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Hello Champ. Triple Crown winner American Pharoah gets a good look at Albany International Airport while stepping off the plane Wednesday.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 1:** Horse to win three editions of the New York Turf Writers Cup, in 73 runnings. Demonstrative (2012 and 2014) could make it two in the 74th edition today. Happy Intellectual won three in a row (1976-78) for Lillian Phipps and Hall of Fame trainer Mikey Smithwick.
- 1:** Time Pharoah togo will appear in The Saratoga Special (today, right here).
- 7:** Times The Special's Joe Clancy heard "Where's Jack?" while delivering papers Wednesday morning. Take it easy on the new guy.
- 10:** Hunger level of The Special office at 7:20 Wednesday night (not a good thing).
- 18:** Horses in Danzig's final crop (foaled in 2005). The last one still racing, All Together, runs in today's first.
- 16,186:** Approximate miles traveled by Travers favorite American Pharoah this year (Euclidean distances, which is math-speak for straight lines, and loads of assumptions geographically) as calculated by The Special's resident math wizard Ryan Clancy. He says the total is roughly the equivalent of Saratoga Springs to any point on Earth.

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NAMES OF THE DAY

Wrought, second race. The 3-year-old filly is out of Brassy Shirley.

Slimshady, fifth race. Bred in New York by Wellspring Stables, he's by Raffie's Majesy out of Shady Lane. The name's not all that creative, but it sounds familiar . . .

Slim Shadey, sixth race. Bred in Great Britain by P M Cunningham, he's by Val Royal out of Vino Veritas. The name's not all that creative, but it . . . hey, wait a minute.

WORTH REPEATING

"He'll say he can't do it, but by the race he'll be having a cup of tea and I'll be lying on the floor in a pool of sweat."

Sean McDermott, on whether fellow jump jockey Paddy Young can tack 138 pounds

"I was reading your column in today's Special and you really have to pack a lot of info into it. It must require a lot of research?"

Email reader Pete Finley to The Special's editorial team

"Can we print all this?"

Trainer Christophe Clement, during a cryptic conversation with jock's agent Ron Anderson

"OK, you tell it and I'll take over when you start to get it wrong."

Jockey Mike Luzzi, telling stories with Indian Charlie

"Is there something in the Guinness Book of World Records for most consecutive losing days?"

West Point Thoroughbreds' Tom Bellhouse, asking for a friend



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Kite Runner. American Pharoah takes flight while walking at trainer John Terranova's barn Wednesday.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I've got great owners, fast horses and a very loyal and good staff. That's why it works. That's why we're having success."

Trainer Christophe Clement



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NAME OF THE DAY

Stormy Regatta, eighth race.

The 3-year-old filly is by Midshipman out of Storm Front.

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WORTH REPEATING

"The place looks just the same, doesn't it?"

Daily Racing Form's Dave Grening to jockey Channing Hill, a former regular, who returned to ride Fast Anna Sunday

"It's like Christmas presents. When someone asks you what you want, and you say nothing, they buy you a present anyway."

Van driver Keith Cooper, who declined (but apparently expected) a sandwich for the road Sunday night

"And it wasn't 'Tell us about yourself.'"

The Special's Nolan Clancy, about homework on the first day of high school

"Nothing a win here wouldn't cure."

Trainer Dave Carroll, a week (at least) ago, on how things were going at the meet; he got the winner Monday with Callista

"Every horse is different, there's no rulebook and if there was, whoever had the rulebook would win all the races."

Trainer David Jacobson, on training horses

"He is doing so good, I even had thoughts about maybe bringing him back but I couldn't take him away from the girl. She loves him."

Jacobson, about 2011 Turf Writers winner Mabou (now a show horse)

"It could end up like Woodstock. They sold 50,000 tickets to Woodstock, the original one, and then 250,000 showed up and they just said forget it. They opened the gates and let everybody come in."

Jacobson, on the possibilities for Saturday's sold-out Travers Day



Morning Glory. A Saratoga Thoroughbred gets ready to play in a round pen.

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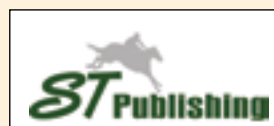
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Stable Tour:

with
Dallas Stewart



It's Travers Week and Dallas Stewart is busy. Showing no signs of being slowed from the after effects of surgery to remove a kidney stone earlier in the meet, Stewart bounces from his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track to watch training on the main track.

Sometimes he walks, other times he takes his golf cart. He'll go to the Oklahoma, too, and Wednesday morning he was getting entries set for the weekend.

Tale Of Verve and Unbridled Forever are on tap for Grade 1 engagements Saturday, the former in the \$1.6 million Travers and the latter in the \$500,000 Ballerina. Unbridled Forever won the Shine Again Aug. 5, a few days after the surgery. Stewart, like any other horseman, wants a few more wins before he heads back to Churchill Downs to gear up for the September meet there, Kentucky Downs' turf festival and Keeneland fall.

In between sets Wednesday Stewart went rapid fire, stall-by-stall with The Special's Tom Law. When he reached the end of the shed Stewart threw in a few updates on a couple other stable stars back at Churchill Downs.

Tale Of Verve: "He's obviously entered in the Travers, we're pretty excited about that. Hey, let's do it, see what happens. You can't win it if you're not in it. The horse is doing good, had a couple of great works, Gary Stevens is back on board for us. Hey, it's the Travers. Anything can happen. We aren't going to be like Violette (and Upstart), we're running."

Aztec Sense: "He's a 2-year-old by Street Sense out of an A.P. Indy mare (stakes-placed Aztec Pearl, from family of Aurora, Althea, Furiously and others). He's for Chuck Fipke, he bred him and we entered him for Saturday. First-timer, couple good works. Big,



good-looking horse, good endurance, great pedigree, loves to train."

Tom's Ready: "This is Tom Benson's horse (owner of New Orleans Saints, runs in name of Gayle Benson). He ran once, got beat (1 1/4 lengths, Aug. 15). He came on strong, did well. We'll see about running back, maybe the seven-eighths. I nominated to the Hopeful but I don't think we'll go there."

Unbridled Forever: "She had a great first race here, her first in nine months. We entered her for the Ballerina. She's great, easy to be around."

She's A True Beauty: "She ran third in a maiden special weight, Eric Cancel rode her and she ran great (Aug. 20). Got beat about a length for all the money. She's by Yes It's True and (closely related to multiple Grade 2 winner) Aikenite."

Ide Biduadeau: "Another Louisiana-bred that ran fourth here, she's a nice, well-bred horse. She ran into that Tapit filly that Ralph Nicks trains. She was fourth in that race and very credible (at 53-1). Loui-

siana-bred by Ide for Murray Valene (Valene Farms). She'll be tough in Louisiana."

Pleasant Tales: "She is out there grazing. Finished fourth in the Mother Goose, ran her in the Test and she didn't have a good trip (ninth, beaten 20 3/4 lengths). She seems OK now. I'm not going to run in the Prioress, maybe give her a bit more time. I think they've got a race at Charles Town, the Charles Town Oaks. I'll probably think about that, it's at 7 furlongs and maybe a little lesser group."

