldstryke Glory opened up midway around the turn and was 2 lengths clear past the half-mile in :44.08 and well into the stretch. While Goldstryke Glory was opening up Free as a Bird was starting her run from the back of the field. Shortly after Rosario tipped Free as a Bird off the inside, she raced right alongside the back-pedaling Coronation Cup winner Stars Above Me and the two appeared to attempt to savage each other. Once she got clear of that incident Free as a Bird dove to the inside of Believe in Charlie and Jose Lezcano and nearly brushed the hedge when she got in tight.

Free as a Bird was still fourth inside the sixteenth pole. Goldstryke Glory was weakening on the lead and just when it looked like she was going to back into Free as a Bird a hole opened up and the winner shot through to win in 1:02.04.

"The wire was coming, but she has a good turn of foot," Rosario said. "She (saw) horses in front of her and she was coming after them. I give her a lot of credit for that today. It was a little tight. Lezcano, (Believe in Charlie) he was staying in his lane and I said, 'ok, let me go through.' That was the only chance to do something ... she went through there and handled everything."



Dave Harmon

Free as a Bird heads to the winner's circle.



Skerkis gives jockey Junior Alvarado the 1,000th win of his career Monday.

Dave Harmon

Milestone Man

Jockey Alvarado gets 1,000th win of career aboard Skerkis

Junior Alvarado figures the racing Gods insisted on testing him over Travers Stakes weekend.

Stuck at 999 career wins, Alvarado was blanked from eight mounts Saturday and two Sunday. He achieved his 1,000th win Monday when his first mount of the day, Skerkis, won the fourth race by 8 1/4 lengths.

"I've been [trying] since Friday with a lot of good mounts," Alvarado said.

Alvarado tried to stay positive during the weekend, telling himself, "good horse, good horse. This one will be the one, this one will be the one."

"I actually never put it in my mind that I'd get to the 1,000 and I mean, it seems like it took forever. Saturday I couldn't get it, yesterday I couldn't, either, and I didn't expect it with this

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one, but that's how it worked."

Skerkis came into Monday's 6-furlong maiden claiming race on the main track off a 13 1/2-length loss in a maiden special weight on the grass for 2-year-olds Aug. 2. Kenny McPeck trains the son of Majesticperfection for Syllly Horses Stable.

Alvarado, 28, is eighth in the Saratoga jockey standings heading into the final week of racing with 15 wins from 117 mounts. Alvarado rode his first North American race in 2007, when he won 80 times. He added 81 the next year and has topped 120 every year since. Last year, he won 191 races from 1,076 mounts.

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Dave Harmon

Kelly's Prize rallies late to win Monday's 10th for Charles Marquis and John Behrendt.

Monday —

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When asked about any celebration plans, Alvarado, who went back to work and rode three more races during Monday's card, said he planned to "keep riding and winning."

— Katie Brush

• The 19th time is the charm. Everyone knows that saying, right?

It held true for Jennys Creek in the eighth race as the 5-year-old mare broke her maiden with Javier Castellano after 18 unsuccessful tries that included five seconds and five thirds. Perhaps she just wanted the 1 1/16-mile distance on the grass, not the shorter trips she'd raced at recently.

"She's always tried hard and run well," said winning trainer Carlos Martin, picking up his second win of the meet. "She's been second a bunch of times to better horses, but we always had hope that she'd be a nice filly. I think now we got her to go a distance of ground and I never thought she'd go past 6, 7 furlongs, so it kind of opened up some doors."

"Sometimes it takes a while. Some-



Dave Harmon

Station Chief (4) rolls by to upset Monday's second race at better than 12-1.

times it just takes horses longer but we've been able to persevere and that's what the name of the game is all about, to persevere and work with the horses and get the best out of them."

The winner, a New York-bred daughter of Greeley's Galaxy, scored for owners/breeders Keith Early and Marvin Little.

— Dan McDonough

• The jockey did it his way. That's how trainer Gary Contessa explained the ride of Julien Leparoux in the second race aboard Station Chief, the colt he rode to a third here Aug. 9.

"He showed a big improvement because Julien last time managed to get him to rate," Contessa said. "He taught him something. They say Leparoux can rate anything. He was able

to get him to rate and learn from that experience. I think this horse needed Leparoux because before today everybody was always sending this horse. I told him 'ride him Leparoux-style.' What he does best is take hold of a horse and get him to relax."

The Disco Rico colt won a spirited sprint to the wire, crossing a nose in front of Cuantos in the 6-furlong allowance race on the main track for state-breds.

"The last race up here going seven-eighths, Gary had Julien take him back and make a run where previously he'd been going to the lead," said John Carberry, principal of Magis Thoroughbreds, which co-owns the colt along with Dierdre Pianto, Lawrence Finnegan, Alfred Riccio and Richard Friedman. "He really got a lot out of that and came through today."

Station Chief, who rehabbed a tendon injury as a 2-year-old at In Front Training Center in Kinderhook before his debut in April, won for the second time in seven starts.

"I've got to thank Mike Schrader at In Front Training Center, who did a great job," said Contessa. "The horse came back 100 percent, and that's not always the case in this business."

— Dan McDonough



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1A	Italian Wedding	B. Dalton		\$5.00	\$5.60

B Gelding 2007, by Elusive Quality - Loving Pride by Quiet American
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4	Station Chief	J. Leparoux	\$27.00	\$9.40	\$4.40
7	Cuantos	R. Maragh		\$4.90	\$3.50
2	Swell	C. DeCarlo			\$2.70

B Colt 2011, by Disco Rico - Nautical Agent by Victory Gallop
Owner: Magis Thoroughbreds, Pianto, D., Finnegan, L., Riccio, A. and
Friedman, R.. Trainer: Gary Contessa.
Breeder: Clay Street Associates, LLC (NY).
Late Scratches: Broadway Bay
Time: 1:10.48
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\$48.20; Superfecta (4-7-2-6), \$590.00; Trifecta (4-7-2), \$284.00

THIRD \$90,000, AOC \$62,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

1	Macaroon	L. Saez	\$13.80	\$6.50	\$4.30
6	Persnickity	R. Maragh		\$8.00	\$3.50
4	Indian Splendor	J. Ortiz			\$2.80

Gr/ro Filly 2011, by Tapit - Fast Cookie by Deputy Minister
Owner: Darley Stable. Trainer: Kiaran McLaughlin.
Breeder: Darley (KY).
Late Scratches: Spun Silky, Double the Energy
Time: 1:02.43
Daily Double (4-1), \$254.50; Exacta (1-6), \$91.00; Trifecta (1-6-4),
\$342.50; Pic 3 (7-4-1), \$1,268.00

FOURTH \$50,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$50,000, 2 YO, 6F

5	Skerkis	J. Alvarado	\$11.80	\$6.10	\$4.30
7	Banker's Boss	A. Arroyo		\$8.40	\$5.60
2	Hundred Percent	J. Rosario			\$7.60

Ch Colt 2012, by Majesticperfection - Touch of Joy by Crafty Pros-
pector
Owner: Syllly Horses Stable. Trainer: Kenneth McPeek.
Breeder: Morris B. Floyd (KY).
Late Scratches: G Five, Overthespeedlimit
Claimed: Kool Kat Strut claimed by Sal-Lou J G Stable for \$50,000
Time: 1:11.52
Daily Double (1-5), \$102.50; Exacta (5-7), \$103.00; Quinella (5-7),
\$56.50; Superfecta (5-7-2-8), \$4,497.00; Trifecta (5-7-2), \$932.00;
Pic 3 (4-1-5), \$2,577.00

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

9	Lady Eli	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$4.50	\$3.50	\$2.90
8	Complicated	R. Napravnik		\$13.20	\$7.30
4	Puca	J. Alvarado			\$5.80

Dk B/ Br Filly 2012, by Divine Park - Sacre Coeur by Saint Ballado
Owner: Sheep Pond Partners. Trainer: Chad Brown.
Breeder: Runnymede Farm Inc. & Catesby W. Clay (KY).
Late Scratches: Mozambique Gold, Zeezee Zoomzoom
Time: 1:44.09
Daily Double (5-9), \$26.80; Exacta (9-8), \$70.50; Superfecta (9-8-4-
7), \$5,457.00; Trifecta (9-8-4), \$634.00; Pic 3 (1-5-9), \$978.00

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SIXTH \$40,000, CLAIMING \$20,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 7F

4	Joan's Choice	J. Rosario	\$12.20	\$5.30	\$3.50
6	Bemata	J. Castellano		\$4.30	\$2.90
1A	Ancient Rome	C. Velasquez			\$4.00

Ch Gelding 2007, by Alphabet Soup - Roaring Twenties by Dixieland
Band
Owner: Drawing Away Stable and Jacobson, David.
Trainer: David Jacobson. Breeder: Adena Springs (KY).
Late Scratches: Readthebyline, Able Baker Charlie
Claimed: Ancient Rome claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.
for \$20,000, Road Agent claimed by Cecere, Ron for \$20,000
Time: 1:23.22
Daily Double (9-4), \$36.80; Exacta (4-6), \$44.20; Superfecta (4-6-1-
3), \$999.00; Trifecta (4-6-1), \$200.00; Pic 3 (5-9-4), \$440.00; Pic 4
(1-5-3/9/12-4), \$5,879.00; Pic 5 (4-1-5-3/9/12-4), \$123,191.00

SEVENTH \$47,000, CLAIMING \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

4	Ever Awesome	J. Rosario	\$13.80	\$8.80	\$5.90
7	Bossanova Lady	L. Saez		\$16.00	\$9.50
8	Dattts Da Boss	T. Rice			\$3.60

B Mare 2009, by Awesome Again - Dante's Mary by Boston Harbor
Owner: Schettine, William, C.. Trainer: Lisa Lewis.
Breeder: William C. Schettine (FL). Late Scratches: Zamquick
Claimed: Lady Luciano claimed by Bran Jam Stable for \$40,000
Time: 1:03.09
Daily Double (4-4), \$76.50; Exacta (4-7), \$227.00; Superfecta (4-7-8-
1), \$5,139.00; Trifecta (4-7-8), \$914.00; Pic 3 (9-4-4), \$279.50

EIGHTH \$88,000, NY-BRED MDN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3&UP, 1 1/16M

8	Jennys Creek	J. Castellano	\$9.00	\$5.40	\$3.80
6	Dixie Gem	A. Arroyo		\$25.00	\$13.00
5	Resolutely	A. Serpa			\$8.10

Ch Mare 2009, by Greeley's Galaxy - True Girl by Woodman
Owner: Early, Keith and Little, Marvin. Trainer: Carlos Martin.
Breeder: Marvin Little, Jr., Keith Early & Mark Deane (NY).
Late Scratches: Confessa, Shades of Indygo
Time: 1:43.95
Daily Double (4-8), \$82.50; Exacta (8-6), \$252.00; Superfecta (8-6-
5-9), \$17,714.00; Trifecta (8-6-5), \$2,459.00; Pic 3 (4-4-8), \$567.00

NINTH \$100,000, STAKES - SMART AND FANCY S., 3 & UP, 5 1/2F

8	Free as a Bird	J. Rosario	\$8.60	\$4.70	\$3.40
1	Kune Kune (GB)	C. Velasquez		\$31.40	\$13.00
12	Speedinthruthcity	J. Leparoux			\$5.50

Ch Mare 2009, by Hard Spun - Take the Cake by Fly So Free
Owner: Valando, Elizabeth, J.. Trainer: Ian Wilkes.
Breeder: Elizabeth Jones Valando (KY).
Late Scratches: Munnings Sister, Angel's Glory
Time: 1:02.04
Daily Double (8-8), \$40.40; Exacta (8-1), \$250.50; Superfecta (8-1-12-
2), \$14,429.00; Trifecta (8-1-12), \$2,059.00; Pic 3 (4-8-8), \$299.50;
Place Pix Nine (1/4/6-4/7/8-5/6/8-8), \$107.50

TENTH \$45,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLM \$40,000, 3 & UP, 1 1/16M

5	Kelly's Prize	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$7.90	\$4.20	\$3.10
10	Lutheran Miss	J. Ortiz		\$4.20	\$3.40
3	Kevin's Steel	T. Rice			\$4.10

Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by Pure Prize - Miz Lynne Kelly by Langfuhr
Owner: Marquis, Charles K. and Behrendt, John T..
Trainer: David Donk. Breeder: Allen Hallett & Briggs/Cromartie (NY).
Time: 1:44.58
Daily Double (8-5), \$33.00; Exacta (5-10), \$33.80; Superfecta (5-10-
3-8), \$2,177.00; Trifecta (5-10-3), \$168.00; Pic 3 (8-8-5), \$185.00;
Pic 4 (4-8-8-5), \$1,285.00; Pic 6 (3/9/12-4-4-8-8-5), \$133.00; Pic 6
(3/9/12-4-4-8-8-5), \$14,883.00

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So Familiar

So Lonesome upsets field
in return to Saratoga main track

BY SEAN CLANCY

Sunday morning, Tom Bush described what he and the rest of the world had seen Saturday evening.