Cajun Spirit: "He's for West Point Thoroughbreds, ran for \$40,000 on the turf and didn't run too bad (ninth, Aug. 9). We'll run him back. He's a Louisiana-bred."

Lady's First: "This is a New York-bred 2-year-old filly, she was fifth last time out (Monday). She just got outrun but she ran hard. She's by Ghostzapper for some nice people out of Texas, J. R. and Rita Young."

Forever d'Oro: "He's a 2-year-old Medaglia d'Or colt out of Lemons Forever. He's up to five-eighths, should be rolling at Keeneland. He's real good."

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Bayou Banker: "He's another Louisiana-bred 2-year-old by Super Saver that ran a couple weeks ago (10th, Aug. 8 in 6-furlong maiden special). Didn't run very well, I expected a little more. He was kind of unfocused, we'll put some blinkers on, see where he goes."

Ready For Chianti: "She's a More Than Ready filly who ran here (Opening Day, July 24) that didn't run very well. I got her back to Kentucky. She actually bled. We're looking forward to running her on the turf at Kentucky Downs. She's a nice filly."

Forever Unbridled: "The younger sister to Unbridled Forever, she's going again, back up to three-eighths (breezed that distance in :37.80 Aug. 14 at Churchill Downs). We gave her some time off, sent her to WinStar, freshened her up and she put some weight on. She had a great campaign, ran in the Kentucky Oaks (11th). I think at that point she was just tired. She had lost a little bit of weight so we just stopped on her."

Commanding Curve: "He's there at Churchill, too. He didn't run any good in West Virginia, but he had a lung infection. So he's back."

Golden Soul: "Same thing for him, sent him over to WinStar to freshen him up a little bit. Hopefully we'll get all of them (Forever Unbridled, Commanding Curve, Golden Soul and others) ready for the fall and Fair Grounds for the winter. Keep them healthy."

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"In the early '70s, I was in two barns at Saratoga. The year we won 19 races, we run a lot of horses, probably 50 horses. Blessing Angelica, she went down and won the Delaware Handicap two years in a row. I don't think they graded it then, but it sure would have been Grade 1. We had a filly who won three races and I think had a second in the four-week meet, Wakefield Miss. Now, you can't do that, most of the time, there isn't a race for them. Years ago, there was always another race for them, a money-won allowance, there were one, two, three, four-other-thans and they would go. Bill Boland, named after the jock, he wasn't trying, he was the first horse I got to the races without him knowing it, just blew him out, blew him out, blew him out until he was fit."

**– Trainer Allen Jerkens,
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Chavo is among pony royalty in New York, as he took Triple Crown winner American Pharoah to the gate in the Belmont Stakes. Chavo retired from racing in 2012 and has been Mario's main track pony ever since. He enjoys long strolls on the backside, carrots from visiting fans and the occasional pat from patrons in the paddock.



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High Stakes

Jump champ Demonstrative eyes third win in historic Grade 1

BY JOE CLANCY

Gamblers set an unofficial – because nobody really keeps track – North American pari-mutuel record when they bet \$1,354,854 on the A.P. Smithwick Memorial at Saratoga three weeks ago.

And that Grade 1 race included just six betting interests.

Today's jump race, the Grade 1 New York Turf Writers Cup, lured 10 – three from the Smithwick. Whether the bettors return with their money is just one question surrounding the \$150,000 stakes, run for the 74th time today as the first race. Others center on a mix of horses and horsemen.

N.Y. TURF WRITERS PREVIEW

Can flat trainer David Jacobson win his second Turf Writers in five years with the recently claimed All Together? Can 2014 steeplechase champion Demonstrative become the race's second three-time winner? Can 2013 steeplechase champion Divine Fortune rewind the clock one more time? Is there an upsetter among the lightweights?

It will take a little more than four minutes to find out.

Third in the Smithwick Aug. 6, Jacqueline Ohrstrom's Demonstrative

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Veteran All Together makes his first start for trainer David Jacobson.



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makes his fourth consecutive start in the race, and was rewarded with 2-1 favoritism on the morning line and high weight of 156 pounds including jockey Robbie Walsh. The 8-year-old dominated the division last year en route to the Eclipse Award and started 2015 with a Grade 1 in the 3-mile Iroquois. In the Smithwick, he made a steady run from the backside, but flattened out late and was no match for winner Choral Society and Martini Brother in the stretch. Like all trainers, Valentine searched for answers afterward.

“I changed equipment for the Smithwick because he was so keen in the morning and I don’t know, maybe I was wrong,” he said Tuesday morning. “I put him in a ring bit and really cranked the figure-eight on. You could see when he was warming up he just seemed a little bit annoyed I guess. He’s not going to run in that this time.”

Valentine goes back to a full-cheek snaffle, which the horse wore in the Iroquois, today.

Normally based in Virginia, Demonstrative has been training in Saratoga for the last week and turned in a :50 half-mile breeze at Oklahoma Saturday. The move was the 28th fastest of 49 at the distance, pretty good company for a horse prepping for 2 3/8 miles. Valentine liked the move, but was even more pleased with Monday’s training session on the turf at Oklahoma.

“I was happy with him yesterday when he nearly bucked Laird (George) off and then tanked off with Robbie on the grass,” Valentine said. “He was a bit stupid schooling, he took a chance at the first one but I think he’s just getting a little cocky. I don’t mind that at all. I like his attitude. He’s really, really sharp.”

Jacobson is looking for a similar attitude from 10-year-old warrior All Together, a \$30,000 claim here Aug. 5. The last son of Danzig still racing makes his 38th steeplechase start – and 12th at Saratoga – at 8-1. All Together finished fourth the day Jacobson dropped the slip, but owns two Spa wins and a second in the 2013 Turf Writers. Jacobson adds blinkers and taps Ross Geraghty for the ride at 140 pounds.

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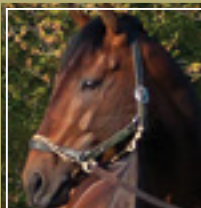
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In his sixth season of jump racing, All Together was trained by eight-time steeplechase champion Jack Fisher and piled up five wins, 22 top-three finishes and \$380,350 in earnings. He gets a massive change of scenery from Fisher's Maryland farm to Jacobson's barn at Clare Court.

All Together shows a trio of 3-furlong breezes on the main track – Aug. 17, 21 and 25 – and Jacobson likes what he sees.

"He blew him out three-eighths (Tuesday) and we'll just walk him into the race," the trainer said. "Hopefully he'll be tearing the barn down (Thursday) morning. Blinkers, the three-eighths, I want to get him as sharp as I can get him."

Jacobson wishes he had a little more time to point for a race, and also wishes All Together ran better (a dull fourth) the day he was claimed.

"By the way he looked coming in the paddock that day, the way he was walking, everything that I look for in claiming horse, I really expected him to run better than he did," Jacobson said. "If we can get him close to his top game, he definitely fits with these horses. He's doing well. I'd like to get him a little more into what we do, it's not a better program, but sometimes a change of scenery and a different training program can make a difference in a horse."



Tod Marks

Looking for a third win in the race, Demonstrative enjoys a roll near his barn at the harness track this week.

In 2011, Jacobson claimed Mabou from trainer Tom Voss for \$30,000 and upset the Turf Writers a few weeks later.