"A thing of beauty," Bush said, describing Jimmy Jerkens' 1-2 finish in the Travers.

Sunday evening, Bush described what he had just seen in the Albany Stakes.

"Somebody had to stop him," Bush said, moments after winning the New York-bred stakes for 3-year-olds with So Lonesome.

Bush put a stop – or, at least, slowed – Jerkens' stellar run by winning the Albany with So Lonesome. Jerkens finished second with Effinex.

Friends and graduates of the Allen Jerkens School of Training, Bush and Jerkens each won a stakes on the Saratoga Showcase card for New

ALBANY STAKES RECAP

York-breds Sunday. Jerkens took the Fleet Indian with Star Grazing. Bush upset the feature, the \$250,000 Albany, with Patricia Schuler's So Lonesome.

Jose Lezcano put the dark bay son of Awesome Again on the lead of the 9-furlong stakes and secured a comfortable 4-length score over Effinex, who got up in the final stride to nab Eye Luv Lulu. Favorite Captain Serious, trying to leap from the 6 1/2-furlong Amsterdam to the 9-furlong Albany, faded to fourth. So Lonesome finished in 1:50.17.

Returning to the main track for the first time since finishing third in the Bertram F. Bongard in October, So

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Tod Marks

So Lonesome reaches the finish line with an easy win in Sunday's Albany.

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Albany —

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Lonesome relished the surface switch and the definitive strategy set by Bush.

"I told Jose right in the paddock, 'Gun him a little, give him a couple of love shoves and if he takes you there, don't take it away,'" Bush said.

Lezcano nodded, "No problem."

Breaking next to each other in stalls 6 and 7, Captain Serious on the inside out-broke So Lonesome but Lezcano had Bush ringing in his ears. Saratoga's 10th leading jockey slapped the bay gelding on the neck, engaging him into the first turn. Taking the cues like an intern on their first day, So Lonesome cleared Captain Serious and opened up 3 lengths quickly. So Lonesome doled out the first quarter in :23.24 and a half in :47.13 while leading comfortably. Midway on the final turn, Captain Serious ranged to So Lonesome's orange saddle towel and that was it. After three quarters in 1:11.61, So Lonesome accelerated off the turn and widened. Passing the eighth pole, it was all over as So Lonesome strolled under the wire with his fourth career victory and first on the dirt since winning his debut at Saratoga last summer for Dale Capuano.

Pat Schuler and her husband Ed wanted the horse to stay in New York after that win and sent him to Bush.

"Last year we had two first-time starters that won in the same week up here. He was one. We never thought you could top that, until today," Pat



Tod Marks

Captain Serious (right) and So Lonesome fire out of the gate.

Schuler said. "We grew up in Albany so it's nice. We bought our first New York-bred two years ago. Phil Hauswald trained for us and recommended Tom."

Bush took over and began to navigate a long and winding road back to the Saratoga winner's circle.

So Lonesome sprinted in his second start, finishing second against New York-breds at Belmont and then tried sprinting again when finishing third behind Sanford winner Wired Bryan in the Bongard. Gangly on the dirt, So Lonesome needed a surface switch.

"You see how light he is, but he used to be a wobbly, gangly thing, that's why I went to the turf, because I thought it would help build him up," Bush said. "It really did, it really helped the horse. He'll run on anything, he's just a big long-striding horse."

So Lonesome won his turf debut, taking the Virgo Libra against New York-breds to finish his

2-year-old season. Bush took him south and tried him against open stakes horses, finishing ninth in the Grade 3 Palm Beach in March. In April, he tried the Grade 1 Blue Grass on Keeneland's Polytrack, where he finished seventh. Back with New York-breds, he won an allowance race in May at Belmont before finishing third in the Manila and sixth in the Grade 2 Hall of Fame Stakes earlier in the meet.

"I screwed up there, we decided to take him back, that was a chicken move," Bush said. "After that, I was so annoyed with myself, everybody keeps wanting to experiment with him. He wants to be out there, man, he doesn't want you take a hold of him. He acts that way in the morning too. I felt good about putting him up in the race. He's matured. He's going to get better."

On paper, outgunning Captain Serious looked daunting.

"I wasn't positive we were going to be faster than him, I didn't want to do a stride-for-stride, head-to-head deal, that was my concern," Bush said. "I took the strong bit off him. I put a baby snaffle, it's like a bobble. I said he's not going to take a hold of this."

Ed Schuler loved the tactics.

"The last two races you watch him and he doesn't like it when they take hold of him. He can run all day. Today they let him run and be free," Schuler said. "The plan was to let him go, let him run. He's got that speed, but that was on the grass. We hadn't run him on the dirt since last year. Tom said he wasn't sure he could run that fast on the dirt. Well now we know he can. That was special."



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Big 4

Dayatthespa collects another Saratoga win

BY TOM LAW

The connections of Dayatthespa were left with two choices after last week's deluge Wednesday night into Thursday morning and less-than-ideal drying conditions all day Friday into Saturday morning.

Behind Door No. 1 was Saturday's Grade 2 Ballston Spa Stakes, certainly not a big test of class for the Grade 1-winning daughter of City Zip but a race that would be run on softer ground than she might prefer.

Behind Door No. 2 was Sunday's Yaddo Stakes, See **YADDO** page 27 ►



Tod Marks

Looking as fresh as she did early (see cover), Dayatthespa heads for the finish of Sunday's Yaddo.

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Yaddo —

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a race she won last year, a race she'd most likely be the controlling speed and a race that figured to be on firmer ground thanks to some sunshine finally in the forecast.

Thank goodness for options.

The choice was the Yaddo and Dayatthespa made her people look wise with the decision. Dayatthespa defended her crown in one of the six races that made up the inaugural Saratoga Showcase card for New York-breds and did it over an accomplished opponent in fellow Grade 1 winner Discreet Marq. The mare's front-running 2 1/2-length win over Discreet Marq gave her a victory at Saratoga for four consecutive years and inched her ever close to the seven-figure mark in career earnings.

"Four years in a row, that doesn't happen all the time," said Steve Laymon, who co-owns Dayatthespa with Jerry Frankel, Ron Frankel and Pete Bradley. "It's so special to buy a filly like that and win up here four years in a row. I'd love to know if there's ever been another one. I know there's been colts who have, I just wonder if there's ever been a filly that's done it."

The answer to that question didn't require much digging, at least to find a filly or mare that won more than four years in a row.

Irish Linnet, Austin Delaney's state-bred daughter of Seattle Song

who raced in the early 1990s, won for six consecutive years at Saratoga. Trained by Leo O'Brien, Irish Linnet won a maiden special weight race on the dirt as a 2-year-old and then won the Yaddo five straight years from 1991-95.

Dayatthespa most likely won't get the chance to match Irish Linnet's Saratoga accomplishments — she's entered in the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November selected mixed sale — but that doesn't mean her current run is any less impressive.

Dayatthespa broke her maiden in her debut going 5 1/2 furlongs on the grass at Saratoga in 2011. She defeated open company in the Riskavese Stakes in 2012, prior to winning the Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Keeneland, and now has won back-to-back editions of the Yaddo in 2013 and '14.

The decision to run in either the Ballston Spa or the Yaddo was originally going to be made Friday afternoon, but it was eventually pushed back to Saturday morning. Bradley said Saturday morning during a tour of Darley's Greentree property adjacent to the racetrack that he and the rest of the Dayatthespa partners left the decision solely to Brown.

Sunday afternoon, after Dayatthespa won for the ninth time in 16 career starts, Bradley was glad Brown made "the right decision."

"Look, he's in charge and he knows what the heck he's doing," Bradley said. "We got the firmer turf and she performed like we know she can. I just love to see her back in the form she was in last year at her peak."

Dayatthespa needed to be pretty close to her best form from a year ago — which came about this time of year when she won the Yaddo and then finished second in the Grade 1 First Lady at Keeneland in a driving rainstorm — to handle Discreet Marq.

Discreet Marq practically beat the gate when she and Irad Ortiz Jr. popped up at the start but recovered enough to settle into stride under the wire the first time. Dayatthespa got away cleaner and Javier Castellano, who rode the mare to a runner-up finish earlier in the meet in the De La Rose Stakes, put her in a controlling spot on the inside heading into the first turn.

"It was what I expected," Castellano said of being on the lead early. "She's got the speed. She's the best

horse in the race. I wanted to see how far she could go, you know?"

Dayatthespa went all the way on the lead, clicking off splits of :24.39 and :48.54 while Castellano kept her two or three paths off the inner turf course's inside hedge. Discreet Marq kept her company through those early stages to her outside, Ortiz keeping her on a good part of the course.

Castellano gave Dayatthespa a bit of a breather as they approached the far turn and the field bunched up, Miz Owell and Mah Jong Maddness the closest pursuers behind the top pair with Unbelievable Dream and Effie Trinket not far back.

Dayatthespa came three or four wide into the stretch, opening up the inside for any of the fillies and mares quick enough to get to the spot. Miz Owell and Unbelievable Dream tried to go for the spot but Castellano shook Dayatthespa up, showed her the whip but never hit her with it and it was over.

Discreet Marq held well to be second and Effie Trinket made a belated run on the outside to get third. The final time for the 1 1/16 miles was 1:41.93, faster than Abaco's 1:42.64 in the Ballston Spa on the Mellon course.

"It was a difficult decision until the rain came," Brown said of picking the Yaddo over the Ballston Spa. "It looked drier Sunday than Saturday and it made it a lot easier for me. There might have been a little give today but it was nothing like yesterday."

Dayatthespa's second Yaddo win most likely sets up a return to Lexington this fall, first for the Grade 1 First Lady Oct. 4 and then the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky sale Nov. 3.

Dayatthespa, who is out of the Doc's Leader mare M'Lady Doc, was purchased for \$50,000 at the 2010 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga New York-bred yearling sale. She was entered in the following year's OBS March sale of selected 2-year-olds in training, but some of her current connections held onto her and she didn't go through the ring. Other partners were eventually brought on and Dayatthespa has since won nine times, finished second four times and earned \$948,892.

"Hopefully this sets us up for Keeneland again," Laymon said. "She ran in that rainstorm last year and we lost to Better Lucky in that driving rainstorm. We'd like to win that, increase her value a little more."



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Dayatthespa heads for the track.



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King Kreesa (right) fights off Lubash late in Sunday's West Point.

King is Back

King Kreesa overcomes foot troubles with win over Lubash

BY RYAN JONES

WEST POINT RECAP

Hamilton and Burr, Hamlet and Laertes, Blondie and Angel Eyes. Call it what you want, there's no denying the stretch run in Sunday's \$150,000 West Point Stakes was a duel.

King Kreesa and Lubash head-to-head, Irad Ortiz Jr. and Junior Alvarado side-by-side. For a quarter-mile the two pairings remained locked in battle, drawing away from the rest of the field. Heightened uncertainty as each stride took them closer to the finish.

At first it seemed inevitable, Lubash would overtake a tiring King Kreesa and sweep to an easy victory. But an obstinate King Kreesa refused to give way. Owned by Susan and Gerald Kresa, the 5-year-old withstood the onslaught to win by a head after 1 1/16 miles on the grass.

David Donk, King Kreesa's trainer, stood in the clubhouse shaking his

head, disbelief turning to admiration. After an embrace with his wife Fay, the trainer headed to the winner's circle to meet his horse, a smile forming on his face.

"It just showed his class, his heart and determination, and just how good of a horse he really is," Donk said after the race. "At the eighth pole I thought they might get him, and obviously he showed heart."

On their way back to the winner's circle, Ortiz and King Kreesa paused and turned toward the infield, a brief respite in a sport where anxiety and pressure are all too common.

Off nearly nine months after a disappointing 12th-place finish in the Group 1 Longines Hong Kong Mile last December, King Kreesa switched

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West Point —

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barns from Jeremiah Englehart to Donk. The new trainer had been searching for the right spot to bring the champion New York-bred back off of a hoof injury.

"I breezed him once and it was an issue so we had to wait and get some growth in the foot," Donk said of the injury. "A month ago, I told Jerry and Susan he wouldn't run at Saratoga. Then when he worked really well a few weeks ago, I knew I'd have to reconsider. I knew that I needed to start at some point, I was running out of time and today was the beginning."

On the lead from the start, Ortiz quickly throttled King Kreesa down. With no one willing to challenge the pair up front, Ortiz willingly took King Kreesa through opening fractions of :24.93 and :49.71, dawdling for most fields.

"Obviously, we thought we'd end up on the lead," Donk said. "I thought it would be Johnny [Velazquez, on Notacatbutallama] stalking me. When he got away with the first half and three-quarters, it gave me a chance."