Fisher upset the Smithwick with Choral Society, but left the novice at home in favor of a English import Hinterland, and 2014 Saratoga winners Syros and Schoodic.

"The weight," Fisher said of why Choral Society stayed away. "Last time he got 16 pounds from Demonstrative, this time he was going to get eight

or 10. I figure he can run against Schoodic and Syros in the novice stake at Belmont and carry equal weights with them. Also, historically, when was the last time a horse won both races?"

The answer to that question is 1999.

Hinterland won five races over jumps in England, and was competing in the top 2-mile chases last year.

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He adds Lasix and carries 144 pounds at 12-1 for jockey Sean McDermott.

“Hinterland is going to run great or terrible, he’s a bleeder, the races he ran in were top races, but he’s a bleeder,” Fisher said. “He’s a beautiful mover and he’s a really efficient jumper, but he’s bled through Lasix, so we’re crossing our fingers. He’s going to be first or last, don’t bet him to show.”

Syros won an allowance hurdle last year (after making two claiming starts) and won a stakes in May. Danny Mullins flies in for the race aboard the 7-year-old Dynaformer gelding, fourth behind African Oil here Aug. 3, at 138 pounds and 12-1. Five-year-old Schoodic eyes his first win since romping in a novice stakes here last year for Fisher and Paddy Young. The son of Tiznow finished second in his only start this year, and missed a scheduled start here a few weeks ago when scratched with a minor injury. Edie Dixon’s homebred is 6-1 and carries 138 pounds.



Joe Clancy

English import Hinterland makes his American debut with Sean McDermott.

“Schoodic and Syros, I’m just taking a shot, I like the weights,” Fisher said. “I think the race could set up for Syros if they don’t press too early and he can sit in the garden spot right behind Divine Fortune, I don’t see anybody else pressing them. The rest are

closers, including Schoodic.

“Syros, the set-up in his last race was horrible for him, he didn’t get a break. They just kept coming at him the whole way, it made no sense to me. He won’t be in front, Divine Fortune likes it out there and he’s a better

jumper. I think the distance is better for Syros and Schoodic and I don’t know about Hinterland.”

Also at 6-1 is All The Way Jose, a 14-length allowance winner at the end of 2014 Saratoga meet for trainer Jonathan Sheppard. The 5-year-old has been first or second in seven of his 10 jump starts and finished third (disqualified to fourth) behind Syros in May. Willie McCarthy rides at 144 pounds. The Sheppard-trained Divine Fortune was beaten just 4 lengths after setting the pace in the Smithwick and should benefit from the added distance at 10-1 and 150 pounds. Darren Nagle, aboard for a Grade 1 win in November, rides the 12-year-old who makes his 43rd start over jumps.

Bob Le Beau exits a fourth in the Smithwick for trainer Elizabeth Voss. The 8-year-old finished a half-length behind Demonstrative that day but owns a Grade 3 win and a victory over All Together on the flat at Parx in July. Jack Doyle rides at 5-1 and 140. Six-time winner Charminster, second in the 2012 race, and 2013 Grade 1 winner Alajmal complete the field at 20-1 each.

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Big Chance

Kenneally-trained Bugle tries to follow younger brother

BY TOM LAW

A shade less than two weeks ago as he sat on a picnic table in a grassy spot near his barn at Saratoga, Eddie Kenneally talked about a filly who lost a close one Aug. 7 but got a significant boost to her pedigree from her little brother two days later.

The filly is Bugle and her younger full-brother is Air Force Blue, a colt some consider the best 2-year-old in Europe.

He won the Group 1 Keeneland Phoenix Stakes at The Curragh and Bugle gets her own chance today to bolster her credentials in the \$100,000 Riskaverse Stakes for 3-year-old fillies going 1 mile on the grass.

Bugle, a daughter of War Front out of the Maria's Mon mare Chatham, just missed in a two-other than optional claimer going the same distance as today's Riskaverse on the same inner turf course. The War Front filly runs back on 20 days rest, maybe a little closer than Kenneally would prefer but more than enough considering how well the filly is keeping here in upstate New York.

"She's had a relatively light year so far, a light campaign," Kenneally said after sending out a set Tuesday morning. "She hasn't run a lot. It's a lit-



Tod Marks

A stakes winner at Saratoga in 2014, Partisan Politics is favored in today's Riskaverse.

tle bit more of a quick turnaround than what she's been used to so far this year. But it shouldn't be a problem this time around. She's carrying good flesh."

Bugle's loss last time came against older fillies and mares. She's back with 3-year-olds and makes her first stakes start since finishing sixth in the Grade 3 Florida Oaks at Tampa Bay Downs in early March. Bugle closed well into a slow pace in that race, also her first start in more than two months.

"She was a little unlucky to not have won the last time," Kenneally said. "Maybe got shuffled back a little too much on the first turn, found her-

self too far back off a slow pace. In a true run race I think she's got a big shot again to get it done. It's a solid group of fillies, no doubt about it."

Bugle will certainly need a top effort against the nine others entered in the body of the race for the Riskaverse.

The field includes last year's P.G. Johnson winner Partisan Politics and All In Fun, fourth and fifth, respectively in the Grade 2 Lake George Opening Day, and Rainha Da Bateria, winner of the Grade 3 Jessamine Stakes last fall at Keeneland. Last-out winners Aljalela and Stormy Regatta will make it

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Epona Racing Stable

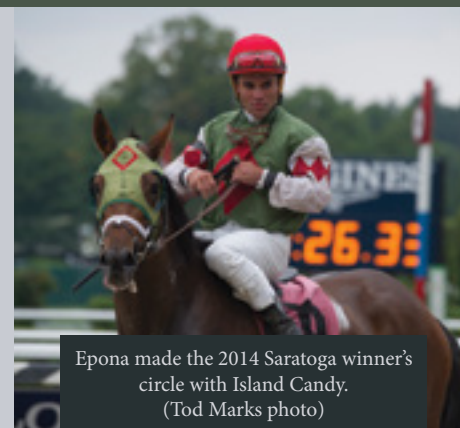
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Epona made the 2014 Saratoga winner's circle with Island Candy.
(Tod Marks photo)

Riskaverse —

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tough to get that stakes win or placing, too.

Bugle cost \$400,000 for owner Joseph Sutton at last year's Keeneland September yearling sale, \$90,000 less than M. V. Magnier spent on Air Force Blue.

Air Force Blue won his debut May 24 at The Curragh, then finished second to Buratino in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes during the Royal Ascot meeting. Air Force Blue bounced back to beat that rival in the Phoenix.

"The War Fronts are hot items these days," Kenneally said. "We like her a lot. She's getting better all the time. This is a solid race, for 100 (thousand) it's really solid."

John Terranova will take another crack at stakes competition for Long Lake Stable's Greywalls, who was fifth as a maiden in the Grade 3 Miss Grillo last fall at Belmont Park.


The daughter of City Zip exits a win in a first-level allowance-optional two days after Bugle's Saratoga debut. The win came against 3-year-old

fillies going the same 1-mile trip she'll face today and she did it all the way on the lead at nearly 10-1. The victory was Greywalls' second in three starts this year and Terranova sees the Riskaverse as the next logical step for the filly.