Under a calculated hand ride, Ortiz pressed King Kreesa as Lubash came roaring up along side into the top of the stretch. Lubash edged ahead of the blinkered King Kreesa before King Kreesa battled back.

"I always ride him and he's a fighter," Ortiz said while walking back to the jock's room after the win. "He fights, and in the end we got the victory. I bring a lot of confidence. I wait. I always ride him like that. I think that's what he likes. I like to do the best for him."

After adjusting up his mane for the win photo, Ortiz hopped off King Kreesa and embraced Donk. The two have built a solid relationship since Ortiz started riding stateside.

"I'm very fond of him," Donk said. "We've had a connection since he came over from Puerto Rico. I'm a big fan of his and I root for him [even when] he's not on my horse."

The partnership of Ortiz and King Kreesa, dating back to when the gelding was trained by Englehart, produced three wins and a runner-up finish to champion Wise Dan in the Fourstardave here last summer. The jockey has been aboard for all but one of King Kreesa's seven career victories.



Tod Marks

King Kreesa returns after winning Sunday's West Point.

"We got into a partnership with Horse Partners and then we bought 60 percent of his mare," an elated Gerald Kresa said. "She was in foal to City Zip. And then after that when we bred her to King Cugat. Then the partnership dissolved, and we ended up with King Kreesa."

An earner of \$747,370, King

Kreesa is back on the road to stakes success. As for his next appearance, Donk will wait and see.

"I'm not sure what we'll do," Donk said. "There's two more of these out there. I needed to get to today and just see how it worked out and how well he ran. I had no thought process after this."

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Star Grazing gives
Bromans another win

BY JOE CLANCY

Chester and Mary Broman went boating for 10 years. Then they bought a farm. And now they're winning races as fast as any owner at Saratoga Race Course.

Sunday, as part of New York Showcase Day at the track, the Bromans collected their 10th win photo of the meet as Star Grazing charged through the stretch to win the \$200,000 Fleet Indian Stakes for New York-bred fillies and mares. Trained by Jimmy Jerkens, the daughter of Sky Mesa won for the second time at the meet and had Chester Broman thinking about how he and his wife – and all

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Star Grazing surges past Flipcup late in Sunday's Fleet Indian Stakes.

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TOD MARKS

Fleet Indian —

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these horses — got here.

“This is what I’ve been striving to do for a number of years, it’s all coming together now,” he said. “Every year they get a little bit better than the year before. The babies get better looking all the time.”

Star Grazing must have been a beautiful baby.

The three-quarter sister to the Bromans’ multiple stakes winner Friend Or Foe won for the third time in as many starts as a 3-year-old. She broke her maiden at Belmont Park in July, added an allowance win here Aug. 7 and then became a stakes winner Sunday — ousting eight other 3-year-old fillies in the 1 1/8-mile stakes.

Alwaysinstilettos broke sharply and set the early pace as the others stacked up behind her after a quarter-mile in :24.80 and a half in :50. Favored Flipcup was fourth with Star Grazing fifth up the backstretch.

After 6 furlongs in 1:15.62, Flipcup advanced to second on the rail, advanced along the inside exiting the turn and collared the leader. Star Grazing and jockey Angel Arroyo followed the same path, 2 lengths behind, into the stretch and found her best stride late. Inside the furlong pole, she drew alongside Flipcup and powered past to win by three-quarters of a length in 1:53.40. Canal Six finished 4 lengths back in third.

“I got a good trip, I followed (Flipcup) around

the turn and waited for the stretch, my filly responded,” said Arroyo. “I ride one other horse for Jimmy, he gave me the opportunity, it means a lot. I appreciate the opportunity, thank you Jimmy.”

Jerkens loved the ride from Arroyo, who won his fourth race of the meet and picked up the ride when Rajiv Maragh chose Flipcup. Jerkens likes the way Arroyo rides, and remembered the partnership the jockey had with the Bromans stakes winner Bigger Is Better.

“That kid rides good,” Jerkens said. “I don’t know why the hell he doesn’t get more opportunity, especially on that style of horse. A couple of times I thought he rode (Bigger Is Better) just as good as you can ride a horse. It’s nice to give him a chance. He’s strong, very, very strong rider and a very nice kid.”

Jerkens was also impressed by the improving Star Grazing.

“She knew what she was doing today,” Jerkens said. “The day when she broke her maiden she was acting like she was confused by it.”

Star Grazing won for the third time in six career starts and reached \$226,000 in career earnings.

Like most of their 10 winners here this summer, Star Grazing was foaled on the Bromans’ Chestertown Farm in Chestertown about 50 miles north of Saratoga.

The chestnut filly is out of Unbridled Star, dam of Friend Or Foe (a five-time winner and champion New York-bred 3-year-old of 2010).

Star Grazing looks a bit like her big brother, who

stands in Virginia as a sporthorse/racing sire, according to farm manager Jeff Raine.

Like the Bromans, Raine has been along for the ride this summer.

“It’s incredible,” he said. “It’s incredible, I couldn’t dream this up. They don’t go out and buy these horses, pick them out at the sale or something. These are all pretty much horses we started with at conception. There’s a bit of a committee, but he makes the decision. This is our lucky year. We’ve got nice foals. We’ve got a good program. It’s just going now. Keep your eye out for a few more. We’ve got some nice ones in the pipeline.”

Tied with Repole Stable and two in front of Ken and Sarah Ramsey going into today’s card, Chester Broman does not envision winning the crown — though he has done a little thinking.

“We need a lot more miracles to have happen than we’ve had already,” he said with a laugh. “We’ve got to win maybe three more races if we want to win it. I don’t know if I’ve got three left. You can’t tell. We’re probably going to start six or seven so we’ll see.”

The Bromans own about 40 mares and compare notes from Raine and advisors Alan Porter and Becky Thomas about matings.

“Alan gives me five picks for each mare, I tell Becky I want her five picks and Jeff has five picks,” said Broman. “I tell them to put them in the order they like. I break the ties. There is no exact science to that stuff.”



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Trending Upward

Upstart returns 9 days after maiden win to capture Funny Cide

Rick Violette wanted to get a second race into Upstart before taking a stab at the Grade 1 Champagne Stakes later this fall at Belmont Park. He didn't want to bring Upstart back on such short rest for the \$200,000 Funny Cide that kicked off a six-pack of stakes that highlighted Sunday's inaugural Saratoga Showcase card Sunday, but did it anyway.