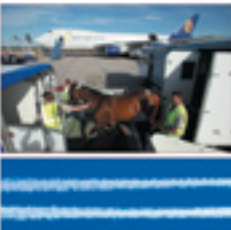


"We ran into a lot of nice fillies last year as a 2-year-old and she was right there, getting it together," Terranova said. "We gave her a little break over the winter. She's a smaller filly. Took her down to Tampa. She was training with me down there, got a little sick. I would have debuted her back in April but she got a little sick on me."

"So instead of that we brought her back up to New York and right off the layoff she won. Solid race second back and then she came up here, they kind of dismissed her that day. I thought her second race back against winners was pretty strong, maybe it was the mile, maybe it was the outside post. She drew the far outside. She was able to clear the field, switch off, relax and handled the two turns really well."

The others are Love's Illusion, My Cara Mia, Lola Beaux and Enchantress for main track only.



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

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Hinterland (FR)	S. McDermott..... J. Fisher..... 12-1
2	.....2.....	Divine Fortune.....	D. Nagle..... J. Sheppard..... 10-1
3	.....3.....	All Together.....	R. Geraghty..... D. Jacobson..... 8-1
4	.....4.....	Syros.....	D. Mullins..... J. Fisher..... 12-1
5	.....5.....	Charminster (IRE).....	C. Sloan..... C. Murphy..... 20-1
6	.....6.....	Demonstrative.....	R. Walsh..... R. Valentine..... 2-1
7	.....7.....	Schoodic.....	P. Young..... J. Fisher..... 6-1
8	.....8.....	Alajmal.....	B. Dalton..... J. Elliot..... 20-1
9	.....9.....	All the Way Jose.....	W. McCarthy..... J. Sheppard..... 6-1
10	.....10.....	Bob Le Beau (IRE).....	J. Doyle..... E. Voss..... 5-1

2ND (1:33PM). \$32,000, CLM \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 5, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Samus.....	J. Ortiz..... M. Nevin..... 5-2
2	.....2.....	Enduring Touch.....	E. Cancel..... J. Terranova, II..... 7-2
3	.....3.....	Quit Smokin.....	K. Carmouche..... J. Hertler..... 12-1
4	.....4.....	Tia Lana.....	J. Lezcano..... R. Barbara..... 6-1
5	.....5.....	Roman Reign.....	L. Saez..... P. Pugh..... 4-1
6	.....6.....	Dunn Listening.....	A. Arroyo..... G. Contessa..... 3-1

3RD (2:06PM). \$45,000, MCL \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Wrought.....	F. Jara..... A. Adsit..... 20-1
2	.....2.....	My Tommy Boy.....	C. Velasquez..... S. Klesaris..... 4-1
3	.....3.....	Frontier Scout.....	J. Castellano..... J. Sharp..... 6-1
4	.....4.....	Enchanted Forest.....	A. Arroyo..... K. LeBlanc..... 30-1
5	.....5.....	Vischer Ferry.....	J. Alvarado..... A. Kingsley, Jr..... 12-1
6	.....6.....	Call Me Stoney.....	K. Carmouche..... B. Levine..... 3-1
7	.....7.....	Norm the Giant.....	J. Ortiz..... M. Pino..... 5-1
8	.....8.....	Apache Warrior.....	A. Murgia..... M. Wilson..... 8-1
9	.....9.....	Thank You.....	L. Saez..... P. Graham..... 7-2

4TH (2:39PM). \$73,000, MSW, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 6F

Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....3.....	Cruzin On In.....	J. Alvarado..... M. Ferraro..... 8-5
1a	.....4.....	Women Win.....	J. Ortiz..... M. Hushion..... 8-5
2	.....1.....	Stone Supplier.....	J. Velazquez..... B. Levine..... 5-1
3	.....2.....	Kellyesque.....	C. Potts..... T. Beattie..... 4-1
4	.....5.....	Royalton.....	J. Castellano..... S. Asmussen..... 2-1
5	.....6.....	Union Mettle.....	E. Trujillo..... A. Tarrant..... 20-1
6	.....7.....	Karenina Gal.....	S. Bridgmohan..... R. Violette, Jr..... 12-1

5TH (3:12PM). \$47,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 6, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Polar Axis.....	I. Rodriguez..... J. Orseno..... 10-1
2	.....2.....	Greeley Pack.....	F. Jara..... K. Feron..... 20-1
3	.....3.....	Ogermeister.....	J. Castellano..... D. Jacobson..... 3-1
4	.....4.....	Dynamite Stick.....	E. Cancel..... M. Lauer..... 30-1
5	.....5.....	Slimshady.....	C. Sullivan..... L. O'Brien..... 15-1
6	.....6.....	Bow Tie Affair.....	J. Lezcano..... P. Reynolds..... 6-1
7	.....7.....	Malibu Charlie.....	J. Rosario..... B. Lynch..... 6-5
8	.....8.....	Prophet's Cat.....	L. Saez..... G. Sciacca..... 12-1
9	.....9.....	Liberty First.....	R. Hernandez..... G. Contessa..... 15-1

6TH (3:45PM). \$93,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Unbridled Ocean.....	J. Velazquez..... W. Mott..... 4-1
2	.....2.....	Slip By.....	R. Hernandez..... M. Matz..... 3-1
3	.....MTO.....	Anchor Down.....	J. Castellano..... T. Pletcher..... 4-5
4	.....4.....	Slim Shadey (GB).....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... D. Jacobson..... 7-2
5	.....5.....	Plainview.....	J. Lezcano..... G. DiPrima..... 5-2
6	.....6.....	Mr. Online.....	K. Carmouche..... W. Mott..... 6-1
7	.....7.....	Hesinfront.....	J. Rosario..... D. Romans..... 12-1

7TH (4:18PM). \$47,000, CLM \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, F & M , 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Pic 4, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Porvoo.....	I. Rodriguez..... J. DeMola..... 30-1
2	.....2.....	Cool Comfort.....	R. Hernandez..... W. Ward..... 3-1
3	.....3.....	Kitty's Pearl.....	L. Saez..... B. Brown..... 10-1
4	.....4.....	Rachel's Temper.....	J. Rosario..... D. Cannizzo..... 12-1
5	.....5.....	No Tunes.....	J. Lezcano..... A. Goldberg..... 6-1
6	.....6.....	Songbook.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... C. Clement..... 5-1
7	.....7.....	Reign.....	E. Cancel..... J. Jerkens..... 6-1
8	.....8.....	Pink Freud Live.....	J. Castellano..... J. Sharp..... 7-2
9	.....9.....	Dot Product.....	M. Franco..... J. Englehart..... 6-1

8TH (4:52PM). \$100,000, STK - THE RISKVERSE, 3 YO, F , 1M (INNER TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Pic 3, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	All in Fun.....	J. Rosario..... C. McGaughey III..... 7-2
2	.....2.....	Love's Illusion.....	E. Prado..... K. Rubley..... 30-1
3	.....3.....	Partisan Politics.....	J. Castellano..... C. Brown..... 5-2
4	.....4.....	Rainha Da Bateria.....	L. Saez..... H. Motion..... 8-1
5	.....5.....	My Cara Mia.....	M. Franco..... M. Friedman..... 30-1
6	.....6.....	Bugle.....	J. Ortiz..... E. Kenneally..... 8-1
7	.....7.....	Aljalela.....	J. Velazquez..... T. Pletcher..... 5-1
8	.....8.....	Stormy Regatta.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... C. Clement..... 6-1
9	.....9.....	Lola Beaux (GB).....	E. Vaz..... E. Graham..... 15-1
10	.....MTO.....	Enchantress.....	J. Velazquez..... T. Pletcher..... 8-5
11	.....11.....	Greywalls.....	E. Cancel..... J. Terranova, II..... 12-1

9TH (5:26PM). \$85,000, ALW, 3 YO'S & UP, 5 1/2F (TURF)

Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double			
1	.....1.....	Glowing Ember.....	C. Velasquez..... G. Contessa..... 6-1
2	.....2.....	Asset Inflation.....	J. Velazquez..... C. Englehart..... 5-2
3	.....3.....	The Big Deluxe.....	I. Ortiz, Jr..... S. Klesaris..... 8-1
4	.....4.....	Natural Order.....	L. Saez..... R. Lerman..... 5-1
5	.....5.....	Cap'n Raymond.....	K. Carmouche..... G. Sciacca..... 8-1
6	.....6.....	Big Family.....	E. Cancel..... G. Delgado..... 8-1
7	.....7.....	Decent.....	J. Castellano..... E. Kenneally..... 3-1
8	.....8.....	Energetico.....	E. Trujillo..... G. Contessa..... 20-1

10TH (6:00PM). \$39,000, MCL \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F






Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta			
1	.....2.....	A Marked Man.....	C. Velasquez..... L. Rice..... 5-2
1a	.....10.....	Dusk to Dawn.....	M. Franco..... M. Hushion..... 5-2
2	.....1.....	Leo's Legacy.....	J. Castellano..... D. Schettino..... 5-1
3	.....3.....	Hundred Percent.....	A. Arroyo..... C. Englehart..... 12-1
4	.....4.....	Rich Dalone.....	J. Ortiz..... B. Levine..... 7-2
5	.....5.....	Spartan Emperor.....	J. Rosario..... R. Falcone, Jr..... 10-1
6	.....6.....	Sunny Afternoon.....	F. Jara..... C. Martin..... 20-1
7	.....7.....	Proletariat.....	L. Saez..... B. Brown..... 6-1
8	.....8.....	Send One In.....	K. Carmouche..... B. Levine..... 20-1
99.....	The Fixer.....	E. Cancel..... J. Terranova, II..... 8-1
1011.....	Loose Money.....	J. Lezcano..... G. Delgado..... 12-1

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5	Malibu Charlie Ogermeister Bowtie Affair	Malibu Charlie Ogermeister Prophet's Cat	Malibu Charlie Bow Tie Affair Ogermeister	Prophet's Cat Malibu Charlie Polar Axis	Malibu Charlie Ogermeister Bow Tie Affair
6	Plainview Slim Shadey Slip By	Unbridled Ocean Plainview Slim Shadey	Slip By Anchor Down Slim Shadey	Plainview Slim Shadey Anchor Down	Slip By Unbridled Ocean Hesinfront
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Big Single

Savvy claim Da Big Hoss dominates turf marathon

BY TOM LAW

Harvey Diamond was sitting at a table at Churchill Downs the last Sunday of the spring/summer meeting in Louisville, crafting betting tickets when an opportunity presented itself.

"We're just sitting there and I said, 'I singled this horse in a pick three today and I'm looking at him and I think we ought to claim him,' " Diamond said of his conversation with his tablemates that afternoon, Jim Shircliff and Mike Maker. "They both took a look at the Form and said, 'I like him, too.' "

Maker, who trains for Diamond and Shircliff and is a frequent investor in their Skychai Racing partnerships, took the conversation a little further.

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Da Big Hoss reaches for the finish line in Wednesday's John's Call.

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John's Call —

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"Do you want to go down to take a look at him?" Maker asked.

"Absolutely," was Diamond's answer and away they went to get a look at the 4-year-old Lemon Drop Kid colt named Da Big Hoss.

"So we go down there and one of the first things we see is another trainer looking at him, so we know we weren't the only ones interested," said Diamond, a physician and the owner and president of Occupations Physician Services in Louisville. "We put a claim in, he won that day and we won a four-way shake."

Da Big Hoss got back all of his \$50,000 claiming price when he was put up on a disqualification in an allowance-optional July 31 at Saratoga and added another \$60,000 to the Skychai books with an easy victory in the featured John's Call Stakes Wednesday at Saratoga Race Course.

Da Big Hoss stormed off the turn under Irad Ortiz Jr. to win the 1 5/8-mile turf stakes by 2 lengths over the late-running but not seriously threatening Holiday Star. Manchurian High, last through the opening mile, was another 3 lengths back in third. The final time was 2:44.37, second slowest in the 12-year history of the \$100,000 stakes named for the late gelding who won the 2000 Sword Dancer Invitational at Saratoga as a 9-year-old.

"We brought him up here after that claim, got him ready, got fortunate in his last race and today I just think he was the best horse," Diamond said.

Bred in Kentucky by Gary and Mary West, Da Big Hoss started his career with trainer Wayne Catalano. The horse broke his maiden in his third start last September on the grass at Arlington Park. After an unplaced effort on the turf at Keeneland, Catalano dropped Da Big Hoss in for \$50,000 in a 1 1/16-mile dirt race at Churchill Downs.

Da Big Hoss won that day but there were no takers. He wasn't offered for a tag in his next four starts — a win in an off-the-turf race and a second and two thirds in grass races, all at Fair Grounds — but was when he showed up off a nearly three-month layoff June 21.

"He looked like a good claim for a horse at that level," Maker said. "We liked that he'd run well on dirt and turf and were thinking maybe it looked like an opportunity to get a stakes horse."

The race Skychai and Maker claimed Da Big Hoss out of was 1 mile on the grass. They stretched him out to 1 3/8 miles for his Saratoga debut and he crossed the finish line second behind Global Strike, the eventual 6-5 favorite for the John's Call, but got put up for the win when that rival fouled another horse in the stretch.

Ortiz, now nine wins up in the jockey standings as he guns for his first Saratoga title, rode him that day and learned a lot about the appropriately named chestnut colt. They were 9 lengths back after the opening half-mile. Wednesday they

were closer, albeit behind a dawdling early pace of :25.45, :52.41, 1:18.68 and 1:44.97.

"Last time I waited a lot to get clear in the stretch," Ortiz said. "You have to let him get his space a little earlier so that's what I did today. By the backside I let him come out and get in stride."

"First couple turns I saved ground then I moved the pace a little bit. They were going slow up front."

Slow pace or not, early leader Global Strike was done as the field turned for home. Da Big Hoss ranged up to the outside of the frontrunner and Rum Tum Tugger and got no resistance. Ortiz cracked him once left-handed approaching the eighth pole, glanced over at the infield monitor a few times and gave him two more pops that probably weren't needed since Da Big Hoss was well clear.