The result? Upstart delivered and now gets a little extra rest before the Oct. 4 Champagne.

"We just broke our maiden nine days ago," Violette said after Upstart won the first running of the Funny Cide. "I really wasn't planning on it, but he won kind of easily. It sets us up better running today for the fall than waiting and going to the Champagne with only one race under his belt. That was kind of the game plan. He had a tough race



Tod Marks

Myfourchix wins the Seeking the Ante Stakes.



Tod Marks

Upstart (left) leads Bustin It home in Sunday's Funny Cide Stakes for New York-bred 2-year-olds.

today. He'll be a tired puppy tonight, but he's got an extra week to recuperate.

"He's a serious horse," Violette said. "If he comes out of it good we have an extra week getting to the Champagne with a really good come from behind run."

Bustin It lived up to his name when he busted out quickly from the starting gate to take the lead. He opened up by 4 lengths through a half in :45.62 and was 3 lengths clear turning for home. Owned by Ralph Evans, Upstart, who raced last of five early under Jose Ortiz, made a steady run throughout and caught Bustin It just before the wire to win in 1:16.23.

The race had played out slightly different than Violette thought, but he was obviously pleased with the result.

"I really thought Todd's horse (Bullheaded Boy) was going to show more speed and hook up with the Bustin It," Violette said. "He didn't, so he opened up another 5 in front and we were still out of the back door."

— Kristin Brennan

• Spirits were high in the winner's circle after the first running of the \$200,000 Seeking the Ante. Members of the winning ownership group Clear Stars Stables encompassed the area with the usual smiles, cheers, handshakes and congratulatory gestures.

Trainer Rick Schosberg joked after Myfourchix and the rest of the winners got their picture taken that he was, "sorry to have to stop the Jimmy Jerkens train, but it had to stop somewhere."

Myfourchix denied Jerkens another stakes victory on a weekend that saw him finish one-two in Saturday's Travers with V. E. Day and Wicked Strong and later win Sunday's Fleet Indian with Star Grazing. Myfourchix, a 2-year-old daughter of Henny Hughes, finished 3 lengths in front of the Jerkens-trained Hard to Stay Notgo in the 6 ½-furlong Seeking the Ante. Myfourchix was coming off a second-place finish to Nonna Jo in her only start, a 5-furlong maiden July 30.

"She got beat in her first start through no fault of her own," Schosberg said. "She broke a little slow from the rail and she rushed up, probably went :21 and change and fought as hard as she could. I said after the race, 'we were a little bit disappointed, but you will never be disappointed in this filly again. I don't think that filly that beat us will ever beat us again and I think if we had had an outside post that day we probably would have been second choice in here.'"

Myfourchix delivered on Schosberg's promise, beating Hard to Stay Notgo, third-place finisher Nonna Jo and three others. Jockey Cornelio Vel-

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Sunday —

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asquez kept Myfourchix toward the back of the field early after she drifted out a bit at the start, then gradually moved up while running wide around the far turn.

Myfourchix challenged Hard to Stay Notgo in the stretch and put her away nearing the eighth pole. She won in 1:20.34, nearly 4 seconds slower than the Funny Cide.

“Six and a half furlongs, to me, that’s like an older horse going from 7 furlongs to a mile and an eighth,” Schosberg said. “It’s a long way home. We showed that it took us a while to get there, but time doesn’t matter to us right now.”

“She’s a really good filly and I think you’ll be hearing more as we get to Showcase Day and hopefully maybe a 2-year-old filly championship for New York-breds.”

Clear Stars purchased Myfourchix for \$90,000 at the OBS April 2-year-olds in training sale. Bred by Chuck Kidder and Nancy Cole, the filly is out of the Tapit mare Stلالuna.

Michael Sternklar, a member of the Clear Stars partnership, said he and Schosberg had their eyes on the filly before the trainer went to Ocala for the sale.

“He called me up and said ‘you know that Henny Hughes?’ ” Sternklar said. “I said yes and he said ‘she walked out of her stall and I just saw



Tod Marks

Slew's Brew (right) charges up the inside to win Sunday's sixth race.

class. I said, ‘you know what Rick, that’s what we want to buy’ and we did it. He said ‘Michael, you know I never over-promise, this is one you are going to love.’ ”

— Kristin Brennan

- Jacqueline Falk knows Slew's

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Tod Marks

Summerdale upsets Sunday's ninth for Jeremiah Englehart.

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3	Girlaboutown	J. Ortiz	\$2.80	\$2.30	\$2.10
8	Blithely	J. Rosario		\$4.30	\$3.30
2	Very Accomplished	S. Bridgmohan			\$3.70

Ch Filly 2011, by A.P. Indy - Carmandia by Wild Rush
Owner: Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.. Trainer: Michael Hushion.
Breeder: Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY). Time: 1:25.90
Exacta (3-8), \$13.20; Superfecta (3-8-2-4), \$89.40; Trifecta (3-8-2), \$40.20

SECOND \$200,000, NY-BRED STAKES - FUNNY CIDE, 2 YO, 6 1/2F

2	Upstart	J. Ortiz	\$5.10	\$2.90	\$2.30
5	Bustin It	R. Maragh		\$2.70	\$2.10
4	Bullheaded Boy	J. Velazquez			\$2.40

Dk B/ Br Ridgling 2012, by Flatter - Party Silks by Touch Gold
Owner: Evans, Ralph, M.. Trainer: Richard Violette, Jr..
Breeder: Mrs. Gerald A. Nielsen (NY). Time: 1:16.23
Daily Double (3-2), \$6.60; Exacta (2-5), \$11.00; Quinella (2-5), \$5.00;
Trifecta (2-5-4), \$18.60

THIRD \$88,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3&UP, 5 1/2F

5	Verismillitude	R. Napravnik	\$5.20	\$3.20	\$2.40
11	Southern Sunshine	J. Rosario		\$3.90	\$2.80
8	Gu Gu Beans	J. Castellano			\$3.00

Ch Filly 2011, by Henny Hughes - Open Window by Trepolino
Owner: Brewster, Clark, O.. Trainer: Steven Asmussen. Breeder: Jerry Bilinski, DVM & Harry Patten (NY).
Late Scratches: Saharan Serenade, Offlee Good
Time: 1:03.49
Daily Double (2-5), \$14.40; Exacta (5-11), \$18.20; Superfecta (5-11-8-6), \$453.50; Trifecta (5-11-8), \$55.50; Pic 3 (3-2-5), \$20.00