Maker said he'd take a look at some of the marathon grass stakes this fall at Kentucky Downs and Keeneland Race Course for Da Big Hoss, who improved to 6-for-12 lifetime and boosted his earnings to \$220,476.

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Travers star American Pharoah arrives from California in style

BY BRANDON VALVO

A New York State Trooper pulled into the stable area of Saratoga Race Course backstretch of the main track with emergency lights flashing and parked outside Barn 25 just before 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The attention of hundreds of media members, horse people and fans gathered around the metal barricades at both ends of John Terranova's barn was suddenly heightened and the anticipation was palpable. A minute or so later, the pent-up energy was released in the form of hundreds of camera clicks, breaking news narrations and social media posts as a blue and white horse Brook-Ledge horse

van pulled in.

American Pharoah had arrived.

As American Pharoah, led by assistant trainer Jimmy Barnes, stepped off the van and onto the soil, it marked the first time in 37 years that a Triple Crown winner set foot on the hallowed ground of historic Saratoga Race Course.

The journey from California took approximately 12 hours as the Triple Crown winner was vanned from Del Mar to Ontario International Airport, flew from Ontario to Albany International Airport onboard Kalitta Charters flight 725, with a stop in Lexington to pick up retired cham-

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American Pharoah scouts out the stable area Wednesday.

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Arrival —

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pion Funny Cide (who will parade Friday), and finally vanned from Albany to Saratoga Springs.

“It was actually a fairly quick trip,” Barnes said. “Travelling with Pharoah, they make it very convenient for us. We’re the last ones to show up for the plane and the first ones off, so everybody has been very cooperative with that. He’s shipped so many times now, he’s a pro. From the first time shipping to Arkansas and back to California and back to Arkansas, he’s handled it each time very well.”

American Pharoah paraded up and down the shedrow with groom Eduardo Luna, pausing at each end to pose for the crowds. He did the same routine each time, lifting his head proudly and turning it to the side before dropping his neck and resuming his walk.

“Oh he loves it,” Barnes said of all the attention. “He’s a big ham. He’ll stop and stand. We bring him outside, you can’t get him back in the barn. He loves it. He hears the cameras clicking and gets puffed up. He absolutely loves it.”

American Pharoah will take to the track twice before Saturday’s attempt to join Whirlaway as the only Triple Crown winner to win the Travers Stakes.

“We bathed him today. He’ll get fed and tomorrow morning, I need to talk to Bob and see what we want to do,” Barnes said. “Whether we’re going to jog first day here or do a light gallop. Not sure what we’re doing yet.

That’s about it. Train on Friday and run on Saturday.”

Friday’s training session will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. The special time slot is reserved for Travers Stakes entrants and is designed to give fans who do not hold one of the reported 50,000 sold Travers Day admission tickets an opportunity to see the Triple Crown winner.


“On Friday I would assume we’d be back up to a regular mile-and-a-half gallop,” Barnes said. “We’d go on the backside back up to the frontside. Jorge Alvarez, his normal exercise rider (will be on him).”

Although American Pharoah’s schedule is a busy one, Barnes and his team still find time to reflect upon all that has happened over the past several months.


“You just really have to enjoy it because he’s only going to be around so long. When this is all over, I’m sure we’re all going to miss him. At times it gets a little hectic, but you just have to sit back and say, ‘Just enjoy it. You’re blessed to be here.’

“It’s such a prestigious place to come to and the Travers is such a big race. It would really mean a lot for us to win this race. We tried several times. Point Given was really the horse that we brought here that had a good chance of winning and he did. Some of the other horses, we probably just picked the wrong spot at the wrong time. Now, we’re in the right spot.”

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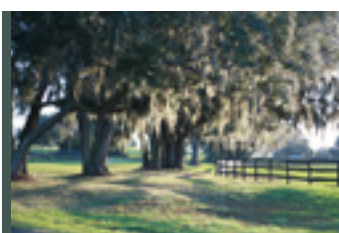
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Inside Trip

Kimmel, DeCarlo break through with Arana's rail run in finale

When trainer John Kimmel gave Chris DeCarlo a leg up on Arana in the Wednesday's finale at Saratoga Race Course, a 1 1/16 mile maiden claimer on the turf, his instructions were simple.

"You drew inside, just stay on the fence," Kimmel said.

Staying true to his directions, DeCarlo guided Arana to the back of the pack early, racing along the rail. He made a middle move up the fence heading up the backstretch, picking up several lengths before looking to angle out at the head of the stretch. DeCarlo thought better of that move and guided Arana back to the inside. The move paid off as the inside path opened, allowing Arana to slide up the rail and win by a half-length.

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"That was lucky," Kimmel said of his instructions working exactly as intended. "Every once in a while you have to get some good luck."

The victory was the first of the meet for Kimmel, who is admittedly having tough luck. Kimmel only hit the board with one of his first 15 starters before Wednesday's victory. Kimmel summed up his feelings about the win in two words.

"Stress relief," he said. "That's about it. I came up here with some nice horses. I've been unfortunate. I've had four or five horses get hurt, a couple bad trips, a couple tracks have come up sloppy. It's a meet where ev-



Dave Harmon

Arana (right) rallies in the stretch to win Wednesday's 10th race.

erybody likes to perform well."

Arana dropped in for a \$40,000 tag off a 22 3/4-length defeat over a sloppy track July 30. Arana's victory came on the turf, but her trainer is anxious to get her back on the dirt.

"I was looking forward to trying

her on the dirt and she'll probably go back on the dirt again," he said. "Unfortunately, it came up sloppy. Any maiden claiming races don't go long on the dirt. Most of them don't go, so

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Wednesday —

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we were kind of left with this option. She handles the grass, but she actually might a be little better on the dirt.”

Kimmel is optimistic about the last few weeks of the Saratoga meet. He has several horses to run back, including Bar Of Gold, who finished second in the Grade 1 Test Stakes Aug. 8, in the Grade 2 Prioress.

“This has been a meet that I’ve historically done pretty well,” Kimmel said. “Hopefully we can finish out on a good note.”

— **Brandon Valvo**

- The opening strides of his career couldn’t have gone much worse.

Steve’s Image shied inward, dumping jockey Angel Cruz in the fifth race Aug. 17. Cruz broke his hand in the spill, and he won’t ride again this summer at Saratoga Race Course.

Take two for the son of Ready’s Image came in Wednesday’s third race.

The 2-year-old colt took command from the start under Kendrick Carmouche in the 5 1/2-furlong state-bred maiden claimer and went on to a convincing 4 1/2-length victory.

“I took him over to the Oklahoma Training Track and blew him out the next day after the race,” trainer Carlos Martin said about the disastrous debut. “I popped him out of the gate a couple days later and took the blinkers off. It worked out for us.”



Tod Marks

Outsider Art (right) pulls away to win Wednesday’s second.

Martin dedicated the win to the late Steve Seidman.

“Mrs. (Maggie) Seidman is client that has been with us for a little bit,” Martin said. “She’s a great woman and bought a \$300,000 To Honor And Serve filly at the New York-bred sale, so she’s a client we want to do well for. She lost her husband six months ago. He was a great man. This one is for him.”

— **Billy Blake**

- Outsider Art crafted an upset at 24-1 in the second for trainer Jonathan Sheppard and Delmar Pettigrew.

The 2-year-old Five Star Day filly saved ground around the far turn of

the 5 1/2-furlong turf sprint before apprentice Eric Cancel tipped her out in the three-path turning for home en route to a 2 1/2-length win.

“I had no idea what to expect,” Sheppard said. “She has obviously been quite impressive or else I wouldn’t have brought her here. It

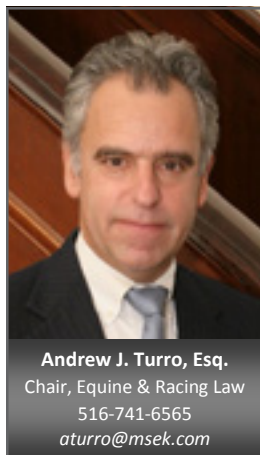
was a nice surprise for everybody.”

Bred by Delmar Pettigrew and Martha Pettigrew, Outsider Art won in 1:03.75.

“I wish we bet her,” Delmar Pettigrew said “I just got too wrapped up.”

— **Billy Blake**

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Wednesday August 26.

FIRST \$25,000, CLAIMING \$12,500, 3 YO'S & UP, 6 1/2F

4	Unrepented	J. Lezcano	\$34.60	\$11.40	\$5.10
5	Colonel Juanita	L. Saez		\$3.60	\$2.40
2	Time for Angie	J. Castellano			\$3.20

B Filly 2011, by Repent - Nobody But Me by Trust N Luck

Owner: Imperio, Michael. Trainer: Gregory DiPrima.

Breeder: Blue Devil Racing (NY). Late Scratches: Darling Bridezilla

Claimed: Unrepented claimed by My Purple Haze Stables for \$12,500, Keep Bustin claimed by Mic Duff Stables LLC for \$12,500, D'princess claimed by Asmussen, Steven M. for \$12,500. Time: 1:16.62

Exacta (4-5), \$101.00; Superfecta (4-5-2-7), \$1,249.00; Trifecta (4-5-2), \$295.00

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

7	Outsider Art	E. Cancel	\$50.00	\$26.40	\$10.80
6	Orzo	I. Ortiz, Jr.		\$10.00	\$6.00
5	Brinkley	J. Velazquez			\$5.10

B Filly 2013, by Five Star Day - Pepita by Vicar

Owner: Pettigrew, Delmar, L.. Trainer: Jonathan Sheppard.

Breeder: Martha Pettigrew & Del Pettigrew (KY).

Late Scratches: Play Unified. Time: 1:03.75

Daily Double (4-7), \$606.00; Exacta (7-6), \$517.00; Quinella (6-7), \$215.50; Superfecta (7-6-5-8), \$6,544.00; Trifecta (7-6-5), \$2,125.00

THIRD \$52,000, NY-BRED MAIDEN CLAIMING \$50,000, 2 YO, 5 1/2F

3	Steve's Image	K. Carmouche	\$11.20	\$5.60	\$3.80
9	Linkappleyard	J. Ortiz		\$5.00	\$3.70
2	My Man Al	E. Cancel			\$4.20

B Colt 2013, by Ready's Image - Queensteen by Bernstein

Owner: Seidman Stables LLC. Trainer: Carlos Martin.

Breeder: Philip S. Birsh (NY). Time: 1:04.75

Daily Double (7-3), \$300.00; Exacta (3-9), \$47.20; Superfecta (3-9-2-8), \$2,598.00; Trifecta (3-9-2), \$332.50; Pic 3 (4-7-3), \$3,905.00

FOURTH \$32,000, CLAIMING \$16,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

3	Who's Z Daddy	I. Rodriguez	\$4.10	\$3.00	\$2.20
4	Limerick Lightning	M. Franco		\$7.20	\$4.10
6	Royal Burgh	K. Carmouche			\$3.50

Dk B/ Br Gelding 2011, by The Daddy - Goldilock's Bear by Irish Tower

Owner: Jacobson, David. Trainer: David Jacobson.

Breeder: Brereton C. Jones (KY).

Claimed: Limerick Lightning claimed by My Purple Haze Stables for \$16,000, Royal Burgh claimed by Toscano, Robert for \$16,000

Time: 1:11.14

Daily Double (3-3), \$29.40; Exacta (3-4), \$38.20; Quinella (3-4), \$27.00; Superfecta (3-4-6-2), \$837.00; Trifecta (3-4-6), \$190.00; Pic 3 (7-3-3), \$988.00

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

9	Dowse's Beach	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$9.40	\$4.20	\$3.10
8	Sandy's Slew	J. Alvarado		\$3.40	\$2.60
5	Tripski	J. Leparoux			\$3.50

Gr/ro Gelding 2011, by Disco Rico - Mary Lou's Magic by Concorde's Tune

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

Breeder: Patricia Generazio (NY).

Late Scratches: Blame Jim, Be a Hero, Doubledown Again, Manhattan Mischief. Claimed: Stormy Rocit claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$62,500. Time: 1:02.46

Daily Double (3-9), \$21.60; Exacta (9-8), \$25.80; Superfecta (9-8-5-6), \$1,127.00; Trifecta (9-8-5), \$177.50; Pic 3 (3-3-9), \$111.50; Pic 4 (7-3-3-9), \$4,943.00; Pic 5 (4-7-3-3-9), \$137,351.00

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SIXTH \$55,000, STARTERS ALLOWANCE \$50,000, 3 & UP, 1 1/8M

2	Total Joint	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$11.80	\$6.60	\$4.00
3	Tapitsphere	J. Ortiz		\$7.90	\$4.20
1	African Fighter	J. Velazquez			\$3.40

Ch Gelding 2012, by Tiz Wonderful - Major's Girl by Purge

Owner: Mr. Amore Stable. Trainer: Jason Servis.

Breeder: Kinsman Farm (FL). Time: 1:49.61

Daily Double (9-2), \$61.50; Exacta (2-3), \$63.50; Superfecta (2-3-1-4), \$1,122.00; Trifecta (2-3-1), \$187.00; Pic 3 (3-9-2), \$119.00

SEVENTH \$50,000, CLAIMING \$25,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1M

1	Lucky Kitten	J. Velazquez	\$4.80	\$3.00	\$2.10
7	Compliance Officer	J. Castellano		\$4.60	\$3.30
6	Mr Rosenthal	C. Velasquez			\$6.10

Ch Gelding 2010, by Kitten's Joy - One Lucky Storm by Tale of the Cat

Owner: Kenneth L. and Sarah K. Ramsey. Trainer: Michael Maker.

Breeder: Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY).

Late Scratches: Escapist, Playing a Joke, Put It Forward, Gentrify,

Charitable, I'm Steppin' It Up, Oliver Rush, Laythatpistoldown

Claimed: Branded Hand claimed by Mondello, Ben for \$25,000, Mills

claimed by Mott, William I. for \$25,000. Time: 1:37.67

Daily Double (2-1), \$47.20; Exacta (1-7), \$22.80; Superfecta (1-7-6-9), \$557.00; Trifecta (1-7-6), \$170.50; Pic 3 (9-2-1), \$165.00

EIGHTH \$93,000, AOC \$80,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 6F

3	Wavell Avenue	J. Rosario	\$11.80	\$4.00	\$3.00
4	Sweet Whiskey	J. Velazquez		\$2.40	\$2.30
1A	Aireofdistinction	K. Carmouche			\$5.00

Dk B/ Br Filly 2011, by Harlington - Lucas Street by Silver Deputy

Owner: Dubb, Michael, Simon, David and Bethlehem Stables LLC.