FOURTH \$150,000, NY-BRED STAKES - WEST POINT, 3&UP, 1 1/16M

4	King Kreesa	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$5.40	\$2.90	\$2.10
6	Lubash	J. Alvarado		\$2.70	\$2.10
1	Notacatbutallama	J. Velazquez			\$2.10

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2009, by King Cugat - Storm's Advance by Storm Creek
Owner: Kresa, Gerald and Kresa, Susan. Trainer: David Donk.
Breeder: Horse Partners (NY). Late Scratches: Sir Leslie, Hangover Kid. Time: 1:42.07
Daily Double (5-4), \$15.40; Exacta (4-6), \$13.40; Quinella (4-6), \$6.00; Trifecta (4-6-1), \$19.00; Pic 3 (2-5-4), \$37.60

FIFTH \$200,000, NY-BRED STAKES - SEEKING THE ANTE, 2 YO, 6 1/2F

6	Myfourchix	C. Velasquez	\$19.60	\$5.40	\$3.30
2	Hard to Stay Notgo	J. Alvarado		\$2.50	\$2.10
5	Nonna Jo	R. Maragh			\$2.60

B Filly 2012, by Henny Hughes - Stellaluna by Tapit
Owner: Clear Stars Stable. Trainer: Richard Schosberg.
Breeder: C. Kidder & N. Cole (NY). Time: 1:20.34
Daily Double (4-6), \$57.50; Exacta (6-2), \$40.40; Superfecta (6-2-5-1), \$383.50; Trifecta (6-2-5), \$100.50; Pic 3 (5-4-6), \$141.00; Pic 4 (2-1/5/7-4-6), \$336.00; Pic 5 (3-2-1/5/7-4-6), \$705.00

SIXTH \$88,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT, 3&UP, 1 1/16M

2	Slew's Brew	D. Davis	\$9.70	\$4.90	\$3.00
4	Forever Utopia	J. Ortiz		\$7.70	\$4.20
9	Talladega	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$3.40

B Colt 2011, by Suave - Seattle Ash by Seattle Sleet
Owner: Gold Bear Farm. Trainer: Jacqueline Falk. Breeder: Charles E. Festa Jr. (NY). Late Scratches: Fidelius. Time: 1:43.64.
Daily Double (6-2), \$130.00; Exacta (2-4), \$55.50; Superfecta (2-4-9-8), \$1,153.00; Trifecta (2-4-9), \$180.00; Pic 3 (4-6-2), \$367.00

SEVENTH \$150,000, NY-BRED STAKES - YADDO S., 3&UP, 1 1/16M

4	Dayatthespa	J. Castellano	\$4.60	\$2.40	\$2.10
5	Discreet Marq	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$2.40	\$2.10
1	Effie Trinket	J. Ortiz			\$2.60

Ch Mare 2009, by City Zip - M'Lady Doc by Doc's Leader
Owner: Frankel, Jerry, Frankel, Ronald, Laymon, Steve and Bradley Thoroughbreds. Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Castellare DiCracchio-Stable, Cracchiolo & Goldsher (NY). Time: 1:41.93
Daily Double (2-4), \$18.00; Exacta (4-5), \$7.30; Superfecta (4-5-1-3), \$42.80; Trifecta (4-5-1), \$14.60; Pic 3 (6-2-4), \$250.00

EIGHTH \$200,000, NY-BRED STAKES - FLEET INDIAN S., 3YO, 1 1/8M

5	Star Grazing	A. Arroyo	\$10.20	\$4.70	\$3.90
4	Flipcup	R. Maragh		\$3.60	\$2.70
6	Canal Six	I. Ortiz, Jr.			\$7.30

Ch Filly 2011, by Sky Mesa - Unbridled Star by Unbridled
Owner: Chester and Mary Broman, Sr.. Trainer: James Jerkens. Breeder: Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman (NY).
Time: 1:53.40
Daily Double (4-5), \$22.00; Exacta (5-4), \$28.40; Superfecta (5-4-6-3), \$2,026.00; Trifecta (5-4-6), \$511.00; Pic 3 (2-4-5), \$99.00

NINTH \$90,000, NY-BRED ALLOWANCE, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F

8	Summerdale	M. Franco	\$61.00	\$22.40	\$12.40
3	All Mine Tonight	J. Castellano		\$4.30	\$3.10
11	Rumble Doll	R. Maragh			\$4.00

Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by More Than Ready - Patagonia Tango by Storm Boot
Owner: Hahn, Robert, G.. Trainer: Jeremiah Englehart.
Breeder: Robert Hahn (NY). Late Scratches: So Smart, Porvoo, Given Fire. Time: 1:03.47
Daily Double (5-8), \$234.50; Exacta (8-3), \$251.50; Superfecta (8-3-11-15), \$6,941.00; Trifecta (8-3-11), \$1,141.00; Pic 3 (4-5-8), \$385.50

TENTH \$250,000, NY-BRED STAKES - ALBANY S., 3 YO, 1 1/8M

7	So Lonesome	J. Lezcano	\$20.80	\$9.60	\$6.40
5	Effinex	R. Maragh		\$7.20	\$5.50
1	Eye Luv Lulu	M. Luzzi			\$8.90

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2011, by Awesome Again - Dash for Money by General Meeting
Owner: Schuler, Patricia. Trainer: Thomas Bush.
Breeder: Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY). Time: 1:50.17
Daily Double (8-7), \$816.00; Exacta (7-5), \$111.50; Superfecta (7-5-1-6), \$8,219.00; Trifecta (7-5-1), \$1,230.00; Pic 3 (5-8-7), \$2,383.00; Place Pix Nine (1/4/5-4/5/6-3/4/7/8/11/14-7), \$72.00

ELEVENTH \$52,500, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLM \$40,000, 3&UP, 1 1/16M

5	Born in Brooklyn	M. Franco	\$23.60	\$9.60	\$5.80
2	Cody's Notes	D. Davis		\$4.80	\$3.90
8	Lotza Heat	J. Castellano			\$4.20

B Gelding 2011, by Indygo Shiner - Sheboygan by Quiet American
Owner: MeB Racing Stables LLC and Brooklyn Boyz Stables. Trainer: Dominick Schettino. Breeder: Berkshire Stud (NY).
Late Scratches: Keen's Cupla, Patrolikeachampion, Sole Train, Mad With Fever. Time: 1:44.47
Daily Double (7-5), \$311.00; Exacta (5-2), \$95.00; Superfecta (5-2-8-12), \$3,095.00; Trifecta (5-2-8), \$512.00; Pic 3 (8-7-5), \$8,418.00; Pic 4 (5-8-7-5), \$39,621.00; Pic 6 (2-4-5-8-7-5), \$11,946.00

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Brew and was confident he could run after she rode the son of Suave in his first eight starts. The Suffolk Downs-based trainer turned the reins over to Dylan Davis for his next two starts, both runner-up finishes, and gave him a leg up for the third time in Sunday's sixth race.

"Dylan did such a good job I felt that he should be on him," Falk said. "He really fit the horse well and he's done such a good job. He's had two seconds and a win."

Owned by Gold Bear Stable, Slew's Brew gave Falk some anxious moments in the paddock before his neck victory over Forever Utopia.

"This is the most nervous he's been in the paddock, I think he's geared up," Falk said. "He really is a nice horse. Every morning he goes out on the track and he walks a half mile. He does everything like a classy horse."

Gold Bear's Chris Trakas was thrilled to notch a win at Saratoga.

"To win at Saratoga, it's an incredible feeling," Trakas said. "We're an outfit based out of Suffolk, which is a good place but it certainly isn't Saratoga or Belmont or Aqueduct. For people from Suffolk to come here and win is unbelievable."

— Katie Brush

- Summerdale made her third start off the layoff a winning one when she took the ninth, a 5 ½-furlong New York-bred turf allowance, at odds of nearly 30-1.

Trained by Jeremiah Englehart, the More Than Ready filly was coming off a fifth-place finish in a similar race July 23 at Saratoga.

"She's been training well going into the race and she was coming in in good form," Englehart said. "Going into the gate she was a little washy, so I was a little nervous about that."

Owned and bred by Robert Hahn, Summerdale won her debut over the Belmont Park turf in September before fading in her next five starts. Manuel Franco changed tactics allowing her to lag early before closing to best All Mine Tonight by three quarters of a length.

— Katie Brush

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The Stroll

Time for a walk.

With a stiff neck, no afternoon races and an off-in-the-distance deadline, I go for a walk Tuesday morning. For six weeks, my exercise has consisted of reaching down and turning the key to the golf cart, moving papers from cart to rack and walking across the street to pick up dinner at Spring Street.

I needed the walk.

Across Caroline Street, past Chad Brown's crew and through the gap into the Annex. Jack Doyle, less than a day after falling from Makari, jogs one around the ring. Elizabeth Voss, coffee in hand, watches, going to work like her dad taught her.

Across Fifth Avenue, past the security guards to the gap at the Oklahoma. It's 8 o'clock, time for the infield turf. Kisser N Run and Cat Feathers, 1-2 in the Phipps and first and second favorites in the Jeffords walk across the Oklahoma, past Paul who eyes the gallopers on the dirt. Two horses from two trainers, rivals Thursday, work together for their final touch. Bernie Dalton and Robbie Walsh 1-3 Monday, work together. Funny game we play. Allies and enemies, friends and foes.

I don't stay long, turning to walk along the horse path, past Mitch Friedman, "Where's The Special today?" "Mitch, it's Tuesday." "What's that got to do with it?" "Tomorrow, Mitch." "Hurry up." The racetrack, the more grief you get, the more you know they like you.

I walk around the turn, along the outside rail, past the clocker's stand, quiet on a Tuesday, the track about to be harrowed. Past a clocker's car, a gallon of windshield washing fluid sitting on the top of the trunk. I wonder why.

Left through the trees, around the corner of Leo O'Brien's barn, the place where I spent so many summers, galloping the likes of Amarettorun and Tiffany's Taylor. I think about the old days.



Around the corner, past Gary Sciacca's barn, through the wash rack, past the kitchen, over the pony track and across the grass parking lot. Across Union Avenue, an exercise rider sings a song in Spanish, I wouldn't have heard it above the golf cart's noise. A mother and a son play under the trees by the soccer field, worn to dirt after a long summer.

Around the turn of the main track, I spot the horse I like. The one I've watched all meet, the one who hasn't run. His exercise rider knows I'm watching, I look and smile. She smiles. "He won't run until Belmont," she says. "That's fine, I'll need the money then, too."

Down the long road along the backstretch, past the empty soda bottles, the egg sandwich smashed on the road, past Charlie LoPresti leaning on the rail, relaxed. Amazing what a horse doing well again will do for a trainer.

Rodney Paine jogs one the wrong way, "We need to decide about the Hopeful for that colt," Paine says. I stare, disdainfully, thinking Upstart wheeling back in another eight days. He laughs. My sense of irony and humor not at its best.

I check my phone, then force it back in my pocket, the walk is meant to be an escape.

Rick Violette, Melissa Cohen, Tracy Attfield stand at the corner in front of the Morning Line. I

stop, we chat, they wonder why I'm leaning. I didn't think I was, as I straighten.

Around the bend, past Clare Court, a nervous bay filly dances to the track. Al Stall's equipment piles up, going home so soon.

Around the elbow, through the Hennig/Tagg/Catalano/Bush serpentine and back across the road to Toner's barn and back to the road along the main track. Cyril Murphy leans on the rail, watching horses go past. Disappointed with yesterday's results, Murphy seems to be standing for the same reason I'm walking. We talk, accomplishing nothing.

Back down the road, past the security guard sitting on a park bench near Phil Serpe's barn, the Doors' "Break on Through" plays on what looks like a transistor radio. I definitely wouldn't have heard Jim Morrison from the golf cart.

Back around the three-eighths pole, across Union Avenue, down through the trees and through Chad Brown's courtyard, around the bend, past Bruce Brown's, George Weaver's, past Bruce Levine's bay horse in the second stall, destroying the wooden door on the first stall.

Around the turn of the Oklahoma, Close Hatches stands for the final touches of her bath. Breeders' Cup Distaff cooler deflecting the sun. The Personal Ensign winner flutters her eyes and drifts as her groom dries her legs and her hotwalker rests his head between her eyes.

Back across Fifth Avenue, around the corner of the Annex, Todd Wyatt finishes grooming Duke Of Perth. We make a plan for September, discuss strategy for tomorrow. I take a few steps past an empty stall, a rake resting on the wooden door. Makari's photo finish win in A.P. Smithwick hangs on the wall next to the tack room. I whisper a goodbye and head for home.



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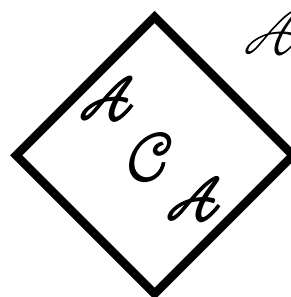


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