Trainer: Chad Brown. Breeder: Eugene Melynk (ON).

Late Scratches: Frivolity

Claimed: Aireofdistinction claimed by Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K. for \$80,000. Time: 1:09.45

Daily Double (1-3), \$29.00; Exacta (3-4), \$25.20; Superfecta (3-4-1-7), \$491.50; Trifecta (3-4-1), \$134.50; Pic 3 (2-1-3), \$224.00

NINTH \$100,000, STAKES - JOHN'S CALL S., 3 YO'S & UP, 1 5/8M

6	Da Big Hoss	I. Ortiz, Jr.	\$8.50	\$3.70	\$2.90
4	Holiday Star	E. Prado		\$4.90	\$3.80
8	Manchurian High	L. Saez			\$7.30

Ch Colt 2011, by Lemon Drop Kid - Lady Struck Gold by Touch Gold

Owner: Skychai Racing LLC. Trainer: Michael Maker.

Breeder: Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc. (KY). Time: 2:44.37

Daily Double (3-6), \$47.00; Exacta (6-4), \$41.00; Superfecta (6-4-8-5), \$2,338.00; Trifecta (6-4-8), \$335.00; Pic 3 (1-3-6), \$86.50; Place Pix Nine (1,2,3/1,3,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14), \$35.60

TENTH \$45,000, MAIDEN CLAIMING \$40,000, 3 YO'S & UP, 1 1/16M

3	Arana	C. DeCarlo	\$10.20	\$5.50	\$3.50
11	Pointe Class	J. Castellano		\$4.40	\$3.10
4	Break Away	J. Velazquez			\$3.80

B Filly 2012, by Hard Spun - Sunny Nature (GB) by Sadler's Wells

Owner: Starview Stable and Drazin, Dennis A.. Trainer: John Kimmel.

Breeder: Brookdale & Ted Folkert (KY).

Late Scratches: Mama's Red Hat, Violet Road

Claimed: Pointe Class claimed by Everything's Cricket Racing for \$40,000, Kitten's Angel claimed by Mareina, Michael for \$40,000

Time: 1:46.74

Daily Double (6-3), \$50.00; Exacta (3-11), \$47.60; Superfecta (3-11-4-12), \$629.00; Trifecta (3-11-4), \$179.00; Pic 3 (3-6-3), \$220.00; Pic 4 (1/3/8/10/11/12/13/14-3-6-3), \$753.00; Pic 6 (9-2-1/3/8/10/11/12/13/14-3-6-3), \$236.00; Pic 6 (9-2-1/3/8/10/11/12/13/14-3-6-3), \$46,596.00

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I won it once. In 1998, aboard Hokan for Nancy Gerry and Janet Elliot.

Wednesday, I was asked what it meant to win it.

I laughed. Later, I thought about it.

What did it mean?

Justification. Like I had not squandered my life, my career. It meant I belonged, at least for 4 minutes, one day, one season. It was the feature, run as the ninth race on the card, the crowd clapped, or at least I think they clapped.

It meant I didn't rake Janet Elliot's shedrow for naught. I begged Janet for the ride on Hokan, in receipt of 20 pounds from champion Lonesome Glory. I just wanted to ride the race, we had 12 chances to win a race at the meet, watching a race meant you weren't good enough, or at least that's what it meant to me.

For weeks, I asked Elliot about Hokan. She said I didn't work hard enough for the ride, I was standing at her tack room door, it was noon, hot, I was probably hungover. I looked around and picked up a metal rake and started raking, a herringbone pattern, from one end to the other, she had a bunch of horses, the dirt moved like clumps of peanut butter. I did it every morning until entry day, then she named me on him. I couldn't not come back, I kept raking, up until race day.

It meant I didn't lose 10 pounds in three days for nothing.

It meant my name went in the same column as my hero Joe Aitcheson, the greatest of the greats who limped out to win on Happy Intellectual in 1977.



It meant that my brother could yell, my dad could be proud, my mom could smile from a simulcast TV at Delaware Park.

It meant elation for my valet, Denny McCabe, who knew what it meant to me.

It meant that I would tie for champion jockey at the end of the year, my only title.

It meant the world.

For today's participants, it's hard to say if it will mean as much as it did for me – I wrote "jockey" on my school papers when asked what I was going to be when I grew up– but you can't measure meaning.

For Sonny Via, owner of Hinterland, it means he can check off one of the only Grade 1 stakes his two-time champion Good Night Shirt didn't win and it'll mean something a little different, without his wife, Ann, who died last year. For jockey Sean McDermott, it will mean the move to America was worth it. For international racing, it will prove that Lasix can extend a horse's career rather than shorten it.

For Bill Pape, owner of Divine Fortune, it will mean win number five in the Turf Writers, dating back to four-time Eclipse Award winner Flatterer back in 1984. Flatterer was so good he basically canceled the race in 1985 when no one wanted to run against him over jumps. NYRA carded it as a flat race, and Flatterer ran anyway – finished third to Rokeby Stable's Bobby Burns.

For Darren Nagle, it will mean he can ride Divine Fortune better than anyone, as they earn their third Grade 1 stakes victory.

For David Jacobson, owner/trainer of veteran All Together, it will be his second claiming coup in steeplechasing, going back to Mabou's improbable score in the Turf Writers in 2011.

For Jack Fisher, it will mean one his horses have won and two have lost. If it's Syros, it will mean, the novice has arrived. If it's Schoodic, it will mean the most, as it's for one of his first clients, Edie Dixon. If it's Hinterland, it will mean he didn't buy a damaged horse.

For Cyril Murphy, trainer of Charminster, it will mean breathing room from a pressured job.

For Richard Valentine and Robbie Walsh, trainer and jockey of Demonstrative, it will mean another chapter to a tome of greatness by last year's champion. For Demonstrative, it will mean he's the third horse in history to break \$1 million in steeplechase earnings. He'll also join Happy Intellectual as the race's only three-time winner.

For Janet Elliot, trainer of Alajmal, it will mean Bernie Dalton rode as well as I did on Hokan (laughter), no, it will mean she's patched up another comrade to win a Grade 1 stakes. And the old flat-race prep still works.

For Gill Johnston, owner of Syros, it will mean a boost to her quest to be champion owner for the first time. And it will someday give Syros some serious bragging rights with the retirees back on the farm in Tennessee.

For Jonathan Sheppard, trainer of Divine Fortune and All The Way Jose, it will mean his 15th notch on his Turf Writers belt.

For Elizabeth Voss, trainer of Bob Le Beau, it will mean she has matched her dad's exploits with Petroski in 1996, it will mean tears. For the Merck family, owners of Bob Le Beau, it will mean another moment to appreciate the indomitable Betty Merck, who died this spring.

For the winners, whoever they may be, it will mean history.



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